Students flood rally, march to Dome

600 students gathered to protest proposed alcohol policy changes

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

To the chant of "We need a voice," hundreds of Notre Dame undergraduates marched to administrators' doors or Wednesday, flooding a student demonstration in protest of proposed changes to the University's alcohol policy.

The effort brought together more than 600 people, carrying "Save liquor" signs and lobbing burning copies of du Lac, the student handbook, in the air. The student government-sponsored event, held as an all-campus town hall meeting, was students' first public movement against alcohol policy changes that University officials unveiled Monday.

"We've heard your frustrations, and we share your frustrations," Student Body President Brooke Norton said, flanked by class and residence hall presidents on a platform on the Fieldhouse Mall. "We still have time to stand together and affect this."

A bolsterous crowd took Norton and other organizers' comments to heart, moving the protest from its North Quad location to Main Building — home to most administrative offices, including Father Mark Poorman's. Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, on Monday announced three changes that University officials are likely to approve this summer and enact in the fall:

- the outlay of "hard" alcohol in undergraduate residence halls
- the ban of in-hall dances
- and the revision of tailgating rules to allow only drinking-age students to host parties in designated parking lots before home football games

Poorman said the changes were necessary prevent the campus culture from becoming "alcohol-centered."

Protesters, however, claimed student social life wasn't rooted in drinking and were upset that students were shut out of the policy-making.

"This is about dorm unity," said Joe Muto, O'Neill Hall president-elect. "This is about a hell of a lot more than hard alcohol."

Muto was among several speakers who enlivened already-enthusiastic group. He joined other hall presidents in condemning Poorman's proposal to cancel in-hall dances and popular signature events in dorms.

"If you want to take my Mardi Gras away, if you want to take my dorm unity away, then you'll have to pry them out of my cold, dead hands," Muto said, warning that he

Hall staffs confront policy

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

The new alcohol policy changes have varied reactions from residence hall staffs with the general agreement that many of Notre Dame's traditions and enforcement policies in question will remain.

"Student Affairs isn't doing this to be the evil, wicked witch of the west. There's a reason," said Alumni Hall's assistant rector Pai Costello, a law student who is also a Notre Dame undergraduate of the class of 1990.

Among the three major revisions in the policy — the ban of so-called "hard" alcohol, the allocation of tailgating for students of the legal drinking age, and the end of in-hall dances — the latter has been the more voiced concern of late. Alumni Hall, which hosts its "Wake" every year, is just one of the University's 27 dorms, to have traditions tied to their in-hall dances, also called SYRs. Many students perceive that the new policy will threaten the legacy of these SYRs.

"The Wake isn't cancelled," said Alumni's rector Father George Rozum. He added that Student Affairs would allow the SYR tradition, which includes carrying Alumni's rector in a coffin around campus, to continue as long as students were more responsible about drinking. Also, the new rules require that the dance is located outside of the dorm, but Rozum said the hall staff would consider using the dorm's nearby courtyard as a new location.

"If somebody were to be killed nobody would be outside protesting. Everybody would be at the basilica at mass."

George Rozum Alumni Rector

Debaters prepare for national tourney

By LAURA SELLINGER
News Writer

After winning several tournaments over the course of the year, Notre Dame's Speech and Debate team is heading to the National Parliamentary Debate Association Championship Tournament at the Metropolitan State University in Denver, Colorado, Friday.

Led by 2001 Notre Dame graduate and first-year law student Kate Huevteman, and assisted by Joe Foy, a graduate student in political science, the team consists of students ranging from freshmen to seniors.

"The farthest we have ever gotten in the National Tournament was the quarterfinals," said Huevteman. "This year we hope to advance as far as we can towards the national championship. Like March Madness, it can be anybody's game. We have also reached a level of success this year where I really believe we have a shot at it."

Throughout the year, the team worked hard to prepare for regional tournaments across the country and faced tough competition from states as far as California, Washington and Colorado.

"The amount of practicing has become much more intense this year. Not only have we added a Sunday practice, but the students also do a substantial amount of independent

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Looking back ...

I turned in my graduation ticket request form yesterday and all of a sudden it hit me... it’s almost over. Somehow four years have come and gone so fast. Last week was only last week we were moving in as bright-eyed freshmen. Do you remember that excitement?

It must have been 800 degrees outside, but we were all taken aback as we commenced another chapter in our lives. We took part in all the fresh-o activities, the graffiti dance, tie dance... ah the memories.

But seriously, where did all the time go? I know they say that time flies when you are having fun, but did it really have to fly this fast?

Dame is almost over. It’s the last week we will have where it doesn’t matter if we sleep all day and stay out all night. It’s also the last time I will probably see a lot of people for a very long time or maybe for the last time. I will begin my graduate degree next year either in D.C., California, or Texas (I haven’t quite decided yet), but no matter what I will never forget my time at Notre Dame you couldn’t help but smile and feel excited right along with them.

I needed that, the Dome wasn’t iron anymore. I’m sure on course to have to give my Observer plug. I’m one of the few people who don’t work at God-awful hours of the night. Daytime hours are definitely a plus to working in the Advertising Department. I started out as an account executive and somehow was my way up to being the manager. Suddenly, I’m back to being an account executive again because all the new guys have taken over, meaning the seniors are knocked out of a job.

While it’s nice not having to deal with irate customers or getting phone calls at 3 a.m. from Mike, Noreen or Kerry asking where an ad is, I miss not being manager anymore and all the glory that went along with it. Sure I have more free time, but that also means I don’t go into the office nearly as much as I used to. I don’t talk to Shirley each day (the greatest office engineer ever), and ultimately I don’t see the great people that work there nearly as much as I’d like. Turner at the Observer is yet another wake-up call that my time at Notre Dame is almost over.

I’ve had my ups and downs as everyone does, but when I look back it has been an amazing experience. We have all met some wonderful people, and probably a few that weren’t so wonderful. We’ve created memories that will never leave us. Senior week is seven weeks away. While that seems like a long way off, it will be here before we know it.

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BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Playboy models may face trouble

WACO, Texas

Photographers for Playboy magazine’s “Women of the Big 12 Conference” feature and representatives of the 2003: Budweiser Women of the Big 12 Conference Swimsuit Calendar will be in Waco this week in search of students for their publications, but students who do so could face consequences. When the Big 12 last was included in 1996, President Robert Swan Jr. told the Laurie students who posed for the magazine would be “subject to expulsion under the student sexual misconduct code.” This time, however, that may or may not be the case. Bethany McCraw, the associate dean of judicial and legal student services who would be in charge of punishment, said although the handbook lists expulsion as a possible consequence of such behavior, that consequence is not a foregone conclusion — things such as the students’ attitude and their honesty also would be considered.
Committee to review debit ID’s

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer

Saint Mary’s formed a committee to review the feasibility of new options for swiping student ID cards instead of using cash to pay for campus utilities. The cost will not be an addition to tuition payments, but students may choose to place money in an account accessible via their cards. In this way it will act as a pre-paid debit card that students can then use to pay for necessities. The system will also be available to students living off campus.

“The biggest issue is the laundry system. Figuring out the best route for machines in every laundry room would help solve this issue,” Kim Jensen, a student representative on the committee, said.

The committee plans to first place machines in all laundry facilities, equip copy machines, vending machines and the bookstore.

“We are looking into the economically best options for doing this so that all these different systems are available by using the Saint Mary’s ID card,” Jensen said. “Instead of having to dig around for change you can just place $20 on to your card and just swipe it.”

In the next few weeks the committee will meet with the laundry contractors so work on the new system can begin this summer and the new laundry system can be introduced next year. The committee will continue to review options for adding onto this new system, but full implementation will not immediately follow the laundry system because of costs and the difficulty of integrating all of the different systems.

The committee is composed of Christine Arzt, director of McCandless Hall, Dan Deeter, director of purchasing, Sandy Vanderwerven, Shaheen Bookstore manager, Jensen and Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, both students.

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Bush proposes child-support changes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Bush administration is developing a new program to channel money through the child-support collection program to promote marriage and the involvement of both parents in the rearing of children. Congress already is considering whether to devote hundreds of millions of dollars to promoting marriage in the welfare program, as President Bush has requested, but this program would not need congressional approval.

The new initiative would involve a maximum of about $22 million in federal and state money for about 15 communities, according to two draft documents that describe the plan.

Participating states would receive special permission from the government to spend money through their child-support programs for community-wide experiments to promote the benefits of marriage, help people develop marriage skills and create media campaigns to "rebuild cultural norms." States could add new money to their child-support spending, but they might also cut from other spending.

This is a prospect that worries advocates for the poor. Advocates also charge that the administration is trying to bypass Congress in implementing its pro-marriage agenda.

The proposal is still in draft form and must be approved by officials at the Department of Health and Human Services and the White House, said Wade Horn, who heads the HHS Administration for Children and Families, which would run the program.

Critics fear that with limited money, states may wind up siphoning money they would have spent on child support.

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(Now what will you do with all those fake IDs?)
**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS**

Chinese police block protesters: Profound labor unrest shook two cities in northern China's "rust belt" Wednesday as unpaid and laid off workers protested, overturning a car and marching 10,000-strong to face off with military police. In Lianyungang, an industrial center in northeastern Liaoning province, columns of military police protected the city government office — on Democracy Road — and broke up protests.

Iraq launches verbal attacks: President Saddam Hussein launched a new attack on American policy makers Wednesday, accusing them of conjuring up stories in a bid to justify potential military strikes on Iraq. Saddam's latest barbs came in a speech to government officials broadcast by the official Iraqi News Agency, radio stations and television.

**FAA launches investigation:**

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have access to alcohol for five or six hours straight, rather than for a limited amount of time. I think it's a setup for input a problem," said Etheridge whose dorm also has an annually celebrated SYR.
Pop Farley.
She said the residents in her dorm were disappointed and had a right to protest the changes, but she also pointed out what she thought were positive aspects to the policy.
"I think it might change the social scene a little, but the upside of this is that students are going to find a lot of interesting places to have dances," Etheridge said.
She said the University administration has expressed the willingness to open other campus venues for dances, and that they should've thrown in before the year, those students were given a more critical group, the incoming resident assistants, also had already been chosen for next year, those students were given a new twist that maybe they would also still allow in-hall places to have alcohol, but are 21 years of age, but these are the same students that are providing the alcohol," said Zeller.
However, his chief complaint regarded what Zeller though was poor justification of the elimination of in-hall dances, or SYRs.
"Especially since they've already taken away hard alcohol, which seems to be the root of the problem, then why can't we have our SYRs?" said Zeller.
Junior Meghan Anderson of Howard Hall, another recently selected resident assistant for next year, had an indifferent view about the policy.
"I think it's important that students have a voice — but I would encourage students to look at issues that really matter," said Anderson. "I don't see the role of an RA as being one of snooping into people's rooms and monitoring people," Anderson said.
Current RAs said the alcohol policy will likely do little to curb the amount of students sent to residence hall rooms, but could offset some of the major alcohol-related emergencies.
"I really don't think it's going to affect the way I interact with residents and the way I go about enforcing the rules," said senior Yogold Andre, an RA in Dillon Hall that will stay for a fifth year.
Andre said he initially thought the incoming RAs didn't expect the policy. "Andre's rector, Father Paul Doyle, read the Dillon staff a list of anticipated questions from Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Father Peter Poenman.
"The reason these laws were instituted is to cut back on the amount of students sent to St. Joseph Hospital," said Andre. "Hard alcohol has been involved in a disparate amount of cases." Senior Tim O'Connor, also an RA in Dillon, said there were "pretty blatant problems that needed to be addressed" concerning Notre Dame and alcohol. "I think the policy needed to be updated in some way," said O'Connor. "Anybody that says there wasn't an alcohol problem with Notre Dame students obviously wasn't paying much attention."
Still O'Connor, like Andre and the incoming RAs didn't expect the actual enforcement of the rules to change very much.
"I don't think it's going to be an exceptional change in the way things are done," O'Connor said.
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Undergraduate members of the gay, lesbian, and bisexual community are invited to apply for membership on the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs.
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research during the week to keep on top of current events and present their findings to their teammates," said Huetteman.

Of the regional tournaments this year, the Notre Dame team has been very successful, winning four of the seven competitions they entered. On Sept. 22, teammates senior Rachel Smith and sophomore Mary Komperda won the "Show Me Swing" Tournament at Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo.

Kevin "K" Steele, a Jack Styczynski, an Irish team's trip to the Irish team was chosen to compete against the national champions from Ireland.

The students have worked really hard this year in terms of research — we are hoping to build on past achievements and achieve more success at the National Tournament this year," said Huetteman.

Contact Laura Selliger at bsellinger@nd.edu.

McDonald earns spot on team

Senior to compete against Irish champs on American team

By LAURA SELLLINGER

Notre Dame senior and Speech and Debate team member Will McDonald was selected as one of the top three debaters in the nation during the mild-sems week.

Each year at the National Parliamentary Debate Association Championship in Denver, Co., three American debaters are chosen to compete against the national champions from Ireland.

"The selection is a very competitive and prestigious honor. Each candidate must be nominated, fill out an application and submit letters of recommendation," said Kate Huetteman, 2001 Notre Dame graduate.

"Each of the final three are selected," Huetteman said.

The Irish Times sponsors the Irish team's trip to the United States for the debate, and it is considered to be one of the highest honors a collegiate debater can receive. This year, McDonald was one of the three Americans chosen to compete against the Irish.

"I was really excited when Will received the nomination. Typically, the Irish are very difficult to compete against because they have a different kind of witty humor that is unique and entertaining to the audience," said McDonald.

"I know he will do great, though, because he is a funny guy," Huetteman said.

McDonald has been competing for seven years and three high school and each year at Notre Dame.

"In my past four years at Notre Dame, I have learned a lot about how to work with others on a team, help others to win, think critically and speak on my feet," said McDonald.

In addition, McDonald expressed his feelings towards a sport that he enjoys participating in and that has significantly affected him.

"I am becoming very sentimental as my career here is ending. I am excited for the competition, but it is also bitter-sweet. Notre Dame is one of the best teams in the country and it is exciting to have watched it grow over the past four years," said McDonald.

McDonald said that for him, it has been the journey and not the destination that is most important to him.

"I'm a little nervous for the Irish competition, but even if we don't win, I'll be happy leaving the sport knowing I had fun and made it this far," said McDonald.

As an exhibition event, the debate team will participate Friday at a banquet at the Tech Center Hyatt that will kick off the weekend activities. Topics of debate range from international human rights and American foreign policy to peace issues and the war on terrorism.

McDonald will also compete in the National Tournament debates on Saturday and Sunday.

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| 7:00 p.m.   | Keynote Address: Colman McCarthy  
Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza College of Business |
| 9:00 p.m.   | Bowling Outing for Panel Presenters  
Beacon Bowl (transportation provided) |

**Saturday, March 23**

(All events at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies)

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Colman McCarthy  
Peace Strategies Workshop  
Youth and Global Change  
Islam and an Inter-Religious Dialogue |
| Noon - 1:30 | Lunch  
(Free for all registered attendees) |
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International Ethnic Conflict  
Different Perspectives: Military & Non-Violent Approaches to Peace |
| 2:45 - 3:45 | Panel Session #4  
A Roundtable Discussion with Fr. Ted Degrees of Identity Looking at the Aftermath: Justice After Conflict |
| 4:00 - 5:00 | Panel Session #5  
International Responses to Conflict  
The Role of Media in Conflict  
Peace, Development, and Multi-Faceted Solutions |
| 5:00 | Closing Concert  
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wouldn't be "pushed around by a bunch of celibate, white men," an apparent reference to priests in the administration.

Dorms that host well-known dances and events were best represented at the rally. Throngs of O'Neill Hall residents came to protest cancellation of Mardi Gras, and Alumni Hall attended to support their "Wake" dance.

Knott Hall sophomore Ryan Schildkraut was worried about losing campus next year because of the changes. He decided to move off campus next year because of the changes. "It seems like they're not trusting the students," said Schildkraut, who was wearing a hall T-shirt.

Stanford Hall freshman Greg Borchardt said, "I think students got a raw deal. This is our effort to show the administration how we feel about the policy and hopefully bring about change." Student Body President-elect Libby Bishop, who takes office April 1, vowed to fight the changes. Bishop and Vice President-elect Trip Foley won election in February, campaigning on the idea that they would stand up for student rights and clear up confusion that surrounded tailgating rules last fall.

"Trip and I promise to continue this fight for students to have a voice in the making of this policy," said Bishop, whose position permits her to remain on campus this summer to work with University officials on the actual revision of the policy. "I personally will be at (Assistant Vice President for Residence Life) Bill Kirk's door every day to see that we have a voice in the writing of these changes." Bishop encouraged students to attend Monday's Campus Life Council meeting, where Foley and I promise to formally introduce the proposed changes to the body.

The meeting is at 3:30 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room of the LaFortune Student Center.

Ironically, as organizers urged students to remain passionate about the cause and to lobby administrators, several people pointed to Poorman walking toward North Quad. Poorman came within 25 yards of the event, then turned around in the direction of his office.

Minutes later, when student leaders invited questions from students, one man asked if they group could march to Main Building.

They gathered outside in front of the building's stairs. At one point, they directed chants of "Come downstairs" to Poorman's third-floor office window. One student set fire to a copy of the student handbook, and as the rally died down, set it on the ground to burn in front of the building.

Bishop and Foley said following the demonstration they were pleased with student turnout and zeal. They were confident that they could impact passage of the proposed changes.

"We need to keep the momentum going," Foley said. "It's important that students stay motivated and keep giving us ideas."

News Editor Helena Payne contributed to this story.

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Student Body President Brooke Norton speaks at the town hall meeting held Wednesday. Norton encouraged the approximately 600 students present to unite in order to affect the proposed changes to the alcohol policy.

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ND, SMC students relive exotic break travels

By SARAH RYKOWSKI

New Writer

She felt it was her last chance for a great spring break vacation, and the time running out was causing her to worry about not having a great spring break. She was excited about visiting the Cayman Islands, but was worried about not having a great spring break. She was hoping to make the most of her senior year. She was excited to see her friends and make new memories.

Dennis Doordan, Bond

It was a memorable trip down to Miami, the girls were worried about not having a great spring break. They were worried about not having enough time to enjoy the attractions and the restaurants, bars and casinos that line the island’s waterfront. They were worried about not having enough time to visit the Cayman Islands. In Jamaica, they went to a rain forest. They climbed a mountain like a jungle gym.

On the way back, Blair and her companions took a little easier, stopping for the night in Atlanta. Nashville and Indianapolis.

"We went out with a bang," Blair said. "It was our last chance to do something over a break (before graduation). We will remember it forever.

Some other students have said it, and I think that seniors are the only ones who can plan great spring break trips. Alumnae sophomores Nick Gaede, Michael Kwietl, Joel Hein, Tobin Cotton and their friend Wes Aull flew to Aruba to spend most of the week in the sun. They went to the Internet to get their group a time-share in Aruba, so that each of the boys only had the airfare to worry about.

We rented a car and spent the week sunning on the beach, making field trips to island attractions and visiting the restaurants, bars and casinos that line the island’s waterfront. "We’re worried about not having a great spring break," Gaede said of one of the group’s friends. "They went on a tour of the island on Thursday. We’d wake up every morning and go to the beach. It was always sunny, 85 degrees, and perfect." Gaede left earlier than the rest of the group, however, returning to the States Thursday before the end of break to spend the rest of his time with family and friends.

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We went snorkeling around the Caribbean’s biggest wreck.

Nick Gaede
Notre Dame sophomore

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5:00 p.m. Twentieth-Century Architecture, lecture by Dennis Doordan, Bond Hall
5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer, Coleman-Morse Center
5:00 p.m. Group 2004 and 2005; Women’s and Dining, Lyons Hall
5:15 p.m. Daily Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
6:00 p.m. Killing Cool: Igniting the Soul of Society, lecture by Derek Fisher
5:30 p.m. Shamrock ‘n Roll, Karaoke, Reckers
6:00 p.m. Lecture by Elizabeth Seale-Scott, Michael S. Barr and Kenneth Wong, Bush’s War on Poverty, Hesburgh Center for International Studies
7:00 p.m. Films: Persphone and Ghost World, Hesburgh Library Caretory Auditorium
7:00 p.m. Careers in Social Change, lecture by Jay Caponigro, CSC Library
7:00 p.m. Dear Lisa: A Dating Violence Prevention Program by Tom Santoro, Hayes-Healy Hall
7:00 p.m. Reading by Rolando Hinjosa, Hispanic novelist, Reckers
7:30 p.m. A Night on Broadway, Musical Revue 2002, LaFortune Student Center Ballroom
8:00 p.m. Glee Club Concert, Washington Hall
8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Drop-in Lacrosse, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center
9:00 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool room open, LaFortune Student Center
9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. "The Hole," a student center Student Center Huddle
10:00 p.m. - Movies: Ocean’s 11 and Singers, DeBartolo 101 and 155

Friday, March 22
5:00 p.m. Erin Nelson honor recital with E-li-Euy Bin, piano, Hesburgh Library Caretory Auditorium
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7:00 p.m. Lecture by Colman McCarthy, Jordan Auditorium
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8:00 p.m. 807 Mass, Coleman-Morse Center
8:00 p.m. Glee Club Spring concert, Washington Hall
8:00 p.m. NAAZ w/ emcee Comic Jason Mewes, Comedy, Reekers
9:30 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool room open, free billiards, LaFortune Student Center
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10:00 p.m. Movies: Ocean’s 11 and Singers, DeBartolo 101 and 155
10:00 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Chess Tournament, LaFortune Student Center Notre Dame Room

Saturday, March 23
5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
5:00 p.m. Drive-In Closing Concert, Hesburgh Center for International Studies Auditorium
5:00 p.m. Recital: Audra Laine Nelson, trumpet, student, Ketevan Badridze, piano, Hesburgh Library Caretory Auditorium
7:30 p.m. Movies: Ocean’s 11 and Singers, DeBartolo 101 and 155
8:00 p.m. Sara Lentz, guitar, Reckers
8:30 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool room open, free billiards, LaFortune Student Center
10:00 p.m. - Midnight. Coffeehouse performer John Rush, Coleman-Morse Center
10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. Decades Dance for Diabetes, Alumni Senior Club
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10:00 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. In Focus Conference Dance Social, LaFortune Student Center Ballroom
12:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Class of 2004 Lock-in, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center. Must be present by 2:00 a.m. to attend this event.

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GPS device found in cave does not link Somalia with al-Qaida

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

It sounded sinister at first. The Pentagon announced new evidence of a possible link between the al-Qaida terrorist network and Somalia. Within minutes the story began to unravel.

The Pentagon's military spokesman for the war in Afghanistan, Brig. Gen. John Rosa, was asked Thursday when he heard about the device and its potential implications.

Rosa said the Pentagon believed it once belonged to Master Sgt. Gary L. Gordon, an Army Ranger killed in Mogadishu, the Somali capital, in October 1993.

"There's a couple of conclusions you may draw," Rosa said when asked the significance of the discovery. "In fact this piece we currently think originated from Somalia will obviously tie — could obviously tie — al-Qaida to Somalia."

An alternative explanation, he said, was that the device might have been stolen and sold on the black market. If that were the case, he said, "We don't know how it would have gotten to the al-Qaida cave."

The actual explanation, officials said later, is that it belonged to a U.S. soldier who fought against the al-Qaida at the outset of Operation Anaconda, the largest U.S. ground offensive of the war in Afghanistan. The device and its pouch both had "G. Gordon" written on them because the soldier — a member of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment — uses that as his nickname because people say he resembles G. Gordon Liddy, the Watergate figure.

The whole episode had nothing to do with Gary L. Gordon, Somalia or an al-Qaida link to Somalia.

An Army Times newspaper reporter, Sean Naylor, was with the U.S. soldiers who recovered the GPS device on Monday.

Naylor recorded the model and serial number. His newspaper checked that information with the manufacturer, Garmin International, which said the model, GPS III Pilot, was made no earlier than 1997 and the item was sold on Dec. 21, 1998 to Fort Campbell, the Army post in Kentucky that is home to the 1st Airborne Division, the 5th Special Forces Group and the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, known as the "Nightstalkers."

"That product didn't exist in 1993," Garmin spokesman Pete Brumbaugh said in a telephone interview.

The Army Times' managing editor, Robert Hederiene, said Naylor reported that the soldiers who found the GPS unit also found two others at the same location. Two of the three had names on them. One was "G. Gordon."

The other was "Svitak." Army Sgt. Philip J. Svitak was among seven U.S. servicemen killed March 4 when a helicopter flown by three Nato forces crashed into Chinsok MI1-47 helicopter and damaged another. Svitak was a member of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment from Fort Campbell.

The soldier who lost the "G. Gordon" GPS device survived the battle, a senior defense official said Wednesday.

Before making its announcement, the Pentagon notified Gary L. Gordon's family of the GPS discovery. Gordon, a native of Lincoln, Maine, was a sniper team leader when he was killed in a Mogadishu firefight Oct. 3, 1993. He and Sgt. 1st Class Randall D. Shughart were awarded the Medal of Honor for extraordinary heroism.

Victoria Clarke, spokeswoman for Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld was asked by a reporter whether Gordon's family was contacted as a humanitarian gesture.

"The first thing I think all of us said when we first heard about this was, 'Wow, this is going to bring up some very sad memories for the family,'" she replied.

"And the first thing I heard several people say when they heard was, 'Before anything, let's just make sure we notify the next of kin.'"
Students must exercise voices

It’s time to clear up a misconception.

The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy has been in the news lately. Approximately 25 percent of President Bush’s administration is comprised of members from this organization. New chapters and practice groups continue to sprout up across the country. Membership in the Society has doubled, tripled, quintupled within the past 20 years. Alarm bells have rung in media networks across the nation. As far as they’re concerned, the vast right-wing conspiracy has taken root.

Even Alfred Ross, president of the Institute for Democracy and Society, has written a book on why the Federalist society is evil. OK, that isn’t the real title — but it might as well be. When I called to invite him to take part in tomorrow’s panel on the alleged conservative activism of the Society, his response was, “Alleged?!” He then asked whether or not I was part of the organization. “Why yes,” I answered politely. “I am the vice president of the Notre Dame chapter.” His remarkably professional reply: “Oh, that’s too bad. I’m not interested. Good-bye.”

What exactly is the Federalist Society? To find out that answer, we have to go back to the beginning. The association was started by a handful of Yale and Chicago law students who felt marginalized for their conservative and libertarian ideas without being ridiculed. Reasonable desire, one would think. In 1982, the first Federalist Society Symposium was held at Yale, an informal afternoon panel. Most of the legal academy barely noticed.

Twenty years later, in the same law school where it all first started, nearly 500 students from more than 150 chapters nationwide descended upon New Haven to attend the 20th Annual Federalist Society Symposium. The panels were comprised of top law professors, federal judges, attorneys, and government officials around the country. And what did the legal academy say? It monitored.

Eleven law students from Notre Dame attended the event, driving straight from South Bend to Connecticut in a night. Panels were held on topics ranging from postmodernism to originalism in constitutional interpretation to lawyering ethics. No doubt hoping to catch a glimpse of right-wing activism firsthand, two from the Institute for Democracy and Society infiltrated the ranks. And to their disappointment, they witnessed fair, balanced debate, with voices heard equally from conservative and liberal camps. Also on the horizon was civility, spirited and ever respectful. Alfred Ross is going to have to change his tune.

The undocumented highlight of the weekend took place during the closing banquet. Boston University Law Professor Gary Lawson, co-founder (slightly tone-deaf), gave a stirring adaptation of “American Pie.” The theme was the liberal despair over the current “reign” of the Rehnquist Court. It was vulgar, crude, heterodox — and side-splittingly funny. Although the song was off the record, some of the lyrics bear repeating. For instance, the chorus: “My, my, kiss the old days good-bye” (I quoted Lenin, Marx, and Breman, but it just didn’t fly.) “The white house sellouts could just break down and cry, singing, ‘Maybe we’ll give Judge Bork a try. Maybe we’ll give Judge Bork a try.’”

The Federalist Society has so grown in prestige, importance, and influence that law schools are a-worried. Some prominent members of the academy recently formed the Madison Constitution Society to provide a counter-weight to the Federalist Society. After realizing that no organization should be named after a slave owner, the title was changed to the American Constitution Society. One hopes their organization will fare well and generate intelligent debate and discussion. Still, the reasons for the American Constitution Society are a bit puzzling.

Students must exercise voices!
Thursday, March 21, 2002

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Some students praise, others protest policy

Drinking isn’t a privilege

This campus makes me laugh sometimes. All this fervor over the new alcohol policy is only proving the administration in its actions.

In his March 20 letter, Vinnie Zuccaro made a comment that eliminating alcohol would destroy residential life on campus. Other campuses have made it and have not destroyed their residential life by banning alcohol. Why can’t we? If alcohol is that much a central part of this University, then something is certainly wrong and a re-evaluation is in order. If students need alcohol in order to have a functioning residential life, then this campus most definitely has a problem.

The University, by state law, as we all know, should be banning all alcohol from minors. Banning hard alcohol is one step towards the law, not one backwards, and I find it funny that this privilege is being taken away. Then maybe you can see one valid protest from any of my fellow students on these new changes. So the students were not consulted; their opinion was dismissed, and the school is taking a step backwards. So what? I will just drink anyway just expose the real reasons that the administration is enacting this new policy.

Instead of automatically getting angry because your tequila bottles, which of course you use for “social drinking” only, are being kept away from you, try to think about why you’re so angry that bottle is being taken away. Then maybe you can understand why the University’s viewpoint, and maybe then you’ll agree that it’s not that bad an idea.

Adrian Acu
Fishbowl
March 20, 2002

Don’t decide for students

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Student Affairs, wake up. Give us what students are going to do on those weekends when they would have been drinking, dancing and spending time with friends at in-hall dances?

Drinking. It’s probably even more, out of spite of their social lives being robbed from their shot-glass holding hands.

Alcohol doesn’t run the life of your average Notre Dame student. But it can add to the flavor of his or her social life. And Notre Dame students are not alcoholics (or, at least, not the majority of the drinking population). Notre Dame students do enjoy drinking. And those of the majority who do drink do learn—and, some, the hard way—where to find the balance, clear the blur between having fun and having your stomach pumped. Canceling dances is not going to stop students from drinking, or even dancing. Parties will proliferate. Students just won’t need to dress up or buy silly little gifts for dates. And some dorms, as the Observer’s March 19 editorial noted, will cut out on their most planned, funiest events of the year. For an institution so in love with tradition and its sense of community, Notre Dame is doing something irrefutably efed of turning two birds with one stone. Notre Dame students’ definition of tailgate: pre-game bonanza of music, food, fun and, yes, drink.

Notre Dame administrator’s definition of tailgate: pre-game bonanza of debauchery of crazed, alcoholic students out to puke and oblivion, it must be stopped. And congratulations; once you make legal-age students register for the tailgating, that’s exactly what will happen. All the legal students (whom we have moved off campus, rightly so) will spend Saturday mornings in their apartments chugging beer and alcohol that hard-alcohol’d they’d like. Some of my greatest football memories come from tailgating with friends and I can only pity those poor kids who will never know the pure joy of the 12 o’clock shotgun.

Take away our dances, our tailgates and what do you have? Thousands of embittered students looking for something to do on those often boring spring weekends in South Bend. Overzealous rectors ready to jolt the dreams of students or those weekends when they would have been drinking, dancing and spending time with friends at in-hall dances?

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Don’t decide for students

Christine Krzyka
class of ’02
Washington, D.C.
March 19, 2002

Join the campaign to “Change ND”

I’ve been at this school long enough to realize the sad, sad truth that the Golden Dome stands for one thing and one thing only, and that is being taken away. Then maybe you can see one valid protest from any of my fellow students on these new changes. So the students were not consulted; their opinion was dismissed, and the school is taking a step backwards. So what? I will just drink anyway just expose the real reasons that the administration is enacting this new policy.

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MOVIE REVIEW

‘Evil’ screen debut satisfies video game fans

By JACK MONAHAN
Scene Movie Critic

Though this type of transition is typically a recipe for disaster, “Resident Evil” makes the conversion from console to cinema surprisingly well. A frightful, atmospheric horror film that stays true to its video game roots, this film should please any horror or sci-fi aficionado.

Starring Milla Jovovich as an attractive amnesiac (reminiscent of her “5th Element” role) and the ever-so-crowowing Michelle Rodriguez (“The Fast and the Furious”) as a corporate commando, the movie is set in the secret underground research lab of Umbrella Corporation. The opening of the film reveals the corporation as being responsible for the majority of the world’s health care, computer technology and military technology, among other things.

But most of Umbrella’s funding comes from secret genetic and viral experiments, the result of which is seen in the film. Though not a single character mentions the word “zombie,” that’s exactly what the film is about.

Writer and director Paul Anderson (“Event Horizon”) borrows heavily from the game’s primary inspiration, George Romero’s “Night of the Living Dead” trilogy. Though Anderson has been responsible for a previous video game-to-movie flop “Mortal Kombat,” with “Resident Evil” he gives the audience a rather enjoyable, if fairly derivative, zombie romp with some nice special effects.

First is a treatment of the research lab in its normal, day-to-day operation, but quickly the movie gets to why the research lab is full of zombies by the time the main characters get there. Then Milla Jovovich makes her first appearance in the film wearing nothing but a conventionally draped shower curtain and a vacant expression, waking up in a bathroom in a strange mansion. Luckily she soon finds a scant red dress and a fortuitous pair of rubber boots while the screen ponders her inability to procure adequate clothing in her choice of movies.

Soon Jovovich is rudely introduced to the rest of the cast, a team of commandos sent by Umbrella. Excepting the delightfully angry-looking Michelle Rodriguez, most of the cast serves as convenient cannon fodder for the underground lab’s nasty security system and undead denizens.

For video game fans, the sequence where the commandos encounter the Red Queen’s security corridor is a horror film with sci-fi trappings and heaps of creepy atmosphere.

Surprisingly, the film is not as gory as typical zombie fare, tending to leave more to the imagination when the zombies do their worst. But this does nothing to lessen how frightening the film is at times.

The film has little originality, however, there is the only painful cliché that’s indulged is the “Matrix”-esque flying kick (as seen in the trailer). The rest of the movie is a steady mix of elements borrowed from “Night of the Living Dead,” a fair bit of “Aliens” and the video games from which it is based upon.

This will ultimately decide whether video-gamers will enjoy this film; if they can appreciate a film often dictated by the strange logic of video games, or if they are fans of the original “Resident Evil,” then they shouldn’t hesitate to see this movie.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Sucking blood makes for lifeless movie

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Editor

“Queen of the Damned” is a sequel of sorts; the scrappy Stuart Townsend has taken over as the main character the vampire Lestat formerly played by Tom Cruise. The only real similarity between the characters is the name, however. In fact, there is a rerouting of time if one were to try to follow the story from one movie to the next.

Logic gaps aside, “Queen of the Damned” opens with an awakened Lestat, who after living in the shadows for a few hundred years, enters a state of hibernation for a century after being unable to psychologically handle his immortality. Lestat returns to the shadowy universe of Death Valley, while he joins (brace yourselves) a goth-rock band and lives openly as a vampire, which is treated with skepticism from humankind, but raises the ire of the vampire world.

Even if the MTV-ish premise can be accepted, the movie gets more ridiculous as it recounts Lestat’s history and introduces the late Aaliyah in the title role. Akasha, the Queen of the Damned. The Egyptian death goddess is supposed to be the mother and the most powerful of the vampires, but Akasha seems to spend most of her very brief time on-screen undulating and taking sensuous baths—two activities at which the death goddess excels.

While Akasha seduces Lestat, the lucky bloodsucker is also the object of mortal paranormal investigator with a death-watch played by Marguerite Moreau. While “Interview with the Vampire” examined the connection between sex and death in the vampire world, “Queen of the Damned” focuses mostly on the sex. So much time in this movie is spent with its characters deeply gazing into one another’s eyes that the vampires appear to be more romantically than deadly. The less-than-soft porn atmosphere of the movie is almost comical.

While scenes like the vampire showdown at Lestat’s ultimate rock concert in Death Valley are fun to watch, the battle scenes are remarkably predictable.

Where “Interview with the Vampire” focused on how vampires would perceive themselves, “Queen of the Damned”? focuses on how vampires would kung-fu fight each other. Even the sexual relationships of the characters, which appear to be so important to the story, seem to be less about sensual relationship and more about the overly revealing high-fashion clothes the characters are wearing.

Still, “Queen of the Damned” is not a terrible movie for what it is; it’s just disappointing to see Rice’s intelligent novels produce such empty Hollywood movies. But certainly “Queen of the Damned” will be immortal in its own way: it looks like something that will appear on late-night Showtime channels forever.

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Eyes on the prize
Fresh peI
Six first-time qualifiers could make pressure-packed NCAA

By MATT LOZAR
Spurn Winer

Most college teams do not expect significant contributions from their first-year team members. Football teams regularly red-shirt their top freshmen. Basketball teams usually ease their freshmen into the playing rotation. However, the Notre Dame fencing team has relied on its freshmen to make significant contributions throughout the season. This weekend’s NCAA Championships will be no different.

The Irish national championship fencing squad features six first-time qualifiers: four freshmen, one sophomore and a junior. With the team, there is more pressure to perform well,” said Kerry Walton. “I will do the utmost to get to the last points to help the team win the title.”

In men’s saber, junior Matt Fabricant claimed the second spot on the team. His 9th-place finish at the regional competition enabled him to earn one of the two NCAA-at-large berths. The epeeist, Fabricant did what he and his teammates will need to do this weekend, beat their lesser opponents and even pull a couple of upset victories.

The scoring system at the NAICAs is simple: win a match and the team gets a point. The team with the most points at the end of the competition wins the national title. Therefore, Fabricant, and the other new members of the Irish national championship team cannot fence below their best in even one on one matching is the key to success. But experience on club teams at home and the United States. No matter what school you come from, you have to win to get to the next level.

Senior sabre captain Andre Crompton learned the hard way last year and has given Fabricant some advice.

“I was flailing to beat the people that are definitely less talented than he is,” Crompton said. "Last year I lost to two MIT guys that were definitely way less talented. Every bout counts for one point. Whether you lose to [2001 national champion] Ivan Lee or MIT, it’s still one bout. You can’t lose stupid bouts.”

With the scoring system counting each match, the NAICAs are very physical. The match is also a mental and physical. The fencers new to this meet will have to learn how to keep their focus on only the current bout.

“You just have to relax and fence up to your capabilities,” said Crompton. “As soon as you lose a bout, you have to put it behind you. As soon as you lose focus, you are in trouble. If you stay focused on that one loss all day, it is going to hurt you.’’

The main thing is don’t get nervous and know the whole team is behind you. If you do screw up something, it will end up even more impressive. After a 39-2 regular season, Crompton won the Midwest Conference Championship at the beginning of the month and finished third at Regionals a week later.

Her attitude toward the weekend resembles more of a seasoned veteran, than a first-time qualifier. “I’m not really nervous,” said Walton. “I know the whole team will be there to support me and that the main thing is don’t get nervous and stay focused. If you do screw up something, it will end up even more impressive. After a 39-2 regular season, Crompton won the Midwest Conference Championship at the beginning of the month and finished third at Regionals a week later.

Walton knows when she is alone fencing because the men can clean the floor with her. “I think the men can clean the floor with me,” Walton said. “I have had a couple of experiences with them.”

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Tam and Brossan are both returning All-Americans and give the Northmen Lions the edge in experience and proven results. McCullough, however, won the Penn State Open in November by beating Tam in the finals.

Crandle and Gelman beat out 2001 runner-up and teammate Marisa Musielli to take the two St. John’s spots, proving they are top four contenders. They are ranked ninth and 12th amongst senior American sabrewomen. McCullough and Milo are 26th and 27th respectively.

Irish have best chance to make history

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Senior Staff Writer

For eight years, the national title has been just out of reach for the Irish.

Ever since 1994, the Irish have finished second five times and third twice, but have never broken through and taken the top spot. This year’s team – head coach Yves Auriol’s last – could finally break the streak and reclaim the nation’s title. The Irish are ranked 10th.

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Debic was less than his best at the 2001 Championships while he recovered from a foot injury. He still finished 20th. This year, he is healthy and should contend for the full title again. Snyder is recovering from an illness and a bit of a wildcard. A strong performance by the freshman could lock up the national title for the Irish.

Panchan was the runner-up at the 2001 while Schlaepfer is a talented newcomer ranked No. 25 in senior USFA men's foil rankings. A healthy Debic put forth a stronger showing against Panchan after losing 5-2 in 2001. Snyder is ranked No. 14 in the men's full rankings and should beat Schlaepfer.

Fisher, a 2001 first-team All-American, failed to qualify for the Championships, leaving just two-time All-American Tiomkin to represent the Red Storm. Tiomkin is a solid fencer, but even if he finishes in the top four both the Irish and the Nittany Lions should beat the Red Storm.

Auriol said Viviani has been the "key fencer" for the Irish this year. He is a two-time All-American for the Irish thanks to two third place finishes. This could be the year he finally breaks through and wins the title. Sobieraj is a talented freshman who beat Viviani for the title at Regionals.

Landgren and Wiercioch will challenge Sobieraj and Viviani for top epee squad honors. Landgren and Viviani have split their two NCAA matches while Wiercioch beat Viviani in the semifinals of last year's Championship.

Gurevich continues the tradition of strong Israeli epeeists at St. John's. He has compiled a 33-4 record in 2002. Horvath is a Hungarian who lost just two matches this year. Overall, however, this St. John's team is weaker than both Notre Dame and Penn State.

The Irish bring a pair of upperclassmen to the tournament, but only Crompton has NCAA experience. Fabricant filled the role of Nos. 3 and 4 fencer as a freshman and sophomore before breezing up into the No. 2 slot this year. Crompton just missed a spot in the top four last year and could battle for No. 1 this year.

Weber is a talented German fencer who should finish in the top four easily and should be considered the favorite to repeat as champion. Whitmer is ranked No. 18 in senior saber. In an even closer dual meet, he beat Crompton but lost to Fabricant.

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Freshman epeeist Michal Sobieraj moves down the strip during a recent practice. He is one of six people on the fencing team. Every bout, no matter what, people on the fencing team. Every bout, no matter what, people on the fencing team. Every bout, no matter what, people on the fencing team. Every bout, no matter what, people on the fencing team. Every bout, no matter what, people on the fencing team.
Going out with a bang

Senior sabre captain Andre Crompton won the first tournament he ever entered. He wants to close his college career the same way.

story and photo by MIKE CONNOLLY

Senior All-American Andre Crompton was never supposed to be a fencer. When he started his freshman year at St. Benedict's Academy in New Jersey, Crompton signed up to be the manager on the fencing team. He planned on spending four years repairing weapons, scheduling tournaments and supporting his friends on the team.

Everything went according to plan until the last day of the first camp he ever entered. He wants to close his college career the same way.

On the final day of camp, head coach Derek Hoff held a tournament for all the fencers. He invited Crompton to try his hand at fencing in the tournament.

The high school freshman who had never taken a lesson or fenced a bout proceeded to win the tournament. His days as a weapons repairman were over and his fencing career began with a bang.

Since he won his first tournament, he competed internationally, ranked nationally in sabre fencing and won second team All-American honors in addition to being named captain of the Notre Dame sabre team.

Heading into his last meet at Notre Dame, Crompton wants to close his career with another bang — a national championship.

"This guy wants to win the championships more than anybody else," Irish head coach Yves Aurin said. Crompton's strong desire to win it all this year is partially driven by this being his last year at Notre Dame and partially because he worked so hard to finally get a spot in the Championships. When Crompton arrived as a freshman, despite all of his national accolades, he still found himself third on the depth chart behind defending national champion Luke LaValle and fellow freshman Gabor Szelle.

Aurin said that Crompton's natural athletic ability and aggression made him a good fencer but his lack of experience set him third on the depth chart.

"He wasn't as an accomplished fencer yet," Aurin said. So while LaValle and Szelle competed at the national championships in 1999, Crompton worked out with assistant coach Janusz Bednarski.

Aurin gives most of the credit for Crompton's improvement to Bednarski.

"I've been blessed with a really talented pool to fence with all four years," Crompton said. "I just decided to fence hard and see what happened."

Crompton missed out on qualifying for NCAs again his sophomore year when Janusz's son Andrezej Bednarski beat out Crompton at the Regional Qualifier.

"It always came down to Regionals," Crompton said. "Regions is a much harder tournament that anyone thinks. It takes so much focus. I am not discounting Andrej or Luke but they had so much more experience at that than I did."

Finally in 2001, Crompton broke through and qualified for the Championships.

"Taking advantage of Szelle's departure from the team, Crompton qualified with Bednarski for his first Championship.

"I was so relieved," Crompton said. "It was just an experience that I was waiting so long for and that I felt I should have gotten before."

At the Championships, Crompton took full advantage of his opportunity. He won 16 of his 23 bouts and finished seventh — good for second-team All-American honors. Despite his strong finish, however, Crompton thought he could have done even better.

"I lost to a few people I shouldn't have," Crompton said specifically pointing to two losses to MIT fencers. Once he lost those bouts, Crompton said, he let them affect him for the rest of the meet.

"As soon as you lose a bout, you have to put it behind you," he said. "If you stay focused on that one loss all day, it is going to hurt you. I had to learn that the hard way last year."

This year, Crompton has one loss qualified for the Championships but now he is a little older and wiser. To prepare himself for the top competition he will join this weekend. Crompton spent spring break training at his home gym in New York City to prepare for this weekend.

Crompton trains at the New York Fencing Club in Manhattan, thanks to a grant from the Peter Westbrook Foundation. The Foundation, founded by the most decorated U.S. fencer in history, provides training and support for African-American fencers. The foundation is especially geared toward getting inner-city youths involved in fencing.

Crompton joined the foundation shortly after he began fencing at St. Benedict's. During Spring Break he fenced against three of the top five senior sabreurs in the U.S. — including 2001 NCAA Champion Ivan Lee who fences for St. John's. Crompton is currently ranked 11th in senior sabre.

"I had a really good pool of people I started out with," Crompton said about his training with the Foundation. "We all started at the same time. We all grew as fencers at the same time."

Crompton's family will also get a chance to see how much he has grown this weekend. The Championships are being held in Madison, N.J. at Drew University — not too far from Crompton's home in Irvington, N.J. Or rather, Crompton's younger brother Adam will get to see him fence. Crompton still has to convince his mother to watch his matches.

"My mother doesn't really like to watch," Crompton said. "When I was in high school and I was just starting to get good, she thought that whenever she watched me, I would screw up."

His brother Adam, however, will certainly be there. Crompton believes Adam's extra set of eyes will help him on the strip.

"I really like fencing in front of my brother," said Crompton about Adam, who is currently ranked 13th among junior sabreurs. "My brother is like a second me out there. He is telling me what I am doing wrong and what I need to improve. It will definitely help me if my brother is there."

Crompton's personal results, however, are of secondary importance to him. He is mostly concerned with how the team finishes. The more bouts he wins, the better the team will finish. Any individual honors come second for Crompton but he admits he would love to qualify for the semifinals by finishing in the top four of the round robin.

"Last year it was just indicators (the difference between touches scored and touches received) that separate the top two," Crompton said. "If I would have won one more bout, I would have been fourth and not seventh."

Not matter where he finishes this week, this will be Crompton's last meet — and he wants to make it a great one.

"My last dual bout at Wayne State (in February) was pretty emotional," he said. "I just thought, 'Wow, I am never going to fence for a team again.' With my last bout for Notre Dame, I hope I go out with a bang this year."

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Since the production of "Rudy," it has been no secret that the Notre Dame campus abounds with cinematic beauty, from the solitude of St. Joseph's lake to the burnished gleam of the Golden Dome. Few, however, would imagine the campus and surrounding landscape to be the setting for ancient Greek mythology.

But Alan Smith's "Persephone," an onscreen adaptation of the timeless myth, showcases a much different locale than the bleak northern Indiana scenery that Notre Dame students have come to know and love. Murky, rich campus abounds with cinematic beauty, dates and sterile earth and a grand throne room. The burnished gleam of the Golden Dome serves as a backdrop for Alan Smith's film "Persephone," produced with his sister Demetra Smith.

"Persephone" is a colossal achievement, especially considering the shoestring budget upon which the film was produced. Thomas successfully fashions an otherworldly mise-en-scene that will surprise and delight Notre Dame movie-goers. Yet Alan and Harges are not overly enamored with big-budget style either, as their most beautiful shot returns to the simplistic beauty of beach dunes at sunset. The filmmakers truly have utilized the 16mm medium in an imaginative and splendid manner.

Further enhancing the authenticity of "Persephone" is the soundtrack. Alan and Demetra were able to garner licensing agreements with FM Records and Muzique de la Grece Antique, two music production companies that specialize in recreating ancient Greek folk songs. The zournas, a high-pitched, wailing reed instrument that is the namesake of the Smith company, blends eerily with chanted incantations. The result is a recreation of not only an ancient story, but a pagan ritual strict from the annals of human memory.

The cast
Lawton headlines the cast list as the dark lord Hades. A 1989 Notre Dame graduate in the Program of Liberal Studies, he is an accomplished actor with Philadelphia roots who has become a welcome fixture on campus as a visiting professor in the Film, Television and Theatre Department. Hardly a newcomer to Greek theatre, Lawton directed last year's production of "Oedipus Rex," and has performed in numerous productions since his return to campus, including Alan Ayckbourn's "Persephone" (Demetra Smith) struggles against the dark lord Hades (Anthony Lawton). "How the Other Half Loves." Lawton's performance in "Persephone" details a man of power, squelched by society, brooding and contemplative in his gloomy, cavernous Lair. Yet the master of death resoundingly craves glimmers of life, revealing a character with deep-seated desires: "My hunger is a shameless dog; [it] bites out my words of pain and misery."

Lawton said he relished the opportunity to perform in the film. "What I most enjoyed was the chance to try to play a compelling action based on the clues provided in a rather challenging text," Lawton said. "It's always exciting to be the "bad boy" too."

Lawton will get another chance to be the bad boy this coming fall when he plays the title character in his own stage adaptation of C.S. Lewis' "The Screwtape Letters" at the Lantern Theatre in Philadelphia. Besides co-producing "Persephone," Demetra also handles the title role reasonably well. Sometimes vehemently protesting her captivity, other times despondently staving off Hades' advances, Demetra portrays a helpless but determined young woman with a formidable presence. Her performance is a testament to the power of myth.

"Persephone" is a fertile retelling of an ancient myth, wonderful to behold onscreen. If there are any faults in the film, it is perhaps that the modern script falls a bit short of the nuances of the original story. The actors often seem stiffed and utilitarian, stuck in stiff and rigid attitudes. This too may be the result of the vivid and luxurious scenery in which they perform.

Whatever the case, "Persephone" is a hallmark not only of deft mythological reenactment, but the combined creative genius of the Smith family and their friends, all of whom helped bring the campus of their alma mater to a spectacular film.
COOLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The NHL is looking at arena safety following the death of a 13-year-old girl who was hit in the head by a puck that flew into the stands.

Brittanie Cecil died two days after a deflected shot hit her at a Blue Jackets game, raising questions about the regulate size of the arena and arenas to protect fans. It was the first such fatality in league history.

NHL spokesman Frank Brown said Wednesday the league would "look at everything" to ensure fan safety, although he did not provide details.

"We believe our buildings are safe and history overwhelming has proven us right," he said.

The Blue Jackets plan to wear the girl's initials on their helmets for the rest of the season.

The team also will hold a moment of silence on Thursday night's game against the Detroit Red Wings, the Blue Jackets' first at home since the death of Brittanie.

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Wednesday, was sitting about 15 rows above goal when the puck, 6 ounces of hard, frozen ice, snapped back.

The 21-year-old Hildebrand went home, collapsed and fell into a coma. After a week, he was taken off life support and died.

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"It's a vicious cycle of clotting in the artery and swelling of the brain," said Franklin County Coroner Brad Lewis, who performed the autopsy.

Meanwhile, a coroner determined Wednesday that Cecil died from a rare injury to an artery that was damaged when her head snapped back.

The damage to the artery, which runs from the spine to the back of the brain, led to a "vicious cycle" of clotting in the artery and swelling of the brain, said Franklin County Coroner Brad Lewis, who performed the autopsy.

"The puck struck her in the forehead, causing a skull fracture and some bruising of the spine to the back of the brain," Lewis said. "But that wasn't what led to her death. It was the snapping back of the head and the damage to that artery."

Lewis said he consulted with other pathologists on the rarity of the injury. He said that a fellow pathologist who had not encountered a similar injury and death in more than 20 years is a forensic doctor.

The Eighth-grader at Twin Valley South Middle School in Dayton had been at Children's Hospital in Columbus since being hurt on Friday and died there late Monday afternoon.

The family was unconscious until Monday morning, Lewis said.

Cecil, who would have turned 14 on Wednesday, was sitting about 15 rows above the ice at Nationwide Arena and went to the goal when the puck, 6 ounces of hard, frozen ice, snapped back into the stands.

The puck, which can travel over 100 mph, was shot by Columbus center Esan Knutsen and hit off Calgary left wing Derek Morris' stick. The puck also hurt two other fans after hitting the teen-ageer.

"I think about it all the time," Knutsen told the St. Paul Pioneer Press after a morning workout before the Blue Jackets took batting practice against the Wild. "I think about her family because I have family myself. It was just a terrible accident."

Break-resistant glass screens that surround all NHL arenas are 8 feet high and the height of the boards can range from 40-48 inches. Still, pucks often fly into the stands.

Brown said the league does not log injury reports on fans and that if there are hundreds of fans treated at hospitals was "maintained internally."

"We believe our buildings are safe and history overwhelmingly has proven us right. We have entertained hundreds of millions of spectators over our 85 seasons and we are devastated that this tragic accident took place," Brown said.

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Still struggling to keep up with the ever-evolving athletic enhancements, scientists at the World Anti-Doping Agency, said Wednesday at a meeting with scientists to study bones, enhanced tolerance of pain, and faster recoveries from injuries. Some of the ways athletes might be able to turn new drugs, therapies, and technologies to their advantage include:

- **Gene Therapy**
  - Can be used to treat conditions that lead to muscle weakness, such as muscular dystrophy. But there's concern about the potential for abuse to enhance athletic performance.

- **Performance Enhancers**
  - Drugs that increase oxygen delivery to muscles or stimulate the body's natural production of growth hormones could be used to enhance performance.

- **Nanotechnology**
  - Tiny particles that could enhance athletic performance through genetic modification.

**The issue involves ethical concerns** about how these technologies should be regulated. The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) is working to ensure that genetic enhancements are not misused by athletes. Dr. Gary Wadler of the New England Journal of Medicine, who has championed the cause, pointed out that the potential for abuse of gene therapy could be reduced with proper regulation and education.

**We're taking the initiative.**

**Unfortunately gene therapy, like many others, can be abused to enhance athletic performance.** The same kinds of people who cheat in sport today will probably try to find ways to misuse genetics tomorrow.

**Dick Pound, chairman, World Anti-Doping Agency**

**We’ve had a lengthy catch-up with respect to doping. With genetics... we’re taking the initiative.**

Though many of the most worrying genetic therapies facing sports are still in the experimental stage and may not be at least five years away from being used, WADA is working to stay ahead of the curve with scientists, governments, and sports officials about how to deal with potentially huge problems.

**The time is right for the sport and scientific communities to begin working out how to prevent the possible misuse of these methods in the future,** said Dr. Theodore Friedman, professor of pediatrics at the University of California-San Diego’s Center for Molecular Genetics.

**The issue involves ethical concerns as least as much as it does scientific ones.** Friedman said.

When, for example, does therapy for an injury or illness cross over to performance enhancement? What constitutes misuse? How can researchers and doctors guide researchers and doctors? How can rules against genetic enhancements be enforced?

**The new gene world,** as Dr. Gary Wadler of the New York University School of Medicine termed it, is a world of possibilities for enhancing performance and perils of gene therapy, which might include such fantasies as "designer" or programmed genetically to become potentially great athletes.

**That could be decades away.** The more immediate problems are genes that can release human growth hormone or建成 to build muscles, or genes that help muscles use oxygen more efficiently for endurance.

**The horizon are genes that improve the calcium channels in muscles to make them more responsive, others that can strengthen bones, and still others that can reduce or shut down the response to pain.**

**All those gene therapies hold enormous potential for treating people with illnesses like muscular dystrophy or with athletic injuries. But they also hold the possibility of being abused by athletes looking for an edge.**

**We are on the brink of an explosion in technologies, of which genetic transfer technology is just one,** Wadler said.

**The potential for abuse for athletic purposes is increased as these come aboard.** The question about designer babies... right now that's a little bit of fairy tale thinking. But the potential exists over the next 25 years for the real perversion of enormous advances in technology.

Pound said that genetic research is growing so fast that WADA is considering sponsoring similar meetings at least once a year. WADA will also sponsor more research into detection of genetic transfers, and work with governments to increase their awareness and funding of the efforts.

"This adds to the public debate," Wadler said. "We have to take it from the realm of fantasy to the realm of reality. In the world of doping, it's been a reactive process over the years — We're talking 5 to 10 years ahead of what we think might be out there, and getting people on the same page addressing it. In the world of doping, what has happened is absolutely revolutionary."
WASHINGTON AD fires Bender after 9 seasons

**Leading scorer said he may not return to team after firing**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Washington scoring leader Doug Wrenn said Wednesday night he had not decided whether he will return for his junior season following the firing of coach Bob Bender.

Bender, who just completed his ninth season, was fired Tuesday after three consecutive losing seasons.

Wrenn, who led the Huskies with 19.5 average, had said he would be back next season as long as Bender was around. He said earlier he would explore his options, including his NBA chances, if Bender was fired.

"I really don't know," Wrenn told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "Everything is really confusing. Everyone's lives are affected, not just coach Bender's."

He said he would wait until the firing isn't so "fresh" to make a decision.

Wrenn is loyal to Bender because Bender originally recruited him out of Seattle's O'Dea High School. Wrenn chose to go to Connecticut instead, but was recruited from the team by coach Jim Calhoun after his freshman season for a variety of incidents. Bender gave him a second chance.

Wrenn said when things calm down, he will meet with Bender to seek the coach's advice. He also wants to know who the new Washington coach will be.

Athletic director Barbara Hedges said Wednesday a national search would begin immediately.

"This is a big surprise," Wrenn said. "Nobody thought it would happen like this, so fast, so sudden. I wasn't ready for it."

It is finals week at Washington, and Wrenn said he's trying to focus his energy on his exams.

Wrenn, a 6-foot-8, 220-pound forward, was selected for the Pac-10 Newcomer of the Year and was the conference's third-leading scorer. He scored 30 or more points four times.

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**NBA**

**Jordan returns to Wizards early**

Associated Press

DENVER

Dustin Benton drove 240 miles with his sister and two friends, expecting to see Michael Jordan sitting on the bench in street clothes. They got much more than that.

The four friends arrived in Denver Wednesday night thinking Jordan wouldn't play, but erupted into cheers and high fives when they found out he would make his return from knee surgery that day of practice.

"I just wanted to see him sitting there," said Benton, of Grand Junction, Colo. "We came just for the chance that he might play. I can't believe he's actually going to." Jordan was originally expected to miss a month after having surgery on his right knee Feb. 27. But made his return Wednesday night against the Nuggets after one day of practice.

"Mike recognized the importance of this game (and the rest of our games)," coach Doug Collins said. "He feels if he can help us in any way he wants to play. He said he would like to be activated and play a few minutes tonight. So we went on that." Jordan didn't start, but received a loud ovation when he go off the bench late in the first quarter. He entered the game with 2:55 remaining in the first.

Jordan wore a protective sleeve, but didn't seem to favor his knee at all. He missed his first two shots — both jumpers — before making one from the wing with a minute left. He also had a three-point play on a turn-around jumper after posting up Calbert Cheaney.

Jordan was anxious to return to keep the Wizards' playoff hopes alive.

Washington had lost eight of 12 games without Jordan and is 2 1/2 games behind Charlotte for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

During a running out of games and he wants to win," Collins said. "It would have been nice if we had been in a better position as far as the playoffs are concerned, but we are not. You know Mike. He wants to play. He wants to contribute."- Joe Forte, Bennie Adams

**Nets coach wants replay**

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.

The NBA should use videotape replay to determine whether potential game-winning shots beat the buzzer, New Jersey Nets coach Byron Scott said Wednesday.

Scott said officials have made the wrong call on game-winning shots in two games in the past month, including Lamon Murray's 3-pointer that beat the Eastern Conference-leading Nets 100-97 on Tuesday night in Cleveland.

Murray caught an inbound pass from midcourt in the left corner, squared his shoulders and got off his shot — all within five-tenths of a second.

Replays showed the clock did not start right away on the inbound play.

Referees start the clock with a remote wireless system. "That was a big-time error for us to lose the game on that type of an error this late in the season, and with what's at stake for us. That's not good," Scott said before the Nets played the Portland Trail Blazers on Wednesday night.

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Scott said that officials also blew a call on Jalen Rose's game-winner for Chicago against Houston. A game-winner by Kobe Bryant of the Lakers against Charlotte was judged right.

Officials in college basketball games are allowed to look at a replay to determine if a last-second shot beat the buzzer.

"If they have a big decision, they should have something to look at," Scott said. "It should have been a no basket and the game should have gone to overtime." Rod Thorn, the former NBA vice president of basketball operations and the current Nets' president, said the league told him the officials — Joe Forte, Bennie Adams and Leon Wood — made a judgment call, and the league supported it.

Thorn said the judgment was wrong, and the league should say it. "That's not belittling the referees if the call was definitely wrong," Thorn said. "It's still a judgment. That's not going to change. To me if something was definitely blown, I say it was a mistake." Even though videotape replay would not have helped the officials since the clock didn't start right away, Thorn said the officials should have known better.

"With five-tenths of a second, as a referee you know this can happen and this can happen and that can't happen, because that's the way you are trained," Thorn said.

"Sometimes it's a calculated guess. But to me, because of where he caught the ball, and I have seen these things forever, it was impossible to get the shot off." Thorn said he was not an advocate of instant replays at the end of NBA games, but he is now.

Stu Jackson, the league's current vice president of basketball operations, said the officiating crew discussed what would be an acceptable shot before the play.

"The crew made a judgment that it was an acceptable attempt," Jackson told Fox Sports. "We understand it was a highly contested game. Things were said in the heat of battle. We are sensitive to these issues. There is not going to be any further action taken."
House brings home win for Miami with 20 points

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA Eddie House came off the bench to score a season-high 20 points and lead the Miami Heat to a 82-77 win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Wednesday night.

House hit a pair of foul shots with 8.3 seconds remaining to clinch the game after a tight fourth quarter that featured seven ties.

The Sixers missed three off-balance shots on their final possession with under 20 seconds to play, including a 3-point attempt by Eric Snow that would have tied the game.

Five players were in double digits for the Heat. Alonzo Mourning had 16 and Mutombo was called for his fourth foul with back-to-backs.

Miami pulled away in the second half of a matchup against the Charlotte Hornets picked up 63-60, giving them their first lead since the first minute of the second period. But Tim Hardaway hit a 3 from the corner as time expired to put Miami up by two at the end of three quarters.

The 76ers Derrick Coleman scored 22 points and 10 rebounds, scoring 11 during a 14-0 fourth-quarter run as the Boston Celtics beat Cleveland to sweep the season series against the Cavaliers.

Antoine Walker had 17 points, seven rebounds and nine assists for the Celtics, who last swept Cleveland in 1984-85.

Kenneth Anderson added 13 points, nine rebounds and six assists before sitting out the final minutes with the rest of the starters following a 21-2 run that turned a nine-point game into a rout.

With the win, Boston maintained their nine-game winning streak. The Celtics led 69-60 with 7:23 left.

The Sixers led 15-0 after a tight first quarter but went cold as the defense moved in. The Heat responded with a 9-3 run, making up a deficit on a jumper by Jeff Van Gundy as Davis called for the ball from Snow.

Kevin Ollie, who had nine points, seven assists and seven rebounds for the Hornets, added 14 and Ruben Patterson added 13.

The Hornets were clinging to a 92-88 lead with 20 seconds to play when they called timeout to set up Davis' shot. He made the ball, the entire time, looking for his opportunity.

It came when both defenders shifted over to Mashburn, leaving Davis a brief second to play.

Kevin Ollie came late to try to stop the shot, but Davis let it fly over Ollie's arms and into the basket.

The Hornets lost 94-91, giving them their first loss since the first 12 by Miami.

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Pope John Paul II

Voices of Peace

A first-hand reflection on the day of Prayer for World Peace in Assisi, Italy

by Anthony Pagliarini '02

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Standing tall with necks cranked, we can see over the crowd. Out before us in the cobble stone streets pushing inward is the a whole parade of colored cloths, and cloth, troubadours of peace, all of them: the dark Armenian hoods in silent procession. Turbans, yellow and purple and orange, sauntering past. ("Where people have learned to be hostile and suspicious...The sandaled feet of the Buddhist monk, walking mindfully it will take much...") Bright blue smoking robes through aisles, like water, passing. (to build friendship and trust...). Hindus and Rabbis. Cardinals and Canterbury's bishop. The Greek Orthodox and Lutherans, and Imam from Iran, a few thousand pilgrims. (We are called to persevere in hope, and not to love heart.) And finally, him, with quiet longevity the pilgrims greet: "Ma più violento! Ma più guerra! Mai più terrorismo!" prays John Paul. (Violence never again! War never again! Terrorism never again!) Assisi falls silent. We and the brothers take our seats. The witnesses begin.

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NCAA Men's Basketball

UCLA ready for Missouri

Lavin leads Bruins into Sweet Sixteen of tourney

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif.

Doom, defeat and the threat of dismissal have hounded over Steve Lavin for six seasons — yet UCLA's coach, seen as the UCLA coach is preparing the second weekend of the NCAA tournament.

In the shadow of John Wooden and the tough-to-impossible expectations, Lavin has become one of college basketball's most remarkable survivors. An upset of top-seeded Cincinnati on Sunday propelled the Bruins (21-11) into their fifth regional semifinal under Lavin.

So how does a coach keep his head when boosters and media are constantly calling for it? By not worrying when fans and the media ignore his achievements, but criticize everything from his recruiting to his hairstyle.

"It gets a little hit silly," Lavin said as he prepared UCLA for its meeting with Missouri (25-11) on Thursday in the West Regional.

"There's the Bill Murray, 'Groundhog Day' element to it. It's pretty boring, over and over again...." Once we get but in the tournament, people think it's nine lives, that we're lucky like a cat ... but what it really is, is applying these old-school principles of John Wooden and Gene Keedy, with maybe a new presentation because of the slick hair," said Lavin.

In the only regional final this weekend without a No. 1 seed, the Bruins' next challenge is coach Quin Snyder's 12th-seed Tigers, who upset Miami and Ohio State to reach its first regional semifinal since 1994.

Adequate lead Oklahoma in the first game of a compelling doubleheader between the Pac-10 and the Big 12 at Coleman-Morse Center at San Jose.

Each of Lavin's six seasons at UCLA have included high pre-season expectations, followed by serious stumbles during the regular season. Then, in every season but 1999, Lavin has coached the Bruins' tremendous talent deep into the tournament.

Lavin is the only UCLA coach to reach consecutive regional semifinals since Wooden retired in 1975. Only Duke can match the Bruins' run of five regional semifinals in six years.

But the credit, it seems, never reaches Lavin.

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In the shadow of Wooden and the Big 12 at Cincinnati, the San Francisco native could only smile and shake his head over his inability to please anyone but his players. He also emphasized with Snyder, whose Tigers fell from a No. 2 national ranking down to a 12th seed this season.

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Can anyone beat Connecticut?

Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. Gene Auriemma has been peppered with questions.

At 35-0, is this Connecticut team his best yet, or was it the 1995 unbeaten NCAA champs? How does this edition compare to Tennessee's 39-0 squad in 1997?

"Everybody wants to be remembered as something," the coach said Wednesday. "We just want to go out and win games."

Connecticut has dominated the competition throughout the season, beating opponents by an average of 43 points. The starting squad boasts five All-Americans, including Napsmith Player of the Year Sue Bird.

Auriemma balks at calling it the best team ever, but will compare it to his other squads.

"This team is balanced as physically as any team we've ever had," Auriemma said. "Our guard play is as good as its ever been, but for me to tell you that Sue and (Diana Taurasi) are a better backcourt than Nykesha Sales and Rika Williams, that's pretty tough. Those two guys are WNBA All-Stars. This team is really, really good for this season, for what it has to do, for what it wants to prove."

The Huskies will try to prove their next point on Saturday against Penn State in the Mideast Regional in Milwaukee. The vastly improved Lady Lions (23-11) are led by Kelly Mazzante, the nation's leading scorer. After Auriemma's 2000 team dominated Tennessee in the NCAA title game, there was talk that was the best team ever. His unbeaten 1995 squad beat Tennessee behind the post play of Rebecca Lobo and Kara Wolters and guard Jennifer Rizzotti.

"We've had some pretty good teams in the past. The big factor in getting to the final four and winning a national championship is staying injury free. So far, so good," Auriemma said. "To win a national championship, you have to be really, really good and have a little bit of luck."

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Connecticut's Diana Taurasi defends Notre Dame's Amanda Barksdale in a game earlier this season. The Huskies are 35-0 this season.

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Spriggle won their No. 3 doubles match with an 8-3 win. The singles players were not quite as successful. Annie Knish dropped her No. 1 singles match to Vauderbach while freshman Miranda Milulyuk and Katie Harrison fell to their Tri-State opponents. While Knish is the normal No. 1 singles player, Milulyuk and Harrison at No. 4 and No. 6 respectively. Knish won her match 2-0 (6-0, 6-2) against Jamie Rifubaugh. Sandner and Watson also took home victories (6-3, 6-4 and 6-2, 6-4) against the Thunder’s Nicki Past and Crystal Hardtory.

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Belles tennis player Jeannie Knish returns a shot during a recent practice. St. Mary’s defeat­ed Tri-State College 6-3 despite cold weather Wednesday.

PHOENIX

The Gila River Indian Community hopes an Arizona Cardinals’ stadium will be part of a casino and resort development taking shape on its reservation south of Phoenix.

Gila River has emerged from the long-running stadium sweepstakes race as one of two finalists. But some observers still question how an NFL stadium could operate on a sovereign Indian reservation that depends financially on gambling.

“It’s hard to fathom people’s worries, in some respects, given the amount of economic activity already on the reservation,” said Gila River attorney Steve Holley.

“We’ve had to overcome antiquated views of tribal ways and tribal government during this process. And we’ve had to go extra steps to prove to the public that we are doing business ethically.”

Gila River and the Phoenix suburb of Mesa were the finalists chosen by the Arizona Tourism and Sports Authority, which will build the $350 million stadium. The winner will be chosen March 28 or March 29.

But as Mesa struggles with financing, momentum has swung to the Gila River site. Gila River has the advantage of money, supplied by its three casinos, and a wealth of space at its reservation about 15 miles from downtown Phoenix.

The stadium will be financed by a $331 million plan approved by Maricopa County voters in November 2000. Under that plan, the Cardinals and the Fiesta Bowl would pay part of the cost of building a 73,000-seat domed stadium with a partially retractable roof and a slide-in grass field. The rest of the money would come from increased taxes on rental cars and hotel rooms, stadium-related sales taxes and income taxes on professional football players and Cardinals employees.

Gila River officials said they have more than enough money to cover the estimated $45 million in stadium infrastructure costs.

They also believe their proposal site offers a good fit. The new Sheraton at Wild Horse Pass resort scheduled to open in October boasts 50,000 square feet of convention space, a casino and two championship golf courses. Plans call for a series of canals and water taxis to link the resort with the stadium, less than half a mile away.

The resort also gives the tribe an existing utility, sewer and telecommunication infrastructure to accommodate the stadium, said Gary Bohnee, a Gila River spokesman.

**NFL Reservation wants Cardinals stadium**

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State, with the latter two set-backs coming last weekend in Tempe, Ariz.

Notre Dame and Purdue have played four common opponents so far this season — Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Brigham Young and Iowa. The Irish are 2-3 against this quintet, logging 5-2 wins over BYU and Iowa, while the Boilers are 1-4 against the common group, registering a victory over Iowa. Purdue's biggest strength lies in its doubles play, where it has compiled a 21-19 record this spring. The team of Lynsey Fick and Melissa Woods has set the pace with a 9-7 record at the No. 2 flight. In singles competition, Shawn Zuc caricini has split time between the lower three flights, posting a 7-8 record.

Meanwhile, Melissa Iqbal has taken the reins at No. 1 singles, compiling a 5-6 mark this year.

Notre Dame and the Boilermakers will meet for the 19th consecutive season and 21st time overall in a season that dates back to the 1982-83 campaign. The Irish hold a 16-4 advantage, including an active 12-match winning streak. The Irish are 4-2 against Purdue in West Lafayette, Ind., and will be playing there for the second time in three seasons. Notre Dame has lost just two points in its last four matches with the Boilermakers, including 9-0 shutouts in 1999 and 2000. Last season, the Irish downed Purdue, 6-1, sweeping the doubles action and claiming five singles bouts, four in straight sets. The Boilers avoided their third consecutive shutout at the hands of Notre Dame when Gretchen Haynor outdueled No. 100 Nina Vaughan, 18-16, in an epic third-set tiebreak that saw Vaughan save seven match points and Haynor fight off three potential match winners.

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"When you're smaller people automatically give you a knock," said Stanley. "They say, 'He's too small to play' and 'Over the long term he's not going to be a factor.' I hope to dispel a lot of those rumors. I think it's taken me three years of college baseball to get people to believe that I can play this game regardless of what size I am. If you can play, you can play." Stanley's teammates know he can play. He's been one of their leaders ever since his freshman year. "Steve Stanley is definitely the heart and soul of Notre Dame baseball," said teammate Brian Stavisky. "His work ethic is unmatched and his desire and competitiveness are also." Despite his success and the praise from coaches and teammates, Stanley stays humble and down-to-earth. He believes he owes his successes to God, his wife, his coaches and his teammates. Without these people, Stanley said he would have never accomplished all he has in life. "I really feel (God) has put me at Notre Dame for a reason and one of those reasons is to play baseball and be with these guys and to be on this team," Stanley said. "Everything has been through Him so that really keeps me humble that in my faith, nothing in my life I've done on my own. I also have so many great teammates around me and great coaches. It's easy to play for a team that wins and it's easy to play with guys that are fun to be with." According to his wife Brooke, it's this kind of attitude that makes Stanley stand out. "I respect Steve more than anyone in the whole world," she said. "He makes me a better person because he's really got his priorities straight. He's a loyal friend to me and to everyone that he meets. He puts others before himself and he's got a great sense of humor and I think the guys on the team love that about him." When the Irish open up Big East play against Connecticut this week, Stanley will quietly go about his business as usual. He'll start his 204th straight game and tie a record. He'll bat leadoff. And after he collects three more hits, he'll quietly put his name on top of the record books again, this time for the most hits in a career by a Notre Dame player. Stanley will graduate as one of the best players to ever put on an Irish uniform. Yet no one should be surprised by all of Stanley's success. He's been overcoming odds his whole life. Contact writer Joe Hettler at jhettler@nd.edu

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Rosie O'Donnell, Matthew Broderick, Eddie Money, Shelly Dillere.

Happy Birthday! You'll be anxious to make things happen this year. You will have the driving force to achieve whatever you set out to do. You may find some obstacles along the way but nothing that you can't handle. Stay calm and act properly. Your numbers are 3, 5, 7, 8, 23, 35, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will be energetic and playful, giggling, and fun to be with. You can make friends or have a great time with the ones you have. Before you get to this one, you've got to get on one. This is something sticking around the house you'll want to sell.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If you want to make some money, your career plan in mind today. Your determined attitude, dedication and discipline should be more than enough to help you move ahead but don't burn bridges. You may find that you want to change your mind later on.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You may have difficulty seeing things clearly at an emotional level. If you feel you must make changes, start to plan the future. Don't burn bridges. You may need what you want to change your mind later on.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): It's almost impossible to get to something. Maybe a book. If you're looking for an idea, put care of these personal issues first, and all. And you'll know that what would make you happy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may be happy with your current partner or feel like you have one. If you're looking for something different in your relationship, you may be wanting to change where you are. Don't change what you have.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be sure to check out something that would make you look bad. You may face some unexpected things. You may want to break into quarters.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will find some interesting people if you attend a seminar or sign up for an investing course. You have a lot to offer as well as a lot to learn through this type of interaction.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take a look at your personal papers and update whenever necessary before it's too late. You may want to check out something that would make your life easier...

SAGITARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone is trying to get you to commit to something. Maybe it's an idea. You're looking for some way. You may be investing too much time in your own personal issues.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your heart and soul will be in your work today. The heater is on, the better. If you have too much idle time on your hands you will end up getting anxious and upset.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You've got the trend. Short or long trips will lead to do what you want. Listen to the people you encounter and you will be sure to obtain valuable information.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be careful not to get in someone else's bed. Stick up for yourself and don't do anything you don't want to do. Keep calm at how much you spend and put some money away.

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BASEBALL

No stopping Stanley

Co-captain eyes two Notre Dame baseball records

By JOE HETTLE
Assistant Sports Editor

Four years after starting out his Notre Dame baseball career 0-17, co-captain and centerfielder Steve Stanley finds himself approaching two Irish baseball records with possibly more to come as this season continues.

Not bad for a guy that just wanted to make the travel team as a freshman.

But Stanley has always been able to overcome odds, especially baseball. Standing only 5-foot-8 and weighing 155 lbs, Stanley has been overlooked and written off more than a few times in his career. Yet he has always found a way to prove his critics wrong. Just ask the people around him.

"Stanley is a tremendous player," said Notre Dame head baseball coach Paul Mainieri. "To be honest with you, I think he's the best player in college baseball."

If he's not a first team All-American, I've never seen one.

Part of the reason behind Stanley's success is his motivation. Instead of viewing his size as a handicap, he's made it an advantage by using it as a motivational tool throughout his career.

"From day one, I was always a small kid," said Stanley. "So I've gotten used to playing that role, but also I've used that as a motivation to let people know that, definitely in baseball, you can play no matter what size you are as long as you can bring things to the team to help the team win."

Stanley, who was the co-Big East Player of the Year last season, has been helping his team in more ways than one during his tenure with the Irish.

All his hard work has helped put him in position to break several Notre Dame baseball records this season, including two this weekend when the Irish travel to Connecticut.

Four years after starting out his Notre Dame baseball career 0-17, co-captain and centerfielder Steve Stanley takes a pitch during a game last season. Stanley has the opportunity to break several Notre Dame baseball records this season, including two this weekend when the Irish travel to Connecticut. Stanley has played in 203 consecutive games, one short of the Irish record set by Pat Pesavento. Amazingly, in his first three years at Notre Dame, Stanley played in 1,593 out a possible 1,607 innings. He is also within two hits of tying Pesavento's career hits record of 296.

SMC TENNIS

Belles win home opener 6-3

St. Mary's beats cold weather as well as Tri-State

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's tennis team was looking to heat up the season with the team's opening match against Tri-State, but the Belles had trouble even staying warm.

But with winter still hanging on in South Bend, the Belles took home their first regular season victory with a 6-3 win against the Thunder.

"The weather was a challenge. It was windy and freezing," said sophomore Jeannie Knish. "It's hard to play in conditions like that. We had to keep jumping around and putting our hands in our pockets to warm them up. It was a big change from Dayton." Despite the dark clouds and strong winds hanging around the tennis courts at Angela Athletic Facility on Wednesday, the Belles did manage to make a few sparks. All three Saint Mary's doubles teams took home victories, led by the No. 1 doubles sister team of Knish and Knish. "Annie and I were able to win our doubles match though," Jeannie Knish said of she and her senior sister. "We really worked together well today. The wind was causing a lot of short balls to be hit, and we were able to attack the net."

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