Pope's precarious condition provokes worry

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

Reports that the pope received his last rites surfaced Thursday afternoon, causing Catholics throughout the world to doubt the stability of the 84-year-old pontiff's health.

Pope John Paul II developed a high fever Thursday due to a urinary tract infection, according to the Vatican. Many Catholics mistakenly believe the last rites are carried out just days before one's death. However, changes in Catholic doctrine have redefined the scope of the sacrament to include not only the dying, but also the sick — the sacrament is now more commonly referred to as the sacrament for the sick and dying.

The big thing to remember here is that the church has changed the sacrament to include the sick and dying, so it is no longer associated with death," Rougeau said. "The last rites means that he is gravely ill but not that his death is imminent."

The pope has received the sacrament once before, after he was shot by a would-be assassin in 1981. The Vatican has been brief in its supply of information on the pope's state. Even University President Father Edward Malloy

Monk honored for diversity work

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

Those who attended Thursday night's reception in the Hesburgh Library honoring outgoing University President Father Edward Malloy's commitment to increasing diversity at Notre Dame got to enjoy more than the fourteenth-floor Hesburgh Penrose's spectacular view of the sun setting over campus.

Personal and sometimes humorous testimonials to Malloy's character made up the event, offered students, alumni, faculty and trustees were the highlights of the event, which offered attendees the chance to mingle and chat one-on-one with an animated Malloy while munching on hors d'oeuvres.

"We've gathered to honor a great man and a personal role model of mine," board of Trustees member Phyllis Stone said. "It's to celebrate both his leadership and his example in Notre Dame's cultural and ethnic diversity."

Stone said Notre Dame saw the most important advances in the University's history during Malloy's 18-year presidency. "When he took office in 1987, Monk articulated that promoting diversity and international character was one of his top goals," she said.

Stone said that just one year after taking office, Malloy oversaw a comprehensive University-wide plan that increased the number of both minority faculty and students. From 1986 to 2004, minority students on campus increased from 7.7 percent to 16.6 percent, according to statistics provided by the Office of Institutional Research. If international students are added to the statistic, the number increased from 8.1 percent to 25.1 percent.

Student vehicles damaged

By JEN ROWLING
News Writer

A series of vehicle break-ins occurred Thursday in Notre Dame's D2 and CI campus parking lots.

"We are at the preliminary stage of investigation," Notre Dame Security/Police assistant director Chuck Hurley said. All of those automobiles had a broken passenger or driver's side window and a missing stereo system. The interior of each car was dry, suggesting to the police that the break-ins occurred after Wednesday night's rain.

Similarly, NISP found two break-ins near the RC student lot and one in the CI lot. A vehicle.

Fresh faces take over as new student government leaders

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

Seven weeks after being nominated student body president-elect and vice president-elect for the 2005-06 school year, Dave Baron and Lizzi Shappell will finally be able to remove the 'elect' from their titles and assume their positions as the chief leaders of the student body today.

They could not be more eager. Shappell and Baron, along with chief executive assistant Liz Knozow, said they want their administration to restore students' faith in the power of student gov
INSIDE COLUMN

Goodbye, Mitch

Two weeks ago, I was sitting in LaFortune eating Subway with three of my friends. I looked down at my Sun Chips and immediately smiled. My friend, sitting across from me, didn't miss a beat. "But don't bother ringing it up, it's for a duck." There were six ducks outside, and they all want Sun Chips," he said.

Mitch Hedberg, the comedian who penned the "Ducks eat free at Subway" joke, as well countless others, was in many ways the next great thing in comedy until his untimely death Wednesday morning at 37 years old. Instead of writing 500 words about how important a figure he was in contemporary comedy, I'm going to recount other memories of Mitch — which, all in all, will do him greater justice anyway.

The first time I heard Mitch, I was in my friend's car. "Oh, you gotta hear this guy, he's hilarious," he said.

With guns drawn, officers opened the door and ordered her out of the van. "I didn't have a weapon. I just wanted a T-shirt," she said.

"Friends dog contests. No idea why."

"Baseball, because the Sox are wicked awesome!"

"Naked mud wrestling."

"What sports? PSP just came out. PlayStation Portable — wow!!"

"Women's lacrosse — come see for yourself!"

OFFBEAT

Fortune cookie numbers provide big lottery win

DES MOINES, Iowa — Dozens of people recently got an extra-special dessert with their Chinese food: a winning lottery number.

A record 110 millions won $500,000 and $100,000 prizes in Wednesday's Powerball drawing, most of whom appear to be needing the numbers included in a fortune-cookie message. Ordinarily the multistate lottery expects only four to six winners to win at the Match 5 prize level.

Several winners in a half-dozen states revealed that they got the winning number from a fortune cookie, said Doug Orr, marketing director with the West Des Moines-based Multi-State Lottery Association, which operates Powerball.

One ticket, bought by a South Pittsburgh, Tenn., family, had all six winning numbers to win the jackpot.

Confused cops swarm "grill"

A customer tried to give police a heads-up about the situation, but a customer and coach meet-and-greet for International Peace Conference, "Crossing Boundaries in the Name of Peace," will take place today and Saturday at the Heschberg Center for International Peace Studies. Registration for the conference is from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. today. The keynote speech will begin at 8 p.m. tonight and the conference will continue from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday.

"Meet Me at the Avenue," Saint Mary's accepted students day, will take place all day Sunday. The day includes campus tours, meals and professor and coach meet-and-greets for accepted high school students.

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

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VATICAN CITY

Pope suffers heart failure during treatment for infection

Pontiff's condition called 'very serious'

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II suffered heart failure during treatment for a urinary tract infection and was in "very serious" condition on Friday, the Vatican said.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said in a statement that the pope, who was being treated at the Vatican, was given cardio-respiratory assistance after his heart stopped Thursday afternoon.

"This morning the condition of the Holy Father is very serious," the statement said.

However, it said that the pope had participated in a 6 a.m. Mass Friday and that the pope was "conscious, lucid, and serene." The pontiff's health declined sharply after he developed a high fever Thursday brought on by the infection. His wish to remain at the Vatican was respected, Navarro-Valls said.

The pontiff was attended to by the Vatican medical team, and provided with "all the appropriate therapeutic provisions and cardio-respiratory assistance," the statement said.

The statement confirmed previous reports that the pope had received the sacrament for the sick and dying on the pope's deathbed.

At the edge of St. Peter's Square, hundreds of people gathered early Friday, concerned about the fragile pope. A few knelt on the cobblestones to pray, others wrapped blankets around themselves as they kept vigil through the night.

"There's nothing we can do but pray. We're all upset," said Agriculture Minister Giovanni Allemano, who was in the crowd.

Formerly called the last rites, the sacrament is often misunderstood as signaling imminent death. It is performed, however, not only for patients at the point of death, but also for those who are very sick — and it may be repeated.

The Rome daily La Repubblica reported Friday that the sacrament was administered by John Paul's closest aide, Polish ArchbishopStanislaw Dziwisz, who serves as his private secretary. Dziwisz had given the pontiff the same sacrament on Feb. 24 just before the pope underwent a tracheotomy to insert a tube in his throat at Gemelli Polyclinic, the newspaper said.

According to its account, John Paul had attended Mass Thursday morning in his private chapel, then did paperwork from an armchair. Abruptly, at 6:45 p.m., John Paul turned ghostly pale and his blood pressure plummeted, the newspaper said.

After antibiotics were administered, the Italian news agency ANSA reported without citing any sources, John Paul's condition was "stable." ANSA, another Italian news agency, said the pope "seems to showing a first positive reaction" to antibiotic therapy.

At the Gemelli hospital, an emergency room chief said there were no plans to admit John Paul "at the moment," ANSA reported.

While the pope's condition deteriorated suddenly, the Vatican medical staff appeared confident it could handle the crisis with the sophisticated medical equipment installed for the pontiff.

As the crowd gathered to keep vigil near the pope, police kept them off St. Peter's Square, forcing them to congregate at the edges of the giant plaza.

"I was in the car and I heard on the radio about the grave condition of the pope. I immediately thought I would come to St. Peter's," said Antonio Cerino, a Roman.

As news of the pope's latest health crisis swept the world, the pontiff's spokesman, Navarro-Valls told The Associated Press by telephone that "the Holy Father today was struck by a high fever caused by a confirmed infection of the urinary tract."

The pontiff was started on "an appropriate" course of antibiotics, Navarro-Valls said.

The medical situation is being strictly controlled by the Vatican medical team that is taking care of him."

Lights in the papal apartment above St. Peter's Square were on until about 11 p.m. Thursday, generally well past the papal bedtime. The light remained on in the Apostolic Palace's nursing station on the same floor as the pope's apartment.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Deaths decline as attacks decrease

BAGHDAD, Iraq — insurgent attacks in Iraq have fallen drastically since the Jan. 30 elections, and the number of U.S. deaths reported this month dropped to the lowest in a year.

But the news isn’t all good. Militants are focusing their attacks on U.S. government and security officials as the new leaders of Iraq assume a greater role in their fragile nation.

Both U.S. and Iraqi officials agree that attacks overall have fallen since the Jan. 30 elections, although it is unclear if the level of violence is temporary lull as militants change tactics, or a sign that the insurgency is weakening.

Mark O’Toole, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, which has been tracking the insurgency, said attacks against U.S. forces have dropped by at least 25 percent since last fall, when U.S. officials reached a major offensive against the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah. Attacks then ranged from 80 to 90 a day.

First lady visits freed women

KABUL, Afghanistan — Under heavy protection in this dusty, dangerous capital, Laura Bush on Wednesday talked with Afghan women freed from Taliban repression. She expressed high hopes, envisioning a day when tourists would flock here for vacations.

There were reminders of war at every turn on Mrs. Bush’s visit — soldiers patrolling, ramshackle fatigues mann­ed at both ends of four transport helicopters that flew the first lady and her entourage to events around Kabul.

NATIONAL NEWS

Court increases job protection

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court expanded job protections for roughly half the nation’s work force Wednesday, ruling that federal law allows people 40 and over to file age bias claims over salary and hiring even if employers never intended any harm.

The decision eases the legal threshold for about 27 million middle-aged and older people to contend in court that a policy has a disproportionately harmful effect on them.

On the other hand, the ruling makes clear employers still will prevail if they can cite a reasonable explanation for their policies, such as cost-cutting.

The decision was applauded by advocates for older workers.

Parish to reopen after protests, vigil

WENDELUU, Mass. — The Roman Catholic parish that sparked a wave of protests against church closings in the Boston Archdiocese will reopen, the archbishop announced Thursday.

The decision by Archbishop Sean O’Malley is a victory for parishioners who staged an around-the-clock vigil inside the St. Albert the Great church in Weymouth.

The church is one of three O’Malley has allowed to stay open after offering them to close.

Parishioners carrying gold and yellow balloons gathered outside the suburban Boston church entrance and hugged.

LOCAL NEWS

Forklift overturns, kills worker

The forklift worker killed when the forklift he was driving overturned and landed on him.

Gregory Allen, 33, was pronounced dead on the scene after the accident Wednesday afternoon, said Ansonia Police, an Elkhart County deputy coroner. He died of massive head injuries.

Herman was making a delivery at a lawn-care company in the town about 15 miles southeast of South Bend when the accident occurred.

Iraq

Suicide car bomber targets shrine

BAGHDAD — A suicide car bomber blew himself up Thursday near an Islamic shrine, killing five Iraqis in the latest attack on Shiite Muslims, marking a major religious holiday.

By the evening in Kirkuk, 55 miles south of Kirkuk, killed three civilians, including a child, and two soldiers helping guard the shrine, police reported. Sixteen people were wounded, hospital officials said.

Fighters from the Sunni Muslim-
Speaker addresses retirement

SMC grad advises students to save

By MEGAN O'NEIL  
Saint Mary's Editor

In a presentation born out of the "Justice for All Ages" conference in the fall, Saint Mary's alumna Jane Ann Schiltz spoke at the College Thursday about the importance of planning for old age and the benefits of long term care policies.

Schiltz works for Northwestern Mutual in Milwaukee, Wis. and is the 2004-05 Shannon Scholar. The Shannon Scholar program was established in 1995 by business professor Bill Shannon in order to bring graduating seniors to campus to share their professional experiences.

Schiltz referred to the current middle-aged generation as the "sandwich generation" and said those who fall into this group face challenges unlike any known before. She and other members of the "sandwich generation" are having children later in life and are then finding themselves stuck between their aging parents and young children.

"We have to deal with issues with our parents... while at the same time we are dealing with issues with our children," she said.

Current middle-aged people are burdened with paying for their parents' care, Schiltz said, while saving for their children's education and contributing to their own retirement fund.

Schiltz said individuals must think long-term in order to sufficiently plan for their own care once they can no longer live independently. She emphasized the importance of having a "durable power of attorney" someone to make critical decisions for you if you are incapacitated.

Schiltz also advised those in attendance to take inventory of their estates and maintain an updated will. People need to discuss and express their wishes explicitly in order to avoid later confusion and emotional distress, she said.

The Saint Mary's alumna related a personal story in which her mother-in-law suffered a stroke. The only existing copy of her will was locked in a safety deposit box. Her children found the key, but because the will was inaccessible, they did not have legal power to open the box and retrieve it.

"Having these discussions early, rather than later, allows everyone to be more comfortable with the situation," Schiltz said.

According to Schiltz, it is never too early to begin considering who to appoint as your power of attorney and to create a written document addressing any issues that might arise in times of crisis.

Schiltz said long term care insurance has been growing in both popularity and quality in recent years as the average life span lengthens.

She also advised the audience to consider details before making an investment in long-term care insurance, such as whether you want at home care or nursing home care and how much such care costs in your area.

"The sooner you do this, the better off you are," Schiltz said.

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protests against the Pride Week shirt and the approval of a gaystraight alliance on campus.

Mitros and McIlvoff observed and realized the importance of achieving their main platform goals — especially integrating diversity awareness into student government — and said they "firmly believe" each goal can be accomplished by the end of their term.

"We have already begun to work on many of these platform issues," Mitros said. "During the selection process for [Board of Governance] we interviewed several candidates for the newly created position of Vice President of Diversity and Wellness Commissioner and are extremely happy with our choice.

"We have also made plans for bringing a speaker on diversity to our Student Government retreat in the hopes of making all members of Student Government more aware of sensitive issues."

Mitros and McIlvoff also plan to provide stronger student representation to College administration and to work with the new Vice President of Admissions and Enrollment Management to increase enrollment and retention.

The College is currently searching for candidates to fill the role of Vice President of Admissions and Enrollment Management, and the Mitros/McIlvoff team will have to work to represent student needs through BOC. Admissions Commissioner Annie Davis, who will sit in on the search committee.

Another challenge unique to the upcoming administration is that of integrating the new Student Center into campus life.

Mitros said the pair intends to advocate the new facility as "a women's center that promotes a sense of community."

"With the opening of the new Student Center, the women involved in forming the women's center and defining its role on campus have been working furiously to become comfortable in their new space while planning for the future of the organization," she said. "As members of the committee, Susan and I are extremely excited to see the progress these passionate women have been making.

Mitros also said she and McIlvoff hope to inspire passion for Saint Mary's among students during their term by promoting meaningful and appreciation of the College's history.

"Through our work during Inauguration Week, Susan and I have realized the need and the interest on the part of students to learn about our history as a college and the history and the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross," she said. "We have begun to plan a series of lectures throughout the coming school year to teach the Saint Mary's community about the amazing history of our college and of the women who have played an integral role in making our college what it is today."

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**MARKET RECAP**

**In Brief**

AIG admits improper transactions

NEW YORK — Amid widening government probes into its financial practices, insurance giant American International Group Inc acknowledged Wednesday it had improperly booked transactions with a unit of Berkshire Hathaway Inc that artificially boosted its reserves.

AIG said that it had not yet completed an in-house review of its accounting and would not have to delay filing its annual report until April 30. New York-based AIG, however, said it expected to file the report on March 31.

Car loans exceed worth of trade-ins

NEW YORK — A growing number of new car buyers are finding they owe more on their existing car loans than the vehicles are worth as trade-ins.

The phenomenon, known as being "upside down" on a loan, is the result of changes in the ways Americans buy and finance their vehicles.

In cases where the price of new cars and trucks have been held down by manufacturers, offer incentives and rebates to lure purchasers. As new cars flooded the market, so did new loans. Buyers, meanwhile, are choosing increasingly longer-term loans, sometimes extended over 84 months, to reduce monthly payments.

The result is a consumer who trades in a car that isn't fully paid for and can end up wrapping the loan hangover into the financing for a new vehicle, thereby increasing the cost. Oh if it all gets destroyed in an accident before it’s paid off, the insurance settlement may not fully cover the outstanding loan.

Berkshire Hathaway has said Buffett wasn't aware of how the transactions were structured or "on any improper use or purpose" of the transactions.

**Company shakeup spurs resignations**

NEW YORK — There was more fallout from Morgan Stanley’s management shakeup Wednesday, as the investment bank's global head of institutional equity trading resigned, joining a number of other high-ranking executives who have walked out.

A company spokeswoman confirmed the departure of Goetzmann. His decision to leave came a day after the resignation of his boss, John P. Havens, the head of the Institutional Equity Division, and Vikram S. Pandit, president and chief operating officer of its Institutional Securities Group.

The wave of exits follows Chief Executive Philip Purcell's decision to replace President Stephan Newhouse with two co-presidents, Morgan Stanley veterans Stephen Crawford and Zoe Cruz.

Meanwhile, the firm’s former chairman and former president are calling for the ouster of Purcell himself, saying the shakeup he engineered was not in the best interest of the company.

Perhaps to help reassure Wall Street, the company promoted one of its foremost investment bankers, Joseph Perella, to vice chairman; he will report directly to Purcell. Perella, a highly regarded dealmaker, most recently served as chairman of Morgan Stanley’s Institutional Securities Group. He’s also been a leading member of a small group of senior bankers that focused on the firm’s most high profile transactions.

The details of his new role were not clear.

In a statement Tuesday, Morgan Stanley said Crawford and Cruz would help provide new oversight of the company’s institutional securities and investment management operations.

However, a group of former executives and major shareholders, led by former Chairman Parker Gilbert and former President Robert Scott, warned that the restructuring could cause the loss of other executives.

The group also released a letter, dated March 3, to the current Morgan Stanley board calling for Purcell’s departure.

The group backed Purcell for the company’s lagging stock price and financial performance.
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Malloy said he felt uncertain about the exact condition of the pope.

"It sounded like he was taking a turn for the worse," Malloy said. "It's awfully hard to sort out the degree of severity."

Evening vespers were held at Corby Hall for John Paul II Thursday night, Malloy said.

Malloy said John Paul II's resilience — rumors of his impending death have been circulating for years — could be viewed as a manifestation of his firm belief in the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death.

"The pope has tried to get Catholics to be aware that suffering is a part of life," Rougeau said. "Life is not meaningless because we are in pain. We need to respect people at all stages."

The pope's precarious state has also sparked debate about the existence of the living will, a document that would outline measures to sustain his life should he reach a near-death state.

Catholics are often left to speculate since the Vatican has remained silent on the pope's future actions.

"There is some controversy between theologians and the Vatican on the issue of euthanasia," Rougeau said. "But in the pope's case, unless it was pretty definite that there was no possibility of recovery, we are in pain. We need to respect people at all stages."

"The pope has been quite a force in the world, a man who has so much to offer," Malloy said. "If he were to go, it's a great loss for all of us."
AROUND THE NATION

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue, left, testifies on professional sports drug testing policies before the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee on Capitol Hill March 10, 2004.

Congress questions steroid use in NFL

WASHINGTON — The same Congressional committee that conducted hearings into steroids in baseball has asked NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue for information about how football regulates the performance-enhancing substances.

The Government Reform Committee also said Thursday it will ask for similar data from the NBA, NHL, NCA, U.S. Track and Field and Major League Soccer.

"As the committee has stated publicly numerous times, its focus on the performance-enhancing drug use in sports is not limited to professional baseball," the committee said in a letter signed by committee chairman Rep. Tom Davis and ranking Democrat Rep. Henry Waxman.

"As part of this investigation, we are requesting basic information on steroid policies from a number of sports leagues." Tagliabue responded in a letter that he has directed his staff to be fully responsive to the committee's request.

"New information has called into question the effectiveness of the NFL drug policy," Waxman said in a statement Thursday. "I'm pleased that our committee will closely look at that policy as part of our continuing investigation into steroid use in sports."

The committee asked the NFL to provide details on the testing procedures and how they were negotiated between the league and the union. It also requested summaries of all test results during the time the testing has taken place, although not the names of individual players. The committee set next Friday as the deadline for the league to provide it with the information.

The letter to the NFL comes a day after CBS' "60 Minutes Wednesday" reported that Panthers punter Todd Sauerbrun and center Jeff Mitchell and former offensive line- man Todd Slocum filled testosterone cream prescriptions during the 2003 season, when the team went to the Super Bowl.

In addition to the cream, which is banned by the NFL, Sauerbrun also reportedly obtained syringes and the injectable steroid Stanosol, which is banned by the league.

The NFL has had random testing for steroids for the past 15 years. A total of 44 players have been suspended during that period for using the performance-enhancing substances.

Siberian screams into finals

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Maria Sharapova and Venus Williams reached a crescendo in the final game, swapping shrieks that accompanied their shots in a series of furious exchanges.

Sharapova was a little louder and a bit better.

Holding her ground and her serve when Williams mounted a comeback, Sharapova erased six break points to close out a 6-4, 6-3 victory Thursday in the semifinals of the Nasdaq-100 Open.

The second-seeded Sharapova advanced to her first Key Biscayne final. On Saturday, she’ll meet the winner of the match Thursday night between unseeded Kim Clijsters and No. 1 Amelie Mauresmo.

Top-ranked Roger Federer and six-time champion Andre Agassi advanced to a semifinal showdown Friday night.

Federer, bidding for his first Key Biscayne title, beat No. 6 Tim Henman 6-4, 6-2. Agassi, seeded third, won five of the last six games to defeat Taylor Dent 7-5, 6-7, 6-3.

COLTS closer to stadium plan

INDIANAPOLIS — Gov. Mitch Daniels said Thursday that he and legislative leaders have made progress on a plan that would help fund a new Indianapolis Colts stadium by imposing a one percent restaurant tax on counties surrounding Indianapolis.

Under the proposal, which would also pay for an expansion of the Indiana Convention Center, Marion County’s food and beverage tax would rise to two percent, from its current one percent, he said.

The governor said the tax in all eight counties would raise $21 million a year for the projects, with most of it coming from Marion County.

Without imposing a one percent tax on restaurants in the seven counties around Indianapolis, Daniels said it would be impossible to raise the tax in Marion County because it would put those restaurants and bars in "an unenviable competitive situation."

Colorado rape suit dismissed

DENVER — A federal judge Thursday dismissed a lawsuit against the University of Colorado filed by two women whose allegations of sexual abuse sparked a scandal last year over its football team’s recruiting practices.

The plaintiffs say they were raped by football players or recruits, but U.S. District Judge Robert Blackburn said the plaintiffs failed to meet two key criteria in claiming the school violated federal Title IX law by fostering an atmosphere that led to their alleged assaults.

The judge said Lisa Simpson — who has agreed to be interviewed in media reports — and the other woman failed to prove the university had actual knowledge of sexual harassment.

He also said they didn’t show the school was deliberately indifferent to any known sexual harassment.

Around the dial

MLB

Yankees at Tigers, 1:05 p.m., ESPN

PGA

BellSouth Classic from TPC at Sugarloaf, 4 p.m., USA

NBA

Kings at Cavaliers, 8 p.m., ESPN

Spurs at Nuggets, 10:30 p.m., ESPN

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IN BRIEF

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Keough Institute for Irish Studies, University of Notre Dame, Fall 2005.

Next Semester, the Keough Institute is offering courses in Anthropology, Folklore, Irish-language, Literature [in English and Irish], History and Politics.

**ANTHROPOLOGY**

- *Irish and American Dance*, IRST 21601:01, MW 4:30-5:45, James McKenna
  This course will teach a range of fundamental steps in addition to at least two finished tap dance pieces set to CD music. Several hard show Irish tap dances will be taught and depending on the ability of the students, several other completed dances are possible.

- *Archaeology of Ireland*, IRST 40503:01, MW 3:00-4:15, Meredith Chesson
  This course explores the culture and heritage of Ireland through the lens of the island’s rich archaeological record. Combining lectures, student presentations, discussion exercises and panel projects, students in this class will learn about the social, political, and economic developments in Irish societies from the Neolithic to the Medieval periods.

**FOLKLORE**

- *Folklore in Irish Literature*, ENGL 20528:01, TR 3:30-4:45, Julie Henigian
  This course will examine the traditional myths, tales, songs, customs, rituals, and beliefs that have long been used by Irish historical and creative writers as material for their literary works.

**IRISH LANGUAGE**

- *Beginning Irish I*, IRST 10101:01, TR 9:30-10:45, Brian Ó Conchubhair
  An enjoyable introduction to Modern Irish.

- *Beginning Irish II*, IRST 10101:01, MW 10:40-11:30, Tara MacLeod
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- *Beginning Irish II*, IRST 10102:01, TR 12:30-1:45, Brian Ó Conchubhair
  A continuation of IRST 10101 and further develops the students’ linguistic ability and knowledge of Irish.

- *Beginning Irish II*, IRST 10102:02, MW 4:05-5:15, Tara MacLeod
  A continuation of IRST 10102 and further develops the students’ linguistic ability and knowledge of Irish.

- *Intermediate Irish*, IRST 20103:01, TR 9:30-10:45, Sarah McKibben
  This class follows on IRL 10101 and 10102, with particular attention to more advanced grammatical structures, speaking and reading.

- *Introduction to Old Irish*, IRST 20105:01, TR 12:30-1:45, Peter McQuillan
  The aim of this course is to enable students with no previous knowledge of Irish, medieval or modern, to take the first steps forwards acquiring a reading knowledge of Old Irish [the language of 7th-8th Century Ireland].

**HISTORY**

- *Irish History I*, IRST 30404:01, MW 9:35-10:25, James Smyth
  This course explores the main themes in Irish history from Elizabethan Conquest (1603) to the Act of Union (1800).

- *The Fighting Irish Since 1534*, IRST 30407:01, TR 3:30-4:45, Eamonn Ó Ciardha
  This course will focus on the cult of the 'fighting Irish' [the Irish at war] in history, literature, art, iconography, film and media between the reformation [1534] and the Good Friday Agreement [1995].

**POLITICS**

- *Conflict and Consensus in 20th Century Ireland*, IRST 40540:01, TR 2:00-3:15, William Kissane
  This course examines the government and politics of the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland through the lenses of democratization, state-development, nationalism and unionism.

**GRADUATE COURSES**

- *Theory and Theatre*, IRST 90520:01, MW 3:00-4:15, Susan Harris
  This course investigates the history of Western theater and its relationship to the evolution of literary theory. Although the course will focus primarily on the evolution of the English-language theater, it will also locate that tradition in a European context, including figures like Artaud, Brecht, Grotowski and Pirandello, etc.

- *20th Century Irish Literature in Translation*, IRLL 13186:01, TR 2:00-3:15, Sarah McKibben
  This course examines Irish-language [Gaelic] literature from the Irish Revival at the turn of the twentieth century to writing from the very end of the twentieth century and beyond.

- *Introduction to Early Irish Literature*, IRLL 23101:01, TR 9:30-10:45, Peter McQuillan
  An introduction for students to the richness and variety of literature produced in the Irish language during the medieval period (700 and 1200 A.D)

- *Poetry and Politics in Early Modern Ireland*, IRLL 60303:01, W 6:00-8:30, Brendan Ó Buachalla
  The political poetry of the period 1541-1668 will be discussed and analyzed against the tumultuous political, military, socio-economic, and cultural trauma of 16th and 17th century Ireland.

- *Colonial Fictions*, 1880-1930, ENGL 90525, TR 6:00-9:00, Meets from 8/23-10/14/2005, Seamus Deane

Class participants will read several Irish and English novels of canonical stature from this period in the light of the questions they raise about the nature and experience of colonialism and of its linkages to modernity.
Bulls overcome heroics from James, win in OT

Associated Press

LeBron James’ game-tying three-pointer at the end of regulation couldn’t have crushed the Chicago Bulls.

Instead, it made them more determined to keep their winning streak intact.

“I was going in the huddle and we were not demoralized. We were ready to play more. As a matter of fact they were angry at us. We just came right out and took control right away,” Chicago coach Scott Skiles said.

That the Bulls did, opening overtime with an 11-0 run to defeat James and the Cleveland Cavaliers 102-90 Thursday night for their third straight victory.

The winning streak is Chicago’s longest of the season and extended the Bulls’ lead over Cleveland in the East to 2 1/2 games.

“We are on a roll here. We are four games out of first. We want to continue to move up,” Skiles said.

Tyson Chandler scored five of his 15 points in overtime and had 14 rebounds. Ben Gordon scored 21 and had a career-high eight assists, while Antonio Davis added 17 points, four in overtime. Drew Gooden scored 27 points and had 12 rebounds for the Cavaliers, and James added 26 on 10-of-26 shooting against the tough defense of rookie Andrae Noechel.

“It seemed they wanted it more as a home game, and they outplayed us for hours and finished the play down the stretch,” Gooden said.

James missed all three of his shots in overtime when the Cavaliers were outscored 14-2 and didn’t manage a field goal.

Chandler converted a three-point play with 2.8 seconds left in regulation after a splashed pass from Gordon to put the Bulls up 90-88 in regulation. But after a timeout, James curried to get the inbounds pass and when the Bulls didn’t foul him, he took one dribble and let fly with 0.2 seconds left on the shot clock from the left side of the arc.

“I got a good screen from my big guys,” James said. “I knew I had 2.8 seconds to go, so I just took my time and let it ride.”

In overtime, Davis and Kirk Hinrich hit jumpers, Chandler converted another three-point play, Davis hit two more free throws and Noechel sank a jumper to cap the 11-0 run.

“LeBron hits that big shot and we respond,” Davis said. “You get young guys on the floor and you see them put their head down. But they put it down for a second and picked it right back up and a light goes off. That was something that last year we couldn’t do.

Eddy Curry, the team’s leading scorer, remained in Charlotte for treatment of an irregular heartbeat that prevented him from playing both Wednesday night as well.

But Chandler and Davis, who played 48 minutes at age 36, took up the slack.

“I think he will be fine and we miss him,” Davis said. “We were in the game. We don’t have Fiddy, we have to make up for all the big men on this team.”

Davis took an inbounds pass and hit a turnaround jumper just before the third quarter buzzer to put the Bulls ahead 67-61. The Bulls increased the lead to eight early in the fourth when Davis made three free throws and a basket on the break.

Gooden hit his first six shots and scored 15 of Cleveland’s first 21 points.

James struggled with his shooting in the first half, missing six of 10 field goal attempts and three of five from the line, but his slashing drive on a break put the Cavs up 46-46 at the half.

Indiana 114, Miami 108 OT

Stephen Jackson was having an awful night, missing 10 consecutive shots and at one point everything took a sharp turn for the better.

Jackson forced overtime by making a 3-pointer with 0.2 seconds left on the clock. He put the Pacers ahead on good for another 3 with 1:54 remaining to lead Indiana to victory Thursday night.

“I get down on myself a lot, but my teammates constantly tell me. You have one more big one in you!” Jackson said.

It was the third straight overtime game between the teams, and Indiana extended its winning streak to the Heat to 12 in a row.

Davis finished with 29 points, while Reggie Miller had 31.

Indiana pulled away from the field and made all of his free throws for Indiana, which defeated the Heat 106-100 in Miami on Jan. 21 and 93-91 at home Feb. 23.

For Miami, Dwyane Wade scored 37 points, Damon Jones had 27 and Shaquille O’Neal had 24. For O’Neal, who grabbed 13 rebounds, did not score in overtime after tallying 10 points in the fourth quarter.

Indiana trailed 92-86 with 1:43 remaining, but Anthony Johnson hit a jumper from the free-throw line and a 3-pointer to cut the lead to 92-91 with 29 seconds left.

Wade, who scored the Heat’s last six points of regulation, made a shot to give Miami a 94-91 lead with 10.1 seconds remaining.

After a timeout, James made a 3, Dole Davis grabbed an offensive rebound and Austin Croshere passed to Jackson just to the right of the top of the key. His 3-pointer tied it, and Wade missed an alley-oop attempt off an inbounds pass on the final play of regulation.

“We had a god drive, and they had to help, and they had to scramble out,” Jackson said. “He and Croshere were open on the weak side, and they threw it to Croshere. He had a wide-open lane, but the guy closed on him well, and he got a late pass to me, and I had a good look from the top.”

Shaquille O’Neal said the Heat needed one more rebound, but Davis grabbed it.

“I went to the corner to help against Reggie,” he said. “It was a medium rebound, and it came to him (Davis). We had the game won, and we let it get away. They just wanted it more than we did.”

Jackson’s 3-pointer with 1:54 left in overtime gave Indiana a 104-102 lead, and Keyon Dooling missed a 6-footer for Miami.

Davis made two foul shots after grabbing an offensive rebound, making it 106-102. After Wade missed a jumper, Miller knocked down a 15-footer for a six-point lead. Davis had 13 points and 11 rebounds and Anthony Johnson had 16 points. 
The PSP game reviews from Mark and Trevor

Dynasty Warriors
"Dynasty Warriors" is one of the PlayStation 2's most prof
ditable titles. Having come from the PS2, it would seem logical choice for a PSP launch title. However, of the available launch titles, it may not be the best choice. The game plays like a weak role-playing game. The player can choose from a huge selection of historical Japanese fight
ers and then proceed to slaughter thousands of ancient Japanese soldiers. The character levels up as experience is gained. Compared to its predecessors, the gameplay has changed slightly. The huge maps have been eliminated and have been replaced by a playing board. When the player moves his general onto an occupied space, the game reverts to the traditional "Dynasty Warriors" style of play.

Overall rating: B

Wipeout Pure
"Wipeout Pure" is definitely one of the more visually stun
ning titles for the PSP. The vehicles all look terrific, especially considering the fact that it's on a portable system. The game
play matches the splendor of the visual style. The player gets to choose from a variety of anti-gravity rac
ing vehicles, all of which are rendered well. The tracks range from the simple to the insanely complex, giving the game
ning appeal. Additional tracks and vehicles can also be unlocked as the player progresses through the game.

The game also supports Wi-Fi, allowing up to eight players to play together. The game does deserver a positive point as lag could kill any
selling feature. The player can choose from a huge selection of historical Japanese fighters and then proceed to

"Wipeout Pure." Overall, this is one of the must-haves for the system.

Overall rating: A

Twisted Metal: Head-On
The classic vehicular combat game has finally become
able to "Twisted Metal" has already made a splash on the original PlayStation, as well as the PS2. With all the hype sur
rounding the game, the biggest question is whether it lives up to the hype. The answer is an emphatic yes.

The premise of "Twisted Metal" is simple - get into a car and blow everybody up. And in this case, I literally mean everything. Anything from pillars to the Eiffel Tower can be destroyed, creating some of the most Interactive environ
ments found on a handheld console. The selection of cars is also nice, including fifteen vehicles ranging from motorcycles to construction vehicles.

The Wi-Fi is up to six players, which can also be played over the Internet. The game suffers from minor lag, but it is hardly
detracts from the gameplay. There are some minor changes when played online, but they aren't obvious and are neces
sary for a smooth gameplay. Overall, a ton of unlockables and solid gameplay push this title to the top.

Overall rating: A
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It's bad enough cell phones have taken over the campus during the past four years. It wasn't that long ago when people would actually talk to the person standing next to them while walking between classes instead of that person on another quad. What a novel concept.

But that's not our problem. It goes much further than that. The problem stems from people leaving those phones on in class, and sometimes even answering them. The problem stems from people answering their calls in computer clusters while other users give them dirty looks.

The problem stems from people riding bikes at Rolls and holding conversations. Okay, you might think your life is all that important. But there's a simple answer to that question. No.

Do people even consider what their professors must think when that weird awkward cell phone ring interrupts your Tuesday afternoon lecture. It's amazing professors don't throw students out of class for just being courteous.

So, again, what a novel concept. Then, when you're at Rolls or the Rock, the point of being there isn't to setup what South Bend bar you're going to attend on Friday night, but to actually work out! Once again, your life isn't that important where you can't just get away for 45 minutes.

Maybe this has to deal with another problem plaguing the Notre Dame student body — the disease of incompetence.

Like does it not dawn on people they might be rude or incomconsiderate to hold a conversation in DeBartolo 141 at 12:59 p.m. Notre Dame campus, especially you freshmen, do all a favor.

Stop off your damn cell phones. It's not a novel concept.

The Observer

is oppressing me

The student government report to the Board of Trustees didn't go far enough in describing the dire consequences of a lack of an affirmative action policy at The Observer. It was right to castigate The Observer's gender imbalance, but it got the situation wrong when saying the problem was that women weren't moving up in the ranks. It didn't take into account the real problem, which is the plight of the Catholic, white, upper-class male workers like myself who are in the minority on this staff.

We're the ones affected. I mean really, besides some other dudes in the sports department and scattered in photography and whatever other sections there are, I'm like surrounded by women. Student government has a problem with too many male editors? Have you seen this year's top staff? There's a girl, a guy, a girl, a girl and another girl. Overall there's about two to three girls for every guy. Don't get me wrong, I love the ladies. I mean, they rev my engines, but they don't belong in the newsroom!

Very few people realize the hardships I face because The Observer refuses to adopt any sort of affirmative action policy that would actually make people like me and cater to their interests once hired. The new female Editor-in-Chief has actually issued a statement that says something about not discriminating at all and encouraging all people to continue to propagate biased, unfair journalism.

The Observer is going about it the wrong way.

I'm going to give you some advice for your future love life. From everything I've seen I'm going to guess you're the kind of bloodless, computer-caressing troll who spends his life huddled under his lofted furniture because he can't speak to people without grunting. So my suggestion is, move to another country where they don't speak English and can't tell you're an idiot, see another planet where they CAN'T TELL YOU'RE A CREEPY STALKER.

I hope my advice helps. But don't thank me. Really.

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March 31

No pride for the T-shirt (boo hoo)

I am writing to you on behalf of all the women at Saint Mary's who are really upset about the Pride Week T-shirt coverage. You see, while it stayed a current topic for a long time, I feel as though it is not getting as much attention as it should be now.

Yes, the Student Activities Board apologized many times. And yes, they even held meetings so people could talk about the identity of a Saint Mary's woman, but I still feel like it's a really big issue that should not be dropped at Saint Mary's.

I'm asking all Saint Mary's students to take this as a call to action. What we should do is destroy the shirts, and, in fact, make sure there are no longer any sort of Saint Mary's images put out anywhere. We should remove all campus merchandine. We should not make any drawings of students — whether they are real or imagined. And we should definitely remove the logo emblazoned soap dispensers in the bathroom, because I do not feel they represent me, as a Saint Mary's woman. I propose instead of focusing on new ways to improve the campus such as reveling in our new student center or seeing all the beautiful sights on campus with spring on the way, we should instead continue to focus on this atrocity that was the Pride Week Shirt for as long as the College is in existence. That is the only way to ensure no one

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Editorial

A request from Skerd Freshman to whoever has been stalking me through instant Messenger.

Stop Stalking me

This is a last request from Skerd Freshman to whoever has been stalking me through instant Messenger.

Stop Stalking me. I don't care about your problems with your mother. I don't care if you think the government is coming to block StalkRBoi, Stilwater's. I don't care if you think the government is coming to block StalkRBoi, Stilwater's.

I know ALL THESE PEOPLE ARE YOU. You can't fool me by spelling out words instead of using stupid abbreviations like r u butts or Harry Bottoms. I WILL NOT TELL YOU WHO YOU ARE.
SMC students experience symptoms of tunnel withdrawal

By FRENCHY CROSS

While the weather in South Bend is improving, many students at Saint Mary’s are still experiencing a disease which has been passed around since last semester — tunnel withdrawal.

Last December, Saint Mary’s made plans to close the underground tunnels that many students had used to travel around campus due to extreme cold, water and electrical pipes. This led students literally out in the cold during the cold and snowy winter months, when the tunnels had been frequently used.

Dr. Mary Grant, in Health and Wellness, said she knows tunnel withdrawal to have taken its toll on a number of students this semester.

“We’ve had nearly half of the on-campus students into the office trying to diagnose their unexplained symptoms: feeling cold, frozen toes due to wearing flip flops in the winter and a general sense of feeling lost,” she said. “The tunnels may have served as a home base for some students, but tunnel withdrawal has been even scarier.”

The statue wants to be known only by the name Tina believes she was a victim of tunnel withdrawal.

“There were times I didn’t even want to leave the residence hall because I knew I would have to go outside,” she said. “I would just walk up and down the stairs for exercise, hoping the snow would go away or by some miracle, the tunnels would reopen so I could go to the library.”

Other students believe they have had absolutely no symptoms of tunnel withdrawal.

Sophomore Rebecca said she once had a scary experience while traveling through the tunnels to Trumper Computer Center and does not miss them at all.

“I had to print a midterm last semester and was walking through the tunnels when my cell phone rang,” she exclaimed. “I freaked out because I knew my cell phone got zero reception down there. Out of the corner of my eye, I swore I saw a man and he whispered, ‘Can you hear me now? Good, I’m glad they’re closed — that guy freaks me out!’

Since the closing of the tunnels, many students have been forced to reroute their usual ways around campus. Instead of walking under LeMans Hall through the tunnels to get to the science hall, students must now walk through the building, or even around the building. to visit the other end of campus.

Luckily, students now have a tunnel option from LeMans Hall to the new student center. The tunnel, while short, is reported to be much less creepy than the other tunnels were and is said to alleviate some of the symptoms of tunnel withdrawal.

“We believe the new tunnel will satisfy all those in tunnel withdrawal but are much less frightening for anyone who was fearful of the other tunnels,” the spokesperson said. “It’s all the fun of the tunnels without students having to get the willies.”

Senior Nosmo King said he is thrilled with the new tunnel.

“Sometimes I just walk back and forth in the tunnel because it makes me feel so much better,” King said. “I use the tunnel everyday because that is what truly is making my last semester at Saint Mary’s even better.”

The Health and Wellness nurse said she believes this tunnel will make all the difference to those in tunnel withdrawal.

“Just wait until the next big snow storm or rain shower, throw on a pair of flip flops and go for a walk in the tunnel,” she said. "You’ll be over it in a day or two!

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Two Colleges make friendly transaction

Statue of man with camel and needle off to Mendoza

By FAKEY McFAKER

The College of Arts and Letters and the Mendoza College of Business will draw one step closer together with the unveiling of a statue Saturday morning.

The 16-foot and 6.6-inch high statue, which depicts a businessman holding the reins of a camel in one hand and a needle in the other, was commissioned as a gift from the College of Arts and Letters to the College of Business. The two have sometimes been viewed as rivals, a conception both colleges hope can be dispelled.

The statue is entitled “The Spirit of Capitalism.” Other names considered include "The Judgment of Our Lord" and "Crossing the Barren Desert of Counterfeits.”

“Many people are under the impression that there is some kind of animosity between the colleges,” said Dean of Arts and Letters Ronald P. Snodgrass. “I hope this gift will show that here in Arts and Letters, we believe in unity even between developed and undeveloped souls.”

Seymour Kash, Dean of the College of Business, expressed appreciation for the generosity and effort that went into the gift.

“In the past we’ve heard a lot of talk from the faculty over in

Arts and Letters, but haven’t even seen anything come out of it,” Kash said. “I am grateful and amazing at the initiative they have shown in producing something.”

Notre Dame graduate Willow, a former art major who currently works in a bagel shop, created the statue out of pure stainless steel.

“It was difficult to work with such a hard, unyielding material,” Willow said. “But I wanted something that would, so to speak, get to the heart of the matter.”

Faculties of both colleges have been enthusiastic about the reaction to the gift.

“We believe in unity even between developed and undeveloped souls.”

Ronald P. Snodgrass
Dean

“Tina was sure if the professors in business would be offended by our metaphor,” theology professor Holly Erthenthoul said. “But everyone has been very receptive, I guess they do have a capacity for self-reflection over there.”

“I’ve found this piece a little hard to interpret,” marketing professor Ty Kohn said. “But then I realized the camel represents the need to expand American markets in the Middle East. I think it’s great the people in arts and letters find that so important.”

The statue will be unveiled at 10 a.m. Saturday morning at the MendozaCollege of Business, followed by a reception. Entertainment will be provided by whichever member of the Glee Club makes it out of bed.

All students are invited to attend, provided they are willing to make a $200 donation.

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Tau Beta Pi busted for hazing

Engineering honor society members
Tasered at initiation

By TAZERD NERD
News Writer

South Bend police broke up an initiation ceremony last weekend for potential new members of Tau Beta Pi, the academic fraternity for engineering students, who were induced into the honor society with aggressive acts of hazing.

Ursula Dean's List engineers had to be sedated by police with the controversial stun guns Tasers, as a party held at their frat house on St. Pete Street spun out of control. Underclassmen eligible for honor society admission had been poured on them by upperclassmen who were already members, taunting them with vicious threats such as having to recite elements as having to recite elements and taunting them with aggressive acts of hazing.

"I had to stop at Unanimillium because I forgot the chemical symbol," said sophomore member who spoke on condition of anonymity said the recent regulations on honor societies are another attempt by upperclassmen who were already members, taunting them with vicious threats such as having to recite elements and taunting them with aggressive acts of hazing.

"Hazing among academic fraternities is reaching new levels," said Captain Taser-Crazy, who said he hasn't seen the likes of this kind of hazing since that bust at the Pi Sigma Alpha frat house last January.

He referred to the rampant hazing within the political science honor society, where potential members have been known to be blindsided and sprayed with hoses in the snow until they name every Congressman from their own state. Hazing first came to the attention of RealLife when a Pi Sigma Alpha hopeful from California contracted frostbite after two days of forgetting Congressman Devin Nunes of California contracted frostbite after two days of forgetting Professor Currie, who with a 3.93 grade point average decided to participate in the Notre Dame version of most colleges' Rush Weeks. "I'm so stupid! I knew it but they kept pouring beer on me and I got it mixed up with Uniumium, which isn't even close!"

His eyes filled with tears as he described how his older brother had been in Tau Beta Pi when he was at Notre Dame.

"He was always telling me stories about how his brothers in engineering made Greek life guys at other schools look like pansies," Currie said despondently. "Once, a bunch of them stayed up all night drinking Mountain Dew and typing messages to girls on their graphing calculators. Now I let him down because our frat is on probation again before I got a chance to join."

Officers dispatched to the scene of the hazing said they were shocked at the severity of the hazing among honors students. "Hazing among academic fraternities is reaching new levels," Captain Taser-Crazy said. "I haven't seen the likes of this kind of hazing since that bust at the Pi Sigma Alpha frat house last January."

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"I'm afraid that in a few years, honor societies just won't be cool anymore."

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she picked up the box. A note attached to the box said, "Something for all the late nights ahead."

"Fifteen measly pieces of inferior chocolate to buy my love, affection and journalistic ethics?" the disgruntled editor cried. She concluded this implied she was cheap and actually became offended. However she did add that she wanted some late night fun, or perhaps the ears off some chocolate bunnies, her sentiments towards the hopeless lothario might have been more favorable.

In response to the pitifully absurd pick-up line, the editor said she would have been interested in the day had he joined her during her "sailing" phase. She then questioned why he didn't just deliver a bottle of chocolate sauce if he really wanted some late night fun, adding that the boy scout's advances might then have been more flattering. However, the editor admitted that La Baron might very possibly have been trying to swoon her up in hopes of more favorable student government coverage next year.

"Well it can't get much worse than last year, though there are holdovers from last year — so you never know," the editor said. It was unclear whether she was talking about her staff or his.

The note ended with: "Congrats again and good luck next year."

The editor said she accepts the congratulations, but added that given his inexperience in matters of romance among other things, the Jedi Chief should reserve the love for himself.

"Let's be honest," she said. "He's going to need it a lot more than I am."

The Absurder opted not to contact La Baron as it believed the evidence spoke for itself.

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La Baron, left, holds the incriminating chocolates at a recent student government meeting where nothing was accomplished.

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Sharp objects replace slow, buggy DART process

By GIT R. DUNN
News Writer

"We don't want any unnecessary injuries.

In order to reduce the risk of accidents, DART times will only be taken between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. The dartboard will be labeled with various classes, and the student will have the opportunity to toss the dart in order to select his or her desired schedule.

Fun classes like Learning About Shapes will be represented by the bull's eye, while less exciting classes like General Chemistry will be on the outer wedges. Students who miss the board entirely will be automatically signed up for CORE.

This new system takes the guesswork out of class scheduling, and also gives our undergraduate students a request to go out to the local bars in order to practice," Clarence said, adding, "Those students were in favor of the new system.

"I like the new system a lot," Knott, senior Bigg Plays said. "It's a whole lot easier than that big book full of numbers; just find out that the number for the class you thought you signed up for was actually the number for Gender Studies.

But the positive reaction was not campus wide.
"This new system bites," Pangborn sophomore Wie Kling said. "It ended up with these sessions of CORE and two University seminars."

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not hangover anymore.

Despite student opposition,CORDOrey said he'd do what
he always does - simply not listen.
"And my administration never listen to the students anyways," he said. Why start now? We find it easier if we just ignore student con­ cerns and do whatever the hell we want, then ask them for money before they gradu­ ate.

Not every student dis­ agreed with the decision.
"My dad always told me stories of when this place was really fun and students were treated like adults, not children," What Sober.
"That sounds cool. I'd much rather have fun and be treated like middle­schoolers. This new policy solves that problem. Thank god for rules."

The new alcohol policy is effective immediately and CORDOrey already has University officials searching every student room for any alcohol. The Aburder has learned from sources inside the Main Building that any alcohol found in students' possession will be stored underground the golden dome for future consumption by administrative officials.

CORDOrey declined com­ ment on those reported facts. "I just really want to go out with a bang," he said. "This way, at least, I can have a long-lasting effect on students in a com­ pletely negative way and no one can stop me."

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Dome project replacing chocolate Mary statue

By I PREFER HERSHEY’S
News Writer

Students’ questions about the importance of the current Dome refurbishment were finally answered Thursday afternoon.

In an unexpected press conference, University officials revealed the real reason for the construction is to replace the statue of Mary, which is actually made of chocolate, before the onset of summer heat causes it to melt. The original statue was replaced with a chocolate duplicate in an act of vandalism earlier this school year.

The replacement was first discovered when students in a freshman astronomy class spotted a Nesli logo on the bottom left side of Mary’s robe through the telescope. Closer inspection revealed a fully wrapped pure milk chocolate figure in the place where the gilt statue had once stood.

“The doggone thing looked exactly the same as the old one,” university spokesperson M. T. Wallet said. “We’re not really sure how they did that without a crane or a helicopter. But they sure pulled a doozy on us.”

Although the replacement statue has held up in colder South Bend weather, officials are worried about how it will be affected by the spring thaw. As temperatures increase, Mary may begin to lose her shape.

“We wanted to wait until after commencement,” Wallet said. “But then we thought about all those graduation pictures with chocolate oozing down the dome. And we figured, taking it down now is easier than cleaning that sticky mess off the gilding.”

University officials considered releasing the real reasons for the refurbishment earlier, but were pretty embarrassed that they lost the first statue.

“I mean, what kind of a bonehead loses a huge gilded statue?” Wallet said. “We just would be better to try to pass it off like routine maintenance. But people were so mad anyway, we thought we might as well own up.”

Plans to keep the next statue from being stolen include covering the Dome with cooking spray every night so vandals won’t be able to scale it, and surrounding the Main Building with large angry dogs.

“Notre Dame has always worked for this friendly, loving image,” Wallet said. “It’s time to get mean. The new Notre Dame won’t let just anyone saunter up on the Dome.”

As a consolation for covering up the dome during graduation, the university plans to use the melted down statue to throw a giant fondue party for the graduating seniors and their families. The party will be held on the football field, where officials will also let people wear the football team’s actual gold-colored helmets.

“We figure, we’ll swap one golden dome for another one,” Wallet said. “See, that’ll make for some pretty good pictures too, right?”

Notre Dame Security/Police is still looking for the statue, which they hope might turn up during end of the year dorm searches.

“It’s not so easy to get a thing like that past the security gates,” Wallet said. “That thing’s gotta be on campus somewhere. And when it turns up, we’re putting them both up there, side by side. Two Marys...that’s better than all those other Catholic schools.”

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Looking to add to his multitude of wives, a fan of the how-the-hell-did-we-lose-to-the Brigham Young Cougars searches for some innocent Catholic school girl.

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Baffled-Ways reacted with surprise when it was suggested that money was a factor.

“The fact that Adidas is giving us $5,394 million a year for this has nothing to do with it, we’re doing this because we truly care about our students.”

Baffled-Ways said, as he fondly admired the complimentary adidas trainers on his feet.

In addition, there was a compromise about the scaffolding itself, which will remain in place after the logo is pasted to the dome with glue.

“As a special treat for our seniors, we will also allow them to climb up on the scaffolding with their loved ones so they can take pictures right there next to Mary herself, instead of that lame in front of the Main Building shot,” Baffled-Ways said proudly.

“In lieu of taking down the ghastly visual reminder that we don’t give a rat’s ass about undergraduates — I mean, that we care about them very much — we will give them this special opportunity. What more do they want than their family. The Virgin Mary and the gnomous three-striped logo?”

Baffled-Ways expected seniors to be elated about the turn of events and hold adidas as close to their hearts as the vision of the dome, because they got those free white adi-das visors freshman year. He hoped the new plans would

alleviate speculation the administration is more concerned about football season with a new head coach than the celebration of receiving a diploma as a culmination of four years of learning, allegations that he dismissed as “hogwash.”

Student Senate held an emergency meeting to discuss whether it was acceptable to still be pissed about the dome, eventually passing a resolution entitled, “We’re Still Pissed About the Dome.” Sorin senior Free Kinanoying said he wanted his picture taken next to the Virgin Mary, and was then slapped by Senior Class Council members present. Senior class president Pharrell Nott was too stunned to speak after learning of the latest development in the dome uglification saga, but recovered in time to present a new hypothetical contract to Baffled-Ways.

“I’m impressed with the hard work of the students,” Baffled-Ways said as he casually dropped the document into a paper shredder and lit the sheets with a lighter. “It just kills me that these students are so dedicated to having the freakin’ dome look like it has the whole time they’ve been here.”

Unlike the Oct. deadline for the re-gilding process, the new adidas logo should be complete as soon as OfficeMax gets another shipment of Elmer’s.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Seniors get shafted

With this being my senior year and my time here coming to an end, I would like to thank the University for all they have done to help keep the senior class's morale high this year.

Thanks for deciding to cover the dome with scaffolding this spring so it wouldn't be visible during our graduation. The dome really is a symbol of anything about the University anyway, so I really would rather that such an insignificant part of remai be covered up during my last weekend as a student here.

Why would people want to take a picture in front of the dome anyway, when you could have a picture taken in your cap and gown in front of the beautiful Stepan Center?

Thanks for moving the SYVs out of the dorms, as well as instituting the new alcohol policy during our freshman year. The University really enhanced the dorm experience for the following years. I really didn't have any fun at those SYVs my freshman year when you could go up and have a few shots whenever you wanted and there were parties in every other room. It's been so much more fun being sober and listening to "Like a Prayer" 10 times while dancing in the dining hall for 33 minutes.

Thanks for the bookstore and their great prices. And also for thinking that selling shot glasses is a great idea. It makes me proud the University would try to make an extra buck on shot glasses when the whole reason for its existence is banned on the campus they sell it on.

Thanks for the construction being done all across campus. I am so happy that I stayed on-campus all four years, the construction around this year has been a wonderful experience. I love being woken up by construction workers early in the morning and listening to their loud machines throughout the day. And who doesn't love the construction tape blocking off the sidewalks and the entrances to the dorms?

Thanks to the football and men's basketball teams for having awesome seasons this year. As someone that attended every game in my four years here, the last home games for both sports were such a great way to go out, and I couldn't ask for a better finish to such brilliant seasons.

Oh, and also, on a more sincere level, thanks for eliminating the security guards in girls dorms so that I could break partiers easier this year.

And that's all I've got to say about that.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of The Observer, since we can't remember which editor was too drunk to read this.

CORRECTIONS

We never make mistakes. Even. And if we do, we really don't want to hear about them. Especially from little tufts like you. Call us at 1-800-100 at 10 p.m. Mr. Garrison from South Park say, "You go to hell. You go to hell and you die."
University plans more changes for graduation

Dome to sport adidas logo, scaffolding can be climbed for pictures

By SCRUB DOVERSENOR
News Writer

In response to the vehement student outcry about re-gilding the famed golden dome during spring graduation, university officials agreed to halt the re-gilding and announced that they will instead have a giant adidas logo fastened to the front of the dome's surface just below the famed golden dome during the weekend after graduation.

"We're doing this to show that we really do care about our graduating class," said Sean Baffled-Ways, executive vice president. "It hurt me personally that students said the scaffolding was 'ugly,' or 'a hideous monstrosity of an eyesore.' We thought that having the adidas logo was a great way of showing that we do care about the aesthetic quality of the Dome to sport adidas during the past three seasons. On top of that punishment, students will be suspended from class and forced to move into the radiation building.

Former student body president Never Getanythingdone welcomed the change with open arms. "I think this is great," Getanythingdone said. "I think students should focus on studies more, rather than spending all their time and money having fun drinking. This will not only make me a better student, but also allow them to have more money to donate to Notre Dame."

Students, however, were quite enraged. "How can they do this to us?" IluV Boot said. "What will the administration do next? Put scaffolding up around the dome for graduation?"

Fellow student Corbys lshebeste agreed. "I'll much rather drink heavily and kill my brain cells then study and get good grades," Ishebeste said. "I guess I'll have to go to class

Ceremony moved from JACC to attractive Stepan

By HUGH JASSCLOWN
News Writer

With one dome out of commission, seniors will be able to have an up close and personal encounter with another dome - Stepan Center's geodesic monstrosity.

Emergency improvements are required to the Joyce Center, University executive vice-president Ron Aflac-Duck said Thursday. Senior class graduation, which was originally scheduled to be held in the 12,000-plus capacity facility, will now be held in Stepan Center, with a capacity of about 500.

"We understand how important having graduation in a large spacious building is for our seniors, but there's an art and craft show coming into the Joyce the weekend after graduation, and we need that facility to be in perfect condition," Aflac-Duck said.

"Stepan is a fine facility that will provide our seniors with a unique opportunity that has never been enjoyed by a previ..."
PSP game reviews from Mark and Trevor

Untold Legends: Brotherhood of the Blade

The role-playing game selection at launch was relatively weak, consisting of only one game. Considering it was role-playing games that pushed the initial PlayStation, the lack of such games is noticeable. Fortunately, "Untold Legends" is not a bad one.

"Untold Legends" is an action role-playing game, similar to "Diablo" and "Baldur's Gate." It can be played either solo or with 3 friends, giving the player a chance to test the Wi-Fi. The difficulty ramps up according to the number of players, giving the game a decent challenge.

The graphics are decent, as is the sound quality. Neither one is particularly impressive, but simultaneously not disastrously bad. The loading times are a major drawback for this game since they are frequent and run on the long side. Nothing can interrupt a good slashing like having to wait almost half a minute for the next area to load.

Overall rating: B+

Darkstalkers Chronicles: The Chaos Tower

The "Darkstalkers" series is an odd choice as one of the launch titles. The series has been more of a niche title than Capcom's more popular fighters but it still has a small, but devoted, fanbase. Hopefully this situation will change with "Darkstalkers Chronicles.

The game is one of the most beautiful animated 2D fighters on the market. Each of the characters is a fluid, colorful Capcom creation. The game revolves around the Darkstalkers, who are based on the famous monsters of cinematic and written history. Frankenstein's monster is present, as are an assortment of vampires, werewolves and other mythological creatures.

The game also has a ton of unlockable game features. Cinematics, artwork and Darkstalkers tunes can all be unlocked, adding to the replay value of the game. The only determinant would be based in the gameplay itself. Being a fighting game, the replay value relies on the gamers love for the genre. While the game may not convert anyone, fans of the fighting genre would be amiss to overlook this title.

Overall rating: A

Ape Escape: On the Loose

The GameBoy DS has "Mario 64," and the PSP has "Ape Escape." While sold in its own right, the game doesn't bring anything new to the table.

A platforming game similar to Mario, the game begins with a horde of evil monkeys hell-bent on retrieving history. It is the player's job to go through history and capture all the monkeys, setting things right. As more monkeys are collected, humorous descriptions are unlocked. Comedy is key throughout the game, as the cinematics, sounds and the monkeys themselves can be pretty amusing.

The game controls well, even though the original used dual analog controllers. The graphics don't quite push the system to its limits, but they aren't distracting. The game also uses the Wi-Fi for up to two players and multiple players can face off in the unlockable mini-games. Overall, the PSP's current sole platformer is worth picking up.

Overall rating: A-

Metal Gear Acid

When addressing anything that has impact on the world of handheld gaming, it is only right to first acknowledge the legacy of the Nintendo GameBoy. Since 1987, Nintendo has shrugged off every competitor attempting to enter the portable gaming arena with ease.

But on March 24, handheld gaming changed forever.

Enter the PSP, PlayStation Portable. It boasts 333 MHz of processing power, 4 MB of embedded DRAM too top of the 32 MB of system RAM, a 4.3 inch 16:9 TFT LCD widescreen, built-in stereo speakers and 1013082.14 wireless communications ability. This tidy package weighs in at approximately 280grams/62lbs and is the smallest piece of electronic equipment since the Apple iPod! Essentially, the PSP sports the power of the PlayStation 2 in the palm of your hand.

Graphics

Though some critics doubt the PSP’s capability to produce PlayStation2 graphics due to smaller screen size, nobody will deny the PSP graphics are spectacular. When comparing them to Nintendo’s less portable system, it’s easy to see there is almost no comparison. The PSP’s launch games boast polygons that the Nintendo DS will not even touch at the end of its life cycle.

All games currently available for the PSP showcase crisp graphics, superb textures and, for the most part, silky smooth framers — a high amount of frames per second. While "Untold Legends" has frame-rate issues when the enemies become too numerous for the processor to handle comfortably - this can also be an issue in multiplayer due to lag time — all in all I give the graphics a solid 10 out of 10.

Overall rating: A+

Sound

The built-in stereo speakers are very capable in themselves loud enough that I can hear my roommate in the center room of the quad slacking through "Untold Legends" while working on my paper in the next room over. But, as always, the headphones included with the value pack are necessary to gain the full experience. The PSP is also capable of playing MP3 music files, which are saved to the removable and upgradeable Memory Stick Duo.

Overall rating: A

Design

The same familiar buttons - X, Y, circle and square - make another appearance on Sony’s latest creation. An analog control "hub" is located in the lower left of the hardware, but unfortunately its position can become very uncomfortable. I also am concerned about its durability in the long run.

The standard D-pad located above the analog control functions adequately but is a little sloppy to use in games requiring tight control. The left and right buttons at the top of the PSP are unremarkably flimsy. A line of smaller buttons that run along the bottom underneath the screen include a "home" button that returns the PSP to the OS launch screen, volume control, display brightness with four settings, music tone for MP3 playback that switches between Heavy, Pops, Jazz, Unique, and off and the all too familiar, "Insert button." These buttons stickling have not reported. Also, problems with square button sticking plagued some small percentage of the released in Japan on Dec. 12.

The power button, which enable/disable switch and (Universal Media Disc, format which games and videos are ten) release are all located on side of the PSP. The power button also doubles as a "hold" switch, allowing all button commands. It is handy during MP3 or video back. Also located along perimeter are the USB port, 11 phone port and power jacks, as as the slot that houses the Memory Stick Duo.

There is no doubt that what comes to looks, the PSP is one machine. However, the aid it will find that the controls it cramps one’s hands. The slardiness of the PSP is a point of concern. The door cover the Memory Stick Duo is found the UMD drive seems to be not hardly vulnerable to damage when is open.

Finally, the giant 4.3 inch 16:9 great as it is, seems to be the best for smudging and scratches. In the PSP value pack comes a protective case to help avert possible tragedies from occurs.

"Untold Legends: Brotherhood of the Blade" was the only role-playing game to be released at the same time as the PSP. Role-playing games helped drive the original PlayStation into the market.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An open letter to John Affleck-Graves

After reading "Seniors, administrators still divided over the dome" in the Observer on Wednesday, March 30, I am compelled to respond both to your response and the University’s response to the needs of students, especially to those of the graduating senior class.

Had this been the first instance of the administration’s indifference to the student body, I would have been pleased but nowhere near as enraged as I currently find myself. I will not, however, dwell upon the administration’s indifference to the student body, as the University’s response to the needs of students, especially to those of the graduating senior class.

To say, as you are quoted as saying, “We realize this is a disappointment to the senior class,” is the ultimate understatement. While you attempt to downplay the importance of the physical symbol of the golden Dome, you neglect to mention the heavy importance that the administration places upon the very last year of your college career.

The question arises as to why the administration chose to re-gild the golden Dome on the forefront of applications, brochures and media guides. To say the least, the golden Dome is one of the most important marketing images that the University of Notre Dame employs. The importance of the Dome, however, extends well beyond marketing. If the importance of the Dome were minimal, would Notre Dame students and alumni be referred to as “Domers” rather than “Irish”? Would the football team have kept their golden helmets for so long? Clearly, the importance of the golden Dome as physical symbol of the university is undeniable.

You, sir, however, deny the importance of the Dome, as you state, “Graduating not about the physical Dome. You don’t remember standing in front of it getting your picture taken.” Contrary to your assertion, whether your decision to re-gild the Dome form an essential part of the graduation festivities.

Since you state that you have had two children present on campus - as they all headed happily home with their memories and photographs documenting many of these memories - few students were even aware of the re-gilding of the Dome.

Protestors of the Iraq War illegally flow onto Lakeshore Drive to block traffic and disrupt conversations about relationships, gender issues and gender interactions.

It is not that I don’t value my right to free speech and peaceful assembly, but I am always invoked by protesters, usually a large group, irresponsibly oversteps the bounds of civility and disrupting entire city centers - impeded by an infrastructure that is not set foot on the steps in front of the main building until they graduate. Throughout my four years, my fellow classmates and I have looked forward to the day where we can set foot on the steps and have our picture taken on the steps of the main building with the golden Dome glinting in the sunlight. That moment was meant to signify the completion of the enormous journey that we undertook as freshmen four long years ago.

Unbeknownst to you, my classmates and I will stand proudly on the steps although the Dome will not be gilded. As the view will be replaced by a grotesque network of metal scaffolding obscuring the Dome. At first, I was enraged by the prospect of not possessing the picture I had dreamed of taking as a freshman. Now I am excited about the photo opportunity. What other photograph could better convey the administration’s complete indifference and antagonism towards students?

Perhaps your two children could have alerted you to the outrage that the scaffolding would provoke. It would provoke nothing but a complete indifference and antagonism towards students.

The next time irresponsible protesters of the Iraq war illegally flow onto Lakeshore Drive to disrupt conversations about the war as they did in 2003, they have to ask themselves: “What would my brother be doing if he were here?”

While you attempt to downplay the importance of the physical symbol of the golden Dome, you neglect to mention the heavy importance that the administration places upon the very last year of your college career.

William Weicher
Irishmen
Soref Hall
March 30

Sex and the City? Not this city

Upon reading "Sex and Ivy League isn’t an oxymoron" (Associated Press, March 30), I was surprised at the casual tone of the article and how casual the contents of the book, "Glutes Does Yale," were being treated in a way, I was somewhat jealous.

Recently, I happened to come across Natalie Krinsky's novel and couldn’t help but notice its premise. Krinsky was able to write a "Sex and the (Elm) City" column for the Yale Daily News and it was no big thing. It was just a daily column. I then asked myself why a prestigious institution like Notre Dame did not have anything comparable to that. In fact, we have nothing remotely close. If the Ivy leagues can talk about sex, why can’t we? There is no dialogue about sex, relationships or drunken hookups. We like to call ourselves the "Harvard of the Midwest," but even Harvard has a sex magazine. I doubt anyone will take the words "Sex and the City" with a straight face. I don’t believe the city is a "stimulating" conversation or debate about Conservatitives or Liberals, Notre Dame students can’t be bothered. I mean, who has time to actually date someone? A random hook-up on the weekend will suffice as long as no one mentions it again. No one wants to look like a dorky, so it must be better not to talk about it.

I understand that this is a Catholic institution and, of course, we, as students, strive to adhere to the Catholic teachings, but that does not mean sex and drunken hook-ups do not happen. It also does not mean that we cannot talk about these issues either. I am not saying that this behavior is always moral but rather suggesting the possibility for dialogue. Maybe, a dialogue of sorts could help to relieve the "autonomy vs. family" conflict. I believe most will agree that the dating scene at Notre Dame is less than stellar. However, maybe if we weren’t so hesitant to discuss the conflicts of the many differenc.

Or maybe if we can keep pretending that if these topics of conversation should cease to be brought up, then we can pretend that sex and hook-ups don’t happen.

Bettina Viscofiglia
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March 30
Every year, this day marks a major change in one of the most well-known campus organizations — student government. April 1 is the turnover day for student administration, the day on which a new student body president, vice president and their staff take the reins and begin their term.

However, the timing of the turnover date has recently come under scrutiny. Student government groups have discussed postponing the turnover date until the day after commencement to allow outgoing administrations to take advantage of the time the new administrations would waste acclimating to their new jobs. This, certain senators argue, would provide time for the outgoing administration to finish its projects and educate the new officers through observation. But while this sounds sensible on the surface, a date change would not allow for increased productivity in student government.

At its heart, government includes the continuation of work from one administration to the next. Student government typically takes on long-term projects which span more than one year. A new administration should be able to continue projects begun during the year, and the previous administration should take the month between elections and turnover to brief new officers on these projects so they are fully prepared to continue them.

Furthermore, the previous administration can be a valuable resource to the new administration, a resource that will not exist if turnover doesn’t take place until after graduation.

Regardless of when turnover occurs — and no matter how much preparation is involved — there will be a period of acclimation for the new administration. It is better for this period to occur in the spring rather than in the fall, when student government expects its government to hit the ground running and begin major work on its projects.

Most other campus clubs and organizations have their turnover days. Because most clubs must interact with student government on some level, a later turnover date would mean these clubs’ new officers would also be dealing with two different administrations. Potential confusion stemming from this arrangement could be avoided if student government is kept on the same schedule as the other clubs.

Finally, a later turnover date means more work for seniors who are getting ready to graduate. They should be given the last month of their college careers to spend time with friends, reclaim their lives and take in their final view of campus from the dorms and quads — not from a window in LaFortune.

As the former Student Government President, I believe the turnover date should remain as it is. While the change would not allow for increased productivity in student government, I do believe it is possible to continue projects begun in one administration to the next. Ultimately, the turnover date is a reminder of the change that begins when a new administration takes charge.

Why is it that complications in today’s religious and social life seem to always date back to a time when one of the many Popes named Gregory initiated change? Today’s Roman Catholic priests can thank an early Gregory for their celibacy which began around the sixth century. It seems that celibacy was a byproduct of ownership. During this time, until that time, married priests upon their deaths, could pass on their property to their wives rather than to the Church. Pope Gregory demanded celibacy as a means for the Church to gain more property.

Fast forward to the 16th Century for Pope Gregory XIII, who was never one to mark the Church’s calendar, thus turning the known civilized world on its head and creating today’s April Fool’s Day. Of course, a fool’s day but one of many divisions resulting from the edicts of Gregory’s premedieval instigator has wreaked havoc throughout the year with branches of the Church celebrating a different date for Christmas and Easter as well as the mark of the new year. Today we mark the 443rd anniversary of the creation of April Fool’s Day. In 1582, Gregory XIII officially adopted the Gregorian Calendar. By the time of the American Revolution, the British had exported a January New Year and April Fool’s Day from England to the American colonies. It is ironic that Gregory, a man quite serious about his mission in life, inadvertently created today’s modern April Fool’s Day silliness. It began during the 16th century when France adopted the reformed calendar in 1582. Many refused to acknowledge the new date, did not learn about it or simply forgot and still celebrated the new year on March 25th. Others began to make fun of these traditionalists, sending them on “fools’ errands” or trying to trick them into believing something like sending foolish gifts and invitations to nonexistent parties. The French came to call April 1 “Poisson d’Avril,” or “April Fish.”

Today, French children still tape a picture of a fish on the backs of their classmates, yelling “Poisson d’Avril” or “April Fish” when their pranks are discovered. However, in England, trickery can only be played in the morning, which is why April Fool’s Day is rather than a fool. In Scotland, you are called an “April gowk,” or a cackling bird. Regardless of the many subtle variations the Gregorian Calendar still is not infallible. In Portugal, April Fool’s Day is celebrated on the Sunday and Monday before Lent when pranksters usually throw flour at their friends. Mexico’s counterpart of April Fool’s Day is actually observed on December 28. Originally, it was a sad remembrance of the last month of the innocent children by King Herod. It eventually evolved into a lighter commemoration involving pranks and trickery.

In a recent survey of American Catholics, nearly 67 percent admitted that it was time for the Church to update its calendar in order to address the complexities of our modern international society. After studying how the calendar change can affect our way of life for centuries, our next Pope may want to consider carefully what time may come to pass in the future. Until then, throw flour, paste fish on others’ backs and try to avoid becoming a “noodler” or “gook” today.

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unprecedented access to their offices on the 2nd floor of LaFortune student center.

"In April, we'll start student government happy hour, which will take place Monday through Thursday from 5 to 6 pm," Kozlow said. "We will open student government offices for anyone who has suggestions, concerns, or frustrations.

They hope to encourage better interaction between Notre Dame and the South Bend community, an initiative Mishawaka native Shappell has a personal stake in.

"Lizzie is from Mishawaka. I didn't realize the extent of the Notre Dame bubble before now," Kozlow said. "A big part of our campaign was to bridge the gap between Notre Dame and South Bend. This is the first time anyone has taken on this issue. The community has much to offer.

In addition to these goals, Baron hopes to have printers, wireless access and cable television in the dorms by the time students return to campus in the fall.

Baron said his experience as chief assistant to former student body president Adam Istvan provided him with valuable insight into the most effective way to manage student government and reach the goals he has set out to accomplish.

"I learned a lot from Istvan and former vice president Carla Bell's style of leadership," Baron said. "Adam showed me the importance of having strong convictions and not compromising on them.

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Dave Baron
student body president

"We are going to make a concentrated effort to dispel the belief that student government is stuck in bureaucracy and weighed down by an administration that doesn't care about students," Baron said.

Baron also said the number of applicants for open student government positions had increased from last year's pool. All who applied were assigned to a suitable position.

"We read every application, conducted interviews with each applicant, and then assigned a position to them according to their interests," Kozlow said. "Anyone who wants to be involved can be involved.

Baron's plans for a swift transition will allow the administration to begin accomplishing its goals prior to the school year's end.

The new administration has already created the "Catholic Think Tank," an initiative aimed at bringing prominent Catholics to campus. Baron said he hopes to find an inaugural speaker for the project to visit campus in April.

"We are going to try to get someone here by the end of the year," he said. "We are looking around for prominent speakers to kick off Catholic Think Tank.

Baron and Shappell have also begun working on the cornerstone of their campaign's platform — communication. Both said they will increase on all levels — from the dialogue between student government and student body to the dialogue between student government and the greater South Bend community.

To ensure students know their voices are being heard, Baron, Shappell and Kozlow have decided to grant
Irish hoping to make a splash in Mission Bay

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

The waters of Mission Bay in San Diego are traditionally reserved for vacationers and tourists. This weekend, those same waters will play host to a different kind of guest as the Irish travel west to compete in the 31st annual Dingo Crow Classic. This weekend, an Irish team seeks to secure a rare win in the inhospitable domain of southern California.

The Crew Classic is set to host a number of elite teams this weekend, from Harvard all the way to California. "It was last year's boat of the Jesup-Whittier Cup (the top women's trophy in the Classic) that really set the tone for what we hope to achieve this weekend," Coach Mark Hamilton said.

While not the most meaningful of the season's regattas, the Classic is clearly one of the most popular and publicized. Past Classics have seen the dramatic entrance of Navy MIAAs to kick off the races, and it draws rowing enthusiasts from across the country.

This weekend's races will be held by Yale and many other teams from the East Coast. The results of the races are still critical to each team's season. "When the NCAA selection committee makes their choices, they are going to look back at this race and want to determine who should be in the Championships," Hamilton said.

"We're going to see the best crews from the West, East and South," Coach Marton Stone said. "There will be crews from Tennessee, Texas and Purdue. Also competing will be Yale and many other teams from the East coast."

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Irish coach

S M C G O L F

Belles head to Columbus for Invite

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

The spring season will kick-off for the Saint Mary's golf team this weekend as the Belles travel to Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, to compete in the Purple and White Invitational. Saint Mary's will begin its season with much the same expectations it had has the past couple of years. The Belles are looking to be selected for the third year in a row for the NCAA competition, which will take place in early May.

This weekend's event is one of five that Saint Mary's will compete in throughout the month of April, and the team's primary goals are simple — play well enough to qualify for the tournament and peak at the right time. The outlook is definitely positive for the Belles, who have a roster composed almost entirely of juniors and seniors.

Coach Mark Hamilton is confident in his players' ability, especially since the core of the team has been together for three years. "They know the ropes," Hamilton said. "They've played in some big tournaments... they have the experience that it takes."

One thing that will not be on the Belles' side this weekend will be the weather. The team is playing on an unfamiliar course and has a history of giving a substandard performance when the weather is less than decent — the forecast for Columbus, Ohio calls for rain.

Hamilton looks at this invitational as an opportunity for the team to improve on its overall performance in bad conditions. "One of our foci is on learning to be better in those times, to be able to perform better than everyone else when the weather is poor," Hamilton said. Saint Mary's will certainly want to be at the top of its game this weekend competing against some of the top programs in the nation.

The Purple and White Invite is in its fifth year and will play host to Ohio Athletic Conference champion Otterbein College, American Midwest Conference champion Walsh University and defending tournament champion Wilmington College.

This is the first year that the Belles have taken part in the invitational, and according to Hamilton, a good test to see what the ladies would need to improve on in the next month. The competition begins at 10:30 a.m. with a shotgun start and will continue through Saturday.

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S M C T E N N I S

Saint Mary's Adrian schedule scrimmage

By KATE SERYAK
Sports Writer

On Saturday, younger members of the Belles tennis team will travel to Adrian College in Michigan to scrimmage the Bulldogs.

Although Adrian is usually an MIAA conference member, this year it lacked the sufficient interest in the program to field a team. Nevertheless, MIAA teams have scheduled scrimmages with the remaining members so that they still have a chance to play this season.

The Belles are sending seven girls, mainly freshmen. "All of them are really excited to play in their first college match," captain Miranda Mikulyak said. "This is a chance to give the regular players a break and allow the backup players to gain some valuable experience.

The Belles' season has gotten off to a slow start, with a match against Otterbein College having been rescheduled on two occasions. Saint Mary's match against the University of Chicago is a part of a double match of the regular season so far, aside from pre-season matches played over spring break.

"It's hard to say how our season is going because we've only had one match," Mikulyak said. "But we had a really good doubles performance at the University of Chicago match. "Due to an injury, we had to switch the lineup and we played with partners that we hadn't really practiced with at all. The fact that we performed well in such a situation is awesome, and I think that will dictate how our season will go."

The Belles are looking forward to better weather in coming weeks so they can start consistently practicing outside.

The cold weather has forced them inside to do conditioning training, and the team can't wait to finally hit the courts.

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Irish look to rebound from disappointing loss to Wisconsin

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The No. 28 Irish (8-1) will compete against No. 67 Long Beach State (2-1) tomorrow in a match that will leave the victor with an overall winning record. Although the Irish have the advantage of being ranked in the top 30 as a team as well as on its home court, it is still anticipating a tough match at 10 a.m. as the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

"After losing to Wisconsin, we're not taking any match lightly," sophomore Thomas Bayliss said. "We're definitely looking at this upcoming match as a way of redeeming ourselves.

Notre Dame is looking to bounce back from its 6-1 loss to Wisconsin this week. In its 60-43 loss this season, "We have had several close matches this season to tough teams, so we know we can compete with the best," Coach Katrina Thompson said. "It is just a matter of finishing them.

The team will be looking to get off to a strong start by securing the doubles point.

"We have had several close matches this season to tough teams, so we know we can compete with the best," Thompson Irish player said.

"We've won the two matches in South Bend, who's No. 75," Coach Thompson said.

In singles, it is questionable whether Christian Thompson will be making a return to the lineup after suffering a knee injury during the BYU match in March.

"I'm just taking it day by day right now," Thompson said. "But I've been playing more and feeling more comfortable on the court so hopefully it won't be too much longer.

With the loss of Thompson, the lineup will most likely remain with No. 44 Catrina Thompson playing at No. 1, followed by No. 100 Buck at No. 2.

Christian Thompson Irish player

"I've been feeling more and more comfortable on the court so hopefully it won't be too much longer until I return to singles."

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SMC SOFTBALL

Saint Mary's hopes to end streak south to battle SMU

By TOM STILES
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's (5-8) will look to end its current five-game skid this weekend when it plays in the Trinity International Tournament. The tournament will likely serve as a good test for the Belles before they begin a string of games against MIAA rivals.

Most recently, the Belles lost both ends of a doubleheader to Manchester College by scores of 4-2 and 1-0 on March 17. Both games saw quality pitching performances squandered by poor fielding and weak hitting.

In game one, junior Bridget Grall gave up two earned runs and nine hits — only one of which went for extra bases — but the Belles committed three errors and could muster only one run on offense. Game two saw freshman McKenna Corrigan pitch a two-hit gem, but the offense was shutout with three hits and the defense gave up another unearned run.

The season has been a roller coaster ride for the Belles thus far, as the team has seen some great disparity. Stephen had to play some outstanding players early in the season and took some losses, and I think his confidence suffered a little bit.

"I'm not sure if D'Amico is the top position but saw little change in the overall results of the match.

"Stephen immediately started winning at two, and Brent encouraged me to go the same path he did," Bayliss said.

Although the lineups for this weekend are not set, Bayliss has occupied the No. 1 spot in the most recent matches.

"We've had good solid results throughout our lineup all year, especially in singles," Bayliss said.

The coach does not plan to change the doubles combinations, although the lineup is always subject to change.

The Irish will face the Mustangs at 1 p.m.

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Irish reschedule, travel to Purdue

Timing allows team to attend Friday classes

By NATE DYER
Sports Writer

After setting school and individual records last week in California, the Notre Dame men's track and field team will stay in-state this weekend, as a large contingent heads to the Purdue.

Though originally scheduled to compete in the Indiana Relays on the campus of the University of Indiana, in Bloomington, weather concerns and the timing of the relays caused the team to choose to compete at Purdue instead.

The team heads to West Lafayette, Ind. to compete in the Purdue Invitational, named after former longtime Purdue coach Mike Pohlein. The non-scoring invitational was originally scheduled as a two-day meet for today and Saturday, but all events were moved to Saturday.

The meet will be another early opportunity for the Irish athletes to qualify for Big East and NCAA regional competitions, but assistant coach Tim Connelly cautioned against peaking too soon.

"The NCAA's are a long ways away," Connelly said. "You have to spread out the competition, and build up so that you peek for the NCAA's."

As a result of already having qualified for NCAA's and the large amount of time before the NCAA's, sophomore distance sensation Kurt Benninger will not be competing this weekend.

Benninger shatternd the Notre Dame school record in the 5,000-meter race last weekend at the Stanford Invitational with a time of 13:33.05, a full two seconds under the previous record. The performance was the third fastest in the world thus far.

The majority of the team will be competing, however, as the number of NCAA qualifiers looks to grow.

Throwing events begin at 9 a.m. with the women's hammer throw and running events beginning at noon with the women's 5,000-meter run.

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Competitive field slated for invite

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Since Jim Kubinski took over as head coach on Jan. 28, the Irish have posted low scores and earned exceptional finishes.

This weekend, though, the team will face its toughest test in the Augusta State Invitational, where 18 of the best squads in the country will square off in a mid-spring showdown.

Ten of the nation's top 25 teams will see it up this weekend at Forest Hills Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., including No. 4 Georgia, No. 6 Wake Forest and No. 9 Duke.

Notre Dame, entering the weekend at No. 62 in the GolfStat rankings, have earned one win and two other top-five finishes in three tournaments this spring under the tutelage of their new head coach.

However, the team will be hard pressed to replicate the early-spring success they have enjoyed against this field.

Among the golfers in the field for opposing teams are three of the top 15 individual golfers in the country — Ryan Blaum of Duke, Georgia's Chris Kirk and Georgia Southern's Aaron Price. Blaum, Kirk and Price each have a scoring average below 70. In comparison, Notre Dame's best scoring average belongs to Cole Isham, who is ranked 117 in the country with a 71.7 average.

According to the invitationals official website, 31 of the country's top 100 individual golfers will be competing. Isham and his teammates will have to play their best if they want to stay competitive on Sunday.

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**ND WOMEN’S LACROSSE**

**Irish set to welcome pair of Big East foes**

By MATT PUGLISI
Academic Sports Editor

Notre Dame may only have seven of 15 regular season contests under its belt, but for Irish women’s lacrosse, 8-2 (2-1 Big East), the most-win games are already beginning.

After a 2004 campaign that saw the Irish drop just five contests all season — they finished 12-5 overall — the 2005 squad has already squared last year’s loss total in its first seven games.

For the team to have any hope of making a run at the Big East title and qualifying for the NCAA tournament come May, it must begin to turn the tide.

This weekend provides a perfect opportunity to do just that, when Notre Dame hosts a pair of conference foes in Connecticut (3-3, 0-1 Big East) and Rutgers (3-1, 0-1 Big East).

The Irish battle the Huskies tonight at Moore Krause Field at 7 p.m. before facing the Scarlet Knights Sunday at noon.

Notre Dame coach Tracy Coyne realizes the impact the next two games will have on the team’s 2005 season record.

“It’s a huge [weekend],” Coyne said. “At this stage, every game is important, and we can’t be overlooking anyone. We’ve only started Big East play, and this is a big weekend in the conference.

“I think if we want to keep our hopes alive for winning our first conference championship and getting the automatic bid, we have to win this weekend.”

The Irish haven’t had much trouble disposing of the Huskies in recent years, taking five of the six all-time matchups between the teams, including a 14-5 victory last season.

Connecticut enters this evening’s game on the heels of a tough 13-12 loss to No. 15 Syracuse on Saturday.

Historically, Notre Dame has had a little more trouble with Rutgers, though the Irish have still managed to win three of five all-time meetings. The Scarlet Knights are one of four teams to beat the Irish last year, picking up a hard-fought 7-6 victory in Piscataway, N.J. last April.

Rutgers was edged by Old Dominion, 9-8, in its most recent contest earlier this week.

The Irish take the field tonight after the previous weekend’s 10-9 overtime loss to Big East rival Boston College on Saturday. Notre Dame lost by an identical score in overtime to the Eagles in last season’s Big East final.

Facing behind 6-2 at halftime, the Irish battled back to tie the game seven minutes, 47 seconds into the second half at six and then traded goals with the Eagles for the remainder of regulation.

In a 13-26 loss, Coyne was able to knot the score at nine with only 1:07 left on the clock and force overtime, it was the last time Notre Dame found the back of the net on the afternoon.

Eagle Katherine Wagone’s two goals late in the third quarter sealed the Irish’s fate after they had put together a 14-13 tally in the first two overtimes.

“We lost two overtime games and one game by three goals, so our record could easily be 5-2,” Coyne said.

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**ND WOMEN’S TRACK**

**‘Pace’ remains key for team**

By RYAN KIEFER
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Pace is a word that is used in track jargon constantly. Usually the term “pace” describes how fast someone is running in a race.

But Irish track coach Connelly isn’t concerned with this type of pace. Instead, his team’s ability to pace itself throughout the season has been the coach’s focus this year.

Following one of the most successful weekends of the year for the women’s track team — when it notched six NCAA qualifying times and placed itself in competitive with top level teams — Connelly refused to let his team get ahead of itself.

“We need to temper our enthusiasm a bit,” Connelly said. “Last weekend was simply a good starting point, a first race. There’s still two months until NCAA Regionals.”

In an effort to establish this theme, the Irish will take on lesser competition this weekend but will send their entire team to the Preeshall Invitational tomorrow at Purdue.

The team was originally scheduled to compete at Indiana University this weekend but chose instead to go to Purdue. The meet in West Lafayette, Ind., held on Saturday will allow athletes to attend Friday classes.

The Purdue meet will give athletes who have not yet participated in outdoor competition the opportunity to compete in the events.

“You have to look at the conditions when you run outside,” Connelly said. “So many times performances can be dictated by the elements. We have to get used to these conditions. Saturday provides us with another race in which to do this.”

Connelly also said some of his top distance runners will be competing in shorter events such as the 1,500-meter to help pace some of the less experienced runners.

This will allow the distance team to get some rest after last weekend while helping teammates in the process.

With the outdoor season still in its early stages, the Irish’s goal is to gain racing experience. Technique and strategy were strong points of Notre Dame’s performance last weekend, and Connelly will be stressing those areas again this week.

“We raced very well last weekend,” Connelly said. “We were competitive and waited for our opportunities. That was our biggest accomplishment last weekend, and it was much more important than just burning ourselves out like in a time trial. Smart racing is the ultimate goal.”

**ND Women’s Golf**

**Squad returns to action in Indiana**

Colin climate expected to present problems

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

Three weeks after its victory in the St. Croix Collegiate Invitational in the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Notre Dame women’s golf team returns to action this weekend in a much cooler climate.

“We’ve been working hard on our fundamentals,” Hayes said. “We’ve been outside most of the last three weeks.”

Taking to the links for the Irish will be sophomores Stacy Brown and Noriko Nakazaki, juniors Katie Brege, Sarah Rasmussen and Hayes and senior Karen Lotta.

The competition will mark the first northern tournament for the Irish since the weather last permitted outdoor competition for the team.

The competition will be held at the Island Resort with 75-79 averages in three rounds at St. Croix.

The Irish are a combined 23-0 against opponents they face in Bloomington.

Notre Dame is currently ranked No. 45 by golfstat.com.

Challenging the Irish will be No. 70 Wisconsin, No. 84 Minnesota and No. 99 Iowa, among 14 other teams.

Rounding out the field will be Indiana, Arkansas-Little Rock, Ball State, Bowling Green, Eastern Michigan, Ferris State, Grand Valley State, Illinois, Indianapolis, Iowa, IPFW, Marshall, Minnesota, Ohio, St. John’s, Toledo, Wisconsin and Xavier.

The Hoosiers will also enter six individual competitors who will not count toward the team’s score.

Despite the mediocre competition, Hayes said the team is still overconfident.

“We know we want to win, but we’re still saying ‘oh, this is an easy tournament,’” she said. “We just want to play well and lower our scoring averages.”

The forecast for Saturday is sunny and 45 degrees, much cooler than St. Croix but dry and playable.

“We’re used to the conditions,” Hayes said. “This tournament always seems to have cold weather. It won’t affect us too much.”

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in May.
"Scoring is part of it, but making good decisions and taking care of the ball is also part of it," Corrigan said. "I think we've done a good job of making plays, but I think we can still make a lot of progress in our decision-making offensively."

Saturday's game will be the fourth all-time matchup between Notre Dame and Dartmouth. The Irish won last season's meeting in South Bend, Ind., 10-2.

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appeared to have sealed the victory, but a controversial call on a play at first base kept the game going. The Irish lost in an epic 19-inning battle.

"We've got a little bit of a sour taste in our mouths from that game because we thought we won the game," Mainieri said. "The game should have been over. We were running off the field to celebrate, and the umpire made a call that we thought was wrong.

"When our first baseman went back to argue the call, the runner ran home from third to tie the game. It cost us the regular-season championship."

Junior Cody Rizzio is one of six players on the current Irish roster who was involved in the 5-3 loss two seasons ago that lasted almost five hours. Rizzio remembers it well and is excited to face such a quality opponent this weekend.

"It's going to be a test," Rizzio said. "We've sort of started to turn the season around a little bit, and this is going to show us how we're doing.

"It's a rivalry every year. To go out there and have our fans cheering against us gets you going every game.

Burgers is coming off an 11-2 home-opener victory over Rider. First baseman/outfielder Ryan Hill leads the Scarlet Knights with a .393 batting average in only 28 at-bats. The top everyday hitters for the Knights are infielder Cory Rodriguez (.369, 94 at-bats), outfielder Johnny Defendis (.351, 97 at-bats) and first baseman Rich Camuso (.323, 65 at-bats). Infielder Todd Fraizer has six home runs.

The Knights have already knocked off No. 3 Georgia Tech and swept Big Ten powerhouse Minnesota this season.

Irish freshman second baseman Brett Lilley continues to pace the Notre Dame offense with a .384 batting average. Senior first/third baseman Matt Edwards has blasted his way to a .322 average after a solid midweek game against Western Michigan in which he homered three times over the left field fence. His home run total is nine through 23 games.

Though this weekend's series takes place early in the conference schedule, the two perennial conference title contenders are tied atop the Big East standings at 3-1. Mainieri recognizes the importance of the series.

"I think they're very important games, very critical games because if you want to beat teams out for the championship, you better beat them head to head," he said. "They're critical because you know that they're Rutgers going to be a main contender for the [Big East] championship."
Season

and earned first team All-Big East for Notre Dame this season.

"That is so important to have a good leader, you can’t win without a leader," McGraw said. "I think Megan’s going to run the team like she did this year, and she’s improved every year." Duffy will be joined in the backcourt by defensive stopper Breaon Gray, who had a solid sophomore season, and freshman Tulyah Gaines, who gained valuable experience in a backup role this season.

"Tulyah really came on at the end of the year," McGraw said. "She’s a good leader, you can’t win without a good leader, you can’t win without a good leader," McGraw said. "I really feel like she is going to be a huge weakness we had this year." McGraw said.

The Notre Dame defense wraps up a Stanford player during last October’s game. Next year’s defense will have to replace two starting linebackers.

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returning Irish linebackers with sizable game experience. They will need to fill holes left by the departure of Mike Goodey and Derek Curry and also adapt to the terminology used by new Notre Dame defensive coordinator Rick Minter.

"There is some different lingo here and there, but there’s a lot of carryover in everything we do," Minter said. "There will be a little change, but just like class, you have to study and get everything down. If you just spend 15 to 20 minutes at safety as a sophomore last year, will play a hybrid position, mixing duties of a safety and linebacker.

Chinedum Ndukwe, who logged minutes at safety as a sophomore, will play a hybrid role this season. Hoyte is taking nothing for granted.

"I don’t think it’s anything ingenuous," Minter said. "I think the best thing for us to do right now is to play with Ndukwe on the field as a ‘nickel-backer’ type guy." According to Minter, Hoyte and Mays are the frontrunners for number-one spots, along with Ndukwe, but no one is assured of anything just yet.

Despite the inexperience of this year’s linebacker corps, there is plenty of talent to compensate.

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ND Women's Basketball
McGraw, players reflect on season

Tournament upset brought campaign to sudden conclusion

By HEATHER VAN HOGERDEN
Sports Writer

The women's college basketball season concludes this weekend in Indianapolis, but the Irish will be watching on their television sets. After their season started with high hopes of Notre Dame's first Final Four since the 2001 national championship, the Irish were upset by fifth-seeded Arizona State 70-61 on March 21 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

"We met and watched the film and really I wanted them to take the pain with them," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I wanted them to remember the pain they felt in the locker room after the game and not to ever go through that again. It's all a mindset, it's an attitude that you have to have, and we just didn't seem to have it in the beginning of the second half of that game."

The Irish finished the season 27-6, the third most victories in school history, won the preseason WNFN tournament and finished second in the Big East conference. They return three starters next season. But next year's team will have the tough task of replacing graduating seniors Jacqueline Battlease, a third team Associated Press All-American, who led the Irish in scoring with 16.9 points per game, and Teresa Horn, who never missed a game in her four years.

"It's really going to be hard to replace them because they scored and rebounded," McGraw said. "Jackie, we wanted her to have the ball in every clutch situation, so we're going to have somebody else to do that."

First in line was freshman Charel Allen, named to the Big East all-freshman team this season. However, Allen suffered a torn ACL and MCL in her left knee and will have surgery in about a month once the MCL heals, McGraw said. Allen is expected to return for practice in October.

"She should be ready for practice," McGraw said. "We don't expect her to be 100 percent, but she'll be cleared to play."

"Charie was going to step up and maybe be our go-to scorer next year, even as a sophomore."

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