Senators define new election rules

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

A fresh start for the 2002-03 Faculty Senate will include a few minor changes to its bylaws. On Wednesday, senators decided to re-elect the 45 seats on next year's revamped Senate. Traditionally, 1/3 of the Senate is re-elected each year.

Conducting elections for all the positions creates the possibility — while improbable — that none of the members who have worked this year to restructure the group will return in the fall. The group had earlier expected that a college-eligible cartoonist can receive a vote.

Though Keeley applied for the award himself, submitting 10 samples of his work in addition to a short essay on his future as a cartoonist, he never thought that he had a chance of receiving the honor. These doubts for Keeley stemmed mainly from the fact that his daily cartoon strip has no running storyline, no political insights or perspectives. Rather, according to Keeley, "Notre Dame is the entire audience," as all of his work deals directly with events and people from Notre Dame's campus.

Despite this limited focus, Keeley earned the highly sought after award and provided daily entertainment for the students of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's for the last three years.

According to Notre Dame junior Monica Stone, "It's always the first thing I turn to when I pick up The Observer, because as much as I love Notre Dame, Fourth and Inches shows how entertaining it is to make fun of ourselves."

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Cartoonist's work receives honors

By JOHN FANNING
News Writer

Senior Observer cartoonist Tom Keeley was recently named one of 10 finalists for the 2001 Charles Schulz College Cartoonist Award for his daily comic strip "Fourth and Inches." The award, named after the creator of the world-famous "Peanuts" cartoon strip, is the most prestigious that a college-eligible cartoonist can receive.

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2002 marks largest visitation

By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

This weekend's Spring Visitaton, the Office of Admissions' annual weekend to recruit minority students to Notre Dame, will host 155 minority students, the most in the event's history, according to Arienne Thompson, student recruitment coordinator.

Participants, all of whom have been accepted to the University but are undecided on where to attend college, will have the opportunity to talk with administrators and alumni about Notre Dame.

Thompson has worked with fellow recruitment coordinators Richie Dang and Santiago Gurule and the Office of Admissions to organize the event. She is pleased with this year's increase in participa-
**Philosophy proves worth**

On Monday night, I was watching Jeopardy and I discovered that after three years of studying Descartes, Aristotle and Kant, philosophy had finally paid off. If I had been a contestant during that Double Jeopardy round, I could have won $7000 in one category—metaphysics.

I've spent the last three years of my college career answering those awful questions everyone you meet asks. Most college students are familiar with "what's your major?" However, very few face the look and the question that follows when you tell someone you're majoring in philosophy.

"What are you going to do with that?"

My usual answer is that I'm going to live in a cardboard box and be a stand-up philosopher, a la Mel Brooks in "The History of the World Part I." However, on Monday night I realized that there is hope for me after all. After spending over $100,000 dollars of my parents' money to attend Saint Mary's, I could earn upwards of $7,000 playing Jeopardy and hoping the category of metaphysics comes up again.

With money like that, think of the cardboard box I could purchase—perhaps one complete with several other rooms for those students with other practical majors, such as two of my roommates who are majoring in history and theater. They seem to suffer from the same strange looks and inquiries into the usefulness of such courses of study.

Despite the unhealthy future I may be facing, the library of philosophical thought has provided me with some very useful notions that could help any college student.

For instance, Berkeley holds that there is no external world. Therefore, that engineering assignment you have to do is really all about a bridge that doesn't exist, so why not have an imaginary party instead?

Or Descartes, who offers that there are no absolutes except for those which we create, so why not use Absolut as an absolute?

And for those of you who are science majors, my recent reading of a book entitled _The Structure of Scientific Revolutions_ by Thomas Kuhn has opened my eyes to the fact that science doesn't really describe the world as it is, it just solves puzzles we create for itself. So, instead of doing your chemistry homework, create a puzzle that needs to be solved by getting at least 12 hours of sleep.

This is just a brief overview of things I have discovered in the last three years. So, for those of you who are dreading taking that philosophy class, just think of the useful, everyday things you can utilize from those courses. I'm sure you'll find them all useful, interesting and thinking. Perhaps they were just thinking of ways to convince their parents they couldn't do their chores.

And don't forget, even if these useful tidbits aren't enough to tempt you to philosophy, there's $7,000 waiting on Jeopardy for you to take home.

**Syracuse students prepare for new GRE test format**

*Compiled From UWeb reports*

**BEYOND CAMPUS**

**SYRACUSE, N.Y.**

When Xuemei Wang decided she wanted to pursue graduate studies in the United States, she knew she'd have to work hard if she wanted to get accepted to a good school.

For Wang, a native of China, this meant studying for about six months for the GRE and taking a three-month class to help her prepare for the test.

"I studied a long time and I did OK," said Wang, an instructional design, development and evaluation doctoral student at Syracuse University, "but I think the GRE is a really difficult test for international students."

In October, the GRE may become even more difficult for both international and domestic students when the analytic portion of the test will be replaced with a writing assessment measure.

Tom Rochon, executive director of the GRE program for Educational Testing Services, said the changes are a result of feedback from university administrators across the country that the analytical section of the test wasn't helpful in determining whether an applicant should be admitted to graduate school.

ETS administers the GRE and other tests, including the Scholastic Assessment Test.

"Many deans and administrators are in celebration that this measure will get us out of the multiple-choice mentality and into one in which students are able to perform more intelligent thinking," Rochon said.

In addition to the analytic portion of the test, which tests the ability to understand relationships between concepts, there are also verbal and quantitative sections on the GRE. The test sections, which evaluate the test-taker's ability to analyze and evaluate written material and measures math skills will remain.

Rochon said the changes would allow admissions counselors to see how well students can argue a subject and support what they want to say.

For the first time it gives the test-takers an opportunity to show their reasoning skills," he said.

**LOCAl WEATHER**

*The Observer: INSIDE*

**Thursday**

* Lecture: "Intimacy and Violence in Civil War," 4:15 p.m., Husbargin Center room C-103
* Dorm event: The Welsh Family Feud, 8 p.m., Reckers

**Friday**

* Lecture: "Creating a Diverse Corporate Culture," 10:30 a.m., Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business
* Eucharistic Adoration: 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Basilica of the Sacred Heart

**Saturday**

* Dorm event: Knot on the Knoll, 2-6 p.m., Knott Hall
* Art Exhibition: Opening reception for student exhibition, 2-4 p.m., O'Shaughnessy Galleries

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**LOCAL WEATHER**

*6 Day South Bend Forecast*  
**AccuWeather** forecast for daily conditions and high temperature.

**NATIONAL WEATHER**

*AccuWeather.com forecast for noon, Thursday, April 4*.
Senate announces formal officer nominations

By MEGHANNE DOWNES

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AASCB appoints Woo chair

Carolyn Woo, Martin J. Gillen Dean of the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business, has been named vice chair and chair-elect of the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the international accrediting body for business education. A member of the AACSB International Board of Directors since 1999, Woo will begin her term July 1 as vice chair and serve as chair in the 2002-2003 academic year. She currently chairs the organization's Accreditation Branding Task Force and has served on the Business Accreditation Committee and as board liaison for the Mid-Continent East Regional Deans.

"I am convinced that Carolyn will be a highly successful and effective leader of AACSB International," said Jerry Trapnell, the current vice chair and chair-elect. "As our organization continues to focus on growth in our globalization agenda, continuous improvement in our accreditation processes and standards, enhancing member services and critical issues facing management education worldwide, her energy and vision will be huge assets." Woo earned her bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in strategic management from Purdue University and later directed the university’s professional master’s programs in the Krannert School of Management. After serving as the associate vice president of academic affairs at Purdue, she assumed the deanship of the College of Business at Notre Dame in 1997. She also holds the Ray and Milanne Siegfried Chair in Management. Woo was selected in 1998 as one of 40 Outstanding Young Leaders of American Higher Education by Change Magazine and serves on the boards of Beta Gamma Sigma and four publicly traded corporations.

U.S. Mint limits dollar coins

WASHINGTON

Weak demand for the Sacagawea dollar coin is forcing the Mint to limit production. For now, it won't make any more new dollar coins for banks, retailers and others to use to make change. But it will produce some coins for collectors.

Since their ballyhooed debut just more than two years ago, the golden-colored dollar coins have struggled to catch on and become a staple in cash registers, change purses and pockets. The sour U.S. economy, which ended up slipping into recession in March, knocked demand for all other U.S. coins. In fact, demand for all other U.S. coins is down, experts say.

"It's not unusual to adjust production through the year," White said.

THE KEUGH INSTITUTE FOR IRISH STUDIES FALL 2002 COURSES

IRISH FOLKLORE AND ANTHROPOLOGY

IRST 321:01

MWF 9:35-10:25

Diarmuid Ó Giolláin

Folklore, National Culture and Irish Identity

The notion of folklore emerged in the late C18th and early C19th. Closely associated with ideas of cultural relativism, from the romantic period on it became an important resource to national movements in search of cultural authenticity. This course explores the idea of folklore within the history of ideas, examines the relationships between folklore and popular culture and modernity and outlines the development of folklore as an academic discipline. It looks at the Irish case in detail, from the beginnings of scholarly interest in popular culture in Ireland to the central intellectual engagement of the literary revivals with it at the end of the C19th, leading ultimately to the institutionalization of folklore study in the southern Irish state.

IRST 324:01

MWF 11:45-12:35

Diarmuid Ó Giolláin

Irish Traditional Culture

To examine Irish peasant culture, this course focuses on materials accumulated by folklorists since the late C19th. Folklorists recorded a huge volume of information as part of a project to rescue and rehabilitate the Gaelic tradition within a modernizing Ireland. This information was from peasant society, but was often seen as transcending it (Gramsci’s ‘national-popular’). The course interrogates the notion of ‘traditional culture,’ implicit or explicit in the work of folklorists, and relates that work to anthropological and other writing on Ireland. There will be particular emphasis on narrative traditions (stories and storytelling), popular religion (folk belief) and material culture (folklife), traditionally the core areas for researchers in folklore and folklife.

Professor Diarmuid Ó Giolláin of University College Cork, is the leading authority on Irish Folklore. He has published extensively on Irish folk belief, including seminal studies of the Leprechaun, Fairies and Dwarfs and the ‘pattern’ or local saint’s festival. His Locating Irish Folklore (2000) won the prestigious Katherine Briggs Folklore Prize. Ó Giolláin is a highly regarded teacher.

Sacagawea dollar coins in storage, according to a report by the Treasury Department’s Inspector General. The Mint planned to produce 40 million Sacagawea dollar coins in the second quarter of this fiscal year, something the Inspector General’s office didn’t think was warranted, the report said. As a result, the Mint recently stopped making new Sacagawea for circulation and plans to suspend production through this year.

But at least 10 million Sacagawea will be made this year for numismatic sales, such as coin sets, often purchased by collectors, said Mint spokesman Michael White. Mint facilities in both Philadelphia and Denver will make those dollar coins.

"It’s not unusual to adjust production through the year," White said.
WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Longest-serving prisoner freed:
After 29 years in prison, China has freed an elderly Tibetan teacher – a release one leading activist said was an attempt to please the United States. Tanak Jigme Sangpo, 76, was set free Sunday from Drapchi Prison in Lhasa, the Tibetan capital, said John Kamm, president of the San Francisco-based Duihua Foundation. Chinese officials said he was released on medical parole, Kamm said.

Iraq compensates suicide bombers:
Seven suicide bombers and their families won an estimated $25,000, drawing sharp criticism from Washington. But Palestinians say the bombers are driven by a priceless thirst for revenge, religious zeal and dreams of glory — not greed.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Virginia launches anti-smoking ads:
The nation's sixth-largest tobacco producing state, and home to a major Philip Morris plant is using some of its national tobacco settlement money for anti-smoking radio and TV ads aimed at 10- to 14-year-olds. The seven TV commercials and eight radio spots, which began airing Tuesday, feature cartoon characters Lumpy, Addicted Robot and Biggie Boy promoting the slogan, "Smoking sounds stupid and I choose not to.

Cincinnati settles racial dispute:
A year after Cincinnati erupted in riots over the police shooting of a black man, the city agreed to restrictions on the use of force and announced plans Wednesday to establish an independent agency that would investigate police brutality complaints. The moves are intended to satisfy U.S. Justice Department concerns and settle a lawsuit accusing the police force of harassing blacks for the past 30 years.

CHRISTIANS INTERVENE IN WEST BANK

Latins patriarch Michel Sabbah and fellow Christian leaders attempt to enter Bethlehem in hopes of quelling the violence that has recently escalated to unprecedented levels in the West Bank.

YUGOSLAVIA

Milosevic allies refuse surrender

Belgrade, Yugoslavia
Former top associates of Slobodan Milosevic vowed Wednesday to resist arrest and extradition to the U.N. war crimes tribunal — defying the Serbian leadership and its attempts to avoid U.S. sanctions.

The most direct challenge was issued by retired Gen. Dragoljub Ojdanic, who commanded the army under the former Yugoslav president during 1999 NATO airstrikes launched to end Milosevic’s military crackdown on the Kosovo province. Ojdanic was one of four Milosevic associates for whom arrest warrants were issued earlier this week. But he said in a statement relayed to The Associated Press by his family that he is “not afraid of an arrest” and would resist any detention attempt.

Congress gave Yugoslav authorities until March 31 to cooperate with the tribunal or else lose $120 million. Because the deadline has expired, no U.S. assistance checks can be written for economically struggling Yugoslavia until Secretary of State Colin Powell certifies the country has complied.

Ojdanic said he would surrender only if the Yugoslav parliament passes a law on cooperation with war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands. Serbian leaders said that because of the U.S. step there is no time to pass an extradition law before the arrests are made.

Yugoslav President Vojislav Kostunica and other opponents of extradition have used the lack of such a law as a platform to resist delivering citizens to a court they consider anti-Serb.

Market Watch April 3

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Russia warned U.S. about FBI spy

Washington, D.C. - The FBI warned the U.S. government in the late 1980s that it was considering giving a top Russian officer a security clearance, according to a newly declassified FBI report.

The FBI report, which was released to The Associated Press on Thursday, details a 1988 interview with a Russian diplomat who warned that a Russian spy was planning to leave the U.S. and return to Russia.

The diplomat, who was appointed to a new post in the U.S., had been suspected of being a spy since the late 1970s and was investigated by the FBI in 1988 for suspected espionage.

The diplomat told the FBI that he had been advised by his superiors to leave the U.S. and return to Russia due to concerns about his continued work for the Soviet Union.

The FBI recommended that the U.S. government take steps to prevent the diplomat from obtaining a security clearance, but the government did not follow the advice.

According to the report, the diplomat was later fired from his position in the U.S. and returned to Russia.

The FBI report is one of several declassified documents that have been released in recent years as part of a government effort to improve transparency and accountability.

The release of the report comes amid a growing debate about the role of the FBI in the intelligence community.

Some critics have accused the FBI of over-aggressively pursuing spies and other threats, while others have praised its efforts to protect the nation.

The FBI report suggests that the agency had concerns about the diplomat's activities and was concerned about the potential for espionage.

However, the report also notes that the U.S. government did not take the advice of the FBI and that the diplomat was later able to obtain a security clearance.
WorldCom to lay off 3,700

** Layoffs limited to Internet and high-growth data divisions

Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss.
WorldCom Inc. is eliminating 3,700 jobs in the United States to better align costs with projected revenue this year.

The cuts announced Wednesday were limited to the company’s WorldCom Group, which includes the high-growth data, Internet and international businesses. They account to 6 percent of WorldCom Group’s employment and 4 percent of the company’s 75,000-member global work force.

WorldCom also is the nation’s second-largest long-distance provider, which it operates through its MCI Group.

The Clinton-based company said the job cuts were spread throughout offices across the country.

Company sources earlier had said as many as 7,500 people could be laid off. The cuts had been planned for last week, but WorldCom president and chief executive L Erlanger Ebbers postponed the move at the last minute for unspecified reasons, the sources said.

Late Wednesday morning, several employees left the company’s Clinton headquarters with their belongings packed in boxes.

In trading Wednesday on the Nasdaq Stock Market, WorldCom Group shares fell 27 cents to $6.51. The shares, battered in recent months, traded as low as $5.96 in February after peaking at $64.50 on June 21, 1999. MCI Group shares rose 17 cents to close at $5.76, also on Nasdaq.

Analyst Ramkrishna Kasargod with Morgan Keegan & Co. in Memphis said WorldCom, like others in the telecommunication industry, is responding to lingering sluggishness in the sector.

He said investors continue to have concerns about overcapacity and profitability.

WorldCom’s worries also include some $24 billion in debt and an ongoing Securities and Exchange Commission investigation into its accounting as well as loans made to executives.

In early February, when WorldCom reported fourth-quarter earnings, it significantly reduced its 2002 revenue-growth and profit expectations for WorldCom Group.

"When you look at all those concerns and the fact the sector is under pricing pressure, I suppose it would make sense to see companies try to reduce costs," Kasargod said. "It’s the prudent thing to do."

WorldCom’s last major job reduction came a little more than a year ago when the company laid off about 6,000 U.S. employees.

Lehman Bros. analyst Blake Bath on Wednesday lowered his revenue growth forecasts based on tougher-than-anticipated demand and pricing. He also predicted the company would announce significant capital expenditure cuts in coming weeks.

The company said last month 70 SEC had requested documents regarding loans and financial practices dating to 2000. The inquiry focuses on disputed customer bills and sales commissions, loans by WorldCom to officers or directors, customer service contracts and organizational charts and personnel records for former employees.

In a report, Bath said the SEC’s 24-point inquiry “in not going away anytime soon and will likely create ongoing overhang on the stock.”

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Bloomberg’s old Co. switches cards

** Company abandons Diners Club card for American Express

Associated Press

NEW YORK
On several occasions since he took office in January, Mayor Michael Bloomberg has offered effusive praise to the American Express Co. for planning to stay in lower Manhattan after the World Trade Center terrorist attack.

During his State of the City speech, the mayor even pledged to leave home with only his American Express card in gratitude for the company’s civic loyalty.

So on Wednesday, eyebrows were raised when Bloomberg LP, the financial information company Bloomberg founded — and resigned from last year — announced it would switch its corporate credit card account from Diners Club to American Express for its 8,000 employees worldwide.

Bloomberg resigned as the company’s chief executive last year before he entered the mayoral race and has said he has no role in the company’s management.

However, the mayor still owns more than 28 percent of the privately held firm.

On Wednesday, representatives for Bloomberg and American Express denied the mayor’s endorsement of American Express had anything to do with the decision to change accounts.

“[The mayor] has no role in the day-to-day operations of the company,” mayoral spokesman Ed Skyler said.

Asked whether Bloomberg’s praise for the company might have swayed Bloomberg LP to switch cards, Skyler said: “That’s unlikely because the decision was made in September,” before Bloomberg was elected.

Bloomberg LP spokesman Chris Taylor said the decision was made simply because American Express is more widely approved than other cards.

“Our employees were finding it difficult to get them accepted,” Taylor said.

American Express spokeswoman Melissa Abernathy said she knew nothing of what may or may not have gone on behind the scenes.

But she said the mayor’s company made a smart business move.

“It makes sense,” she said. “We are the largest issuer of corporate cards in the United States.”

Diners Club did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Since Sept. 11, American Express has had to temporarily disperse offices to other parts of Manhattan, New Jersey and Connecticut because its headquarters, in the World Financial Center, adjacent to the twin towers complex, was damaged in the terrorist attack.

Ticket sales for Senior Week events will be on sale THIS FRIDAY APRIL 5th from NOON-5:00pm At ALUMNI SENIOR CLUB

Last year, the Cubs game sold out quickly, so get there soon!

• Chicago Trip(includes bus and ticket to Cubs game) $30
• Cedar Point(includes bus and ticket to amusement park) $50($45 with purchase of Chicago Trip)
• Riverdance $25
• Formal $15($25 at the door)

*You may only purchase tickets for ONE friend, PROVIDED YOU HAVE BOTH IDs.

Any questions: Contact LROMPF@nd.edu
A response to the current, inexcusable and sinful scandal of clergy abuse of minors...

by Fr. Richard V. Warner, C.S.C.

Counselor to the President & Director, Campus Ministry

As hundreds of stories about sexual abuse of minors by a relatively small number of priests, 200 to date out of 46,000, continue to dominate the front pages of newspapers in the United States, as well as hundreds of other television and print media, many faithful Catholic people are understandably scandalized and confused, while others are defensive. Boston's incarcerated defrocked man, who set off the current situation upon his conviction this past January, is becoming as familiar to public as is or has been any other private subject of criminal accusation or conviction in many, many years. The majority of these articles and reports included his name and the crimes for which he has been convicted and incarcerated.

I believe that at least two direct and unambiguous statements must frame any discussion of this matter. First, the development or modification of policies regarding this situation in a growing number of dioceses is a welcome and overdue reality. These policies usually state that every accusation of abuse of a minor by any member of the clergy must be thoroughly investigated and action must be taken to provide full assistance to the alleged victim. The accused member of the clergy must be removed from ministry until the matter is resolved, or permanently if he is guilty. The rights of the minor are more important than the rights of anyone else, in the situation of a credible accusation.

Secondly, while it is true that knowledge about the causes, possibilities for behavior modification and a more complete understanding of what is contained in pedophilia has only become clear in the past fifteen years, this is not an excuse. Clergy abuse of minors is wrong and irreversible. It is the deepest betrayal of a responsibility conferred on an individual in the name of the Church. While most Church leaders have articulated this position previously or recently, and sometimes under pressure, it is the only defensible position to take in this matter.

But it is essential to note that the following affirmations are also at the heart of Catholic belonging, life and ministry.

- For Catholics, the Church is the community of Christ, the Church and human, is God's instrument of salvation for all people. We believe that Jesus Christ established the Church as the institution and the means which will carry out His salvific mission until the end of time for God's people. The Church — one, holy, Catholic and apostolic — gathers together into one people, all the baptized who participate in the priesthood of Jesus, each according to a specific call.

- Through the Church's sacramental ministry, entrusted for its and administration to priests who serve in person Christ, in the person of Christ, the Church carries out its apostolic mission. It powerfully enables people to be baptized into the life and death of Jesus, confirms the baptized with the manifold gifts of the Spirit who completes the mission of Jesus, enables full participation in the celebration of Christ's sacrifice and makes present to all generations of believers the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross through sharing in His Sacred Body and Blood, and offers sacramental reconciliation — confession — through which the sins of men and women are forgiven. Through the anointing of the sick, Jesus, who cared so much for the sick, is present to those who look to God for their strength and their salvation. And, through the sacraments of ordination and matrimony, Jesus is present to believers who make their lifetime vows and commitments as baptized, confirmed and faithful people.

St. Paul wrote that "Jesus is like us in everything except sin." That is an wondrous affirmation as it is a daunting challenge and a deeply personal call for each of us. It is especially a challenge for men who are ordained as priests. In another place, St. Paul traces his growth, through years of suffering and of apostolic service, as one who begins by lamenting the weakness which causes him to do what he does not want to do, and not to do what he really wants to do. Several years later, when St. Paul gradually understands that Jesus acts forcefully through him through grace, which is all he really needs, he comes to a culminating time in his life when he realizes that he no longer exists but that Christ Jesus, who has taken full control of his life, lives fully in him. That is the thrilling moment when St. Paul realizes that there is no distinction between Jesus and himself. It is the culmination of a lifelong search for holiness.

Each of us is called to a similar journey to holiness because of our baptism into the death of Jesus so that we might rise to him for everlasting life. This is especially the path a priest must take with joy because of his commitment to Jesus, to the Church and to the service of all God's people.

God chooses men, sinful men, men with "feet of clay" to be priests. Jesus does this so that through human weakness his strength might be all the more manifest. These men, these priests, also experience a burning desire to serve God and to serve God's people all the days of their lives.

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If had my life to live over again, my only prayer is that I would be given, once again, the grace and privilege to serve God as a priest in the congregation of Holy Cross. I know that this sentiment is common to so many of us, and this fact spurs me on!

So many of my Holy Cross friends and brothers are priests who offer me an inspiring and challenging witness to the life to which each of us has been called. I hope that I offer them the same enthusiastic witness which others for many years now have offered me — a stirring example of what it means to be a priest.

My fellow Holy Cross religious, priests, brothers and seminarians, are committed to the Church, to the congregation and to the ministries entrusted to our care. My brothers in Holy Cross who are priests and seminarians, are men who had other options and possibilities for their lives. Yet they were and are willing to commit themselves, as I have, to serve the Church as priests forever.

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This Saturday, at 1:30 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, four finally professed Holy Cross seminarians, who were ordained as deacons last fall, will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C. My fellow Holy Cross brothers, Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C. and I, are proud to ordain our brothers to the priesthood and Mike fully enjoy their lives as Holy Cross priests and accept their privileged and grasped role of being servants of God through the ministry of the Church.

When I was ordained, I did not know what the Church, society and our culture would be like during my years as a priest. Neither do my fellow Holy Cross brothers who will be ordained Saturday. But we try as sincerely as we can to live and serve as celibate men, through our promise to the Church offered to the bishop which reiterates our religious vow of celibate charity. There will be many challenges which we all will face, but my prayer and I am sure theirs as well, is that we will discover the grace we know God will offer us so that we might face with integrity our privilege and responsibility to serve God and the Catholic Church as Holy Cross priests.

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Sunday's Scripture Readings

1st Rdg Acts 2:42-47
2nd Rdg 1 Pt 1:3-9
Gospel John 20:19-31
Hospital ponders relocation

**Notre Dame may use land after hospital relocates**

St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Inc., recently signed an option to acquire approximately 90 acres of land in the Edison Lakes Corporate Park area and expressed interest in selling its South Bend property to Notre Dame.

"Our intention is to develop an exciting new health care campus at the site," said Robert Beyer, president and CEO of St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Inc. "This is a long range plan, moreover it's not just the building of a new health care campus, but a plan to further evolve our regional system and raise the level of health care in our community."

"This is about developing a total environment of care in a healing environment that enhances the ability of our staff to better meet the needs of those we serve. This is the first step in an ongoing process that we anticipate will lead to the construction of the first new hospital in this area in nearly half a century," he added.

**Pondering Possibilities**

St. Joseph Regional Medical Center explored a range of options before this decision was made and has worked extensive-ly with both City administrations in South Bend and Mishawaka in its exploration.

"Both Mayor Steven Lukec and Mayor Bob Beutter have been very cooperative, and for that matter aggressive, in bringing very realistic options to the table," Beyer said. "Every option was examined carefully, but building a new facility would allow us to complete the project within the next four-five years with little or no patient disruption."

"Each hospital in St. Joseph County has cobbled together their buildings throughout the last century. The prospect of building a new facility from the ground up for greater patient comfort, convenience and care is exciting," he added.

**Remodeling cost prohibitive**

Remodeling at the current South Bend and Mishawaka sites would approximate the cost of building a new facility and would take nearly a decade to complete with a great amount of inconvenience and disruption among patients, physicians and staff.

"Both of the current facilities have land-locked and minimally accessible sites. We are a regional provider; accessibility is critical," said Beyer. "As census data reflects, the population center of our region has shifted to the northeast portion of St. Joseph County. Growth has increased between 7.3 percent and 14.3 percent in that area over the past ten years."

The Edison Lakes site will position us closer to where the majority of our patients live and work and at the same time provide much improved regional access to our campus.

**Moving to Mishawaka?**

The proposed site covers approximately 117 acres, including current and optioned land, and extends from the company's current Edison Lakes Medical Center on Day Road, northward across Edison Lakes Parkway to Douglas Road. St. Joseph Regional Medical Center already has a strong presence in the Edison Lakes area with the Edison Lakes Medical Center, an outpatient surgical center and physician office complex that was opened in 1992.

"While making this decision, we looked at many of the community and current assumptions made two years ago when we first began evaluating our facility options," Beyer said. "We also examined the success of St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Plymouth where we faced similar facility issues and decided to rebuild on a new site rather than renovate nearly 15 years ago. Our successes since relocating have encouraged us that we are making the right decision."

**The fate of the downtown site**

The new campus location is approximately three miles north and east of downtown South Bend and a similar distance from downtown Mishawaka. Under current assumptions, some operations would be main-tained at both the South Bend and Mishawaka locations including Urgent Care and support services.

To that end, SJRMC is absolutely committed to finding a viable way to reuse any remaining property, the company said.

**Notre Dame expanding?**

The company said it has worked with both South Bend and Notre Dame on potential future uses for the South Bend site. Given the common heritage that St. Joseph Regional Medical Center and Notre Dame have shared historically, and the company's longstanding institutional partnership, they invited Notre Dame into conversations on future potential uses of the South Bend campus.

As a consequence, the hospital intends to focus on deliberations about future uses of the South Bend campus with the University of Notre Dame in the coming months and plans to demolish those facilities which have no practical future use.

"This whole process has been and continues to be about finding solutions," Beyer said.

**Redevelopment**

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**LOS ANGELES**

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Minnelli, Minnelli's stepson Warren Cowan said in a statement that the actress treated her stepmother gen-

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Current Volunteer Needs

Geometry Tutor - Brenda Madison - 233-3997
She is looking for a tutor for her 16 yr old son for geometry. Time commitment would be 2 hours a week max, preferably after 5pm. Transportation to ND can be provided.

Tutor for 12 yr old — Reading Help
Ken Stacy - 287-2316 x 334 - ken@tirerack.com
He is looking for a tutor to help his son Joshua with his reading skills. Time commitment would be about 3 hours a week. He can bring Joshua to campus if the tutor would like.

Tutor for 6 yr old & 10 yr old — Need Help in Reading - Wendy - 254-7652
She would like a tutor for her children who are struggling with reading. She can bring the children to ND on Tues and Thurs after 5 pm.

Tutor for 7th Grader - Loise Treft - 256-5070
She is looking for a tutor to help her 7th grade son Raymond with his science and English skills, including sentence structure. He can come to campus if the tutor prefers.

McKinley Elementary After School Program - Tom Werge - 631-7679
Starting an after school program that will take place on Weds. from 2:30-3:30 and looking for some students to assist the kids with their homework, especially Math & Reading. Transportation from ND to the school can be provided.

Female Mentor for 12 yr old Softball Pitcher - Carol Gropp - 237-4007 (w) 234-3395 (h)
Do you like to throw a softball around? If so, a 12 yr old girl Nikki would love to spend some time with you. She is a good student in school, but needs a role model in her life to give her some encouragement and improve her self-esteem.

LOGAN Camp Amigo Trip - Marissa Runkle - (574) 289-4831 x 1043
marissar@logancenter.org
Several students are needed to accompany adults with disabilities on the annual camping trip to Michigan. We will leave in the morning on Sat., April 6th and return in the afternoon on Sun., April 7th. Transportation, meals, and lodging are provided free. Volunteers will assist the Logan campers in basketball and volleyball games as well as games using the pool table, ping-pong, and foosball tables.

Library Program at St. Joseph County Jail - Jane Ragle - 245-6578
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***If you have any questions about these volunteer projects feel free to email cscvols@nd.edu.***

“I shall pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.”

~Gandhi
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ND AFTER FIVE

Thursday, April 4
5:00 p.m. Michael Colacurcio, "Excessive and Organic Ill" Melville, Evil, and the Urgency of Politics, McKenna Hall 112-114
5:15 p.m. Daily Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
5:30 p.m. ND Women's Softball vs. UIC, Ivy Field
5:30 p.m. 'Excessive and Organic Ill': Melville, Evil, and the Urgency of Politics, McKenna Hall 112-114
5:45 p.m. Drop-In Lacrosse, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Class of 2004 Dinner, Alumni Senior Club*
6:10 p.m. "Excessive and Organic Ill": Melville, Evil, and the Urgency of Politics, McKenna Hall 112-114
7:00 p.m. Daily Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
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8:30 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, free billiards, LaFortune Student Center
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9:00 p.m. Poetry Reading, McGurk's
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10:00 p.m. Movies: Mulholland Drive and South Park, DeBartolo 101 and 155*
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Friday, April 5
5:15 p.m. Daily Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Drop-In Badminton, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center
7:00 p.m. Latin Expressions: Noche de Ritmo Latino, O'Laughlin Auditorium, St. Mary's College*
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Saturday, April 6
5:00 p.m. Knot on the Knoll, outdoor band concert, Knot Knoll (event begins at 1:00 p.m.)
5:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Band Performance: Battle of the Bands, North Quad Indoor weather plans: Locations: Alumni Senior Club (bands) and LaFortune Student Center Ballroom (acoustic acts)
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9:00 p.m. Lecture, Grant Wacker's Heaven Below: Early Pentecostals and American Culture, McKenna Hall
9:30 p.m. Drop-In Lacrosse, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Open Karaoke, LaFortune Student Center Huddle
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12:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m. Class of 2004 Spirit Event, Alumni Senior Club

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Memos of a lapse leftist

Christine Niles

Time has a wondrous way of changing people. Take me, for instance. Ten years ago I was standing in front of the bathroom mirror with a tube of hair color against my nostril, allowing my flesh to numb before I pierced it with a sewing needle. It took half an hour before I could fit the ring completely through. As expected, infection ensued and I wore my nose ring all of three days. A friend had bleached my coal-black hair platinum blond.

The progression of hair color was marvelous to see: first fire engine red, then mustard color, then white-blond. After the repeated scalding of my scalp underwent, it’s a wonder it didn’t slide right off.

I was 17. Life on the homestead had never been pleasant, as my immigrant parents struggled to adapt to the stresses of a different culture, a volatile marriage and financial burdens. I snuck out weekends, driving the hour to Miami to see punk shows with friends or attend parties where we would do Jello Biafra shots or worse. We shunned mainstream Nirvana and Pearl Jam, preferring Minor Threat, Seven Seconds, Operation Ivy and other bands unfilting to mention here. I even corresponded with Ian MacKay (of Minor Threat and Fugazi fame).

I had scribbled in large red marker, “You are God,” to which he sent a letter of thanks. When I later learned more respect for the Almighty, I retracted my statement. He wrote once again, graciously accepting the lesser office of “very talented musician.”

No doubt about it, I was angst-ridden. The hatred I felt was born out of frustration and rage at perceived injustices in society and at home. And those injustices, I believed, could only be cured by compassion — and hate. Compassion for the downtrodden and hate for those who trod them down. In my mind, I had already rigidly sorted them out which was which and whom was whom. Compassion for all poor, hatred for all rich; compassion for all minorities, hatred for all majorities; compassion for freethinkers and individualists, hatred for conventionalists and dogmatists. I strove after rebellion against, as J.S. Mill put it, “the orthodoxy of the hour.” Going with the grain had proven unfulfilling, so I would go against it. Little did I know I had merely joined another clique. I was one of those against whom Hayek had warned above and blind to the majority of the Editor in Chief, Managing Editor, and department editors.

In 10 years I would learn that people, society and the world are infinitely more complex than my limited and arrogant view then allowed.

The superiority I felt to those who did not ascribe to my world view revealed a great deal more about me than it did about others. Ironic to note that the self-righteous often turn out to be more hypocritical than the ones they look down on.

Those were my left-leaning days. And as a liberal, I can say my inclinations were nowhere near the true sense of the word “liberal,” that is, open-minded, fair and intellectually honest. I speak solely for myself and make no generalizations about “liberals.” There are as many stripes of liberalism as there are of conservatism or libertarianism. But I do recognize an assumption others have about “lib­erals” that should be dismantled; that is, that they are more open-minded, fair and intellectually honest than anyone else.

Unfortunately, dogma flourishes just as much within lib­eral circles as it does in other places. In fact, the arro­gance and closed-mindedness I experienced as a leftist pushed me to the right. Where, to my amazement, I experi­enced far more honesty, freethinking and compassion than I had known elsewhere. This is, of course, only my experi­ence, and others will have experienced otherwise (and well, as usual, caricature this column in their next letter to the editor). But I am not alone in this opinion. It took several years of humbling myself, of looking hard at my own flaws and recognizing the obstacles I had put up in my own mind, of de-categorizing people and appreciating their complexity, before I realized how little I knew about a lot. As long as it gets you somewhere, navel-gazing can be a good thing.

One Pauline epistle exhorts us “to view others as better than you­self.” That can be difficult, especially as our egos get in the way. But if you can admit that those you disfa­vored were doing something worthwhile to say, and may even be able to teach you something, then you have taken a step towards genuine open-mindedness and intellectual hon­esty. Not to mention that prattle of virtues, humility.

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"All life is an experiment." Ralph Waldo Emerson American writer
The nerds are coming

This school, as we know it, will be gone in 10 years. Don't get me wrong. It will still say "Notre Dame" on the signs. There'll still be the Dome, football, the Fight Song and the whole Jesus thing.

But the students will be different. Those of us coming back for reunions, football weekends and the occasional nostalgia-fueled visit will notice something new on campus: dead nerds. Where there used to be sounds of music, laughing and general partying wafting from the dorm windows on a Friday night, there will be something else. This will be a campus full of nerds.

Some might object to my use of this word. But it is the one word on the tip of everyone's tongue, hovering just below the surface of this new debate over the alcohol policy. It seems Fr. Poorman wants the new rules to protect the "silent minority" of students who object to alcohol use and are personally offended, peer-pressured and irrevocably traumatized every time a halalate innocently offers them a single beer. But we all know what the "silent minority" means. It means the nerds.

Those who call me insensitive should know that I am finely attuned to the nerd plight. I myself am a recovering nerd. I'm still getting over a nasty bout with nerdism in my grade school years. Nerdism snuck up on me, following my own interests, which I assumed were perfectly legitimate as child interests. I was the first person in my grade to have a deck of "Magic the Gathering" cards. My comic book collection took up three full shelves in my closet. My bookshelf was covered with Star Wars novels. X-Men action figures hung my dresser. I had no concerns at the time that I was perhaps unique -- I was happy and my parents seemed relieved that I wasn't into drugs and had finally stopped wetting my bed after my urinary-soaked seventh grade year. The cool kids in my grade came dressed as pimps; I came as Luke Skywalker. I proudly brandished the light saber I had made out of a collapsible toy sword and some green day-glo paint. I couldn't help feeling that I had somehow taken the wrong path in life. It took several years, countless gallons of beer, hours of guitar lessons and the discovery of my penis to pull me out of my self-imposed pit of nerddom. I don't regret my nerdy past -- instead I value it for the insight it has given me. While even today I could sit in my room and argue the merit of playing a Magna the Lion card against a Greel's Caress, I choose not to. I'd rather go out, meet people and yes, drink a few frizzly alcoholic beverages.

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Some members of the "silent minority" agree with the new rules, and write into The Observer to say so.

The school is eventually going to have to face the reality that the rules are attracting a certain type of applicant. I'd love to send my children here, but I fear that by the time I do, the dorms will be full of pasty-faced, computer-loving, Jesus-quoting virgins. I never thought I'd say it, but Georgetown is looking better by the minute.

Joe Muto is a sophomore FPT and Engineering major whose columns greatly resemble Boguer from the "Revenge of the Nerds" movies. His parents are proud of him, thank you very much. His column appears every other Thursday. He can be reached at jmuto@nd.edu.

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DESTRUCTION OF DORM RESIDENCY IS A CRIME

Mike Coffey
day of 91
April 2, 2002


In his letter, Schmidt dismisses the desire of students to uphold Notre Dame tradition, wondering if they "somehow experienced those traditions in a previous life" because they "have [only] been a part of them for a few years at most." The reasons for tradition on a college campus is to create a connection between members of the University family who were not campus residents at the same point in time. Students have been waving their arms to the band's performance of the "1812 Overture" for two decades. Should the current students' efforts to uphold that tradition -- and even the value of the tradition itself -- be devalued simply because they've only been doing it for two or four years?

In instituting the recent policy changes, the University administration jeopardizes Notre Dame's most unique tradition of all: stay-hall residentiality. During my tenure at Notre Dame, my friends and I, along with the computer-loving, Jesus-quoting virgins who live next door to me, lived in a first apartment if you gave me a million dollars to do it.

And that's the true crime here.
"Sarah of quality..."

By JUDE SEYMOUR
Scene Movie Critic

As the Darwin Awards will provide testa-
ment to, the dimwitted people are not
always the criminals. Often times, ordinary
people will have lapses in judgment, over-
looking an insignificant detail that would
have saved them from peril. "Panic Room" is
a look at those insignificant details under
the microscope of director David Fincher,
who has taken his audience to the brink
of paranoia before with films such as
"Seven," "Fight Club" and "The Game." Fincher
respects his audience too much to set up
crimey caricatures of bumbling criminals
while cowardly protagono-
ists summon unappeal-
able channels of intelligence and
courage to defeat the
criminals at their
own game. Instead, "Panic Room" presup-
poses both intelligence
and fear in its criminals and victims. No longer
does the audience wait patiently while the
criminal makes a doubtlessly easy mistake
that allows the victim to triumph. Fincher
wants his audience to squirm while the
protagonists snatch tragedy from the jaws
of victory.

Meg Altman (played by Jodie Foster), the
protagonist, is a recently separated gradu-
ate student who is apartment hunting in
New York with her only daughter, Sarah
(played by Kristen Stewart). The two com-
mit to an extravagant apartment so that
Meg can alleviate her resentment toward
her ex. Steven tplayed by Patrick
catalano, by drawing his bank account for
an oversized residence. The main bedroom
features a curious addition installed by the
landlord: a curious addition installed by the
landlord, as a
thriller genre. 

Director: David Fincher
Starring: Jodie Foster, Jared Leto and
Forest Whitaker

Jodie Foster delivers a strong performance as a woman besieged in her own
home in the new thriller "Panic Room."

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"The Panic Room"

"Donnie Darko” travels to DVD for second chance

By JUDE SEYMOUR
Scene Movie Critic

"Donnie Darko is an insignificant blip in a throng of mainstream Hollywood
releases. At its height, it played on 58
screens across the country. Its budget
was $4.5 million dollars and it only made
around $500,000 in box office revenue.

Multiplexes may have not shown
"Donnie Darko" to their audiences, but
this omission was certainly not for its lack
of quality. On the contrary, "Donnie
Darko" is an engaging story from begin-
ning to end, thanks to the feature film
debut of writer/director Richard Kelly.
Kelly, who is 26 years old and a recent
graduate of the University of Southern
California film school, is not the most lit-
erate of fellows, but the film does not give
away that secret. Instead, the movie is a
well-written piece that follows a mysteri-
ous and slightly unbalanced teenager
named Donnie Darko. The film is by
Drew Barrymore, whose brilliance has mixed
with his emotional problems to
give his high school student a unique look into
his own future.

Darke struggles with the typical teen
problems when his favorite
characters (played by
Mary McCormick and
Holmes Osborne) do not
understand his vulnera-
tility and his need for atten-
tion. In Donnie, a per-
m a n "outside"
movie premises but

"Donnie Darko” revisits a number of older movie themes and adds enough twists to warrant renting the recently released DVD.

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For a first-time director, "Donnie
Darko" is very tight in
its construction. Scenes
are neither extraneous nor
too detailed, provid-
ing an even flow that most
directors do not accomplish in their first
significant attempt. The
DVD includes 20 dele-
eunted scenes that highlight Kelly’s keen sense of what
moments to keep and what scenes to cut.
Kelly remarks that several of his favorite
scenes got cut, including a scene that
explained a theme that Frances Ford
Coppola instilled the whole movie was
based around. After viewing the deleted
scenes, Kelly looks like a director who has
a knack for sacrificing his ego in order to
manufacture a better film.

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Most of the special features on the disc are essentially garbage items, ranging
from stills in a fictional book to fake
informer’s which served as background
pieces in the movie. The commentaries are
particularly boring, with Kelly and
Gyllenhaal spinning out anecdotes, but
adding little commentary that lends to
the understanding of the film. Kelly comes off
the worst for having agreed to comment
on his own film, often stumbling through
passages or repeating himself which is
incongruous with the polished dialogue in
the movie. While Kelly may not have scripted
his commentary, this is not a reason to pass
over "Donnie Darko" now that it has
found a home on DVD. "Donnie Darko" may
not have made a legendary step in the
future's psychological thriller genre, but it
is unfortunate that so many potential viewers
missed its theatrical run. Now, with a nice
looking transfer and an exciting soundtrack
with classic ‘80s tunes, audiences have
the chance to experience the enthralling
twists and turns of overlooked movie from
an up-and-coming director.

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Real life and cinema meet in ‘George Washington’

By LIAM DACEY
Scene Writer

"George Washington" is certainly not a typical film that contains a plot, climax and resolution. Instead, it intensely depicts the philosophies and feelings of pre-adolescence. Using a unique stream of consciousness style, director and writer David Gordon Green is able to craft his story based on memory, on how someone would actually perceive the events of childhood.

The film develops through a subtle progression of situations as a child would experience them. For instance, instead of just focusing on the events leading up to a death, its aftermath is vividly depicted and the film shows how the children deal with the tragedy. Redemption is a central theme of the film, both redemption from poverty and redemption from God.

Green says that the movie is filled with little collages of things that he experienced himself or that happened to people he knew.

"Some of it came from personal situations that made me just step back and think," Green said.

The film was constructed to be organic in nature, meaning that Green had to feel his way through the characters. Most of the actors were people who he had met or who lived in Green’s neighborhood. These children gave him notes on things they wanted to say or do and then Green wrote the scripts based on their comments. In this way, Green created a "controlled freestyle" of dialogue — not quite improvisation, but as close to it as possible in a structured environment.

In fact, Green says the reason he created a "controlled freestyle" of dialogue was that he could edit out any unnecessary profanity or vulgarity. With the lack of more crude behavior, Green was able to highlight the often overlooked maturity that many 12-year-olds possess.

"Kids think about real things and have dramatic philosophies," Green said.

Shot over 19 consecutive days, Green invested a tremendous amount of energy into his feature film debut. He developed an intimate atmosphere with the children to allow them to become comfortable and relaxed in their roles. Inspired by films like Malick’s "Days of Heaven" and Carroll Ballard’s "Never Cry Wolf," Green never cared for the standard Hollywood fare. Instead, he appreciated movies that were rich in emotion and more personal in nature. Much like "Days of Heaven," "George Washington" is a film that remains in the viewer’s mind long after watching it.

The movie takes place in an industrial setting in North Carolina during the summer. It follows the lives of mostly black pre-teens between the ages of 10 and 13. Race does not factor into the film. It is about finding redemption.

"George Washington" will be showing tonight at 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium. Green will have a short question and answer session after the film.

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**MBA**

**Salaries top $2 billion**

Associated Press

**NEW YORK**

Baseball salaries topped $2 billion for the first time in four years, with Texas shortstop Alex Rodriguez atop the list at $220 million.

The New York Yankees led all clubs with more than nearly $126 million — $92 million more than last-place Tampa Bay.

The figures are the result of a study by The Associated Press of contracts for 494 players on Opening-Day rosters and disabled lists.

Players will earn $2.023 billion, up from $1.934 billion last season. Owners, however, did slow the increase during a troubled offseason in which baseball unsuccessfully tried to eliminate two teams.

The average salary of $2,383,235 was up 5.2 percent from last year. That was less than half of the 13.9 percent increase of 2001 and the smallest percentage jump since 1998.

"It goes on every year," New York Mets manager Bobby Valentine said, "but I don't think they went up in the colocation on the kid's face.

While the average salary has increased 126-fold from 1967, when it was $190, the Consumer Price Index has gone up only five-fold since then. And while salaries were at $13,000 a day during the season, the average annual household income in the United States is $37,045, according to latest figures from the Census Bureau.

The figures about four days' average pay for someone who wields a bat and a glove.

Still, baseball's average is almost the same as the NFL's last November, according to figures compiled by the league.

The NFL's average was $1.31 million last season and the NFL's average was $1.1 million, according to figures compiled by the league.

Just behind Rodriguez are Tony Gwynn ($19.4 million), Los Angeles pitcher Kevin Brown ($15.7 million) and Boston outfielder Manny Ramirez ($15.4 million). Barry Bonds, who hit a record 73 home runs for the San Francisco Giants, is tied for fifth with Chicago Cubs Sammy Sosa at $15 million.

Figures include salaries and postseason shares of signing bonus es and other guaranteed income. It doesn't include some salaries deferred without interest are discounted to present-day value.

With high-revenue teams adding stars, the gap between rich and poor increased for the seventh straight season since the 1994-95 strike.

The Yankees were No. 1 for the fourth straight season and sixth in six seasons from 2000 to 2002. Boston was second at $12,000 million, followed by Texas at $105.3 million and Arizona, which ended the Yankees' run of six straight World Series titles, at $102.8 million.

"You just go out there and play," said the Yankees' Michael Glabshi, whose $12.5 million, two-year contract was the biggest ench of the offseason. "We had one of the lower payrolls when I played with the Mets in Oak and we did pretty well.

The Devil Rays were last at $33.4 million, and just above them were Montreal ($38.7 million), Oakland ($38.7 million), and Minnesota ($40.2 million).

"It's always going to be a challenge until we have a chance to compete with those other teams," Tampa Bay general man ager Chuck LaMar said. "If you continually sign young players and play them through your system, it's truly the only way you can compete with teams with a higher payroll.

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In contrast, the Diamondbacks have deferred $1.75 million of this year's salaries, more than half their payroll.

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig said the Yankees' run of six straight titles was part of the reason the sport needs a new eco nomic system, saying the low-revenue teams can't compete.

A great number of other clubs have been very cau tious about adding top players and Selig said fans of many teams have lost "hopes" and "faith" because of the spending imbalance.

"I don't concern myself with economics or what goes on between the lines," said Pittsburgh manager Lloyd McLendon, whose club was 24th at $39 million. "I prepare my team to play on a daily basis. Let the experts tell you if we can compete or not.

Reflecting the concentration of wealth among the top stars, the median salary of the lowest-paid players has gone from $245 to $550. But at players at $2 million or more increased to 31.7 percent from 24.2 percent.

The median salary — the point at which an equal amount of players earned more and fewer earned less — had not yet estimated by how much.

You didn't know that what players were going to be available and under what conditions," he said.

"It obviously has to affect people.

Rob Manfred, management's top labor lawyer, said a relatively weak free-agent class and events of the past year have led to a slowdown.

"That was a unique offseason, given Sept. 11 and the economy," he said.
NBA

Jordan ends season after knee swells

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A day after his worst scoring game ever, Michael Jordan woke up with a swollen right knee and decided enough was enough.

Jordan was placed on the injured list Wednesday by the Washington Wizards, and he said he is done for the season.

"I think it is best at this point to rest the knee and let it heal properly," Jordan said in a statement. "I tried to get back and play as soon as possible and, early on, the knee responded well. But after the swelling this morning, I think it's best to give it rest."

Jordan ends his season with a 22.9-point scoring average, the second lowest of his career. He averaged 22.7 in his second season with the Chicago Bulls in 1985-86, when played just 18 games because of a broken foot.

"He's a great competitor and he demonstrated that he can come back and be a top-10 player," NBA commissioner David Stern said in Toronto. "I hope he's better for next year."

Unless the Wizards overtake Indiana for the last Eastern Conference berth in the final two weeks of the season, Jordan will have played for a non-playoff team for the first time.

The 39-year-old star reiterated ed he plans to play next season if he is able.

"I signed a two-year contract to play," Jordan said. "Obviously, my health will always determine my playing status. But at this time, everybody is to play next season."

Jordan rushed his rehabilitation from the arthroscopic surgery Feb. 27 that repaired torn cartilage in the knee. He missed just 12 games and returned March 20 in Denver.

He was a reserve in all seven games after he came back, and his knee bothered him so much that he wasn't able to play unless he pedaled an exercise bicycle in the tunnel during games.

"I think Michael realizes he pushed the envelope trying to come back too quickly," coach Doug Collins said. "Last night before the game I went in to see him and I could see it was physically swollen. I didn't even want him to play last night, and you know Michael, being the competitor he is, said, 'I want to give it a whirl or whatever,' and I said OK."

"Now I got the call this afternoon that he recognizes the fact that the only way that the knee is going to get better is to rest. And what he said to me was he's going to shut it down, let the thing heal, get the inflammation out of there, and whether that's six weeks or eight weeks or whatever it might be."

"And he's doing it with the idea that he wants to play next year."

Jordan played a career-low 12 minutes and scored a career-low two points — all in the first half — in Tuesday night's 113-93 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers. For the first time in his career, he was a marginal, no-fact or player off the bench.

Collins said he didn't play Jordan in the second half because the game was one-sided.

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Jordan battled tendinitis in both knees and his wrist, and he had to overcome back spasms and a broken rib as he prepared for his second comeback last summer. Nevertheless, he vowed to play all 82 games.

The major blow came when he knocked knees with teammate Elton Thomas in the final game before the All-Star break. Neither Jordan nor the Wizards have been the same since.

Jordan struggled for five games after the break before opting for surgery. The Wizards, who were five games above .500 at the break, are 8-19 since.

"At this point it's trying to beat a dead horse, the situation of trying to get into the playoffs takes the best effort Michael can give at this time, and it doesn't look like he's got that," Jordan said Wednesday night before the Lakers game at New Jersey.

"As a young kid, you take a lot of things for granted," he said. "You got out and you play because you're young enough that you can deal with it and do it every single day. As you get older, when you know and you can sense that it's coming to an end, you appreciate every moment."

"So every little thing in the locker room becomes monumental to you. I appreciate that a lot more now than I did when I was a young kid and everybody else was putting ice on their knees, and I was questioning them why they need ice."

"And now young kids are asking me why I'm putting so much ice on."

But that desire, which caused him to hurry back from his injury, has brought an anticlimactic finish to a wildly interesting season.

Jordan and the Wizards were in "we-stink" mode in November as he worked himself into shape. In December, they hit full throttle and tied the franchise record by winning nine straight.

Jordan scored a then-career-low six in a game in late December at Indiana, and that was at least one case in which the stats did matter to him — he came back with 51 two nights later against Charlotte, saying, "I can still play this game."

Richard Hamilton's injury contributed to a January slump, but the Wizards won five straight when he returned and were 26-21, cruising toward homecourt advantage in the playoffs.

The momentum stopped when Jordan banged his right knee with Thomas.

"It's been an interesting year to say the least," Collins said.

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on at one 36-hole tournament at the end of the season. The MIAA adopted her plan, which fed more in line with other golf programs around the country, and this season’s MIAA champi-
on was determined at a 36-
hole championship tournament that the Belles hosted at Brookwood Golf Course.

"She is just absolutely, just a class act," Kachmarik said. "She has so much integrity with this program. Theressa Pekarek was instrumental in having the MIAA do golf in a different way. She has not only brought Saint Mary’s golf to a higher level, she has helped to get the MIAA to compete the way other Division III schools compete."

The women Pekarek has been coaching were both shocked and dismayed at the news of her resignation.

"When I heard the news, I was shocked," said junior Liz Harlan. "It was kind of shocking to find out that she was leaving."

Younger players who Pekarek recruited were also shocked to hear that she was leaving the program. They had taken it as a given that she would be at Saint Mary’s all four years that they played.

"I wasn’t expecting it," said freshman Stefan Zimmer. "I thought it would be a given that she would be here for all four years, but I realize family pri-
ortions came up. I was shocked, I didn’t know what to say about it. It can be a shock to everyone because she’s been so into our program." In addition to current players, the loss of Pekarek may affect incoming recruits. Kachmarik will be hoping to move quickly but carefully to find a new coach in order to answer the questions of recruits.

"It’s very difficult because we have a lot of excellent recruits that Theressa had recruited and foxy Johnson is that they are kind of on the line," Kachmarik said. "Even though I can talk to them, they still want to talk to the coach. You need to move quickly but at the same time we have to do that in the right way."

Pekarek and some of her golfers will join the search committee. As the athletes look towards a new coach, they are facing something several teams at Saint Mary’s have been facing — getting used to a new coaching style. Pekarek has been the only collegiate coach these women knew and now they know there will be a peri-

For the remainder of the spring season, the team will be taking advantage of their time with Pekarek and she will con-
tinue to move the team for-
ward.

"I think every time we’re with her we’ll make the 50th possible," Harlan said. "It’s going to be hard knowing it’s her last year."

Although the golfers may be partially focused on saying goodbye to their golf coach, they have been their only collegiate coach.

"I don’t need to move to a different coach for all of the women she had been their only collegiate coach."

"I had no idea, actually," said senior captain Annie Knish. "So it took us a while to get warmed up and get used to them."

But the Belles managed to adjust very well. In nine matches, 14 sets, the Belles won eight sets 6-0 and allowed Adrian to get within two points in a set just twice. Saint Mary’s bettered its MIAA record to 3-0 with a 9-0 vic-

No. 1, I want to get the underclassmen some very strong tournament experi-
ence," she said of what she would do in her final months.

"No. 2, we’re traveling to Tri-
State and we’re going to play their golf course because that’s where next year’s national championship will be held."

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SMC TENNIS

Belles continue dominance

• Team improves record to 9-0 after beating Adrian

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

"You can never sell your competition short. Every match counts, especially in conference."

Annie Knish
Belles captain

For the second time this week, the Belles may have been wondering what sport they were playing. As they faced off against the Adrian Bulldogs on courts that could have housed basketball, vol-
leyball or tennis, Saint Mary’s had to stay focused on playing their

tennis — tennis. "They had basketball and volley-
ball lines on the tennis courts," said senior captain Annie Knish.

"It’s kind of on the way other Division III schools

versus Adrian. Saint Mary’s squad that graduated only one member of its 2001 MIAA Champions-
ship team and has handily defeated both of its MIAA opponents this season - Albion 7-2 and Olivet 9-0. With the last three matches being blowouts win and weather forcing the Belles indoors, their biggest concern right now is get-
ing back into the feeling of a real match.

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was born. To be held in conjunction with the women's tennis team's Sunday match against Miami, the Cure for the Cure is a promotional event that will seek to educate and inform fans and spectators alike about the disease.

In addition to watching the 23rd-ranked women's tennis team compete in an important Big East contest, health care specialists from the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center will be on-hand to provide information about detection and screening.

According to Cunha, the goals of the weekend are twofold. First, the team hopes to raise the level of awareness about the disease and second, they hope the weekend serves as a fundraiser for colon cancer research.

Tickets for the event can be purchased at both North and South Dining Halls, and through ticket offices at both the Joyce and Eck Centers.

The cost for the event is $3 for students and seniors and $5 for adults. Thanks to the generous efforts of the St. Joseph Medical Center, all ticket sales and donations will go directly towards cancer research.

As for Cunha, who has worked hard to assemble this promotion from the ground up, her family's prospects are hopeful. "My mom is undergoing chemo treatments right now and we're optimistic for her future. But our main concern this weekend is educating people about the benefits of early detection."

And that, says Cunha, is the primary goal this weekend. Indeed, when caught in its early stages, colon cancer is almost entirely preventable.

So if you want to really make a difference in either your life, or the lives of those around you, head out to the Eck Tennis Center this Sunday at noon and help prevent the "silent killer" from striking those you love the most.

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Men's Lacrosse

Irish grab two key conference wins

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

What a difference a week makes. Just one week after suffering a crushing 15-5 home defeat at the hands of Hofstra and seeing its record drop to 1-5, the Notre Dame lacrosse team has turned its season around. Thanks to two impressive road wins within the past three days against the University of Denver and Air Force, the Irish currently sit atop the Great Western Lacrosse League with an unblemished 2-0 record in league play.

"We had a tough week of practice after the Hofstra loss," said freshman attackman Brian Giordano. "We really came together as a team this past week. Offensively, we worked really hard to get open and that showed up in the games. We really put some pressure on them, and we were much more efficient as a result." Giordano continued his sharp play with his fifth goal of the season in the third quarter. Notre Dame leading scorer sophomore Dan Berger extended his scoring streak to seven games with a late goal in the fourth quarter with 4:30 remaining in the game. Berger also registered a goal in the contest, extending his scoring streak to eight.

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Fellow freshmen attackman, each contributed hat tricks as well. After holding a mounting 9-3 victory against the Pioneers 7-1 to take an insurmountable 9-3 lead into halftime, "We came out much more aggressive in the second quarter," Wells said. "We really put some pressure on them, and we were much more efficient as a result." Giordano named the GWLL player of the week for the first time in his career.

"At this point, we must win the rest of our games to make the post season." Giordano said. "We have to treat every practice like it's a game situation in order to prepare for our opponents." The Irish will travel to Indianapolis to face Butler University Sunday at 1 p.m. This marks the third of four straight league road games for Notre Dame. The Irish do not return home again until April 21st when they host Fairfield.

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The Irish offense corrected its early-season problems with its second straight strong offensive performance, the defense had its finest outing of the season, limiting the Falcons to a season-low three goals. The Irish defense kept the Falcons scoreless in both the first and third quarters in the game. Goalie Nick Antol had another strong performance in net en route to saving 15 shots during the game.

With their overall record sitting at 3-5, the 18th ranked Irish must finish at the top of the OWL to qualify for the playoffs.

Senior attackman Nick Antol had another dominant 9-3 victory against the host Falcons. Fellow freshmen Matt Malakoff and Giordano also scored goals in the contest.

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The Irish offense provided an early lead with three runs to open the scoring, with the Irish taking over the game on an RBI single to center field by sophomore second baseman Steve Sollmann, settling back into their groove. I'm trying to get back to where I'm relaxed, and I think I'm getting to that point. In the nightcap, the Irish offense provided relief to score, scoring 12 runs on 13 hits and sending the Crusaders home with their second double-digit win of the day.

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Belles still confident despite tough start

Team loses four conference games during weekend

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

Despite the scores of their first four conference games, the Belles think they have what it takes to be conference competitors.

After losing to Adrian twice on Monday and dropping two more matches to Albion on Wednesday, the Belles are at the bottom of the conference, but they believe they have the skills and the determination to pull themselves back out of the basement.

"We played just as well, if not better than both the teams we played this week," said senior captain Rachel Deer. "We have just as much talent. We unfortunately haven't had a good break. We had the same number of hits but we haven't been able to string hits together."

In both games that opened the doubleheaders, the Belles gave up nine runs, closing the gap in nine innings. The Belles have struggled because of it.

"This has been a rather unusual season," Deer said.

The first Adrian game was a battle between pitchers. Saint Mary's pitcher Kristen Martin took the first loss for her team against Adrian, allowing nine runs and 14 hits, but achieving six strikeouts. Michelle Marshall, Adrian's starting pitcher, struck out two and scored a home run.

The scoring was even until Adrian drove home five unanswered runs in the third and fourth innings.

Walsh scored the lone run for the Belles.

"I think we are at a disadvantage starting conference play with only ten games played so far," said sophomore shortstop Marnie Walsh.

After playing several games over spring break in Florida, the Belles were forced to cancel several games, for various reasons.

"In the games before conference play we did have a lot more errors and we weren't hitting as well," Deer said.

"Conference team games tend to be more of a challenge."

In the second game of the doubleheader against Adrian, Libby Wilhelmy pitched the Belles into a much more even contest, holding the Bulldogs scoreless until the fourth inning.

Saint Mary's beat Adrian pitcher Laurie Applin to draw first blood in the first inning. Adrian rallied in the fourth inning to score all five of its runs between the fourth and fifth inning. Walsh, outfielder Katrina Tebbe and first baseman Lynn Lapshan all scored for the Belles. Wilhelmy finished with four strikeouts for Applin's two.

On Wednesday, Saint Mary's allowed nine runs but answered with four in the opening game of the doubleheader. Martin opened again for the Belles, finishing with two strikeouts, along with a hit and run of her own.

"Kristen has a really bad knee, but she batted well (Wednesday)," Deer said.

Sophomore fielder Katie Frigg, third baseman Melissa Haynes and catcher Susan Koz also brought in runs for the Belles. The game was scoreless for the first two innings, before Albion scored a run in the third. Saint Mary's answered Albion's challenge in the fourth, but allowed six runs in the fifth to seal the loss. Albion's freshman pitcher, Michaela Adams, finished with eight strikeouts. Albion's Mandy Wilhelm and infielder Justinn Steffe each scored two runs to lead their team to victory.

"In both games (Wednesday) we played solidly the entire game," Deer said. "It was just that one inning they strung a bunch of hits together. It is really frustrating but we really played well." In this week's last game and Wednesday's second, Saint Mary's held Albion to just three runs, and scores through the fourth inning, although they failed to answer them. Walsh led the Belles with two hits.

Wilhelmy allowed seven hits and three runs. Albion's infielder Sarah Caskey hit two home runs, and Nicole Anderson allowed only four hits, striking out two more to cement their win.

"We've realized the areas we need to improve on," Walsh said.

"We have 12 more conference games left, and we'll be able to finish strong."

Albion's record sits at 16-4, 4-0 in the MIAA, while Saint Mary's slips to 5-9 overall, and 0-4 in conference play.

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The Deacons quickly extended the lead to 3-0, jumping all over Varnum and Vaughan at the top two singles spots. But the Irish were not ready to give the match away.

Gonzalez and Salas gave the Irish another chance, earning 7-5, 7-6 and 7-6, 7-6 victories respectively, and pulling the Irish to within 3-2.

Connelly then made things even tighter by toppling Schwartz in singles 6-2, 6-4. However, in the deciding match, Connelly was unable to overcome a large deficit early in the match and dropped her match 6-0, 6-3 to the Deacons’ Karin Coteere.

The 4-3 loss was disappointing, especially since a win would have earned the team its first victory over a top three school. However, Louderback was not overly concerned with such details.

“Even though Wake Forest was ranked the highest, I think Duke was the best team we played last weekend,” he said.

The Irish had a much tougher time putting everything together against the Blue Devils.

On the doubles side, Connelly and Green earned their first win as a team, toppings Duke’s Hilleary Adams and Kelly McCain 6-4, but this time Varnum and Vaughan couldn’t pull through, losing a close 7-6 contest. When Salas and Connelly lost by the score of 8-4, the Irish were faced with another tough 1-0 deficit.

Only this time, the Irish could not bail themselves out so easily in singles matches.

Duke’s top two singles players, 39th-ranked Amanda Johnson and 18th-ranked Julie Delbo ensured that there would be no comeback. Johnson knocked off Varnum 6-3, 6-4 at the No. 1 singles spot, while Delbo downed Vaughan 6-1, 6-1.

With the Irish down 3-0, the Blue Devils shut the door when Connelly lost a close 7-5, 6-4 match to Adams at No. 6. Only Salas prevented a complete shutout, earning the only win for the Irish with a three-set win against 64th-ranked Sarat Arasu, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2.

Despite the 6-1 score, Louderback was not displeased with his team’s play.

“Three of the singles matches went to three sets and we played well in doubles today. I thought we did alright,” he said.

The Irish had one last chance to avoid a sweep when they played North Carolina on Tuesday, but it wasn’t to be.

Once again, doubles proved to be an initial stumbling block for the team. Only Vaughan and Varnum were able to post a doubles victory. But, the Irish gave the Tar Heels a scare.

After Connelly and Salas dropped their match, Varnum and Vaughan responded with an 8-5 upset win over Carolina’s Aniela Mogis and Kendall Cline, the 86th-ranked team in the nation. At the top doubles spot, Connelly and Green fought to a tiebreaker, but were unable to pull out the deciding match, losing 9-8.

From there, North Carolina began to dominate singles action.

The Tar Heels top three singles players were able to down the Irish in straight sets.

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ND SOFTBALL

Home opener may finally be played

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

With today’s weather forecast to be a cold, but dry, 40 degrees, the Notre Dame softball team should finally play their home opener. After three home doubleheaders have been rescheduled, the Irish will open their home schedule against Illinois-Chicago this afternoon.

“It’s a great feeling to finally play the home opener,” said senior catcher Kas Hoag. “We have had family come out and with all the cancellations, it has been disappointing.”

Notre Dame played eight of its first 20 games against ranked opponents. Only a single win in those eight games was part of the reason for their 8-12 start to the season. However, due to rain and snow, the Irish had two weeks off after spring break and were finally able to get some extra rest helped the Irish bats. During their current three-game winning streak, the Irish are hitting .404, with 36 hits, six home runs and 28 RBIs.

Junior first baseman Lisa Matison and senior catcher Jarrah Myers have been leading the offense. Matison is six for eight in the last three games and batting .328 on the season. Myers was named Big East Player of the Week on Monday for her offensive output against Pittsburgh over the weekend. In those two games, Myers went five for six, hit two home runs and drove in five.

The pitching is also heating up for the Irish. Freshman Stoffy Stenglein has struck out 18, walked six and only given up three runs in her last four appearances. She has 91 strikeouts in 95 1/3 innings pitched.

Illinois-Chicago is 19-13 this season and defeated No. 9 Nebraska in February. The Flames are led by senior shortstop Jennifer Tiffany, who is hitting .432 this year with 48 hits and 60 runs scored. Sophomore Allison Aguiler has been the top pitcher for the Flames with a 1.91 ERA, 78 strikeouts and a 9-6 record in 102 and two-thirds innings pitched.

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ND WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Lacrosse gets revenge

By CHRIS COLEMAN
Sports Writer

Don’t call it an upset.

While the rankings may imply that No. 15 Notre Dame had an edge over No. 11 Notre Dame yesterday, once the teams took the field it was clear who processed the advantage.

But the Irish know rankings don’t matter.

“We matters is what’s in here as opposed to the publicities and rankings,” captain Kathryn Lam said as she pointed to her heart. "The Irish defeated the Orange colored for the first time in school history by a score of 12-7 yesterday and improved Notre Dame’s overall record to 7-1.

The top-ranked Irish defense, which allows an average of just six goals per game, shut down Big East Offensive Player of the Week Kim Wayne and the rest of the Orange colored. Notre Dame only allowed two goals in the first half. Big East Defensive Player of the Week Jen White made 12 saves, including seven on four shots on goal in the first half and also had three shots deflected by Fighting Irish defenders.

The Irish broke out of the gates fast with point leader Danielle Shearer scoring in the first 12 seconds into play. Shearer then found Moser with an open look to make the game 2-0. The Irish answered that goal, but then used a spin move into the goal. She shot the ball however, and the Irish went up 10-6.

The Irish then added insurance with goals from Natalie Loftus and Eleanor Weille to make the score 12-6.

This says a lot about our team,” said senior manager John Conte. “They had us moment wise, and we come back and score three.”

The Irish were then focused on controlling the ball and even got a standing ovation from the crowd with 30 seconds left as they passed the ball around. “I love it, unbelievable, because we knew we were going to do it, but wow, it feels really good” said Moser, whose senior class finally beat Syracuse.

“I was so happy for this team,” said head coach Tracy Coyne. "It was a difficult game for the Big East. We are one step closer to winning a Big East title.”

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Horoscope

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Happy Birthday: You will need all the luck of the stars to accomplish your goals today. You will be able to pursue all that you desire without physical or emotional interference. You will be able to source all that you need if you aren't careful. This is a year of change and the more open and accepting you are the better you will go. Your numbers are 4, 12, 25, 32.

Aries (March 21-April 19): You will be able to succeed if you pay enough attention to your family. Although you will be able to make new friends and meet some pretty exciting individuals today, it is best to include men who have stood by you through thick and thin.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Travel will enhance romance and physical stimulation. Jealousy and intrigue could be your downfall if you aren't careful. This is a year of change and the more open and accepting you are the better you will go. Your numbers are 4, 12, 25, 32.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Changes in your home may be disruptive but probably necessary. Your inborn curiosity will show if someone criticizes your attempts to heal ailing relationships.

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Women’s Tennis

Double trouble

By COLIN BOYLAN
Sports Writer

A brutal four-day stretch of matches against a trio of top 10 opponents left the Notre Dame women’s tennis team with a three match losing streak, but more importantly, a number of unanswered questions on the doubles side.

Despite a significant lineup shift by Irish coach Jay Louderback, the Irish could not take the doubles point in any of their matches — a 4-3 loss to third ranked Wake Forest and a dropped pair of 6-1 decisions to fourth-ranked Duke and No. 7 North Carolina. Louderback made the decision to split his number one and two doubles teams, matching Katie Cunha up with Lindsey Green and pairing senior Becky Varnum and Nina Vaughan.

“We had struggled a lot at No. 2 doubles in the past, and I think the change really helped things,” said Louderback.

Nonetheless, the Irish were never able to string two doubles wins together in any one match and hurting their chances of victory from the start.

The doubles point was especially significant in the team’s Saturday match against Wake Forest.

Vaughan and Varnum did their best to make Louderback’s decision look good, earning an 8-6 victory against the Deacons’ Katie Martzloff and Danielle Schwarz. However, when Cunha and Green couldn’t pull out a win, the burden fell on the team of Alicia Salas and Sarah Jane Connelly to come through.

Despite a strong performance, the tandem lost an 8-6 decision and Notre Dame dropped in a 1-0 deficit in the match.

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Irish struggle in doubles, lose three straight matches

by KATIE McVOY

Just two months after soccer coach Bobby Johnston announced his resignation, Theresa Pekarek, head golf coach, turned in her resignation, effective at the end of spring golf season.

In a meeting on Wednesday, Lynn Kachmarik, athletic director, announced that Pekarek had told her team last Thursday that she would finish the season but would not return in the fall. The four-year head coach cited family reasons and a need to take the program to a new level — a need she could not meet.

It mainly stems from my family,” Pekarek said. “I have two daughters and the program is ready to go to the next level. What I can’t do is the team needs to start traveling more, take at least a spring break trip. If not a fall break trip.”

In the last four years, the Saint Mary’s golf program has moved to the top of the MIAA, missing a first-place finish by only three strokes this year. The Belles took home a first-place finish in one of four conference tournaments and finished in the top three in all four tournaments.

With her women playing at this level and with several talented players coming to Saint Mary’s next fall, Pekarek did not believe she could offer the time the program required to move forward.

“She’s a great one to both the Athletic Department and the MIAA of which Saint Mary’s is a part. During her four-year tenure at Saint Mary’s, Pekarek began the Saint Mary’s golf program and moved it to a top-spot in the league.

“Pekarek’s the one who started golf at Saint Mary’s and she’s developed it over the last few years to one of the top programs in the MIAA,” Kachmarik said. “And because of that talent, she’s brought in women who need to compete more, to practice more.”

In addition to the changes she has instituted at Saint Mary’s, Pekarek was also instrumental in changing the format of tournament play in the entire MIAA. Last season she proposed to change the format of MIAA play, determining the league champion see RESIGN/page 20

SMC Golf

Second Belles coach resigns in two months

By KATIE McVOY

Scouting the Irish

If the administration’s iron-fisted stance on the new alcohol policies has made you feel that you can’t make a difference on this campus, think again.

While the issue of hard alcohol on this campus is not one to be taken lightly, it pales in comparison to the more significant things in life.

Just ask junior tennis player Katie Cunha.

Earlier in the year, Cunha’s mother was diagnosed with stage-four colon cancer. A devastating illness that has been dubbed “the silent killer.” Colon cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths (only lung cancer is more fatal). For stage-four cancer, the rate of survival is approximated at only 8 percent.

“I was completely shocked,” said Cunha. “My mom had just lost a lot of weight and I couldn’t believe that someone who looked so healthy on the outside could be so sick on the inside.”

Nonetheless, Cunha resolved not to let the cancer catch others off guard as it had caught her family.

“There are a lot of misconceptions about colon cancer,” said Cunha. “A lot of people think that it is something that only affects older men, and that’s really not the case. I wanted to do something to let people know just how dangerous this disease really is.”

And thus the Ace for the Cure promotion see CANCER/page 20

Cunha’s mother diagnosed with colon cancer earlier this year

Colin Boylan

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All-American captain Becky Varnum returns a shot during a recent match. The Irish have lost three straight matches to highly-ranked opponents.