Everclear hits Notre Dame ABBRAHAM PATTON

By JESSICA DALSING

Everclear is scheduled to perform at a Stepan Center concert Friday that begins at 7:30 p.m.

The album, entitled "Slow Motion Daydream," shares a similar tone with their other works. In an interview with VH1 about the album, Alexakis said, "All our albums are about the American Dream from different perspectives." "The recipe of punchy vocals and a strong guitar presence is what creates success for Everclear," said The Observer's senior writer.

Laptops stolen from student apartments

By KATE NAGENGAST

An employee of Castle Point Apartments will receive a polygraph test as part of an active investigation into the theft of a laptop computer from a student apartment last month, St. Joseph County police said Wednesday.

According to police reports, one laptop was taken March 19 from the upstairs bedroom of a Notre Dame student's apartment in Enchanted Forest. The second, a Compact Presario worth roughly $3,500, was taken from the back bedroom of a Saint Mary's student's apartment on Royal Huntman Court March 21. There were no witnesses to either burglary.

Cpl. Christian Johnson said there were no signs of forced entry at either apartment and nothing but the laptops was taken or disturbed. However, at the Royal Huntman Court apartment the computer's power cord was also taken, though it was in a different room from the laptop itself.

Other valuables, like the computer's wiring and printer, along with two leather jackets and a portable CD player, were left untouched, the Saint Mary's student said.

At the Notre Dame student's apartment, a watch worth between $2,000 and $3,000 was left on the table beside the missing computer, Johnson said.

Jack Goens, general manager of Castle Point, said any of the maintenance employees would be willing to submit themselves to fingerprinting, but that he would not pursue the investigation any further. "There's nothing to hide," Goens said. "If they found something, they would have to pursue it with us we'd love it, but it's a police matter.

Castle Point provides security at night, but any other resident protection is in the hands of the police, he said. Goens also said he told both students to contact police as soon as they reported the thefts to his office.

Detective Jerry Batkiewicz said police are still unsure whether the male Castle Point employee who found the damaged computer could have been involved in either burglary, but that he will be questioned about both incidents.

According to police reports, the Saint Mary's student said her apartment was locked when she left and still locked when she returned. Police said they were unable to retrieve prints from the living room where the computer's power cord was taken.

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What side is God on?

Recently, a message scrawled in yellow chalk appeared on the sidewalk near LaFortune. "Who would Jesus bomb?" is demanded in large letters. Later that day, a response appeared under it in blue.

"Who would Jesus bomb — rape, murder, pillage and execute?" it countered, referring to the atrocious practices of Saddam Hussein.

While these questions address the heart of the debate concerning the moral implications of this war in Iraq, they also address the fact that throughout history, there have been wars in which people of various religions were exterminated to go out and kill each other in the name of their faith.

As many sides of the debate about the justification for this war invoke God's name, I can't help but wonder, "Whose side is God on?"

I am especially troubled when I hear people who commit atrocious acts invoke religion, like when Osama bin Laden invoked a holy war against the United States in his disturbing video or when Hussein talked about Allah in his interview with Dan Rather. But last year, Bush's references to a "crusade" against terrorism also worried people around the world because they thought this language meant the United States was moving toward a religious war between Christians and Muslims.

By frequently referring to religion and God in his speeches, is Bush trying to tell the world that God is on America's side? In 1963, Bob Dylan addressed this issue when he wrote "With God on Our Side," a song that traces conflicts from cavalry battles against the American Indians through the Spanish-American War, the Civil War, both World Wars and Vietnam, describing how each war-raging nation believed that God was on its side.

Dylan concludes: "If God's on our side, he'll stop the next war."

Perhaps some in the peace movement would believe that God is on the side of those who are suffering as a result of this war in Iraq. Others who support the war for ethical reasons would say that God would want us to remove Saddam Hussein because of his power. But does recognition of injustice mean that we also have the insight to know how God would want us to respond?

In Mark Twain's "The War Prayer," which was published after his death, Twain gives his own interpretation of what people are really praying for when they ask God to take a side against their enemies in war.

He imagines a prayer asking God to "...lay waste to their homes with a hurricane of fire; help us to string the hearts of their unoffending widows with unsavling grief; help us to turn them out roofless with their little children to wander unfed and the wastes of their desolated land in rags and hunger and dirt.

To wage war while invoking God's name certainly raises many important questions.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Claire Kelley at kelleyc@nd.edu.
iStore opening this summer

By ANNE LIESE WOOLFORD
Saint Mary's Editor

A new addition to Saint Mary's campus will better accommodate students returning next fall for the 2003-2004 school year.

The College's Administrative Council has recently approved The Campus Store, scheduled to open this summer.

Keith Fowles, Saint Mary's director of Information Technology, developed the store's business plan and designs. The on-campus computer store will sell Omni Tech, Toshiba, Apple and Dell computers, standard software packages, cell phones and various accessories at what Fowles said will be economical prices.

"The store is primarily to serve the needs of our students and to give them the best computer equipment for their college experience," Fowles said.

The iStore, which is set to be located permanently in the Information Technology office, will also be found on a mobile kiosk, which will move among various campus locations during promotions throughout the year.

The kiosk will hold six computers, allowing students to try each and choose the hardware they prefer.

The Omni Tech machines will come pre-configured and ready to connect to the Saint Mary's network, which will help minimize the time it takes for students to connect to ResNet at the beginning of the year, Fowles said.

In addition to computers and software, the store will also sell Nextel cellular phones and service.

"Our students will get a good discount and personalized service from Nextel specifically for our campus," Fowles said.

Preliminary costs will be 10 percent less that of normal Nextel service rates and 27 percent off of Nextel cellular phone prices.

Items sold at the store will be available to students, parents, alumnae, faculty and staff on or off-campus use.

"We believe that Omni Tech serves the educational market better," Fowles said, "They have a real focus on educational institutions and their needs. They're less expensive than Dell and still keep to the highest reliability standards."

The store is opening next fall with a variety of pre-configured computers, ranging from $600 to $1,150 and other items like Nextel service rates and computer accessories.

Beginning next year, the Saint Mary's campus will progressively transfer from the national Omni Tech network to the local store.

The store hopes to add in that transition by selling the company's all-in-one and standard mini tower computers, along with flat panel monitors.

Other colleges aside from Saint Mary's have made the switch to Omni Tech computers.

Redel College in Mishawaka has recently brought Omni Tech onto its campus and, Fowles said, "Neighboring Holy Cross is looking into it."

Saint Mary's technicians have spent the past three months testing Omni Tech machines and Fowles said they have been impressed with their performance and durability. By next year, they will be fully trained to work on and with all Omni Tech computers.

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Jordan prince gets ND service award

By CHRISTINA CEPERO
News Writer

Prince El Hassan bin Talal of Jordan has been announced as this year's recipient of the Notre Dame Award for International Humanitarian Service.

This award was to be presented Monday at an event on campus April 13. However, the event has been postponed indefinitely because the Prince is not able to travel due to the war in Iraq.

Prince El Hassan was born in Amman, Jordan in 1947 and graduated from Oxford University with Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Oriental Studies. In 1965, he began his role as the political advisor of his older brother King Hussein, who passed away in 1999.

In 1987, he initiated the New Initiative for an International Humanitarian Order resolution under the United Nations and founded the Individual Commission on International Humanitarian Issues.

The Prince has organized a symposium for religious dialogue, consisting of ongoing consultations with the Orthodox Centre of the Ecumenical Patriarchate at Chambesy, Switzerland; the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue at the Vatican; and the Independent Commission on Christian-Muslim Relations.

In 1994, he founded the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies in Jordan. In 1999, he helped found and acted as Vice Chairman of the Foundation for Interreligious and Intercultural Research and Dialogue in Geneva, and he served as moderator at the World Conference on Religion and Peace in Jordan.

He is also a member of the UNESCO International Advisory Committee and Hashemite Aid and Relief Agency.

Prince El Hassan has acted as Chairman of the Policy Advisory Commission of the World Intellectual Property Organization, a Member of the Permanent Group to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and Co-Chair of the Independent Bureau for Humanitarian Issues, Executive Commissioner and Member of the International Crisis Group, International Committee of the Board of Directors for the Informal Advisory Group on Foreign Relations, and one of the Board of Directors of the Nuclear Threat Initiative.

He has also participated in various educational and scientific institutions in Jordan and internationally and has written several books over the past 34 years.

A committee of several faculty and staff members meets each year to evaluate the strengths of various candidates that it, or anyone in the University, nominates for the award.

The group then selects one of these candidates to recommend these names to University President Father Edward Malloy and the officers of the University, who make the final decision.

Prince El Hassan was the group's sole recommendation this year.

"Prince El Hassan bin Talal is known worldwide for his intellectual and cultural leadership in the Arab world and for his outstanding commitment to the advancement of universal human rights. A devout son of Islam, he also exemplifies the strength of a Pope John Paul II, deeply engaged in intellectual," Malloy said in a press release.

The University established the Notre Dame Award for International Humanitarian Service in 1992 to commemorate its 150th anniversary as a vehicle to honor individuals and groups from other nations.

The mission statement of the award attests that it recognizes "those persons engaged in relations with and without the Catholic Church, citizens of every nation, whose religious faith has quickened learning, whose learning has engendered deeds, and whose deeds give witness to God's kingdom among us."

"The award has still very much a spiritual element but is not confined to people whose spiritual faith is Catholic," said University spokesperson Dennis Moore.

At a time when Islam has received extensive negative press in this country, Moore said the University felt it would be appropriate to honor someone of the Muslim faith to exhibit the solidarity of various faiths.

"The first factor in determining candidates is the totality of the person's career and life work, but the University was specifically looking for an exemplary person from the faith of Islam," said Moore. "It demonstrates the belief that there are wonderful adherents of Islam in the world."

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ROTC

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The sky was still dark Sunday morning as the weary members of Bravo Company assembled for breakfast outside the chow hall. "One! Two! Motivated! Hoo-hah, Bravo!" the cadets bellowed as they fell in line to receive a hot meal of scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy. During the day, cadets dined on MREs — Meals Ready to Eat — the Army’s standard combat-ready rations. The food included entrees such as meatloaf with gravy, chicken and sausages and beef stroganoff.

Another key activity during the weekend was the Field Leader's Reaction Course. The course, typically made up of six cadets, negotiated difficult obstacles and tested their patience and stamina. The cadets also tried the students' patience as they bickered over bat-ready rations. The food challenges, which lasted late into the night, included entrees such as meatloaf with gravy, chicken and sausages and beef stroganoff.

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One such scenario found cadets stranded behind enemy lines. The students had to move themselves and an unwieldy crate of ammunition over a large wooden platform using only a length of rope. The cadets took turns leading their squadron to conquer the various challenges, then met eagerly afterwards to be evaluated by their superiors. "No more booze! No more sex! We just want F-T-X!" cadets bellowed. In a reference to the Field Training Exercise, as they assembled to discuss the results of the FTX.

Sunday night, cadets conducted land navigation drills and tests, using a map and compass to find their way through the branches and brambles in the Michigan woods. The navigation course, which lasted late into the night, tried the students' patience and stamina, as light snow fell on the chilly evening.

The future officers also discussed the nature of military conflict and the international laws governing war. Junior Leen Gil said a key element of ROTC life at Notre Dame is the ethical aspect of military service. "Our cadre (officers) really do try to make us superior, not only in tactics, but morally cog-nizant as well," Gil said. The motto "God, Country, Notre Dame" was put into practice as members of the Fightin' Irish Battalion assembled for religious services on Saturday evening.

The weekend, Gil said, "was a chance to put into practice what we've learned in class."

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Thefts

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The Notre Dame student whose computer was taken had locked herself out of her apartment upon returning from spring break March 16. A member of the Castle Point maintenance staff unlocked her apartment for her three days before her computer was stolen.

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Coalition seizes Baghdad airport amid blackout

Associated Press

Baghdad • April 8

An Iraqi Airlines plane landed at Saddam International Airport Thursday, Coalition forces stormed the facility Friday morning in their efforts to occupy the capital city itself. The local area experienced a massive power outage after the assault and ensuing air maneuvers.

"I think you have seen his picture," Saleh said, referring to silent footage that aired on CNN Thursday evening, of a smiling Saddam chairing a Cabinet meeting. "He is very calm, confident."

Moscow promises to maintain space station orbit

Associated Press

Moscow, April 8

Russia pledged extra money Thursday for building the only spacecraft to service the International Space Station after U.S. shuttle flights were grounded following the Columbia disaster.

Russia could not fund such construction on its own. The Cabinet's decision to release $38 million ahead of schedule appeared to reflect growing doubts that the United States would provide extra assurances.

Aerospace Agency Director Yuri Koptev said the alternative to building a new spacecraft was leaving the station temporarily unoccupied, which was dangerous because the station could drift out of its prescribed orbit.

"We need to keep the station (maned) so that it does not become a piece of wreckage that threatens to become the damnation of mankind," he said.

The $38 million in space funds originally allocated for the second half of the year were released early to speed up construction of extra ships, he said.

"We will undoubtedly have to carry the main workload, having to perform additional launches and flights to the station," Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov told the Cabinet. "We can't postpone this decision."

Russian Soyuz crew capsules and Progress cargo ships remain the only means of getting to the 16-nation station while the U.S. shuttle fleet is grounded pending an investigation into the Columbia catastrophe.

The cabinet also promised tentatively to bolster the space station's budget from about $130 million this year to about $240 million next year, Koptev said.

Potential American funding is hamstrung by U.S. legislation barring additional payments to Russia's space agency until Washington confirms Moscow has not transferred banned weapons or military technology to Iran.

With U.S.-Russian ties cooled over the war in Iraq, a U.S. congressional waiver of the bill appeared unlikely. Some American officials also have complained that Russia failed to meet many of its obligations to service the station.

Koptev acknowledged that the cash-strapped Russian space program failed to accomplish some of its functions on the station and that U.S. shuttles had taken up the slack.

"Now it's coming back to us and it's hard to complain about that," he said.

In the past, U.S. space shuttles rotated the International Space Station's long-term crew. Soyuz capsules served as lifeboats for the crew and were changed every six months, while Progress ships ferried fuel, water and other supplies.

Spanish doctor goes on stabbing spree

A female doctor described as mentally unbalanced stabbed several people at a Madrid hospital Thursday, killing a colleague and a patient and wounding two nurses, officials said.

The 31-year-old woman, who was only identified by her first name Noelia, suddenly lashed out with a 6-inch knife at groups of people talking in a hospital corridor, said Manuel de Hoyos, the director general of the Fundacion Jimenez Diaz hospital.

Hijacked boat returns to Cuban waters

A small ferry boat hijacked in Havana Bay and forced to sail toward Florida returned to Cuba on Thursday, the spokeswoman for fuel island authorities said.

It had maintained international waters late Wednesday under Cuban government escort, a U.S. Coast Guard official in Miami said on condition of anonymity. He declined further comment.

CDC: spraying trucks safe to humans

A mosquito spraying method that health officials and environmentalists warned could threaten the health of humans and wildlife is safe to humans and poses no threat to the environment, a new study concluded Thursday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention examined the potential health dangers of exposure to mosquito spray from fogger trucks after a request by Mississippi state health officials.

Lawmakers reject Philip Morris plan

An Illinois Senate committee rejected a plan Thursday to excise cigarette-maker Philip Morris from state contracts, saying it would jeopardize payments in a 1998 settlement between the tobacco industry and 46 states, including Illinois.

IRIS assesses West Terre Haute property

The Internal Revenue Service has put a lien on the property assets of West Terre Haute because it says town officials failed to pay employment taxes on time.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

The world's wealthiest countries have pledged a total of $24 billion to help China in its battle against extreme poverty, reports the Associated Press. The total was decided at a summit in China in 2002.
Health E Day’ set for Saturday

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

Graduate students in search of free food and advice on healthy living should look no further than the Student International Business Council and the Alumni Association and the University sponsored by the Alumni graduate students about what’s happening.

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SIBC to host annual forum Saturday

By KATE DOOLEY
News Writer

The Student International Business Council will host its annual forum at noon Saturday in the Hesburgh Auditorium.

Steve Lauleta, sports and event marketing director of Miller Brewing Co.; Dennis Flannery, executive vice president of the Inter-American Development Bank; Father John Riley, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish; and Ian Moore, executive vice president of human resources for News Corporation, will be speaking at the forum.

This year’s topic is “Perspectives in Peace through Commerce” and panelists will discuss the perspectives in terms of their careers and the greater context of international business.

Courtney Zeph, a Notre Dame sophomore and coordinator of the event, said that the topic was chosen partially because it reflects the SIBC’s motto, but also as a reflection of current events.

"With everything that is going on in the world today, we wanted to see if peace through commerce is something that holds up in difficult times," Zeph said.

Members of SIBC said the annual forum is a unique exchange between the speakers and the students. Daniels Urs, a junior business major at Saint Mary’s and chief operating officer of SIBC, said she appreciates the interaction with panelists that the forum provides.

"It’s exciting to see successful people devote their time to us. We feel we are in the company of prestigious people, but I think the speakers take something away from us as well," Urs said.

Last year, Dick Ebersol, chairman of NBC Sports and NBC Olympics, left a lasting impression on those at the event, said Katie Sandford, a Saint Mary’s senior and member of the Global Development division of SIBC.

"It was mind-blowing to hear a man like Dick Ebersol saying that what the SIBC does is important and that it benefits the business community," she said.

The SIBC is a student organization that prepares itself for the professional world. It is run much like a business and has over 250 members from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross.

Members work on projects in eight different divisions, including marketing, finance, internships and global development.

The spring forum is one of their main projects, with the goal of giving members as well as the entire student body a chance to hear from interesting, successful people.

The forum begins at noon and lasts until 3:30. It is free and refreshments will be provided. The SIBC also gives away prizes at the event, including an X-box and DVD player.

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This Weekend in the Department of Music

Saturday, April 5, 2003
A Senior Recital
Kristen Moskow, soprano
w/ Brenda Weade, piano
1:00 pm, Annenberg Auditorium, Snite Museum of Art
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Ryan Berndt, trumpet
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IN BRIEF

Jobless claims jump in late March

The number of American workers filing new claims for unemployment benefits climbed last week to the highest point in nearly a year as businesses trimmed jobs in the muddled wartime economic climate.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that new applications for jobless benefits jumped by a seasonally adjusted 38,000 to 445,000 for the week ending March 29, a level last reached in the week ending April 13, 2002.

IMF warns on U.S. housing bubble

One more threat for the fragile economy — the possiblity that America's optimism housing market could be headed for a bust.

In a survey of global economic dangers, the International Monetary Fund warned on Thursday that the U.S. housing market, after two years of record sales over and strong increases in home prices, could be headed for a fall.

The study said that based on past experiences, a housing bubble in an industrial country has a 40 percent chance of being followed by a sharp drop in prices.

HealthSouth cuts 165 HQ workers

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Companies' 401(k) funding falls

Associated Press

NEW YORK

A growing number of companies, searching for ways to cut costs, are suspending their matching contributions to workers' 401(k) retirement accounts.

HealthSouth Corp. is one of the companies that has suspended matching contributions to its 401(k) accounts across the country last year.

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### Today 4.03
- **Traveling Rosary for Peace**
  - 9:00 p.m.
  - Dillon Hall

### Friday 4.04
- **Freshman Retreat #47**
  - Friday and Saturday
  - Sacred Heart Parish Center
- **Graduate Student Retreat**
  - Friday and Saturday
  - Mary's Solitude
- **Mass for Peace and Justice**
  - 5:15 p.m.
  - Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- **807 Mass**
  - 8:00 p.m.
  - CoMo Student Lounge
- **Traveling Rosary for Peace**
  - 9:00 p.m.
  - Alumni Hall

### Saturday 4.05
- **RCIA Session**
  - 10:00-11:00 a.m.
  - Coleman-Morse Student Lounge
- **Rite of Reception into Full Communion**
  - 11:45 p.m.
  - Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- **Rejoice! Mass**
  - 10:00 p.m.
  - Coleman-Morse Center Chapel

### Sunday 4.06
- **RCIA Session**
  - 10:00-11:00 a.m.
  - Coleman-Morse Student Lounge
- **Rite of Reception into Full Communion**
  - 11:45 p.m.
  - Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- **Rejoice! Mass**
  - 10:00 p.m.
  - Coleman-Morse Center Chapel

### Monday 4.07
- **Traveling Rosary for Peace**
  - 9:00 p.m.
  - Welsh Family

### Tuesday 4.08
- **Campus Bible Study**
  - 7:00-8:00 p.m.
  - 141 Coleman-Morse Center
- **Traveling Rosary for Peace**
  - 9:00 p.m.
  - Keough Hall
- **Weekly Spanish Mass**
  - 10:30 p.m.
  - St. Edward's Hall

### Wednesday 4.09
- **Graduate Student Christian Fellowship**
  - 8:00 p.m.
  - Wilson Commons
- **Traveling Rosary for Peace**
  - 9:00 p.m.
  - O'Neill Hall
- **Interfaith Christian Night Prayer**
  - 10:00 p.m.
  - Morrissey Hall Chapel

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### Becoming Catholic

**Discovering the Gift of Eucharist**

*by Megan Thomas*

Junior, Lewis Hall

This Sunday at the Basilica, eleven people will be received into the Catholic Church in the Rite of Full Communion. I am one of these eleven, and while this Sunday marks the completion of Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults, or RCIA for me, it is not the end of my spiritual journey.

Throughout the RCIA process, I have come to understand the blessing of the Eucharist. Growing up in a Protestant church, that celebrated communion only as a sign of representation of Christ, has given me a different respect for the Eucharist. It is such a blessing and I can’t wait to be able to share in this relationship with God.

Throughout my journey I have witnessed the nourishment that comes from the Eucharist, but more importantly in taking the Eucharist with us and giving it to others in all aspects of our lives. Because while I haven’t received the actual Eucharist, I am blessed every time I go to mass with being in the presence of it and sharing the sacrament with those around me. As I wait in line with others, I feel the love and respect present. Even though they end with receiving the Eucharist and I just receive a blessing from a priest, I know that I have shared in the sacrament as well. Can I feel the nourishment. I understand that I too am called to take this blessing of Christ out into the world.

This RCIA process has been a strengthening journey. I have never once questioned the decision I made, which is an amazing grace, but also a frustration. It’s difficult for me to feel so called to this, but still have to wait for the Eucharist. But looking back I can see the blessing in this struggle. I was limiting the sacrament of Communion to only receiving the actual body of Christ, when in reality it is so much more than that. I had to discover the fullness of the sacrament before I could come to understand what it means for Jesus to be completely present in the bread and wine.

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As I prepare for this Sunday, I am excited to develop a greater understanding of the Eucharist and a closer relationship with God. The intense joy I feel as I look forward to celebrating my spirituality with family and friends is hard to put into words. RCIA has been a life-changing journey and I am humbled at the blessings I have received. It’s incredible the amount of grace and love we receive in just answering “yes” to God’s call in our lives. Because of a simple “yes” I will soon be Catholic.

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### Mass Schedule

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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**Sunday’s Scripture Readings**

1st: Jer 31: 31 - 34  
2nd: Heb 5: 7 - 9  
Gospel: John 12: 20 - 33
A message for student government

Pat Hallahan and Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, the student body presidents for 2003-04 at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, both played key roles in previous administrations. But as their administrations establish their own identities, they must do more than continue the policies set in motion by their predecessors. In order for these leaders to show their commitment to their students, they must produce tangible results. Students on both campuses tend to think that student government cannot make a difference. Now is the time to prove the critics wrong.

Hanley and Jablonski-Diehl must use the last weeks of the academic year to lay the foundation and set the level of expectations high for their campaign promotions. Hallahan often disagreed with former student body president Hilby Bishop, he should now translate that criticism into action by showing the student body how student government should be run differently, while still fulfilling the campaign promises Jablonski-Diehl may have run upon, but this does not excuse her from making significant changes and developing new policies. Hallahan and Jablonski-Diehl must concentrate on what students really want. While proposing a calendar and additional lectures are adequate, if unexciting. ideas, improving student life is one of the chief challenges facing both administrations. Students will not become enthusiasts or supportive of student government until they can show lofty campaign promises that directly benefit students can be achieved. This requires coordination with other student organizations and must be undertaken with a spirit of cooperation and compromise, not one of competition and bruised egos. The latter only harms students, as is evidenced by the struggle between Notre Dame's Office of the Student Body President and Student Senate over the content of the Board of Trustees report. While seeking to fulfill their grand campaign promises, student leaders at the same time need to seize opportu­nities to implement less ambitious goals. Forming relationships of mutual respect with administrators is an essential component of this process, as is pursuing strategies appropriate to the division of the hierarchy of their school.

A problem seems too difficult to tackle, this is not an excuse to avoid working for students — it merely means that the strategy must be modified.

Notre Dame's student government could learn a lot by looking at Saint Mary's dedicated effort to see their reading of a seemingly insurmountable goal, become a reality. Such diligence and creativity in responding to an important student-life issue should be the rule rather than the exception for student governments on both campuses.

As they take office this spring, the incoming administrations must take the initiative to pursue policies that make students and remain faithful to the promises they made before their election. If they succeed, they will also be able to claim a restoration of student faith in student government as one of their many achievements.

Letter to the Editor

Awareness promotes understanding

It's hard being American these days, but then again, it's always been hard. In kindergarten, I needed to give myself an English middle name because what six-year-old wanted a Chinese name no one could pronounce? I chose "Victoria" — it sounded elegant enough, and when I explained it, people didn't make fun of me, at least not anymore.

Things became slightly more complicated though when I moved from my all-white Catholic grade school to public school. There were black students, the idea being white students and then there was me. I was ill-prepared for the time a friend asked innocently whether I was black or white. After some consideration, I decided, by default, that I was black.

My misjudgments now provide my friends with good laughs, but the confusion that forced these situations isn't all that funny. More than 150 years after Asians first came to America to pan gold, harvest sugarcane and build railroads like every other ethnic minority, we still lack something more. If an Asian American became president tomorrow, he or she would be perceived as less American. Like the Japanese who were interned during World War II, society questions the loyalty of Asians in a way German, Italian and Irish Americans do not. Our society does not question American of French descent naturally sympathize with Jacques Chirac. Some grumble and roll their eyes at the month or week that celebrates our culture. The purpose is not to provide a forum for complaints nor is it unfair to have Asian Heritage Week instead of a British Heritage Week. Simply, this is our reality, both yours and mine. Asian Americans find themselves suspended between a black and white world without the luxury of carving out individual identities. As long as we're labeled like "Long Duck Dong" makes us giggle or we secretly think some American of French descent was "going back to where they came from," we need an Asian Heritage Week.

Anne Lim
class of '02
April 3

NDToday/Obs­erver Poll Question

Do you think Hallahan and LaP are going to fulfill their campaign promises next year?

Yes 14%
No 86%

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The government solution to a problem is usually as bad as the problem."

Milton Friedman
economist
Conquering the past

Thirty years ago this month, my Notre Dame class was concluding its senior year of college in anticipation of graduation. It was a time similar to the present. Our classmates had marched against the Vietnam war while young Americans were being shipped back in caskets. The economy was flat, and most seniors felt a sense of gloom at the prospect of finding a job after graduation.

Yet, with the energy and idealism typical of college-aged people, we pooled ahead with our lives and let our "senioritis" set into our psyches. We allowed ourselves to turn from the distractions of the real world and remain in the secure cocoon of Catholic Church life for a final month. For many in my graduating class, the year 2003 is our emancipation from a little-known campus statute of limitations buried deep in the Notre Dame archives.

Few among those outside the campus hierarchy are privy to the "three-year statute" that Notre Dame imposes on its graduates. I learned of it quite by accident when my public speaking professor one day... well, actually every day... would threaten us. He would fling his middle finger and say, "If you give me this, I will hold back your degree for thirty years. It will be a la cimpo at Notre Dame!"

To my public speaking professor and the University administration, I declare my freedom now, at the thirtieth anniversary of the sins of my past. With my degree secure, I can admit that I cut down a pine tree outside Carroll Hall and participated in commando raids through the steam tunnels into the South Dining Hall. They are acts of my youth that helped diminish the realities of life.

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Supporting the tradition of Mass

To "save" Catholicism, the one thing that should especially not be messed with is the Mass. In his Wednesday column, Joe Muso got it all backwards. While his ideas were said jokingly, let's follow this yellow brick road and see where the wizard takes us.

Cheerleaders, the wave and air horns at Mass are definitely off the wall. While these practices will never gain official approval, they can happen at Mass. I'm thinking I'd like where they have been at Masses where the brick was actually done. Kazooos and noisemakers have been used for music. As to the Eucharist, a Protestant minister once used fruitcake and eggnog for Christmas.

A big problem with these "advancements," besides the lack of sanctity, is the effect on attendance. Sure it goes to number one -- everyone likes excitement. Maybe it even lasts for a few years, but the church dies. I've seen it happen. Being from the Bible Belt, I see Protestant churches compete to gain members. I know churches with laser light shows of the Gospel. Others let you paint the devil's face on a balloon and pop it. How exciting.

Yet this does not keep people coming. The Protestants that are serious about services last while those who cater to the masses have come and gone. These Protestants have taught me that entertainment never works. Catholic churches have tried marketing too, but attendance is not nearly what it used to be or could be. My parish recently went from drums and guitars to pipe organs and bells. It also went from one of the smallest parishes in the diocese to the largest, current weekend attendance being 1,000. Churchgoers realize that the really truly long for is the "meat and potatoes." Once they see entertainment does not have it, they leave. The fact is, to save the Church the best thing we can do is keep stained glass, orthodoxy and the Eucharist. If you want to see Heaven, go to Mass. The Mass is Heaven and the book of Revelation makes that clear. Think about that next time you're in the pew.

Letter to the Editor

Over the past few weeks since the war on Iraq has been launched, I have come to notice dissent and division among many Notre Dame students on campus. There are the students who have supported this war all along and who continue to rally behind the government. On the other side, there are the students who have objected to the war and continue to take anti-war stances. Since the day the war became a reality, feelings have intensified and voices have seemed to grow louder.

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So many women, so little fame

The Farley Hall Players present “Jake’s Women,” a psychological conundrum.

By KC KENNEY
Scene Writer

If I were to ask you if you ever spoke to yourself, half the people reading this would say, “Sure!” and the other half would say, “I don’t know, do I talk to myself?”

Most people would say that you don’t really have control over the thoughts that come into your head, that they just appear. But what if those thoughts not only appeared but started to take on a mind of their own, having as much depth and realism as a flesh-and-blood person? How would you be able to tell the real people from those in your mind? How could you lead a normal life? More importantly, if your thoughts were always with you, how would you get those voices to shut up every once in a while?

In Farley Hall’s play “Jake’s Women,” the audience takes a step into the mind of a man named Jake, a fifty-something writer who has begun to blend his life and his thoughts into one confusing mess. To put it bluntly, the stresses in his life have caused him to start to lose it. The audience is quickly drawn into his mind as they try to distinguish the difference between what is real and what is not. His thoughts take the form of seven women, all characters from different parts of his life, that continuously show up to play devil’s advocate, bring him comfort or give him someone to talk to when he is alone. “Time flies when you’re nervous” is not too far off from the truth.

“Jake’s Women” is a dramatic show, with the type of comedy interspersed throughout that comes from everyday life rather than one-liners or slapstick. And what can you expect? The audience is welcomed into Jake’s mind at a low point in his life. Jake is a widower, and his second wife is on her way out the door for a six-month separation so that they step back and re-examine things. Jake clings to the memory of his deceased first wife, finds himself delving deeper and deeper into his writings and making every aspect of his life a story. Throughout the show, the audience will see two “real” women, but Jake is constantly writing stories and dialogues in his mind about what the major female characters in his life would say if they were with him.

The show itself, written by Neil Simon of “The Odd Couple” and “Lost In Yonkers,” handles him well. It is a difficult role, as all the imaginary women rely on him to come “alive” and the real women need him to interact with. With his initial approach to the show is awkward and moody and the audience is able to feel for the withdrawn and eccentric writer. The first act is a little more passive and once or twice Dolson seems to be questioning the depth at which he should allow himself to fall into the character, coming out of it briefly, but then slipping right back in. However, as Jake’s madness grows in the second act, so does Dolson’s passion for the role. He banters back and forth with several women at once, imagining and real, blending both worlds and almost tricking the audience into his neurosis, pulling them in and making it that much more believable.

Each relationship is unique, as a woman is called forth into his thoughts at different times for different purposes.

However, when Jake’s wife leaves him, he falls into despair and begins to lose control of his thoughts. The women come and go as they please in his mind. One cleverly done scene has Jake calling his real therapist to ask how to get rid of his imaginary therapist who won’t stop harping at him about the quality of his life. The story is an interesting idea, a solid attempt at looking at the different levels of the human, not just the male psyche. There are a few moments where Simon’s script is awkward and somewhat lackluster; but he balances it out with moments of genius as his grasp of Jake’s dilemma really comes out. The show has its ups and downs with both emotion and mood; you’re able to laugh at Jake’s predicament almost as quickly as you can feel strong sympathy for the turmoil in his life.

In the title role of Jake, sophomore Mike Dolson handles himself well. It is a difficult role, as all the imaginary women rely on him to come “alive” and the real women need him to interact with. His initial approach to the show is awkward and moody and the audience is able to feel for the withdrawn and eccentric writer. The first act is a little more passive and once or twice Dolson seems to be questioning the depth at which he should allow himself to fall into the character, coming out of it briefly, but then slipping right back in. However, as Jake’s madness grows in the second act, so does Dolson’s passion for the role. He banters back and forth with several women at once, imagining and real, blending both worlds and almost tricking the audience into his neurosis, pulling them in and making it that much more believable.

One of the difficult aspects of the women’s roles is the fact that they are playing thoughts and therefore are subject to changes in words, character and emotion as Jake’s thought
I comedy by Neil Simon

Jake converses with another of his imaginary women, creating not only her words but also what she wears. At times his creations protest he is being unrealistic.

process changes. They all handle the script very well.

Lena Caliguri does well as the producing therapist, illustrating an aspect of stream of consciousness well done in this show. As Jake talks to his therapist, his train of thought jumps about to self-pity to sex, to humor and back to self-pity. Caliguri is well-balanced and not shaken by the jumping between parts. She and Jake’s sister, played by Beth Colombo, add a level of humor to the show as both seem to enjoy twisting the screws in Jake’s life, making him question his own motives and actions.

Two highlights of the show are the performances of Jake’s first (now deceased) and second (now separated) wife. Devon Candura as Julie, Jake’s first wife, shows well-developed, playful intimacy that displays an idealistic and wonderful idea of first love. Julie never seems to know whether she is real or not, but Devon adds breadth to the character that it is easy to see why Jake has difficulty thinking of her as imaginary.

Molly Topper does a fantastic job as the dual role of Maggie, Jake’s wife in reality and as a figment of his imagination. She is playful and witty as a solid piece of Jake’s mind, but Topper also adds depth and natural flow to her emotion charged scenes with Delone. She offers him support as a strong leading lady, but she shows off her versatility as her part jumps in and out of reality.

Though there are times when it may confuse, “Jake’s Women” does a good job of drawing the audience into Jake’s head. Farley Hall is offering this show in a relaxed setting, serving “wine” and cheese before the show. It creates a good atmosphere to sit back, relax and enjoy the fact that someone out there is crazier than you are.

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The best of student art

The Snite Museum displays art students’ thesis projects

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

This Sunday, an exhibition of the senior projects of the University’s graduating Bachelor of Fine Arts and Master of Fine Arts candidates will open at the Snite Museum of Art.

The BFA and MFA thesis candidates are one of the Snite Museum’s most popular exhibits, attracting over 800 visitors to the awards ceremony last spring. The Snite Museum’s display is unusual compared to many university museums which refuse to display student art.

“It’s really unique,” said Austin Collins, chair of the art department. “The Snite and the art department have an excellent relationship.”

This year’s exhibit features a wide variety of exhibits from a larger than life representation of Jesus constructed from insulation foam and automotive body filler to an edited video of an artist dancing with a heartbeat as background accompaniment. Some exhibits have political messages, while others address issues such as body image, preservation of the environment and spiritual experience.

“We get a wide variety of projects, which is really good,” said Gina Costa, marketing and public affairs specialist for the Snite Museum. “Each year is so different in the issues that are dealt with.”

Other featured exhibits include “Consumed by the Daily,” a sculpture by MFA student Suzanne Mauro designed as a commentary on the difference between the ceremony and reality of marriage, and a sculpted grove of trees created to represent encounters with the spiritual by MFA student Phillip Shore.

All the exhibits include written explanations of the artists’ intended message and techniques.

“The mindscape I enter when I dance is enough to show me that there is something greater to this world,” said artist Gerry Shaahan, explaining his piece “Murmurs Through Time: The Eternal Heartbeat.”

The exhibit includes four pieces by MFA students and nine by BFA students. Students have worked on their projects over the past year, with juries for the BFA candidates in December. The projects are a culmination of a three-year study program for the MFA students and a four- to five-year program for the BFA students. BFA students take an additional 30 credit hours in addition to the normal 36 art student earn for a BA degree and some stay an extra year to finish the requirements. Around 38 of the school’s 182 art majors attempt to earn a BFA degree.

The MFA program often leads to job placement for talented artists, including some artists such as Shore whose work is already known outside the University.

The graduate program horn needs to be pruced louder,” said “Students do well being placed in teaching.”

“This is a very strong show,” said Collins. “It’s a very professional space, and a good experience for our students to display in a museum.”

The BFA/MFA Thesis Exhibition will be open from April 6 to May 18. The opening reception will run from 2 to 4 p.m., with awards presented in the Annenberg Auditorium at 3 p.m. Awards include the Warden R. Beardsley cash prize for the best work in the show, Department of Art, Art History and Design awards for exceptional papers, and College of Arts and Letters faculty teaching awards.

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Photo courtesy of Scott Kelley

In his exhibit at the Snite Museum, Scott Kelley presents a shoe design for orphans in poor countries which can accommodate feet as they grow.

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BASEBALL

Eagles, Red Storm add up to huge road test for Irish

By BRYAN KRONK
Senior Sports Writer

On March 24, the Notre Dame baseball team returned from its last of 17 consecutive road games, an 11-6 victory at Arizona State, poised to make a move in the Big East standings to the last of two games against the Boston College on-campus baseball team returned from its field, the two games against the Eagles were moved to Campanelli Stadium in Brockton, Mass., about an hour south of Boston.

The two teams will square off first today at 2 p.m., with sophomore Chris Niesel and John Axford taking the mound for the Eagles hurlers Chris Lambert and Kevin Shepard.

The two games could not be more similar — while Niesel and Axford have compiled 2.71 and 3.21 earned run averages, respectively, Lambert and Shepard are 6-1 and have 3.13 and 2.30 ERAs, respectively.

The Eagles and Irish share a common opponent — Purdue, which the Irish defeated 5-0 on March 1, as well as Valparaiso, which the Irish beat 13-4 and the Eagles swept 13-1 and 10-2.

In addition, Notre Dame掰 peeked in a three-game series while the Eagles took two of three games from the Hoyas. The Irish took two of three games from the Hoyas, and the Eagles swept both.

From Brockton, the Irish will travel to Jamaica, N.Y. for a nonconference game set Thursday.

The Eagles hurlers Chris Lambert and Axford have produced 75 runs and a .371 batting average — while holding its opponents to a .223 average with Irish pitchers holding a 2.80 ERA — over the last 10 games.

Contrary to the Irish and Eagles, the Red Storm have played no common opponents so far this season.

The Red Storm's season storyline has run very similarly to that of Notre Dame's — after beginning the season 4-11, the Irish and Red Storm have both won nine of their last ten, including four in a row.

In order to continue the current winning streak, the Irish will need to step up their offense and defense, which has steadily improved throughout the season. Against the last seven opponents, the Irish offense has produced 75 runs and a .371 batting average — while holding its opponents to a .223 average with Irish pitchers holding a 2.80 ERA — over the last 10 games.

This weekend will be an excellent gauge of where the youthful Irish squad — which typically starts four freshmen — stands for the rest of Big East Conference this season.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles to host home conference opener

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's softball team will continue to try and reverse last season's misfortune when it hosts four conference rival Adrian College Saturday at 1 p.m.

The Belles played Adrian in their first conference doubleheader last season and lost both games, 9-1 and 5-3.

Last year's 0-2 start for Saint Mary's was indicative of the type of season the Belles would have.

Saint Mary's stule two extra-innings games from Kalamazoo on Wednesday to open 2-0 in the MIAA and increase its overall record to 12-6-1.

This year, coach Anna Welsh emphasizes coming out ready to play and make a lasting impression.

Welsh said she wants her team to come out firing and intimidating conference opponents.

"We won both games on Wednesday. We didn't make the statement we were capable of making," Welsh said. "If we can make that kind of statement against Adrian, we'll be on our way.

The Belles certainly are capable of scoring a lot of runs. The team had only been shutout once this season and has produced at least two runs in nine of their games so far. Freshman Kate Zelweger and senior Susan Kutz are two reliable hitters the Belles will look to for leadership with the bats.

Pitching is also a strong point for the Belles. Most recently, freshman Bridget Grahl pitched six hitless innings against Kalamazoo on Wednesday.

The cancellation of a double-header against Olivet College on Saturday, March 29, the Belles had a 10-day break between the Indianapolis tournament and a double-header against Kalamazoo on Wednesday. Now, however, Saint Mary's will see little rest as they play a fast-paced schedule with two or three games per week.

"Our team is a bunch of freshmen, so our upperclassmen will get them accustomed to the ups and downs of the schedule," Welsh said.

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MENS GOLF

Team heads for better weather

Team captain Lunke brings home-course
advantage to San Antonio

By ERIC POWERS
Sports Writer

Last weekend was unkind to the Irish men's golf team when they struggled through freezing temperatures, precipitation and an injury to freshman Tommy Balderston.

This weekend will be an 11th place finish out of 15 teams. But the Irish enter this weekend's Border Olympics under much better conditions.

Senior captain Brandon Lunke should be inspired by a homecoming of sorts. Lunke, a native of the South San Antonio area, has played on the region's courses for most of his life and knows what to expect from the Laredo Country Club.

"Typically, Southern Texas courses are dry," Lunke said. "It will probably be pretty wide and pretty windy as well."

The Irish should be energized by the weather as well. At last weekend's event, golfers had to battle biting winds and freezing cold. Temperatures could reach the 90s in Laredo, Texas.

Unlike last weekend, Notre Dame will be at full strength this week. Balderston rejoins the team, meaning Notre Dame will bring four freshmen to the second oldest collegiate tournament in the country. Balderston finished second among Irish golfers at the last tournament he competed in, and he has the fourth-best 10-hole average among Irish golfers this season.

Freshman Scott Gustafson's game is at the perfect time for the Irish. Gustafson is coming off of his best finish of the season and has led the team for three straight tournaments.

Gustafson's sixth-place finish dropped his 10-hole average to a team-best 74.87. His emergence as a leader has not gone unnoticed.

"Scott has a complete game and is a hard worker," Lunke said. "There's not much locker room talk in golf, but his game is close to where it needs to be. He's really been through his actions."

Arkansas, Baylor, Brigham Young, Kansas State, Rice and Washington State are among the 20 teams in the tournament.

Texas A&M hosts the Border Olympics, which celebrates its 52nd year of existence.

Some of the past champions of this historic tournament include Tom Kite and Ben Crenshaw.

After last weekend's challenges, the team looks towards improving in its preparation for the Big East Tournament.

"Last weekend's outing was tough on all of us. There were some harsh conditions," Lunke said. "The team is looking for- ward to nice weather and some good golf."

The first 36 holes of the Border Olympics will be played Friday and Saturday, with 18 holes in Laredo conclude Saturday.

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MENS TENNIS

Captain guarantees victory after Miami wake-up call

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

After suffering a 6-1 loss to conference rival Miami Sunday, the Irish are looking to use that disappointing event to make the rest of their season successful.

A team that began the season 0-4 is now striving to go 4-0 in its final matches as the postseason looms. That stretch begins Sunday when Notre Dame travels to Southern Methodist in Dallas.

"We're going to win," junior tri-captain Matt Scott said. "I don't think we expect [just] to fight hard or to give them a good match — we expect to win."

While the Irish struggled early in the season, their early record hides the fact that many of those matches were fairly close. Even against the Hurricane squad that beat them 6-1, Notre Dame had some misfortunes that turned the tide against their favor. Additionally, the Irish have shown they can beat top teams — evidenced by their 5-2 defeat of Virginia Tech, another Big East foe, just a week before the Miami loss. The Hokies defeated the Hurricanes 5-2 earlier in the season.

Nevertheless, last Sunday was disappointing for the Irish. "We were really down after that match," Scott said, who took some of the blame for the loss.

"I can't but feel to personally responsible for that match," he continued. "When we came off a big [win] over Virginia Tech, and then [lose] at Miami, I'm left thinking, 'What could I have done more to maybe have secured that win?'"

Perhaps the important victory over the Hokies made the Irish somewhat complacent when they dueled with the Hurricanes.

"Maybe we were, believe it or not, a little bit overconfident," Scott said. "I don't really know, but I know that we're not going to make that same mistake twice."

Just as the Irish were able to maintain their morale even after beginning the 2003 season with the worst start in program history, they hope to use the lessons learned from the loss in Miami so they might be a more effective team in the remaining four matches, as well as the postseason.

"Hopefully [Sunday's] loss will serve as a little bit of firepower for the guys in the upcoming matches and especially in the Big East, to kind of redeem ourselves," Scott said. "The end of the season means we've played a bunch of matches and we have a fair amount of experience. We've learned a lot from all the matches, so I think we'll be able to use that in the matches that we have next."

After Southern Methodist, Notre Dame hosts Ball State, travels to Kentucky, and then returns home for the finale against Indiana State. The Irish are committed to adding only wins from this point on.

"Our goal now is to close out the end of the season by winning all four of these matches, and to take that momentum into the Big East," Scott said.

For now though, Notre Dame is learning from the past and putting blinders on so as not to worry about the future while the victory-seeking Mustangs are at hand.

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Irish rowing debuts at No. 21 in rankings

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
Sports Writer

After a strong performance at the Indiana Classic last weekend, the Irish, who won all four varsity races against Purdue and Indiana, are ranked No. 21 in the first US Rowing CIAA Poll of the season.

Many of Notre Dame's past competitors are also ranked in the poll, including No. 5 Michigan, No. 3 Tennessee and No. 26 Clemson.

At the Indiana Classic, Notre Dame's varsity eight crew of Cassie Markstahler, Kat Sedun, Natalie Ladine, Alice Bartek, Meghan Boyle, Casey Buckstaff, Rachel Polinski, Erica Iverson and Danielle Protasewich finished in 6:37.66, beating Purdue by 8.17 seconds. Notre Dame's varsity four won their race in 7:45.08, beating Purdue by 2.75 seconds.

The Notre Dame A boat of Rebecca Campbell, Kristen Mizzi, Sarah Keeler, Antoinette Duck and Megan Sanders was right behind Purdue and finished the race in 7:48.75.

The Irish are slated to see some stiff competition from nine more ranked teams this weekend, including No. 1 Washington and No. 6 Miami (Ohio) on Sunday.

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WOMENS TENNIS

Win at Indiana extends hot streak

By JOE LINDSEY
Sports Writer

In what was the last match of a tightly packed two-week period, the Irish extended their winning streak to 10 matches. They did it without some stiff competition from Indiana.

Amoni led the Notre Dame boat to a varsity four victory with a time of 7:25.87. The Irish won by 8.26 seconds over Indiana and finished 16.92 seconds ahead of the Boilermakers. Running out the races, Notre Dame took first and third in the second varsity four. The B boat of Maureen Gibbons, Tricia David, Ann Mulligan, Jennifer Connolly and Courtney Quinn won the race in 7:45.08, beating Purdue by 2.75 seconds.

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College Basketball

Senior forward David West goes up for a shot in a game against Maryland. On Thursday, West became the first Xavier player to earn AP All-American honors, as he was the leading vote-getter with 64 first-team votes.

West heads AP All-American team

Associated Press

David West knows how to get the most, whether it's points on the court or votes off it.

He became the first Xavier player to earn AP All-America honors Thursday as the leading vote-getter on the 2002-03 team.

The three-time Atlantic 10 player of the year was joined on the first team by fellow seniors Nick Collison of Kansas and Josh Howard of Texas A&M. The two juniors were the first team since 1978 to make the AP team.

Collison, a 6-9 forward, missed the entire season with a knee injury but averaged 15.0 points and 7.5 assists.

The 5-10 Ford had two more first-team votes than West but finished with 343 points.

Wade, an honorable-mention selection as a sophomore, had 273 points and received 43 first-team votes.

In Brief

Phelps wins big at Nationals

Missi Phelps defeated an Olympic medalist for the second straight night and was still looking to improve.

Phelps, the 17-year-old standout from Florida, won the 200-meter freestyle in Thursday's U.S. National Spring Swimming Championships.

Phelps finished in 1 minute, 47.37 seconds, beating Klete Keller, the bronze medalist in the 400-meter medley at the 2000 Olympics.

In Wednesday's 200-meter backstroke, Phelps defeated Lenny Krayzelburg, who won three gold medals at the Sydney Olympics.

Tom Wilkens secured his 16th national title by winning the 400-meter individual medley in 4:16.75, then compared Phelps' impact on the sport to Michael Jordan's on the NBA.

"Michael is raising the bar, making all of the sport better," Wilkens said of Phelps.

Wilkens, 27, moved into a tie with Michael Phelps for most national titles.

Lindsay Benko, another Olympian, took first in the women's 200 freestyle.

Kaitlin Sandeno, an Olympian, won the women's 400 individual medley in 4:45.48.

Southern Methodist swimmers Kaitlin Sandeno, Laura Pomeroy, Georgina Lee and Lotta Wanberg stayed players would transfer, that if players transferring played a role in Doherty's departure, but wasn't sure if it was a factor.

"I don't know of any players who planned to leave if he had remained," Doherty said.

"The main concerns were that if I stayed players would transfer, that if I stayed they felt that players might turn pro before they would be ready to go. Like that's not an issue throughout the country anyway," Doherty said.

Doherty said he didn't know of any players who planned to leave if he had remained.

"They're going to be good next year whether you coach them or I coached them," he said.

"I don't feel like all the options were exhausted."
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Gunnarsdottir, the chance to play top competition. Notre Dame has already played three spring games, defeating DePaul 2-0 on March 14 and Western Michigan 6-0 and Ball State 6-0 on March 29.
"Our kids played really well," said Waldrum. "I'm very pleased, but these games will be our first real tests."

The three-day tournament began Wednesday with a 2-2 draw between Mexico and Canada. Notre Dame and Michigan join the internation­als for play tonight and Saturday at Alumni Field. Michigan faces Canada at 5:30 Friday with Notre Dame and Mexico to follow. Michigan battles Mexico Saturday, after which the Irish take on Canada.

In Wednesday's game, Mexico's Desiree Flint opened the scoring in the 13th minute, but Thorlakson evened the game for the Canadians six minutes later. After the 1-1 halftime tie, Canada took the second half lead when Josee Belanger scored on a corner kick-head­er from Brittany Timko. The lead lasted to the final min­utes, when Mexico tied it on a penalty kick after Canada was whistled for a foul in the box. Canada held a large lead in shots, 19-8, but Mexican goalkeeper Pamela Alonso made 10 saves. Canada's Taryn Swiatek made two key saves on breakaways for Canada.

Thorlakson will play for Notre Dame when the Irish face Canada.

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SMC TENNIS
Three opponents for Belles this weekend
By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's tennis team has a busy weekend ahead. The Belles will play three matches in two days, opening with a contest against Adrian College on the road on Saturday. After that, the team will travel to Chicago for matches with Carthage College and the University of Chicago Sunday. The Belles are looking to get back in the win column after a tough 5-4 loss to Kalamazoo College Tuesday. With a strong 9-2 record, the team is motivat-
ed to perform well during this difficult stretch.

"There will be good matches this weekend, maybe not quite as competitive as Kalamazoo," junior Katrina Cutler said. "But it seems like the whole conference has improved this year."

First up will be a match up against Adrian, a MIAA confer­ence foe. The Bulldogs are 1-0 in conference and 5-2 overall. Adrian and Saint Mary's have faced several common oppo­nents this year. Both teams defeated Olivet and Tri-State University. Adrian lost 7-2 to Aquinas, a team the Belles shut out 9-0. The Belles' first opponent in Chicago will be Carthage College, a team with a 4-1 record this season. Carthage looks to be a strong opponent, as they defeated Kalamazoo 6-3.

"It's kind of an overwhelming weekend," said junior Katrina Cutler. "But we're excited to travel to Chicago."

The host University of Chicago team has a record of 0-1 for the spring and hasn't played nearly as many matches as the Belles. Saint Mary's faces Adrian Saturday at 1 p.m. The Belles play matches against Carthage and University of Chicago Sunday at 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

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**WOMENS LACROSSE**

Simon’s three goals not enough to get past No. 8 Syracuse

By ANDY TROEGER  
Sports Writer

Despite another late game rally, the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team dropped a 9-6 decision at No. 8 Syracuse.

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and Eric Morrison, who qualified in the 1,500 meters for the men. "It is a new format this year, and everyone is getting used to it," said Somok who is taking the weekend off. "It is good to get (qualifying) taken care of, because now some of us can afford to take time off and get rested."

Finally, Tameisha King, Kristen Dodd, Tiffany Gunn and Kymia Love ran their best time this year, as they qualified for the NCAA Regional in the 400-meter relay at the Florida Relays.

However, last weekend was not the only time the Irish saw their athletes qualify, as Selim Nurudeen (110-meter hurdles), Love (400-meter hurdles), Dodd (400-meters), Gunn (400-meters and 400-meter hurdles), Stacey Cowan (High jump) and Jaime Volkmer (pole vault) have all qualified for the NCAA Regional meet.

The Irish have three more chances to qualify for the Big East and NCAA Regional meets. Saturday looks to be a great opportunity. "We are all excited, especially the guys who didn’t get to go to Stanford last weekend," Somok said. "They had just awful weather and are hoping to get some good performances here at home."

One runner proposed the 10,000-meter run be run on Friday night so the wind will be minimal. The Irish will do this in hopes of giving some athletes possible in this event for the Big East meet.

Saturday’s meet starts at 10 a.m. with the jumps and throws and the running events start at 11:15 a.m. The meet, held on the Monogram Track, concludes with the 1,600-meter medley relay at approximately 2:30 p.m.

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**Women’s Lacrosse**

By ANDY TROEGER  
Sports Writer

Despite another late game rally, the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team (9-5) dropped a 9-6 decision at No. 8 Syracuse (12-0), moving its record to 1-1 in the Big East.

The Irish were plagued by turnovers and were outshot by the Orange women, 28-26, but they could not break through on the scoreboard enough to catch the Orange women.

"We put a ton of pressure on them in the second half," Coyne said. "We had a lot of opportunities and came out real strong. We controlled time of possession and forced turnovers well, but we needed to score more than five goals."

Danielle Shaer, who scored the lone Irish first half goal, scored on two free-position chances to cut the lead to 6-3 before three more Syracuse goals pushed the lead back to six. The Irish continued battling as Meredith Simon scored three goals to get the Irish back within three.

The Irish hit the post three times in the final minutes as they fired 22 shots in the second half.

"We’re playing very hard, and that shows a lot about our character," Coyne said. "We went all out, so it’s disappointing to lose. We’ve been right there though, and we’ve come a long way."

The Irish fell to 3-4 (2-1 in the Big East) on the season with the loss. Syracuse moved to 7-2 (4-1).

Next up for the Irish is Big East foe Connecticut Saturday at the Loftus Sports Center, where the Irish will look to even its season record.

"J’Conn is a huge game for us," Coyne said. "They’re having a breakthrough season. Connecticut beat Vanderbilt, a ranked win, and had a lead on Syracuse at the half."

Despite the losses, Coyne believes his team is responding well and putting themselves in position to win.

"We’ve had a lot of solid performances at different times. We haven’t given up. We’re playing hard and we’ve had opportunities to win. That’s a positive."
**WOMENS GOLF**

Six golfers qualify for Indiana tournament

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Looking to improve on an 11th place finish last year, the women’s golf team will head to Bloomington for the Indiana Invitational this weekend at the Indiana University Golf Course.

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All four Irish pitchers saw work and held the Ramblers to one run on five hits.

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ND WOMENS SOCCER

Women host international teams

By ANDY TROGER
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Different styles of soccer will be on display this weekend as the Mexican and Canadian National under-19 teams have come to South Bend to take part in the 2003 Women's Soccer International Showcase.

This year's Showcase is an expansion of the previous two years, when the Mexican National team had come for games against the Irish. Notre Dame has come away from both of those games with close fought wins of 2-1 in 2001 and 3-2 in 2002. Both events have attracted large crowds of over 2,000 fans.

"The reason we started doing this was to get some top level competition during the off-season," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "Monica Gonzalez was with the Mexican National team and played here at Notre Dame, and now we've expanded to include the Canadians. We have a couple Mexican players who are creative and physical, they are very direct. Mexico is smaller but very athletic and quick, while Canada is athletic and physical, they are very direct. Mexico is smaller but very quick, while Canada is athletic and physical, they are very direct."

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For the Irish, the Showcase gives some players who missed large portions of the season because of injury, including Schefter, senior Vanessa Pruzinsky and sophomore Gudrun Chapman played for Canada, while freshman Annie Schefer was on the U.S. squad. The Mexicans are only one more win away from qualifying for the World Cup that will take place later this year.

Waldrum described how the teams play very different styles of soccer. "Canada is athletic and physical, they are very direct. Mexico is smaller but very quick, while Canada is athletic and physical, they are very direct. Mexico is smaller but very quick, while Canada is athletic and physical, they are very direct."

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ND SOFTBALL

Hitting on all cylinders

Third baseman Andrea Loman hits a solo home run in the sixth inning of Notre Dame's 7-2 victory over Loyola (Chicago) Thursday afternoon at Ivy Field.

By MATT LOZAR
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It looked like it was going to rain the entire afternoon, but it didn't, and the Irish were happy, very happy.

Building off the offensive momentum from Tuesday's doubleheader sweep at Purdue, Notre Dame defeated Loyola (Chicago) 7-1 and 3-0 Thursday at Ivy Field to extend their win streak to four games.

"I am happy no matter what the temperature is, as long as there is no precipitation," Notre Dame coach Deanna Gumpf said. "It was great, we needed today."

In game one, the Irish pounded out 10 hits, including six doubles and three home runs. Shortstop Andrea Bledsoe hit her second home run in as many games and went a combined 2-for-6 with three RBIs and two runs scored. Third baseman Andrea Loman and freshman Lauren King also knocked one out.

"They have come alive," I think that Northwestern game hit them hard and they don't like that and don't want it to happen again," Gumpf said about the offense. "Hopefully this momentum will help us on the weekend. You can't really tell what's going to happen, but I like the way we are hitting the ball."

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