Bookstore teams find their names censored

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Senior Staff Writer

Junior Brandon Griffith was very surprised to learn the name for his Bookstore Basketball team had been censored by Student Activities.

His team’s name wasn’t profane.

His team’s name wasn’t sexually explicit.

His team’s name wasn’t racist, sexist or anti-homosexual.

Nevertheless, Student Activities struck Poor Man’s Blanket from the list of Bookstore Basketball team names and replaced it with Team 26.

“We made the name with the intention that even Father Marki Poorman (vice president for Student Affairs) would get a laugh out of it,” Griffith said.

Poor Man’s Blanket was one of about 70 teams that were censored by Student Activities this year.

All references to Poorman were removed from the list as well as other names deemed too sexually explicit, insulting or profane.

“There is no policy to eliminate names that had ‘Father Poorman’ in them.”

Brian Coughlin, director of Student Activities, said that there are no set guidelines for determining what teams will and will not be censored. The list of team names is passed through three people — Bookstore adviser Melvin Adams, Coughlin and Peggy Linatoka, assistant director of programming for Student Activities, and each person crosses out a name he or she deems inappropriate.

Coughlin identified the specific reasons for why certain names were banned since he had to look at so many different names.

He said the “Poorman” names were removed because there is a general policy that Bookstore Basketball team names should not contain the name of another person without that person’s permission.

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Intercom founder speaks on N. Ireland experiences

By MEGAN MARTIN
News Writer

Imprisoned at 17 without trial for being a Catholic youth in a section of Belfast where it was an unofficial crime, Liam Maskey visited the Law School yesterday to share his experiences of living in the Northern Irish town of North Belfast, one of the most explosive and violent locales of the clash between Catholics and Protestants in that country.

Co-sponsored by the Law School’s Irish Law Society and the University’s Keough Center for Irish Studies, Maskey’s talk centered on the current state of affairs in his native Northern Ireland, as well as his recent efforts to remedy the intense hostility in local neighborhoods through his collaborative Intercomm initiative.

While introducing the speaker, outgoing Irish Law Society president John Murphy detailed the personal tragedies that Maskey, one of seven children, endured during his years in North Belfast, confronting enmity and violence with every corner he turned. “Despite that, he chose a path of peace,” Murphy said.

In response to what he saw as an escalation of the deep-seated antagonism between Protestant and Catholic neighbors in his community, Maskey founded, in cooperation with Billy Mitchell, his Protestant counterpart, Intercomm, an inter-communal development project.

“An intercomm is a mode of dialogue,” Maskey said, stressing the significance of the program’s nomenclature. Established in 1995 in the context of the peace process, Intercomm is, according to Maskey, the result of an absence of a grassroots communications campaign.

Clark, Kroener design memorial

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Assistant News Editor

Four hours before the deadline for the School of Architecture’s Sept. 11 Memorial Design Competition, the winners had not yet decided to enter the contest.

Over Easter break, winners Kevin Clark and Meg Kroener, both fifth-year architecture students, conceived ideas to create a circular space on South Quad below ground level, accentuating the flagpole and providing space for quiet reflection. They decided to formalize this idea into a design only after hearing various professors’ concerns that there would not be enough entries to the competition.

“I am really glad that Kevin said something about entering the competition. The night before, professors had been concerned about getting enough entries. Once we decided to enter, we had two ideas in seconds. It was nice we could work together to synchronize our ideas and enter the competition,” said Kroener.

A design jury consisting of six members, including Indiana Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan, chose on April 5 Clark and Kroener’s submission, “A circular base and a circular bench on the outer circumference of the memorial,” as the best of 20 entries.

“Instead of just having a pure base for the flagpole, our design creates a sort of a room on the quad, where you will be sitting two feet below the ground level and can quietly reflect.”

Kevin Clark
architecture student

Meanwhile, the Bookstore teams were surprised that their names were censored.

“N. Ireland experiences” was also removed from the list of names.

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Entertaining angels

Angels. They're mentioned in our prayers. They're mentioned in the Bible. They bring messages to about good and bad news. They help us and guide us on the road of life. They protect us and make sure that we are safe. One picture of angels that comes to mind is of two children walking across a bridge, followed by an angel, arms spread, making sure they are safe on their journey. It shows us what ever-present life they are and how they are constantly around us.

In the song "Angels" by Newsboys, a Christian alternative group, they tell of how the angels are all around, in all the big and little things that happen, "24-7 you wait for me."

Oh, when we prepare to beworking, she's going to get all religious on us, and tell us that they are everywhere and at all times. Well, since angels are a religious subject, it would be hard not to bring in religion when talking about them.

Think about it. They pervade our thought, our art and the way we conceive of the supernatural. They appear in statues and pictures of them in our art museums. They are in the movies we watch, for instance, "Michael," "City of Angels," "Dogma" and "The Preacher's Wife." There are even shows that have angels in them, like "Touched by an Angel." They have been made a part of our culture. Why should discussing this make us uncomfortable? Why do we deny their real presence?

I'm not trying to push religion on anyone, or make them believe in something they cannot see. Why do I bring it up? I would like to show you how how there are angels that we can see, in our everyday lives. I want to show you how many angels are out there in our lives, making things better, making things work, helping us along.

I'm not crazy. If you think about it, when was the last time you had someone in one of your classes help you with an assignment because you didn't know what to do? Or were you one of those people who helped your classmates to understand? Have you had someone you didn't know give you directions or help you pick up something you'd dropped? Was there ever someone who just listened to you when you needed to vent? Someone who helped you through a tough time? Believe it or not, angels are disguised as people.

If you look back at my first definition of an angel, they help, guide, and protect us. They are our friends, knowing our troubles and our happy times. We all entertain angels... we eat dinner with them, sing with them, talk about our happy times. We all entertain angels...

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This Week in Notre Dame History

Tuesday, April 11, 1978

Notre Dame's refusal to comply with a subpoena yesterday has sent the hearing concerning unfair labor practices against the University to the Federal Court. The hearing, held at the Country-City Building, in South Bend, will not continue until the issue of the subpoena is resolved.

Harvard admissions unwaryed by roses, gifts

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

Faced with the daunting task of standing out in a crowd of nearly 20,000 Harvard University applicants, some students each year resort to gimmicks to get just a little more attention.

Over the years the admissions office has collected a "colorful set of items" from applicants, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid William Fitzsimmons said — including various desserts, a size 17 athletic shoe and a photo of one applicant's bedroom wall, painted crimson to show school spirit.

This year's round of admissions, which concluded last week and saw a record 19,605 applicants, brought in equally memorable items, some verging on the ridiculous.

According to Fitzsimmons, there are now guide books that instruct students on how to get noticed in the application process, which is often viewed as impersonal.

But these instruction manuals often inspire students to go over the top to catch the attention of the Harvard admissions committee. Fitzsimmons said:

"If people think we don't read the folders," Fitzsimmons said. "I don't think we don't read the folders."

Some familiar with the admissions process attribute the gimmicks to media attention paid to applicants who employ such marketing strategies to catch the eye of the admissions office.

"Whenever someone does a crazy stunt, everyone's crease of an angel," said Connie Cooper, founder of College Foundation Planners Inc., a college counseling service based in California.

"But these games don't work."

According to Cooper, reputable college counseling services are not likely to advise applicants to resort to such tactics.

Nevertheless, some applicants still feel compelled to mount a campaign to win the admission committee's vote.

Harvard Crimson

Religion holds back Nebraska coach

LINCOLN, Neb.

In early January, shortly after Miami crushed Nebraska in the Rose Bowl, Nebraska assistant football coach Ron Brown journeyed to a Los Angeles hotel to interview for the coaching job at Stanford. But he didn't get any further than the initial interview. The reason: his religious views, among other things, were incompatible with Stanford's liberal student body and active gay community. "This religion was definitely something that had to be considered," said Alan Glenn, Stanford's assistant athletic director of admissions.

But Stanford's gay student leaders were more blunt in voicing their opinion on the ridiculous. The last time you had someone in one of your classes help you with an assignment because you didn't know what to do? Or were you one of those people who helped your classmates to understand? Have you had someone you didn't know give you directions or help you pick up something you'd dropped? Was there ever someone who just listened to you when you needed to vent? Someone who helped you through a tough time? Believe it or not, angels are disguised as people.

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I know that I have several angels out there watching over me. You all know who you are. You have those who look out for you during the night, face my terrors, open my heart and live more fully. Are you listening tonight, you are wonderful. The things you have seen through have helped me so much; I won't let go of all you've taught me.

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ND grads inspire black filmmakers

By T. MUSETT JOHNSON

Christine and Michael Swanson, a married couple and 1994 Notre Dame graduates, returned to campus Thursday to discuss their work in independent cinema.

The Swansons headed the Los Angeles-based production studio Faith Filmworks, Inc., directed and produced the 2001 short film "All About You," which recently was named the grand jury prize winner at the Hollywood Black Film Festival. The short, low-budget film features many well-known actors, most notably actresses Debbie Allen and Renee Goldsberry.

As young filmmakers, the Swansons discussed the trials and tribulations of producing their first feature film as well as stressing the importance of helping other filmmakers in the future.

"We want to pave the way for other African American filmmakers," said Michael Swanson.

In the summer of 1999, Christine Swanson started writing the screenplay for "All About You," while her husband worked on finding funding for the film.

"Many investors are weary of investing in independent films because they want to be sure of making a profit," Michael Swanson said.

With the help of one major investor, the film was produced on just under a $2 million budget. The Swansons had to jump the hurdle of finding a cast that would be able to carry the film and make it more marketable.

"Many actors will often bring their audiences with them, which, sometimes will make them more desirable when casting roles," Christine Swanson said.

She added that Debbie Allen decided to help the young couple, telling them she would be more than happy to play a role in their film, but she only accepted small payment in exchange for her work.

The Swansons said they also face the problem of distributing their film.

"Distributors feel there is not a market for African American love stories and films in a.m.," Christine Swanson said.

They say that it is hard to market such films because it is out of the norm of the usual African American film and television programs that commonly depict the use of drugs and violence.

As a result, the Swansons have decided to distribute independently, initially opening the film in Chicago theaters and possibly branching out from there later in the year.

Christine Swanson, as a young undergraduate, was not planning on going into the film business. She started out as a finance major and eventually switched to a communications and theatre major.

"I was initially intimidated by all of the male students in my film classes. I would always pray that the class would run out of time before any of my work could be screened," she said.

However, she said a guest speaker on campus, noted director Spike Lee, inspired her.

"Hearing Spike Lee inspired me to attend New York University for graduate school," she said. "If Spike Lee went there, I was going there."

Michael Swanson had intended to go to seminary school. Upon his graduation, however, he soon found that he wanted to do something else. Taking a job at NBC in New York, he was able to help his wife produce her short films at NYU.

"He often would come to my night classes with me, and he was always there for guest speakers," she said. "It was almost as if we got two film educations for the price of one."

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Nominations should be sent (emails are accepted) to Mary Beckman, Ph.D., Director of the Social Science Research and in the Campus of Science and Engineering, by no later than April 15th at 5pm.

Rodney Ganey, Ph.D., who is funding this award, served as Associate Director of the Social Science Research and in the Campus of Science and Engineering from 1980 to 1996. He is now President of Ganey Associates, the nation's leading research firm specializing in patient satisfaction measurement.

Campus vandalism increases recently

By JOHN FANNING

News Writer

There has been an increase in reported cases of vandalism around campus during the last few weeks, according to the Rev. Dan Mandel, executive vice president and police director of Notre Dame Security/Police.

However, Rakow said that campus police officers are aware of the recent occurrences, and have begun to monitor certain areas more closely and increase patrols.

He also added that awareness of the problem on campus is one of the best resources that his department has.

"Father's prevention is a community effort, not just on the part of law enforcement and security," Rakow said.

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Bush meets Chinese Vice President: China's Vice President Hu Jintao, the heir apparent to President Jiang Zemin, will meet with President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney on May 1. Bush's trip was announced when Bush went to Beijing in February. The White House formally said Thursday that Hu will meet his counterpart, Cheney, to discuss an array of issues.

Venezuelan troops invade airport: Army troops seized key installations and the airport in Caracas late Thursday to keep President Hugo Chavez from leaving the country. Earlier in the day, National Guard troops clashed with pro-opposition gunmen and participants in a 150,000-strong opposition march. At least 12 people were killed and as many as 110 wounded, officials said.

**National News Briefs**

L.A. police clear Calif. Cardinal: Police dismissed a mentally ill woman's claim Thursday in Fresno that she was molested 32 years ago by Los Angeles Cardinal Roger Mahony. Lt. Dwayne Johnson said there was no physical evidence or witnesses to support the allegation made last month by Flora Mae Hickman, who said she had been diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic. Hickman, 51, of Fresno, said Mahony sexually assaulted her when she was a student at San Joaquin Memorial Catholic High School in 1969.

Chicago court asks for disclosure: A federal judge has given the Justice Department until Tuesday to explain why it must use secret evidence, so far shown only to the judge, against an Islamic charity accused of having terrorist links. The government has maintained in a similar case that revealing such evidence in open court could jeopardize national security.

**Indiana News Briefs**

Hospital opens after abuse claims: The Evansville State Hospital has reopened this week and a report sent to the Indiana Department of Mental Health determined there was no merit to the allegation. An investigation by the Indiana Department of Mental Health confirmed there was no merit to the allegation. An investigation by the Indiana Department of Mental Health confirmed there was no merit to the allegation. An investigation by the Indiana Department of Mental Health confirmed there was no merit to the allegation. An investigation by the Indiana Department of Mental Health confirmed there was no merit to the allegation. An investigation by the Indiana Department of Mental Health confirmed there was no merit to the allegation. An investigation by the Indiana Department of Mental Health confirmed there was no merit to the allegation. An investigation by the Indiana Department of Mental Health confirmed there was no merit to the allegation. An investigation by the Indiana Department of Mental Health confirmed there was no merit to the allegation. An investigation by the Indiana Department of Mental Health confirmed there was no merit to the allegation. An investigation by the Indiana Department of Mental Health confirmed there was no merit to the allegation. An investigation by the Indiana Department of Mental Health confirmed there was no merit to the allegation. An investigation by the Indiana Department of Mental Health confirmed there was no merit to the allegation. An investigation by the Indiana Department of Mental Health confirmed there was no merit to the allegation. An investigation by the Indiana Department of Mental Health confirmed there was no merit to the allegation. An investigation by the Indiana Department of Mental Health confirmed there was no merit to the allegation. An investigation by the Indiana Department of Mental Health confirmed there was no merit to the allegation. An investigation by the Indiana Department of Mental Health confirmed there was no merit to the allegation. An investigation by the Indiana Department of Mental Health confirmed there was no merit to the allegation. An investigation by the Indiana Department of Mental Health confirmed there was no merit to the allege...
House approves pension reform bill

WASHINGTON

Legislative efforts to give workers greater control over their retirement plans have emerged as a key issue for both Republicans and Democrats this year. Congress is considering a number of proposals that would allow workers to choose between traditional defined benefit pensions and personal retirement accounts, such as 401(k)s.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the AFL-CIO each built their headquarters within a few blocks of the White House, but their position on the nation’s largest business lobby has been a sticking point for Congress. Republicans oppose that plan because it requires them to stop making matching contributions to their employees’ pension plans. The White House said in a statement that “Republicans believe that workers should have greater control over their retirement savings, and that workers’ savings should be insulated from the market fluctuations that they face in the stock and bond markets.”

Democrats are concerned that corporations might use the new retirement law to cut back on their contributions to their employees. The Senate Finance Committee has been working on a bill that would give workers the option to invest in 401(k) plans and more control over their retirement savings. The Senate also approved a bill that would provide employers with incentives to encourage workers to save for retirement.

The Senate Finance Committee released a report on the proposed legislation that found that workers who switch from defined benefit pensions to 401(k)s would see a significant increase in their retirement savings. The report also found that the new law would save the government billions of dollars by reducing the cost of administering retirement plans.

The House approved a similar bill in late March, but the Senate has yet to take action. Both chambers are expected to begin work on the legislation in the next few weeks.

The bill would allow workers to choose between traditional defined benefit pensions and personal retirement accounts, such as 401(k)s. The bill also includes provisions to improve the nation’s retirement system by increasing the amount of money that workers save for retirement and by ensuring that workers have access to appropriate retirement planning advice.

The bill has been endorsed by a number of organizations, including the American Bankers Association, the American Association of Retired Persons, and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. The bill is expected to be signed into law by the end of the year.

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Women leaders promote social change

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer

Joanne Kane, CEO of McAuley Institute, and Louis Garcia, Associate Dean of the Latino Studies Department at Notre Dame, spoke together Thursday in a forum about the importance of women as community leaders.

The forum, "Women as Catalysts for Social Change: Women's Leadership and Community Development," allowed the women to share their ideas about how communities can work together to fulfill their needs.

A grant has allowed Puente to work with community members, especially immigrants, so that everyone is involved in building the kind of community they would like and still be able to afford it. Puente does this through surveys of what the community needs.

"The community can decide for itself what it needs and what it is capable of doing," Joanne Kane said.

"We work in public policy for not only the immediate needs of the community but for the future," Joanne Kane and Sister Jean Forkin of the McAuley Institute will be discussing opportunities for internships and how students can become involved in the new college-level of the National Network for Women in Community Development today at noon in the Wedge Room of the dining hall.

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ND opts not to formally affirm workers’ rights

By JUSTIN KRIVICKAS
News Writer

Notre Dame has rejected a proposal by the Progressive Student Movement for the University to make a formal statement affirming the rights of workers in the Catholic tradition.

Since its inception, the PSA has been working on labor issues. There was the sweatshop campaign, fair trade coffee and taco-bel boycotts ... but throughout this year, we have been talking to labor and taking in their concerns. Just as the logical next step would be on campus," said Paul Graham, PSA co-president.

On March 20, the PSA sent the proposal to University President Edward Malloy's office and requested that the school consider the proposition and act by April 4. The letter stated that in keeping with Catholic teachings, the University should make a statement that adheres to Catholic social teaching on the rights of labor and also that it won't hinder or help the workers of the University. Thus, the University will have a firm basis in order to respect the dignity of all labor on campus.

"If they make a statement, especially one that could be legally binding, there is a base on which the labor and those sympathetic to their conditions could start," said Graham.

On April 4 University spokesman Dennis Moore sent a letter to the PSA rejecting their request. The letter asserted that the University does recognize the dignity of each of its employees to organize and form unions and said the University did not agree with the PSA's proposal.

"If the University were to believe that organizing was in the best interest of a group of workers, why would we not seek to help in that? On the other hand, if we did not believe that such a move was in the workers' interests, why would we (the University) not say so, consistent with the law?" Moore wrote.

Charles Wilber, professor of economics, said that the University's statement issued by Dennis Moore was reasonable. "It confirms the University's acceptance of Catholic social thought: Of course, doesn't pledge to help its workers organize or raise their pay. I think asking the University to make a public statement was not an appropriate tactic."

Graham and other members of the PSA are not discouraged by Notre Dame's response but will seek to get clarification of the letter they received.

"We are trying to get a hold of the University to clarify their statement," said Graham.

"What we need to do is work on organizing the labor on campus for support. Currently the University requires that all its suppliers and vendors give workers the right to organize into unions but it currently does not extend this right to its own workers. The PSA proposal requests that Notre Dame guarantee its employees the right to organize."

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NATIONAL ALCOHOL SCREENING DAY

DRINKING MORE AND ENJOYING IT LESS?

Today, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education (OADE) will provide brief, confidential alcohol screenings for students.

Screenings will take about 15 minutes, no appointment necessary. The office is located at 311 LaFortune Student Center.

Students may also participate in an on-line confidential drinking survey at www.fau.edu/student/aod. Immediate feedback provided.

By JILL MAXBAUER
News Writer

For the first time in its history, Flipside has elected a Saint Mary's student as co-president of the alcohol-free campus club.

Saint Mary's freshman Liesl Yost and Flipside's freshman Margaret Doig were elected co-presidents of Flipside.

While a Saint Mary's student is not allowed to run for president of a Notre Dame club, she is allowed to run with a Notre Dame student to hold a joint leadership position.

"Thankfully, one of my friends [Doig] had already spoken to me about meeting with her, and we wanted to run as co-presidents because it worked so well this past year," Yost said.

During falsy, it may sound unusual to have two fresh­men as presidents, but everyone says the younger members to get as involved as they can. It works out really well ... and we now have multiple ex­presidents who are knowledgeable upper classmen to lead," Yost said.

"As for Liesl herself, she is very hard-working and intel­ligent," Yost said. "I'm lucky for having one of these knowledgeable upper classmen to lead.

"For the club to succeed, it is important that we have two students. To help the club grow and be successful to continue to work with this team. The club has been growing for years."

The club was founded to promote positive alter­natives to students.

"They make socially conscious and positive choices," Yost said.

"The alcohol-free environment gives us all the opportunity to work with her this way. We've only seen in office a very short time, but we have already found various goals to tackle."

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"Our main goal is to show that drinking isn't necessary to have fun, and we continue to offer a positive social environment for those students who choose not to drink," Yost said.

Yost believes Flipside has more of a presence at Saint Mary's this year because of the housing of several events, including a Hollywood dance and a toga party.

"BOQ (Saint Mary's student government), has also been involved in making Flipside's presence known by co-spon­soring some of the events, which obviously play a big role," Yost said. "But that is not to undercut the roles that SMC have taken in the club itself. It makes sense that as Flipside and SMC work together getting more students working with Flipside that the role will be a bigger one.

"Flipside moved one of its main events to another day because it would have conflicted with our all-school formal. It is important for SMC students, I doubt it would have been addressed at all."

Flipside sponsors alcohol­free events on campus. This weekend the improv group "Comedy Sportz" from Chicago will be performing.

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Cuban diplomat and his family vanish in Panama

The Bush administration is monitoring negotiations aimed at winning the release of two Americans who have been held hostage by rebels in the Philippines for nearly a year, senior U.S. officials said Thursday night.

The officials said that the negotiations were conducted by a group known to the rebels and that the talks were at a delicate stage. The negotiations, first reported by The Washington Times, come less than a month after the State Department acknowledged a growing threat of kidnappings across the world and announced a change in the United States’ decades-old hostage negotiation policy.

The Bush administration shifted the policy by pledging to “make every effort” to gain the release of any American kidnapped overseas. Previously, the U.S. government focused on protecting its diplomats and workers around the world and didn’t review every private kidnapping case “to the extent to which it would be examined now,” State Department Richard Boucher said.

But the State Department also reaffirmed its commitment to some parts of the original policy, ruling out paying ransom or making other concessions. It advised corporations with kidnapped employees to do the same.

The officials said they were encouraged by evidence that the two missionaries were still alive.

Abu Sayyaf, a Muslim extremist group with links to Sept. 11 suspect Osama bin Laden, is hiding Martin and Gracia Burnham of Wichita, Kan., and Ediborah Yap, a nurse from the Philippines. The negotiations, first reported by The Washington Times, come less than a month after the State Department acknowledged a growing threat of kidnappings across the world and announced a change in the United States’ decades-old hostage negotiation policy.

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But the State Department also reaffirmed its commitment to some parts of the original policy, ruling out paying ransom or making other concessions. It advised corporations with kidnapped employees to do the same.
Military uses NASA images in combat missions

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

The Navy has been using NASA satellite data to help guide ships and planes in the war in Afghanistan.

This marks the first time the military has employed the space agency's up-to-date information in combat, Navy officials said on Thursday.

Some in Congress have expressed concerns that NASA risks overstepping its 44-year-old civilian charter, though military planners say the images they have been using are unclassified.

That information is available to "anyone and everyone," including a host of federal agencies and foreign governments, said NASA spokesman David Steitz.

He said NASA has no qualms about the military's use of the images, which was first reported this week in Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine.

"Our nation's at war. We're part of the federal government," Steitz said. "If that helps save American lives, great."

The military used NASA satellite images in the Gulf War, but that information was archived, not recent.

In Afghanistan, the images have been especially helpful in spotting swirling clouds of dust that cause hazardous conditions for U.S. pilots and ships involved in the battle, Navy officials said.

In October, the imagery helped commanders steer carrier battle groups out of dust storms in the Arabian Sea that had limited visibility to three feet.

The satellite data is also being used to study weather conditions that could hamper laser- or optically guided weapons.

Sean O'Keefe, NASA's new administrator, appointed by President Bush, has called for closer ties with the Pentagon since he took over the post earlier this year.

Sen. Barbara Mikulski, a Maryland Democrat who chairs the committee that funds NASA, has expressed reservations about the growing cooperation between the military and the space agency.

"We've got to be very careful about the historic firewall between military space and civilian space," she told O'Keefe during a joint visit at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland earlier this year.

She added, however, that she does not have a problem with the Pentagon's use of NASA's unclassified data.

Others in Congress supported the project.

"All Americans and civilian agencies are being asked to do their part to help in the war effort," said Rep. Dave Weldon, whose district includes the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

"I commend the administration in employing NASA and any and all capabilities of the federal government to win this war on terrorism."

Oregon teen arraigned in psychologist death

BANDON, Ore.

A 14-year-old boy was arraigned on charges of raping and clubbing to death a 52-year-old psychologist whose body was found on a beach.

The suspect lived several miles from the spot where the body of Judith Elman was discovered Sunday, said R. Paul Frasier, chief deputy district attorney for Coos County.

Raymond Perkins, is charged with aggravated murder, rape, sexual abuse and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. The last charge stems from a joy ride police say he took in Elman's car after she was killed.

The boy was arraigned in juvenile court. He is too young for his case to be automatically remanded to an adult court under Oregon's mandatory sentencing guidelines.

Outside the courtroom, the boy's mother, Patricia Perkins, said her son "obviously needs medical care."

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Turbulent times on campus

Gary Caruso
Capitol Comments

These are turbulent times on the Notre Dame campus.

Students have been reacting to newly announced restrictions on alcohol consumption, dormitory functions and social gatherings. Following several protest demonstrations, student government leaders have attempted to seek a place at the table when the policies are written in detail this summer. Thus far, it appears that University officials will offer lip service to the students and turn a deaf ear on them.

Student government leaders should closely follow the schedule of University President Father Edward Malloy. If they had, they could have foreseen that Malloy, co-chairman of a study by the nationally constituted Task Force on College Drinking, was forced to institute changes on his campus before suggesting changes for others.

The task force of researchers, college presidents and student leaders was convened in 1998 by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, part of the National Institutes of Health. It would have been nice for Malloy, as co-chair, to have included a Notre Dame student to bring the unique du Lac experience to the table.

The study's numbers are impressive. The task force estimated that drinking by college students contributes to 1,200 deaths each year, 500,000 injuries and 70,000 cases of sexual assault or date rape. Also, 400,000 students between 18 and 24 years old reported having had unprotected sex as a result of drinking.

The more interesting statistics are the top categories of abusers. Freshmen, sorority sisters, fraternity brothers and athletes are the worst abusers of alcohol consumption and presumably the dead, injured, aggressors and rape victims.

Notre Dame, with no fraternities or sororities, could have opted to use that fact to focus its new policy on the alcohol aspect. Rather, it chose to customize its policy to limit dormitory functions such as the time-honored SYR traditional times.

Rather than focus on actual campus situations, Malloy was quoted referring to students on spring break vacation by saying, "All you have to do is look at a couple of cable television channels who cover spring break where endless groups of drunken students get up and say 'I'm having the greatest time here' and then you recognize on the basis of those statistics that the failure of the great time is." As it has in the past during my undergraduate years, a student was recently injured in a bar brawl. The student wondered if attending Notre Dame was the right decision. The student said that all the student government leaders wanted was a place at the table to contribute positively to the debate.

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writer

Clayton Swope
Sorin Hall
April 11, 2002

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Israel encouraging terrorism

This letter is written in response to Luke Burke's April 11 letter.

Ariel Sharon and his government have systematically undermined the authority of Yasser Arafat through military strikes and incursions into the territories to the point where his grip over Palestinian affairs virtually no longer exists. Sharon has all but eliminated that ability of the only Palestinian leader who has ever voiced any desire for a lasting peace with Israel to govern his own people and in the process set the stage for the ascension of militant organizations such as Hamas to fill the power vacuum as the new representatives and voice of the Palestinian people.

Sharon has ordered attacks on the entire security and governing institutions that maintain what little stability existed in the region and destroyed Arafat's ability to comply with any Israeli demands to reign in terror. The Palestinian territories have become fertile grounds for the development and growth of new terrorist organizations. These organizations do not even pretend to negotiate. These organizations will never understand peaceful coexistence, and simply bloodshed and bombs. With their leader Arafat recently blockaded in his Ramallah office and under constant siege by the Israeli military, the Palestinians will soon begin accepting resumes in their search for new leaders. These organizations are the prospective candidates.

While Sharon is busy dealing with Arafat and the power structures of his government, the dozen main terrorist groups that operate inside of Israel who have taken a back seat in the past decade to the peace process find their popularity rising. They have the opportunity to increase their legitimacy in the eyes of the entire Palestinian people. Sharon can keep pressuring Arafat to crack down on terrorism, but if Arafat needs to ask the Israelis' permission to buy his own house to go down the street and buy a newspaper, his words cannot be expected to have any major effect. With Arafat out of the way, the Palestinians will turn to these true terrorist groups for guidance and leadership. The violence will continue and only exponentially increase in scope and magnitude.

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Catholics can’t condone contraception

The 19th century laws restricting contraceptives were passed by Pope Pius IX during his papacy. No Christian denomination had ever held that contraception could be justified until the Anglican Lambeth Conference of 1930. The seismic effect of that rejection of millennia of moral teaching came in the 1960s with the advent of the pill. Does it make sense for the Church to insist on that formerly unbreakable moral teaching? Three questions are relevant:

Why is contraception wrong? First, it breaks, in the words of Pope Paul VI, “the connection … which is willed by God and which cannot be fatally broken on his own initiative — between the two meanings of the conjugal act: the unitive and the procreative.”

Second, the contraceptive couple makes themselves the arbiters of whether and when human life shall begin. They put themselves, as Pope John Paul II put it, “a power which belongs solely to God; the power to decide in a final analysis, the coming into existence of a human person.”

And, therefore, what was John Paul II called the “total reciprocal self-giving of husband and wife,” there is a withholding: I give you yourself except for my fertility, I will accept you only if you are altered to cancel your fertility.

In his 1994 Letter to Families, which could be read with profit by every Christian, he said that, “without condemning its own teaching, but without it, the Church will no longer be the Church it is and was ever.”

But one thing they can do, have done, and continue to do, is define the Church through lies and false accusations. Now, in no way do I mean to discredit those few unfortunate victims who truly have been abused by someone identified as a man posed as a man. That is a fact, that many people, people even here at Notre Dame, have the Catholic Church. I shall not try to venture any opinion about whether this is the case, but unfortunately, it is the truth.

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As Francis Fukuyama observed in “The Great Disruption,” the pill allowed individuals to live without consequence; it was a contraceptive that was living without consequences.

Today, the world is a little bit safer. After years of campaigning and hard work, the unprecedented International Criminal Court (ICC) is now a reality. Despite the United States’ persistent opposition to the ICC, over 60 countries have officially ratified the treaty, including Great Britain; this number continues to grow literally every hour.

Hundreds of staff members at the New York-based Human Rights Watch celebrated on Thursday as cheers from other branch offices around the world as well as the United Nations could be heard. The ICC, sanctioned with the legal mandate to prosecute crimes against humanity, war crimes, crimes against civilians, and vessels of war, will officially come into existence on July 1, 2002, marking a monumental day in human history.

This day reflects the international community’s ongoing commitment to end the atrocities of war and conflict. The ICC, which has the power to prosecute individuals for crimes against humanity, is a symbol of hope for a world free of violence and dictatorship.

I’ll dare to disagree with Tom Haight and his April 10 Inside Column.

That child molestation, where it is actually committed, is a despicable crime, no one can deny. That certain depraved men who happened to be priests has fallen to this basest of behaviors seems to be evident. That other men in the church hierarchy made poor decisions regarding these alleged behaviors is apparent. The fact is, that many people, people even here at Notre Dame, have the Catholic Church. I shall not try to venture any opinion about whether this is the case, but unfortunately, it is the truth.

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If individuals in the Church are guilty of crimes against the laws of God, it is not the Church’s responsibility to forgive or forget. Rather than reconsidering the actual signing of the treaty, we must ensure that it is enforced and that it is applied fairly.

The world has changed forever and a new chapter in the fight to protect human rights has begun.
By EMILY HOWALD
Assistant Scene Editor

The 16th annual Fisher Regatta is back once again and the title is up for grabs from returning champions Carroll Hall in the men's division and Walsh Hall in the women's division.

Carroll Hall won the Regatta for the past two years and the members of crew are not about to give it up this year. Their boat "Wood 'N Caulk" is primed for the race and will be led by creator and two-year champion, senior Steven Bomeli.

Two seniors, two juniors and one sophomore will be leading the "Wood 'N Caulk." Bomeli wants to prime the underclassmen so that when he leaves next year, there will be someone to take over in his place.

"I would like someone to give us a challenge this year, but I will bet on the fact that we win," Bomeli said.

The race is broken into two separate tournaments, one from the women's dorms and the other for the men's. It is run in an NCAA style, where two teams go head-to-head with the victor proceeding to the next bracket. In the past, nearly every dorm participated, so the event tends to last five hours.

Bomeli's main pearl of advice to all those participating in the Regatta is to go out there and give it your best shot. Fisher Hall sophomore Nick Williams relays the same message, however he feels that 2001 second-place finisher Fisher Hall stands a chance.

"If we have talented rowers, Fisher Hall can win this thing. Our "Jolly Piggot" was by far the coolest boat last year. Although it tipped, we have guys working on it this year to work out the kinks, and so I think Fisher stands a chance," Williams said.

Junior Jim Flynn agreed with Williams that Fisher is in prime position to steal the title from the returning champs of Carroll Hall.

"I think that Fisher is going to be putting out a valiant effort. With all our returning rowers and our pirate ship, we should be in a position to take that trophy home," Flynn said.

Flynn, along with the creator of the "Jolly Piggot," Matt Piggot, is in charge of the actual Regatta this Saturday. According to Flynn, at least 50 hours have gone into preparing for the event so it should be worthwhile. The chairmen ordered the food, ordered T-shirts, looked into all the safety regulations and held the captains' meeting Wednesday.

Fisher Hall Assistant Rector Tony DeSapio has also put a great deal of time into ensuring that the Regatta is a success.

The activities will begin around 11 a.m. Saturday when people begin to bring their boats out to the lake. Piggot and their crew members will be out at the site around 8:30 a.m. to begin set-up. They will set up the grills for the free food and drink and set up the course for the tournament. The tournament will be sponsored by Coca-Cola and free soft drinks will be provided as well.

The tournament begins at 1 p.m. and the heats usually go until 4 p.m. Last year, there were 16 teams on each side and the heats shrank from eight teams to four teams before the two championship races. Last year, Carroll Hall defeated Fisher and Walsh Hall defeated Haden.

In past years, the "boats" raced ranged from miniature golfing ships to garbage bins taped together. Various pieces of dorm furniture and pieces of Styrofoam have also commonly been seen on the race course. According to Williams, people put whatever they want out there — just as long as it slightly floats and is hand crafted by the dorms.

In addition to winning the race, one lucky boat will be awarded the honor of "best in show." This award goes to the most creative and entertaining boat that is seen in the tournament. Although the boat may not win the race, it will at least maintain the possibility of winning a creativity award.

Williams and Greg Celio are in charge of Fred and Sally Week in Fisher Hall. The week of events, named after Fisher Hall benefactors Sally and Fred Fisher, began Saturday, April 6, and continue through April 13. The week of events has grown from merely serving food to events scheduled every night.

"In the past it hasn't been this huge, but now we are doing a lot more with the dorms. Since Fisher is such a small dorm, this week is geared towards getting the guys fired up and showing the rest of the campus our dorm spirit," Williams said.

The week began last Saturday with a trip to a Chicago Cubs game. About 50 guys took the bus trip and spent the day in Chicago and at the game. On Sunday, there was a dorm picture and free food throughout the dorm.

One of the most novel and popular events of the week took place on Monday — the Section Wars. Two-thirds of the dorm was involved in these "male-bonding" events of arm-wrestling, pie eating contests and the "roommate game." The roommate game is focused on finding out how much you know about your roommate. It is reminiscent of the "Newlyweds Game" and the pair that scores the highest, or knows the most about one another, wins on behalf of the section.

There are heavy- and light-weight divisions and representatives from each section take part in the events.

Tuesday night, the Fisher residents attended a talk by Father Theodore Hesburgh in the Main Building, followed by a Mass in the Log Cabin Chapel. This event also had a large turnout from the members of the dorm.

Wednesday is called the "Red Mock Awards" and...
is for the dubious characters of the dorm. The night
consists of cigars, poker and chicken wings. The
award ceremony was hosted by Williams and
awards were given to the deserving men of Fisher.
The men voted days ago and selected the most
deserving dorm mates for the honorable and not-so­
appealing awards. Freshman Thomas Patrick
Callaghan was awarded the
"Prodigal Son Award"
(the man most wanted back in Fisher Hall) and
Freshman Tony DeVito was awarded the
"Ball and
Chain Award"
(the man most seen with his girl­
friend). Freshman Tom Gorman received a muzzle
and a shovel (for his roommate to use) after receiv­
ing the
"Legend
in his
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Award."
Additional, not-so-nice awards were the dorm
drunk, the smelliest, the
"Chewbacca
award (hairiest
guy) and the future seminarian award. They also
recognize the guy with the hottest girlfriend and the
laziest man in the dorm.
Many other awards were given out, mostly to
freshmen and sophomores, honoring or dishonoring
positions they hold within the dorm. According to
Williams, the "Red Mock Awards" is one of the most
traditional aspects of Fred and Sally Week.
Because it is also Breen-Phillips dorm spirit week,
the men of Fisher will be co-hosting a lu'au on
North Quad, complete with a pig-roast and three
campus bands, with Fisher men in each band.

The "Kinky Bootbeasts" will be performing
first. They are an acoustic act featuring
Dave Lodewyck and Joe Andraskitas on
acoustic guitars.
Performing next is "Rex Ladado," and
according to freshman Brian Cullen
(Bucket), this is the premier concert of a
band which promises to start a worldwide
musical revolution. Bucket is on bass, Dave
Lodewyck is on guitar and lead vocals, Matt
Morgan is on drums and Pete Balogh is on
guitar.
The headliner is the "Skamunists," a well­
known campus ska band. Bucket will again
be on bass, Pete Balogh is on guitar, Matt
Morgan is on drums, Omar Arizpe is on the
trombone, Mike Zodda and Chris Giese are on
the trumpets and Sean Brooks is on the
saxophone. All three bands are scheduled to
play throughout the duration of the event.
Also, beginning on Thursday, the men
wore their sailor caps to promote the events
happening at Fisher Hall.
Today, a Fisher 3-on-3 basketball tourna­
ment will occupy the men's day and a
dorm-wide party will fill the men's evening.
Every section has a social gathering, and the
Fisher men unite to show spirit in their
dorm.
Williams sums the evening up in two
words: "It's huge."
The week is concluded with the race on
Saturday. The tradition behind the race is also
a large part of the week because it began as an attempt to incorporate Fisher
in the Notre Dame community.
Because Fisher was the only dorm that
did not have a signature event on campus, a
young man from Boston thought it would be
unique for Fisher to have a Regatta race to
salute his dorm. It began in April of 1987 as
a small event that few dorms participated
in and has grown into the biggest dorm
race on campus.
"Our whole dorm year is centered on this
one event," Flynn said.
The event will be monitored by five
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viding for the
safety of the par­
ticipants. Safety
regulations need
to be followed at all times, and
the captains are
responsible for their ships.
The event should last all
day long and
admission is free. There will be free food, a
dJ playing all
day and Regatta
T-shirts on sale
for $10.
According to
Williams, this is
a day of entire
Notre Dame
unity that can't be
found any­
where else.
Both male and female dorms will be represented in the race in separate divisions. Some dorms put in as many as 50 hours planning and building their vessels.

The days of Regatta festivities continued with entertainment at the parade. Saturday's celebration will include live bands, a DJ and free food.
"It's the biggest dorm event on campus. You don't want to miss it," Flynn said. "Come enjoy our fine
cooking as you watch dorms compete against each other for pride and prizes."

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Meet the Shearers

If there is anyone who can relate to Eric Simon having a younger sibling attend Notre Dame to play lacrosse, it is junior Danielle Shearer.

After watching her younger brother, Will, fall in love with lacrosse at the age of five, Danielle finally decided to pick up a lacrosse stick at age 14. She has not put it down since.

“Our Dad played lacrosse in college," said Danielle. "Will and I both keep a lacrosse stick at play, so I finally played for the first time in eighth grade.

Last year, as a sophomore, the midfielder from Hampstead, Md., led the Irish in scoring with 25 goals and 11 assists. Danielle set a Notre Dame record with six goals in one half against the St. Mary’s in the season's last game.

Through ten games this year, Shearer leads the Irish with 36 points on 25 goals and 11 assists. Danielle is quick to give her brother credit for her success.

“She helped me out a lot," Danielle said. “If he knows what he’s doing in the game, then I have a goal in my backyard and we used to practice all the time together.”

Although Shearer did not play yet for the men’s team because he suffered a season-ending injury during the fall, Will is currently rehabilitating his shoulder from surgery and hopes to contribute to the Irish over the next few years.

“We’re really excited about the future,” Will said. “I hope to help the team in any way I can.”

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Wisn (8-4) also walked two and struck out six.

"I thought she did great and she wasn't perfect," Gumpf said. "She fought, and I'll take that any day."

Wisn ran into trouble in the top of the third inning. Purdue's Laura Martin hit a one-out double to left. After a groundout gave Wisn two outs, Angi Roembke's bunt single put runners at the corners. Roembke then stole second to place two Boilermakers in scoring position.

However, Wisn recovered to strike out Andrea Hilsley and get out of the jam.

The Irish offense got started in the bottom of the fourth inning by capitalizing on Boilermaker mistakes. Andrea Loman led off the inning with a single and moved to second on a wild pitch and then third on a throwing error. Catcher Jarrah Myers brought her home with a single.

After an Andrea Bledsoe single, Lisa Mattison reached on an error, and Bledsoe advanced to third and Myers scored. Liz Hartmann's single to left scored Bledsoe after an error by the third baseman.

Gumpf believes getting three runs on a wild pitch and three Purdue errors shows how Notre Dame takes advantage of its opponent's mistakes.

"We have talked about that since day one. We know we were going to have young pitching going in, and our older girls know what it takes," Gumpf said. "We have to generate runs. We have to make things happen, like how you manufacture runs.

"Purdue came right back in the top of the fifth inning when shortstop Katie Crabtree hit her 11th home run of the year in the Big East. Last year they were only 6-14, but Gumpf knows this year's team reflects its good start.

"Purdue is a very young team and they're very energetic and they are just going to go after us," Gumpf said. "Both teams are very good teams and we need to play our 'A' ball to beat them."

Friday's doubleheader against Connecticut starts at 4:00 and the doubleheader against Syracuse starts at 11:00 on Sunday. All four games are at Ivy Field.

Notes:
• Thursday's victory over Purdue extends Notre Dame's home winning streak at Ivy Field to 24 games.
• After being held out of Thursday's game, pitcher Stephanie Sleson is healthy and will pitch for the Irish in this weekend.

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No. 7 Blue Devils will test Irish

By CHRIS COLEMAN
Sports Writer

It’s tournament time for the women’s lacrosse team. While it may not be the NCAA tournament that the Irish are ultimately playing to reach, this weekend’s three-team round robin hosted by the Irish has some perennial powers matching up. Today the Irish face the sixth-ranked Duke Blue Devils, and on Sunday challenge the 12th-ranked Yale Bulldogs. The two visiting teams play each other on Saturday. This is the first time the Irish have hosted this yearly event.

“We are excited about the home games,” said captain Kathryn Lam. “They [Duke and Yale] are both aggressive talented squads. We are ready to compete.”

Duke, who Notre Dame plays today at 4 p.m. at Moose Krause Field, is the highest ranked team the Irish have faced. They are also one of the more consistently successful programs in the country.

“These guys have been in the top five for the past four years,” Irish offensive assistant Danielle Gallagher said. “They’ve got a couple big threats on attack, and on top of that, their goalkeeper is outstanding. That’s going to pose a very big problem.”

The Notre Dame-Duke game will be a match up of the stingy Irish defense versus a potent Blue Devil attack. The Irish defense, the best in the nation in goals allowed (6.44 per game) going into this week, will need to deal with an offense that has serious scoring threats.

The offensive-defensive battle will include two high school teammates facing off against each other. Notre Dame’s Kelly McCardell played four years defending behind Duke’s second leading scorer, Lauren Gallagher, at W.C. Henderson in West Chester, Pa.

“We know about their key players. Lauren, she’s awesome,” McCardell said. “We are going to look more towards communication and team defense: not worrying about who is covering who, just stop the ball.”

Jen White, Notre Dame’s keeper, said she wouldn’t be approaching this game any differently. Her mechanics stay the same.

“It’s just like any other game,” said White, who has won Big East Defensive Player of the Week twice. “The routine is the same. Any given day any team can be awesome, or not great.”

On the offensive end the Irish look to sustain their multifaceted scoring attack where five girls have scored in the double digits. The Irish look to use this diversity when the attention is focused on Danielle Shearer, Alissa Moser and Natalie Loftus.

“We have to have a great team effort,” said Gallagher. “In games like this you’re looking for the players that haven’t been as much of an impact to play more of a role. Somebody else has to step it up other than Dani [Shearer], Alissa [Moser], and Nats [Loftus].”

Fortunately for the Irish, Anne Riley and Meredith Simon have been contributing on offense more in the last few games, and Lauren Fischer has been scoring consistently throughout the year.

The No. 7 Blue Devils started the season ranked third, but lost games to tough ACC competition, to make their overall record 6-4. They go into this weekend knowing the importance of these out-of-conference games.

“Our kids know that every weekend, every game for us, is critical,” Duke coach Kerstin Kimel said. “We are looking forward to tomorrow and Saturday.”

The 12th-ranked Yale squad comes to Notre Dame with an 8-2 record and is also looking to make a national statement before returning to Ivy League play.

Notre Dame goes into this weekend coming off an emotional one-goal loss to Ohio State. But they are not down on themselves.

“Ts good we get to come back so quickly from a game like Ohio State,” said head coach Tracy Coyne. “Our ultimate goal is to win the Big East and get to the tournament. If we can gain some valuable learning experiences from a loss, that’s great.”

“We know we haven’t been playing our best game since we won over Syracuse,” McCardell said. “As a team we know time to turn it around and get back on track.”

The Irish get that chance today.

The game starts at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday’s game vs. Yale starts at 1:00 p.m.
Dead Kennedys pound World Class Fishermen

◆ Four teams advance in first day of tourney

By MIKE CONNOLLY  Senior Staff Writer

Five skilled anglers could not overcome the political power and basketball skills of a family from Massachusetts as Dead Kennedys beat World Class Fishermen. Master Bailers 21-11 on the first day of Bookstore Basketball XXXI on Stepan Courts.

The Dead Kennedys, made up of four law students and an engineering graduate student, controlled the game from start to finish. They jumped out to an 8-2 lead on the World Class Fishermen, a team made up of an Alumni Hall RA and four students from his section.

"We actually expected to play better. We made it to the round of 64 last year," said Dead Kennedys' Eric Nadell.

World Class Fishermen were the only teams wearing any sort of costume on Thursday. Each player had his face painted and one wore former Celtic Larry Bird's uniform.

"We had to wear this to class today," sophomore Justin Goldberg said. "We had class until 4:45 so we didn't have time to change. We were hoping to win by intimidation since we weren't going to win by skill."

Only three other games were played Thursday, as most of the games were rescheduled.

In the closest game of the afternoon, the all-freshmen team Bly and the Family Stone defeated Off: The Team You Beat In The Shower But Not On The Court, 24-22.

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A basketball player attempts a shot during a Bookstore Basketball game Thursday. Four games have already been played in tournament with over 500 teams competing.

The all-female Booty Call team defeated another all-female team, Maybe If Ug Beg. 21-12 in the last game of the afternoon. Booty Call scored the first seven points of the game and never looked back.

"We haven't even practiced together before today," Booty Call's Brigid McHugh said. "But we are going to the Elite Eight, and then we will probably lose."

First and preliminary round Bookstore action continues today from 4-7 p.m. with games on Lynen Courts and Stepan Courts.

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Swing Into Spring with Notre Dame Athletics

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Fullback position has promising possibilities

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

While questions swirl around who will play key positions on the Notre Dame offense — quarterback and running back, for example — running backs coach Buzz Preston seems confident about who will be playing fullback for him.

Even though seniors Mike McNair and Tom Lopienski are officially in a "try-out" period for a fifth year of eligibility, Preston is hoping to make them a key part of the 2002 offense.

"I plan on them coming back," Preston said. "And Chris Yura has a chance as soon as he gets himself healthy. We've got some other young men who are working there, too."

The two seniors, who have seen significant time in the 2001 season, should get a chance to play a fourth year with the Irish. But if you ask them, they're keeping their expectations in check.

"I'm just trying to go out and get better and see where it goes from there," Mike McNair, fullback.

"Really, (at the fullback position), you're basically going to be a blocker most of the time, so I'm pretty happy with that," he said. "To get a couple of passes or to get to run the ball is a little plus."

"I just want to do whatever I can to help the team and go from there," McNair said.

Despite the fact that Lopienski and McNair rushed for a total of 178 yards for the Irish during the entire course of the 2001 season and Lopienski had only two receptions, Preston has no doubt that the fullbacks can to help the team and go from there.

"They have to be up and able to do all things," Preston said. "Not just block but run, catch, they have to be multi-dimensional, and they have to be flexible."

That new role will come as a bonus to the two seniors who have spent their time blocking and expect to keep blocking.

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The fullbacks have a lot to do with this spring's unidentified starter at the quarterback position, increased responsibility to receive and carry and a new coach. On the fourth day of practice, it's early to expect the fullbacks to fully comprehend their new role, but Preston sees potential.

With the summer to digest their new role, the fullbacks should be ready to take part in the offensive scheme.

"They're young but coming along," Preston said. "It's all new to all of them, but after they get through this spring and get all this heaved on them, I find that in the fall after working the summer on it and getting the terminology, then they'll be all right in the fall."

"I think we're all coming together," Lopienski said. "It takes time. Everything takes time."

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Baseball

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Sanchez. However, the Irish left two men on base in each of the third, fourth and fifth innings, heading into the decisive sixth.

In the sixth, Johnson continued from page 24
to hit the ball in the air. He pitched clearly good enough to win today. It's heartbreaking for Johnson."

The Irish added another run in the bottom of the sixth, but the Panthers answered with their own run to take the lead once again. Mainieri felt bad for his freshman pitcher, who he thinks had a strong performance despite picking up the loss.

"It was really a shame, because I thought Grant Johnson just pitched his heart out there," Mainieri said. "Unfortunately, he had to throw a lot of pitches to strike out as many batters as he did, and he just kind of ran out of gas there in the sixth inning."

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Irish took the early lead after center fielder Steve Stanley singled and O'Toole crashed a two-run home run in the first inning. Both Stanley and O'Toole came with a hit in the cycle, each filling the feat by the trip." and a single, respectively.

With the four hits, O'Toole is hitting for the cycle, each filling the feat by the trip. Mainieri believes this situation should never have occurred in the first place, if the Irish had collected a few more clutch hits. "That game should not have been a 4-0 game in the sixth inning," Mainieri said. "We should have had least another four runs if we would have gone with a suicide squeeze and come through in the clutch. So what happens is we put pressure on the freshman pitchers to go out and pitch these low run games. Grant Johnson pitched his heart out. He pitched clearly good enough to win today. It's heartbreaking for Johnson."

The Irish split a Big East doubleheader Thursday with Pittsburgh.
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belles sports have busy weekend ahead

By NATALIE BAILEY and DONNA LUBBERS
Sports Writers

Saint Mary's softball hosts Alma for a doubleheader Saturday at 1 p.m. Wrapping up a week filled with rescheduled games and cancellations, the frustrating.

"Every year Alma is a very skilled batting team," Deer said. Her strategy is to shut their offense down. "They are very good at manipulating their offense by bunting and slapping so our defense has to be good on Saturday," said Dee. Junior outfielder Jill Clark agreed. "Last year Alma had very good hitters. The line shots to the outfield and hits in the gap gave them a lot of their runs." she said.

We haven't played games on a consistent basis this season," Rachel Deer first baseman. "A very strong offense is going to be key," Clark said. "We need to walk up to the plate with a lot of confidence and make sure we match them hit for hit."

In light of their current 0-4 league record, the Belles realize their offense by manipulating their defense by the outfield and hits in the gap will give them a lot of their runs." she said.

"We need to step up our play considerably from our last two conference games. Alma is not a team that can be taken lightly," Deer said.

Saint Mary's Golf
This Saturday, the Saint Mary's golf team will be competing in their first meet of the Spring season at Brookwood Golf Course in Buchanan, Michigan at 10 a.m. Under head coach Theresa Pekarek, the team had an impressive third place finish in the fall conference championship, behind the first place team by only three strokes.

Ten women will be competing at the tournament — six main players and four at an exhibition level. Freshman Julia Adams will be one of those competitors. "We just have two tournaments this spring," she said. "I hope we can all play as well as we can and prove to everyone that we're a good team.

Coach Pekarek believes that Saint Mary's has definite advantages for Saturday. "We're playing on our own course. We've played on this course many times, and we know it well," she said.

Pekarek also has high expectations for the tournament. "Our underclassmen have tournament experience under their belts now," she said. "I expect everyone will play well."

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Women battle two ranked opponents

Women's Tennis

The seventh-ranked Notre Dame men's tennis team is just one match away from achieving an unblemished record at home this season. A win over 16th-ranked Kentucky on Saturday would make this season's Irish squad the first to go undefeated at the Eck Tennis Pavilion since the 1992 team accomplished that same feat as they advanced to the NCAA final.

Keniry peses a burden to that potentially perfect home record, though. The Wildcats, who were ranked as high as fourth earlier in the season, own a 16-6 record and have defeated top 10 teams such as Tennessee and Mississippi.

But they have struggled recently, losing four of their past five matches. "I have a lot of respect for them," Irish senior Javier Taborga said. "I think they have one of the best teams in the nation, they just under-achieved this year big time. I think it is going to be a war because they need to win to stay in the top 16 and we need to win to host the region."

We both need to win real bad for what we want to do," he said.

Fellow senior and doubles teammate Casey Smith agreed.

"Our doubles looks good right now. I'm confident in that aspect of our team," he said.

On the singles side, the Irish have experienced by playing people at different positions, with only marginal degrees of success. One constant this season has been Hilicia Salas, who has anchored the team this season from the fourth singles spot with a stellar 21-2 record.

On the other side of the court, William and Mary heads into the match with a 15-6 record, while the Longhorns boast a 14-5 mark.

And while both teams sport records superior to the Irish 11-11, the Longhorns are reeling from a 7-0 thumping at the hands of Vanderbilt, while the Tribe is coming off a 4-3 loss to Texas.

It would seem as if the door were open for the Irish to gain some last-minute preparation heading into season-ending tournaments and perhaps even squeak out a victory or two.

The Irish hope their match against Texas helps the team develop more outdoor playing experience that will come handy during the Big East Tournament, especially against rival Miami.

"We know Miami is going to be tough wherever we play them, but they're probably going to be even better outdoors," said Katie Cunha. "We want to be ready for that."

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Irish seek perfection

Men's Tennis

"Kentucky is a very talented team," Smith said. "They've been down a little bit lately. Whenever your back is against the wall, you're going to come out fighting."

The Irish were down a little bit earlier in the season, but after going through that brief slump, the team has come out stronger and more cognizant of their vulnerabilities.

"I think the team has been playing a lot better. I have seen the level improving, and in practice we are all aware that we cannot have any more Michigan matches," said Taborga, in reference to Notre Dame's upset loss to No. 46 Michigan.

Notre Dame's main weakness has been its doubles play, but with a new lineup on Saturday and after successful practices this week, the Irish are not worried.

"For awhile, we kind of got down," Smith said. "Practices weren't as intense as they should have been. It is tough when you don't have those levels up competition up the entire season. We just went through a little valley and I think we're ready to peak again."

Taborga feels the Irish have the potential to exploit some key disadvantages Kentucky bears. The key for Notre Dame is to capitalize on those opportunities.

"We want to play them outdoors," he said. "We are in better shape than they are and outdoors you get more of a workout than indoors."

Additionally, Kentucky's travel schedule could aid the Irish. The Wildcats will be getting into South Bend the same day as the match and only a day after hosting Vanderbilt.

"We have to take advantage of it," Taborga said.

Notre Dame hopes that the home court advantage will play a role also.

"In the past years, we've struggled at home," Taborga said. "It's nice to know that finally we are realizing that we have to [maximize] the home court advantage. Not many people come out (to cheer on the team), but the people that do come have been great supporters."

The Irish are forcing themselves not to think about undefeated home records and rankings though.

"If we did think about it, then it might jinx us," sophomore Matt Scott said. Taborga agreed that it is better not to think about rankings.

"It can affect you," he said. "That's not the best thing to do right now. I think we need to keep on concentrating."

"If we win this match, we will move ahead."

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It's all in the family

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

If you take a quick glance at this year’s media guides for the Notre Dame men’s and women’s lacrosse teams, you will notice that the last names Simon and Shearer appear on each team’s roster. This is no coincidence.

For Eric Simon and his younger sister Meredith and for Danielle Shearer and her younger brother Will, Notre Dame lacrosse is truly a family affair.

Meet the Simons

Sophomore Meredith Simon has been following in her brother’s footsteps ever since she was a kid growing up in Flemington, N.J. After excelling at softball and soccer in grade school, she wanted to add another sport to her resume in high school.

“I was looking to do something different,” Meredith said with a laugh. “Eric had been playing lacrosse for a few years, and he encouraged me to give it a try. We decided to play in the backyard a lot. He played offense on me. I never scored.”

Just like his little sister, Eric Simon was also a three-sport star at Hunterdon Central High School. Eric’s athletic talent shined the most on the lacrosse field, where he was named a second-team all-state selection in New Jersey during his senior year.

After being recruited by several colleges, Eric decided to attend Notre Dame because he wanted to help build a lacrosse tradition here.

Little did he know one year later his sister would be following him to South Bend for the same reason.

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BASEBALL

Pitt rallies for win in split

Panthers’ 6-run inning sparks comeback in first game of Big East doubleheader

By JOE HETTLER
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ND SOFTBALL

Streaking Irish grab 11th straight victory

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

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