ND policy upheld by hall tradition

Administrators: Greek organizations unnecessary due to current four-year dorm system

By KATIE PERRY
Assistant News Editor

Editor’s Note: This is the second of a three-part series examining the absence of fraternities and sororities at Notre Dame.

Greekpages.com — the original, definitive fraternity and sorority Web site — boasts listings of 1,680 distinct social organizations at 1,291 campuses nationwide. Not surprisingly, Notre Dame is not included in this database. But why?

The immediate reason is clear. Fraternities and sororities are explicitly prohibited in the University’s rules. Though surface rationale behind the University’s lack of fraternity and sorority membership is that the University is contrary to the educational goals of the Catholic doctrine, the policy is upheld by an amendment created at a conference held in Wales in 1829.

The Church’s stance on the presence of fraternities and sororities at Catholic universities is not new. As early as 1738 — a sentiment that was later echoed and applied to colleges and other scholastic academies by Pius VIII in 1829 — the Catholic Church has no official doctrine outlawing the presence of fraternities and sororities at Catholic universities. And by virtue of the 1967 “Land O’ Lakes” statement — created at a conference held between top leaders from Catholic colleges and universities — individual institutions enjoy sovereignty in shaping Catholic character.

The University of Notre Dame, however, has no official stance on the presence of Greek organizations at the University and is consequently prohibited. Though surface rationale behind the University’s lack of a Greek system — it’s against the rules — is widely understood by students, the deeper reasoning behind the policy is less clear. Is the principle solely grounded in tradition, or are there additional factors at work?

Secrets, secrets are no fun

The Catholic Church has denounced secret societies, or exclusive social groups with rituals involving an oath of allegiance and private ceremonies or events, for more than 260 years. Pope Clement XII first condemned freemasonry in 1738 — a sentiment that was later echoed and applied to colleges and other scholastic academies by Pius VIII in 1829.

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Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Bill Kirk said while the University’s stance on Greek organizations is clear, it’s not consistent with the University’s or the Church’s policies.

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Editor

Country superstar to play concert on campus

By BRIDGET KEATING
News Writer

Students who proudly don “Don’t mess with Texas” T-shirts or are corralled by the sound of country music can purchase tickets today for the April 7 Pat Green concert at Stepan Center, co-sponsored by the Student Union Board (SUB) and Texas Club.

A major country act and Grammy nominee, singer-songwriter Pat Green has sold out large-scale venues including the Houston Astrodome and is currently on tour with fellow country music superstar Keith Urban. Green’s hit singles include “Wave on Wave” and “College.”

SUB invited Pat Green to campus as a response to student demand for a country show — part of the group’s continued commitment to bring头lining entertainment to the Notre Dame community.

“Programmers and committee members have been dedicated to reach our goals, and we continue to work hard on this project,” Board President Peter Maloney said.

Country music star Pat Green will perform at the Stepan Center on April 7. Tickets are on sale for $10 at LaFortune.

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By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

Members of the Student Senate passed a new version of a highly-contested resolution expressing strong support for controversial campus federalism at their meeting Monday.
INSIDE COLUMN

Why don't girls watch sports?

Why don't girls like watching sports?

We all know the immediate answer to this question. It's a guy thing — full-figured brawn versus brawn, the loss and win fueled competitive spirit, the imminent drive for victory, the killer instinct.

On that, but for 20-year-old girls just aren't interested.

But, logically speaking, we should be.

The athletic world is one of epic drama. It's "Dawson's Creek" on steroids — or "Absolutely not" on steroids if you're Barry Bonds, or Jose Canseco, or Marisa Jones. You get the idea.

Sporting events themselves involve fast-second broods toss the basket, fourth and long Hall Mary plays, bench-clearing fights and paralysis-inducing checks — let alone the theatrical circus that takes place off the playing field.

Brissett the back-and-forth hickering, party brook sex scandals and multimillion dollar deals. ESPN gives the Will a run for their money in the drama department. "Jaguar Beach" Railfaillitstul have put nothing on March Madness. And believe it or not, I.C. is much less entertaining to watch than 11.

My argument is simple. Sport is a form of organized hysteria and drama. Girls have a flair for the dramatic. Therefore, logically speaking, girls should enjoy watching sport. They should be glued to Sportscenter like they are glued to "Smallville." They should watch GameDay as religiously as they watch "Gillum Girls." But they don't, and I just don't get it.

Perhaps it's a matter of comprehension, the want "by" or "unreal" to learn the more complex strategies and tactics of many sports. Perhaps girls are lost in a sea of X's and O's, and thus turned off by the athleticism that dominates television today.

But let's give the girls some credit. If you can follow the storyline of one season of "Friends," you should be able to define the terms "safety," "being," or "charge." If you can name half of this season's "Big World" cast members, you should be able to identify at least some of the teams in the major professional leagues.

I'm not advocating we all kick off our heels, turn off "America's Next Top Model," remove our hot pink nail polish and remove all Jessica Simpson songs from our iTunes playlists — God no. We can leave the buffalos wing devouring, beer guzzling, and baboon-like sound effects to our male counterparts, but still have some interest in athletes as entertainers.

We don't need to become complete sports buffa because, let's be honest, there are some facets of the sporting world that aren't so entertaining. In fact, they are quite boring and it's emblematic how much interest men have in such events. The rule memorization of stats and rosters, deliberation over which commentator is most snide or which coach has the best-looking wife — let's leave these to the guys and focus on what's most important.

The blood, sweat and tears. The drama of sport.

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOUR SUMMER PLANS?

Connie Adams Regina South sophomore

"Summer school at SMC."

Carol Schaberg Le Mans sophomore

"Working at a grocery store."

Katie Habicht Holy Cross sophomore

"Volunteering at a not-for-profit doctor's office."

Jessica Porter Holy Cross freshman

"Working at Hooters."

Heather Bare off-campus junior

"I'm driving a fork lift."

Notre Dame senior Jerry Beres performs in Dalloway's Coffee House at Saint Mary's Wednesday. At one point of the performance, SMC students jointed Beres on stage.

OFFBEAT

Wily coyote captured in Big Apple's Central Park

NEW YORK — It's one tourist city officials hope won't be coming back.

A wily coyote paid a visit to the big city, leading dozens of police officers on foot and in a helicopter on a loping chase through Central Park before being captured Wednesday.

"For a coyote to get to midtown, he has to be a very adventurous coyote," city Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe said. Officials said the animal may have wandered into the city from suburban Westchester County, or perhaps crossed the Hudson River from New Jersey via a bridge, a railroad trestle or a passing truck.

Porn star hits it big as winemaker

NEW YORK — It seemed like the perfect gimmick: a celebrity porn star would launch her own wine, with her alluring picture on the label.

Savanna Samson did just that, but when it received a score of 90 to 91 out of 100 by wine guru Robert Parker, the project became serious.

It turns out Samson, the star of "The New Devil in Miss Jones," has produced an exceptional wine, becoming the toast of two industries: wine-making and pornography.

"I never wanted to just do gimmick. That would just happen with someone being a porn star, me having a photographer shoot the label, how risque could I get on the label — all those things," Samson, the stage name for 21-year-old Natalie Oliveros, said in an interview.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The film "The Rocky Road to Dublin," which documents daily life in Ireland, will be shown at 7 p.m. today in 129 DeBartolo Hall. A discussion led by English professor Luke Gilibbons will follow.

"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" will be shown today at 10 p.m. in 101 DeBartolo Hall.

The Notre Dame Accountancy Department will host its Recruiting Workshop for faculty from 3-4:30 p.m. today in room 339 of the Mendoza College of Business.

The Chicago-based country band, Strut Southern, will perform at 10 p.m. Friday in Legends. Admission is free with a ND, SMC or HSC student ID.

The No. 11 Irish men's lacrosse team will face off with Dartmouth 12 p.m. Sunday at Moose Krause Stadium at Notre Dame.

The Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair will take place Saturday at Stepan Center. The event is open to the public at 1:30 p.m. and parking is available in the D-2 lot on the north side of campus.

The Notre Dame Ultimate Club will host its annual tournament (this Saturday and Sunday. Games on both days start at 9 a.m. Saturday games will be played on McGlinn and Stepan fields. Sunday games will be held at Stepan fields.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews@nd.edu.
Notre Dame ranks 4th among dream schools

Survey puts ND with Princeton, Harvard

Special to The Observer

If it's true that "Mom and Dad know best," the University of Notre Dame is a top choice for college applicants, according to a new survey of prospective students and their parents by the Princeton Review. Notre Dame ranks fourth in a survey of some 4,900 students and parents who were asked the question, "What 'dream college' would you most like to attend (or see your child attend) if acceptance or cost weren't issues?" Also included in the top five, in order, were Princeton, Stanford, Harvard and Duke Universities. The institutions most named by students and parents were regarded as the nation's highest rated Catholic university and among the top 20 overall.

Princeton Review is a New York-based company that sells its services and books to assist college applicants in improving performances on standardized tests and in navigating the admissions process. It is not affiliated with Princeton University.

African mission book published

Historical work by assistant professor examines missionary strategies

Special to The Observer


The missionary priests of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost, or Spiritans, who came to the East African coast during the last half of the 19th century found themselves working in a society heavily influenced by the Islamic sultanate of Zanzibar and decided to concentrate their efforts on making Christian converts among the societies in the African interior. They set about ransoming the slaves brought from the interior regions to the coast, attempted to mold coherent Christian communities from these mostly young and culturally diverse people, and met with mixed success and predictably controversial results.

"I try to take seriously the historical specificity of the Spiritan missionaries who founded the Church in eastern Africa," Father Kollman said. "I focus on their back-grounds in the seminary and in social service in a 19th-century France that had new forms of social disciplining emerging. I also studied as closely as possible the available records of the Africans' responses to missionary practices.

"The shape of Christianity in Africa today looks very different from that anticipated by missionaries."

Paul Kollman author

"I sometimes feel it's just hard to remember yourself as a child what you're doing and why your doing it. Other times you have a great desire for it, but people in order, were New York professional regard the way you want. That process other challenges. I have sometimes it with others together."- multilingual:

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secret societies "may have been heard in the past, but not in place for a different reason.

"It's the nature of our resi­
dential system that makes
fragments and sororities
"acceptable," Kirk said. "You're
a member of the commu­
nity simply by virtue of being
alumni.

Welsh Family rector Candace Carson said Notre Dame's housing system is "a blend of both Catholicism and tradition." Residence halls are communities and not solely social establishments like fra­
gers and sororities, she said.

"We're not exclusive — we're inclusive," Carson said.

"At Notre Dame you're part of a community right here in the
Youn. You don't have to have a
place to put your things down."

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Catholic community on cam­
us without having the dorms set up that way, but it is conducive to a sense of tradi­tion," she said.

Traditional and omission

The Notre Dame admissions
Web site attributes the absence of Greek organiza­
tions to "the residential nature of the campus and its unique co-curricular environment in which students typically remain in the same dormitory for their entire time on cam­
pus.

"Such an arrangement fosters a strong sense of community," the Web site says.

"We've heard our residential life (described) as the advan­tages of the Greek system without any of the disadvan­tages — rush, the cliques, that sort of thing. If you're good enough to join them, you're 'dude' (and at much lower diversity of people living together)," Director of Admissions Dan Saracino said.

"There are differences, of course. For instance, you won't find the sense of closeness of those who live with their parents or with an older sister," he said. "It's more like you have a place to put your head down at night — it's a community.

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Munson said dorm life at
Notre Dame is different from
other schools in that it fosters
"generally more closely-knit groups of students of varying ages and interests."

"There is the assertion that the dorms are 'just like frats and sororities,'" he said. "The absence of these things is, in fact, an advantage."

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Ann Flies junior

Chris Lund SUB concert director

"The Texas Club approachedSUB about collaboration in
the past. When the opportunity came to bring Pat Green, we jumped at it.

"The Texas Club has sponsored four or five shows. They have co-sponsored
the p o c m o n g n o w.

"Pat Green has become so successful that we are unable to schedule him on our own," she said. "[Texas Club] has been saving money and making sure we can put those funds to use. As co-spons­ors, we are helping funding with a special emphasis on advertising — particularly word-of-mouth advertising — to bring in more than 400 members.

Flaherty said Green has a "huge following" on campus that has only been augmented by his popularity in Texas and the large number of Texans who attend Notre Dame.

"With the popularity of country music at Notre Dame, Pat Green will definitely ener­gize the campus," sophomore Chris Mueller said. "It is going to be a really good show.

"Junior Ryan Larson, a self-proclaimed country music-loving kind of guy," said appreciated SUB's initiative to bring diverse talent and culture to all musical tastes at the University.

"The $10 tickets are a steal for this major performer com­ming right here to Notre Dame," he said.

Students are encouraged to purchase tickets immediately as SUB expects a high for the limited number of seats. Tickets are on sale now for $20 at the LaFayette Box Office for all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students with a valid ID. Students may bring up to four IDs, and each ID may purchase one ticket.

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Speaker

"She is an excellent choice," McMorrow said. "It is great to bring a woman with high credentials to a school that places such value on edu­cation."

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National statistics that link Greek affiliation with habits of "excessive partying" are diffi­cult to consider within the context of Notre Dame since membership or non-member­ship in fraternities and sorori­ties is not an option at the University. But they do indi­cate the negative influences such societies seem to have on college campuses in general.

A 2001 Harvard School of Public Health College Alcohol Study found that college drinking habits were far more likely to engage in "heavy drinking" than their non-fraternity peers (52.5 percent versus 48.6 percent). More than 60 percent of sorority members engaged in "heavy" drinking, as compared to roughly 40 percent of non-sorority members.

The Harvard study also said living in fraternity and sorority houses was associated with even higher rates of binge drinking — a statistic that falls in line with a 1997 Cross Institute study which found that the "largest on-campus venu­es for heavy drinking" were to be Greek houses.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Tourist bus in Chile crashes, 12 dead

SANTIAGO — A bus carrying cruise ship tourists plunged 300 feet down a mountainside in northern Chile Wednesday, killing 12 Americans, U.S. and Chilean officials said.

Two U.S. tourists and two American-born Chilean citizens — the driver and the tour guide — were hospitalized in serious condition following the crash along a rugged highway near the Pacific port city of Arica, 1,250 miles north of Santiago, said Juan Carlos Poli, an Arica city hall spokesman.

The tourists were returning to Celebrity Cruises’ ship Millennium, docked in Arica, from an excursion to nearby Lauca National Park.

The driver reported that he lost control of the bus while swerving to avoid a truck approaching on a collision course, Poli said. The bus went off the narrow highway and tumbled down a steep mountainside.

Iraqi forces foil attack on prison

BOLIVIA — Emboldened a day after a successful attack, the government placed a heavy police presence around a state prison Wednesday, killing 12 Americans, U.S. and Bolivian officials said.

Carlos Poli, a police spokesman, said the prison was surrounded because a third member of the special unit — a 48-year-old mentally ill woman — was a suspect in the attack south of Baghdad, overwhelming the guards and capturing 50 of them, police said.

Although the raid failed, the insurgent ability to put together such large and well-armed bands of fighters underlined concerns about the ability of Iraqi police and military to take over the fight from U.S. troops. Sixty militiamen purportedly burst through the prison, which was subdued only after American forces arrived. Among the 50 captured, police said, was one Syrian.

LA PAZ — An American man and his Ugandan girlfriend were arrested Wednesday after bombs they had plans to bomb the Chilean consulate in La Paz on Tuesday, according to Issac Puente, the national police chief.

Police initially said the blasts were "typical of terrorist action," but President Evo Morales lost no time in denouncing them as an attack on Bolivia’s democracy.

This "American was putting bombs in hotels," Morales said. "The U.S. government fights terrorism and, like us, we send us terrorists." But other Bolivian officials discounted terrorism as a motive, saying the American appears to be mentally ill.

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LA PAZ district attorney Jorge Gutierrez said the suspects entered Bolivia from Argentina and carried out attacks in other Bolivian cities but caused no injuries. They also tried to bomb an ATM machine in northern Argentina, police said.

In the days before the blasts, the Uruguayan woman had been giving away promotional calendars to businesses in La Paz with a picture of her selfie and a cardboard box of explosives pasted on her knee, according to Marta Silva, who owns a store across from the second hotel.

The calendars offered the "sale and export of explosives, fireworks and liquor," with a phone number and post office box in the Bolivian city of Potosí.

SILVA said the overweight, pony-tailed American and his girlfriend appeared to be using downtown La Paz as a base for their travels, leaving for Lake Titicaca and returning before the bombs exploded.

And in hindsight, Silva said, there was one thing the woman said that seemed curious: She wanted Silva to keep her young niece close to her and not let her go outside.

The fatalities were caused by the first explosion Tuesday night in the district of La Paz.

Bolivian Indigenous traveler Agapito Martinis recovers his luggage Wednesday after a blast destroyed the motel "Rosilino" in downtown La Paz, Bolivia.

NATIONAL NEWS

Man executed for death of toddler

BRENNUS, Texas — A man who turned his girlfriend’s 2-year-old daughter to death because she was crying was executed Wednesday night.

"I am sorry the child had to lose her life, but I should not have to be here," Robert Salazar Jr., said in a final statement. "Tell my family I love them all and I will see them in heaven."

Salazar, 48, worked as a security guard at a liquor store in 1996 when Salazar told authorities he pushed the little girl, causing her to fall down and hit her head.

A police report stated that Salazar inflicted injuries on Adriana that were worse than those suffered by victims of auto accidents.

Democratic leader criticizes Bush

Las Vegas, Nevada — Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said the Democratic leader criticizes Bush economy is crippled by decreased oil and electricity production in the Middle East, as the chief diplomat of the Democratic leader said Wednesday.

"It's a failing economy," Reid said. "Bush administration ought to be doing more to prevent the crisis in the Middle East, as the chief diplomat of the Democratic leader said Wednesday."

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**Pfizer to invest money in plant**

**Drugmaker to hire more than 450 workers to manufacture inhalable insulin**

**TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Pfizer Inc., the world’s largest drugmaker, plans to hire more than 450 workers to invest $170 million at a Western Indiana plant where it manufactures the nation’s first inhalable version of insulin.**

Pfizer said Wednesday it will hire the workers over the next two days to begin the boosting to about 650 the number of employees at its Elberon inhaler production line. It also plans to invest $170 million at the 120,000-square-foot Terre Haute plant by 2009.

New York-based Pfizer received federal approval in late January to market the Exubera inhaler for controlling Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes in adults. The device offers the first new way of delivering insulin since the discovery of the hormone in the 1920s.

Some stock analysts predict Exubera will be popular, with annual sales topping $1 billion within three years. The inhaler would allow millions of adult diabetics an alternative to some of the injections they now endure.

Although Exubera sales will not start until midsummer, production began at the plant soon after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the company’s marketing plans.

The inhaler, about the size of an eyeglass case, produces a cloud of insulin powder in its chamber that passes rapidly into the bloodstream to regulate blood-sugar levels. The powder is inhaled.

Jeff Kindler, Pfizer’s vice chairman, said nearly 21 million Americans — including more than 350,000 Indiana residents — suffer from diabetes and its many complications.

"Among all our hopes is that Exubera will encourage those who are reluctant to seek treatment for diabetes to come forward and take better care of their health," Kindler said.

Gov. Mitch Daniels said Pfizer’s hiring plans are another sign Indiana is taking progress attracting life sciences-related industries — and their high-paying jobs — to the state.

"Pfizer’s decision to manufacture their newest product here is hard proof of our progress," he said.

Pfizer has invested about $160 million in its Terre Haute plant since construction began on the complex in 1999. State and local governments have approved $18.4 million in economic incentives for Pfizer to hire the new workers at its Exubera plant, which is located at a 2,000-acre site the company opened in 1948.

The plant currently employs about 350 people, 200 of whom work on the Exubera production line. Pfizer also manufactures antibiotics in a separate building at the site.

To manufacture the Exubera inhaler, workers take the original, crystalline form of insulin and use specialized equipment to turn it into a dry powder. This dense powder is then packaged in precisely measured amounts for the inhaler.

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**DETROIT — In one of the largest buyout programs ever, more than 125,000 hourly workers of General Motors Corp. and auto parts supplier Delphi Corp. are being offered up to $140,000 to give up their jobs to help cut the nation’s crippling labor costs.**

Delphi did say it expects how many workers it expected to accept the offer, but it is aiming to slash 30,000 hourly jobs by 2008.

Some workers wasted no time in declaring the deal “fantastic” and starting to calculate what they would get, based on years of service, if they decided to accept the offer.

GM and Delphi have said that if enough workers sign up for buyouts or early retirement, their operating costs would drop significantly. Analysts warned that it still might not be enough to restore the companies’ financial health or avoid a paralyzing strike.

Under the program, about 113,000 GM workers will be eligible for early-retirement incentives or buyouts of between $35,000 and $140,000 depending on how long they were employed and whether they want to keep health care and other benefits. At Delphi, GM’s former parts division and largest supplier, 13,000 U.S. hourly workers will be eligible for a lump sum payment of $35,000 to retire. Also, up to 5,000 Delphi workers will be eligible to return to GM.

The deal comes at a critical time for GM, which increased by $2.2 billion its report’s 2005 loss to $10.6 billion last week. The world’s largest automaker has been losing U.S. market share to Asian automakers and is saddled with labor agreements that make it difficult to close plants or cut workers. The plan also is crucial for Delphi, the largest U.S. auto parts supplier, which is reorganizing in bankruptcy court after filing for Chapter 11 protection in October 2005.

The companies made no predictions of how many employees might accept the offers or exactly how much they would save in operating costs.

"It’s huge, far more than I expected," Cole said. He said the deal could go a long way toward helping GM return to profitability and in speeding Delphi’s exit from bankruptcy. Cole said he expects many workers will take the buyout.

"For our members, this is fantastic," said Dan Fairbanks, president of United Auto Workers Local 1618 in Lansing. "There’s some huge incentives here."
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Peter Wicks

Englishman Abroad

There is a time in every pundit's life when he seeks to rise above ephemeral opinion-mongering and make a permanent contribution to political thought. I have decided that the time has come to unravel mine, which I call, without even the pretense of modesty, Wicks' Law. Here it is: Since print technology has not yet reached the point at which it is possible to embed sound effects in text, please provide your own fanfare before reading the nex paragraph.)

Wicks' Law: Whatever you believe, some dumb fool will agree with you.

For women, the answer used to be simple. There was finishing school and all other skills necessary to be a lady in society. This is a fact that we agree on that point doesn't mean anything, it is nonetheless frequently ignored.

For example, I believed (and continue to believe) that the United States was right to use military force to depose Saddam Hussein. When I tell to people who take the contrary view I have often found that they often respond — not always, but frequently — by denouncing some argument made by someone else in favor of the war. It is as if I am expected not only not argue for my own position, but defend any other argument that has been used to argue for that position. The belief that the United States was right in its decision to use military intervention in Iraq is something I have in common with Ann Coulter, but the mere fact that we agree that point doesn't mean we have entered into any sort of political coalition and it certainly doesn't contemporaneous to defending any other style of the Coulter's arguments.

There was a morally serious, knowledgeable and politically pragmatic case against the war. I heard it made by friends, colleagues, and professional political commentators. The fact that the war was also opposed by the likes of Michael Moore (whose views on the matter I would be inclined to dismiss as a paranoid fantasy) were not for the fact that they lack the internal coherence characteristic of a paranoid's delusions does nothing to undermine their position.

When confronted with a difficult and contentious issue it is always tempting to persuade ourselves that it is not a difficult and contentious issue at all. One way of doing that is by only paying attention to those on the other side with obviously flawed arguments (and ideally with clear ulterior motives and glaring moral defects too). A second way, every bit as popular, is by confusing what's at stake with euphemistic sound effects, which can be used to justify anything they are supposed to be doing.

Last semester an initiative was proposed in the Faculty Senate to increase cultural competency of Notre Dame's student body, possibly by means of a class requirement. When challenged as an instance of the term, Rhid Boy, chair of the Minority Affairs Committee, replied that a cultural competence initiative should be formed and it would be their job to determine what the meaning of "cultural" should be. The creation of that committee was approved earlier this semester, so I guess that the first item on the committee's order of business is deciding for themselves what it is they are supposed to be doing.

Overall, Boyd's stated position seemed to be that neither she nor anyone else involved in proposing the initiative knows what cultural competency is, they just know that it's very important and we need more of it. There is another possibility, however, I suspect that they do know what cultural competency is, but don't want to explain it in terms that have a chance of being understood in any other way than that they realize that to do so would be to risk saying something convincing and influential about Notre Dame's students. Seeking to abstract terms sterilized of meaning is an altogether safer way to go. Personally, I don't believe that cultural competency can be taught in a classroom, but those wishing to learn how to successfully navigate within the culture of a large and bureaucratic organization such as such a university could learn a lot from studying the rhetoric of those in the cultural competence committee.

This is just one of a thousand possible examples of a general temptation. The flight to lofty abstractions makes it easier to blame others for our inability to find a common ground for disagreement ("Are you saying you're against diversity and raising awareness- science.") One point that was not that politics is about difficult choices between different and sometimes competing goods. If, for example, you had a trade-off between privacy and national security we must avoid the temptation to obfuscate by saying that privacy is a thing and national security are also a thing. On the other hand, we live in a culture where obfuscation is a way of life, perhaps we should teach it. Perhaps we already are.

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Now that we have returned from a restful spring break and a chance to be with family and friends, it is important for us to refocus our minds to the Lenten season. Lenten resolutions are not like New Year's resolutions, which we may or may not stick to seriously and quickly set aside. It is easier for all of us to be mindful of Lent when we are on Campus, but we can take on a certain predictable rhythm. That is one of the reasons I halfway in jest refer the first Sunday back after break as "Ash Sunday," even if there is no distribution of ashes.

In my favorite preface for the Mass, that of Lent one, both a beautiful description of Lent and the role it plays in our lives are beautifully expressed: "You give us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed." And it goes on to make this powerful statement and promise: "As we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ, you bring the image of your son to perfection within us."

The reason for our lives as Christians is to know and love God and to love and serve our neighbor. The Gospel is filled with exhortations from the life of Christ as to how we can do this. Our love for God grows stronger and becomes real when we spend time with God in prayer, whether at Mass, at the Grotto, by praying the rosary, by reading the Mass texts for the day or the Bible, through a few moments before the Blessed Sacrament, by a reflective walk around the lake, through a conversation with a friend, by spiritual reading or in other avenues which are available to us. All of these ways have been used by generations of faithful believers who have gone before us and who have become holy men and women as their love for God deepened and became a more central part of their day and of their lives. To deepen our love for God, we increase the amount of time we spend in prayer to the extent that we can and in ways that we find helpful.

We love and serve our neighbor through sharing of time with those in need through service and by sharing our material possessions with the poor. Jesus never turned his back on anyone who was poor or came to him in need. During Lent, we try to be more aware of others so that we can be friends to the poor even as Jesus was. By making additional small sacrifices — the things we "give up for Lent" — we share our resources with those neighbors of ours who are most in need of our help.

But there is an additional challenge during Lent. As we try to increase our love for God, it is important for us to become as aware as we can of God's love for us. This love is deeply personal, it is present to us in all the circumstances of our lives no matter where our lives lead us or what joys, sorrows and challenges we have to face. When we achieve even a little insight into God's love for us we experience the deep peace that only a person who is redeemed and forgiven can feel. It is much easier to speak of God's love for us than it is to really believe it. We are constantly surrounded by the air we breathe and rarely advert to it. In much the same way, we are always surrounded by God's intense love for us whether we think about it or not. To paraphrase the Scriptures, God sees and loves us in what God sees and loves in His own Jesus.

And so as we continue our Lenten journeys during this season of grace, let us be grateful for this image of Jesus which is being brought about within us.

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**Unique sound improves with every listen**

By MOLLY GRIFFIN

The second album was re-released in 2004 in North America, and this established the band as a new power in music.

While the ambient, folk tinged music made by Trespassers William may not be immediately recognizable to listeners, it has been featured in numerous films and television shows. Programs like “The OC,” “Our Tree Hill” and “Buffy the Vampire Slayer” have all used the band’s atmospheric music, as have films like “A Love Song for Bobby Long” and “Annapolis.”

The band’s unique sound emerges as an album that almost requires being listened to as a whole. Individual songs on the record, while strong, lose something when not part of the album as a whole. “Hanging” is a gorgeous, atmospheric album that immediately impresses on first listen, but only grows better with each pass of the play button. The meandering quality of the music, along with its hybrid of pop, electronic and folk, separates it from most pop music today. Most of the songs on the album start out slowly and simply, but gradually swell into deeply engrossing songs.

The most impressive part of “Hanging” is the ability of each song to stand on its own while still managing to create an album that sounds like a unified whole. The gorgeous “Safe, Sound” opens the album, and its slow build and distortion of William’s voice creates an interesting effect. The album moves on to the beautiful “What of Me.”

The only somewhat weak songs on “Hanging” are “Weakening” and “No One,” and their weakness lies in the somewhat static sound each song maintains. While these songs aren’t necessarily bad, they lack the growing and evolving quality that the better tracks on the record exhibit. The album’s best songs, which exemplify this constantly growing sound, include the opening “Safe, Sound,” as well as “I Don’t Mind,” “Ledge,” “We Lean In” and “What of Me.”

Overall, “Hanging” is not an immediately gripping album but it, like many of the songs on the album, grows and evolves the more that it is listened to. It’s a beautiful album, and one that wins on an album that manages to create a unique sound that the band exhibits and its unique sound makes it a unique break through the hulk of bands in the music world today.

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**Black breaths new life into acoustic community**

By BOB COSTA

With a fresh approach to folk rock, Gus Black has injected new life into the genre.

Gus Black’s fourth album “Autumn Days” was recorded in his own apartment. It features his most intimate tracks, and has already gained popularity in Europe.

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Pomerium creates memorable a capella experience

By SEAN SWEANY
Scene Critic

The Leighton Concert Hall at the Dell’Arteo Studio Center for the Performing Arts was filled with the sound of the international ensemble Pomerium. The group is renowned for performing a capella music composed for Renaissance chapel choirs since 1972. Pomerium founder and director Alexander Blachly is a music professor at Notre Dame and also directs the University of Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra.

The highly acclaimed group performs mostly in New York, but has toured numerous international festivals and recorded several albums. In Pomerium, Blachly has assembled an impressive array of the best vocal talent in the country. Comprised of sopranos, a mezzo-soprano, tenors, contraltos and basses, Pomerium can sing a wide variety of songs and has the ability to fill any space with rich, full sound that floats through the air with an almost weightless quality.

Pomerium began the concert Tuesday night with works from the early Renaissance, a time when Botticelli and Leonardo da Vinci were influencing art and science. The first song was "Ave Maria" sung in Latin. The energy and emotion captured in the "Ave" set the stage for the melodious evening that was to follow.

After several songs featuring only one of the fourteen member group, all of Pomerium reunited to perform a five part Mass composed by Johannes Ockeghem. Ockeghem was a Belgian composer who is regarded as one of the most important composers of the 15th century. The Mass, entitled "Mass on L'Homme armé" combines parts of a Latin Mass with a French song whose name translates to "The man at arms is here." This unique combination was harmonic and displayed the full vocal range of Pomerium.

Immediately following the sung Mass was a sorrowful and haunting song written on the death of the composer Ockeghem. Written by Ockeghem's pupil, this song served as a plaintive memorial to the passing of the great composer. Pomerium succeeded in expressing the sorrow of the song to their audience through a language barrier.

The second set of the night explored music from the late Renaissance, a time when Botticelli and Leonardo da Vinci were influencing the arts. The first song served as a plaintive memorial to the passing of the great composer. Pomerium succeeded in expressing the sorrow of the song to their audience through a language barrier.

First, the group sang a set of madrigals, songs usually reserved for two or three voices. The effect of all 14 singers contributing caused the songs to be transformed into a also the best of the night, a beautiful "Ave Maria" sung in Latin. The energy and emotion captured in the "Ave" set the stage for the melodious evening that was to follow.

The band formed in 1999 when they moved to San Francisco. The married duo of Kori Gardner, left, and Jason Hammel make up Mates of State. The band formed in 1999 when they moved to San Francisco.

Bring It Back

Mates of State

The internationally renowned Pomerium choir performed at DPAC this week. Its founder and director, Alexander Blachly, is a music professor at Notre Dame.

Unlikely duo produces diverse range of musical intrigue

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Scene Critic

Hearing that a band is an organ and drums combo might put most listeners off, but Mates of State manage to take what could be a potentially disastrous musical equation and turn it into an extremely catchy and complicated simultaneous. The band's label, Barsuk Records, is the home of indie rock heavy-weights Nada Surf. The band has toured venues ranging from small clubs to larger festivals like Coachella and have toured the United States, Europe and Japan.

Mates of State sound is difficult to qualify. While they are a two-instrument duo, the band manages to vary the sound of their music significantly. Their vocal harmonies are complemented by the drums and organ, and their music has a generally upbeat feeling.

"Bring It Back" is a track that begs for repeat listenings. The album opens with "Thing Long," which is actually dullest and more repetitive than most of the songs on the album, but the songs get better from there. "Fraidy in the '90s" blends and "Nature and the Wreck" provide a slightly more solemn side to the record as a whole.

While the rest of the album is great, Mates of State really leave the best songs on the album for last. The swell of music and voices, coupled with great lyrics, makes "So Many Ways" one of the album's strongest tracks. "So Many Ways" is followed by "Punchlines," which deftly changes between different melodies and harmonies and builds power that leads to the final track on the album.

"Running Out," the final song on "Bring It Back," is by far the album's strongest piece. The song is longer at nearly seven minutes long, but it exemplifies the sound Mates of State has created. It starts out slowly with a single voice and gradually builds over the length of the track to showcase the harmonies and musical abilities of the band. It is a track that begs for repeat listenings, and it manages to be both catchy and complicated simultaneously.

"Bring It Back" emerges as an upbeat album with a host of undeniably appealing songs, and it may just change the way music lovers think about drum and organ duos in the music world.

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James’ triple-double de-claws Bobcats in OT

Magic defeat Knicks; Bulls lose to Pacers

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James hit the first-game-winning shot of his career with 9.9 seconds to play, leading Cleveland past Charlotte 120-118 in its first victory over the Charlotte Bobcats in 12 years.

James also had 12 assists and 11 rebounds as Cleveland beat the undermanned Bobcats and moved closer to securing its playoff berth for the first time since 1997.

Raymond Felton scored 30 points to lead six players in double figures for Charlotte, which was without starting center Boris Diaw with a sprained right ankle.

The winning shot came when James got the ball at the top of the key and dribbled into a rhythm before firing a 23-footer that rattled the rim and went in as his teammates mobbed him.

If James’ game was his crisp passing, he never would have had a chance to get his shot off.

Trapped by the Bobcats’ swarming defense near midcourt, James then sprung free of regulation, James found Flip Murray alone in the far corner for a 3-pointer and 104-all tie with 4.8 seconds to play.

James had a 22-point lead at that point. Two assistants set up Dajon Jones and Murray for 3-pointers in overtime. A fast break slam by James with 1:30 left put Cleveland ahead 116-112.

But Felton hit a 3 from the corner and seconds later added two free throws for yet another tie.

James, who went 16-for-23 from the field, finished with two free throws for a 118-116 lead and then sprinted to the hoop tie it for the final time at 118 with 20 seconds left.

Cleveland (39-29) has won three straight at home after a three-game road losing streak and is three wins shy of last season’s total of 14 to play.

The Cavaliers lead Washington by four games in the East and are 12-11 this season after opening the year 1-9 in Chicago on Jan. 14, then beating the Pacers 101-89 a week later in Indianapolis.

Magic 111, Knicks 87

Ivory Howard had 33 points and seven rebounds, and the Magic rolled over the New York Knicks Wednesday night in Steve Francis’ return to Orlando.

Howard missed the first start of his career for Orlando after showing up late for shootaround, but the second-year standout scored 10 points in 4:46 of first-half action, mainly on put-back dunks for three-point plays.

In his first game at Orlando since being traded by Charlotte, Francis had just two points in 11 minutes, all in the first half. Eddie Curry led New York with 15 points and eight rebounds, while Stephon Marbury added 12 points and five assists. Jamal Crawford and Nate Robinson each added 12 points off the bench.

Seven Orlando players scored in double figures, including Hedo Turkoglu (16 points), Darco Milicic (13), Jameer Nelson (13) and Keyon Dooling (11), Forward Trevor Ariza, acquired by the Magic in the Francis trade along with the expiring contract of Penny Hardaway, finished with 10 and against his former team.

Leading 59-47 at halftime, Orlando opened the third quarter with a 12-2 run, taking a 22-point lead at the 8:49 mark. After Howard completed another dunk to play off an offensive rebound, New York’s deficit hovered around 20 the rest of the night, ballooning to 107-81 with 3:33 left in the fourth quarter after Dooling hit a 3-pointer as the shot clock expired.

The Knicks were without rookie standout Channing Frye, who will miss the rest of the season after spraining a left knee ligament in New York’s Tuesday victory over Toronto. He was third among first-year players with 12.3 points per game, and also ranks in the top five in field goal percentage (47.7 percent) and rebounds (5.8).

New York had 22 turnovers — 17 in the first half, compared with 10 for Orlando.

The Magic’s win was their fifth straight at home, as they beat Charlotte last March 14. The Magic won the first game of their series, beating the Bobcats at Charlotte 96-86.

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National Scroll, left, hits the cutoff in a spring training game against the Cardinals Wednesday. Soriano was an All-Star second baseman for the Rangers and Yankees before this season.

**Sports in Brief**

Soriano said with a laugh.

**Associated Press**

JUPITER, Fla. — Alfonso Soriano's only chance in left field Wednesday was a reminder of the good old days, before the Washington Nationals finally persuaded him to change positions.

Soriano jogged in a few steps to catch a routine fly ball by Albert Pujols, then threw to second base to double off David Eckstein.

"I never think I'm going to make a double play in the outfield," Soriano said. "But I did it." Soriano agreed to make the move from second base only two days after refusing to take his new spot in the outfield. The Nationals had a day off Tuesday, giving him time to accept the switch.

"It's a relief for everybody, it really is," manager Frank Robinson said before the game. "We get the distractions away from here and we can focus on baseball now and getting this ballclub tuned up and ready to go for opening day."

Now, all Soriano needs is his own glove. He borrowed prospect George Lombard's outfield model Wednesday during a 9-3 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals.

There wasn't much suspense earlier in the day.

Robinson had Soriano batting leadoff in left field on his lineup card several hours before game time, and the player was all smiles during batting practice. He even signed several autographs.

Soriano was an AL All-Star the last four years at second base, and played there this spring for the Dominican Republic in the World Baseball Classic. He has never played the outfield in a major league game, and said the last time he played there in spring training was in 2001.

The Nationals got Soriano in a December trade with Texas for outfielders Brad Wilkerson and Terrmel Sledge and minor league pitcher Armando Galarraga, and general manager Jim Bowden and Robinson have been trying to persuade Soriano to switch positions since. Washington already has an established second base-man, three-time All-Star Jose Vidro.

Robinson considers the position move permanent, saying he doesn't even view Soriano as the back-up at second base.

"We're doing it for the season," Robinson said. "We didn't ask him to do it for today, that's not the answer we wanted."
Dallas rallies in third period to tame Wild, 4-2

Panthers beat Capitals; Flyers upend Rangers

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas Stars have mastered the third-period comeback.

Joe Lehtinen, Jon Klemm and Stu Barnes scored goals during a 5:18 span in the third period as the Stars rallied for a 4-2 victory over the Minnesota Wild on Wednesday night.

Dallas won for the 11th time this season when trailing after two periods, tying a franchise record for comebacks. And the Stars improved to 8-0 this season when they have a three-goal third period.

"The goal is to win the game and you have 60 minutes," Stars coach Dave Tippett said. "It just so happened that we used last 20 to do that. It would be easier on the coaches' hair color if we led a little more."

Joel Johnson added a goal, and goalie Miikka Kiprusoff contributed two assists for Dallas, which has won eight of 10.

Brian Rolston's power-play goal had given Minnesota a 2-1 lead at 15:53 of the second period.

But Lehtinen drew Dallas even at 3:47 of the final period while the Stars were short-handed, matching a career high with his 31st goal of the season.

Klemm completed the come-from-the-slot from 5:26 to put Dallas ahead for good. Barnes scored on a shot from close range for his 15th at 9:05 to make it 4-2.

"We're not deterred and they're finding ways to win," Tippett said. "They push toward it without pushing the panic button."

Klemm isn't a big scorer, picking the ideal time to notch his fourth of the season.

"I don't get in that situation very often," Klemm said.

Dallas has scored three third-period power plays, taking advantage of Minnesota's unfinished final 20 minutes of the period.

"We played a good game tonight," Wild coach Jacques Demers said. "We had a good chance to win if we play the same way in the third period and stayed out of the box. The 5-on-3 killed us. It's that simple. You can't give them penalty after penalty."

Marc Turtur made 15 saves for the Stars to match the club record for wins in a season with 37, 17 behind Hasek set a record in 1997-98 and Turtur also accomplished the feat in 2003-04.

Mariann Garbik had a power-play goal for the Wild, who are trying to make a late playoff bid. With 12 games left, Minnesota has 71 points, eight behind eighth-place Edmonton in the race for the final Western Conference playoff spot.

Panthers 3, Capitals 2

The Florida Panthers are starting to believe that they can make the playoffs.

Jon Sim, Josef Stumpel and Joe Nieuwendyk scored goals and Roberto Luongo made 28 saves to lead Florida to its first four-game winning streak of the season with a victory over Washington on Wednesday night.

The Panthers trail Atlanta by five points for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

"Each game we win we get closer and closer," Stumpel said. "We still have hope and we will keep pushing."

Brian Willsie and Dainius Zubrus scored for the Capitals and Ken Johnson made 37 saves.

Washington has now lost seven of its last eight games.

It was their seventh consecutive loss to Florida this season. Six of those were by one goal, including two shootouts.

"We squawked out a few against them," Panthers defenseman Mike Van Ryn said. "Maybe it's a little lucky that we pulled this one out again."

Washington could never get the Panthers trailing by two goals during a 3-1 loss.

"It's not the Panthers that tire you," Lehtinen said. "You have to guard against becoming morally down."

Florida took a 3-1 lead after scoring three power-play goals in the second.

Nieuwendyk passed from the left circle to Stumpel on the right side. Stumpel shot the puck under Johnson's legs at 6:03. At 8:26, Sim jumped on a rebound of a Chris Gratton shot and slid the puck between Johnson's legs. The Flyers 3, Rangers 0

The Philadelphia Flyers left Madison Square Garden in a first-place tie with the New York Rangers, courtesy of the vicesious check.

Mike Knuble scored two of Philadelphia's three power-play goals in the first period, and the Flyers overcame Jaromir Jagr's hat trick by beating the Rangers Wednesday night.

The key play was Hollweg's check-from-behind on Umberger with 3:17 left in the opening period that gave the Flyers a 5-minute advantage and caused Hollweg's ejection. Knuble and Michal Handzus scored 2:29 apart to turn a deficit into a lead before the frame was done.

"That's one of the worst hits to the head," said Umberger, who took several stitches above the eye before returning to the game. "Anytime you go into the boards like that ... it was a heavy impact."

And so was the damage Philadelphia inflicted on the long power play.

"You really have to cash in," forward Peter Forsberg said. If they kill that five minutes off, then all the advantage is on their side."

"It was definitely a big momentum change," Forsberg said.

The Flyers won for the second straight night, ending New York's three-game victory streak and catching the Rangers atop the Atlantic Division. Both teams have 39 wins and 58 points.

Philadelphia, which earned its third consecutive road win over the Rangers this season has 12 games remaining. New York will play 13 more.

"We have to make sure we're playing our best hockey," Forsberg said. "Every game is big now. We've just got to make sure we get better and better." Jags, the NHL leader with 49 goals and 104 points, scored twice in the first period in hope to give the Rangers two leads. His second-period goal cut the deficit to 4-3 and gave him 15 career hat tricks, three this season.

Hurricanes 4, Sabres 3

Justin Williams hardly celebrated when he scored Carolina's fourth goal in a game that seemed destined to become yet another Buffalo loss.

Little did Williams realize his goal — pummeling the hurricanes' lead to 4-4 in the final minutes of the second period — would prove to be the decisive one. Carolina weathered the Sabres' three-goal third-period to pull out a victory Wednesday night.

"I didn't expect it to be the game-winner, but I guess we needed it," said Williams, who also added an assist in the meeting between two of the Eastern Conference's elite teams. "It's two points and we'll get the heck out of here."

Kevin Adams, Cory Stillman and Anton Babchuk also scored for Carolina, which snapped a two-game losing streak. Rod Brind'Amour had two assists allowing the Hurricanes (46-17-6) to creep within two points of East-leading Ottawa.

" Doesn't really matter," Brind'Amour said, referring to the third-period letdown. "We got the win."

Jason Pominville, Thomas Vanek and Jiri Novotny scored goals in a 10-minute, third-period span, but the Sabres failed to get the equalizer. They managed just four shots in the final seven minutes after Novotny cut the lead to 4-3.

Although the Sabres dropped their third straight, the team's longest drought since losing four in a row in November, the play- ers were encouraged by the final 20 minutes.
Soccer

Germans beat US 4-1 in exhibition

American team plays without half of starters

Associated Press

DORTMUND, Germany — When German players left the field at halftime, their game against the United States scoreless, fans booed and whistled.

Then Germany scored 21 seconds into the second half and romped to a 4-1 victory because of injuries and club commitments, and they dropped to 0-9 in Europe against the major soccer powers of Germany, England, Italy, France and Spain. They’ve been outscored 26-4 in those games.

For the United States, which allowed four goals for the first time since a 4-2 loss at Germany four years ago, it was the last warmup against a World Cup qualifier before their tournament opener June 12 against the Czech Republic. The Americans’ remaining exhibition games are at home against Jamaica, Morocco, Venezuela and Latvia.

“I don’t think too many players played themselves onto our World Cup roster tonight, to be honest with you,” coach Bruce Arena said.

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MLB

Book confirms Bonds’ steroid ties

Giambi, Sheffield also named in allegation

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds tried to keep his name out of the BALCO scandal, sending his lawyer into meetings with company representatives to ask for protection, according to a new book.

"Game of Shadows" also details how Jason Giambi turned to performance-enhancing drugs because the Yankee first baseman felt pressured to please his perfectionist father, and made contact with Bonds’ trainer to inquire about what he was doing "to keep Bonds playing at such a high level.

And Gary Sheffield, Giambi’s Yankee teammate who admitted he took steroids but did so unknowingly, had developed a relationship with Bonds’ trainer and continued to use him as a source for other performance-enhancers such as injectable testosterone and a human growth hormone — the authors wrote.

Bonds used a vast array of performance-enhancing drugs — steroids, human growth hormone, insulins — for at least five seasons beginning in 1998, according to the book, written by two San Francisco Chronicle reporters. Excerpts from the book, scheduled for release Thursday, were released earlier this month.

The book quotes Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative defense lawyer Troy Ellerman as saying Bonds tried to shield himself from the unfolding BALCO scandal. Ellerman said attorneys from the supplement company met "three or four times" with Michael Rains, an attorney for Bonds.

"There wasn’t any payment involved, there weren’t any threats, there wasn’t any quid pro quo, but he made it very clear that Barry would appreciate it if we kept him out of it. And we had several discussions about how Mike Rains knew what the score was — and that is that he knew Barry was using," Ellerman said in the book.

"Shadows" also claims that BALCO founder Victor Conte encouraged clients to keep quiet and claim they were taking flaxseed oil if asked by authorities about their use of a designer-steroid known as "the clear," among the designer steroids distributed by BALCO that were said to be undetectable.

Bonds reportedly told a grand jury investigating BALCO in 2003 that he never knowingly used steroids, claiming his trainer had given him what he thought was fluxed oil and arthritis balm. Bonds didn’t acknowledge reporters while getting dressed for the Giants’ exhibition game against the Los Angeles Angels on Wednesday night.

The book claims BALCO’s performance-enhancing drugs were used by several other athletes, including track stars Marion Jones and Tim Montgomery; NFL players including Bill Romanowski, and Sheffield.

The authors say Bonds’ trainer Greg Anderson, put Sheffield on injectable testosterone and a human growth hormone in 2002, and also sold him the "cream" and the "clear." Sheffield has admitted that he used a cream two years ago but said he did not know that it contained illegal steroids.

According to the book, Sheffield — who started training with Bonds following the 2001 season — wanted to keep getting designer steroids from Anderson, even after the two sluggers had a falling out.

On Wednesday in Tampa, Sheffield denied using the drugs mentioned in the book.

"What can I do? I’m not going to defend myself my whole life," he said. "It doesn’t matter to me. I don’t have anything to say. No need to. It is what it is."

Giambi, the 2000 American League MVP when he played with Oakland, developed a relationship with Anderson during a baseball exhibition trip to Japan in 2002, by which time he had signed with the Yankees, according to the book.

The book said Giambi wanted to learn what was Anderson doing to keep Bonds playing at such a high level. Could Anderson help Giambi, too?

It said Giambi wanted to succeed at baseball in part because of a perfectionist father who loved the sport.

"I have nothing to say. I haven’t seen it," Giambi said to New York Yankees camp in Tampa, Florida.

The book alleges that Giambi later flew to Bay Area and met Anderson at a gym, and that the pair went to the hospital to have Giambi’s blood drawn and take a "blood sample to BALCO.

The book said Giambi tested positive for Deca-Durabolin, and that Anderson advised the slugger to try their new drug test, which was starting in the upcoming season.
SMC SOFTBALL

Offense leads to early success

Team looks to improve with new head coach

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's hopes to erase the memories of a poor 2005 campaign on the shoulders of its freshmen and seniors, as well as a new head coach.

And early in the season, the team has succeeded.

The team welcomes seven new players, while also returning seven experienced upperclassmen.

Belles first-year coach Elizabeth Sullivan has worked Saint Mary's into a formidable team. The squad trained hard in the preseason, especially at the plate, and went 7-3 at a five-day tournament in Fort Myers, Fla. during spring break.

"We've really worked on our hitting," Sullivan said. "We want to be a force at the plate. I want teams to worry about throwing us any pitch near the strike zone because we will drive whatever they throw at us."

Sullivan said the Belles will count on seniors Audrey Gajor, Bridget Grall and Meghan Marekovic to lead the Belles back to their 2004 MIAA championship form. All three seniors were present when the Belles captured their first ever conference title two years ago.

Grall said the seniors took the responsibility of helping the rest of the squad through the coaching change.

"We took it upon ourselves to make the rest of the team adjusted [to Sullivan]," Grall said.

Sullivan said these three know what it takes to win a tournament championship and will contribute greatly to Saint Mary's success this season. The freshman class has also contributed to the Belles' hot start. Freshman pitchers Kristin Anram and Galli Davison threw back-to-back no-batters on the fourth day of the tournament last week.

"We have a great freshman class," Grall said. "They blend right in with the team. You really can't see a class difference any more."

But perhaps the strongest feature of the freshman class is its versatility. With three players capable of playing two different positions — Martin Smid at both catcher and centerfield, Davison at pitcher and outfield and Ashley Fusaro at catcher and third-base — the Belles possess the flexibility to change as Sullivan sees fit.

Davison has thrived at the plate and on the mound, blasting a home run during her no-hitter last week.

"What's so great about this [freshman] group is the variety they bring to our team," Sullivan said.

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Catholic Q&A

Do I have to believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist to be Catholic?

The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist is one of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith and is essential to a true and full understanding of the Sacrament of the Eucharist, or Holy Communion. Divine Revelation, as contained within Scripture and Tradition, has always testified to the belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Bread and wine are no more; Body and Blood are all that exist. The synoptic Gospels record Jesus' words at the Last Supper: "This is my body...this is my blood" (Matt 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20). For over 1500 years, all of Christendom believed Christ was speaking literally here, having mysteriously transformed the bread and wine before Him into His very Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, and then commanding all who followed after to do likewise "in remembrance of me" (1 Cor 11:24-25). Aramaic, Jesus' native language, included over 30 different words that could have been used to mean "represents" or "symbolizes," so Jesus could have easily used one of these to explain himself if He had intended any interpretation other than the literal. However, He did not do so.

The Gospel of John relates Jesus' view of the Eucharist in even stronger language: "...the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" and "...my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink" (John 6:51, 55). Many of His disciples, showing their shock at Jesus' claims, ceased to follow after Him (John 6:66). Had Christ intended His statements to be taken only figuratively, He could easily have clarified what He had said. The fact is, however, that He did not. Rather, risking His entire mission, He turned to The Twelve and said, "Do you also want to leave?" (John 6:67). Peter, responding on behalf of the true disciples of the Lord, said, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).

Paul continues to testify to this central teaching of Jesus when he makes such a big deal about people examining themselves before receiving Holy Communion, a commentary that would have been unnecessary if we were only speaking of symbols: "...[W]henever eat the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Cor 11:27-30).

Send questions to Brett Perkins: Perkins.26@nd.edu!
Irish senior Suzie Hayes tees off at the Notre Dame Invitational Sept. 11. The Irish finished fourth at the Dr. Donnis Thompson Invitational in Honolulu, Hawaii Wednesday.

Hawaii

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way we played this week,” King said. “It would have been nice to finish ahead of a team that was ranked higher than us, like LSU, but overall I think we did very well.”

The Irish headed into Wednesday’s third and final round leading LSU by nine shots. But the Tigers shot a 293 — beating Notre Dame’s 301 — giving LSU the third place finish.

Despite Notre Dame’s inability to maintain its lead, the strong overall performance was very important for a squad that had been struggling.

“We played a heck of a lot better than we had been playing,” King said of the Hawaii event.

King wanted Notre Dame to record a round under 301.5, the team average during the fall season. The Irish finished the first round with a 299. The team then continued the steady play with a 304 and a 303 in the final two days on the course.

“Got to have a good finish,” senior Debby King said of the Hawaii Invitational. “We had been playing a lot better but we didn’t have it at the end.”

Notre Dame junior Noriko Nakazaki placed seventh overall with an eight-over par 224 in her fifth top-ten finish of the season. Irish sophomore Lauren Gebauer, recorded her first top-ten finish of the campaign as she tied for ninth place with a three-round score of 223.

No. 16 Tennessee, according to the latest golfstats.com rankings, shot a tournament-best round of 280 on Wednesday to take the team title with a four-over par 856 (288-288-280). Four of the top five overall scores were recorded by Lady Vols golfers.

Coffee and Conversation

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MEN’S TRACK AND FIELD

Tuscon meet next for Irish

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Fresh off of an impressive showing in the Cal Poly Invitational last week, the Irish will send several team members to Tucson, Arizona today to compete in their second outdoor meet of the year, the Wildcat Combined Events hosted by the University of Arizona.

Similar to the Cal Poly meet, the Irish will send sprinters and field event athletes. Distance runners will not travel to Tucson.

Notre Dame earned eighteen Big East Championship qualifying marks and two NCAA Mideast Regional qualifying performances in California.

“I’d be very happy if we could get a few more qualifying times this week,” Irish head coach Joe Plane said.

Sprinting coach John Millar stressed the significance of attaining qualifying scores early in the season.

“We don’t want to have to chasing certain marks every week. If we qualify now, we can concentrate on individual goals for the rest of the season,” the assistant coach stated.

Millar also said this meet will be more conducive to good performances by the Irish than Cal Poly.

“The weather should be a lot better than it was last week and the competition will definitely be stronger,” he said.

Arizona, Kansas State, New Mexico, San Diego State, and Wyoming will be competing in Tucson.

Among those looking to post qualifying marks in Arizona are the three Notre Dame throwers that will be competing. Senior discus thrower Meghan Illors, junior discus thrower Garett Koxlien, and sophomore hammer thrower Kyle Auren are all hoping to put up distances worthy of NCAA Mideast Regional berths.

“Overall, everyone performed great last week. I’m hopeful that those three can get it done this week,” throwers coach B.J. Linnenbrink said.

Millar said he felt the team competed well at the Cal Poly Invitational, but he added that the team should not simply be content with its initial output.

“We’re always looking to improve,” Millar said. “Across the board, everyone should be trying to get better.”

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[Image of Coffee and Conversation event]

For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students at Notre Dame

Tuesday, March 28
7:30 — 9:30 p.m.
316 Coleman-Morse

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[Image of Irish Brunch]

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innings, striking out one and allowing seven earned runs in 2 2/3 innings for the loss. Rodewald - the Irish
hitless in 3 1/3 innings to secure the win.

Mike Dury surrendered his scored seven hits and two walks in six innings to secure the win.

"I think Kyle Weiland, before he is done at Notre Dame, is going to be one of the best pitchers we've seen around here in a long time," Irish head coach Paul Mainieri said. "I just think the kid has a world of talent, and he's got poise beyond his years. He's going to be a fixture, player, big steps forward for the program." He's only a freshman," said Welsh. "It's a giant step forward for the program.

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Welsh noted also that the selection process is dramatically different since Ebel competed in 1975. The NCAA has implemented a zone system that is divided into separate but distinct areas, each of which has its own regional preliminaries, and a champion is determined at a national championships. Welsh said that divers who met a predetermined score gained entrance to the championships, but now the amount of divers has been capped at 35, making Bublin's achievement even more impressive.

"It's a giant step for him personally, and for our team we have been improving in a progress, level we want, want to be fixture, player, big steps for the door is open, we know now we just need to work hard enough to get more through.

Though the championships will be different, Welsh said it remains to be seen how Bublin will handle the pressure.

"I don't know how he'll fare, sometimes the 'wow' factor is intimidating, and sometimes not," Welsh said. "That 'wow' factor is high. It's going to be exciting, and that's going to last regardless, of how he performs.

It's a great experience for him. If he's going to be fixture, player, big steps forward for the program, he's going to keep running him out there; he's going to keep getting better. I hope he's going to get better. For some rookies there's a longer learning curve than there is for others. We're going to keep running him out there; he's going to keep getting better. I hope Bublin's diving at the Zone C meet "the highest level of performance" he's ever seen from a Notre Dame diver. Bublin has cemented himself securely in the history of the Notre Dame swimming and diving program despite being a freshman.

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"Right now it's kind of where we were towards the end or the middle of spring ball last year," Irish wide receiver Jeff Samardzija said. "We're coming out, we're starting fresh with installation and stuff. But right now we're out there playing as a group and I think everyone has that concept down, everyone's putting it on each other to do their part."

Jeff Samardzija
Irish wide receiver

Samardzija, who will attend six of the spring's 15 practices as he splits time on the baseball team, emphasized the effect of ending the season with a loss.

"You can look at games where we went out and lost our last game of the season which is, I bet you, what the guys in the locker room were looking at," Samardzija said. "They're not looking at how many catches or how many pancakes blocks they had out on the field, they're looking at that last game we lost."

Walker said spring workouts offer players an opportunity to improve their games on an individual basis.

"You've got to understand that you've got to get stronger and faster for the season." Walker said. "I think that's the main goal of the offseason, getting better at what you do ... doing the necessary things that will help you."

The first day of practice was held without pads as players became used to being on the field once again.

"We're starting to form together," Irish quarterback Brady Quinn said. "But at the same time, we looked kind of rusty, plus it's kind of hard to tell without pads on, to be honest."

Quinn said one problem with spring practice was the limited number of reps, especially for experienced players.

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Opening hits

Irish open second spring under head coach Charlie Weis with Wednesday practice at Loftus Center

By KATE GALES
Assistant Sports Editor

After a Fiesta Bowl loss and a long offseason of strength and conditioning workouts, Notre Dame returned to the practice field for the first time yesterday to begin spring camp.

"Naturally, coming out on the first day, you're going to be a little rusty," Irish running back Darius Walker said. "You've got to get the butterflies and the jitters and things out, but I think as a team our morale is up. We're definitely excited about coming in.

The team spent much of spring 2005 adjusting to a new coaching staff and learning new style and schemes of new head coach Charlie Weis after the firing of former coach Tyrone Willingham. This year, however, players found motivation in the loss to Ohio State on Jan. 2 and in higher expectations for next season.

Next year will be Irish open second spring head coach Charlie Weis with Wednesday practice at Loftus Center. Walker is a freshman who enrolled early.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Freshman to compete in NCAA meet today

Bulfin becomes second Irish diver to qualify for national finals

By TIM KAISER
Sports Writer

Freshman diver Michael Bulfin will take part in the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships today and tomorrow at Georgia Tech University. Bulfin, who is just the third Notre Dame athlete all-time to earn a spot at the NCAAs, will compete in the one-meter dive today and the three-meter dive tomorrow. The other two Irish athletes to make national meets were swimmer Tim Kegelman in 2005, and diver Bob Ebel in 1975.

While Bulfin was named All-Big East in the one-meter dive, based on his third place conference finish, it was his performance in the three-meter dive that got him a trip to Atlanta.

Bulfin finished an unexpected fourth at the Zone C NCAA Regional meet March 10 with 364.40 points to qualify for the NCAA National Championships.

"We were surprised and delighted. He was outstanding," head swimming coach Tim Welsh said. We were really happy; it was a complete surprise. We expected him to do well, but we didn't expect to qualify."

Welsh said that Bulfin's performance this year has been impressive, but what makes it all the more outstanding is that it is his first year on the team.

"His improvement this year was very dramatic," head swimming coach Tim Welsh said.

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BASEBALL

Irish top Chippewas, 11-9

Brezovsky, Barnes combine for five RBIs in team's 10th victory

By KYLE CASSIDY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame second baseman Ross Brezovsky and designated hitter Jeremy Barnes led the Irish Wednesday night in an 11-9 victory over Central Michigan at Frank Eck Stadium.

Notre Dame (10-7) got behind the powerful bats of Brezovsky and Barnes. Brezovsky was 3-for-5 with three RBIs and one run and Barnes was 2-for-4 with two RBIs and one run.

The Chippewas (9-9) and Irish both used five pitchers and garnered 15 hits each in the marathon 3 hour, 11 minute contest. Freshman right-hander David Philips made his first home start in a Notre Dame uniform and worked three and two-thirds innings.

Irish second baseman Ross Brezovsky dives back into first base in Notre Dame's 11-9 home win over Central Michigan Wednesday.

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