Wednesday's debates.

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Low attendance shortens, almost cancels run-off debates

By AMANDA MICHAELS

Wednesday night's run-off election debates between Ebersol-Leito and Istvan-Bell took place in a shortened format, after a low attendance rate made organizers rethink the event altogether.

"The debates are supposed to benefit the candidates, and with no attendance besides each ticket's supporters, their time might better be spent campaigning or tying up loose ends," judicial board president Elliot Poindexter said.

The debates continued in spite of concerns, with each ticket allowed to give an opening statement, answer two questions posed by the other candidates and respond to pre-screened questions.

Student Body Presidential Elections

Voting begins at 8 a.m. at http://apps.nd.edu/elections

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Campaigns continue before runoffs

Members of the final two tickets for student body president talk to students as part of their campaign effort. The Ebersol-Leito ticket and the Istvan-Bell ticket used the two days following Monday's elections to campaign.

Ebersol, Istvan spend last day in dorms talking with students

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS

The final two tickets in the student body presidential race faced two final days of campaigning after Monday's elections. Both the Charlie Ebersol-James Leito ticket and the Adam Istvan-Karla Bell ticket took a proactive approach as they approached the final election.

Ebersol credits his strategy of dorm visits and receiving student feedback with giving him his top placement after Monday's election.

He said in those final days, he and Leito have been "going around to the dorms, giving students an opportunity to talk to us and meet us... I think that's the single biggest reason that we were able to garner the type of support that we were on the first round.

Istvan also said he and Bell have been visiting dorms for the last two days.

"We've been going dorm-to-dorm reminding people that the election is today and asking them if they have any questions about Kara or me or our platform," he said.

Both tickets also believe that getting students to vote in today's election is important.

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"We've really been trying to focus on reminding students to vote," he said. "It's not about gaining more votes between two days ago and now, but making sure people vote. There was a staggering number of people that voted, and I want to make sure we maintain that number."

Candidates are not allowed to campaign on the day of the election, and both tickets acknowledged that they face a long day of waiting for results.

"I'm working a six-hour shift tomorrow, so I'll have plenty to distract me there," said Istvan. "It seems like there's a lot of support out there for me. At this point, it's in the voters' hands."

Ebersol also remains confident about student interest.

"Hopefully I'll be able to concentrate in my classes," Ebersol said of having to wait for the results. "I feel good in the sense that we'll see a"
INSIDE COLUMN

Coffee Talk

I didn’t know I had an accent until I came to Indiana. The reality bit me hard and fast, though, at Freshman Orientation. I made the unfortunate mistake of inquiring about study abroad options during one of the mass information sessions — and, as soon as the words left my mouth, several hundred heads turned in my direction. Astounded, I ignored the administrator’s answer and spent the rest of the meeting mulling over my question to determine what I possibly could have said to draw such attention. I found out as soon as the meeting ended, when several people asked where I grew up in New York.

“How did you know I’m from New York?” I asked, stunned.

“They explained that “alb,” to most people, is not pronounced “alb-erid.” “Lawng Island” is not “Lawng Island.” This shocked me. I have no idea how I had never before noticed that people on television and from other parts of the country spoke differently from myself, everyone I knew. But I didn’t.

Very soon, people were showing up outside my door and insisting that I speak. Hallway. Water. Coffee talk — the universal favorite. These were all phrases I spoke on demand, to the wonder and delight of my eager audience.

My cultural education continued as I was introduced to other regional dialects. I learned to differentiate Minnesotans from Wisconsinites, Chicagoans from Pittsburgh natives. I’ve roomed with a Texan and a Southern Belle from the Alabama/Georgia border. Granted, my accent was often more noticeable than their linguistic idiosyncrasies (it doesn’t help that I am inclined to shout, talk quickly and screech in a high-pitched, hyper sort of stereotypical New York way), but their distinctive speech patterns were there, all the same. And I was fascinated.

That is one reason why, amidst all the grief Notre Dame gets for its reputed homogeneity, I maintain that the geographic diversity, at least, is unrivaled. Almost everyone from my high school went to college on the East Coast. Only 90 percent of my friends they know are from Long Island or New York. Half of them think the world ends at the Hudson. No one can ever remember if I attended college in Iowa, Indiana, Illinois or Idaho, because — to them — “all those states” are the same.

Yet while they drive five minutes to visit college friends, I fly five hours. My best friends and I cover the major U.S. geographical regions, bailing from L.A., Chicago, the East Coast, the South. Yet starting at ND, I’ve seen more of the country than anyone else at home. I love New York and know I’ll end up there, but if I hadn’t left to come here I would never have learned so much about the rest of the country — states, people, accents, etc. And that experience, to me, is invaluable.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Shelley Flynn at sflynn2@nd.edu.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF NOTRE DAME HOSTING A QUEER FILM FESTIVAL?

Alyssa Brauweiler  
Rachel Meeks  
June Barco  
Kiley Ethling  
Jimmy Costanzo

Freshman  
Senior  
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Freshman  
Junior

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Fisher

“I haven’t seen it yet, but I say go for it.”  
“I think it’s a good idea because it opens people’s minds to different kinds of people.”  
“I don’t have a problem with it personally because people need to learn about people other than themselves.”  
“It shows the university can still be open-minded about things.”

Online voting takes place today from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Remember to vote online in the student body presidential and vice presidential runoff election. Online polls are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

“To Walk Humbly With God — Our Life With the 144,000 Community” will be presented by Holly Arends and Stacie Swanson as part of Disabilities Awareness Week. Their presentation will be at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Stapleton Lounge, LeMans Hall.

Come join Valentine card making in the Dooley Room of LaForte tonight from 10 p.m. to midnight. The cost is $2, and the event is sponsored by the Class of 2006.

AroustiCafe will feature student authors and artists reading from their own works tonight from 10 p.m. to midnight in the basement of LaForte.

The Student Union Board is sponsoring a showing of Disney’s “Brother Bear” tonight, Friday and Saturday at 10 p.m. The movie will be shown in 101 Deltabartol, and the cost is $3.

Come talk about current events in world politics with political science professor Dan Lindley at the Kroc Institute Current Events Roundtable in the South Dining Hall Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Look for the Kroc Institute sign in the northwest area of the Hall or the northeast if NW is closed. No readings or preparation necessary, just come and exchange views and views.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
SMC begins Phone-a-thon month

By ANGELA SAOUD
News Writer

Saint Mary’s annual Phone-a-thon kicked off last week, beginning a month of phone calls made by students asking for donations from sponsors that can be used all throughout campus.

JudeAnne Wilson, assistant director of the Annual Fund, said the drive is going well so far.

“We started making calls on Feb. 2,” Wilson said. “Already, we’ve gotten a lot of positive reactions, and we usually find that is a good way to make contact with and let alumnae, parents of students and friends of Saint Mary’s know what’s going on throughout our campus.”

The Phone-a-thon, which has been held consistently for the past 15 years, uses paid student workers.

“We do this for a month each year,” Wilson said.

It’s Wilson stresses that students do not make these phone calls only to ask for money.

“When I train the students, I tell them that they are not only fund-raisers, but they are friends,” Wilson said.

“Part of the goal of this drive is to raise awareness of happenings on campus. I encourage the ladies to become friends with the people they call,” Wilson said.

The Phone-a-thon will continue until March 2.

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Do YOU have an opinion on this matter?

Come Talk About It! The Content of our Character: Is Affirmative Action Just?

Monday, Feb. 16, 2004 Faculty Debate Jordan Auditorium MC08 7:00 pm
Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004 Student Discussion Coleman-Morse Lounge 7:00 pm

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“Minority groups can only advance after accepting that the means to progress is by increasing their own merit, not robbing it from others.”

—Greg Parnell

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good voter turnout, and for me, the more people that vote, the better off we are because it shows that people are really interested in student government.”

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Presidents elected to Saint Mary’s SDB, RHA

By ANNE LEE WOOLFORD
Saint Mary’s Editor

Presidential elections held Tuesday for Saint Mary’s Student Diversity Board and Residence Hall Association left Ashley Doughty and Adriana Puente and Martha Hottenstein and Jill Funnell to fill their respective administrative positions on April 1.

Both tickets ran unopposed. In each of the elections, students could choose to vote in favor of the candidates, against the candidates or abstain.

Hottenstein and Funnell received 79 percent of the vote in the RHA election. Abstentions accounted for seven percent of the vote, while five percent of students voted against the ticket.

Doughty said she and Puente’s first priority upon entering office is to reach out to accepted Saint Mary’s students who have yet to make their final commitment. As specified on the ticket’s platform, board members will include a letter with personal contact information in packets sent by the admissions office to accepted students.

The process of drafting a letter is already in progress, Doughty said.

In addition to selecting a new 12-member board, Doughty and Puente hope to work toward increasing student, faculty and staff participation at Student Diversity Board events. They also intend to broaden aspects of diversity beyond those associated with race and ethnicity.

“Overall, we just want to keep up with what SDB has done so far,” Doughty said. “I think that our platform ideas are feasible to start, if not fully achieve.”

Although only 21 percent of students voted in Tuesday’s election, neither of the tickets nor elections commissioner Nicole Haasberle was surprised at the turnout.

“Voter turnout seems much lower compared to the student body election we just had, because that was abnormally high,” she said.

She credits the interest in the recent student body election to the fact that opposition existed among tickets for the first time in three years. The three tickets that ran in the student body election are put forward by established student groups, including the Student Diversity Board.

When asked if she thought that students were really interested in student government,” she said.

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California water-rights ruling could threaten species

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — An effort to save two rare fish more than a decade ago could come back to haunt environmentalists after a recent court decision awarded millions of dollars in compensation to farmers who lost water in the process.

If the December ruling by a federal judge survives expected legal challenges, the government could find itself forced to pay much more for efforts to protect endangered fish, draining resources away from conservation.

"There may be implications for how the Endangered Species Act is implemented," said Alf W. Brandt, the Interior Department lawyer who argued the government's case. "There may be implications for how water diversions are made."

The case stemmed from the government's efforts to protect endangered winter-run chinook salmon and threatened delta smelt between 1992 and 1994 by withholding billions of gallons from farmers in California's Kern and Tulare counties.

"What the court found is that the government is certainly free to protect the fish under the Endangered Species Act, but it must pay for the water that it takes to do so," said Roger J. Marzulla, the attorney representing the water districts that brought the claim.

Environmentalists called the ruling a stealth attack on the Endangered Species Act that could gut efforts to preserve species in the future by making them too costly to enforce.

"The purpose of these suits is simply a backdoor attack on environmental laws," said Barry Nelson, a senior policy analyst with the National Resources Defense Council. "And frankly, it's to bust the federal budget as the price tag for complying with environmental-protection laws."

Along the California-Oregon line, for example, a similar court case could leave the government with a $100 million bill for water diverted from farmers in 2001 for species protection.

The Office of Student Activities is currently accepting new club proposals. If you have an idea for a club, whose purpose is not currently served by an existing club, the Club Coordination Council encourages the submission of a new club proposal to the Student Activities Office for review. More information can be found at: www.nd.edu/~sao/clubs/newclub.htm

All requirements must be completed before the new club proposal will be reviewed, including:

- Budget
- Advisor
- Bylaws and purpose statement
- List of officers

Submit the required information to Amy Geist, 314 LaFortune, by 5pm Friday, February 13, 2004 for review this year. The next new club review will not occur until January 2005. Contact the Student Activities Office with any questions!
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Haiti death toll reaches 47

GONAIVES, Haiti — To cheers of approval, rebels set ablaze an accused gov-
ernment soldier and shot another man Wednesday, raising the death toll to 46 in a popular uprising that began in this traditional hotbed of revolutionary fervor. President Jean-Bertrand Aristide said he would not resign.

South of Gonaives, police attacked rebels holed up in a slum in the port city of Jacmel, and witnesses said gunman loyal to Aristide torched homes, killing two people, as looters ransacked shops.

In northern Cap-Haitien, Haiti's second-largest city, sporadic gunshots cracked over the morning radio, as part of it hiding out in Ukraine from shadowy operatives for two years.

But Ivan Rybkin also lashed out at authorities for not informing Russians about his whereabouts, saying they easily could have tracked his movements across the Ukraine border through a border control computer.

Russian candidate resurfaces

A Russian presidential candi-
date who disappeared for five days gave a rambling account of his absence Wednesday, suggesting in a radio interview that part of it hiding out in Ukraine from shadowy operatives for two years.

Texas murderer executed

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — Maintaining his innocence, a convicted killer was executed Wednesday for a 1991 triple slaying in which one victim was a 10-year-old girl pregnant with his child.

"I just want to say I am not sad or bitter 'what was done to me,'" Edward Lagrone said in a brief final statement. "Like I've said from Day One, I didn't kill them. But I'm no better than the people that did." He concluded by saying: "Jesus is Lord. That's all I have to say."

STATE NEWS

House examines Kernan's request

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan proposal was crafted by House Democrats and Republicans to develop a budget for the state's new budget center — only a few hours after six hours of debate.

The proposal was crafted by Senate leaders who wished to overturn a high court decision legalizing gay marriage with gay couples. The Senate此举 failed a vote to strike it.

Four of the dead were killed in theattack on a police station, killing 53 Iraqis, including American citizens who recruiting during the attack. There was no claim of responsibility for the care of the crowd was clear.

The United States made public a letter to al-Qaida leaders thought to be sent by the militant, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. In it, he warns that militants are in a "race against time" to stop the June 30 handover of power, when Iraq security forces will take a stronger role in battling the insurgency.

The military announced Monday that it investigate the document.

In Wednesday's attack in Baghdad, Oldsmobile packed with 300 to 500 pounds of explosives drove up to a crowd of Iraqis waiting outside an army recruitment center — only a few blocks from the heavily fortified Green Zone, headquarters of the U.S. administration.

was clearly to kill Iraqis working with the U.S.-led coalition, rather than a particular religious group because the crowd was view a mix of Sunni and Shiite.

The suicide bombing Tuesday targeted a mostly Shiite town, Iskandariyah, to the south of the capital. A truck carrying a similar amount of explosives blew up outside a police sta-
tion, killing 53 Iraqis, including would-be recruits lined up to apply for jobs.

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IRAQ

Second suicide bombing in two days leaves up to 47 dead; total count nears 100

A U.S. Army soldier stands in the rain in Baghdad, directing Iraqi citi-
izens away from the scene of the second suicide bombing in two days.

Kerry looks at campaign strategies

Sen. John Kerry, said Democratic strategist Michael Feldman. "George Bush is also the best way to secure the Democratic nomination," Feldman said. "His former boss, Al Gore, polished off the 2000 Democratic nominating struggle while at the same time rallying Bush."

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Cable television company offers over $50 billion for Walt Disney Company

Brian Roberts, president and CEO of Comcast, right, confers with Stephen Burke, the company's executive vice president, before their press conference Tuesday.

Disney, the nephew of Disney founder Walt Disney, and Stanley E. Gold about his performance and the lack of a succession plan. Comcast said Eisner declined earlier this week to discuss a possible merg-

Bob Woodward. The deal could mean the end of the 20-year career of Eisner, who is fending off criticism from former board members Roy E. Disney's stock, which has lagged over the past six years or so, has risen sharply over the past year and earnings have also climbed on the strength of Disney's film slate and a turnaround at its theme parks.

SEC adopts fund changes

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators are moving closer to banning payments by mutual fund companies to induce brokers to sell certain funds — a practice that critics say creates conflicts of interest and hurts investors. The Securities and Exchange Commission also voted Wednesday to adopt new rules requiring fund companies to submit a biennial "shareholder report" with fuller information on fees and expenses. The report will include the dollar amount of fund expenses paid by shareholders on a $1,000 investment.

President Bush. Against that backdrop, Greenspan reaffirmed the Fed's stance that it would be patient in considering pos-

Greenspan cautions about deficit

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan warned on Wednesday that mushrooming federal budget deficits could threaten the national economy, while predict-

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Cable television giant Comcast Corp. made a surprise bid Wednesday to buy The Walt Disney Co. for more than $54 billion, a deal that would take advantage of Disney's growing vulner-

The agency has been under pressure from Congress, the Justice Department's antitrust depart-

Analysts said the Disney-Comcast combination made sense, but questioned whether Comcast would be able to sufficient-

They also were not sur-

up rates this year.

The momentum shift comes less than a week after Redwood Shores, Calif.-based PeopleSoft stepped up the pressure on Peopl

Oracle, PeopleSoft merger blocked

PeopleSoft, which made the surprise bid, is a smaller software company based in Pleasanton, Calif. -based Oracle, but the fierce fight still appears to have regained the upper hand in its eight-month slugfest with Oracle.

The offer comes at a vul-

some increases in short-term interest rates, which now are at a 45-year low of 1 percent. The comment pleased Wall Street. The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 123.85 points to close at 10,737.70 — the highest level in more than 2 1/2 years.

Still, he said low interest rates will not be compatible indefinitely with the Fed's primary job of fighting inflation. Some private economists believe the Fed could start nudging up rates this year. Others predict rates will not change until 2005.

Greenspan tempered his optimism with a dose of caution about the dangers of budget deficits.

Last week, the Bush administration project-

"Federal budget deficits could cause difficulties even in the rela-

tively near term," Greenspan told the House Financial Services Committee.

"Should investors become significant-

The administration has pledged to cut the deficit in half by the next five years. Rep. Jay Inslee, D-Wash., said that pledge was a "fantasy."
Chad

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home with God. I encourage everyone to come out to Mass (tonight) and celebrate Chad's life.

Moss said that he planned to call the Sharons after the Mass's reception, which will include the dedication of a plaque and the announcement of a tree to be planted in the spring to honor Chad Sharon's memory.

"His RA put it so well last year at the first Champlain," Moss said, ""Smiling Chad,"" Moss said. ""He was so anxious, so happy about being here, so glad to be a part of ND - just a wonderful spirit.

Sharon's close friends at Notre Dame praised that spirit, saying that the sincerity and contentment they remembered in Sharon was still a part of their everyday lives.

"We don't ever forget him. He was a great guy,"" said junior Danita Altfiillisch, who attended high school with Sharon in Merrill, Wis. ""His dad is always saying how Chad wouldn't have wanted us to be sad and mourn, just to be happy, because that's how Chad was.

Tom Gorman, who lived on the second floor of Fisher across from Sharon last fall, agreed that Sharon would not have wanted his friends to dwell on his death.

""He would want us to go out and have a normal day,"" Gorman said. ""He was just that kind of person - he never did anything for himself. It was always for everyone else. That's how we remember him in Fisher.

Fisher freshmen have had this memory passed along, as well, through the efforts of upperclassmen. Gorman said that during Freshman Orientation, upperclassmen saw Sharon's portrait hanging in the hallway and asked him who it was. Gorman told them, and then cautioned them about their own actions.

""We've been pushing it on the freshmen - it's a tough learning tool, but you have to learn from it,"" Gorman said. ""It helps us to be more conscious. Always jump in cars. When people leave, leave with them.""

Sharon's death occurred after he left a Corby Street party alone at around 2 a.m. on Dec. 12, 2002. He was reported missing by Fisher Hall staff on Dec. 13, prompting a comprehensive investigation by both Notre Dame Security Police and state authorities. Notre Dame and local police offered a $50,000 reward for information leading to Sharon's safe return as helicopter and dog searches were conducted throughout the area for the next two months. On the afternoon of Feb. 12, his body was discovered partially submerged underneath the river's Angela Bridge by a construc-

tion employee working near the site.

While he described it as an isolated tragedy, Poorman expressed hope that Sharon's situation would strike a chord with students who venture off campus into what can often be dangerous territory.

""Chad's death was a tragic accident that reminds us how fragile life truly is,"" he said. ""It is difficult to know how to prevent a similar situation. It just reminds us to be as mindful as possible in looking out for each other, especially when students find themselves in unfamiliar surroundings off campus."

He added that he and other University officials had kept in contact with the Sharons since their son's death.

""Steve and Jane are wonderful people, and I've grown close to them in the course of this whole ordeal,"" Poorman said.

Bill Kirk, associate vice president of resident life, said that he speaks with the Sharons ""about once a month,"" and that he had invited them to the Mass. When they could not attend, Kirk said, they proposed the idea of leaving in the name of a tree to be planted in the Mass's reception, which will continue from page 1

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Campus Life Council to form a task force to investigate the possibility of such a requirement.

""We're going to make as few demands as possible and as many suggestions as possible to get the best response,"" Feeney said.

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Senate

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ors. ""What we're asking from you is support to investigate ... how we can work with the various bodies of this institution so that we can get a better understanding of diversity on campus."" The letter also addressed the options available to students if this proposition became mandatory.

""There are currently many classes available which would fulfill this need,"" the letter said, ""for example, 'Race, Ethnicity and American Politics,' taught by (assistant professor of political science) Alvin Tillery, as well as Whiteness Studies, which is taught by (assistant professor of American Studies) Thomas Guglielmo...

""As an institution of higher education, the University of Notre Dame has an obligation to deal with the racial tension existing on this campus,"" it continued.

Bafan senator and chair of the Senate's diversity committee Laura Feeney said that her committee will soon present a resolution to the Senate asking the
WASHINGTON — Janet Jackson’s exposed breast was the talk of Capitol Hill on Wednesday, with lawmakers and regulators saying it’s the latest example of all that’s wrong with TV and should serve as the impetus for government to get tough with broadcasters.

At a pair of hearings, lawmakers excoriated Mel Karmazin, president of Viacom Inc. His company owns CBS, which broadcast the raunchy Super Bowl halftime show that included Jackson.

Members of the House Telecommunications Committee spent more than two hours grilling Karmazin, who again apologized for the show that ended with singer Justin Timberlake tearing off part of Jackson’s top and exposing her right breast to 90 million TV viewers.

“You knew what you were doing,” said Rep. Heather Wilson, N. M., her voice cracking, “You wanted us to be all abuzz. It lines your pockets.”

Karmazin insisted that CBS and MTV did not know about plans to rip off Jackson’s top, nor the crotch-grabbing dance steps that were also included in the halftime show. He said none of those actions took place during rehearsals.

“Everyone at Viacom and everyone at CBS and everyone at MTV was shocked and appalled and embarrassed at what had happened,” Karmazin said.

To prevent a repeat, he said CBS will air live programming on a five-minute delay, which was done for the Grammy awards this week. He said the network-owned stations would also buy equipment so that locally televised live programs would also be time-delayed. And he said the network was reviewing its standards for commercials in response to criticism over a movie trailer for a horror film and Super Bowl ads showing a flatulent horse and a crotch-biting dog.

The halftime show, produced by CBS’ corporate cousin MTV, drew more than 200,000 complaints to the Federal Communications Commission.
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"What's the Future of this Relationship?" Workshop

Please join us for an afternoon of reflection and discussion designed for dating couples who are discerning the next stage of a relationship commitment.

Sunday, Feb 29, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
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~ Applications are available in 114 Coleman-Morse Center or 319 Coleman-Morse at the Reception Desk (there is no cost for this program)

Questions: call John or Sylvia Dillon at 1-7163
**South Korea**

Researchers cull stem cells from clone

Associated Press

SEOUL — Researchers in South Korea for the first time have cloned a human embryo and then called stem cells from it, marking an important step toward one day growing patients' own replacement tissue to treat diseases.

The experiment is sure to revive controversy over human cloning, both in the United States and internationally.

This is not cloning to make babies. Instead it's called therapeutic cloning, in which embryos that are the genetic twins of a particular patient are grown in a test-tube to supply master stem cells that can grow into any tissue — without being rejected by that patient's immune system.

The technique offers the potential of breakthrough treatments for diabetes, Parkinson's and other diseases, but any therapy is years away from being tested in people.

Scientists have used therapeutic cloning to partially cure laboratory mice with an immune system disease. And they know how to cull stem cells from human embryos left in fertility clinics, offering the potential of cell therapy but not patient-specific treatment.

But attempts at cloning a human embryo in the stem-cell quest have failed until now.

Scientists from Seoul National University report they succeeded — thanks, they say, to using extremely fresh eggs donated by South Korean volunteers and finding a gentler way of handling the genetic material inside them.

The report appears in Friday's edition of Science magazine.

It's elegant work that provides long-anticipated proof that the technique is possible using human cells, said stem-cell researcher Dr. Rudolf Jaenisch of the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research in Cambridge, Mass.

"That's an important point to prove," he said.

"It's not of practical use at this point," Jaenisch said, stressing that years of additional research are required.

For one thing, the cloning technique still doesn't work well: The Seoul team collected 242 eggs, from which they succeeded in cloning 30 blastocytes — early-stage embryos containing a mere 100 cells. From those, they harvested just one colony of stem cells.

Still, it's likely to renew debate over whether all forms of human cloning should be banned. In Congress, the House last year voted to do that, but the Senate stalled over whether there should be an exception for research of this type.

Ebersol and Leito fielded questions from Istvan and Bell about their policies of placing a student on the Board of Trustees and creating an endowment for speakers and concerts.

"The votes for [getting a student on the Board of Trustees] exist because of relationships I developed. They're not going to stick to another president ... This is not my position, my president's main priority," said Ebersol of his ability to get a student on the Board of Trustees by a vote.

Vice presidential candidate Jaenisch went on to defend their plan for a speaker endowment.

"We have a student body that allows student organizations not to worry about losing money when they bring in speakers or concerts ... Charlie's writing the report on that, and knows where the money is," Bell said.

Istvan responded by citing the controversy surrounding the David School last semester, calling it a "misunderstanding of funds" that showed [Ebersol] missed what student involvement would be.

Bell spoke on the issue of gender relations on campus, and the lack of diversity involving sexual orientation.

"We will continue to work on getting a Gender Resource Center, and recognize the Gay/Straight Alliance on campus," Bell said.

During the portion of the debate when the candidates took questions from the audience, each ticket was able to speak on a variety of topics, including their plans to reduce student apathy on campus.

"Our greatest asset is being able to use senators and dorm presidents to get opinions from the students who speak up in hall councils, or those that talk to the representatives around the dorms," Bell said.

Ebersol agreed with the benefits, placing a greater emphasis on residence life representation in student government, but also added his own opinion.

"Apathy is something you want to combat by getting feedback, and we plan on creating as many means of getting feedback as possible," said Ebersol.

Istvan and Bell also detailed their "pledge system," which would aim at getting SRBs back in the dorms by having students sign a pledge not to abuse alcohol during the dance, and Ebersol and Leito explained their new TCE policy, which would require that TCEs be taken mid-semester rather than at the end of the course so as to receive more valuable feedback.

"Everything on our platform has been well-researched," said Leito during the debate's closing statements. "Not only are we looking to solve short-term problems, but we want to improve upon the University for future generations.

In his final argument, Istvan said, "We can relate to every student on campus ... in all of our policy, we're looking out for the students.

Online voting for the election will take place today from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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It is more than half a century since Orwell warned that the English language was in a bad way and that this fact had political consequences. “Politics and the English Language” was a timely essay, and it will continue to be timely for as long as the English language exists.

Two decades after Orwell’s essay was published, W. H. Auden estimated that nine-tenths of the population of England did not know what 30 percent of the words they used actually meant. I suspect that matters are even worse now, on both sides of the Atlantic.

Consider, for example, the phrase “one of a kind,” which means — as a moment’s thought will show — the opposite of what it is commonly used to mean. Now, it might be replied that there is really no problem here. Since the phrase is never used literally, to denote membership of a group, the colloquial usage creates no confusion. But note that the literal meaning of the words is much more precise than the new meaning, which is indeterminate between “exceptional” and “unique.”

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Progress in American justice

Liz Yepsen

The Dartmouth

Race, economic status and geography are all important and discriminating factors in determining which criminals receive the death penalty in the United States, Diann Rust-Tierny said on Friday in her speech "Justice Defenders: The Implementation of the Death Penalty in the U.S."

"Tierny, the director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Capital Punishment Project, is working toward a nationwide abolition of the death penalty. The process is not a quick one, however. "The way we get there, to abolition, is to take people through the very same exercise, which is actually get your hands dirty, to see that there are problems and to see that we can fix them," Tierny said.

"The primary factor that unfairly determines whether a defendant will get the death penalty, according to Tierny, is race." The racial makeup of the jury is key in determining whether a defendant will get the death penalty, and the selection of a jury based on race is even a strategy taught in some defense attorney training classes.

"The race of the victim of the crime is also an influential factor. Defendants in cases in which the victim is black are statistically more likely to receive the death penalty than if the victim were white," Tierny said.

"We have a system that is supposed to be vindicating the lives of the victims and it is vindicating some more than others. We have a system that values some people more than others," Tierny said. Economic status is yet another influential factor. Defendants living in poverty are not able to afford the best defense attorneys. Public defenders are less experienced with death penalty cases and the quality of service provided is in keeping with their small salary.

"Geography, too, plays a role in the handing down of a death penalty sentence," Tierny said. It is unfair that certain precincts or judges are notorious for handing down lethal sentences, while others in other states or cities are less likely to do so, even though the crime might be the same.

"Tierny cited education and involvement as steps towards abolition of the death penalty. Many voters support the death penalty because they believe it should be reserved for the "worst of the worst," but this careful application is not a realistic one. "The basic reason people support the death penalty is a gut-feeling about justice and fairness. Whatever abstract justice they think the death penalty has, this death penalty isn't anywhere near where you think it ought to be," Tierny said.

"Tierny described the movement toward abolition of the death penalty as a journey and exalted the transition from an abstract discussion of ethics to a concrete debate over law as evidence of progress. "When you get to the point that you are making laws, then people really have to grapple with these issues," she said.

"Progress is being made in New Hampshire to restrict the types of cases to which the death penalty can be applied, New Hampshire state senator Clifton Below said. A bill to abolish the juvenile death penalty, now applicable to criminals 17 and older, will be presented to lawmakers Monday. The bill proposes to restrict the age to those 18 and older.

"Tierny and Below spoke as part of Friday's Death Penalty Symposium sponsored by Dartmouth Civil Liberties Union, Amnesty International at Dartmouth College, Dartmouth College Greens, The Dartmouth Free Press, the Tucker Foundation, Panarchy undergraduate society and the Rockefeller Center."

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Dating potential at Notre Dame

As I perused the paper on Wednesday, Feb. 11, I couldn't help but notice the multiple references to the dating scene on the Notre Dame campus.

Let's recap. The question of the day was, "How would you describe ND's dating scene?"

This question elicited responses such as "nonexistent," "what dating scene?" "you have a better chance with sheep," and so on. You get the point. The common view of dating at Notre Dame is that it really doesn't exist.

On a campus where so many individuals put their energy and efforts into fruitless endeavors — such as trying to change the alcohol policy, abolishing parietals, protesting the Vagina Monologues, etc. — I don't understand why the vast majority of people comment on the dating scene, yet do nothing to change it.

I'm not saying that it's not worth-while to fight for things you're passionate about — i.e. pro/con Vagina Monologues — but it seems strange to me that students are willing to put so much effort toward those issues, and then casually complain about the dating scene without doing anything to change it. It's unlikely that protesting parietals will actually get parietals abolished.

I've made the comments — "Oohhhhh, they had lunch together. What's going on there?" — but I pose a challenge to myself and to every student here to hold a more mature attitude toward gender relations on this campus.

I would like to live in an environment where I don't raise my eyebrows when I hear that two people are going out to eat. What's the big deal about simply trying to get to know someone of the opposite sex better by spending time together? It's not a big deal. So, let's all act that way.

If we change our attitudes toward dating and maybe even go out on a limb and actually ask that cute guy/girl from class out on a date (heaven forbid), I think we'll see a change in the dating scene. I, for one, am ready to make the effort. If anyone else agrees, then give me a call.

Don't be puzzled

This Friday's crossword puzzle was created by two Notre Dame alumni: James M. Jenista ('79, '81) and James C. Jenista ('03). New York Times crossword puzzle editor, Will Shortz, called it the hardest puzzle he has run in a decade. I encourage everyone to try out this extremely challenging puzzle.

Michael Jenista

Joe Schuster

Knott Hall

Feb. 11

Confronting the 'Monologues'

I was a little confused about Christina Dehan's letter to the editor yesterday, mainly because I couldn't figure out what she was talking about. The "Monologues" ... hmmm ... I've never heard of this play. Perhaps Ms. Dehan was referring to the more popular play, The Vagina Monologues. With all the recent controversy over "The Vagina Monologues," I wouldn't be surprised.

It just doesn't make sense, though. How can a person write a six paragraph letter denouncing a play without ever mentioning the name of it?

I'm not attacking or defending the performance of "The Vagina Monologues" at Notre Dame. I don't have the time and my efforts would be in vain; my non-Catholic opinions would never win here. All I'm saying is that if you're going to attack something, at least recognize what it is, instead of softening it because it offends you.

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Senior

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Rolling out the Red Carpet for Notre Dame band

Campus band brings home-grown music talent back into the spotlight at Legends

Here on campus, music usually doesn’t take center stage. When you’re competing with a nationally recognized football team and a basketball team that just beat fifth-ranked Connecticut, it’s no wonder why. A look beneath the surface layer of buff and bronzed athletes, however, reveals an often-overlooked area of Notre Dame talent. Although athletic prowess may not be their forte, there is a self-described “helly and awkward” group of guys who can hold their own when it comes to guitars and drums. The band, The Royal They, consists of four members from Fisher and Alumni Halls — Drew Baumgartner on guitar, Bucket Cullen on bass, Phil Hewett on drums and Nick “Husky” Williams, the token sex idol in the group and occasional lead vocalist. The Observer recently got to sit down with these guys to shed some light on the mysterious campus music scene.

Q. Your band has an interesting name, The Royal They. How did you guys decide upon this name for the group?
Bucket: It was a long process. It doesn’t actually mean anything, but it took months to decide on a name. A bunch of ideas were thrown around — Optimus Prime Time, Push for Green — that sounded to political.

Q. As far as musicians go, the Beatles were self-taught, and Moby is classically trained. Where on the spectrum do you guys fall with your musical backgrounds?
Drew: When I was starting out on guitar I took lessons, but now I just play by ear.

Q. Who are your musical influences?
Bucket: My big three are Primus, Bela Fleck and the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Q. How would you describe the type of music you play?
Bucket: We have discussed possibly putting together a demo tape and seeing what the response would be. We’re open about it.

Q. Are you guys serious about the future of the band? Do you think you’ll stay together for the long haul?
Husky: Mine would be Ella Fitzgerald, Britney Spears and X-tina.

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Q. What’s on your turntable?

Q. What are some of your songs that are recognizable but not overplayed?

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Husky: It’s tough, because the nature of the school isn’t conducive to bands. It’s tough scheduling and finding time to practice. You do find some good campus bands, though, like Sudsberry Shore. They’re really good.

Q. What do you think of the Notre Dame music scene?
Drew: Pretty bad. Personally, I saw people more interested in music and more talented in high school than here. What I like to say about Notre Dame is that people don’t know what they like, they like what they know.

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Q. If you guys made it big and became rich and famous, what would be the first thing you’d do?

Q. Just for kicks, what are your thoughts on the Super Bowl halftime show? Planned or accident?

Q. If you guys made it big and became rich and famous, what would be the first thing you’d do?

Bucket: (Instantaneously) Kick Sting’s butt.

Husky: And buy a Wendy’s frozen machine. (everyone nods in agreement)

This picture, titled “No Nose Goes,” very effectively captures the fun-loving spirit, the creative tendencies and the snot of this popular Notre Dame band.
Two star-crossed lovers celebrate St. Valentine's Day

becoming a joke with Lindford. His portrayal actually drew laughter from the audience in even the most dramatic scenes.

Victoria Duarri also has the task of taking on an opposite sex role, along with playing traditional female roles. Primarily, Duarri is Juliet, the heroine of the tale. She does a beautiful job of playing the love-smitten daydreamer and the angry, desperate woman who seeks to evade her father's wishes. In a role demanding so much because of its fame, Duarri exudes a confidence that only adds to Juliet's transformation from a girl into a woman. As a male, she plays Benvolio, Romeo's good friend, and displays a carefree, happy and masculine disposition which sets her far apart from her Juliet character.

Francesca Ryan primarily plays Nurse, who is the caretaker of Juliet. It appears Ryan spent too much time focusing on her main role without giving much attention to her other roles. As Nurse, she is the perfect loving mother figure to Juliet. Her chemistry with Duarri is unmistakable. However, her roles as Paris (Juliet's suitor) and Prince (the chief lawgiver in Verona) fall terribly flat. If it were not for the yellow flower Ryan wears when she is in the role of Paris, it would be difficult to separate the two characters because they both have no distinction at all.

Nevertheless, most of these shortcomings among the cast are in more minor roles, and the delivery from the actors in their main roles more than make up for the faults. The biggest disappointment lies in the play's most important character. Chuk Iwuji is less than perfect in the role of Romeo, a part that demands perfection. He has little chemistry with Duarri, and often thinks too much and overdelivers his lines to little or no effect. It tries hard to be wittily driven and a man who plays a woman. His femininity is overdone, and even drifts into a prop, and several other small items are used to delineate one role from another. The company works together in developing the production with directors. They also take pride in involving several PTT students in the marketing and production of the play.

Because of the lack of sets and props, a heavy burden is placed on the delivering abilities of the players. For the most part, they deliver. Peter Lindford takes on the roles of Lord Capulet and Mercutio, one of Romeo's friends. It is difficult to ask an actor to play both a Capulet and a Montague without causing much confusion among the audience. But Lindford plays each of the roles distinctly and effectively. As Mercutio, he is a jovial swinger who is always ready for a party and very protective of those he loves. As Lord Capulet, Lindford displays both affection for his daughter Juliet, and a concealed rage against the black backdrop. In a role demanding so much because of its fame, Duarri exudes a confidence that only adds to Juliet's transformation from a girl into a woman. As a male, she plays Benvolio, Romeo's good friend, and displays a carefree, happy and masculine disposition which sets her far apart from her Juliet character.

The storyline of Romeo and Juliet is familiar to all, but the dramatic performances of Shakespeare still offers surprises for the audience.

“Romeo and Juliet” plays at Washington Hall today, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $12 for students, $14 for senior citizens and $16 for adults and can be purchased at the LaFortune box office.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Barnett faces university investigation of recruiting

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — When Gary Barnett was hired to coach Colorado's football team five years ago, he was embraced as a disciplinarian who would end an era of loose recruiting practices and return the team to national prominence.

Now the coach is at the center of the school's biggest scandal in its program's history.

Amid accusations that a booby-trap of recruiting visits by Colorado's proctor before the 2001 ended in gang rape, Barnett faces a university investigation that was all but ordered by Colorado's governor.

"The latest blow came when a weekly sportspage said he regularly sends letter-of-inquiry to top prospects for Colorado. The most recent performances were good -- well after the rape allegations became public and just days after Barnett promised to step down if it was shown his staff had anything to do with what he called "tawdry" behavior by stadium girls.

"To top it off, a former athlete is reluctant to crack down on entertaining recruits because it could have an advantage to other schools. Barnett denies it all, telling The Associated Press he will be cleared by the investigation and disputes accusations in a federal lawsuit that the Boulder campus is a hostile place for women.

"I expect them to find that we have an exemplary program in every aspect," Barnett said.

The coach blames the players and students for the December 2001 party that led to the rape allegations and says he can't watch players and recruits 24 hours a day.

"No one or any member of my staff had anything to do with that night," he said. "At no time did any coach take part in arranging, creating or encouraging any sort. You just don't do that."

At 57, Barnett has led Colorado to its first 12 Conference title and a BCS bowl game in his five seasons as head coach (his contract runs through 2006). When he took over from Bill McCartney in January 1999, his former players at Northwestern said Colorado had gotten a new sheriff.

During the last two seasons, nine players were suspended for various violations of team rules, including curfew and behavior standards.

"Coach Barnett is such a stickler," receiver D.J. Hackett said. "He's really strict on rules and stuff."

Still, Barnett had his share of controversy even before becoming head coach at Colorado.

He led Northwestern to a pair of Big Ten titles and a Rose Bowl berth after the 1995 season. He was also there during another betting scandal in which four football players were indicted and accused of lying about gambling and point-shaving activities.

Their coach was not implicated. Barnett later called the scandal a "tremendous betrayal" by the players.

Barnett was also with the Colorado program as an assistant coach during some of the school's biggest scandal -- the investigation that was all but ended in gang rape.

In 1995, his five seasons as head coach brought bitter memories. Barnett himself wasn't critical of that mess, which tarnished the tenure of head coach Bill McCartney but didn't stop the Buffs from winning a national championship in 1990.

Since then, the program has been slapped with two years of NCAA probation for violations that occurred mostly under Barnett's predecessor, Mike Shanahan.

The problems included illegal contact with recruits and excessive reimbursement for recruits' travel and entertainment expenses.

Barnett was cited for two minor violations.

Much more serious are the accusations leveled in federal lawsuits filed by three women who say they were raped during or after the 2001 off-campus recruiting party. The suit accuses the program and university of fostering an environment in which women are routinely sexually harassed, which would violate federal bans on gender discrimination in college.

No players or recruits were charged. But Boulder County's top prosecutor accused the university in a deposition of using sex as a recruiting tool. The school is appointing a panel to investigate, and the criminal investigation has been reopened.

The party took place during what Barnett calls a brief period of free time that recruits spend with their student-athletes.

"Their day is packed," he said. "As coaches, we're involved with them all but 3 1/2 hours every day. And for those 3 1/2 hours they're with one of our players, one-on-one. You try to eliminate as much risk as you can."

NBA

Blazers' Allen claims Wallace wanted out

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Portland Trail Blazers owner Paul Allen said Thursday that he received assurances from Portland's Juwan Wallace that the embattled star would be ready to play elsewhere next year, and that he (Allen) would be prepared to trade the embattled star.

"I'm talking about taking the team in different directions and flashhed wanted to play somewhere else next year, and we (took) all those factors into account," Allen said in a news conference at halftime of Portland's game against Utah on Thursday.

"We got three great guys and two guys who have been All-Stars, so given those parameters I think we came out in a pretty great place."

Wallace, a 6-foot-11 forward who was in his eighth season in Portland, was dealt Monday along with Wesley Person to Atlanta for Shareef Abdur-Rahim, Theo Ratliff and Dan Dickau.

"Anytime you trade an established player who is a big part of your success as a franchise, those are difficult decisions," Allen said.

Allen acknowledged that Wallace's unpopularity with the fans meant that he and the team would have eventually parted ways.

"I think it's about the expectations that the community and the fans have of the players here in Portland, which I think is at a higher level that other cities in this country," Allen said.

Wallace gained notoriety during the 2000-01 season, when he compiled an NBA record 41 technical fouls. Last season, Wallace and teammate Horace Grant were cited in Washington state on marijuana charges while returning from a game in Seattle against the SuperSonics.

His troubles continued when the NBA suspended him for seven games for threatening an official on the leading hook of Portland's Rose Garden arena after a game.

It was the longest suspension ever imposed by the NBA for something that didn't involve physical contact or substance abuse.

Player misbehavior off the court partly led Allen to release a 25-point code of conduct last summer in an effort to try and win back the community.
Baker’s absence risks contract termination

Associated Press

BOSTON — Vin Baker is expected to miss his 10th consecutive game Thursday night, a mark that could allow the Boston Celtics to terminate a contract that was to pay him $35 million more over the next 2 1/2 years.

Baker missed two months and the playoffs last season after he checked into a rehab center to treat alcoholism. He agreed at the time to follow an after-care program this season and submit to frequent testing. But Baker failed to comply with the terms of the agreement last three times, and was suspended indefinitely on Jan. 23. The team has not disclosed the nature of the violations, which could include a positive test or refusal to take a test.

Only the doctor overseeing Baker’s care, approved by the team and player, can determine if he’s ready to return. But the agreement said that if Baker wasn’t back within 10 games, the Celtics have the right to terminate his contract.

“We continue to wish him the best,” Celtics spokesman Bill bonsiewicz said Wednesday from Chicago, where the Celtics were preparing to play the Bulls. Baker, who said he began binge drinking during the 1998-99 lockout, was suspended Feb. 27, 2003, and didn’t play again last season. But after treatment he returned in better shape and determined to make it up to his teammates.

He scored in double figures in 21 of his first 35 games, but

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then his production dropped off again. He totaled just 12 points in four games before being suspended for three more, then played in just two of the next five games before being suspended again.

The 6-foot-11 Baker was the eighth overall pick by the Milwaukee Bucks in the 1993 draft. He averaged 21 points and 10 rebounds over his last two seasons in Milwaukee before he was traded to Seattle for the 1997-98 season.

His first season in Seattle showed only slight drop off, and he was good enough to be picked for the 2000 U.S. Olympic team. But by the time the Sydney games came around, his play had deteriorated to the point where he was rarely used.

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Saturday Vigil Mass
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Rev. John Coughlin, c.s.c

Sunday
10:00 a.m.
Rev. John Coughlin, c.s.c
11:15 a.m.
Rev. Tom Gaughan, c.s.c

around campus (every Sunday)

11:15 a.m.
Spanish Mass
St. Edward's Hall Chapel

5:00 p.m.
Law School Mass
Law School Commons

7:00 p.m.
MBA Mass
Mendoza COB Faculty Lounge

Living in the Eye
Forecast: Hurricanes Ahead

by John Glynn
Intern, Campus Ministry

Seniors, it's that time of year again. Reechoing through dorms and classrooms on campus seem to be the same question: what am I going to do next year? As much as we'd like to have someone tell us what we should do, the choice is ultimately up to us. The decision is ours alone, but how do we make it? When we are constantly fighting the daily grind of classes, papers, labs, homework, etc., while simultaneously applying for jobs and grad schools, how do we find the time and space to gain some insight into what to do with our lives?

Allow me to give a shameless plug for retreats. Retreats help to remove us from the everyday routine of life to quiet us down, share reflections, and help us get some perspective. Retreats can be wonderful tools for getting some peace and quiet in which to reflect on the course of our lives. Most last only one or two nights, and can be a welcome sigh of relief in a stressful semester.

However, we can individually "retreat" every day, that is, we can find peace, solitude, and clarity in the midst of the business of life. By finding a little time every day to meditate and reflect, we can bring out the fruits of an internal process in external ways. If we lack clarity or mind, how can we break through our own confusion; if we lack clear vision of our lives, how can we overcome our sense of being lost; if we do not have peace in our hearts, how can we let go of our emotional burdens? Our duty there therefore extend not only to passing our courses or getting our applications in, but to the personal cultivation of the individual life of faith as well.

However, the more we come to the silence and peaceful places in our hearts, the more we need to constantly deepen and enrich our meditative experiences in order to consistently built up by them. Fr. John Dunne uses the metaphor of an eye of a hurricane to describe this process of movement in a place of stillness. The light and peace of the eye exists in the midst of the swirling dark clouds of the hurricane, but finding it is not enough in and of itself. For if we find the eye and remain still, the hurricane pushes the eye elsewhere and swallows us up again. To remain therefore in that center of stillness requires movement with the storm, to be still without being stagnant, to constantly return to the eye in order to never lose it.

For us as Christians, the one who calms the storm, who brings peace in our hearts, is Christ, but following Him does not mean our lives will not be chaotic or painless. Living in the eye, living in Christ, means enduring the unpredictability of the world while in our hearts flow a current of peace and stillness. Let us take a moment to "retreat" everyday and find our center of stillness, to find Jesus waiting in our hearts, and walk one more day with Him.
OLYMPICS

Eliminated U.S. team hears chants of "Osama!"

Associated Press

GUADALAJARA, Mexico — The hoos nearly drowned out "The Star-Spangled Banner," and a few dozen fans chanted "Osama! Osama!" as the United States was eliminated by Mexico in Olympic men's soccer qualifying.

A loud anti-American crowd howled as Mexico beat the United States 4-0 Tuesday night at Wednesday's news conference. Lewis is director of the managment company representing Sanders.

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BOXING

With Lewis gone, WBC title at stake

Associated Press

LONDON — Less than a week after heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis retired, Corrie Sanders and Vitali Klitschko have begun talks for a bout for the vacant WBC title.

Promoter Vernon Smith said Wednesday he hopes for an April 24 date, preferably in New York or Las Vegas, with HBO the broadcaster. Discussions with the Klitschko camp started Tuesday night, he added.

The title was vacated Friday when Lewis left boxing rather than defend his crown in a rematch with Klitschko.

"I beat Vitali, I'm sure I beat Vitali, I'm sure," Lewis said he will help promote Sanders and the Klitschko fight. Lewis is director of the management company representing Sanders.

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Colts players wait on Manning's new contract

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning's new contract likely will determine whether some key teammates start looking for new jobs.

Less than two weeks before the deadline for placing an expensive franchise tag on Manning, the NFL's co-MVP, the Indianapolis Colts have made little progress on re-signing five other starters, and a key backup before they become free agents March 3.

The players' agents don't expect much to happen until Manning's situation is resolved.

"I talked to Chris Polian about a month before the season ended and he made it clear nothing would be done until 18 is done," agent Cliff Brady said Wednesday, referring to the uniform number Manning wears and the team's assistant director of football operations.

Brady represents starting right tackle Ryan Diem, a restricted free agent. If the Colts make a low offer to Diem and he signs with another team, the Colts might only get a fourth-round pick in April's NFL draft as compensation.

The question now is how quickly and how affordably the Colts can get a deal done with Manning so they can start working to give him a better supporting cast.

Team owner Jim Irsay has promised to make Manning the NFL's highest-paid player, but if the Colts and their four-time Pro Bowl quarterback don't reach a deal by Feb. 23, Irsay said he would give Manning the team's franchise designation. That means Manning would count against next year's salary cap, expected to be about $79 million.

Colts spokesman Craig Kelley said the team would not comment on the negotiations. Manning and his agent, Tom Condon, also declined comment.

Meanwhile, about 15 other players remain in limbo.

Brady said the Colts haven't indicated whether they will make a high offer of about $1.3 million, which would cost other teams a first-round pick to sign Diem, or a low offer, which Brady believes would make Diem an attractive free agent.

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Brady said the Colts have not said anything to the players about making a deal to Diem last year. "They have not said anything that direct to us, but we realize that's probably going to happen," Bratzke's cap number is even higher, about $10 million next year.

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Federal judge rules in favor of Clarett

NEW YORK — Maurice Clarett is ready to enter the NFL draft, clearing another legal obstacle Wednesday when a federal judge rejected the league's request to suspend her ruling in her case.

U.S. District Judge Shira Scheindlin concluded the Ohio State running back could face "very detrimental" harm if excluded from the draft. She said the NFL would not be irreparably harmed if Clarett and other underclassmen are eligible.

"Maurice Clarett's going to be in the draft," the player's lawyer, Alan Milstein, said after the decision.

NFL lawyer Greg Levy said the league will ask the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to stay Scheindlin's ruling while it appeals.

Scheindlin ruled last week that an NFL rule barring eligibility to Clarett and other young players from April's draft violates antitrust law.

"Contrary to the NFL's argument, most of the rules governing this case were established decades ago," she said.

"Indeed, the legal framework for that decision was laid in a long line of Supreme Court precedent," she added.

Scheindlin said "it would be perverse indeed" to grant a delay of her ruling.

"If a stay is granted, Clarett will miss the 2004 draft," she said. "He will not be eligible to play in the NFL until the 2005 draft, when he would have been eligible under the current rule. If the stay is lifted, Clarett will have effectively lost his lawsuit."

The judge said the NFL's concern that younger players may over-train or resort to steroid use to betterqualify for the draft "makes no sense."

Players must announce they are entering the draft by March 1. She predicted few younger players would enter the draft.

"At worst, the NFL will be forced to tolerate the handful of younger players who are selected in the 2004 draft," she said.

"What would amount to a one-year suspension of the league's eligibility rule scarcely imposes any great hardship on the NFL or its teams."

Levy, the NFL lawyer, was not surprised by this latest ruling and insisted the league is confident about its coming appeal.

IN BRIEF

Big Ten to enter game with instant replay for football

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The NCAA Football Rules Committee has recommended that instant replay be used on an experimental basis during Big Ten conference games in 2004.

The proposal must still be approved by the NCAA championships/competition cabinet for Division I. A date for the cabinet to consider the matter has not been set, the NCAA said in a release Wednesday.

The Big Ten proposed the use of instant replay to the rules committee, spokeswomen Sue Lister said.

The conference collected data on conference officiating during the 2003 season and presented it to league coaches, who unanimously endorsed the experiment last month, Lister said.

Under the proposal, all games between Big Ten schools will be played with the experimental rule.

Non-conference opponents who play televised games in Big Ten stadium would have the option to play with replay.

The experimental system would use only those replays provided by the league's broadcast partners. Not all Big Ten games are televised.

A technical adviser assigned to each game by the conference's officiating department would be the only person able to request a replay and render a judgment. However, they will be prohibited from requesting replays of specific plays or shots from specific camera angles.

If approved, other proposed committee rules could be recommended for implementation nationwide in 2005.

Those changes include having referees announce player fouls and stop play immediately if the offensive team prevents the defense from making time substitutions.

Basketball coaches marry

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The opposing coaches returned to the court for a celebration after a high school basketball game Tuesday night, but nobody was cutting down any nets.

With the players and fans looking on, the coaches had something more meaningful to celebrate as they began their new life together as husband and wife.

Aloha Penn, coach of the Center High School girls team, was married to Steve Cassity, just after his Hickman Mills team beat her team 65-60.

"Basketball brought us together," said the bride, "I don't know. It just seemed natural for us."

She and Cassity met at a basketball camp, and kept in touch through the sport. She spent some time in New York working in fashion design, while he was in Wichita as an assistant coach at Wichita State University.

Eventually, Penn came back to Kansas City to coach at Center, and Cassity said he called her "to ask about a couple of her players."

"Let's be honest here," said Penn, "I don't think he was interested in my players."
Fencing

Idle Irish practice during three-week break

By MATT MOONEY
Special Writer

After spending the last three dual meets battling top-ranked foes like Ohio State and Penn State, the Notre Dame fencing team is in the midst of a well-deserved three-week rest. Both the men and women knocked off the second-ranked Buckeyes at the Notre Dame Duals on Jan. 31, but neither team will compete until the West vs. Central Dual Meet on Feb. 21.

For fifth-year foilist Forest Walton, the break is a welcome one. "We were traveling so much that we were just getting ahead of ourselves, and maybe that's why we lost to St. John's," he said. "We've been training and everyone's well-rested now. We're back on the top of our game."

The West vs. Central Duals will be held in West Lafayette, Ind., but the competition should pose little challenge for a team with only one combined loss between both the men and women. The duals may allow the walk-on fencers to see actual competition, "All of these are teams we need to beat," senior epeeist Kerry Walton said. "But if we can get all our walk-ons in so everybody on the team (gets) monograms, that's what we're going to try and do."

Additionally, in the last dual meet of the regular season, the Irish hope to use the experience to keep the rust away in preparation for their postseason run. "Our team is smart enough to know they get this tournament to practice a lot of things," Kerry Walton said. "They're not going to slack because their recruits haven't been fencing as long as us."

The Midwest Fencing Conference Championships, which begin March 6, mark the first of the postseason tests the Irish do have an advantage. "Walk-ons are awesome because you've never fenced these people before and it's something new," Kerry Walton said. "We played a little game of ultimate Frisbee for 20 minutes during practice," Kerry Walton said. "The coaches throw in different things and they keep us entertained."

Even though he does try to mix up his practices, Irish coach Janusz Bednarski remains focused on the task at hand - improvement. "We will try to improve what mistakes we made," Bednarski said. "In our victories, it was not easy to win. Our team is very young, so for them, work is a must."

Additionally, the break gives the injured fencers a chance to rest.

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Fencer Aaron Adjemian lunges at an opponent at a recent match. The men's and women's teams will not participate in a match until the West vs. Central Dual Meet on Feb. 21.
Friday, February 14, 2004
3:00PM
Center for Social Concerns

Br. Bill, the founder of Brothers and Sisters of Love, an organization devoted to curbing gang violence in Chicago, is leading a discussion along with former and current gang members about gang life and his ministry.

a great opportunity for those interested in service in urban areas or those just interested in hearing a first-hand account of gang life.

FOOTBALL

Eight Irish to combine

Special to The Observer

Eight former Irish football players are invited to the 2004 National Football League Combine schedule for Feb. 28 to Mar. 4, at the NCAA Dome in Indianapolis. Receiving invita-
tions are defensive tackle Darrell Campbell, cornerback Vontez Duff, free safety Glenn Earl, nose guard Centrie Hillard, running back Julius Jones, offensive tackle Jim Lee Howell, kicker/punter Nicholas Seta and inside linebacker Courtney Watson.

Campbell was the leader of the Notre Dame defensive line in 2003, recording 25 tackles, 6.5 for loss and three sacks. For his career, he had 67 tackles with 11 for loss and 11 sacks. A team captain, Campbell was the 2003 winner of the Nick Pietrosante Award presented each year to the Notre Dame player who best exemplifies the courage, loyalty, teamwork, dedication and pride of the late Irish All-American Nick Pietrosante. Campbell, who played for the Ohio State Buckeyes in 2000, graduated in December with degrees in English and computer applications.

Duff was a third-team Academic All-American in 2002 and led the Irish secondary in 2003. He finished the year with 33 tackles, two interceptions, four pass breakups and two fumble recoveries. A team captain, he also was one of Notre Dame's leading special teams players.

The recent struggles of the football team show why the alumni are frustrated, Kelley said. "We're three new coaches in three losing seasons in five years, was placed on NCAA probation for the first time in the history in 1999 and endured an embar-

...
Diverse freshman class represents promising Irish future

By KATE GALEs
Sports Writer

They compose a diverse group — hailing from New York to Miami to South Bend, with an Irish junior champion and the "Georgian juggernaut" rounding out the quintet.

Some made an immediate impact in the Irish lineup, while others complete one of the deepest teams Bobby Bayliss has coached.

They are the freshmen on the Irish men's tennis team, who, despite their differences, have brought together experience, grit and raw talent to put points on the board for the team this year. They are Irackli Akhvlediani of Vienna, Austria; Stephen Bass of Bronxville, N.Y.; Ryan Keckley of South Bend, Ind.; Barry King of Dublin, Ireland and Bobby McNally of Miami, Fla.

They are the future of men's tennis at Notre Dame.

"These guys are going to do some great things," Bayliss said. "And they're all different — really, really different."

"Irackli is in his own little world sometimes, and Barry is the big, lumbering Irish guy, everybody's buddy," Bayliss said. "Stephen is the New York kid who talks too fast — nobody can understand him — and Ryan's the real dark horse. No one has begun to realize how good he's going to be. Nobody has begun to realize how good he's going to be."

"It's a big difference, and it's an experience," Akhvlediani said. "I played in a lot of single tournaments in Austria. I didn't have a lot of experience playing with a team. It's something I want to explore further and something that can help me in my game and overall tennis performance."

For Akhvlediani, the challenge of change was magnified by the move from Austria to the United States.

"The system here is really different," he said. "King hails from Ireland and believes the system's differences are positive ones, a foreign system that not only encourages team play but a team mindset."

"The competition level has gone up, a huge amount," said King of his move to the United States. "Having coaches on the court and playing on a team is different. Playing for the team, I'm trying to win for them more than myself. The camaraderie for the team is really strong, and something I didn't have before. I want to go out there and give 100 percent for team and for coaches."

"It's unusual for me," Bayliss said of his two foreign players arriving this year. "Though most college tennis teams have a preponderance of foreign talent."

Both Akhvlediani and King, however, set goals of playing college tennis in the United States, and neither was a top choice.

Now, both foreign players and the other three freshmen are a tight-knit family.

"The five freshmen, I think we're so close it's probably strange to see," McNally said. "We bang out on weekends and eat dinner all together. It's great having four guys just like you, who go through the same things just like you ... Everyone likes each other a whole lot. With so many freshmen playing right off the spot, we get a little more respect from the upperclassmen. It makes things a whole lot easier."

Bass was recruited by other top schools and programs and has actual family on the team, as well, his junior brother, Jimmy, also plays varsity tennis.

Since the beginning of the year, Bayliss has compared this freshman class of 1989, who developed into a finely-tuned, title-contending powerhouse.

"We had a very large and talented class," Bayliss said. "All players were among the top 100 prospects in the country, which gave us a chance to really make an impact next year." The Irish, who had not been ranked since the polls began in the early 1970s, were the new kid on the tennis block.

Although the Irish didn't make the NCAA tournament that year, they committed themselves to being the best, Bayliss said.

The next year, they appeared in the final 16 and reached the NCAA final in 1992. As seniors, despite the loss of their No. 1 singles player, the team finished in the top 10 and was among the final eight in the NCAA tournament.

Bayliss believes the current freshmen have the ability to be such a class. He also thinks they have the ability to play professional tennis after graduation.

"(Bass) is one tough out, an absolute nightmare to play against because he gets everything back, and he would cut off his arm to win a point," Bayliss said.

King brings similar intensity to the court.

"He's a big shaggy dog; everybody likes him," Bayliss said of King. "He has no trouble making friends. He's a lot of fun, and he has an enormous upside and a huge serve."

Akhvlediani, who could not be reached for comment, is home­

grown for the Irish and has suc­

cceeded so far despite injury and the considerable handicap of playing tennis against a lack of strong opponents.

"He has tons of upside," Bayliss said, "and (he) can become a really tremendously gifted college player."

"McNally has a big forehand, good left-handed serve and great doubles (instincts)," Bayliss said. Also left-handed, Akhvlediani struggled with the changes at the beginning of the year, but Bayliss pointed out that he is "doing really well this semester, which reflects in his tennis."

There are big shoes for these freshmen to fill. From their record so far, however, one thing is certain — they will step up to the task this season and in ses­

sons to come.

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Adam Ivstvan & Karla Bell

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Pitchers

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Dame.

"I don't feel any added pres- sure," he said. "With the loss- es of (Axford) and (Manship), that will give opportunities to other guys on our staff. I think we have a great staff. I think we'll do a good job."

After going 4-0 with a 3.36 ERA his freshman year, Niesel earned All-American and Big East Pitcher of the Year status as a sophomore. He was 9-1 with a 2.65 ERA and led the Irish staff in numerous categories including wins, strikeouts, innings pitched and starts. He regularly throws three pitches—a low-90s fastball, a hard-breaking curveball and a changeup. This summer, he even worked with coach Terry Rooney to develop a slider.

After the end of last season, Niesel had won 31 of his last 33 decisions, dating back to his sen- ior year of high school. That stretch also included his two sea- sons at Notre Dame, summer ball in the Cape Cod league and two Blue-Gold game scrim- mages.

Joining Niesel in the rotation will be sophomore Tom Thornton, who went 5-1 with a 1.81 ERA against mostly mid-week competition last season. Mainieri believes Thornton is ready to face better teams this year and has slated him to pitch against USC in Notre Dame's sec- ond game next weekend.

"There's no question in my mind that Tom Thornton has good stuff to win against good teams," Mainieri said. "He's got a lively fastball, his curveball can be very nasty and his changeup is improving—and he throws the ball in the strike zone."

Mainieri also expects to use several freshman pitchers in the rotation or out of the bullpen. Derek Olvey is expected to start in Notre Dame's third game against Louisville. The Los Angeles Dodgers drafted Olvey out of high school in the 13th round. The Alabamian native honored his commitment to Notre Dame and could make an immediate impact for the Irish staff. Olvey was an All-American after going 9-1 with a 1.49 ERA as a high school senior.

Mainieri said fellow freshman Dan Kapala and Jess Stewart will be integral parts of the bullpen.

Kapala went 11-4 with a 1.05 ERA as a senior, while Stewart was 6-3 with a 1.41 ERA during his last season at high school.

"(Kapala and Stewart) are two freshmen that I think are going to shoulder a big load on our staff this year," Mainieri said. "Quite frankly, our team is going to go about as well as those guys pitch for us out of the bullpen because we're going to desperately need them to do some great things for us."

Notre Dame will also use sev- eral returning players like Joe Thaman, Tyler Jones and Ryan Doherty in the bullpen. Mainieri expects to use a variety of pitch­ ers in different roles during the first part of the season.

Thaman played first base dur­ ing his first three years at Notre Dame but converted to pitcher after last season. Thaman pitched in high school and Mainieri said the senior will have a chance to throw significant innings in 2004.

"(Thaman) pitched as well as anybody during fall practice," Mainieri said.

Jones will assume a more prominent role this season, as the coach said he could pitch in upwards of 25-30 games after going 2-1 with 12 innings of work in 2003. Rooney changed Jones' pitching style from throwing overhand to sidearm, which gives him more movement on his fastball and off-speed pitches.

The 7-foot-1 Doherty has the best chance to be the Irish closer this season after posting a 2.20 ERA in 44 innings of work last season. Mainieri said Doherty will be the "main guy coming out of the bullpen this year" for the Irish.

"He has a chance to be a domi­ nating relief pitcher for us," Mainieri said. "He's going to throw the ball really hard."

Rooney worked with Doherty on improving his two-seam fast- ball. The pitch, which the Irish now throw consistently, cuts in on right-handed batters and tails away from left-handed batters. Doherty also throws a good changeup.

Mainieri said the Irish need the entire staff to improve to make up for the limitations of Johnson and the losses of two pitchers.

"With the loss of Axford and Manship, we're going to need all those guys to step forward," Mainieri said.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles falter, lose lead in second half

By STEVE COYER
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The Belles took a solid lead into halftime Wednesday night, but Adrian College dominated the second half and Saint Mary's suffered a disappointing 67-51 loss.

At the end of the first half, the Belles (6-16) had a 30-26 lead, but an quick start to the second half by Adrian (8-13) quickly shifted the momentum. The fast pace of the game favored Adrian. The Belles lead, but an quick start to the second half by Adrian (8-13) quickly shifted the momentum.

In the end, the two teams were even in most statistics, but Adrian capitalized on a five-point lead at the end of the first half. In previous games this season, the Belles have had trouble maintaining their stamina in the second half. In previous games this season, the Belles have lost their edge after a strong first half.

The Belles have only three games left in the season and only one more home game. On Saturday, the team goes on the road to face Alma College.

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Notre Dame scored four goals or more in a game — Jan. 9 against Bowling Green — the result was a loss, 5-4. Notre Dame's highest offensive output this season, six goals against Western Michigan on Dec. 5, was also a loss (8-6).

It's hard to tell where the Irish would be right now if they had a powerful offense as well as the stellar goal-tending of freshman David Brown and junior Morgan Cey. Michigan currently sits in second place in the CCHA and has the best defense in the league with only 65 goals against.

Earlier this season, the Irish were as high as first place overall in the CCHA. The team currently has a sub-.500 conference record (9-10-3) and sits in eighth place in the 12-team league.

The conference awards ceremony at the end of the season to the top six teams. If Notre Dame wants to host the first round of the CCHA playoffs at the Joyce Center, some of those puck are going to have to go in the net, starting this weekend against Ferris State. It's not as bleak as it sounds. With the CCHA as competitive as it has ever been, Notre Dame's 21 points is currently only three points behind Ohio State and Western Michigan, who are tied for the sixth place position.

But if the Irish are to make any real jump up the standings over their last six conference games, their sleeping giant of an offense is going to have to wake up.

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**Men's Basketball**

**Stepping up**

Cornett makes most of opportunity to play against Connecticut

By ANDREW SOUKUP
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Faced with the possibility that Torin Francis wouldn't be healthy enough to play against Connecticut, Irish coach Mike Brey turned to Rick Cornett and told him to be ready.

"He shrugged me off," Brey said Monday night. "He said, 'Coach, don't worry about me. I'll be OK.'"

Those were strong words coming from a player who had played just nine minutes in Notre Dame's previous seven games.

But the sophomore proved his coach had little to worry about, and Cornett's gritty 15-minute stint Monday was a big reason why Notre Dame upset No. 5 Connecticut.

"Once I knew Torin wasn't at full health, I knew someone was going to have to step up," said Cornett, who finished with six points and seven rebounds while defending pre-season national player of the year Emeka Okafor for most of the night.

Brey hoped Monday's win would be a turning point for the player he said improved the most over the summer. And while Cornett came off the bench early in the season when Tim Timmermans was injured, he hadn't made the impact the Irish coaching staff expected.

That changed in a win against DePaul, where Cornett scored 10 points and grabbed five rebounds in 16 minutes of action. At that point, Brey believed his sophomore had turned the corner and was ready to assume a regular spot in the Irish rotation.

But then a healthy Okafor returned to the Irish lineup and Cornett was back on the bench. Until the Connecticut game, he didn't see any significant playing time.

Now Brey believes the Connecticut game can be a turning point for the sophomore, more forward, especially with Francis' health in doubt.

"Fearless," was how Jordan Cornette described Cornett's performance Monday.

Cornett insisted Okafor did not intimidate him, and his play reflected that. His scrappiness underneath the basket helped the Irish outscore the Huskies 14-11 on second-chance points.

"He gets his pants on the same way that I do," Cornett said. "He's a great player, but I have to go out there with the mentality that I'm better than the player he said improved the most over the summer. And while Cornett came off the bench early in the season when Tim Timmermans was injured, he hadn't made the impact the Irish coaching staff expected."

**Football**

**Letter expresses alumni discontent**

By ANDREW SOUKUP
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Several hundred Notre Dame alumni have signed a letter sent to the University's Board of Trustees harshly criticizing the way the football program is managed, a move the letter writers hope will spark a reorganization of how important championship football is to the environment of kids and education and the bonding of people who go through that institution," said Tim Kelley, who graduated in 1964 and was one of the letter's principal authors. He added that the letter grew out of alumni discontent with the way the football program has aged, a move the letter writers believe will lead to football success.

The letter, which was signed by 412 alumni who graduated between 1949 and 2003 and live in 41 states, was delivered to the trustees before their winter meetings began Feb. 5. It charges that current administrators have "proven incapable" of running the football program at championship-caliber levels.

**Baseball**

**Rotation to lead the way**

By JOE HETTLER
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As the baseball season draws near, Chris Niesel is in a familiar position.

Last year at this time, Niesel was expected to become the ace of Notre Dame's pitching staff after freshman All-American Grant Johnson had season-ending shoulder surgery in late December 2002. Niesel and Johnson were supposed to be a dominating No. 1 and No. 2 in the Irish rotation, but when Johnson went down, the pressure to perform well increased for Niesel. The same will be asked of Niesel this season as Johnson rehabilites and two other projected starters — John Axford and Jeff Manship — are out with season-ending elbow problems.

"Niesel is our bulldog out there," Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri said. "Last year when (Johnson) went down with the injury, theonus was on (Niesel) to lead the staff, and he did a tremendous job all year last year. When (Johnson's) back to full strength, I'm going to feel like we have co-aces like I did their freshman year. But until then, (Niesel) is really going to have to shoulder the load again, and I believe he's up to that task."

While Johnson is on track to return to the starting rotation at some point in the first half of the season, he will be on a pitch count and will come out of the bullpen for the Irish if that defense will falter. Ironically, the last time Notre Dame had played on the edge all season, but its lack of offensive output may be the team's Achilles heel. The Irish have scored just 73 goals in 28 games.

An average offensive production is fine when you have great goalkeeping and defense like the Irish do this year. The team is second overall in the CCHA in goals against with 68. Still, there will be games where the defense will falter.