Friends, classmates honor Kish's memory

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Father Peter Jarret celebrates mass in memory of Dan Kish in the Keough Chapel Tuesday night.

"Coming to Notre Dame was probably a risk," for Kish, who received a heart transplant when he was a sophomore at Penn High School in Mishawaka and knew he would soon need another, Jarret said. But in Kish's mind, it was a risk worth taking.

"Living in a cocoon probably would have been easier, but Dan didn't want to do that," Jarret said.

"Instead, he came to the

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Students buy texts on Internet

Low prices, resale opportunities draw students from bookstore

By JOHN EVERETT
News Writer

Grumblings about the prices of textbooks at the campus bookstores at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are so common they are de­ reedly cliché. This semester, many students continue to turn to growing numbers of Internet sites in search of better deals. The impact of online book retailing on campus textbook sales remains unclear.

Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore director Sally Wiatrowski knows online sites are becoming increasing­ly popular, but believes the bookstore is competitive.

"We search for used books first and have the buyback program to pass savings along to the students and remain price­ competitive," Wiatrowski said.

Wiatrowski credited the rise of online sales to students' Internet savvy. She also noted new textbook prices are set by publishers "who are publishing new editions to undercut the used-book market."

Saint Mary's Bookstore director Mike Heks recognizes the competition and is interested in getting the students the books they need at a reasonable price.

"Some books are over­ priced, and when that happens we will recommend students to look for a better

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Panel discusses racial issues

By PETER LEAHY
News Writer

The life of Martin Luther King Jr. was celebrated in the Coleman-Morse Center Tuesday in the Town Hall meeting entitled "And Still We Rise... Remembering is Not Enough."

Led by Richard Pierce, assistant director of African American Studies, Notre Dame students joined in the open forum to discuss issues that King was passionate about. Topics ranged from the impact and reasons for stereotypes, diversity on campus and in the U.S. and why it seems like people of the same races sit together at the dining hall.

Students noted that stereotypes are an integral part of human nature, a way for people... see KING/page 4

SMC increases efforts to meet enrollment goals

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Assistant News Editor

After disappointing admissions numbers in 2004, Saint Mary's College is back on course this year and close to reaching its recruitment goal of 1,000 applicants.

The numbers thus far are consistent with past years but the applicant pool itself is stronger than in 2004, said Mona Bowe, interim director of admissions. SAT and ACT scores have even compared to those of last year's applicants.

"We already have 700 applicants, and our goal is 1,000," Bowe said.

"But we are well on our way already."

Though admissions officers are waiting for applications from students who will apply to Saint Mary's regardless of recruiting efforts, Bowe said they are assessing students who may not have considered Saint Mary's one of their top choices.

"Probably one of the biggest things we are doing is that we are sending a second application mailing," said Bowe.

Saint Mary's is sending out 7,000 applications to high school students in the next couple of weeks. The Saint Mary's marketing department paid for the rights to reproduce a Nov. 1 Chicago Tribune article featuring success story alumna Diane Algoiti, the treasurer of Am Corp., which will accompany the applica­ tions.

Recruitment has always been a concern for the small women's college. However, the drop in the size of this year's freshman class, by about 50 students, has caused even more worry.

College President Carol Mooney cited raising the national profile of the college and improving recruiting techniques as some of its goals.

The Saint Mary's admissions office has responded to an ever-changing recruiting arena by making changes to its strategy.

One of the most notable is the addition of the Vmix, a virtual online magazine sent to prospective stu­ dents. ... see RECRUIT/page 6


The Observer regrets these errors.

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Online registration successful at College

By APRIL THOMAS
News Writer

In Man-Hall's Stapleton Lounge Saturday night, students once lined to officially reaffirm their presences at Saint Mary's College.

For the second consecutive semester, students were asked to enroll and update addresses through the same secure online program — PRISM — also used to access course grades and financial information.

Saint Mary's College Registrar Lorraine Kitchner said the switch to online enrollment was a move toward greater student convenience.

"Students can register any time, from any computer," she said.

Provided students enrolled within the given one-week time frame, they don't have to be present on campus to proclaim their attendance. For some, this meant an extended break — if only for a day.

"I logged on from home this year and was able to come Monday night instead of Sunday," said Emily Griesemer, a senior at Saint Mary's.

Whereas the previous system asked students to appear in Stapleton during a specific 15-minute window, according to students' last names, PRISM enrollment has me such alphanumeric requirements.

"This system relieves the urgency to get there within a specified time period," Kitchner said. "We wanted to make it easier on students."

The increased convenience, though, has not affected the number of students who miss the deadline, but Kitchner remains optimistic.

"We have always had to track students down anyway," Kitchner said.

This year, many of those who experienced problems had misplaced their PIN numbers to access the PRISM system. As with the prior enrollment method, timely completion is vital for students' recognition with the National Student Clearinghouse for loan deferment.

To protect students, encourage cooperation and aid the Registrar's office, penalties will be charged to late enrollers.

"After Jan. 19, a student will be assessed $25 fee and dropped from all classes until she enrolls in person," Kitchner said. "Waiting too long to enroll risks students standing with loans."

Meanwhile, students like Saint Mary's junior Jen Hanlon will continue to enjoy the new freedoms online enrollment can bring.

"This past semester it actually allowed me to go down to Indiana University to visit a friend for her birthday and not have to be back until Monday," Hanlon said.

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Farley Hall redecorates TLC style

By TRICIA DE GROOT
News Writer

Inspired by The Learning Channel's hit show Trading Spaces, Farley's Finest decided to kick off their signature Pop Farley week with their very own, "Farley Hall Trading Spaces."

Each section was given a budget of $200 to decorate the other section's bathroom on its floor, and the winner for the best renovation was announced Sunday at mass.

Current sophomore Paige Hamilton suggested the idea at the end of last year as a way to bring the dorm together and make the bathrooms a little more decorative.

"I got the idea when in the bathroom one day and realized how depressing they were," Hamilton said. "I thought walking into a happy bathroom would make your day, and I thought it was something the girls could do together."

Sophomore Elizabeth Cuda, Farley's dorm improvement commissioner, suggested the idea again this year at a hall council meeting. After dorm approval, rules and deadlines for the competition were set up.

Each section had to submit their plans before the winter holiday, remain within the $200 budget, use only latex paint, complete a new, neat job and cleanup its respective bathroom afterwards.

The bathrooms hadn't been painted in over 12 years and the dorm decided to tap into funds left by former resident Pati Kwait, who was killed in the TWA flight 800 crash in July 1996, to spruce up their dorm.

"People are used to exceeding academically and athletically but this required a whole different set of skills," Farley's sister Carrine Ferbriliger said. "It was nice to give a vehicle for other people to express themselves."

Each section was given money before the Christmas holiday so they could take advantage of after Christmas sales and bring something back to campus with them. However, the budget was still one of the biggest challenges for the girls.

"With only $200 to spend, a lot of energy went into price-comparison and thinking creatively," resident assistant Allison Traynham said.

In true "Trading Spaces" style, the girls had to move out of their section bathrooms and were given from 6 to 6 p.m. Friday until 6 p.m. Sunday to complete the project.

"I asked everyone to work a two-hour shift, but some of them put in over eight hours of time," Traynham said. "With the right attitude, motivation and lots of planning, a project like this is going to be successful."

The event was concluded with an open house from 8 to 10 p.m. Sunday night where the girls could tour all of the bathrooms and enjoy all foods and refreshments.

"The event seemed to really bring everyone together," Cuda said.

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ple to better identify and understand their surroundings. But students also said that the sign of a person's intelligence is how one handles stereotypes — that is, whether stereotypes guide one's thinking about others.

Students of both majority and minority backgrounds voiced their opinions on diversity within America and at the University, many noting that Notre Dame is lacking in diversity.

Controversy arose when one of the mediators offered a statistic based on projected demographics. Whites will become the minority in 2050, with 48 percent of the population in the United States. The mediator noted that this statistic combines all other races into one. Thus, in reality, whites will still be the majority.

"I don't ever think whites will become the minority. I don't ever think they will become the majority in Niger," freshman Justin Gray said.

Gray stressed that the statistic fails to take into account the power structure impeding the progress of minority groups. The political system in the United States exists to cater to the majority's needs, he added, saying that blacks were left out of the Declaration of Independence.

Pierce, on the other hand, said that the issue is the way race functions today and not with the past.

"Blacks were here when things began," Pierce said. "They believed themselves to be covered by the Constitution."

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Many minority students reflected on the lack of diversity and the need for minority students to be embraced on campus. One student said that; for her, this void was filled when she founded a Notre Dame club supporting black women called Shades of Ebony.

Also discussed was the issue of the "black table" in the lunchroom.

Pierce noted that he consistently sees the racial separation in the dining hall and in other places on campus.

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**International News**

Abbas visits the Gaza Strip

**Gaza City, Gaza Strip** — In the biggest test of his brief tenure, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas prepared Tuesday to visit the Gaza Strip in a display of force. A Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up on a settler road in Gaza, killing an Israeli security agent and wounding seven other Israelis.

The Islamic militant group Hamas claimed responsibility for the bombing against an Israeli target since Nov. 1. Before the bombing, President Ariel Sharon warned his patience was running thin, telling military commanders the army must deal with rocket and mortar attacks against Israelis "at the earliest possible stage."

**Indian-Pakistani tensions increase**

NEW DELHI — India and Pakistan will open the day Tuesday by firing mortar shells across the dividing line in Kashmir in the first violation of a month-long cease-fire between the South Asian nuclear-armed rivals. The cease-fire was the longest since an insurgent campaign in the divided Himalayan province began in 1999. Both countries claim the Kashmir territory, which had formerly been in its entirety and have fought two wars over it.

A senior army official said there were no casualties on the Indian side, and Indian troops had not retaliated. "It is the first time in the cease-fire. This is the first time this has happened. We have exercised full restraint," Maj. Gen. Deepak Shukla, a police commandant, told the state-run news channel.

"Seven to eight rounds of mortars were fired. All our patrols ... have been alerted."**

**National News**

Oil businessman pleads guilty

WASHINGTON — An Iraqi-American businessman, accused of pocketing millions of dollars through the U.S. oil-for-food program with Iraq, pleaded guilty Tuesday to acting as an illegal agent of Saddam Hussein’s government.

Samir A. Vincent, 64, a naturalized U.S. citizen, pleaded guilty to fraud under a 1996 law that makes it a crime for anyone in the government to pocket money earned from oil contracts with Iraq. He admitted he was paid more than $2 million between 1998 and 1999 to head a "joint venture" with Saddam Hussein's government.

The U.S. Justice Department has charged 38 other Iraqis under the law. No U.S. agents have been charged.

**Local News**

Indiana factory set to shutdown

ROUND ROCK, Texas — DuPont Photomasks Inc., one of the world’s makers of photomasks for the computer-chip industry, Tuesday said it will cut about 100 jobs at its Indiana plant, and it moves to close a photomask factory in Indiana in an effort to save money.

The plant, in Kokomo, Ind., is DuPont Photomasks’ oldest factory. The company expects it to shut down in the quarter ending June 30.

**World & Nation**

**Rice faces Senators’ questions**

ND grad testifies in her nomination hearing at the Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice faced no ground in Senate confirmation questioning Tuesday, when she dismissed the United States was prepared for the war in Iraq and its aftermath and refusing to give a time limit for U.S. troops to come home.

"An American exit strategy of Pakistan to defend itself against terrorists after this month’s elections, she said.

Rice seemed headed for easy confirmation as the Senate as President Bush’s choice to be the country’s top diplomat. She did have a tense exchange with Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif. Rice repeatedly asked the senator not to question her truthfulness but former presidential nominee John Kerry, D-Mass., the only member of the Foreign Relations Committee who told her she might not win the vote.

"This is not going to be easy," Rice said of the war and its aftermath during a confirmation hearing in which she painted an optimistic picture of the future in Iraq and for resolution of the long conflict between Israel and the Palestinians as well.

"It was always going to have its ups and downs," she told the Senate. "I think we made the right decision to overthrow him."

Rice said the administration’s actions after the Sept. 11 terror attacks including the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq were "difficult and necessary and right."

Asked whether, with hindsight, the United States should have committed more troops to Iraq, Rice said that despite "some unforeseen circumstances" she was satisfied with the numbers.

As for U.S. troops leaving, she said in response to forceful questioning from Republican Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, "Our role is directly proportional ... to how capable the Iraqis are."

"I am really reluctant to try to put a timetable on that, because I think the goal is to get the mission accomplished and that means that the Iraqis have to be capable of some things before we lessen our own responsibility," she said.

She pledged to work to improve ties that were frayed with some allies by U.S. policy.

If confirmed Rice, 50, would be the first black woman to lead the State Department. She would replace the popular Colin Powell as America’s most visible face abroad. As White House national security adviser for the past four years, Rice was Bush’s most trusted foreign affairs adviser and a main architect of policies in Iraq, Europe and elsewhere.

"She said of the Iraq invasion almost two years ago, "We did meet with some unforeseen circumstances, most importantly as we swept through the country really rather rapidly."

Rice said spreading democracy through the Middle East remains a top administration objective.

Supreme Court rejects terror case

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday rejected the legal limbo of hundreds of terror suspects in a U.S. military prison in Cuba, refusing on Tuesday to consider whether the government’s plan for military tribunals unfairly denies them basic legal rights.

So far only a handful of the 550 detainees from about 40 countries have been charged with serious crimes. More are expected once courts sort out how they may be tried.

The legal uncertainty surrounding the men, many of whom were captured during the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan in 2001, has prompted international criticism and spawned multiple court fights.

The Supreme Court had been asked to use an appeal by Osama bin Laden’s former driver to decide whether the Bush administration is trying to shortcut defendants’ rights by holding a type of military trial last used during World War II.

A federal judge ruled last fall that Salim Ahmed Hamdan and others put on trial at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base should be allowed to confront witnesses and see evidence against them, which are standard under military justice rules but are not guaranteed to detainees.

The Supreme Court rejected the case Tuesday, which was not surprising because an appeals court also is considering the issue and has scheduled arguments March 8.

In addition, the court heard three terrorism cases last session that were not expected to take an argument until May 19.

The Supreme Court last year gave detainees in the United States and Cuba more legal rights.

Since those landmark decisions, lawsuits have been filed in Washington on behalf of dozens of detainees claiming they are being wrongfully held.
Daniels delivers first State of State address

Governor proposes temporary tax increase

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Saying Indiana’s finances were in dire straits, Gov. Mitch Daniels on Tuesday proposed temporarily increasing income taxes for people making more than $100,000, freezing property tax relief payments and denying overall spending increases to schools, universities and prisons.

Daniels, sworn in last week as the state’s first Republican governor in 16 years, said he had a constitutional duty to balance the state’s pocketbook. He said his proposals would erase Indiana’s $600 million deficit by July 2006.

“Without bold and difficult action now, the lines of spend­ ing will never cross,” Daniels said in his first State of the State address to a joint session of the General Assembly. “Tonight, it falls on me to propose a program full of steps I find regrettable and unpleasant, but steps that I believe our duty and our fiscal embarrass­ ment, our citizens, and any attempt to raise general taxes on our cit­ izens, and any attempt to raise general taxes on our citizens. The admission fee also includes an “alumnae-­endorsed” application wherein it mails 18,000 application packets to Saint Mary’s graduates and encourages them to give it to a real­ woman who they believe would be a good fit for the school.

In recent years current stu­ dents have also been asked to help and have been given “given stu­ dent endorsed” applications. The application fee for both types of endorsed applications is waived.

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University and formed close relationships that left lasting impressions on his room­ mates, section mates and other friends, Jarret said.

“Dan may have had a failing physical heart, but he had a big and faithful heart,” Jarret said. “And though Kish’s death left a void in the hearts of many of those who knew him, Jarret said, “heav­ en knows he is with Kish.”

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Mitch Daniels Indiana governor

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Open House for 2005-06 School Year at the Early Childhood Development Center at Saint Mary’s College

Come and see our program and meet the ECDC-SMC teachers:

Sun., Jan. 23, 2005 ....... 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 20, 2005 ....... 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
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Daniels adviser Mark

Lubbers acknowledged the

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“It’s going to do what he

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Lubbers said.

The governor proposed no fund­

ing increases for K­12 educa­
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Department of Correction, and

hoped to cut a projected

10­percent growth in Medicaid costs by half. He indicated that it could include

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Most agencies and pro­

grams were denied higher appro­

priations in the current budget, which expires July

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Lawmakers relied on deficit­

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Increasing basic state fund­

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cent in each of the next two years would cost about $150 million. Many school officials and lobbying groups have said a minimal increase in funding still might leave them unable to pay for rising enrollment, suitability and expen­
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This year Fall Day was expanded to include a real­

world experience at the

coast.

“We worked a

bit closer to Dr. Timm and the

student affairs divi­

sion, and with Dr. Pat White,” Bowe

said. “We were able to get some of

our faculty on campus on a

Sunday and to actually teach

classes. The prospective students were

sent to one classroom and their

parents to another, simul­

taneously the overall day on campus, Bowe

said. “The Fall Day is really for sen­

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are looking more at the aca­
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Mona Bowe admissions officer

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NEW YORK — It’s an image that lives in the minds of millions of Americans: the man with the rainbow-colored reading glasses and the framed reading glasses and the framed reading glasses and the framed reading glasses, the man who is the face of thousands of TV talk shows each week, and the man who is Deepak Chopra, a guru whose teachings have reached millions of people around the world. Chopra believes that the key to peace is not in the absence of war, but in the hearts of individuals. He believes that the world is becoming a more peaceful place, and that the key to that peace is in the hands of individuals who can make a difference.

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Muslim pilgrims prepare for hajj

Hundreds of thousands stay in Saudi tent city before central rite

Pilgrims participate in sunset prayers Tuesday at the huge tent city of Mina, Saudi Arabia where nearly 2 million pilgrims will spend the night before the main day of the annual Hajj pilgrimage.

Associated Press

MINA, Saudi Arabia — Chanting, "Oh Allah I'm here," hundreds of thousands of pilgrims draped in white streamed into this mammoth tent city for the night to prepare their minds and spirits for Wednesday’s prayers at Mount Arafat, the central rite of the annual hajj.

As the pilgrimage rituals began Tuesday, Saudi authorities took elaborate precautions, deploying 50,000 security forces to prevent the catastrophes of past years when hundreds have been killed in fires and stampedes.

"I feel so enlightened and so much closer to Allah that I can barely wait to stand on the mountain of mercy," said Afzal Sikandar Khan, 45, a pilgrim from India, referring to Mount Arafat, the place where according to Islamic tradition the Prophet Muhammad delivered his last sermon.

Two million people travel to Islam’s holiest sites in Saudi Arabia each year to participate in the hajj, which serves to wipe away accumulated sins. The pilgrimage is required of able-bodied Muslims at least once in a lifetime, if they can afford it. Pilgrims travel to the sites of Mecca, Mina, Arafat and Muzdalifah.

The pilgrims begin the rituals by first circling the Kaaba, a large black stone structure in Mecca that Muslims face during their five daily prayers. They then spend a night in the tent city of Mina, and head the next day to pray at Mount Arafat, the central rite of the pilgrimage.

More than a million sheep have been imported for slaughter the day after the hajj to mark the beginning of Eid al-Adha, or the Feast of the Sacrifice.

Many pilgrims remain concerned about hazards such as stampedes and fires.

"I will pray for the tsunami victims, but my immediate concern is that Allah enables us to complete our pilgrimage safe and sound," said Nigerian doctor Mokhtar Ahmed, 30.

Shiite party target of suicide bomber

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide bomber struck the Baghdad headquarters of Iraq’s biggest Shiite political party Tuesday, killing three people, as the government announced plans to close borders and restrict movements to bolster security in the national election. Three candidates were slain as insurgents intensified their campaign to subvert the ballot.

The Cabinet member responsible for internal security urged fellow Sunnis in Iraq to disregard threats by Sunni extremists and vote in the Jan. 30 election, in which Iraqis will choose a 275-member National Assembly and regional legislatures. Otherwise, the minister warned, the country will slide into civil war.

In a positive development, a Catholic archbishop kidnapped in northern Iraq was released Tuesday without payment of ransom, the Vatican said. Archbishop Basile Georges Casmoussa, an Iraqi, said he believes he was kidnapped by mistake.

But an American soldier was killed Tuesday in a roadside bomb in Baghdad, and more foreigners were reported kidnapped, including Lebanese businessman Jibrail Azar and eight Chinese construction workers. The Chinese were shown held hostage by pummeled claiming the captives worked for a company that deals with Americans. China’s official Xinhua News Agency said diplomats were "making all efforts to rescue" the hostages, who disappeared last week while traveling in Jordan.

The suicide driver detonated his vehicle after security guards stopped it at a checkpoint in front of offices of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Republic in Iraq, one of the major groups contesting the election. The Shiite party, known as SIIHI, has close ties to Iran and is strongly opposed by Sunni Muslim militants.

Iraqi police said the bomber and two others died and nine people were wounded, including three police. The blast peeled a crater in the pavement, left several vehicles on fire and spread shredded debris on the street in the Jadriyah district.

"SIIHI will not be frightened by such an act," party spokesman Bidha Jawad said. "SIIHI will continue the march toward building Iraq, establishing justice and holding the election.

Sunni Muslim militants, who make up the bulk of Iraq’s insurgents, have stepped up attacks on Shiites to frighten them into staying home on election day. Although many Sunni clerics and others oppose the election, Sunnis have told their followers that voting is their religious duty.

Informational Meeting

January 19th at 6:30 pm
Jordan Auditorium
The Observer

The terror of our fathers

As the situation in Iraq grows increasingly bleak, mired by violent interchanges between Coalition forces and insurgents, a substantive peace seems further and farther out of reach. Last week, newspaper reporters discovered Pentagon officials have begun discussing using the thinly termed “Saltor’s option” to counter the insurgency. This tactic refers to the then-secret plan sponsored by the U.S. government under the Reagan Administration to train and fund “death squads” in El Salvador during the 1980s to target opponents of the oppressive right-wing government. These “death squads” of the Salvadoran military officers carried out numerous crimes against humanity.

Under their regime of terror, Salvadoran death squads murdered, abducted, and tortured tens of thousands of people. In 1980, as the celebrated mass, military snipers assassinated Archbishop Oscar Romero, Romero continually spoke out against the violence in his country, opposed the U.S. military aid that fueled the terror, and reported human rights violations in his homilies. He said, “Peace is not the product of terror or fear. Peace is not the silent result of violent repression. Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all.” His message of hope to the poor and justice to the oppressed put him on a death list. “Death squads” have also been found guilty of kidnapping, raping, and executing four American churchwomen working with the poor in El Salvador and massacring the entire village of El Mozote — of which most deaths were children.

One of the most noted atrocities of Salvadoran military was the murder of six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper, and her daughter. On Nov. 16, 1989, a group of soldiers — with orders from their superiors — murdered Fathers Ignacio Ellacuria, Ignacio Martin-Baro, Segundo Ponce, Amado Lopez, Josefa Gomez Lopez, and Juan Ramon Moreno, and Julia Elia Ramos, their resident cook and housekeeper, and her daughter, Celia Maricheth Ramos. Father Ignacio Ellicurfa — the prime target — and the other priests had been working with the poor and marginalized of San Salvador while trying to bring a peaceful end to the conflict between the factions. Yearly, people mourn these deaths at the School of the Americas protest and call for an end to U.S.-sponsored terror abroad.

U.S. intelligence’s consideration to integrate the “Saltor’s option” in Iraq shows the trend of deriving the wrong conclusion from past military entanglements. In El Salvador, “death squads” proceeded to kill anyone — of the resistance or not — who did not support the right-wing regime. The violent silencing of prophetic voices like Romero and Ellacurfa retarded the peace process while robbing the people of witnesses to God’s hope for peace in El Salvador. If such a tactic is imported to Iraq, I fear a situation already plagued by violence, enmity, and aggression will only increase in intensity. We may lose Iraqi voices of change in the process of weeding out insurgents — as in El Salvador. We need to embrace a hold, yet even more difficult plan in Iraq. We can never eradicate terror by perpetuating it. Additionally, we do the masters of El Salvador further violence by continuing the policies that ended their lives.

For solutions, I am drawn to the pleas of an American prophetic voice, Martin Luther King Jr, whose birthday we celebrate this week. King called for an end to another quagmire — Vietnam, and publicly addressed it exactly one year before his assassination. He explained in 1967, “I knew that I could never again raise my voice against the violence of the oppressed in the ghettos without having first spoken clearly to the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today: my own government.”

Further, King characterized the war as an enemy of the poor in which lower class Americans were sent to destroy peasant villagers in the East, while money that could evacuate the urban and rural poverty in the United States was being used to create a “hell for the poor” in Vietnam.

King spoke of the force of nonviolence — an active stance of empathy that compels us to see constructive policies, open communication, and dedication to a peaceful end. Today, King’s voice calls us to address the problems in Iraq without hubris or ulterior motives, and admit that as in Vietnam, El Salvador and other nations — we were wrong in the invasion and occupation. The path of nonviolence may shrink in our ears only because it is hard, but it is the only way to preserve our soul of democracy and bring peace. We must shift policy or as King warned, we shall surely be dragged down the long, dark, and shameful corridors of time reserved for those who possess power without compassion, might without morality, and strength without sight.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily of The Observer.
It is not that long ago when we collectively mourned 3,000 dead Americans. It was not that long ago when most of us wanted Saddam Hussein disarmed, disowned and dishonoured as the tyrant that he was, not defended.

Today, for true Americans, those emotions live on.

Last week, I listened in my car for two hours to the liberal media blaring stories about Americans who supported the war, alerting us to the officially “failed” search for weapons of mass destruction, one of the president’s central justifications for the war.

This week, in Iraq, we fought to remove a brutal dictator who had the desire and ability to attack the United States and its allies at whim, without notice. From that, all of us, would have loved to see such a U.N. encoder on U.S. troops should not award him the clear­ance of international law or the sympathy of freedom-loving Americans.

A popular liberal argument against the war in Iraq is to claim that we really reason we went to war was to disarm Saddam of WMDs and not some evil dictator who oppressed his own people. This, however, is not true.

For instance, President Bush’s speech declaring war on Iraq on March 17, 2003, “In a free Iraq, there will be no more wars of aggression against your neighbors, no more poison factories, no more executions for differences, no more torture chambers and rape rooms. The tyrant will soon be gone. The day of your liberation will arrive.” This was a clear statement justifying a war to remove a hateful despot, with no mention of WMDs.

Dean of 1998, 2004
Jan. 18

Heath Weaver

A new wave of unity

While the South Asian tsunami quickly took its toll and receded, the subsequent waves of grief and sympathy continue to surge across the globe. The widespread tragedy continues to affect our world community and our campus community.

Newspapers and television networks have received an outpouring of charitable donations.

The Office of Student Life, with the support of the Student Senate, plans to offer an organized charity to participate in the charitable efforts.

We suggest that we all make an effort to come together and support others in need.

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Are you committed?

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University of Illinois

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Letter to the Editor

No WMD? So what?

Saddam had a history of developing WMDs and would not disclose his involve­ment in illegal programs to the United Nations. Saddam would have been trusted not to lie—by friendly or unfriendly dictators.

If he had lied, we could have discovered these programs. It is possible Saddam, after the 1991 Gulf War, continued his development. If this was the case, Saddam would have destroyed and disposed of his WMDs. Saddam had no reason to do this.

Washington Post

February 6, 2003

U-Wire

Decency is not so common anymore

One of my classes last semester was a survey of American fiction that showed me the process of evolution that modern America is experiencing. Americans are a unique bunch when compared to the rest of the world. The novel we studied was "Slapstick" by Kurt Vonnegut.

Vonnegut characterizes it as a "post-modern" writer because he has been challenged and deconstructed new understandings of the self and the community. He has questioned the conventional societal norms and values that are typically accepted as "right."

In this novel, the main character, Mr. Vonnegut, is portrayed as a "highway etiquette" character who will do anything to avoid being perceived as rude. He will do this even if it means sacrificing his own safety or the safety of others.

The novel is a satirical look at modern American society and its values. It is a reflection on what it means to be American and what it means to be human.

The novel is a cautionary tale that reminds us of the importance of being kind to one another and treating others with respect.

The novel is a reminder that we are all connected and that our actions have consequences.
The next time you aren’t quite sure what to do with your hour break between classes, you might want to wander into the Snite Art Museum and take a look around. Turning into the entrance of the Snite, in the great hall of O’Shaughnessy, will give you a chance to see some interesting works and artifacts.

During the last two weeks the Snite has welcomed three new exhibits offering particularly unique cultural insights to students who take a few minutes, or even a few hours, to wander through the on-campus museum.

Haitian Vodou Arts

Vodou is one of the most famous religions to grow out of the dispersion of African cultures through the Western hemisphere. It is often represented, and misrepresented, in popular culture. The Vodou flags and artifacts in this exhibit offer a real glimpse into this frequently misunderstood religion.

The flags, at least two of which are kept in every temple, are devoted to different “lwa"s or deities, of the religion. The men, women and symbols representing deities are depicted in colorful beadwork and sequins, as well as braiding and occasional chromolithographs used for the faces of the deities.

The flags also show cultural overlap that might be of particular interest to Notre Dame. The flags come from a country where, according to the Central Intelligence Agency, around 80 percent of the population is Roman Catholic but roughly half of the country practices Vodou. Vodou sometimes borrows images from other cultures and religions, and many flags use Catholic imagery to represent Vodou "lwa." These images do not reflect their usual significance in Catholic culture. The image of Moses on one flag represents a deity with power over snakes, a trait which Moses also shared. The Virgin Mary appears as well, but represent Erzulie Freda, the goddess of erotic love. Visiting this exhibit might spark some interest in the culture of the Caribbean island country that it came from.

"You're Not From Around Here" Every photographer needs inspiration, and Mike Smith finds his in the streets and back roads around Johnson City, Tenn. "You’re Not From Around Here," photographs of East Tennessee offers a glimpse at these back roads, including the buildings and people that surround them.

Smith captures buildings, backyard swing sets, panoramic views and people in their homes in a way that reflects the lives of the people alongside the land in which they live.

The images might be familiar to anyone who has driven through that sort of back-country and small towns of any state. Smith captures the sort of things that give many places in America their character, but that people might not commonly remember they noticed in passing through the place. "When I’m driving along, if I find myself turning my head to keep looking at something, I know it is time to stop the car and get out my camera," he recently explained in a press release.

Art From the Inside

It isn’t often you can get a glimpse into a life this different from the one you live. "Art From the Inside: Drawing ("Pafios") by Chicano Prisoners" is a sample of almost 120 drawings on handkerchiefs created by Chicano prisoners in jails and penitentiaries in the American Southwest. The drawings take the form of messages to parents and loved ones outside the prison, prayers or personal narratives, each telling a different story. The tradition of the drawings dates back to the reign in Mexico of the Austrian emperor Maximilian; French soldiers and bureaucrats imprisoned in Mexico sometimes sent letters and drawings on handkerchiefs back overseas. The tradition inspired their fellow Mexican prisoners, and the practice spread through the penal system. The tradition is important to many prisoners, who use the drawings as an outlet for their innermost thoughts and many cherished images. The drawings create their stories through images that vary from the Aztec calendar stone to the Virgin of Guadalupe to the past loves of one prisoner’s life.

Many earlier "pafios" were drawn on bed sheets and other linens with fountain pens that easily tore the cloth, and have not survived. Drawn with fountain pens in the 1950s and ‘60s, if discovered, the prisoners were punished for doing the drawings. Nowadays the drawing of "pafios" is more easily facilitated, with linen cloths and ballpoint pens being sold to many prisoners, a practice that began in the 1980s. Most of the "pafios" that are in the display are from the 1990s.

"Art From the Inside: Drawing ("Pafios") by Chicano Prisoners" will be open until Feb. 27. "Haitian Vodou Arts" will be on exhibit until March 6. "You’re Not From Around here: Photographs of East Tennessee" will be open until March 13.

The opening reception for the winter exhibitions will be held on Sunday beginning at 2 p.m. Smith will give a lecture on his exhibit, followed by gallery talks from Douglas E. Bradely, curator of the Arts of the Americas, Africa and Oceania.

The Snite Museum of Art is free and open to the public.
New venue ushers in new era

16th annual Notre Dame Student Film Festival premieres in the Browning Cinema

By CHRIS KEPNER
Scene Critic

Thursday will kick off the 16th annual Notre Dame Film Festival. Showing for the first time in the state-of-the-art Browning Cinema inside the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts, this year promises to take the already much revered event to even new heights in popularity.

The Festival will make its longest run in history in 2005, with 12 screenings between Thursday and Jan. 26. Shows are at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. every night except Sunday, when there will be no screenings.

Tickets are $3 for Notre Dame students, $5 for Notre Dame faculty and staff and $6 for the general public. They can be purchased in advance at the Performing Arts Center Box Office. Past festivals have sold out, and with the new venue in the mix it would be no surprise if this year's did as well.

Eighteen short student films are being featured, but to see all of them you'll need to go to two separate screenings. Eight of the films are on the block at every screening, with the other 10 split between the 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. shows. Pull out the old scientific calculator and you'll realize that's 13 films per screening. For $3, how can you go wrong?

All the films are the work of the talented and incredibly creative students in the department of film, television and theater. They were made as projects for class during the past year. You'll see a good mix of serious and humorous films at this year's Student Film Festival.

"Ellen, Sara, Shaun & the Rest of Us," is a film by Sarah Cunningham and Ernie Grigg about a bar in Pittsburgh that uses a midget as an attraction to bring people in on Monday nights. "Piston Envy" is a hilarious documentary on auto shows in Mishawaka by filmmakers Monika Mehlmann and Bailey Ertel.

On the more serious and introspective side, Hattie Lim gives us a film called "Near the Equator," which "explores a relationship between two friends and takes the audience with them on their journey which is not quite ready to end." From Deacon Bruno comes "Dissolve," a film that follows a man as he visits his childhood homes.

The First Notre Dame Student Film Festival was held in the basement of McKenna Hall, for an audience of 75 people. The next year it was moved to the Snite Museum of Art, where it remained until the renovation of the Carey Auditorium inside Hesburgh Library a few years back.

The completion of the DeBartolo Center has ushered in a new era for the festival and the entire FTT department. The number of FTT majors has gone from 150 to 215 in one year — a 43 percent increase.

The Browning Cinema boasts THX certified sound and stadium seating. The venue is a drastic improvement from the Carey Auditorium.

"It's the real thing," said Ted Mandell, a member of the film and video production faculty. "Our students will get to see their films shown in a state-of-the-art motion picture cinema for the first time and it's very exciting."

While the Browning Cinema only seats 200 compared to the Carey Auditorium's 2,631, the additional screenings offered will actually allow more people to see the Festival this year than last. A little over 2,000 attended the 15th annual Notre Dame Student Film Festival, while around 2,400 are expected to enjoy the films this year.

Another huge advantage of the new venue is concessions. Like other movie theaters, the Browning Cinema offers popcorn, soda and other treats to munch on while you watch the hard work of fellow Notre Dame students on the silver screen.

The 2005 Student Film Festival promises to be a memorable occasion. Tickets are on sale now and will probably sell out quickly.

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A Pittsburgh bar promotes Monday night drink specials by using a midget to attract costumers in the documentary "Ellen, Sara, Shaun & the Rest of Us."
Florida State knocks off No. 3 Wake Forest

Associated Press
TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — What a game this was.

After making an NCAA-record 50 consecutive free throws, Wake Forest lost its 15-game free throw streak to a missed shot by the team of Florida State, which had hit what, for the moment, seemed like a desperation 3-pointer.

Florida State coach Leonard Hamilton said: "They hit the 90-foot shot and fell two points short of his career high.

He made a great job making baskets when they needed them," Keady said.

Both teams were coming off losses. Michigan State held on for an 8-point lead in the final 1:55 in a loss Sunday against Wisconsin, and Purdue lost in double-overtime to Indiana at home Saturday.

"We're going to be a battle for early control of the SEC West, but it ended up looking more like a non-conference mismatch," Keady said.

The Bulldogs trailed just 9-8 early but went 14:33 without a field goal before Roberts banked in one with 1:04 left in the first half. They shot 20-26 in the first half, Mississippi State, which fell to 1-2 since second-leading scorer Winston Frazier was lost to a broken foot, has lost two straight road games since winning 16 in a row.

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Mississippi State coach Ben Howland was an excuse -- it's a reality," Izzo said. "We didn't have only a tough loss, we were beaten up a bit."

After a slow start Tuesday, the Spartans came back to get off to that fast start mostly

due to a break down of defense, forcing the Aggies to

The No. 22 Oklahoma Sooners (12-2, 3-1 Big 12) have won eight straight and 12 of their past 14 games, and five first-half 3-pointers. The Spartans coasted to a 15-3 run to pull to within a field goal before Roberts added 12 points to guard him with a steal defines what

"We're not very good in the group of defenders ranging from the guard against Law to 6-7 forward Antoine Wright.

McKenzie, Terrell Everett and Kevin Bookey each scored 12 points for the Spartans, who shot 33 percent against the nation's top-ranked defense for field-goal percentage ... A&M entered limiting opponents to just 35 percent shooting.

Wright led the Aggies with 24 points on 8-of-12 shooting, and was the only A&M player to score in double figures.

The Aggies have lost two straight and three of their past four -- all in the Big 12 -- after starting the season 11-0. A&M got off to that fast start mostly by hitting lighting regarded opponents such as Louisiana-Monroe, Texas-Pan American, A&M and David Teague had 13. The Boilermakers are 9-11 Tuesday night before finishing 7-of-11 -- including 3-of-5 on 3-pointers -- and making five of six free throws and 11 of 13 on 2-pointers.

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Wake Forest coach Skip Prosser said. "He's always talking about how good defense leads to offense."

Despite Ager's shooting, the Spartans struggled to build a lead larger than six because they couldn't stop Purdue especially Landry near the basket.

"We couldn't guard the post with a Bath net," Izzo said. "Either we are not very good in that area, or we saw the new MVP of the league."

The Spartans ended the 13-12, 13-12 lead with one of three Seminoles who had career highs in the game. "You've got to stop somebody and we couldn't stop anybody."

Prosser wanted his team to keep Wake from getting the ball.

"I haven't seen a guy yet...no score without the ball," Prosser said.

Wake was 6-of-8 from 3-point range and 9-of-13 overall in the first half as Florida State (10-8, 2-3) twice opened 19-point leads on its way to a 46-32 lead at halftime.

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Rodderick, Hewitt advance to second round

Federer in position to bring home third straight Grand Slam

Australian Open

Federer, Hewitt's

Melbourne, Australia – Andy Roddick and Lleyton Hewitt had little trouble winning in the first round of the Australian Open, starting their bids to stop Roger Federer from winning a third straight Grand Slam title.

Second-ranked Roddick spent a set figuring out how to handle left-handed Georgian Irakli Labadze before sweeping to a 7-5, 6-2, 6-1 win Tuesday. Hewitt got progressively more pumped in a 6-3, 6-4, 6-1 win over Aarnaud Clement, his third win against the Frenchman in as many weeks.

Hewitt lost three times to Federer in majors last season, including the final of the U.S. Open. He also lost in the first round of the season-ending Masters Cup. Federer won three Slams in 2004, including the year’s last two: Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. Despite losing his last six matches against Federer, Hewitt’s record (7-8) is better against the 23-year-old Swiss start than Roddick’s (1-8). Hewitt also leads Roddick 4-1.

Those are two stats Roddick is determined to rectify. He could meet Hewitt in the Australian Open semifinals, and Federer in the final.

Being wedged between Federer and No. 3 Hewitt is something Roddick doesn’t like, not that he minds being just outside the spotlight.

“Obviously being in Lleyton’s home country, that’s not surprising,” he said. “With Roger playing the way he has, he definitely deserves all the spotlight. But that’s not something I’m really too concerned with right now.

“I just try to go business as usual. You know, I think people kind of around the game notice it a little bit more than I would.”

Roddick decided his game had “plateaued” last season, when he failed to add a major title to his breakthrough win at the 2003 U.S. Open. So he split with coach Brad Gilbert and joined up with the more low-key Dean Goldfine, a U.S. Davis Cup and Olympic coach.

“It’s been a long partnership, but the chemistry and the different work ethic are helping Roddick’s progress.”

“He feels that way. And obviously time will tell,” he said. “I mean, he’s been honest, it’s been a month. So, you know, if you could completely overhaul a guy who is 2 in the world in a month and make him improve a lot, then, I got a great deal, didn’t I? But that’s the goal.”

Top-ranked Lindsay Davenport had to work her goals after considering quitting last season. But she played superbly on the summer hard-court circuit to return to No. 1 and, in a wide open draw, believes she can win her fourth Slam title — and first since the 2000 Australian Open.

If her start was any indication, she’s over a nagging knee problem and a bout of bronchitis that limited her preparation for Melbourne Park.

A potentially tough first-round match against 1994 Wimbledon champion Conchita Martinez, who beat her six times at majors, turned into a mismatch. Davenport won 6-1, 6-1 in 48 minutes, tying her head-to-head record at 8-9 and leaving Martinez looking more like the player who started the tournament with an illness.

The 32-year-old Spaniard was only seven points in the second set.

“It’s been a lot of fits early in my career,” Davenport said. “It’s so odd — there’s not many people I could play in the first round that I don’t have a winning record against.”

Venus Williams, who won the last of her four majors at the U.S. Open in 2001, defeated Elena Dementieva of Russia 6-3, 7-5. Williams had 17 winners and 26 unforced errors.

“I didn’t have the best rhythm, but I played OK, I think, when it really mattered,” the eighth-seeded Williams said. “I hit the 5-6 all games, I really good picked up. I think it was good for me to get to that because then I was able to play better.”

French Open champion Anastasia Myskina had only four errors in the first set but lost her last three service games in a 6-1, 6-4 defeat of Kim Clijsters.

She joined Russia’s other two Grand Slam titles — Wimbledon winner Maria Sharapova and U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova — in the second round.

Joining her compatriots was sixth-seeded Elena Dementieva, the runner-up at the French Open and U.S. Open.

Sharapova and Kuznetsova are back in action Wednesday, although Kuznetsova was busy off the court dealing with a doping charge.

She joined WTA Tour CEO Larry Scott in a sharp rebuke of Belgian regional sports minister Claude Eerdekens, who announced that the Russian player tested positive for the stimulant ephedrine during a charity event last month.

While the common ingredient in cold medicine is on the banned list during competition, it’s not off-limits during the off-season.

“I pride myself on being an all-time athlete of the highest integrity and am offended by these disgraceful allegations,” said Kuznetsova, who passed at least 11 doping tests last season.

Scott called the announcement “premature, highly irresponsible and damaging to the sport,” and said he doubts Kuznetsova will be penalized.

On Tuesday, Eerdekens defended his decision to identify Kuznetsova, even though a backup test hasn’t been done and other steps in testing anti-doping rules weren’t followed.

“I did my duty. All of my duty,” Eerdekens told The Associated Press in an interview in Belgium.

“International tennis should be happy that we try to show that tennis is a clean sport.”

Kuznetsova faces Marion Bartoli of France on Wednesday, while Serena Williams, Sharapova and second-ranked Amelie Mauresmo are in action in the bottom half of the women’s draw.
League officials to meet in Chicago for talks

After 125 days without professional hockey, last-resort meeting could save the season despite late start for players

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With nothing to lose but the rest of the hockey season, Vancouver Canucks forward Trevor Linden thought his idea was worth a shot.

Get together a small group of representatives from NHL management and the players' union and try to find some middle ground that would save the season.

Harley Hotchkiss, the chairman of the NHL board of governors, to sit down and talk without NHL commissioner Gary Bettman and union head Bob Goodenow in the room.

"I think the dynamic of having Trevor Linden there with Hotchkiss will be a new approach," Daly said.

"I don't think [Wednesday] is necessarily the last chance," Bill Daly, the NHL's chief legal officer told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "I do think we're in a critical period. There is no doubt about it. I think we not only need to make progress but move toward a resolution and come to a resolution very soon in order for there to be hockey to be played this season."

That is, try to do what previous more formal negotiations couldn't.

And so on Wednesday, six people — three from each side — will meet in Chicago for this very purpose. Failure to produce even some movement, likely will signal the end of any hopes that the season can be saved.

Through Tuesday, 655 of the 1,230 regular-season games were canceled as was next month's All-Star game.

"I don’t think it’s atypical or abnormal at all for these types of discussions to be occurring," Daly said.

Linden didn't immediately return several phone messages left for him.

Daly will join Hotchkiss, a Calgary Flames part owner, and outside counsel Bob Batterman in representing the NHL. Linden, NHLPA senior director Ted Saskin, and outside counsel John McCambridge will take part for the players.

Linden isn't bringing a new proposal with him and he isn't looking for great attention.

"Nothing has changed at this point," Daly said. "A lot will depend now as to what happens tomorrow whether that changes the dynamics in any material way."

There have been no talks since Dec. 14. It was then that the sides sat down for the second time in six days after not meeting for three months, but any optimism was lost quickly.

The players presented a proposal that offered an immediate 24 percent rollback on all existing contracts, but since it didn’t provide cost certainty it was rejected by the owners.

A counterproposal was then presented by the NHL. Once the players' association saw that the offer included a salary cap, it was turned down immediately.

What's more interesting about the meeting is who won't be present.

Linden reached out to the league by inviting Harley Hotchkiss, the chairman of the NHL board of governors, to sit down and talk without NHL commissioner Gary Bettman and union head Bob Goodenow in the room.

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Don't Let the Semester Slip Away

by FR. RICHARD WARNER, CSC
Director of Campus Ministry

Now that the busy fall semester is behind us, and winter has settled in, we have a chance at the beginning of the semester to set some priorities for ourselves for the rest of the academic year. While the temptation may be great to stay in the residence halls or our off-campus apartments as much as possible, at least during the week, this really is a good time to get around to things that may have been on your "to do" list for a long time. We have a sense that the spring semester can really drag on, and anyone who has spent time on campus knows what the "forty days of February" can be like.

But Lent is just three weeks away, the work is already piling up, and after Spring break and Easter, the semester will rush to a close as it always does.

Notre Dame offers all its students many opportunities to develop and strengthen their spiritual lives. There are a few places where more possibilities are available, and no place where young people take their Christian faith more seriously than they do here.

This semester, Campus Ministry offers a wide array of retreats, from our traditional ones such as the NDE and the Freshmen Retreat, to special time designed especially for different groups. These retreats include offerings for Senior ROTC cadets and midshipmen, the Women's Retreat, the Man's Weekend, the Senior Service Retreat, and a weekend for gay and lesbian students and their friends, to mention just a few.

Theology on Tap will return January 26 for six more sessions and Four:7 (Christian Music & Prayer) begins again every Wednesday night at 10:00 p.m. Emmaus groups will continue to form and meet. Campus Bible Study, on Matthew's Gospel, is back, and will take place every Tuesday night beginning January 25 in 316 Coleman-Morse with time for discussion and fellowship.

Any member of our staff would be happy to speak with you personally about these programs. We have lists of experienced men and women who serve as spiritual directors. Our student leaders of faith. Teams of students sing their hearts out in the Basilica and in the dorms, prepare and lead Campus Ministry retreats, share in small Emmaus groups, and set a great example for all of us.

We've all been touched by the example of somebody who confidently lives out his or her call as a Christian. Starting next week, this section will introduce you to different ND student leaders of faith.

Let us know who out there is making a difference!

Send nominations to Schuster.13@nd.edu!

Catholic Q&A

What’s the Deal with Prayer to Mary & the Saints? Can’t We Just Go Directly to God?

Intercessory prayer, such as that directed toward Mary and the saints, is probably something you’ve experienced often without even realizing it. Anytime we ask someone to pray for us, we are actually asking that person to intercede to God on our behalf. When you promise to pray for someone, you basically promise to remember that person in your own prayers to God. In both cases, we would assume (and hope!) that the person making the request for prayers is indeed already praying to God for that specific intention or concern. Our prayers, then, act only as further petitions to God on behalf of the other person; they do not replace the Christian’s personal prayer to God. In a similar way, prayers to Mary & the saints (our brothers and sisters in Christ) are always directed at asking them to pray for us, as is true in the most famous of intercessory prayers, the Hail Mary: "Hail Mary...pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death!" These intercessory prayers are never meant to be seen as worship of Mary or the Saints. Through belief in the Communion of Saints (as professed in the great ecumenical Apostles’ Creed), we understand that the mystical Body of Christ, the Church, is comprised of all the faithful living on earth or already united to God in heaven following their earthly death. Since Christians have always seen the value of the prayers of the righteous (cf. James 5:16), how much more valuable then are the prayers of those who are very much alive in Jesus Christ, those with God in heaven?

If we are indeed one Christian community, whether on earth or in heaven, then we should feel free to ask all our friends, whether on earth or in heaven, to remember us in their own prayers to God as well!

Send your questions to Perkins.26@nd.edu!
St. John's upsets Pitt in 65-62 underdog victory

St. John's upset Pitt. The Red Storm went 8:18 without a field goal, but Daryll Hill scored 26 points, seven assists and eight rebounds, his first double-double of the season. The Hoyas won at Pittsburgh and Rutgers, threatened at Connecticut before falling 66-59, and were coming off a last-second win at Villanova, and Bowman nearly made the seven-second gamewinning free throws with 7.1 seconds left to give St. John's a 64-62 lead.

"When Carl took the second dibble, we trapped it and I grabbed the ball and got it to Daryll," Gray said.

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**MLB**

Seven-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens requested a record $22 million in salary arbitration from the Houston Astros Tuesday. One of 40 MLB players involved in salary negotiations, Clemens was offered $13.5 million by the Astros.

Clemens seeks record-high arbitration

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Roger Clemens followed a record-setting season with a record-setting salary request. Eric Gagne, another Cy Young Award winner, got a big deal, too.

After winning his seventh Cy Young Award, the Rocket asked for $22 million in salary arbitration Tuesday, easily topping the previous high of $18.5 million by New York Yankee stopper Derek Jeter in 2001.

Clemens, who still hasn’t decided whether to pitch this year or retire, was offered $13.5 million by his hometown Houston Astros. The $8.5 million difference was exactly double the previous record spread, set by the Yankees and Jeter.

“We looked at what some of the comparables were — Greg Maddux, Randy Johnson — and we tried to use three-size-quality players to come up with a number,” Astros general manager Tim Purpura said.

Rather than swap figures with the Dodgers, Gagne agreed to a $19 million, two-year deal with Los Angeles that contains a club option for 2007. Gagne, the 2003 NL Cy Young winner, has the right to void the option year, however, and become a free agent.

Clemens was among 40 players who exchanged figures with their teams, a group that included Astros outfilder Lance Berkman and NL Cy Young Award winner Johan Santana of the Minnesota Twins. Gagne was among 30 players who agreed to deals before the exchange.

In addition, the Cubs and catcher Michael Barrett agreed to a $12 million, three-year contract after swapping proposals. If he decides to play, Clemens could have the highest salary for a pitcher in a season, topping the $17.5 million made last year by Boston’s Pedro Martinez. The Yankees’ Randy Johnson has the top salary among pitchers next year, calculated at $16.5 million, including a prorated share of the $1 million personal-services contract he signed with Arizona before he was traded to New York.

Clemens, 42, left the Yankees after the 2003 season and intended to retire. But after former teammate Andy Pettitte signed with the Astros, Clemens was persuaded to sign with his hometown club.

**In Brief**

**Offensive lineman criticizes Roethlisberger**

PIPPSBURGH — Alan Faneca must be trying to motivate Ben Roethlisberger again.

The offensive lineman said the Pittsburgh Steelers badly need Roethlisberger to upgrade his play for Sunday’s AFC championship game against New England, after the rookie quarterback’s errors nearly led to a playoff loss to the New York Jets.

“He’s going to have to pick his game up,” Faneca said Monday. “We’re all going to have to pick our game up, and it’s going to take our best effort of the season to win this week.”

Roethlisberger, the NFL’s Offensive Rookie of the Year, threw two interceptions — one for a touchdown and another creating Doug Brien’s potential game-winning field goal try — and got nothing going as the Jets scored 17 consecutive points in the second and third quarters.

The Steelers came back to win 20-17 in overtime Saturday, but only after Brien missed two field goal tries in the final two minutes of the fourth quarter.

“He was off a little bit, but we were all off a little bit as an offense,” Faneca said.

**Back injury sidelines Nash**

PHOENIX — After limping home from an 0-4 road trip, the Phoenix Suns thought they would have Steve Nash back in the lineup Wednesday night against Memphis. Then Nash had his foot stepped on in Tuesday’s practice by his backup.

The bruised left thigh that sidelined Nash for the last 2 1/2 games is no longer a problem, but he twisted his back when backup point guard Leandro Barbosa stepped on his foot. Nash was in obvious discomfort after more than an hour of treatment.

“He was painful,” coach Mike D’Antoni said. “We’ll see if he can get the spasms out and he might be able, or he might have to take a few days off.”

Nash is questionable for the Grizzlies game. Barbosa, the starter in Nash’s absence, left America West Arena on crutches with a sprained left ankle and won’t play on Wednesday.

**Sixteen avoid arbitration**

NEW YORK — Instead of swapping salary proposals, Alfonso Soriano and Cesar Izturis were among 16 players who avoided arbitration by agreeing to deals with their clubs.

Soriano got a $7.5 million, one-year contract with Texas, and Izturis agreed to a $9.9 million, three-year deal with Los Angeles on Monday.

Three Atlanta Braves — shortstop Rafael Furcal ($5.6 million), closer Dan Kolb ($3.4 million) and reliever Chris Bosman ($1.65 million) — and three Florida Marlins right-handers — A.J. Burnett ($3.65 million), Guillermo Mota ($2.82 million) and Tim Speyneburg ($1.500,000) — also got one-year deals.

Seventy players remained on track to exchange figures with their teams Tuesday, but many more were expected to agree to contracts before the swap.
Cowher looks for first ever Super Bowl victory

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — For some one saddled with the reputation of being the big one, Bill Cowher certainly coaches in a lot of big games. This is the Super Bowl — Bill Cowher's chance to win the big one. He has never won a championship game, a Super Bowl. That's why Cowher has never been more focused. He wants his team to win this game.

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didn't work. We rode the line in every other game, in the other (conference) three wins. So it's a big staple of our offense. The Irish head coach also remembers how St. John's, who is not traditionally a long-distance shooter, made key 3-pointers to keep Saturday's game close.

"On Wednesday, I want to see lay-ups go in," he said. "I want to hug that 3-point line. We've got to hug that line against West Virginia, because it'll be like playing us.

Notre Dame will play man-to-man for the majority of the game — if not all of it — in order to force the West Virginia perimeter players towards the basket and away from their comfort zone.

"We keep a stat (that records) the number of 3-point attempts of total field goals," Brey said. "We update that on a daily basis."

Over 46 percent of West Virginia's field goal attempts this season have been three-point shots, accounting for 360-of-780 total field goal attempts. Though coach John Beiliein's squad has lost two of its first three Big East conference games in blowout fashion to Villanova (84-46) and Boston College (73-53), the Mountaineers pose a unique threat with their defensive strategy as well as their outside shooting.

The customary West Virginia 1-3-1 zone is geared to handle opposing guards. However, it leaves room for penetration inside and opens passing lanes to the perimeter and under the basket. Similar in its strategy against the Syracuse 2-3 zone, Notre Dame will need its front-court to step up and control the foul line and low block, which the Irish didn't do enough of against the Orange. "My job is to relax both Torin [Francis] and Dennis [Latimore] because we need them, and it's putting a lot of pressure on our perimeter," Mike Brey, Irish head coach, said.

Up against Syracuse, the team's only conference loss. The game plan called for a strong inside presence to establish the inside offense and work the ball out.

But Francis and Latimore combine for an average of just 17.2 points and 13.5 rebounds per game, numbers that are not meaningful but that are also not sufficient to balance and improve Notre Dame's offense. This could be a factor in Latimore's decreasing minutes in recent games. Brey said he does not feel uncomfortable playing other players and possibly reinserting Rick Cornett into the lineup. Corrott gave the Irish productive minutes in the early season, in particular as the anchor of a 2-3 zone that defeated Indiana on its home floor.

Notre Dame swept its two-game series with West Virginia last season, beating the Mountaineers 63-52 at the Joyce Center and squaring by 63-64 on the road in Morgantown. The Irish are 21-7 all-time against West Virginia but only 7-5 on the Mountaineers home floor.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles must shoot their way up in conference

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

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Lipke is second in the league at 86 percent. That accuracy from the line will be pivotal against the Hornets, as Kalamazoo center Ashley Riley enters the game leading the league in blocked shots but is also prone to foul trouble.

With Kalamazoo's defense keeping opponents to just 37 percent shooting on the year, the Belles will be hard-pressed to capitalize on every opportunity. One of the key match-ups of the night will be in the paint as senior standouts Emily Creachbaum of Saint Mary's and Riley battle in the interior. Both are in the league's top 10 for points and rebounds.

Tip-off is 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Angela Athletic Center.

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The Ganey Award & Grants

For Local Community-Based Research

Center for Social Concerns

The Ganey Award is now accepting nominations for the Ganey Community-Based Research Award.

This $5,000 award recognizes a Notre Dame faculty member who has carried out a research project or agenda that benefits the local community.

The nominator should submit a letter describing how one research project, or a representative project from a larger body of work, has impacted the South Bend community and Notre Dame students, faculty, and staff; or individuals not affiliated with Notre Dame. Nominees should be regular faculty (teaching-and-research faculty, research faculty, library faculty, and special professional faculty). Emeritus faculty may also be nominated. Individuals may nominate themselves.

Go to http://centerforsocialconcerns.nd.edu/faculty/ganey_awardรมhtml to learn more.

Nominations must be submitted by March 7, 2005.

Contact Mary Beckman, Ph.D., at 631-4172, mbeckman@nd.edu, with any questions.

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The women's soccer national championship has helped the Irish earn first place in the fall standings of the Directors' Cup.

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Cup. When he was interviewed for the job as athletic director, White said Malloy was clear that competing for the Directors' Cup was a priority, right behind winning a national championship in football.

“Clearly his No. 2 objective was, without saying it so much, the Sears Cup,” White said. “It’s important for everybody to know that I just didn’t wake up here one day and say, ‘Let’s be top-10 or top five.’ That was an objective that was clearly articulated when I came to Notre Dame.”

White also said progress is still being made in the fall sports, especially with the construction of a new football facility, the Guglielmino Family Athletic Center, set to be completed this fall.

“I think we’re still working hard on the football, and we’re closer than we’ve ever been,” he said. “I think the Guglielmino is a really important thing here, and the new staff and their commitment, the whole thing. So we really feel like we’re on our way in football.”

The final standings for the Directors’ Cup are published following the completion of spring seasons and a final winner is established. White said this is a feasible goal for Notre Dame.

“The real goal is to win a national championship in football and win a national championship in those 23 other sports as well,” White said. “And if we continue to move towards those two goals, we will be No. 1 in the Directors’ Cup.”

The ultimate goal that we haven’t trumpeted is to be the No. 1 program in the country.”

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seconds later when Dan VeNard scored his first collegiate goal.

However, as the second period continued, the Huskies pulled away. Michigan Tech’s Nick Anderson made the score 3-2 on a power play goal at 7:27 when he ripped a slap shot from the left circle.

At 11:46, the Huskies’ Ryan Markham scored off of a rebound of a Mateen Giliam shot to increase the lead to two goals.

The third period was more of the same from Michigan Tech, as the Huskies added two unanswered power play goals to turn what was a good hockey game in the early second period into a blowout by the end of regulation.

Anderson scored his second goal at 15:26 and Brandon Schwartz scored at 19:25. After Saturday night’s loss, Irish coach Dave Poolin expressed his feeling that the Irish had played a great third period of hockey and would document to run with that into the three mini-league games this week.

“I’d rather have kept going tonight and played another couple games tonight,” Poolin said, after Saturday night’s loss.

Instead, the Irish were unable to capture that same intensity for a full three periods of hockey, something that has plagued the Irish all season.

Going into Tuesday night’s game, the Irish were being outscored 30-10 in the third period. The two goals in the final period against Michigan Tech were consistent with that statistic.

Despite giving up six goals, Morgan Goy had 33 saves for the Irish.

If the Irish plan to turn around their season this weekend, it is not going to be easy. The Irish take on No. 5 Wisconsin Friday and Saturday night.

**MICHIGAN TECH 6, NOTRE DAME 2 at the RESCH CENTER**

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**Social Concerns Festival held Jan. 19**

More than 40 local service agencies and social action groups will be on hand to talk with students directly about the many opportunities available to get involved in the South Bend community. Drop in anytime to learn how local service and social actions can make an indelible mark on your life.

**When:** Wednesday, January 19 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

**When:** Center for Social Concerns

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Come learn about exciting opportunities with the Summer Service Project Internship. The SSI is an eight-week service-learning experience at roughly 200 agencies and organizations throughout the United States.

**When:** Wednesday, January 26 - 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** Multipurpose room at the Center for Social Concerns

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**Anti-War Protest Marks the Inauguration**

Notre Dame Progressive Faculty Student Alliance and the Progressive Student Alliance will be sponsoring an anti-war protest to mark the presidential inauguration.

**When:** January 20, noon to 1:00 pm

**Where:** War Memorial (near LaFortune)
DILBERT

TINA, THIS IS YOUR NEW SUPERVISOR. NELSON, YOU'LL BE TRAINING HIM TO BE YOUR BOSS.

SCOTT ADAMS

THERE WON'T BE ANY BONUSES THIS YEAR, BECAUSE I GAVE IT ALL TO NELSON. HE'S A MAN, SO HE NEEDS TO SUPPORT A FAMILY.

ROBERT ADAMS

UM... CIVIL UNION AND ADOPTION... RIGHT?

I'M DATING A RUGBY TEAM.

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PEANUTS

HENRI ARNOLD MIKE ARGIRION

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SESMY

PRAAK

QUILOR

ANSUA

Now arrange the circled letters to make the sentence as suggested by the above jumbles.

ANSUA

THREE O'CLOCK

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Mark Menner, 44; Kevin Costner, 50; Bobbby Goldenberg, 62; Stone L. Martin, 89.

Happy Birthday! You will find a way to do whatever it is you want this year. You will have the willpower and drive to make your ideas into something concrete. This is the year to move forward, to stop thinking and just doing. You will get the support you need from the people who will care, and ask for assistance. As long as you stick to your goals and work toward more-for-less, you'll do just fine. Your numbers are 7, 15, 26, 39, 40, 43.

ARIE'S (March 21-April 19): You can really get ahead today if you buckle down and do what you know and do best. The wind is at your back, and your energy is bountiful. Take pride in what you can accomplish today. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): There will be so much going on today, and everyone will want a piece of you. Your knowledge, great ideas and savvy way of presenting what you've got will win friends and result in praise. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Fix up your home or consider making a move. You need a change, and by doing something to make your surroundings more comfortable or colorful, you will find yourself in a better space.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can make a promise to help out a group you love. The more you do for others the greater respect you will earn. A partnership will form that will influence and help your future. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take a moment and consider what you can do to improve your looks, your vacation or your attitude. You need a pick-me-up, and now is as good a time as any. Positive actions bring good results. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If your surroundings aren't up to par, you may find yourself getting depressed. Do what you can to improve your base or to brighten up your workplace. It will make a difference. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): He'll be in demand today whether it's personal or business. Everyone will want to talk or spend time with you. Have your answers ready; don't be a martyr and you will gain respect. ***


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ATHLETICS

ND takes top spot in fall Directors' Cup standings

For the first time in the program's 12-year history, Irish in lead

By HEATHER VAN HOGEARDEN
Sports Editor

When athletic director Kevin White came to Notre Dame five years ago, he knew Notre Dame needed to improve its 23rd place finish in what was then the Sears Directors' Cup. Over the past four years, Notre Dame has finished 11th, 13th, and 19th, respectively.

Now, for the first time in the program's 12-year history, Notre Dame is No. 1 in the fall standings of what is now the United States Sports Academy Division I Directors' Cup competition.

"When interviewed for the job we clearly thought we had the ability to be within the top-five," White said. "So that became an objective, and as I remember that Notre Dame moment in my interview, that has continued to ring true and loudly for my almost five years here."

The National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics sponsors the competition.

The Irish reached the top of the final fall standings of the all-sports competition with 337 points, just four ahead of second place Michigan, who finished 13th in quarterfinal in women's field hockey. Stanford, who is the defending champion is third with 332 points. With 327 points, third place Michigan State rounded out the top five. The program's 12-year streak of finishing in what was the Directors' Cup has ended.

When the Associated Press Top 25 ratings were announced Monday, the Irish were tabbed No. 23rd place.

"It's not the No. 1 team by any stretch," White added. "It's a great accomplishment for our program. A great accomplishment to be in the top 10 for the first time in the program's history and the highest finish in our history."

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