Spring Vis kicks off with multicultural events

By MAUREEN SMITHE
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Though Saturday night’s 25th annual Black Cultural Arts Council fashion show may be sponsored by a campus minority organization, coordinators want to make one thing clear: everyone is invited.

“It’s open to everyone. It’s not an all-black thing,” said coordinator Andrea de Vries. “The models are white, Asian, Hispanic, Black. It’s a very inclusive event.”

Unlike years past, the coordinators wanted to bring a tighter focus to this year’s show. Untangling the scenes together with one common thread was a challenge de Vries gladly took on with fellow organizer Margaret Mason.

“This year is a fashion show and play. The basic premise is six couples and 12 singles, and they interact with each other through many scenes,” de Vries said. “At the end of the night, five couples break up and one couple gets married.”

The two came up with the name “I See You, I Want You, I’m Yours,” meant to emphasize the love and romance storyline.

Twenty models are participating in this year’s show at the Century Center. In addition to BCAC members, representatives from student government and various athletic teams will be strutting their stuff down the runway.

Mariachi ND, pictured here from a previous Latin Expressions, will be performing in this weekend’s cultural production. The production includes traditional and contemporary cultural dances.

Latin Expressions educates, entertains through music, dance and culture

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Showcasing a wide variety of Latin music, dance and culture, Latin Expressions kicks off tonight at Saint Mary’s O’Laughlin Auditorium.

Acts ranging from traditional Mexican folk dances to student renditions of favorite Latino pop songs and choreographed dance numbers will keep the show tightly focused on Latino culture. Titled “Noche de Ritmo Latino,” the event aims to educate and entertain.

“We recognize that there are lots of talented people on campus, and they should be allowed to showcase their talent but this year we wanted to focus more on the cultural aspect — we wanted the show to be more culturally driven than in year’s past,” Garza said.

More than 50 people are involved in this year’s production, most of who are involved in the opening act, choreographed by students Mercedes Boyd and Yan Ortiz.

“The committee thought that Latin Expressions should be about expressing your ‘Latin’ talents. Anyone could audition for the show, but we felt that a big part of the act had to be influenced in some way by the Latino culture,” Garza said.

Latin Expressions is La Alianza’s biggest event of the year.

Families feud at Reckers

The competition was fierce Thursday night at Reckers as various halls competed against one another in Welsh Family Hall’s annual event, the Welsh Family Fued.
INSIDE COLUMN

Welcome to the family

I remember four years ago, when I was a senior in high school, looking for which college I wanted to attend. I had priorities. I'd gone to public school my whole life. Now I wanted to go to a Catholic school. I mentioned this to my fellow parishioners at St. Bridget Parish and someone suggested, "Why don't you go to Notre Dame?" Then, all I knew about Notre Dame was it had a famous football team (they showed us Rudy at school). So I, in my immaturity, said, "It's not Catholic." Ok, ok - you have permission to royally chew me out for that. (Blasphemy! Scandal?) But at the time, I didn't know any better. I looked into Notre Dame.

It wasn't my first choice. I'm an anthropology major now, but I originally intended international relations. I was looking for good IR programs at Catholic universities, and I listed Notre Dame because it was Catholic. I had my heart set on Georgetown. I applied here. I received a letter in December saying I'd been accepted into Notre Dame. I was glad I got it, but I still wanted Georgetown - they'd sent me a letter saying they had deferred my application. Whenever I would call Georgetown advising me I'd been wait-listed. I visited Georgetown in February and I visited Notre Dame, finding it was Spring Weekend. It was in those two visits that my whole perspective changed.

At each college, I stayed for an extended period: a week at Georgetown and four days at Notre Dame. In that time, I got to walk around the campus, eat in the cafeteria (GT)/dining hall (ND), sightsee, and talk to students. Well, I talked to students who would talk with me. In the week I stayed at Georgetown, I felt it was a very cold place, not referring to the weather. The students there wouldn't look you in the eye, walked quickly and quietly, and refused to answer "hello" or "how are you?" I felt more and more uncomfortable the longer I stayed there.

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Cancer society to raise money with 2nd annual Chicken Run

By JOHN FANNING

The second annual Lewis Chicken Run is being held Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. on North Quad. The two-mile road race is held as a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society and also features an obstacle course, free food and performances by several campus bands. According to junior Kristin Baranack, who founded the event last year, "It's a cause that everyone cares a lot about and wants to do something for." Kristin Baranack
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Without necessarily participating in any of the events, Baranack said, "It's not all about raising money, it's about the sense of community achieved through everyone supporting a good cause," she said. Everyone interested should come to show their support and have a good time.

Those interested in participating in either the race or the obstacle course can still sign up in the Lewis lobby from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. today, or anytime after 1 p.m. on North Quad on the day of the race, which does not begin until 3 p.m.

The entry fee for the race is $10 in advance and $12 on the day of the race, while the obstacle course costs $20 for a team of four. All those who participate in the race will receive a Lewis Hall Chicken Run T-shirt, and all money raised by the event will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

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Work features craftswomen as invisible heroines

By SARAH NESTOR

Researching and funding their own project to recognize women's contribution to their communities, Paula Gianturco and Toby Tuttle started a project that kept growing. Visiting 90 craftswomen in 28 villages, 12 countries and four continents, they began to share the pictures and interviews of women working better to their life and the lives of their children.

"My dream was to make invisible heroines visible," Gianturco said in a lecture Thursday at Saint Mary's. "I began dreaming this even though I am not a professional photographer and I was not an author." Inspiration for the project first came from findings by the United Nations that women support 20 percent of families in the world and that 25 percent of families are supported by women solely. Additionally, extremely poor women living below the UN poverty level, less than $1 a day, were able to educate and feed their children.

"Researching the cultures contacts were made so that a translator who would introduce them into the community would meet Gianturco and Tuttle at each country they visited. "We presented ourselves not as reporters or investigators, but as equals, showing the women pictures of families so that there would be a connection," Gianturco said.

"We always compensated them for the same amount of money they would have made while working," Traveling through Turkey, India, Peru, Bolivia and many other countries, the women of the villages had the same wish to provide for their children what had not been provided for them.

"If women have four things, then they are able to make a change: information on health and business and access to capital and a market," Gianturco said.

But as invisible heroines...
Post office closings part of plan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Local post office closings, phased-in price increases and possibly even cuts in six-day delivery are among the suggestions in a postal overhaul plan being sent to Congress.

The proposal calls for a new law converting the post office to a commercial government agency after 2006.

In the meantime, the post office will start changes to cut costs and improve efficiency.

If Congress fails to act, the post office would be forced "to operate under its present increasing outmoded business model until enough customers abandon the system to make financial failure unavoidable," the agency said.

Postmaster General John Potter called the plan a "transformation of the Postal Service to protect universal service and enable us to grow our business."

Battered by declining mail volume and rising costs, the Postal Service had a loss of $1.6 billion last year.

The terrorist attacks and anthrax-by-mail have cost it hundreds of millions more and provide and finance universal service and possibly even cuts in six-day delivery are among the suggestions in a postal overhaul plan being sent to Congress.

Mont. phone probe reaches Washington

Associated Press

HELENA, Mont.

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Potter said that might mean small annual increases for commercial mailers while the public would get an increase every other year or every third year.

The agency also would lift its connection with the Majority Fund last year.

Marti has main- tioned she made no calls from the governor's office in connection with the Majority Fund.

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Asked if that meant six-day delivery was on the block, Moden said the agency would "like some latitude and some flexibility in that area."

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**World News Briefs**

Pope calls for prayers of peace: Pope John Paul II called on the Roman Catholic Church today to hold a world day of prayer on Sunday for the Middle East where, he said, people are suffering "unprecedented violence." In an open letter to Angelo Cardinal Sodano, the Vatican's secretary of state, the pope reiterated his alarm at what he called the "dramatic situation" in the region and said that God can change the hearts of "even the most obstinate of men."

West Bank fighting continues: Israeli tanks and armored vehicles rolled into Hebron this evening, the last major West Bank city to be occupied, while Palestinians and Israelis reported heavy fighting in other parts of the West Bank, including Jenin, where Israeli soldiers were searching house to house for weapons and wanted men.

**National News Briefs**

New Mexico wildfire spreads: Firefighters struggled Thursday to control a lightning-caused wildfire that kindled a 25,000-acre blaze in the Gila National Forest. Firefighters on Sunday decided to keep a close watch on the 100-acre fire while allowing it to burn itself out. The blaze was moving east Wednesday morning and had scorched 10,000 acres by nightfall. The blaze was moving east Thursday near the Arizona state line and about seven FBI employees with access to the Statistics Service reported last month. The survey are the fewest since record-keeping began a century ago, the Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service reported today.

**Indiana News Briefs**

Farm numbers reach record low: The number of farms in Indiana has reached a record low, following a trend in the last three years as the farm economy continued to sag. The 63,000 farms counted last year in a federal survey are the fewest since record-keeping began a century ago, the Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service reported last month. The rounded-off estimate has declined by 1,000 each of the past three years, as farmers continue to sell their increasingly valuable land amid encroaching development and slumping grain prices.

**Palestinians seek Bush initiative**

Amid criticism of his Middle East policy, President Bush Thursday called on Israel to halt incursions into Palestinian-controlled areas and withdraw its forces, and directed Secretary of State Colin Powell to go to the region to revive cease-fire talks.

**Jailed Illinois man seeks release**

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GSU sponsors student health fair this Saturday

By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

The Graduate Student Union is hoping that free food, T-shirts and prizes will lure Notre Dame graduate students, faculty and staff and law and MBA students to its HealthEday fair this Saturday.

The afternoon event features fitness activities, entertainment for children and interactive presentations on stress management, nutrition and immunizations, according to Adrienne Minnerick, GSU health-care committee chair. The activities were originally scheduled to take place on the field between Saint Mary's and Saint Joseph's lakes but wintry weather forecasts for Saturday forced organizers to relocate to Stephen Center. The theme of HealthEday, "Promoting Healthy Lives," marks an attempt by the Health Care Committee to focus on preventative care and maintaining a healthy lifestyle instead of graduate student health insurance - an issue that has dominated the Committee's agenda this year.

"We're trying to address nutrition, health and fitness needs in a variety of ways," Minnerick said. Some of these ways include organized basketball, cricket and soccer games along with exercise activities run by RecSports like classes in kickboxing, martial arts and yoga. GSU has also recruited University and local organizations to run workshops throughout the day. The event corresponds with National Health Week, a move that originally threatened to limit the number of participating organizations.

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GSU has enlisted a number of organizations to give presentations. The University Counseling Center is sponsoring a stress management presentation by Wendy Settle, a stress management specialist, the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) organization of St. Joseph's County is organizing a presentation on nutrition and University Health Services is hosting a wellness and prevention presentation, among other offerings. GSU has been planning the event for the past six weeks and has recruited over nine co-sponsors including Martin's Supermarket, the Alumni Association and the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. GSU president Gabriella Burgos and vice-president Kishori Deshpande helped coordinate the event with Minnerick and web manager Katie Moore, publicity and promotions committee chair Ingrid Villa-Real and administrative assistant Donna Frahn have also been involved in the event. Minnerick originally estimated that 300-500 people would attend the event but is concerned that attendance will drop due to bad weather.

"It's going to be in a warmer place (Stephen Center) so hopefully more people will come," she said. Minnerick hopes that the event will become an annual offering, drawing the large crowds that the GSU/Campus Ministry fall picnic features.

The verbal response we've gotten back in the past few days has been extremely positive," she said. "We're really excited. Come for a fun-filled day dedicated to healthy living." Online signup sheets for organized sports and a schedule of events for the day are available at the GSU website, www.gsu.nd.edu/healtheday.

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SMC will open student intercultural residence next year

By THERESA FRALISH
News Writer

Planning continues for the student intercultural residence, sponsored by the Center for Women’s InterCultural Leadership, to be opened next year at Saint Mary’s College. Funded by a grant from the Lilly Foundation in Jan. 2001 to establish the Center and the student residence, the residency aims to bring together students from diverse backgrounds to share experiences and develop a close community.

"Our hope is that, in creating this program, we’re bringing together women of different backgrounds," said Mana Derakhshani, the Center’s director. Though interest in the program has been small, the Center is continuing to move forward with plans for next year, according to Derakhshani. A block of rooms has been set aside on the fourth floor of Regnina Hall North for the residence program and the Center has begun to consider applications for the position of program director.

Derakhshani hopes to hire a new director with a strong basis in student living and some background in intercultural relations. "We’re looking for someone who has experience in ResLife and who has an interest or experience in dealing with other cultures," Derakhshani said. Applicants must have a master’s degree and will play a major role in designing and facilitating the activities of the students in the residence. The new director may also have some experience in teaching and may help to teach some of the intercultural classes and assist in planning the Center’s summer programs. So far the Center has received about 10-12 applications for the position.

Currently six students have applied for the residence program, and the Center is hoping for an optimum number of 10-12 students that could live in the residence. Though the deadline for student applications passed yesterday, the Center will continue to accept applications. The opportunity to live in the residence has also been extended to incoming freshmen and transfer students.

Derakhshani believes that the Center will receive more applications after the room selection process. "My hope is that after room picks some students may take a look at this," she said. Even if interest remains low, the residence program will still operate with the students who have already applied.

Despite the small response, the students who have been accepted in the planning the Center’s program feel that it will provide a needed opportunity for dialogue and increased diversity awareness.

"I like to support Saint Mary’s in its efforts to support diversity," said sophomore Romona Parks. Parks, also a member of the Student Diversity Board, hopes that interest will increase in the program. "I’d like to see a lot more participation in this publicity," she said.

Freshman Jennifer Hernandez wants the program to draw students out of their typically closed environments. "It will help bring the need for awareness and the need for diversity to this campus," she said.

Students participating in the program would keep regular journals and share small group discussions on their experiences and backgrounds. The students would also have their own budget and funds for programming such as attending conferences. The residence will contain a resource library with videotapes and other informational material on intercultural issues.

At the year’s end each student in the program will receive a certificate of completion. Derakhshani feels that this experience will be a valuable factor for students in completing resumes and graduate school applications. "We think it’s going to be an asset to have this experience," she said.

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Nun talks about work with Islam

By MARY ANN JENTZ
Now Write

Sister Marianne Farina led a conversation about her recent article “Beyond Tolerance: Interfaith Friendship as Ethics in Action,” Thursday at Saint Mary’s, focusing on her work with people of the Islamic faith. Farina, a Holy Cross nun, received her undergraduate education at New York University, where she studied graphic design. Shortly after, she came to Saint Mary’s and taught a course in intensive drawing for a semester.

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Germany gives U.N. Berlin Wall piece

Associated Press

United Nations

Germany presented the United Nations with a piece of the Berlin Wall as a lasting reminder of the world’s Cold War division and a symbol of hope that other barriers between peoples and nations can be torn down.

In the garden of U.N. head-quarters in New York, Secretary-General Kofi Annan and the president of Germany’s Bundestag, Wolfgang Thierse, on Thursday unveiled a plaque on the Berlin Wall fragment, which is decorated with a painting of a man and woman embracing across the top of the wall. The 12-foot-high wall was erected in August 1961 to stop the exodus of East Germans to the West. Its fall on Nov. 9, 1989 — the rebirth of the peaceful revolution in East Germany against communist rule — led to the reunification of Germany less than a year later.

Thierse, who was born in East Germany, said the wall should never be forgotten and painful ways” and he would “like to think the United States has to have a piece of it to ensure that the memory of the Cold War is kept alive. "We owe it above all to the people whose protests against the wall and opposition to being confined within the borders of East Germany cost them their lives," he said, noting that more than 230 people died trying to cross into the West at the wall. Anna and Thierse were appropria- tely that a piece of the wall would be at the U N i n t e r n a t i o n a l N a t i o n s, where the efforts of peace and security were hobbled by the U.S.-Soviet ideological rivalry. The fall of the wall "helped to liberate the entire international community," he said.

Standing in front of the colorful, painted chunk of con- crete, Anne and Thierse stood adjacent to something that seemed so big in our imagination turned out to be so thin."

“Perhaps that, too, holds a lesson for us in the lesson that divisions in the human community are not so insurmountable as we feared, that gaps of misunderstanding and mat- terial well-being can be bridged, and that we can, like the couple depicted here, join hands and unite for a better world,” the U.N. chief told more than 50 guests at the ceremony. Thierse lamented that expectations of "a golden age of peace" after the wall’s fall and the end of the Cold War had not materialized. "Instead, we see rising terrorism and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The Berlin Wall fragment, he said, should be a "reminder to us all that lasting peace can only be achieved if we over- come divisions and borders and have no borders," and that requires "patience, perseverance, determination, and friends and allies."

Nun who worked in Bangladesh brings message on sustainability to students

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Women’s group decries Bush nominee

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

One of President Bush’s nominees for a federal appeals court kept his membership in a private club that bans women years after telling the Senate that he would leave, a women’s group said Thursday.

U.S. District Judge Brooks Smith of Pennsylvania remained in the Spruce Creek Rod and Gun Club 11 years after telling the Senate that he would leave if the club didn’t change its bylaws banning women, said Kathy Miller, president of the Pennsylvania chapter of the National Organization for Women.

“It basically says that he’s not concerned about discrimination against women,” Miller said.

Justice Department spokes­woman Monica Goodling disputed that claim, saying Smith has a “long history of helping to protect women” and noted he has been endorsed by Pennsylvania women’s organizations.

“Judge Smith has a good record of protecting women’s rights,” she said.

Calls to Smith were not immediately returned.

The Justice Department also provided a letter from Smith in 1990 to the club in which judge says he has been “agitating for several years about a change in the Spruce Creek bylaws concerning the males-only restriction.”

The NOW chapter on Thursday sent a letter to GOP Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania outlining its contention. A call to a Specter spokesman was not immediately returned.

A message left on the Spruce Creek Rod and Gun Club’s answering machine was not returned Thursday.

During his confirmation as a U.S. District Court judge in 1985, Smith acknowledged to senators that the federal judge’s code of conduct required resign­ation from clubs that exclude women if the laws were not changed.

Smith “did make an active effort to make a change, but the organization was not responsive to his effort, but he did try to make that change more than once,” said Tom Murphy, the club’s immediate past president.

In addition, the judge’s code also adds that judges do not have to resign from all­male clubs with purely social purpose and limited membership, Justice Department officials said.

Smith is no longer a member of the club, resigning in 1999.

The club is best known nationally as the place where former President Carter used to fish in Pennsylvania while in the White House.

A coalition of feminists, envi­ronmental, civil rights and other special interest groups have been advocating against Smith since his nomination by Bush on Sept. 10. If confirmed he would serve on the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia, which covers Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and the Virgin Islands.

Smith already had a con­firmation hearing but no vote has been set by the Demo­cratic-controlled Senate Judiciary Committee.
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U.N., Bush pass Powell’s trip

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

The U.N. Security Council on Thursday unanimously endorsed the Mideast mission of Secretary of State Colin Powell and demanded an Israeli withdrawal from Palestinian cities "without delay." Diplomats said the council resolution would add weight to President Bush's effort to end the Mideast crisis, and to a resolution adopted Saturday which also calls for Israel and the Palestinians to "move immediately to a meaning­ful cease-fire."

Secretary-General Kofi Annan urged the international community to persuade Israel and the Palestinians to draw back from violence which is threatening the region. Accusing Israel of trying to escalate the 18-month conflict, he warned that self-defense against suicide bombings "is not a blank check."

He said forcing Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat into exile "would be reckless."

Bush announced Thursday he was sending Powell to the Mideast in a new peace initiative, and he urged Israel to halt its military incursions and to start pulling its troops and tanks out of West Bank cities it entered in the past week in a search for Palestinian extrem­ists.

The intensified U.S. mediation effort was announced while Security Council members were discussing an Arab-backed resolution demanding an immediate Israeli withdrawal from Palestinian cities, including Ramallah where Arafat is surrounded by Israeli tanks.

Frustrated over Israel's disregard of a coun­cil demand on Saturday to pull back its forces, Palestinian supporters demanded a new reso­lution including the word immediate — which wasn't in Saturday's call for Israel's military withdrawal.

The United States objected to the word "immediate" because it has been pressing for a cease-fire before an Israeli troop withdraw­al, a position supported by Israel.

After Bush announced his new initiative in Washington on Thursday morning, U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte proposed new language for the Arab-backed draft resolution demanding that Israel pull out its tanks and troops "without delay" and welcoming Powell's Mideast mission.

Arab and non-Arab nations agreed to those words, and the final resolution was sponsored by the council president — not Syria as the council's Arab representative — symbolizing its unanimous support.

The Palestinian U.N. envoy, Nasser Al-Kidwa, said there was no difference in the meaning of "without delay" and "immediate­ly."

"We hope that this will help the situation and that finally Israel will heed the unanimous voice of the international community," Al­Kidwa said.

Israel's U.N. Ambassador Yehuda Lancry said the government would comment on the resolution Friday. He said he wished it had included a reference to Palestinian suicide bombings which is "a crucial issue not only for the Palestinians, not only for the Israelis, but for our civilization. This cultural battle must be stopped."

Lancry told the council before the vote that "Israel pledges to spare no effort to cooperate fully with Powell to make his mission a success to bring about a genuine and meaningful cease-fire that will pave the way for a return to the negotiating process."

The resolution calls on "both parties to move immediately to a meaningful cease-fire, calls for the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Palestinian cities, including Ramallah, and calls upon the parties to cooperate fully with [U.N.] Special Envoy [Anthony] Zinni" to work to get a cease-fire and start negotiations for a political settlement.

It also expressed "grave concern" over the recent Palestinian suicide bombings in Israel and the attack on Arafat's headquarters in Ramallah.

It welcomed Powell's mission as well as efforts by the European Union, Russia and the United Nations, "to bring about a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East."

At the request of the United States and some other countries, a vote on the Syrian-spon­sored draft resolution was put off Wednesday night to avoid a likely U.S. veto because it used the word "immediate."

After renewed Mideast violence erupted in September 2000, the Security Council remained sidelined because the United States, Israel's closest ally, thwarted virtually every effort by the Palestinians to get a resolu­tion that would condemn Israeli action.

U.S. touts coal-bed methane development

Associated Press

DENVER

A Bush administration official said Thursday that the Sept. 11 attacks and Mideast conflicts are the new need to boost U.S. energy production, and coal-bed methane development in the Rockies will help meet that goal.

Assistant Interior Secretary Rebecca Watson said the Bureau of Land Management, which she oversees, is studying the potential of more gas development in five major areas, all in the Rockies, to meet the goals in President Bush's national energy plan.

"After the events of last year, the importance of energy to our way of life, our economy and our national security has never really been so clear as it is now," Watson said.

She gave the keynote address of a two-day conference on coal-bed methane development sponsored by the University of Colorado.

Much of Bush's plan is being debated in legislation before Congress.

Energy demands will continue to rise the next 20 years, and more energy will come from natural gas because it pollutes less, Watson said. Coal-bed methane is an important new source of gas.

Methane gas is produced by pumping groundwater to relieve the pressure trapping the gas in coal seams. Commercial production began in earnest in the 1980s. The San Juan Basin in northwestern New Mexico and southwestern Colorado is the country's largest coal-bed methane producer. The Powder River Basin in northeastern Wyoming and southern Montana is quickly catching up, with about 10,000 wells already drilled and a total of 50,000 pre­dicted over the next several years.

Much of the energy development in the West is on public land. The BLM manages 262 million acres, primarily in 12 Western states, and 700 million acres of minerals. The feder­al government leases the rights to exploit its minerals.

That leads to clashes between energy producers and ranch­ers who lease public land for livestock grazing, or landown­ers who don't own the mineral rights and don't want oil and gas rigs, compressor stations and new roads on their proper­ties.

Watson, an Energy Department lawyer in the first Bush administration, said mineral rights trump surface rights. She said the Interior Department is considering ways to reduce the conflicts between producers and landowners, who com­plain federal and state laws don't adequately protect them.

Watson also acknowledged the negative environmental impacts of coal-bed methane, including the vast amounts of water pumped out of the ground.

Much of the water is reinfused into the ground in New Mexico and Colorado, but nearly all the water in Wyoming is pumped out on the ground because of problems with reinjecting it.

Water users in Montana have protested releasing the dis­charge into streams because a lot of the water is high in sodi­um, which harms crops and other vegetation.
The Observer

Hospital purchase could benefit ND, city

In another effort to both promote the development of South Bend’s Northeast Neighborhood and transfer city land to University property, Notre Dame is considering purchasing South Bend’s St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, which recently announced it would relocate to the Mishawaka area in 2006. If the University carries out the purchase, it could be a worthwhile investment for both the city and Notre Dame as long as the University uses the property to enhance the surrounding community and further its own academic goals.

The University and the Northeast Neighborhood of South Bend have often worked together to establish new programs and centers, such as the Robinson Community Learning Center, that provide a service to the community. The University’s purchase of the hospital would continue this collaborative effort and would both improve the Northeast Neighborhood and enhance the University itself. Notre Dame would have the chance to utilize the location for a variety of purposes and prevent the deterioration of South Bend as business moves out of the core area.

If Notre Dame does purchase the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, the University could create a facility that would advance Notre Dame’s academic goals and attract surrounding community. Buildings should not be abandoned, especially with a prominent university nearby that is capable of using them. Notre Dame should not be expected to bail out South Bend, but if the hospital’s location could be used to help the Northeast Neighborhood, the University would continue to show its commitment to the South Bend community.

Crusading for scholastics

The student body of Notre Dame has always had a reputation of being well rounded students who worked just as hard as any top 10 academic institution, but have not forgotten how to have a little fun at the same time. I am quite relieved that the University administrators are finally getting around to stamping out these nasty rumors. If all goes well, this whole distraction will be tossed out, and we will get back to the business of doing what we do best.

The University needs you, your righteous fury, and you need to go back to campus.

The University had decided to take drastic measures to get rid of the student population. No longer would this campus be overrun by out-going, socializing students. Soon a wave of pure intellectuals, geeks and hermits would take over. To my disappointment, the turnover was not as quick as I had hoped. A few weeks ago, I learned that the University had decided to take another stab at drastically improving the quality of student life at Notre Dame. With an efficient strike, Father Poorman out-did himself and his predecessors. He banned one of the only regularly attended social events left on your campus. Pure genius.

I have no idea what to think. I cannot think of a single good reason that college-aged men and women should be allowed to party each other’s company in a relatively mild atmosphere of sexual tension. The administration was crazy to allow this debacle to go on as long as it did. What a waste of four perfectly good Friday nights each year. Think of the possibilities. With this extra time, maybe another theology requirement could be added now.

My advice to you is this: Students, do not try to fight this. Just sit back and let it happen. There is really nothing you can do. The administrators are too smart for you. They have all of the time in the world to slowly turn this University into just another draconian, Bible-thumping private college. You are only here for four years, and then you leave and a new set of students are pushed into the ivory tower.

We need people, we need students, we need quality of student life at Notre Dame. Should Notre Dame publicly address the recent cases of sexual abuse involving the Catholic Church?

Friedrich Nietzsche

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"After coming in contact with a religious man, I always feel that I must wash my hands."

Friedrich Nietzsche

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Examining the Church in crisis

The recent revelations of ongoing, concealed pedophilia by Catholics priests demonstrate a need for change within the Catholic Church in America. In their efforts to protect priests accused of sexual abuse, Boston Cardinal Bernard Law and others within the Church hierarchy compromised the safety and betrayed the trust of the Church membership throughout the country.

The U.S. Roman Catholic bishops conference proposal for general policy on sexual abuse in the American Church marks one step toward restoring that trust. However, for the Church to survive the ongoing crisis and thrive in the United States in the next century, it must open its doors to the common believer and give its general membership a greater voice within the Church.

Too often, decisions in the Catholic Church are made without consultation or explanation. It seems as though Catholic clergymen assume an aura of infallibility, or hold an expectation of blind faith, which allows them to brush away the questions and suggestions of the Church membership. With each transfer of ex-priest Jim Goughan to another parish to conceal his sexual indiscretions, Cardinal Law operated from and worked to confirm that flawed aura. Law's responses to calls for his resignation reflect the general disregard for the opinion of Church membership, demonstrated by too many Church leaders. "Our faith doesn't rest on the shifting winds of public opinion," he said.

In modern society, Americans have come to cherish their right-to-know. A wealth of knowledge rests in the hands of each individual, on the Internet, on television and in the newspaper. Church members can no longer accept decisions without questions or explanation, nor should they. Law's actions tragically illustrate that the ordained ministers of the faith are human beings as prone to lapses in judgement as the rest of us. As a body of human beings, the Church hierarchy needs to honor the right-to-know of Church members.

The American Church has begun to address the concerns of the public with the release of the names of priests, accused of sexual abuse in other dioceses. However, it needs to move further and openly itself to a truly honest, public debate on the state of the Church in this country.

Here, at the most visible Roman Catholic University in the country, this debate and disclosure of information needs to begin. The administration at this University should openly address the issue of pedophilia in the Church. If any priests associated with this University have connections to the scandal, their names should be revealed. Furthermore, this University needs to foster the open exchange of ideas on sexual abuse within the Church and on questions about Church doctrine that the scandal has evoked. Specifically, has the time come for married and female priests?

The integrity of the education at this University depends upon the public, honest dialogue over the current Church crisis. The mishandling of the cases of sexual abuse by priests has undermined the values upon which learning at this school is based. After 14 years at Catholic schools, I recognize the worth of the theological and value-based education that I have received throughout grammar school, high school and college. As a Church member, I am concerned about the future of Catholic schools in this crisis.

As students at this University, we all should be concerned. On campus, the Church crisis has become lost amidst passing over the new alcohol policy. Yet, for the Roman Catholic majority of the student population, the concealment of pedophilia by Cardinal Law and others stands as a far graver infringement of our rights and trust than the loss of the SYR or the prohibition of hard liquor on campus. Our ignorance of the situation puts the Church and this University at risk to emerge from this scandal weak.

However, by opening its doors, the Church in America could arise from this crisis strengthened. A new commitment to the general membership needs to be made within the Church hierarchy. The future of the Church in this country depends upon it.

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Acknowledging terror, stop pointing fingers in the Middle East

I am frustrated because every time I pick up a newspaper, there is another article trying to figure out who is to blame for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It is worthless to point fingers and assign blame or even to argue politics, when innocent people are losing their lives at the hands of terrorists.

How do we solve this problem? Is it possible for Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to control the terrorist factions within Palestine and stop the suicide-murders? The problem is that he can't. Nor can Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, President Bush or the United Nations. The terrorists' purpose in Israel is to continue killing Israelis, regardless of peace talks, regardless of peace agreements, until there is no longer a State of Israel. Terrorists do not consider the loss of a human life as a true loss.

It makes me sad to think that these terrorists are my peers. 16, 20 and 25-year-olds who feel they have nothing more to live for. Killing themselves and innocent humans is worth more than life to them. Young adults who have suffered so much emotional and psychological abuse, they choose to take their lives in the most horrific of ways, through suicide and murder.

Perhaps if Arafat presented the Palestinian people with a long-term plan that will revitalize their war-torn country, thousands of youth might anticipate living through their twenties. I'd like to see Arafat develop an economic plan for Palestine. Prove to the world that he wants peace and is intent on creating a functioning nation called Palestine. Let's encourage Arafat to build an economic system, create jobs and provide housing and schools for the people of Palestine. Provide Palestinians with the basic necessities in life: food, water, shelter. Perhaps then, the terror will stop.

Comparing Ariel Sharon to Adolph Hitler, or any other past war criminals, is not a fair comparison. Adolf Hitler was intent on creating a new world order and does not claim to be a Nazi. Not only is it disgusting and insulting to the Jewish people, it's not true. Hitler systematically committed mass genocide, killing not only 6 million Jews, but also millions of other non-Jewish groups such as homosexuals, Christians and political prisoners.

We are all college-educated people here — let's stop the propaganda. It won't bring peace to the Middle East. Sharon is protecting his country. I do not claim to have any expert information on the war tactics that Sharon and the Israeli Defense Forces are using in Hamass and other hotbeds of terrorist organization. I do, however, know that a prime minister should stand up and watch his citizens die. It is difficult for me to understand what exactly goes on inside these cities after the Israeli tanks move in. What do news reports and snapshots tell us? What do Sharon and Arafat tell us?

Well, they tell us whatever they want us to believe. Unless you are there, and experiencing it firsthand, you'll never know what the politics for you.

So I suggest we stop talking politics for a second, stop trying to figure out who is to blame and acknowledge the terror. There is no excuse for suicide bombings. There is no excuse for innocent civilians to lose their lives while eating at cafes, shopping at supermarkets, riding on buses or celebrating holy days such as a Bar Mitzvah and Passover. In the last six weeks, hundreds of Israeli citizens have died, in Netanya, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Afula and Haifa, at the hands of suicide-murders.

I don't have a solution for the peace process. Its complexity is filled with horror, anger, love and faith, not to mention politics.

However, the suicide-murders have to stop, for both the children of Israel and Palestine. It will be more useful for us, as human beings, to focus on the importance of saving lives, not pointing fingers.

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By LAURA KELLY
Assistant Scene Editor

In an exceptional gathering of some of Notre Dame's finest actors, the cast of seven men involved in this weekend's production of "Glengarry Glen Ross" boast as talented and testosterone-driven a line-up as the all-star cast of the play's 1992 movie adaptation.

And the fact that these students don't rely on Hollywood credentials or the tricks of film to bring David Mamet's play to life proves their worth when compared to the likes of Al Pacino, Jack Lemmon, Alec Baldwin or Ed Harris.

According to the director, senior Dave Kuennen, the play is about much more than what its seemingly simple context suggests: employees in a real estate office are put at odds over a sales contest in which the winner will receive a Cadillac and two losing employees will be fired.

"The play is about the human tendency to think on an individual level, instead of taking into account other people around you." - Matt Lee

"Unfortunately we don't get too many plays like 'Glengarry' solid, modern plays that still use the standard format," Kuennen said. "When the theatre kids would talk about doing a show like this, 'Glengarry' always came up. This year I said I'm going to make it happen."

Armed with the necessary experience — having acted, directed, stage-managed and even written plays, in addition to reviving the tradition of the First Year Plays as last year's producer — Kuennen assembled an impressive, experienced cast.

"These are truly some of the elite actors of Notre Dame," said Kuennen. "It's almost unheard of to have them all together."

Kuennen assigned the parts, noting that some actors accepted smaller roles than they are used to, just to be a part of the performance.

Rehearsals started the week before spring break, allowing for only four weeks before opening night, as opposed to the eight weeks usually allotted for a main-stage play. Even with several actors involved in other simultaneous productions, Kuennen said the cast sped right through, and despite such time restraints, their professional grasp on their roles is evident from the play's beginning.

Unlike so many action-driven plays, almost the entire first act of "Glengarry" consists of seated actors talking to each other. Yet the audience is drawn in by Mamet's quick, harsh exchanges, and the interplay between the characters swiftly reveals the dark reality of business negotiations and plottings.

In a competitive industry such as real estate, which pits coworkers against each other for commissions, characters like Shelly Levene (played by senior Matt Lee)
become obsessed with the idea of luck in order to win back an edge.

Others, like Dave Moss (senior Brendan Geary), are so embittered that they turn to manipulation and underhanded tricks to get revenge on a company that seems to be sucking the very life out of them.

"Glengarry" paints a bleak yet fascinating portrait of the cruel realities of capitalist business culture: the mind games of negotiation, the dynamics of manipulation and the relentless drive to win, no matter the cost.

The characters themselves illustrate the range of "winners" and "losers" as defined by such a greed-driven world, from the sly and conniving Richard Roma (law student Matt Holmes) to the timid victim of these selfish games, client James Lingk (senior Adel Hanash).

Hated office manager John Williamson (sophomore Tom Conner) and his nervous, underestimated employee George Aaronow (sophomore Mike Federico) complete the office staff, while senior Chris Simott's character Royken throws an interesting twist into the plot.

"With Mamet, it's difficult not to be drawn right in by the first act."

Meg Ryan, stage manager

Lee also cited the author's writing style as both the challenge and the merit of the play. "Since Mamet writes in stream-of-consciousness, the dialogue can be choppy and difficult to act," said Lee. "It's more realistic play I've ever done, and that's the toughest part."

As "Glengarry"'s cast is made up of sophomores and seniors, this weekend's performances will be the last at Notre Dame for some actors. "For my last show at Notre Dame, I couldn't ask for a better, more challenging character to play," said Lee.

Kuennen echoed this satisfaction: "After all this work, I hope tomorrow night will be the pinnacle of my theatre career."

The culmination of their work will take place on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. Tickets for the non-profit production are available at the door for $5.

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Above, Richard (Holmes, left) uses high-pressure sales tactics on the introverted James (Adel Hanash, right) to close a deal. Below, director Dave Kuennen, left, and stage manager Meg Ryan give notes to the cast before beginning a dress rehearsal.
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**Sheffield blasts 3rd home run in Braves’ rout**

Associated Press

ATLANTA

Gary Sheffield homered for the third straight game, and Andruw Jones and Chipper Jones homered during a seven-run sixth inning as the Atlanta Braves beat the Philadelphia Phillies 11-2 Thursday night.

Sheffield, acquired from Los Angeles in an offseason trade for outfielder Brian Jordan and pitcher Octavio Felix, hit a three-run homer in the first inning.

Sheffield has seven RBI this year. After getting three hits, he's batting .462 (6-for-13).

Rafael Furcal and Andruw Jones singled and Sheffield hit the first pitch he saw from Terry Adams (0-1) over the left-center field fence for a 3-0 lead.

The Phillies got to 3-2 off Jason Marquis (1-0) on Mike Liebert's RBI double in the fourth and Scott Rolen's first homer in three straight games off the Los Angeles Dodgers, allowed eight hits, six runs, walked two and struck out six in 5 2/3 innings.

Houston, 6, Milwaukee 3

Lance Berkman tied a club record for home runs at the start of a season with his third in three days, leading Shiel Reynolds and the Houston Astros over the Milwaukee Brewers 6-3 Thursday.

Berkman connected in all three of the Astros' games. Chris Trayub homered in three straight games.

Berkman drove in three runs. He went 2-2-4, raising his average to .462.

The game at Astrodome Field drew 31,528, the smallest crowd in three seasons at the park formerly called Enron Field. That broke the mark set Wednesday night when 23,381 fans showed up.

Reynolds (1-0) allowed two runs on seven hits in six innings.

Jamey Wright (0-1) went 4-3 and allowed four runs on seven hits and six walks. Wright remained winless for his career against the Astros. He is 0-6 with a 6.71 ERA in 10 starts against them.

Berkman’s RBI single started the scoring in the first inning. His two-run homer in the fourth gave Houston a 3-0 lead.

In the fifth, Morgan Ensberg singled and went to third on two passed balls by catcher Paul Bako. Reynolds’ squeeze bunt scored Ensberg for a 4-0 lead.

Richard Hidalgo added a two-run single in the sixth.

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Indiana's 95-94 loss to Atlanta drops Pacers into tie for 8th spot

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Bure scores twice as Rangers defeat Leafs

TORONTO
Pavel Bure scored twice, including the go-ahead goal midway through the third period, leading the desperate New York Rangers to a 4-2 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs on Thursday night.

Bure was standing alone at the side of the net as linemate Eric Lindros fought off a Maple Leaf defender and fed him a loose puck. The Russian sniper easily put in the winner.

Matthew Barnaba added a goal as New York, badly outplayed by Toronto most of the game and outshot 37-24, got its third consecutive win thanks to the solid goaltending of 18-year-old rookie Dan Blackburn.

Lindros had a goal and two assists for the Rangers, who remained five points behind eighth-place Montreal for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. The Islanders, who were outshot 40-16, have four games remaining and the Canadians five.

The Leafs didn't get a shot on Blackburn until Bryan McCabe's slapper from the point was stopped 6:15 into the game.

The Rangers went ahead 2-0 when Lindros set up Tomas Poti's centering pass behind the Leafs goalie Corey Schwab. The momentum then switched in Toronto's favor as the Leafs outshot New York 19-4 during a 20-minute stretch extending into the second period.

Mogilny made it 2-1 early in the second period when he converted a 2-on-1 pass with Travis Green. beating Blackburn on a sharp angle. The Leafs outshot the Rangers 20-5 in the period.

The Rangers scored on the power play with his seventh goal in nine games. with his seventh goal in nine games.

Renberg tied the game 2-2 with his 30th goal of the season when he one-timed a pass from defenseman Hal Gill's skates near the Boston blue line, then cut past Sean O'Donnell, who knocked him to the ice. But as he was falling. Kvaasha shot the puck between goalie Bryon Dafoe's legs.

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Coach Larry Coker said Thursday he wasn't too concerned about the theft.

"Some guy must have lost his welfare check and he's just looking for another source of income," Romberg said. "But if he wants to do that, then he can go to bed every night thinking about selling us out. It really doesn't matter. Every team pretty much does the same thing; it's a matter of who executes the best."

Team officials checked the Internet and found playbook pages scanned on the Web site "Miami's 4-3 Defense On-Line." The site is named after a popular defense in which four linemen are backed by three linebackers.

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Team officials only learned of the theft when they got the playbooks back. Police and FBI officials are involved in the case but have no sus­pects. Sgt. Ed Hudak said Thursday. "The focus of our investiga­tion is twofold," Hudak said.

"How it got stolen and how it got disseminated through the Internet."

Coach Larry Coker said Thursday he wasn't too concerned about the theft.

"The ones we hand out, they pretty much don't have a lot of meat and potatoes," he said. "They do have some basic things in them that are important, but nothing they can't get off of video."

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Irish rowers test the waters of San Diego

By MARK ZAVODNYK
Sport Writer

The Notre Dame women's rowing team will get a break from the blustery weather when it travels to California for this weekend's annual San Diego Crew Classic. The Irish head into San Diego with only one regatta under their belts this spring, a March 16 outing of Tennessee in which Notre Dame won four of five races. On March 23 a big match-up with Michigan State was cancelled because of the weather.

Coach Martin Stone isn't concerned with the team's relative lack of competition coming into the regatta. "We've just not going to worry about it," Stone said. "The Irish have used the time off to fuel their fire for competition. "We are ready to get on the line. (The time off) will help. We are ready to test our speed."

This team returns 22 rowers compared to last year's 19. "It is real important for us to see the other teams," Olsgard said. "Even though some schools in the regatta are higher ranked, this Irish squad believes that it can sneak up on some people."

"The other teams might underestimate us. Our goal is to make it to the Finals," said Olsgard.

The San Diego Crew Classic provides Notre Dame with a chance to prove that it is among the elite crew teams in the country. The Midwest region, which contains teams such as Michigan, Michigan State and Iowa, will prove to be one of toughest regions from which to gain a bid for the NCAA championships.

In distributing invitations, the NCAA selection committee focuses more on the races later in the season. Throughout its 30-year history, the San Diego Crew Classic has been known as one of the few early spring events to have NCAA championship implications.

Olsgard and the rest of the Irish are just ready to race.

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BASEBALL

Ready for the Red Storm

Associated Press

After scoring 28 runs in their two-game series against Valparaiso, the Notre Dame baseball team will look to continue their improvement against St. John's this weekend in their Big East home opener.

Seven of Notre Dame's next eight games will be against Big East foes as the team heads deeper into the conference schedule.

The Irish have reeled off six straight victories on their way to improving their record to 15-10, 3-4 in the conference. Freshman right-hander Chris Niesel is slated to start game one of Saturday's doubleheader, while another freshman, John Asford, should take the hill to begin game two.

Sunday's contest will probably see J.P. Gagne starting on the mound. The three-game rotation may seem slightly different as freshman pitcher Matt Johnson, who has several starts on the season, may move into the bullpen to occupy the much-needed closer role.

Unfortunately for Notre Dame, they will be without starting freshman shortstop Matt Mari for the rest of the season. Mari will have "Tommy John" surgery on his throwing shoulder and will not return this season.

The Irish have already lost freshman shortstop Matt Edwards for the rest of the season to a compound leg fracture.

After suffering several early-season injuries, the Irish are finally settling into their day to day lineup. Senior centerfielder Steve Stanley is leading the team in hitting with a .433 average, while also compiling a .496 on-base percentage.

All-American catcher Paul O'Toole leads the team with five home runs, and his 21 RBIs ties him with third baseman Andrew Bushey for the team lead.

The two teams will play a doubleheader at noon Saturday, followed by the final game of the series at the same time Sunday.
Irish top Illinois-Chicago

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

On Thursday, the Notre Dame softball team finally opened its home schedule to 10-degree temperatures. However, the cold weather could not stop Notre Dame’s hot bats, as Notre Dame beat Illinois-Chicago 11-6.

With the win, the Irish reach .500 at 12-12, and extend their winning streak to four.

Going back to the 2000 home season, the Irish now have a 21 game winning streak at Ivey Field continuing their impressive hitting were senior captain Jarrah Myers and junior Lisa Mattison. Myers went two for two, scored three runs and got on base in all four of her plate appearances.

Mattison drove in a career high four runners and went three for four. She is hitting .300 in Notre Dame’s past four games.

Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf believes the team’s piece together.

“I think they are all believing they have another chance.”

“Illinois-Chicago is the kind of team that can come back at any moment and beat you,” Gumpf said. “We let them in the ballgame. We were dominating them in the first four innings and we let them back in the ballgame and that’s our fault. We got sloppy and we got a little lazy because we were ahead.”

Senior Jenny Steffen Stegelen pictured in the top of the fifth with the score 10-3. Stegelen (9-8) went four innings to pick up the win. She gave up three runs on five hits and struck out three.

The first three batters for Illinois-Chicago reached in the fifth. A single from Amanda Rivera gave the Flames their fourth run of the game. On a wild pitch two runners scored to cut the Irish lead to four. Wisen recovered to retire nine of the next 11 batters she would face and preserved the victory for the Irish.

Notre Dame took advantage of Illinois-Chicago’s sloppy play. The Flames committed five errors — which led to five unearned runs — and had two wild pitches and two passed balls.

Gumpf was surprised with their bad play.

“I think that they are not usually like that,” Gumpf said. “They are a big strong team. They don’t usually make a lot of mistakes.”

This weekend, the Irish travel to play St. John’s and Seton Hall in Big East conference action. St. John’s is 0-2 in the conference while Seton Hall is 4-0.

“Those are big, huge games for us, conference games. They’re both good teams,” Gumpf said. “St. John’s is a really scrappy team. They’ll beat you on a bad day. Seton Hall is a great team. So it’s going to be a huge weekend for us.”

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The Alma Scots brought in some new faces, hoping to find balance between their young and young energy, but they still haven’t found that balance. As they head into Saturday’s match against the Belles, they bring with them only two wins and a preponderance of double losses.

However, with six new freshman faces, Alma may yet find its groove and hit Saint Mary’s with something the team hasn’t seen yet.

“You never know what recruits or new players somebody has,” said Dee Stevenson, Belles head coach. “So you have to be prepared for new players somebody might bring in.

Alma’s Megan Hlavaty may bring the biggest challenge for Saint Mary’s. Switching off at the No. 3 and No. 4 singles spots, Hlavaty has brought home three wins, more than most of the other members of her team.

However, she will be facing off against Saint Mary’s Kaillen Cutler or Kris Spriggle. Both women tend to specialize at the MIAA play and are focused on keeping their records clean. Despite the fact that neither woman has faced off against Hlavaty, some warm-up time may give them enough to get to feel for her game.

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Belles set for home test against Alma

By KATIE MCOY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Alma Scots brought in some new faces, hoping to find balance between their young and young energy, but they still haven’t found that balance. As they head into Saturday’s match against the Belles, they bring with them only two wins and a preponderance of double losses.

However, with six new freshman faces, Alma may yet find its groove and hit Saint Mary’s with something the team hasn’t seen yet.

“You never know what recruits or new players somebody has,” said Dee Stevenson, Belles head coach. “So you have to be prepared for new players somebody might bring in.

Alma’s Megan Hlavaty may bring the biggest challenge for Saint Mary’s. Switching off at the No. 3 and No. 4 singles spots, Hlavaty has brought home three wins, more than most of the other members of her team.

However, she will be facing off against Saint Mary’s Kaillen Cutler or Kris Spriggle. Both women tend to specialize at the MIAA play and are focused on keeping their records clean. Despite the fact that neither woman has faced off against Hlavaty, some warm-up time may give them enough to get to feel for her game.

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“Finally, the team is coming together,” Spriggle said. “Hopefully, our last two matches against Adrian and Olivet, the team is thinking they can play with them. We have a lot of people playing on a surface referred to as Tarzan Turf, complete with lines for basketball and volleyball play.

“You have to learn to adjust to different types of surfaces,” Spriggle said. “If you just go around reminding them how they have to adjust ahead of time. It helps to have experience playing on different surfaces.”

Despite the experience the Belles might be getting playing on various surfaces, being back on a surface they’re used to is a big plus for them.

“It’s nice to play on something that’s familiar with,” Spriggle said. “The courts are very nice.”

The Alma doubles teams have won a total of four matches out of the 16 that they have played this season. Alma’s No. 1 doubles team of Sarah Pipas and Sarah Cutler or Kris Spriggle. Both women tend to specialize at the MIAA play and are focused on keeping their records clean. Despite the fact that neither woman has faced off against Hlavaty, some warm-up time may give them enough to get to feel for her game.

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MEN'S GOLF
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Joining the Irish this year are Akron, Ball State, Bowling Green, Eastern Kentucky, Eastern Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisville, Marshall, Miami (Ohio), Michigan, Ohio University, Ohio State, Toledo, Wisconsin, Wright State and Xavier.

Ratay has been Notre Dame’s top golfer all season with three top-five finishes and five top-20 performances on the year. His average for the year stands at 72.74 which would break the Irish record of 73.13 (Joe Grace, 1955-56), which has stood for 46 years. For his career, Ratay owns a 74.43 average for 96 rounds that ranks him second all-time just .10 off the career-mark of 74.53, which is held by Charles Thurn (1956-58).

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Davis' final three years and hadn't won a bowl game since 1993.
However, Willingham doesn't necessarily think changing offensive schemes or juggling defensive coaches will help.
"The most important change he wants to make involves the coaching staff," he said. "If every­
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meter. Joining Boyd in the 100 is classmate Kristen Dodd, although Dodd will be running more in the 200- and 400-meter this season.

"I think Ayehsa is probably our top 100-meter runner," sprinting coach John Millar said. "We're going to use her as the one to count on."

The 200-meter group features the most depth in the sprinting squad, with Boyd once again leading the group. Joining Boyd in the 200 are senior Liz Grow, junior Ymula Love and Dodd, who make the nucleus of the sprinting team. Completing the 200-meter group are freshmen Latalsha Steele and Tricia Floyd.

"This year is more of a learning process for them," Millar said of Steele and Floyd. "As we get into next year the expectations on those two will be higher."

In the 400-meter, it is essentially the same girls running who ran in the 200 - Boyd, Love, Dodd and Grow.

"We have some depth in these events," Millar said. "In the 200 we're solid with our leadoff, and we have one, and the same in the 400."

The relay teams for the Irish women are phenomenal in comparison with relay teams of the past. The mile relay team consisting of Boyd, Dodd, Love and Grow holds the school record both indoors and outdoors and finished ninth at nationals at the NCAA indoor championships. The 4x100 relay team is essentially the same, with Taneisha King taking the place of Love.

"We should be up in the country in both relays," Millar said.

The last of the sprinting events are the 100- and 400-meter hurdles, in which Gunn and King will be competing. Gunn, who never lost a high school race in the 300-meter hurdles, will be the top runner for the Irish in the 400.

Distance

The distance team for the Irish is young but experienced. The Irish will retain all seven girls who took a combined 19th-place finish at the 2001 NCAA Cross Country Championships. The freshman will have a big impact on the Irish this season. Lauren King and Kerry Meagher had strong indoor seasons, and Christi Arnerich will join them in scoring during the outdoor season.

In the 800-meter, the Irish feature a long contingent of four girls - Lauren King, Kerry Meagher, Ana Morales, and Megan Johnson. Meagher, whose high school best was 15:11.5, has improved her time to 2:12 during the indoor season. Junior Kristin Flood joins the 800 group with a personal best time of 2:15.59.

The 1500-meter group is highlighted by the success of King, who was the only freshman to qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championships this year. During the indoor season, King posted a personal best mile time of 4:44.60 and in her first 1500-meter race of the outdoor season, she ran a ninth-place time of 4:22.89. Both King and Johnson will concentrate on the 1500 instead of the 800 during the outdoor season.

"King and Johnson are the two kids that we're really relying on in the 1500," distance coach Tim Connelly said.

Notre Dame's steeplechase specialists will be Arnerich and Emily Showman. Both are soccer players in high school, which serves them well for the steeplechase. While Arnerich will make her steeplechase debut on Saturday, Showman has already qualified for the Big East meet with an effort of 11:25.36.

Completing the distance team are the 5000- and 10,000-meter runners. Jen Handley has been at the forefront of this group all year, finishing fifth in the 3000 and fourth in the 5000 at the Big East indoor meet. Last weekend, she ran a personal best time in the 5000 with a time of 16:28.5, setting her previous best by 12 seconds.

Also hoping to score for the Irish this season are crosses John Tuccich. Tuccich has consistently been very strong. She competed at the NCAA indoor championships in March, finishing 13th place overall. The pole vault features one of the deepest groups amongst the field events. Juniors Jamie Volkmer and Jill Van Weelden, combined with Hallett all scored in the Big East indoor meet in the pole vault. Volkmer's best in the pole vault is 3.8 meters, which is the school record, while Van Weelden's is 3.5 meters. Volkmer is the sole Irish competitor in the triple jump this year, where she finished sixth-place at the Big East indoor meet with a jump of 39 feet, 2.5 inches. The high jump is another event in which the Irish show depth, with Emily Lovinoski, Betsy Lazzari and Jennifer Kearney all scored in the Big East meet.

The throw events for the women have been greatly improved with the presence of freshman Kate Duman, who set the school record in the javelin in her first collegiate meet with a throw of 126 feet, 7 inches. Junior Andre Duplachan and freshman Lauren BellaVolpe join Duman in the javelin, where all three have qualified for the Big East meet. The girls will also be competing in the hammer, shot put and discus events.

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A pack of Irish runners competes in a meet at Lotusus during the indoor season. The women's team begins its outdoor season at home this weekend.

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Watson, who missed the entire outdoor season last year with a leg injury, is currently ranked fourth in the nation in the 5,000-meters after breaking Shay's school record with a 13:44.92 mark at Stanford. The senior was also the Big East champion in the steeplechase two years ago.

Sophomore Todd Mobley provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships at Stanford. Mobley posted a time of 29:11.35 in the 10,000-meters and placed fifth in the Big East with a time of 29:55.00 in the 5,000-meters during the indoor season.

"He's been working hard since last summer," Shay said of Mobley.

The Irish also are looking for points during the outdoor season from senior Patrick Conaway and sophomore Kevin Somok in the 5,000-meters and freshman Eric Morrison in the 800-meters, an event in which he finished sixth at the Big East Indoor Championships.

Sophomore David Aber and junior Brian Kerwin will be counted on to contribute to the 5,000-meters as well.

Sprints/Hurdles

In the short-distance events, the Irish will be participating short-handed without their most effective sprinter of the indoor season as freshman Dwight Elick, who finished third in the Big East in both the 60-meter and 200-meter dashes, sprains his spring on the football practice field. There is a chance Elick might return for the West Coast trip in late May.

The Irish also will be participating short-handed in the longer sprints, as junior Nicholas Setta, who finished 13th in the Big East in the 500-meters, also returns to football while sophomore James Bracken, the team's best 400-meter runner during the indoor season, has left the team.

Remaining to lead the Irish in the 100- and 200-meters are sophomores Jules Vanderventer and Ryan Hurd as well as senior William "Red" Croker. The Irish might also get some contributions from long jumpers Tom Gilbert and Godwin Mbagwu, who will run the 100 and 200-meter dashes this weekend.

In the 400-meters, the Irish had an impressive showing last weekend at the Purdue Invitational, as four runners crossed the line in the top 20, led by freshman Trevor McClain's seventh-place time of 49:48 seconds. Seniors Mike Mansour and Nick Selim will also be counted on in the quarter mile, while both Croker and Hurd have experience in the event as well.

In the hurdles, the Irish feature talented young athletes in both the 110-meter highs and 440-meter intermediates. In the 110-meters, freshman Selim Nurudeen placed second at Purdue last weekend with a 14.23 second mark after finishing fourth at the Baldy Castillo meet in Arizona a week earlier.

Nurudeen will also be counted on in the 400-meter hurdles, where he finished fifth in Arizona with a time of 53.51 seconds. Sophomore Napoleon Suarez and Mark Barber, who took seventh and eighth in the event at Purdue last weekend, will also be counted on.

Jumps

If the Irish can remain healthy in the jumps, they could do some serious damage.

In the high jump, the Irish are led by junior Quillian Redwine, who tied for third in the Big East during the indoor season when he sailed over the 6-foot-7 mark.

Freshman Chris Staron, a two-time Illinois state champion who tied Redwine at the Big East meet, also will be counted on for points. In the long jump, the Irish are looking for big things from junior Tom Gilbert, who finished sixth at the previous two Big East Outdoor Championships. Gilbert was second in the Big East during the indoor season in the event.

Sophomore Mbagwu, who has struggled with tendinitis in his knees, will be counted on in both the long jump and triple jump. Mbagwu placed 11th in the Big East in the long jump and fifth in the triple jump during the indoor season. Redwine also excels in the triple jump for the Irish, placing sixth at the Big East meet. Just 2.75 inches behind Mbagwu, with a leap of 47-feet-4.5 inches. Junior Scott Kelley also competes for the Irish in the triple jump.

In the pole vault, the Irish are a one-man show named Josh Heck. The senior, who placed seventh in the Big East with a vault of 15-feet-3, is expected to approach the 16-foot mark.

"He needs to finish out his career and be happy with the way he finishes out," jumps coach Scott Winsor said. "I know he's not happy with where he's at right now."

Throws

In the throws, the Irish are led by senior Derek Dyer in the weights and junior Mike Madigan in the javelin.

Dyer placed fifth in Arizona with a career-best toss of 53-feet, 11 3/4 inches in the shot put and also finished sixth with a 156-10 throw in the discus.

Dyer placed second in the Big East in the discus last season.

In the hammer throw, freshman Chip Roberts had a promising start to his outdoor career at Purdue last weekend, throwing 156-5 for a 13th-place finish, tops among Irish throwers.

"We need some of our upperclassmen hammer throwers to step it up a little bit," Chip Roberts threw great for a freshman hammer thrower," Winsor said. "He's doing a good job."

Junior Brian Thornburg, who finished 11th in the Big East in the weight throw during the indoor season, and sophomore Juan Alba also will be counted on for the Irish in the weight throws.

Madigan, who tossed a career-best 200-6 at the Big East Championships last year, finished 13th at Arizona and fifth at Purdue so far this season.

"We're trying to make a couple of technical changes with his throw, it's a timing thing with his release," Winsor said. "I don't worry about Mike, Mike is a heck of a competitor."
Men's Lacrosse

Rebounding Irish return to road at Butler

By Joe Licandro

Sometimes playing on the road is not such a bad thing. Just ask the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team.

After limping to a 1-5 record in the first six games of the season, the Irish found new life last week, with two impressive road victories over Denver and Air Force. The 18th-ranked Irish will find themselves on the road again this weekend as they travel to Indianapolis to take on the Butler Bulldogs.

Sunday's contest marks the third game of a four game road trip for Notre Dame.

"Playing on the road is not always a bad thing," said Kevin Corrigan, Irish head coach. "I think playing on the road can be an advantage. Sometimes it's easier to focus because there's only one thing on your mind to win the game. At home, you have to deal with a lot more distractions off the field."

This game will be a pivotal Great Western Lacrosse League showdown for both teams. Notre Dame currently sits atop the division with a 2-0 record, while Butler is 0-1-0 in league play as a result of an 11-7 loss to Fairfield earlier this season. Sunday's game will be critically important for both teams as they look to remain in contention for the league title.

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Irish attacker

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The key to Notre Dame's recent success has been the play of the offense. After struggling to find ways to score through the first six games, the Irish responded with an offensive explosion in last week's games. After a crushing 15-5 loss to Hofstra, the Irish tallied a season-high 15 goals against Denver, and followed that performance with nine goals against Air Force.

"This has been giving us a wake-up call. We prepared real well in practice for Air Force and we expect it to be a tough game," said Chris Richez, who scored three goals and added an assist.

"Before last week, our second midfield only scored three points all season." - Corrigan

"Last week, Travis Wells and Chris Richez, along with Owen Mulford and John Mulford, played great. We don't have any superstars on offense so everyone needs to contribute for us to win." - Corrigan

Richez echoed the sentiments of his coach, citing the strong week of practice as the reason for the offensive explosion.

"This team has really grown a lot since the beginning of the season," said Richez. "The loss against Hofstra was a real wake-up call. We prepared really well in practice for Air Force and Denver. We need to keep practicing hard as we get ready for Butler."

The Irish players know they must maintain their intensity if they hope to come away with a victory against the Bears.

"We can't really worry about who we play," said freshman attacker Chris Richez. "We just need to play our game whether it's against Virginia or Butler. We have to play each game the same way in order to be successful." - Corrigan

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Spring into action

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

There is a cloud hanging over the Notre Dame football program that Tyrone Willingham intends to blow away — right away.

"We've got the best tradition, the best history, the best football lore in the country. Nobody else matches it," the new head football coach said last week. "You hear other coaches talk about it, this is the Mecca. So why don't we act like that? Why don't our mindssets say that? Why don't we have that type of feeling and spirit when we talk about this program?"

As the Irish begin their 15-day spring practice schedule Saturday, Willingham faces tremendous pressure from fans, alumni, students and himself to direct the Irish football program back to national prominence. Even before George O'Leary's resignation in December caused a public-relations nightmare, Notre Dame had two losing seasons in former head coach Bob烤的 all-time records and countless track and meet records around the country. They set records in every aspect of the football game and settling for nothing less than his players' best.

Now the only thing Tyrone Willingham has to do is carry out his promises. And carry them out at an especially critical time in the history of Notre Dame football.

As any Notre Dame fan knows, 1988 was the last time Notre Dame's football team brought home a national championship — 14 seasons ago.

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