College holds female majority

By KATE GALES
News Writer

The College of Arts and Letters — home to the highest percentage of Notre Dame undergraduates — also enrolls the highest percentage of women, according to the Office of Institutional Research.

Fifty-seven percent of the 2,784 Arts and Letters students are female, a trend that may reflect expectations of future career choices, said political science professor Christina Wolbrecht.

"These issues are part of a broader set of issues in public policy," Wolbrecht said. "Major choice influences future employment, future earnings and is where the wage discrepancy starts."

Hugh Page, assistant dean of undergraduate studies, agreed that Notre Dame students of both genders are very forward thinking when determining their undergraduate majors.

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By Declared Majors:

- Men: 36% Anthropology 64% 26.2% Psychology 73.8%
- Women: 74.6% Gender Studies 92.6% 34.4% English 65.6%
- 23.6% Peace Studies 76.4%
- 52.7% Political Science 47.3%

These are based on the percentage of each gender that declared a major.

Students coordinate book drive for charity

By LAURA VILIM
News Writer

In an attempt to extend the gift of education to those of the South Bend community, Notre Dame students Nina Pressly and Marty Sims have launched a project aimed at collecting books on campus that will eventually be distributed to local children of lower-income families.

The drive, named "Readers are Leaders," will begin before the Easter holiday and will continue for the remainder of the spring semester. To collect the books, Pressly and Sims have created boxes, which will be set up in every dorm as well as in the lobbies of both dining halls, LaFortune and various other academic buildings on campus.

All books — new and used — that are suitable for children not yet enrolled in high school can be donated. The drive will also be accepting bookstore credit and cash donations in order to buy books, Sims said.

Once books have been collected on campus, Pressly and Sims will deliver them to South Bend area schools that serve low income students and to educational programs such as the ones held at the Robinson Community Learning Center. Pressly said that she also hopes some books can be donated to the Alliance for Catholic Education program so that ACE members can bring books to each of the nationwide schools at which they will teach.

The idea for the project came about when Sims, a junior from Kenton Hall, contacted Howard freshman Pressly after reading a previous article in The Observer about the book drive project she started in her local area of Palm Beach County, Fla.

Sims has also had experience working on book drives that benefited homeless children through her parish in Scottsdale, Ariz. The drive will be sponsored by the South Bend Chamber of Commerce.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Freshman’s first year

What a first year it’s been! For a new student, the first year of college is a truly unique experience.

Let me begin with orientation weekend: the ladies of Saint Mary’s tend to be shy and well-mannered, attending each informational meeting with only a slight murmur of boredom pronounced under her breath. One of the first weekends I spent at Notre Dame, taking the beauty of the campus in, I learned the term dis-orientation. Dubbed by the upper-classmen, I can find no better word to describe the festivities. Freshmen are “kidnapped” by the juniors and seniors and shown a really great weekend. For most students, you know what I’m talking about. For those who don’t, where have you been?

During the first few weekends of September and October, the various class boards put hard work into planning fun and safe activities for the new students to enjoy, such as the Jamaica Shaka and the drive-in movie on the library lawn. Notre Dame, on the other hand, sponsored much more exciting dorm festivities. Two. Mary’s and Notre Dame is unlike anything ever seen. With over 10,000 students in two dorms, I am hardly surprised.

The college life between the two campuses is obvious. Here are thousands of some of the country’s finest students in one tiny room, desperately trying to have fun like the ladies of Notre Dame. Contractor to popular belief, the sole purpose of attending school at Saint Mary’s is not to “find a husband.” After all, this is the 21st century, and we are here to get an education like everyone else. Nevertheless, college is a learning experience in other ways than just school. The Saint Mary’s ladies are just trying to have fun like the ladies of Notre Dame.

The college life between Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame is unlike any other, and I can’t help being in awe each time I am on either campus. Here are thousands of some of the smartest, most privileged students in the country; they know how to study hard during the week and let loose on the weekends, maintaining strict grade point averages. I’m so glad that as a freshman I received the opportunity to be privy to the college scene through not just one prestigious college, but two.

Saira Khan
Junior McGlinn
Lisa Gallagher
News Writer

This event is part of International Festival Week.

Angela Glover Blackwell, Founder and president of Policy Link and former senior vice president of the Rockefeller Foundation, will give a lecture entitled “Search for the Uncommon Common Ground: New Dimensions on Race in America.” It will take place Wednesday from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center.

Jim Wallis, editor of Sojourners Magazine, will lecture Wednesday on “How will you Vote: Politics and Values in 2004.” Sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns, the Office of Campus Ministry and Lyons Hall, the lecture will take place at 12:30 p.m. in the Coleman Nurse Lounge, and lunch will be provided.

The Brazilian Club will sponsor Samba and Forro dancing Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the lounge of Pasquerilla West Hall. The event includes performances, instruction and Brazilian treats and is part of International Festival Week.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to oxnews@nd.edu.
BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Group approves trip request

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

More than just the meeting place was new at Monday's Board of Governance meeting. The meeting, usually held in the BOG office, was moved to Haggard Parlor to accommodate the annual switchover from this year's staff to next. The number of attendees was raised to 35 with the addition of the incoming board.

Incoming board members sat next to their outgoing counter-parts to listen and learn, but were not yet allowed to participate in the meeting. Only current board members were allowed to ask questions and vote on the co-sponsorship.

Senior Jillian Bernas presented the co-sponsorship that requested funding for air travel to Tapachula, Mexico. Bernas and senior Annie Cashore have been putting in foster homes together. "In Mexico, it's quite interesting," Bernas said. "It's unlike the United States, where they are just put in foster homes together."

Rather, children of jailed parents are put in jail with their parents. The Clay missionaries will serve at Albergue Ninos del Futuro el Buen Samaritano, a project that houses and educates children instead of letting them go to jail with their parents.

Bernas said that she and Cashore will be instrumental to the mission, as none of the adult chaperones speak Spanish and only a few of the Clay students have a partial knowledge of the language. "We'd like to be able to share our experiences that we've gained from other things with these high school students so that they can communicate and help others," she said. "Also, we want to help them gain a better cultural understanding."

Because there would be only two Saint Mary's women receiving the travel funds, there was debate among the board about whether or not to sponsor the students for the full amount.

"What we have to go back to is does this benefit the whole Saint Mary's community?" sophomore class president Michelle Fitzgerald asked.

Outgoing RHA president Shay Jolly recalled a similar situation at the switchover meeting last year, in which only two students received the grant. Jolly said the Spanish department and Saint Mary's College as a whole will benefit from this particular case, as this could become a yearly trip involving Saint Mary's students as translators.

"I move that we give Annie and Jillian $500, with the stipulation that they come back and present in some way, shape, or form," she said. The co-sponsorship was passed, and Bernas and Cashore will return at a later meeting to make a presentation about their trip.

In other BOG news:

- SAB is hosting an improvisational comedy group from Notre Dame in the Carroll Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. The performance is free to all students.
- Technology commissioner Michelle Cooper announced that wireless internet is now available on campus. It can be accessed in the Cushwa-Leighton Library and the Noble Family Dining Hall.
- This week is the Class of 2007's spirit week. Events will take place all week, and festivities will culminate on Saturday night with a first-year formal.

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Mainwaring named Kellogg director

Political scientist appointed to 5-year term

By SANDRA FITZGERALD

Special to The Observer

Scott P. Mainwaring, Eugene Conley Professor of political science at the University of Notre Dame and a leading scholar in the University's Kellogg Institute for International Studies, has been appointed to a five-year term as director of the institute, according to Nathan O. Hatch, provost of the University.

Mainwaring's term includes the current academic year and concludes in 2007-08. He is a long-time faculty fellow of the institute and previously served as its director from 1997 to 2002.

"I look forward enthusiastically to working with the fellows, the staff and the University community to achieve the important objectives of the institute," Mainwaring said.

" Kellogg will build on its reputation as a great comparative social science research institute addressing issues of democracy, development and social justice," Mainwaring said.

While retaining a "core focus" on Latin America, the institute's interests will continue to extend to many other parts of the world. Mainwaring said. He also reaffirmed the institute's 10-year strategic plan, developed a year ago, which calls for research that has practical policy implications and for faculty and student efforts "to advance the internationalization of Notre Dame." Hatch called Mainwaring "an outstanding teacher, scholar and leader."

Mainwaring earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in political science from Yale University and his doctorate from Stanford University.

Mainwaring's many books include two co-edited volumes published in 2003: "The Third Wave of Democratization in Latin America: Advances and Setbacks" and "Democratic Accountability in Latin America."

He has been the recipient of numerous prestigious fellowships and grants, including a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation fellowship in 2000 for work on a project on authoritarianism and democracy in Latin America from 1945 to 2000.

The gravy train is about to end.

'It's a damned shame. Fortunately, you have MonsterTRAK to help you land your first job. It's the #1 online career site dedicated to helping students find jobs and internships. Search a huge range of job postings targeted specifically to your school, get job hunting tips, check out employer information and more. So you can find the perfect job, and start your own trust fund."
Hussein refuses to talk in interrogations

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — He doesn’t have a lawyer in the room, but Saddam Hussein apparently is practicing what most attorneys would advise: Don’t talk. Diplomatic and military officials say the former Iraqi leader has provided little useful information in interviews he has conducted — and may even be having fun.

The questioning of Saddam — initially handled by the CIA — is now a joint CIA-FBI operation, a sign that the aim is changing from finding intelligence to gathering evidence for any eventual trials.

The people who are asking the questions at the moment are from the FBI, said a U.S. intelligence official, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has indicated in interviews that interrogations are teaching much from the former president of Iraq.

In a recent interview, Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage said he occasionally sees the interrogation briefing reports. “He’s a pretty wily guy, and he’s not giving much information that I’ve seen. But he seems to be enjoying the debate,” Armitage told WHAM-AM radio in Philadelphia.

When Saddam was captured, haggard in an underground room in December, officials had hoped the interrogation would yield detailed knowledge of the Iraq insurgency, Saddam’s weapons programs, human rights violations, terrorism, the oil-for-food program.

Instead, House Intelligence Chairman Porter Goss, R-Fla., now calls the questioning a “disaster.”

“He is very good at denial and deception, I am not sure he ever knows the truth, and the truth is anywhere,” Goss said. “I think he’s been surrounded by yes-men and syphons.”

In an interview with the Associated Press last week, FBI Director Robert Mueller said the FBI is assisting with “certain interrogations” in Iraq, as well as helping with investigations into killings there. He said the bureau is also working with documents obtained during the raid.

Those most likely include Saddam’s papers. Vince Foster, a former counsel to President Clinton, is working with documents found with Saddam when he was captured, have proved much more useful than the interrogations, Foster has said. “Every thing that they have found and taken action on has come from documentation found on him,” Cannistraro said.

A delegation official would say only that Saddam was in good health at an undisclosed location.

Details of the interrogations could come out in any eventual trial of Saddam. But the logistics — including the date — of any trial have yet to be settled.

On Sunday, Jacques Verges, a French lawyer who claims to be representing Saddam at his family’s request and in conjunction with the Student Union Board for nearly a year, said some members, like Hall Presidents’ Council co-chair Sarah Keffer, said Saddam would use a maker.

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“I knew that people would be very willing to help. Plus, I know that people from all over the country will be visible that I can influence them to start this project in their own homes,” Poindexter said.

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The Riley Prize in Art History and Criticism

The Department of Art, Art History and Design is pleased to announce its annual competition for the Riley Prize in Art History and Criticism. Current Notre Dame undergraduates and graduate students are invited to submit essays on any topic in the history of art or art criticism for consideration in the competition. Essays must deal with the visual arts. They may have been written in conjunction with a course taken at the University, but need not have been.

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Books

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I primarily a program that developed from the initiative Pressly and Sims to form a new opportunity to perform service. Meanwhile we hear about food, drives and blood drives we don’t think about book drives,” Sims said.

In this first year of the drive, Pressly and Sims hope to achieve their goal of campus-wide participation and set a standard to reach for next year’s drive.

“It would be nice to see some participation,” Pressly said. “If every member of the student body brought in just one book, we would have close to 8,000

Council

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thing for that person to do,” a visibly agitated Coughlin said.

Following the lengthy — and heated — discussion, members discussed the need for a new name of the Student Union Board for nearly a year, said some members, like Hall Presidents’ Council co-chair Sarah Keffer, said Saddam would use a maker.

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“We’ll get it passed,” Pressly said. “There are some things aren’t going to make people not pass it.”

Pressly Pressly

• Members unanimously approved the new Sub Board of Directors. Flaherty will assume the role of Sub manager, Bridget Meacham will become director of programming, Jon McCarty will become coordination and Heather Kimmings will become director of operations.

• Members also unanimously approved Erin Anderson as the new Judicial Council president. Outstanding Judicial Council president Elliot Poindexter praised Anderson’s experience in the student union.

“She has been very involved with student government over the past two years,” Poindexter said. “She has my approval.”

— Poindexter also announced that off-campus elections will be held this Wednesday.

• Off-campus president Sarah Blake announced her organizational goals for the last off-campus dinner of the semester this Wednesday. Chicken baskets will be served at 9 p.m. at Buffalo Wild Wings.

• Sophomore class president James Leito said his class council will sponsor a pizza giveaway tonight at 9 p.m. in LaFortune Hall. He encouraged students to pick up free pizza from local restaurants.

— Chief of staff Pat Corder announced a Texas Hold ‘Em tournament will be held this weekend, with proceeds benefiting a family seeking to adopt a child. Would-be card sharks can sign up in the dining halls during dinnertime hours today through Thursday. The entry fee is $10.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Arab countries postpone summit

CAIRO, Egypt - Arab countries are delaying to Egypt's call to hold an Arab summit in late April after Tunisia postponed a scheduled meeting amid sharp disagreements on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and U.S.-backed attempts to form Arab regimes.

The annual two-day summit, due to begin Monday, was postponed by Tunisia on Saturday amid regional turmoil over Israel's assassination of Sheikh Ahmed Yassin - leader of the militant group Hamas - and the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak criticized Tunisia for its "unwarranted" postponement and immediately offered to reconvene the summit in Cairo. He told Saudi-owned Orbit satellite TV that Tunisia had "no justification for delaying the summit" and he saw a problem with holding it within two or three weeks. Everybody is waiting," he said.

In Washington, Secretary of State Colin Powell denied some Arab news reports that the summit was canceled because of pressure by the United States.

Suspects charged in bombings

MALAGA, Spain - A Spanish judge charged two more suspects in the Madrid bombings, bringing the total number of people charged in the case to 14, court officials said Monday.

Judge Juan del Olmo charged Basel Ghalayini, a Syrian, with mass killings and belonging to a terrorist organization. The judge also charged Moroccan Hamed Abidjan with collaborating with a terrorist organization in connection with the March 11 bombings that killed at least 190 people.

The charges stop short of a formal indictment but suggest that the court has strong evidence against them. They can be jailed up to two years while investigators gather more evidence.

NATIONAL NEWS

Lawmakers ban gay marriages

BOSTON - The Massachusetts Legislature gave final approval - for this year - to a constitutional amendment that would ban gay marriage but legalize civil unions, taking the first decisive step toward stripping same-sex couples of court-mandated marriage rights.

With moments of Monday's 105-92 vote, Gov. Mitt Romney said he would ask the state's highest court to delay implementation of its November ruling that ordered same-sex marriages to begin taking place as of May 16. Romney said he will seek a formal stay until the constitutional amendment process is complete.

Staying active helps in recovery

ORLANDO, Fla. - Getting modest amounts of exercise, even just an easy half-hour walk a day, appears to substantially improve women's chances of surviving breast cancer.

Staying active has long been thought to lower the risk of getting cancer, but a new report says it may also be an important factor in improving the lives of women with breast cancer.

The study, released Monday, found that women who exercised after breast cancer reduced their chance of dying from the disease by one-quarter to one-half, depending on how active they were.

LOCAL NEWS

Restaurant fire caused by arson

NAPPANEE, Ind. - A restaurant apparently was damaged by an arson attack late Friday night in downtown Nappanee, about 17 miles southeast of South Bend.

"Restaurant fire caused by arson," investigators said.

Oil tycoon repents behind bars

Former Yukos chief praises president and denounces privatization in Russia

Mikhail Khodorkovsky, former head of Russian oil company Yukos, speaks to the media Oct. 6. Khodorkovsky published an article Monday condemning unethical business practices and praising President Vladimir Putin.

Khodorkovsky said the election rout of Yabloko and the Union of Right Forces liberal parties in December's parliamentary vote was "inhumane.

"Russian liberalism has suffered a defeat because it tried to ignore ... vital interests of the vast majority of the Russian people," Khodorkovsky said in his article. In an interview with The Associated Press, the tycoon repented behind bars.

Other tycoons were also charged in connection with the Yukos investigation.

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College — anthropology, psychology, gender studies, English and peace studies — stand out as distinctly female-dominated.

Anthropology
At Notre Dame, 64 percent of anthropology majors are women, with the department chair Jim McKenna pointing to the field's history of historical and contemporary roles as reasons for the heavy concentration of women.

Women, he said, are also more likely to be interested in the field than men because it is more sensitive to issues of sex and gender, McKenna added. "This is historically true and has been a factor in the feminization of anthropology." Taking his analysis a step further, McKenna added that the sex discrepancy — real or stereotyped — may also have to do with anthropology itself.

"What I think [the feminization of anthropology] is, the nature of what anthropology is, is the nurturing field, a lot of people who go into anthropology really approach their subjects in both professional and personal ways."

While many men in the field may also possess these qualities, he said, "We do identify, in a stereotypical role, this persona of nurturing, caring, listening, observing and protecting with female qualities."

McKenna also noted that many of the important figures in the field, such as Margaret Mead and Ruth Benedict, are women. He estimated the faculty of the department as close to equally distributed between women and men, even with "a tilt towards more men than women if you count concurrent professors."

Psychology
The same is true of psychology, in contrast, has not always been associated with female dominance.

"In the past, psychology was very male-dominated," psychology department professor Dawn Gondoli said. "Now, the field is changing, and women, they're able to be successful in it, too."

At Notre Dame, Institutional Research found that of all college psychology majors, 52.7 percent are women. While women dominate subareas such as social psychology, developmental psychology and counseling, Gondoli added that areas such as neuroscience and quantitative and cognitive psychology put men in the majority.

Ten of the University's 26 psychology department faculty members are women, opposed to 64.2 percent of the nationally available faculty, according to the November 2003 Notre Dame Report. Gondoli predicted that both faculty and student representation will become increasingly female in the future.

"There are still older academics, who were predominately male," Gondoli said. "Women are still getting Ph.D.s in droves in the 1970's."

For instance, she said, "it's either more women than men or will become so in the next ten years."

Gender studies
Gender studies, however, is arguably a female-dominated major. Only two of the 27 gender studies majors at Notre Dame are men, accord-

ing to Institutional Research. "I think it's a wider problem of perception," said Sophie White, assistant professor and specialist of gender studies. "A lot of males might be interested, but it's not easy for them to declare a major in gender studies."

"We certainly have an imbalance — quite a sizable one."

While the major is clearly more popular among women, individual classes may be close to even in the future, according to class lists, White added.

"We're one of the largest programs, with close to 100 faculty members," White said. "I think we deal with many subjects with the same root issues.

She also pointed out that many students taking first-year composition use gender as an analytical method in their classes.

English
While students enrolled in English courses may observe a nearly even split of men and women in their classes, this perception can be misleading. Only 34.4 percent of the 378 declared English majors are men.

"I think that there is a very equal representation of men and women in my classes — at least the ones I've had so far," said Valerie Ralph, a sophomore English major.

Like gender studies, the experiences of students in the English department reveal the propensity of Notre Dame students to take a variety of classes outside of their majors. Introductory classes often have a more even split than the higher-level, more specialized classes.

Senior English major Bess Malis said her courses became more female-dominated as they became more advanced.

"There are definitely more girls," Malis said. "Maybe it has something to do with books and analyzing... In the English department, a lot of the classes are more appealing to girls."

She added that she has observed more men in her cross-listed classes like Irish-Anglo literature.

Peace studies
While 52.7 percent of political science students — peace studies' parent major — are men, 13 of the 17 students in this supplementary major are women.

"Peace studies tends to be more focused on non-violent alternatives," said Daniel Philpott, a professor of both peace studies and political science. "Political science tends to be more mainstream, more focused on traditional policy and issues... [some would call that] the classic male persona."

However, Philpott said that his students are doing well regardless of gender.

"There may be a gender discrepancy, but you see both males and females flourishing," he said.

Page agreed that the success and encouragement of students of both genders was of first importance to the college.

"The thing that concerns me the most is to create an atmosphere in the college that is affirmative and life giving to all of the students that we have," he said. "Any data that’s attributable to that gives me concern."

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UZBEKISTAN

Wave of terrorism kills 19

Associated Press

TASHKENT — Two women set off bombs at a children's store and bus stop also in the Uzbek capital Monday, capping 12 hours of mayhem that killed 19 people in this former Soviet republic closely allied with Washington in the war on terrorism.

The violence, including two assaults on police and an explosion at a bomb-making hideaway, are the latest in a string of outbreaks since the secular government became a staunch U.S. ally after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. Uzbekistan hosts hundreds of U.S. troops at a tightly secured military base near the Afghan border.

President Islam Karimov blamed Islamic extremists and said there had been several arrests. He also said backing for the violence likely came from "a radical group that has never before been linked to terrorist acts — Hizb-ut-Tahrir or the Party of Liberation."

"I call on everyone to unite and protect our country from enemies like this, to come forward against them as one fist," the former Soviet leader who has held power since Uzbekistan's 1991 independence, said on state-run TV.

The tiny opposition, banned by Karimov's authoritarian regime from working openly, was quick to denounce the attacks as an example of extremism and to call for action against Muslims outside the law.

The U.S. Embassy in Tashkent warned that "other terrorists are believed still at large and may be attempting additional attacks."

"The attacks are yet another example of the importance of continued cooperation against those who would stop at nothing to achieve their misguided goals," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said.

The violence, which also wounded 26 people, began Sunday night with a blast that killed 10 at a house used by an alleged terrorist in the central region of Bukhara, Prosecutor-General Rashid Kadyrov said.

Police found 50 bottles with homemade ingredients for explosives, as well as encouragement and instructions on how to make them, a Kalashnikov rifle, two pistols, ammunition and extremist Islamic literature, he said.

The two assaults on police took place at a factory Sunday night and a traffic checkpoint early Monday, killing three officers.

The suicide bombings, carried out 30 minutes apart at a bus stop and the Children's World store near the Chorsu bazaar in Tashkent's Old City, killed three policemen and a young child.
Judge denies mistrial in Tyco case

Associated Press

NEW YORK — An uproar over an apparently pro-defense holdout on the jury brought the grand-larceny case against former Tyco executives day by day close to a mistrial Monday before the judge sent the jurors back into deliberations.

"It seems to me that it would be inappropriate to declare a mistrial when all 12 jurors, who have devoted six months of their lives to this trial, are prepared to continue," Judge Michael A. Obus said in denying a defense request for a mistrial. Obus said that he had spoken with the jurors, a 79-year-old woman who has been identified by name in several news reports, and that she had assured him that "nothing that has happened will, from her point of view, prevent her from deliberating in good conscience with the other jurors."

After reviewing deliberations, jurors sent a note asking to see a company memo, and they asked the judge to repeat some instructions.

"Much water has passed under the bridge since last Thursday, and we would like our instructions refreshed," the jurors wrote.

They later finished deliberating for the day without reaching a verdict and were to continue Tuesday. It was their eighth day of deliberations.

The trial against former Tyco International Chief Executive Officer Dennis Kozlowski and former Chief Financial Officer Mark Swartz is the latest in a series of corporate collapses to capture the nation's attention.

On Saturday, the New York Post featured a sketch on its front page that showed a 92-year-old company trying to make a gesture at all, was still in dispute.

Defense lawyers and prosecutors said they had never seen the gesture. An Associated Press reporter witnessed the gesture but did not interpret it as an "OK" sign. On Monday, while sitting in the jury box, the same juror repeatedly brushed at her hair, her fingers crossed.

Regardless of the intent of her gesture, the defense argued that the media coverage — along with the 11 other jurors — had placed unfair pressure on the juror to reach a conviction.

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After reviewing deliberations, jurors sent a note asking to see a company memo, and they asked the judge to repeat some instructions.

"Much water has passed under the bridge since last Thursday, and we would like our instructions refreshed," the jurors wrote.

They later finished deliberating for the day without reaching a verdict and were to continue Tuesday. It was their eighth day of deliberations.

The trial against former Tyco International CEO Dennis Kozlowski and former CFO Mark Swartz is the latest in a series of corporate collapses to captivate the nation's attention.

On Saturday, the New York Post featured a sketch on its front page depicting a 92-year-old company trying to make a gesture at all, was still in dispute.

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**MEXICO**

**Fox signs justice reform proposal**

Associated Press

**MEXICO CITY** — President Vicente Fox signed a sweeping justice reform measure Thursday to overhaul a system that is seen as a barrier to justice reforms in a country that is considered a key example of how the justice system works.

The reform, which was then sent to Congress, would substitute oral hearings for written exchanges of legal briefs, insert the presumption of innocence into the constitution, and reorganize national police forces.

The reforms contain several elements that would require constitutional amendments. Because it deals with crime and safety, some of Mexico's biggest concerns, the initiative represents a major step in receiving congressional approval.

The proposal, which was sent to the federal Congress, has been highly anticipated by many police organizations.

The proposal passed Congress without a vote, and it has been seen as a major step forward in the fight against crime in Mexico.

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**PAKISTAN**

**Top al-Qaida member may be dead**

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Intercepted radio conversations indicate al-Qaida's top intelligence chief may have been killed in fighting in Pakistan, intelligence officials said Monday, but they added that no body has been found.

The radio transmissions disclosed that a man named Abdullah Ahmed Abdullah, who holds an Egyptian passport, was identified by his alleged involvement in the Aug. 7, 1998, bombings of the U.S. embassies in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and Nairobi, Kenya, that killed 213 people, including 12 Americans.

He is on the FBI list of Most Wanted Terrorists and was known to have been in Pakistan after the 1998 bombings.

Sultan said the army had confirmed Abdullah's death through "independent intelligence sources" but would not say whether it had his body. Abdullah is an extremely common name in the Islamic world, and it was impossible to know which of many al-Qaida and other terror suspects Sultan might be referring to.

The military declared the operation in South Waziristan over on Sunday, and claimed it was a success.

But hundreds of other militants were still at large, officials said.

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Ban placed on tobacco in the workplace

Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ireland — Smokers hid in toilet stalls or shivered outside Monday as Ireland's ban on tobacco in the workplace — including the country's 10,000 usually smoky pubs — began its first divisive day.

Over lunchtime pints, Dublin friends and work mates argued over the merits of outlawing cigarettes indoors — until the smokers ducked outside and began puffing away on city sidewalks choked with exhaust fumes.

Health Minister Micheal Martin, who pushed for three years to ban workplace smoking, celebrated with anti-smoking activists at BeWley's tea house in downtown Dublin. He predicted other European nations would soon follow Ireland's example.

Ireland's sweeping ban is the world's strictest national law, though several individual U.S. states and cities have similarly rough prohibitions. However, the Irish version goes beyond measures in California and Delaware, which just prohibit smoking in bars and restaurants.

In the blue-ceil pubs of north Dublin, Martin's crusade provoked both joy and fury.

"This is the worst idea any Irish government's ever had," said Gerry O'Connor, a prison guard sitting sullenly in a corner of John Doyle's pub. He had just been busted trying to sneak a smoke in the pub's lavatory.

"He stayed in the loo [restroom] too long. I smelled smoke, went in and could hear him puffing, puffing, puffing behind the door," said harman John Golding, who ordered the offending butt extinguished.

"I think this ban's a great idea. Until now I've gone home from work with a hacking cough and a sore throat from the smoke," said Golding. "The ban means there's going to be a lot more people quitting. No more peer pressure over a pint."

Ireland's airwaves and barstool discussions have been dominated by debate over the rights and wrongs of smoking, its role in the easygoing pub atmosphere, versus the cancer and other deadly diseases it causes.

A government National Smokers Helpline has been inundated with calls from people seeking nicotine patches, counseling and other break-the-habit aids. A second line, opened Monday, fielded calls from people reporting pubs and other businesses violating the ban.

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Associated Press

New education law eases student testing

WASHINGTON — For the fourth time in as many months, the Bush administration is easing the restrictions of its education law, this time in the area of testing.

The latest move — reducing the number of students a school may test without running afoul of the law, probably will cap a flurry of responses to concerns from states and schools.

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires schools to test at least 95 percent of students in math and reading. Schools also must have 95 percent participation from all major subgroups of students, such as minority or disabled youngsters.

The point is to make sure that schools are accountable for every student's progress, and to ensure that no schools have incentive to exclude lower-performing students on test day.

Under the new policy, schools will get some leeway. As long as they average a 95 percent participation rate among students over two or three years, schools will meet the law.

A school that tested 94 percent of students one year, for example, could make the mark if it tested 96 percent of students the year before. The same rule is true for subgroups of students.

Schools also won't have to count students who are enrolled but don't test, including many exams, because of a medical emergency.

The changes are meant to fix a problem that has surfaced anecdotally: schools fail to meet the federal standard just because a few students miss a test. There is no documentation of how often that has happened, but it is a real concern to educators.

Schools that get federal poverty aid but don't make progress goals at least two straight years face mounting sanctions, from having to offer transfers to risking state takeover.

"We are listening to parents and educators and making adjustments," said Education Secretary Rod Paige said in a file story. "I'll meet on Monday to the National School Boards Association conference to talk about next steps, and we're not willing to sidestep or ignore the issue in the short term — making sure that all children count.

The changes will apply to the current school testing season. Federal officials set out to offer flexibility without backing down from the law's call for at least 95 percent participation this year to be tested. Since December, Paige has also eased rules affecting highly qualified teachers, disabled children and limited-English speakers.

"It's the first time we've had any recognition of the issues we've raised over the last two years, in terms of their willingness to address them," said Michael Bird, federal affairs director for the National Conference of State Legislatures. "In that regard, they're to be commended for listening, although we still have some root problems with the law."

Among them, Bird said, is a view among states that the federal government hasn't provided enough money to pay for its requirements, from data collection to teacher training.

The Bush administration says that's not true.

No Child Left Behind, the most sweeping federal education law in a generation, is the centerpiece of Bush's re-election agenda. Aimed at improving minority achievement, it won backing from both parties support but has since faced opposition over key provisions and funding.

First lady Laura Bush, also speaking in Orlando, urged school principals to support the law. She said it is needed to ensure all children have access to high-quality schools regardless of their skin color, their disability or their ZIP code.
DISSECTING THE AMERICAN DESERT COMPLEX

Peter Quaranto
A Call to Action

Dating back to the days of the Jamestown colony, Americans have always loved their deserts. And I am not talking about desert landscape and uncultivated lands, though I am sure there are Americans that cannot get enough of the Great Basin Desert in Nevada. I am talking about the definition of desert as the state of deserving rewards and punishments; a state with which Americans are infatuated. We are obsessed with freedom of choice and the value judgment that is attached to such behavior. We are a culture that believes people get what they deserve.

This obsession with desert is deeply rooted in the traditional American Dream, which asserts that in America, anyone individual with work ethic and ambition can achieve his or her goals. Such a rationale, defended most clearly in the few rags-to-riches stories of our history, is not intrinsically wrong, but placed in a context of a flawed and unequal society, it can be problematic. In our day, too many people use this desert complex to rationalize actions that fail to direct toward helping the poor and promoting the common good. Too many good people use this complex to help them sleep comfortably at night, while tens of thousands of Americans live in utter poverty.

Think about the myth that people are hearing on talk radio and discussing over dirty cups of coffee at the local diner: someone growing up in an economically-poor family in a troubled neighborhood of Chicago has the same opportunities as someone from a middle-class family in Newton, Massachusetts. In our country, the notion of social mobility is becoming more and more mythical, and to ignore such trends is a rationalization of desert is to make a grave mistake.

At Notre Dame, I often wonder how many people really believe they deserve what they have? How often do you hear people speak of deserving to do something or live a certain way because they have worked hard and made sacrifices? How many of our parents believe they deserve to be here because we worked hard in high school? It is apparent that this notion of desert plays a significant role in our culture.

Even in outreach to the poor and marginalized of our society, we often project this obsession with desert. We place standards on who should receive aid and we make judgments on who is worthy of our help. Why do we feel more sympathy for the family that is homeless because they lost everything in a fire than for the homeless man who lost his job due to alcoholism? Again, I am not suggesting this is necessarily wrong, but we must be more aware of the emphasis that we place on deserving in our culture.

This American desert complex does hold legitimacy in certain respects, but it also lends itself to many problems. Such a complex assumes equal opportunity for all, which is not the case in our country and world. In our tremendously unequal world, the social status, location and wealth into which one is born have drastic effects on one’s opportunities, resources and support. It is naive to pretend that someone growing up in an economically-poor family in a troubled neighborhood of Chicago has the same opportunities as someone from a middle-class family in Newton, Massachusetts. In our country, the notion of social mobility is becoming more and more mythical, and to ignore such trends in a rationalization of desert is to make a grave mistake.

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As new studies show the planet is constantly coming closer to total annihilation unless we radically change our policies, one must wonder why any sane person would not do everything possible to stop our impending demise. We still drive polluting gas-guzzling, spilling cars and cut down oxygen-producing, carbon-dioxide-reducing forests, even though we constantly hear about the devastation they cause to nature.

Typically, the average person who calls himself or herself an "environmentalist" is just someone who loves and appreciates the Earth's natural beauty and resources. This type of person is understandably worried about pollution, toxins and trash, but in the end, he or she primarily views the Earth as an amazing resource for humans to use and enjoy. This type of environmentalist's concern for the Earth's well-being is centered in his or her desire for the prolonged benefit for humankind.

Most people think of themselves as pro-environment, but they mean something far different and far more innocent than the most prominent philosophers, founders and leaders of the modern environmentalist movement.

Environmentalist leaders believe nature exists for its own sake, not for humanity's enjoyment and survival. Humans are no more important than endangered species, polluted lakes or the damaged ozone layer.

Environmentalists see humans not as the only moral beings on the planet or having the utmost value over all other living things, but rather as a disease afflicting the earth, as the enemy of the natural world.

Why do some people think the entire world's attention should be focused on environmental issues such as global warming, ozone depletion or chopping down trees, while others would rather focus their attention on issues such as combating terrorists and violently suppressing dictators?

The answer to this question all comes down to the differing beliefs regarding humanity's power to destroy the planet. Could humanity destroy the world? Is it not a scientific question as much as a question of how powerful one sees oneself to be?

If one believes there is nothing more powerful than humans (i.e., a god), he or she sees humans as powerful enough to destroy the planet. But, if one believes there is an all-powerful god, then he or she will think a human's actions are quite insignificant and, consequently, humanity doesn't have much of an effect on the environment. These people believe any attempt to try to destroy the Earth would be futile.

Many founders and leaders of the environmentalist movement believe humanity is cutting Earth on the path to destruction. Former Vice President Al Gore wrote in his book "Earth in the Balance," "We are still reluctant to believe that our worst nightmares of a global ecological collapse could come true, much depends on how quickly we can recognize the danger." Biologist George Perkins Marsh, author of "Man and Nature," agreed natural forces and processes exist in a stable, harmonious balance but said human activity was destroying that balance. He wrote, "Man is everywhere a disturbing agent; wherever he plants his foot, the harmonies of nature are turned to discord." He went on to call humankind "brute destroyers" who "destroy the balance which nature had established."

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The religious person tends to focus on good and evil; being morally good is more important to him or her than having a healthy world. The Earth is worthless if there are no humans on it to be morally good.

Many who spend their time helping the environment or dealing with issues involving human evils have similarly good motives centered on helping humanity. They just differ on how to go about accomplishing this noble goal.

Secularists tend to focus on the environment because a healthy planet is most important to them. Since they believe there is no god, they hold all living things as equals. Most derive their morality from nature and see morality as a tool to help nature flourish. They would prefer a healthy world with mur­derers to a damaged Earth where people were morally good and there was less human suffering.

The secularist's views can be as extreme as The Voluntary Human Extinction Movement, whose slogan is "May we live long and die out." They hold that by the human race ceasing to breed, it will allow Earth's biosphere to return to good health as we become less dense.

My opposition to radical environmentalism is rooted fundamentally in morality and in the supreme moral value of human life and our well-being on Earth. While a moral humanity in an unhealthy world is as unfortunate, difficult and potentially irreparable problem, a world without a moral humanity is a world not worth existing. Some people are moral to live, while others live to be moral.

This column first appeared on March 26 in the Daily Targum from Rutgers University and appears here courtesy of U-WIRE.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Melody Gonzalez and Tony Rivas could not have realized before meeting this semester how much they would have in common. Since meeting through mutual friends, the two have bonded over more than just being living near Los Angeles or a common love for playing guitar and listening to Rage Against the Machine. The two share a cultural heritage and passion for social activism that has led them to become some of the University's most dedicated social activists.

Anyone who claims Notre Dame students don't care about social causes or much else outside the Notre Dame bubble has obviously never met these students. Whether or not students or administrators agree with their political stances, their dedication to the causes they believe in is undeniable.

Gonzalez and Rivas both work with the Progressive Student Alliance. Both participated in the spring break Migrant Experiences seminar in Immokalee, Fla. through the Center for Social Concerns. Both traveled to Kentucky in February to participate in a protest march against Taco Bell and other companies considered by the Coalition for Immokalee Workers and other labor organizations to take advantage of abusive labor practices.

Most importantly, Gonzalez and Rivas are both children of fathers who worked as migrant farm laborers in their teenage years after moving to the United States. Gonzalez' father never had the chance to graduate from high school before dropping out to help support his family. He worked picking cucumbers, raspberries and other crops in the 1980s. Rivas' father picked crops every day after school and for a year after high school graduation before finding work in a factory.

The two students' family backgrounds have given them an especially strong affinity for organizations like the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) that campaign for labor rights in farming communities. Any student who participates in the Migrant Experiences seminar is bound to come away with a new compassion for the plight of migrant laborers who, according to the CIW, have to pick two tons of tomatoes in order to earn $50 a day. But a work in the Florida fields can't compare with a student whose parents have told them firsthand what working in them firsthand was like.

"A lot of the passion I have for immigrants and workers comes from my parents," Gonzalez said at a talk Monday night where both students described their parents' and their own experiences. The talk was held in honor of Cesar Chavez day, a holiday celebrated in California and other Southwestern states in recognition of Cesar Chavez' groundbreaking work establishing the United Farm Workers in the 1960s. The talk also featured a lecture by IUSB Head of Labor Studies Paul Mischler and part of the film "Fight in the Fields," which depicts the fight for labor unions through original footage.

Cesar Chavez day also marked the start of the Student Week of Action. The week is a national call to students supported by Jobs for Justice, Amnesty International and other organization in honor of the work of Cesar Chavez and Martin Luther King Jr.

At Latin Expressions on Friday, the campus had a chance to see how much the friendship, and the causes the Rivas and Gonzalez fight for, have meant to both.

Gonzalez, auditioned for the show reading a poem entitled "People of the Sun." She has used poetry to express ideas about her heritage, personal experiences and political views since the age of 11 following her younger sister's death. Gonzalez auditioned by herself, but for the performance she asked Rivas to accompany her on guitar. Rivas composed an original melody with help from a friend in Chicago to play while Gonzalez read.

The poem was an appropriate one for the two friends to perform together. "People of the Sun" describes the exploitation of certain classes that can come under capitalism.

"People of the sun/There are those who have more than they need/But always convince themselves of not having enough/While we barely have enough for survival," Gonzalez writes.

When she wrote the poem Gonzalez originally dedicated it to her father and to the CIW. At the Friday performance she also dedicated it to Rivas, who has decided on a new way to protest for his cause.

Rivas began a week long hunger strike Friday night as a call to the students and administration of the University to examine several issues on which the freshman feels the University and its members could take a more compassionate Catholic stance. Rivas has not eaten since Friday night, and does not plan to eat until a PSA protest at Taco Bell Friday night, where the group hopes to have live music and real Mexican food. Rivas was inspired by stories of a 30-day hunger strike started by members of the CIW.

"If they can go for 30 days, I can go at least seven to raise awareness at a university which has so much power and influence," Rivas said.

Rivas mentioned the issue of campus workers' rights to organize and the gay studies alliance, but emphasized that he wanted to raise promote awareness of migrant workers' rights at the University. Rivas was especially concerned about the University's connection with companies that have been denounced by the CIW and other labor organizations. The athletic department at Notre Dame has a small level sponsorship agreement with Taco Bell which allows the company to advertise in publications and announcements. Matt Gallo, a Board of Trustees member, is the director of a company called Gallo of Sonoma Winery, which also has been accused of unfair labor practices by the UFW.

University spokesman Matthew Storin said the University's Migrant Labor seminar as evidence that Notre Dame is not insensitive to the issues for which Rivas campaigns.

"The problem is not unknown to the University awareness on some level," Storin said. "If he learned about the problem as a student here at ND that should count as progress, not just a reaction, to an action.

Although Rivas learned much of what he knows about the issues surrounding migrant labor on a University seminar, he still feels the University could do more good on some issues.

"Cesar Chavez and Martin Luther King Jr. did so much good, and they were only one guy," Rivas said. "If one guy can do so much, why can't the University do more worldwide?"

Rivas hopes for a reaction from the University's officials, but has not spoken with the administration directly.

"This is a show of concern for the issues, I want to have discussion with the administration to people more knowledgeable," Rivas said. "If I don't hear from them at all, if I don't feel like they're doing anything, I may keep going. Whatever happens as a result of Rivas' effort, he can count on his friends to support him as he has supported them.

"I could see this fire inside of Tony (when I met him)," Gonzalez said. "He gives me a lot of energy. He inspires me to do the stuff I'm already involved with."
Baby Doll is one of a kind

Saint Mary’s sophomore Skip Bacon wins ninth award for her custom classic 1984 Chevy S10

STORY BY MARIA SMITH

Sarah Rochelle Bacon doesn’t look like a grease monkey. No one seeing the Saint Mary’s sophomore standing around the Cavalcade of Wheels in the JACC Saturday and Sunday in her pink shirt and pink hoop earrings would guess that Sarah, better known as Skip, had overhauled the engine and done the body work on her bright pink 1984 custom classic Chevy S10 herself.

Bacon bought the truck for $500 after wrecking her mom’s van in high school. She overhauled the engine with some help from her dad and brother when it failed a month after she bought it.

“When I bought it the engine was shot and the body was trashed,” Bacon said. “It ran, but not for long.”

When the car gathered so much rust that driving it was barely legal, Bacon decided to redo the body herself. And while she was at it, she decided to make sure everyone knew it was her car and her handiwork.

“I used to drive into town in a little red pickup, and everyone would ask if it was my dad’s, or my brother’s or my boyfriend’s. They didn’t believe me that it was mine,” Bacon said. “Now, no one.”

She had the interior redone in pink leather, repainted the dashboard in specially mixed pink paint and recovered the steering wheel herself.

The truck was referred to as the Barbie car, Pink, the peppermint car and other nicknames around the show. But its real name, “Baby Doll,” is unmistakably written across the top of the windshield.

To top everything off, the car was made in the same month and year that Bacon was born. In January the owner and her truck both turned twenty. The age is the requirement for the car, if not the owner, to be considered a classic.

“In five more years we’ll both be 25,” Bacon said. “We’ll turn antique together.”

Bacon has yet to undertake any more automotive projects, but still does maintenance on her beloved Chevy.

“She keeps my hands pretty full,” Bacon said. “It’s a 20-year old engine, it’s not easy to keep running.”

Thanks to Bacon’s hard work, the truck is now an award-winning classic and Bacon’s pride and joy. Bacon tours to shows around the state and always dresses in pink to match her car.

And somehow she’s also made it into the higher echelons of car shows. Companies will sometimes sponsor top cars to travel around the country and pay for repairs and improvements to the vehicles, but the Saint Mary’s student would rather maintain her independence.

“If you have sponsors, you have to do what they say,” Bacon said. “For example, if they wanted me to replace my rims, I’d have to do it. I like what I have.”

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Mike Grier, bounced in off the first period, and before having a four-game winning streak, the Buffalo Sabres have

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Tampa Bay's Tim Taylor.
Fall 2004 Courses

**ROIT 310 TEXTUAL ANALYSIS / ADVANCED GRAMMAR**
9:30-10:45 T/Th C. Ryan-Scheutz
An introduction to the critical analysis of Italian literary texts across a variety of genres and periods, complemented by an advanced grammar review and practice in writing. Recommended for all majors and supplementary majors.

**ROIT 371 INTRO TO ITALIAN LITERATURE I**
11:00-12:15 T/Th C. Moores
An introduction to the close reading and textual analysis of representative texts from the Duecento through the Renaissance, including Dante, Guinizelli, Cavalcanti, Dante, Petrarch, Boccaccio, Poliziano, Machiavelli, and Ariosto. We will trace the profile of Italian literary history in this period, setting the text in its cultural and historical context (including music, art, and architecture), with attention to the changing understanding of human nature and the physical world in these centuries. Requirements include class participation, short essays, short presentations, a midterm and a final, taught in Italian. Pre-requisite: ROIT 202 or equivalent; ROIT 310 suggested. The course is required for majors and secondary majors.

**ROIT/LIRI 4111 DANTE I: INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE**
2:00-3:15 T/Th T. Cacehy
According to the eminent critic John Freccero "Understanding in the Inferno is a process that might be characterized as hypberbolic doubt systematically applied to the values of contemporary society." This may explain the strong revival of interest in the poem that we have witnessed of late. In this course we will read and discuss in detail the Inferno as well as important "minor" works leading up to the Divine Comedy including the Vita nuova (New Life), the Convivio (The Banquet), and the De vulgari eloquentia (On vernacular eloquence). The course, which fulfills the literature requirement, will be offered in English. Undergraduate students of Italian at all levels are welcome. Midterm, final exam and oral presentations.

**FPP/ROIT/LIRI 4521 ITALIAN CINEMA: THE REALITIES OF HISTORY**
1:30-2:45 M/W Z. Baranski* (ROIT 4505)
(Lab: 3:30-5:30 Th)
This course explores the construction and development of the Italian cinematic realist tradition from the silent era to the early 1970s, although its primary focus is on the period 1934-1968, which emerges from the appearance of Italian neorealism and the openly fascist "historical reconstruction, "La vecchia guardia," to Pasolini's "ecoscenti" exercise in left-wing commitment. "Dreadlock = uoccelli," with its mix of expressionism and hyper-realistic techniques. At the centre of this period we find some of Italy's most highly regarded films made by directors such as Vittorio DeSica, Roberto Rossellini, and Luchino Visconti, who belonged to the Neo-realist movement (1945-53). These film-makers rejected populist cinema and tried to make films that examined the contemporary experiences of ordinary Italians. As well as analysing the films in these periods, we will systematically trace the formula and ideological differences and relationships between Neo-realist film and its silent and fascist predecessors. In a similar way, it analyses Neo-realist's impact on later film-makers, such as Federico Fellini, Pier Paolo Pasolini, Gianfranco Pannofino, Giorgio De Lullo and Francesco Rosi, who attempted to develop new version of this cinematic realist Finally, the course aims to locate the films in their historical and cultural contexts and to address theoretical issues arising from the concept of 'realism'.

**ROIT 471 ITALIAN SHORT STORY**
12:30-1:45 T/Th J. Welle
Taught in Italian, this course treats the historical development of the short prose narrative in Italian literature. Beginning with the feudalism and moving into selected novels by such Medieval and Renaissance writers as Boccaccio, Boccaccio, Bandello, Finizio and Machiavelli, the course also includes modern and contemporary contributors to the genre including Verga, D'Ammunio, Pirandello, Moravia, Gazzano, Ton, Deedeb, Sere, Marvin, Calvino, and Olmig. Students will be required to write a number of brief papers, to give brief oral presentations and to participate in class discussions. There will be a mid-term and a final exam.

**ROIT 500 ITALIAN GRADUATE READING**
8:30-9:20 M/W/F Staff
This one semester, intensive study of Italian grammar and syntax is intended for graduate students working in the humanities or sciences, who are interested in acquiring reading proficiency in Italian.

**ROIT 515 DANTE'S WORLD OF BOOKS**
12:30-3:00 T. Z. Baranski*
Dante's World of Books aims to examine the course of career of, arguably, the most original and influential writer in Western culture from three closely interrelated perspectives. First, the course provides an overview of all Dante's writings, the books he actually produced. Second, he explores his intellectual formation and has attitude towards the literary tradition. Books that were probably present in his "library", Third, he will assess the manner in which Dante synthesized his different ideological and poetic interests in order to develop an incisive and powerful assessment and critique of humanity's position in the order of divine creation. In the Middle Ages, the created universe was often metaphorically described as "God's book." In this book, he will attempt to investigate the complex inter-relationship that Dante forged between his books and the 'book' of the Supreme Artist, a popular and highly influential medieval image for God the Creator.

**ROIT 588 MODERN ITALIAN POETRY**
3:30-6:00 T. J. Welle
Addressed to graduate and advanced undergraduates, this course focuses on Italian poetry in the twentieth century. Major Italian poets and poets translators to be studied include D'Annunzio, Guinizzelli, Marinetti, Ungaretti, Saba, Montale, Pesce, Quasimodo, Forlani, Poliziano, Sanguineti, Zavattini, Rosselli, Giudici, Magaoli, Valduga and Zucchi. The role of translation in the evolution, translation and diffusion of modern Italian poetry will also be considered. Requirements include a 20 to 30 minute seminar presentation, class participation including brief reports on critical readings, and a final research paper.

* Professor Zygmunt G. Baranski, 2004 Visiting Distinguished Professor of Dante and Italian Studies

Zygmunt G. Baranski is the Serena Professor of Italian and Head of the Department of Italian in the Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages at Cambridge University. Professor Baranski is one of the world's authorities on Dante, medieval poetries, and modern Italian literature, film and culture. Professor Baranski's visiting professorship at Notre Dame during the fall of 2004 is co-sponsored by the Devers Program in Dante Studies, the Medieval Institute and the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures.
Owners decide to keep Tagliabue, instant replay

Patriots and Colts to open season Sept. 9

Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. — NFL owners are ready to give.com.

owners another new contract and keep instant replay.

The questions are how long Tagliabue’s term will last and if it will be made permanent.

Pittsburgh owner Dan Rooney, who heads the committee that oversees league operations, said Monday the 32 owners agreed unanimously to extend Tagliabue’s contract, which expires in May 2005. Rooney said the extension would last for three years, depending on the wishes of the 63-year-old commissioner.

The extension of replay, meanwhile, was presented to the owners in three possible forms:

- A vote on replay is likely to come Tuesday or Wednesday.
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Tagliabue predicted Monday the owners would renew the NFL Trust, a method by which teams share revenues from the sale of licensed merchandise.

“Even with a salary cap, some owners believe it’s difficult for teams with less cash to match that, even if Snyder’s spending has failed to improve his team in the five years he’s owned the club.”

The competition committee, headed by Atlanta general manager Rich McKay and Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher, also recommended instituting 15-yard penalties for choreographed celebrations. And it suggested some minor changes to the fair catch rule.

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NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

Dry spell over for Duke

Blue Devils back in Final Four after “lengthy” 3-year absence

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Shelden Williams couldn’t help but smile Sunday when asked about Duke’s three-year absence from the Final Four.

“Three years is pretty easy,” the sophomore said with a grin.

Jokes aside, that is the attitude at a program that has reached the national semifinals 10 times in 19 seasons.

Rooney noted Tagliabue’s needed to provide continuity and to recommend league and television agreements. The TV con-

tract expires after the 2005 season.

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Rooney said it’s time to make somewhere in the area of $8 million in its next negotiating.

Meanwhile, there will be no additional sharing of the league’s TV contracts because the share went to network owners.

Changing the overtime rule remains on the table, but is unlikely to be approved. There is some sentiment to give each team the possession in the extra session instead of the sudden death rule, but that has not been popular.

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The Blue Devils (31-5) face Connecticut in the NCAA’s other semifinal in San Antonio. It’s the Blue Devils’ first trip to the Final Four since winning the national title in 2001.

The Blue Devils had reached the round of 16 in each of the past three years. That performance would qualify as a successful post-season for most schools, but at Duke it’s as close to a drought as it gets.

“This program has bad so much success and tradition,” guard Daniel Ewing said. “I think it’s a real appointment when a Duke team doesn’t make it to the Final Four.”

It doesn’t happen often. Krzyzewski in his 24th year at Duke, is second in NCAA tournament victories with 64, one behind North Carolina’s Dean Smith. He also ranks third in Final Four appearances with 10, two back of UCLA’s John Wooden and one behind Smith.

Kryzewski took over at Duke before the 1980-81 season, struggling to a 38-47 record in his first three seasons while rivals North Carolina and North Carolina State won NCAA championships.

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Duke guard

We’ll do a host of things before we play Saturday.”

Still, Duahan said, the players don’t just assume they’ll make deep runs in March. “You have to realize that it takes hard work and you have to earn to be in the Final Four.”

“You can’t just expect it, or you’re not going to get there.”
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League approves sale of Thrashers to Atlanta Spirit LLC

Associated Press

ATLANTA — With the NHL's approval of the $250 million sale of the Atlanta Thrashers and Hawks on Monday, the new ownership expects to have final documents signed within two days to acquire the teams from Time Warner.

"It should be less than 48 hours," said Michael Gearon Jr., one of the Atlanta-based members of the new nine-man ownership group.

"When I say we're inches away, we're literally inches away," he added before Monday night's Hawks' home game against Memphis.

Gearon said he expects the actual signing process to take three hours, a reflection of the complexity of the acquisition of two franchises and Philips Arena, where the teams play their home games.

The new partnership, headed by Boston businessman Steve Belkin, is known as Atlanta Spirit LLC.

Belkin's group agreed to buy the teams and Philips Arena from Time Warner in September. The NBA gave its approval two weeks ago.

"We were pretty naive when we signed this process," Gearon said about the long wait for approval.

"I think the biggest issue both leagues would have was whether we had the financial liquidity to acquire the teams, and there were other issues that went specific to both leagues that were very complex," he said.

The sale process has dragged on for nearly a year. Dallas auto dealer David McDavid began exclusive talks to buy the teams last April, but could never close the deal.

With McDavid still believing his offer would work out, Time Warner suddenly changed course in September. The media conglomerate announced it was selling the teams to a group headed by Belkin, founder and chairman of the Atlanta-based marketing and investing company Trans National LLC.

The wait for approval put management decisions on hold for both teams.

"I can't say anything would have been done any differently this season," Gearon said. "I'm just thrilled we have the approval. I had goose bumps when I got word of the NBA approval."

The Thrashers have tentative-ly scheduled a press conference for Wednesday to discuss more details of the sale.

"We're ecstatic to receive NHL approval as the final step in the sale," said Atlanta attorney Rutherford Seydel, a member of the partnership and the son-in-law of former Hawks and Thrashers owner Ted Turner.

"Our formal closing is now imminent, and we can't wait to get started," Atlanta Spirit LLC also includes Turner's youngest son, Beau Turner. Ted Turner owned the teams and baseball's Atlanta Braves but lost control through a series of corporate mergers. The Thrashers joined the NHL as an expansion team in 1999.

Belkin and Larry Bird headed a group that made a bid for an expansion team in Charlotte. In December 2002, the NBA picked Black Entertainment Television founder Robert Johnson to get the North Carolina team, which will begin play next season.

Time Warner decided to unload the Hawks and Thrashers to help resolve some of its massive debt. The company has backed off in its efforts to sell the Braves.

Turner Broadcasting, a Time Warner subsidiary, will retain 15 percent ownership of Atlanta Spirit, but will have no say in operations. The rest of the group is split into thirds.

One section is Atlanta-based and includes carpet company owner Bud Seydel, long time Hawks executive Michael Gearon, his son, Gearon Jr., Seydel and Beau Turner.

A third of the group is Washington-based and includes two former minority owners of the NHL's Washington's Capitals, Bruce Levenson and Ed Peskowitz, along with Todd Foreman.

Belkin owns a third by himself. He will concentrate on the Hawks, while the Washington-based group — with its hockey experience — and Seydel will work with the Thrashers.

Peskowitz will be primarily responsible for Philips Arena, both as a sports and concert venue.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Keady's coaching future remains an uncertainty

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Gene Keady saga at Purdue doesn't appear to be ending any time soon.

Purdue sports information director Elliot Bloom said the school doesn't expect to make an announcement about Keady's future until after the NCAA championship game April 5.

Purdue officials were not commenting late last week in an attempt to keep attention focused on the women's team in the NCAA tournament. That stance was rendered moot when the Boilermakers lost to Georgia on Saturday.

Bloom said Keady planned to attend the Final Four in San Antonio. So is University of San Francisco athletic director Bill Hogan, who was interviewing candidates for the Dons' coaching position. The job opened when Phillip Mathews was fired earlier this month.

Hogan would not comment on specific candidates Monday, but did say any delay by Keady and Purdue would not factor into his decision.

"We're moving forward with our whole process here," Hogan told The Associated Press. "I've interviewed two already and I'm going to interview at least two more in San Antonio."

He already has confirmed interviewing Connecticut assistant Clyde Vaughn and Arizona assistant Rodney Tention for the job.

Keady is easily the most accomplished of the three candidates.

His 505 career wins in 24 seasons in West Lafayette are by far the most of any Purdue coach. He also owns six Big Ten titles and has taken the Boilermakers to the NCAA tournament 17 times.

The 67-year-old coach has one year left on his contract at Purdue and has said he would like an extension.

Purdue athletic director Morgan Burke has said he would not give Keady the extension, but in a written statement issued last week he said Keady would remain in his job if he wants to pursue this opportunity.

That said, Gene knows we are committed to him through the final year of his contract."

"Sure, I'd like to be back, but you've got to take it day-to-day," Keady said last week.

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Griffey suffers calf injury during spring training

Ken Griffey Jr. was hoping to stay healthy all spring. He didn’t quite make it.

The Cincinnati outfielder sustained his right calf during fielding drills Saturday, the first day of spring training, as the Reds’ game against Pittsburgh in Sarasota, Fla., was a precaution.

In each of the last three seasons, Griffey sustained major injuries in the final week of spring training or the first week of the regular season. Last year, he dislocated his shoulder in the fifth game of the season, returned and tore up his right ankle. He then had surgery for both injuries.

Griffey played the field as the Pirates battled in the second inning, then left the game. He jogged off the field accompanied by a trainer.

A half a world away, the New York Yankees and Tampa Bay Devil Rays got ready to begin the regular season.

IUPUI will not renew hoops coach’s contract

INDIANAPOLIS — IUPUI will not renew the contract of women’s basketball coach Kris Simpson, athletic director Michael Moore said Monday.

Simpson’s contract expires June 30. She had a record of 97-148 in nine seasons coaching the Jaguars, including a 7-23 mark last season.

Simpson has guided the program since its inception in 1995-96.

“We appreciate Coach Simpson’s efforts to grow with the IUPUI women’s basketball program,” Moore said in a written statement. “However, with the conclusion of the coach’s contract we have the opportunity to engage new leadership to make the Jaguars more competitive in the Mid-Continent Conference.”
ND Women's Tennis

Tiebreakers no help to Irish

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Those pesky tiebreakers proved to be the bane of Notre Dame existence. No. 33 Wake Forest (9-7) and No. 9 North Carolina (14-6) cornered the No. 23 Irish (8-5) in several close matches this weekend, forcing decisions in tiebreakers matches. Ultimately, however, the Irish were defeated by the Demon Deacons 7-0 and the Tar Heels 5-0.

"We didn't play at all well in both matches, but they were definitely closer than they looked," coach Jay Louderback said. "They just couldn't win in tight matches."

A dogged Wake Forest came prepared to make a statement Saturday, sweeping singles and claiming wins in two of the three doubles matches. The Demon Deacons were fresh off a 4-3 win against North Carolina on Wednesday and seemed poised for another win after such a strong performance for Louderback.

"With the way they've been playing this season, they're probably better than North Carolina, who has a better ranking," he said.

At No. 3 doubles, junior Sarah Jane Connelly and sophomore Kiki Stastny were the first to finish, finding defeat in their match against Karin Cotee and Liz Proctor 8-1. Ashlee Davis and Katie Martzolf secured the doubles point for Wake Forest after a hard-fought match against No. 1 doubles freshmen Catrina and Christian Thompson.

In each loss this season, the Irish have relinquished the doubles point. Louderback believes losing the doubles point set the tone for the rest of the match.

"The doubles point is so important because it gives the kids momentum for singles," he said. "We played hard in doubles; it's just a matter of pulling out big matches."

Senior co-captain Alicia Salas and sophomore Lauren Connolly posted the only win of the match for the Irish, besting Danielle Schwartz and Almeia Smith 8-3 at No. 2 doubles. This season, the pair is 9-4 in dual match play and 15-6 overall.

"They really played well against Wake," Louderback added. "They've had a pretty consistent year and it's good to see them win."

In singles, No. 22 Cootee collected a quick win over Christina Thompson at No. 2, 6-3, 6-3. At No. 1, Salas secured her first match on the weekend against Davis 6-3, 6-1. The No. 10 Salas is 22-9 this season and 10-3 in dual-match play. At No. 4 singles, Proctor secured the win for Wake Forest, edging out Lauren Connolly 7-5, 6-4.

Although at No. 5 Stastny was the first set, Schwartz returned with renewed energy to win 7-5, 6-2, 6-3. Martzolf secured a point in No. 3 singles against No. 92 Catrina Thompson 6-7 (8-7), 7-6 (7-4), 1-0 (7-4).

Smith rounded out the Demon Deacons' win with a 6-4, 7-5 win over Liz Donohue at No. 4 singles. On Sunday, North Carolina collected wins in each of the singles and doubles matches completed. The Irish were left to abandon two of the last matches due to time constraints.

No. 23 Aliee Mojzis and Kendall Cline gave the Tar Heels an early 1-0 lead by defeating Catrina and Christian Thompson 8-4 at No. 1. At No. 3, North Carolina clinched the doubles point following Sara Amundsen and Jenna Long's 8-3 win versus senior Emily Neighbors and sophomore Kristina Stastny.

Lei Barios and Kendrick Bunn added to the Tar Heels' success, posting a win against Salas and Lauren Connolly 8-6 at No. 2.

Bunn was next to contribute a point for North Carolina, triumphing over Stastny 6-1, 6-2 at No. 5. No. 92 Mojzis was next off the courts posting off a 6-4, 6-1 upset of No. 10 Salas at No. 1. clinching the win at No. 4 was the Tar Heels' Amundsen, garnering a win against Lauren Connolly 6-2, 6-3. At No. 6, long beat Sarah Jane Connolly 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.

The Irish abandoned the matches at Nos. 2 and 3 due to time constraints. At No. 3 Catrina Thompson held a lead against Cline in a tiebreaker (7-4) and left the match tied at 3-3. Christian, meanwhile, also led her match against Barios 6-1, 4-6, 3-2.

"All of the kids were pretty upset after this weekend's meetings we knew didn't get us the opportunity," Louderback said. "They're a very competitive group and they don't like to lose."

The Irish are set to meet Marquette Saturday and No. 15 Sunday.

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Belles victory ends 7-game losing streak

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

After seven straight losses, the Belles finally got some much-needed Monday they took both games from Tri-State by the scores of 4-3 and 10-0. Coming off two tough losses last weekend against Alma — a team who has dominated its opponents all season long — the Belles (7-11) rebounded and played solid ball, especially in their five-inning blowout in Monday's later game.

"We need to have a sense of urgency and a killer instinct. We haven't had either yet, but I know they have it inside them somewhere. Once they show it, we are capable for great things." — Anna Walsh

Belles Coach

At No. 6 doubles, the Belles went on top after Monday's score with a 2-0 decision, giving them a 3-0 record in league games of the year. Erin Sullivan added two hits. The Belles as a team had 12 hits off Tri-State pitcher Erin Brecqet.

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on April 24 at Notre Dame Stadium.

Beginning on day one, Willingham wanted his team

starting with the basics and working with the knowledge that every practice matters.

"We just want to get started and get back," Willingham said.

"We want to come out and always have a great deal of intensity, and we want to hustle and do all the things a good football team does from a fundamental standpoint. It's been more fundamentals today than anything else."

The senior leadership and Willingham are on the same page. Senior linebackers Derek Curry and Mike Goolsby view the spring as a time to improve on the little things that will make summer workouts and practices leading up to the season that much more productive.

"Our goal is definitely to be more fundamentally sound," senior linebacker Derek Curry said. "Last year, we played good at times, but if we had been more fundamentally sound we could have played well across the board all the time. That's one thing the spring really is for ... you have time to get back to the basics." Goolsby, who sat out last season due to injury, understands a team coming off a rough season needs to begin its basic preparation in the spring.

"Every time you have kind of an off-season or anything had happened, you try to get back where you'd like to be," he said. "You start from the bottom up. One of the things coach talked about a lot, especially defensively, was getting that attitude back that we had a couple years ago; getting everybody to the ball and making big plays. And if you start with that attitude, that's a good starting point."

On the offensive side of the ball, quarterback Brady Quinn stepped onto the field and -- while not a seasoned veteran -- took charge of an offense as a second-year starter.

"I think we expect more of each other," he said. "Though it's the first day of practice, we expect to execute and get our job done. So a lot of that comes with experience."

The Irish return fourteen starters, with eight on offense and six coming back on defense, including Curry, Goolsby and Quinn. Spring practice starts early, however, and the taste of a 5-7 season in the mouths of these and all of the players still lingers.

"If you're a competitor it's still going to be there," senior running back Ryan Grant said. "That's obviously a motivation for next year. But at the same time, you've got to be able to move forward and realize that we don't need that to happen again. So I think we're going about the right steps and doing what we need to do." Remembering last season can cause players to become anxious, but the senior leadership on this Irish team has shown its face on the first day of spring practice and helped the team remain focused on the task at hand, on the important stuff -- on the fundamentals.

"It's really hard to kind of take it a day at a time, but that's really what you have to do," Curry said. "We have a lot of expectations, but we do know that each and every day of the spring matters and we have to take that attitude."

"We can't look at Michigan yet. We can't look at summer workouts. We have to look each day [at what we do now]."

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Quarterback Brady Quinn calls out signals during practice Monday. Quinn is one of fourteen starters returning to the Irish in 2004.

SMC TENNIS

Belles look to build off weekend

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

After two convincing victories in a home tournament over the weekend, Saint Mary's will go on the road to face MIAA opponents Alma College today. In their first match against Tri-State, Saint Mary's came out with a 7-0 sweep. In the championship match, Aquinas fell to the Belles by a score of 8-1 to give Saint Mary's the decisive victory.

The Belles have won nine matches already this season and will look for their third straight MIAA victory against Alma. In a match last year against Alma, the Belles dominated and recorded a 9-0 sweep. Against Alma the Belles will continue to rely on the strong play of Kate Bowler, Kaitlin Cutler, Kristen Palombo, Jeannie Knish and Kris Spriggle.

Over the weekend, the doubles team Cutler and Spriggle defeated Aquinas' 9-3, bringing their overall record of the year to 9-1. In singles play, Cutler continued her success by nearly sweeping both of her singles matches and finished the weekend at 11-1 overall.

In addition to her win in the doubles match against Aquinas, Bowler also won 6-0 in both sets while facing Tri-State in singles. The victory brings her singles record to 7-3 this season.

Knish and Palombo played at Nos. 1 and 2 respectively for the team and both pulled out victories against Aquinas after long matches.

Junior Lindsey Thelen returns as the top player for Alma this season. Thelen lost to Knish in both the regular season and the MIAA tournament.

Saint Mary's will play at Alma today at 3 p.m. The Belles play their next home match on Friday.

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Baseball

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In the bottom half of the inning, the Irish evaded a scoring threat as the Mountainisers put runners on second and third with one out. Needing only one out to win, West Virginia then attempted a squeeze play to bring home a run, but Edwards fielded the ball cleanly and into a forceout at home. The next batter lined out to Matt Macri at third base to end the inning.

The Irish took the lead for good in the seventh, scoring a pair of runs on a single by Jaquez to bring the runner home, but was on a planned pitch count and worked only two innings. Senior Joe Thaman came on in the third and held the Mountainisers to one run on one hit in five innings to pick up the win.

Lopez continued his hot hitting with a 3-for-4 performance to improve his average to .411 on the season. Sollmann also had an important two-run blast to give the Irish a 3-1 lead in the fifth. The Irish return to action Wednesday when they host Western Michigan at Frank Eck Stadium at 5 p.m.

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Fencing

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in 2003. But given the choice, she wanted to face her teammate in the finals.

"It's the best-case scenario because if we have to fence earlier than we won't be first and second [and] that's what we wanted," Ament said.

Following in Kryczalo's footsteps, freshman Valerie Providenza won the saber title in her first national championships, the fifth Notre Dame freshman (and first sabre) to do so. She averaged her loss to Sophia Hiss during the round-robin bouts by defeating Hiss in the gold medal bout by a score of 15-8. Providenza never trailed and claimed the last six touches to clinch the win.

"It hasn't really hit me yet," she said. "I'm just kind of in shock right now, just assuming I have another tournament tomorrow.

Epeistei Kerry Walton closed out the women's competition with a silver medal finish. The senior lost to Wayne State's Anna Garina by a 15-10 margin in the finals. All four women, however, barely made it to their respective title bouts. In the full semi-finals, Ament faced Ohio State's Hanna Thompson who had been little trouble for Ament in her 5-2 round-robin win. Thompson, however, looked ready for revenge and jumped on Ament for a 5-1 lead and led by a 5-2 score at the second intermission. But Ament put together a furious rally, storming back to score four of the next five touches to force sudden death overtime.

She was awarded the priority and would win in the event of time expiring with out a touch, but she did not need it. Ament scored the next touch and advanced into the finals.

Kryczalo's bout was a polar opposite. In a much faster bout, she had no worries of overtime but had to ward off a comeback from Jessica Leahy. Leahy, who had hand ed Kryczalo her one loss in Friday's round robin, provided problems as a smaller, quicker opponent. After trailing 12-10, Kryczalo won the next four points to put herself on the brink of the finals. But Leahy battled back to 14-14, forcing a next-touch-wins situation. Kryczalo scored it and advanced.

Providenza also faced a 14-14 score against Ohio State's Louise Bond-Williams but only after she had emerged from a 14-12 deficit. But she capped her comeback, scoring the final touch and clinching an appearance in the finals.

"Someone taught me that when you do 15-touch bouts, think of it as always zero-zero," Providenza said. "So you don't [think] 'Oh my gosh, I'm down.' I was pretty nervous but I knew I was better that day.

There were no dramatic scoring swings in Walton's semifinal against Cornell's Meghan Phair but there was sudden death overtime. There, too, the Irish prevailed as Walton became the fourth Notre Dame finalist.

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Golf

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at 80, Bellino shooting 89 and Simmerman recording a 79.

Simmerman's scoring average of 82.50 strokes per round leads the team on the season. This was the first time Fantom competed among the top five golfers, according to Hamilton.

"She was a little nervous at first, but then started to get back into the groove and got her competitive mind going," Hamilton said.

On the second day, the Belles totaled 214 strokes to round out the competition. Simmerman garnered an 82, Dunham scored 84, and Hansen finished with 90. Hanlon followed with 91, and Bellino ended her round with 98.

"She had a little tougher on the second day," Hamilton said. "We weren't doing very good short games, but I was impressed with the ball striking during the round.

This invitational was a learning experience for Saint Mary's. Hamilton described it as an opportunity to identify areas for improvement and to compete against larger teams.

He said team members will primarily focus on their short games in preparation for the next meet and for the rest of the season.

"We just need to get outside more for practice," Hamilton said. "We should be able to put any five of our players in the lineup and do well. In practice, we're really going to be asking our players to step up. They should be ready to compete at any time.

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2. Field of work
3. Datt
4. Balewick
5. Gossip idol
6. Wahine's welcome
7. Auto trailblazer
8. Eatery
9. Small sofa
10. "Draft"
11. Little shaver
12. Wrap up
13. Lit. holders
14. First course, often
15. Auto trailblazer
16. Kid (Saturday a.m. fare)
17. "The Thin Man" canine
18. Operation at the Acome
19. Cameras setting
20. Withdraw from 72
21. Hot Springs and others
22. Poisonous
23. Spades and others
25. Trident-shaped letters
26. Paderewski's "Good as done!
27. "Toddlie"
29. Sierra
30. Land from which Moses brought up
31. Bring up
32. Land from which Moses brought up
33. Bring up

**DOWN**

1. Sounds of relief
2. Canadian native
3. Subject of an insurance appraisal
4. OPEC is one
5. Emergency need at sea
6. Skater Midori
7. Dork
8. Ellipses alternative
9. Villains
10. Poetry-spouting pugilist
11. Muscle quality
12. Ergo
13. Person exercise area
14. Cosmonongers
15. Here-there connector
17. Trident-shaped letters
18. Radian's "Good as done!
19. Toulouse
21. Sierra
22. Land from which Moses brought up
23. Bring up
24. Spades and others
25. Explosive star
26. Refuse admission to
27. Prop mentally
28. First cut
29. "Go ahead!"
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FOOTBALL

Back on the field

Irish focusing on fundamentals in spring practice

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

Defensive line coach Greg Mattison was ready to hike the football on a ball pursuit drill when he noticed a defensive player ready in an incorrect stance.

"Get set," he said.

The player adjusted himself and readjusted. Mattison refused to resume his count at quarterback until every player was set. The drill dragged on, and before he could take the ball, a whistle blew.

Head coach Tyrone Willingham stepped towards the action, took the whistle out of his mouth and made it simple.

"Run it again," he said.

The Irish started spring practice with the first of 15 practices Monday afternoon at the Loftus Sports Center. The team will practice into the month of April and will end spring football with the annual Blue-and-Gold game.

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FENCING

Individuals dominate NCAAs for Irish

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

WALTHAM, Mass. — Unlike last year, the sum of the individual parts proved greater than the whole at the 2004 fencing national championships Sunday at Brandeis University. The individual competition proved very successful for the Irish, as the team totaled four gold and silver medal performances and one third-place medalist.

Teammate Paul Walton in epee.

Of the 12 Irish weapons, the Irish women boasted two national champions and two runners-up with at least one in each weapon. No women's team in NCAA history had ever posted finalists in all three weapons prior to Friday.

Kryczalo's win marked her third foil championship in as many years, defeating teammate Ament in the title bout by a 15-7 score. She becomes only the second woman in NCAA history to win three titles in any weapon since Penn State's Olga Kalinovskaya won four foil championships from 1993-96.

Ament, the other half of the talented "A-Team," finished in the top three for the third time in her career, taking second in the top 15-8 finish, followed by junior Chrissy Simmerman at 89th and sophomore Nicole Bellino at 90th.

Junior Stefanie Simmerman led the Belles with a 35th place finish, followed by junior Chorty Dunham at 46th, senior Liz Hanlon at 72nd, sophomore Kirsten Fantom at 89th and sophomore Nicolle Bello at 90th.

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BASEBALL

Irish sweep Big East series

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Senior Staff Writer

The Irish got off to a torrid start in Big East play with a three-game sweep of West Virginia on the road in Morgantown, W.V.

Notre Dame (17-3, 3-0), now ranked as high as No. 5 by Collegiate Baseball Newspaper, topped the home-standing Mountaineers (8-13, 0-3-1) in a doubleheader Saturday and closed out the sweep with a 6-2 victory Sunday.

The opener of the series Saturday — originally scheduled for seven innings — was rained out after three innings. Irish right-hander Chris Niesel led the way on the mound for Notre Dame and worked seven innings, holding the Mountaineers to three runs on seven hits.

The Irish pulled ahead 2-1 in the top of the fifth with a pair of runs from left field hitter Matt Bransfield and first baseman Matt Edwards.

Junior Matt Edwards slides into third during Wednesday's 16-6 win over Detroit.

Notre Dame had a chance to put the game away in the eighth, as shortstop Greg Lopez and outfielder Craig Cooper put together consecutive one-out singles. Centerfielder Danny Dressman then walked to load the bases. But with just one out, Sollmann grounded into an inning-ending double play to end the threat.

SMC GOLF

Belles finish 14th in Kentucky

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's finished in 14th place at last weekend's Northern Kentucky Invitational, with a two day total of 678. DePauw took first place with 612 strokes.

"Some of the teams we hadn't competed against before. They had lots of low scores," coach Mark Hamilton said. "On the second day, we didn't compete as well and that put us down on the ladder."

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