College pianist playing for charity

By KELLY MEEHAN
Saint Mary's Editor

When Saint Mary's senior Jill Vlasek takes the stage next Wednesday for her final piano recital at the College, she will not only be gracing the audience with her musical skills, but will also be working to improve the lives of many.

Just one year ago Vlasek, a music major and Atlanta native, was unaware of the direction her post-graduate life would take, but that all changed the day she met Chris Robinson, the director and

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Senior takes proactive immigration approach

Dingeman confronts issues with local effort

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER
News Writer

At a time when immigration is a hotly-debated topic around the country, Saint Mary's senior Katie Dingeman is taking a more constructive, hands-on approach to addressing the issue by coordinating an effort to help local immigrants deal with the challenges they face today.

The South Bend community is home to Meskhetian Turk immigrants from Russia and Liberian immigrants, with whom Dingeman said she first came in contact through her work at the Refugee and Immigration Services of South Bend.

While writing her senior comprehensive project — which focused on the integration of immigrants — Dingeman said she realized there was a "disconnect" between what immigrants expected of American life and what they experienced once they were settled.

"As a case manager at

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INSIDE COLUMN

Pushing the envelope

I've been told, on multiple occasions, that a college is more intimidating than me.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR EASTER?

Carol Matasci
freshman
Farley

"Hitchhiking to Cincinnati, because I'm staying with a friend, but she won't let me stay in her car."

Erin Rogozinski
sophomore
Lyons

"I'm going on an Easter egg hunt with the Mrs."

Sarah Hirschman
sophomore
Lyons

"Taking home these two crazy girls."

Tiffany Garcia
sophomore
Lyons

"I'm eating ham with Ron."

Kristen Drahos
freshman
Welsh Family

"Guarding Guillelmo — my bike — from the squirrels."

Mariana Montes
sophomore
Lyons

"I'm going to the best city in the world — Louisville, Kentucky."

OFFBEAT

School books wrong 'Jon Stewart' for gala

OGDEN, Utah — An embattled charter school has discovered it booked the wrong Jon Stewart for its annual gala. The DaVinci Academy thought it had made a deal with comedian Jon Stewart, star of "The Daily Show" and host of this year's Academy Awards, to appear next week. It sent out 500 invitations to businesses and planned for 100 people. But last week, it learned that it had booked Jon A. Stewart, a former motivational speaker, businessman and part-time professional wrestler from Chicago.

Rescuers go high-tech to save trapped cat

NEW YORK — Rescuers used drills, miniature cameras, cat food and even a 1-pound raw fish in a desperate effort Wednesday to entice an 11-month-old cat named Molly from behind the basement wall of a Greenwich Village deli-cateshen where she has been trapped for 12 days. The effort was renewed early in the day when workers heard the cat meowing again after several days of silence that had given rise to fears she had died. "That was a motivator to try again," said Mike Pastore, field director of Animal Care & Control of New York City, a private agency that handles animal rescues on a city contract. Pastore led the rescue team trying to locate the petrified pussycat with a tiny video camera attached to a plumber's snake. But the crew was stopped when it found that the drain, which is a doublehat, may be trapped, Molly to retreat further into the man under the front wall of the 19-century brick building.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

A Tenenbaums Service will take place today at 11 a.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

"Ben Hur," the 1959 film starring Charlton Heston, will be shown at 7 p.m. today in the Browning Cinema in the Beck Ater Performing Arts Center.

Notre Dame softball will play a doubleheader against DePauw today starting at 4 p.m. at Ivy Field.

Notre Dame men's tennis will face Louisville today at 3:30 p.m. at the Courtney Tennis Center.

Notre Dame baseball will take on St. John's at 12:05 p.m. Saturday at Frank Eck Stadium.

The third annual Spring Cut-A-Thon will be held at Salon 201 Spa, Michael's Co. 2 salon and Spa and Hair Connection Salon and Spa April 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For a $15 donation participants can get a haircut, manicure or massage. Proceeds benefit Sex Offense Services, the rape crisis center for St. Joseph County.

Notre Dame alumn and author Tony D'Souza will give a reading from "Whiteman," his first novel based loosely on his experiences as a Peace Corps volunteer April 25. The free reading will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Room of South Dining Hall.

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

By ADRIENNE RUFFNER

Blooming flowers, Easter celebration. Opening Day — in the season for beginnings. At Notre Dame, candidates and catechumens are starting a new journey of their own, into the full practice of Catholicism.

On Sunday April 2, 13 candidates became full members of the Catholic Church. They received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation at the 11:45 a.m. mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

This Saturday at the Easter Vigil Mass in the Basilica, 16 catechumens — those who have not yet been baptized — will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist and Confirmation.

"With the total number of people involved, this has been one of the biggest years in my time here," said Tami Schmitz, who leads the initiation programs. "For the Easter Vigil Mass, it's the most ever."

After masses — and in some cases years — of learning about Catholicism, the candidates stepped forward with their faith.

"My faith has always been important to me," senior candidate Hunter Craig said. "Over the last four years, I came to realize that Catholicism was the best expression of my faith. I felt it allowed me to participate more fully in the love of God."

Candidates are those who were baptized either into Catholicism or another faith, but have not been fully received into the Catholic Church through the Eucharist and Confirmation. Some have been baptized in a religion other than Catholicism, and they needed to be received into the Church," said Schmitz.

Candidates and catechumens decide to become Catholic for a variety of reasons, she said. Some have Catholic friends or family members who influenced them, some are attracted to the traditions and some have been influenced by Notre Dame's Catholic culture. Regardless of how they came to it, all have a desire to become closer to Catholicism.

"I was at first attracted to the Catholic Church because of Catholic Social Teaching and their emphasis on implementing justice in our world," said sophomore candidate Mazda Tsang. "I liked that Catholics were challenged to live like Christ and to love their neighbor, wherever he may be."

To prepare, candidates and catechumens take classes through a program called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Classes begin at the start of the school year and meet every Sunday morning for two hours, Schmitz said. Each candidate and catechumen has a sponsor who leads them through the RCIA process and beyond.

Craig said he chose his girl-friend of two-and-a-half years, senior Lindsay Cook, as his sponsor because he "thought it would also be a nice way to bring our faith experiences together."

Schmitz said about two-thirds of candidates and catechumens find their own sponsors. Others, like sophomore candidate Katie Keyser, choose sponsors from within Catholic Ministry.

"The RCIA directors actually chose [my sponsor] for me, and it worked out great. She is amazing, and I am so glad I got to know her," she said.

In addition to teaching students about Catholicism, RCIA creates a community where candidates and catechumens can ask questions, face challenges and grow in faith together.

"The whole community aspect in RCIA is one of the most rewarding features of the entire process," Keyser said.

Candidates said some of the greatest challenges in becoming Catholic were staying patient with themselves, and explaining their decision to others.

"I was nervous because I remained loyal to my own church for almost ten years, and I disliked the thought of abandoning that to which I am loyal," Tsang said. "Yet, I did not feel I was fully nourished in my church, whereas I felt my faith nourished and challenged in the Catholic Church."

As the begin their new paths this Easter, the RCIA students — now Catholics — all have an added reason to celebrate.

"If you ever get a chance to be a part of this beautiful process, don't hesitate," said Keyser. "It's wonderful."

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GRADUATE STUDENT UNION

Red Rose Gala put at forefront of meeting

By RYAN SYDLIK

The Red Rose Gala, an amendment to the constitution and officer elections were the main concerns at Wednesday's Graduate Student Union meeting.

After a request for a ticket subsidy by Kaitlyn Redfield, President of the Feminist Voice and CARE, a $375 donation was approved unanimously by the GSU council for the "Red Rose Gala: A Benefit to Aid Local Survivors of Violence Against Women." The donation is to be used as a $5 per ticket subsidy for tickets to the event that are purchased by graduate students.

"Though discussions have often been heated, one point exists on which everyone can agree — violence against women is intolerable, and as a community, we unconditionally stand united to end it," Redfield wrote in a letter addressed to the GSU.

"Together we stand to demonstrate that violence against women is intolerable," she wrote. "Please help us support those in our community who must need our assistance."

In regards to organizational business, the GSU council voted unanimously to amend its constitution to appoint representative to University committees so as to have a stronger role in shaping University policy and advocating for the graduate student population.

The topic of elections was also addressed by the council. Elections for next year's officers will be held April 19, when presidential nominee Michael Landin and co-vice presidential nominees Timothy Schoenhart and Misty Schieberle will be running unopposed.

One important topic discussed was the Health Fair to be held at the University Village May 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Health Fair will include a fire truck, a HealthWorx hummer, seabelt and blood pressure checks, alternative medicine booths, free food and other points of interest.

President of the GSU council Misty Schieberle ended the meeting on a lighter note by saying she suspected people were stealing nice chairs with wheels from the graduate student computer lab in the library and replacing them with uncomfortable chairs without wheels.

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IRL 30107:01 The Hidden Ireland TR 2:00-3:15 Prof. Ó Buachalla
IRL 40308:1 Modern Irish Poetry TR 3:30-4:45 Prof. Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill
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IRST 90535:01 Irish Literature TR 6:30-9:00 Prof. Deane

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many students, campus will be kept busy as the Basilica, the choir and South Dining Hall eagerly prepare for the final week of Holy Week.

"There are many different choral groups participating in this weekend's services, and they have all dedicated an extraordinary amount of time and effort to their respective repertoires," said Director of Campus Ministry Steven Warner. Warner said the combined membership of these choirs - which include the Liturgical Choir, the Folk Choir, the Handbell Choir and the Basilica Schola, among others - is approximately 150 musicians, all of whom have been rehearsing on a daily basis this week in anticipation of Easter. Hours have been spent in the basilica preparing for services, as well as preparing decorations, flower arrangements, Easter centerpieces, and ice sculptures. Visiting groups can also expect to be greeted at the Easter Vigil Mass on Easter Sunday in fact prepared in both dining halls, as the even time required is greater than that of any other meal a single dining hall usually handles. Visitors can also expect to be greeted with Easter baskets on every table Sunday.

"We are painting approximately 1,000 eggs to decorate the Easter centerpieces and baskets, which the students enjoy doing," said Steven Warner, director of Campus Ministry.

Passover

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meal, typically the father figure in a household, was instead a Catholic priest. Father Michael Acko - who teaches a graduate level course on the fachurics and has led Seder meals in the past - walked the participants through the liturgy with his knowledge of Hebrew songs and Jewish customs. For sophomore Lisa Zirkuhl, Wednesday was her first Seder and she said she was pleasantly surprised by the joyfulness of the celebration.

"I've always been into the Jewish religion and I saw this as a good opportunity to get a better understanding of the traditions and maybe participate in them," Zirkuhl said.

Rabbi Michael Signer, an Abrams Professor of Jewish Thought and Culture, described the experience of being Jewish at a Catholic university as a chance to share his religion's customs with members of a different faith.

"We focus on very different 'events,' but both Passover and Easter disclose a similar form on remembering the poor and less fortunate, the need to empathize with those who are oppressed and provide occasions for hope in a very dark and cruel world," Signer said.

The structure of the Haggadah readings makes the Seder meal a family-oriented event. The liturgy, a dialogue between parents and their children in the form of question and answer sequences in pass on the symbolic meal within the meal. In the liturgy, children question their parents about the meaning behind the different foods and drink served.

"Parents are having their children eat their history," Driscoll said. Mona Zigman, the president of the Jewish Student Club, is staying at school this year during the Passover week and will observe the two Seder meals of Passover without her family.

"You're used to the type of Seder meal your family has and being around your family," Zigman said. "Going to other Sederos, it's just different cus- toms.

Zigman said it is sometimes difficult for her to live out her faith at Notre Dame, not because of the Catholic nature of the university, but because of the lack of a Jewish community. Even in the Jewish Student Club, Zigman said, only three or four out of the 15 members are Jewish.

"Hopefully, through the Jewish club growing in population, there will be more a active Jewish community," Zigman said.

"Second year student Rachel Wolock celebrated the first night of Passover in Welsh Family Wednesday, but will return home to eat the second Seder with her family. Wolock said attending a Catholic university has not negatively impacted her faith.

"I think a lot of people here - their faiths are very important to them and they're respectful of other people's traditions," Wolock said.

During Passover, some Jewish families in South Bend invite Jewish Notre Dame students to join in their Seder meal. The Jewish Federation of Saint Joseph's Valley, a large community in South Bend, serves a large faction of the local Jewish community.

The Federation's programming and social services director Edel Barky recounted the history of the Jewish people under slavery and the symbolism behind the observation of Passover.

"Through the Seder, we attempt to bring alive for us today that Exodus experience," Barky said. "We are supposed to feel as though we were slaves in Egypt and we are liberated, because for Jews, history is not a dull thing. It is a very living thing."

Barky said though the influence of Notre Dame and its Catholic traditions are palpable, the Jewish community has lived and survived as a minority popula- tion for thousands of years.

"The minority experience is something that's very familiar, I think for the most part people go about their business," Barky said. "We live with Christmas all the time ... that's part of being in America."

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The Snite Museum of Art and the Department of Art, Art History, and Design congratulate the following Student Show award recipients

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Bomb threat lands British plane

LONDON — Fighter jets escorted a commercial airliner carrying 172 people to an airport in Scotland on Wednesday after a passenger passed the captain a note saying there was a bomb on board, and the plane landed safely, authorities said.

Ryanair Flight FR254, a Boeing 737 en route from Paris to Dublin, Ireland, was escorted to Glasgow's Prestwick Airport, which was closed for about two hours while Army explosives experts searched the plane. No bomb was found, Strathclyde police said.

Afghans sell stolen U.S. intelligence

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — A shopkeeper outside the U.S.-led base who said Wednesday he was selling computer memory devices for the source of the embar­rassing leak, which has led to disks with the personal letters and biogra­phies of soldiers and lists of troops who completed in the next few weeks.

The surfacing of the stolen computer devices has sparked an urgent American military probe for the source of the embar­rassing leak, which has led to disks with the personal letters and biogra­phies of soldiers and lists of troops who completed in the next few weeks.

Police Chief Aaron Ambrose said detectives had seized records about library patrons under the privacy act when questioned by police, authorities said, and expressed no remorse. They could face criminal charges for collecting cash and other gifts.

Prosecutors drop Patriot Act case

STAMFORD, Conn. — Federal prosecutors said Wednesday they were trying to determine how many donations were received by a couple falsely claiming they were the new parents of sextuplets.

Sarah and Kris Everson of Grain Valley admitted the scam when questioned by police, authorities said, and expressed no remorse. They could face criminal charges for collecting cash and other gifts.

Prosecutors alleged, but U.S. Attorney Kevin O'Connor said Wednesday that the appeal no longer made sense.

ITALY

Prodi to modify U.S. relations

ROME — For most Americans, Italy is the country of luxury wear, good food and fine wine. But a center-left gov­ernment led by Romano Prodi came to see Italy's relationship with the United States, including a return to the "old Europe" that opposed the war in Iraq, and how it worries about what it considers Washington's aggressive foreign policy.

Ties with the United States could faintly be heard in the trial when Prodi is asked to push for the arrest and extradition of 22 purported CIA agents who have been accused by the Iranian pro­secutor of kidnapping an Egyptian cleric from Milan as a suspect in the 1996 bomb attack.

Italy has been a close ally of the United States since the Cold War, playing a leading role in NATO over protests from Italy's Communist Party, the largest Marxist movement in the West.

The country adopted the U.S.-built nuclear missile Silvio Berlusconi raised the relationship to a new level when talking within minutes of seizing power. But conservative Premier Silvio Berlusconi raised the relationship to a new level when talking within minutes of seizing power. It was really no difference in the end of the year.

Now, Prodi, a staunch critic of the war, is set to become the next prime min­ister after official results showed that his center-left elec­tion won national elections earlier this week, although Berlusconi has demanded a recount and refused to con­cede.

Prodi's platform and pub­lic statements make clear he intends to focus on closer relations with other European countries and work for a joint European Union foreign policy, saying only the bloc as a whole can counterbalance American power.

Talking Wednesday with foreign journalists, Prodi used the word "Europe" repeatedly when asked how his government would deal with it.

He said in a major foreign policy address last year that Washington should recog­nize "more united Europe is not a challenge or a threat to American power, but a crucial ally in the management of global prob­lems."

As for Iraq, he said there was no reason to believe Washington should recog­nize "more united Europe is not a challenge or a threat to American power, but a crucial ally in the management of global prob­lems."

Associated Press

New Premier staunch critic of Iraq War, promises to withdraw troops by year's end

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No bomb was found, Strathclyde police said.

Noe, 36, served one year and 13 months in prison earlier this week.

No bomb was found, Strathclyde police said.

Italian center-left leader Romano Prodi delivers his address at a post election rally in his hometown of Bologna, Wednesday.

Moussaoui jury hears cockpit tape

Associated Press

In those remaining two minutes, more voices are heard than earlier, including some saying in English: "Go. Go."

"Push. Push, push, push, push."

"Move."

"Give it to me."

"Give it to me."

Then in Arabic: "Give it to me. Give it to me."

Finally in Arabic: "Allah is the great­est. Allah is the greatest. Allah is the greatest."
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BRIEF

Stocks rebound from Tuesday losses

NEW YORK—Stocks ended a quiet session with a moderate gain Wednesday on strong earnings news and a decline in the trade deficit. Wall Street rebounded from Tuesday's losses after Circuit City Stores Inc. reported its earnings jumped 65 percent. The electronic retailer's news, coming off an upbeat earnings report from Alcoa Inc. early in the week, reassured investors nervous about rising commodity prices and their impact on corporate profits.

In economic news, America's trade deficit improved in February, as the imbalance with China dropped to the lowest level in nearly a year. The trade deficit was still the third highest on record. The deficit for the first two months of this year is running 13.5 percent above the pace in early 2005, a year when the U.S. deficit hit an all-time high of $723.6 billion.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that the deficit fell to $65.7 billion, a 4.2 percent decline from January's record imbalance of $68.7 billion.

We have a minor stabilization of the market after a couple of slightly softer days,” said Stuart Schweitzer, global markets strategist at JPMorgan Asset & Wealth Management. "No big surprise."

Alabama reforms income tax policy

MONTGOMERY—Alabama's dubious distinction as the only state to levy income taxes on a family of four making less than $10,000 came to an end under a bill Wednesday signed by the governor.

Under tax-cutting legislation that will take effect in January, the threshold at which such families will start paying income taxes will rise from $4,600 a year to $12,500.

"This ends 23 years that Alabamians have labored under the nation's most unfair tax system," Gov. Bob Riley said. "Well, in Alabama today, that unfairness ends.

The GOP governor worked with the Democrat-dominated legislature and Alabama Arise, a church-funded lobbying group for the poor, to get the tax break passed after years of seeing similar bills fail.

Associated Press

HOUSTON—Jury's another business lesson from Jeffrey Skilling the professor, discovered he was angry at the government for bringing fraud and conspiracy charges against him and heard more repeated assertions he did nothing wrong that led to the implosion of Enron Corp.

Before a strategy from the previous day, Skilling's attorney, Daniel Petrocelli, used the 28-count criminal indictment against Skilling as a road map to counter the government's case against the former Enron chief executive and his co-defendant, Enron founder Kenneth Lay.

Skilling is charged with fraud, conspiracy, insider trading and lying to auditors, Lay, who also plans to testify, faces six counts of fraud and conspiracy.

Specifically addressing the conspiracy charge in the indictment, Petrocelli in a series of rapid-fire questions asked Skilling if he and Lay were engaged in a criminal conspiracy, discussed breaking the law, entered any "agreement" and "bargain," or whether anything by which they were "to do illegal things together."

"This is 100 percent untrue," Skilling said of the charges of an indictment.

Instead, he said the pair of executives formed a "good team."

 Asked if he was aware of anyone breaking the law at Enron, Skilling said the company had internal controls designed to detect such problems.

"I was aware of no illegal activity at Enron," Skilling replied.

And if he had learned of the criminal activity of then-Enron Chief Financial Officer Andrew Fastow, who skinned millions from the company and has pleaded guilty to conspiracy, Skilling said he would have called the FBI, adding quickly, "I might have a little hesitation now."


Before proceedings began, Skilling professed his third day on the stand in his own defense a bit of a sugar and a kiss for his wife, Rebecca Carter, at the courtroom rail, then walked toward the witness chair. Petrocelli said he was likely to finish his questioning of Skilling by the end of the day Thursday. Cross-examination of the key witness wasn't likely until next week, the 12th week of the trial.

Responding to other specifics in the indictment, Skilling denied lying about unreserved reserves to pump up earnings and defended his statements that Enron was not merely a company dominated by speculative trading activity but had hard assets like power plants and pipelines.

Twice Wednesday, Skilling left the witness chair and spoke directly to the jury like a college professor lecturing a class. He drew a chart to explain how energy trades worked at Enron and then a second time lectured them with an explanation of a large illustration that tracked Enron's trading activity and the volatile swings in the energy market in 2000.

In each case, U.S. District Judge Sim Lake left his chair at the bench for another seat in the courtroom to get a better look. Some jurors also stood to watch.

"Does that make sense?" Skilling wrapping up at one point, said to jurors. "They can't answer your question," Petrocelli reminded him.

Enron founder Kenneth Lay and his wife Linda leave the federal courthouse at the end of the day in the 11th week of his fraud and conspiracy trial Wednesday in Houston.

Associated Press

GM: Delphi workers won't strike

NEW YORK—General Motors Corp. executives don't believe Delphi Corp. workers will strike, said Robert Lutz, the Detroit auto maker's vice chairman of global product development.

"We just absolutely refuse to believe that there's going to be a strike," Lutz said during a conference call on the sidelines of the New York International Auto Show, "We're gonna work our way through it."

He added, "None of the three parties would benefit from a strike, not the UAW (United Auto Workers), not Delphi, not General Motors." GM, which owned Delphi until a 1999 spinoff, is the supplier's largest customer.

The industry veteran also said GM is on the upswing and expressed faith in GM Chief Executive Rick Wagoner. Wagoner has faced criticism from GM's continued market-share declines.

Delphi, operating under Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, has filed a motion asking a judge for permission to cancel its labor contracts. No action is expected until June.

Delphi, the UAW and GM are embroiled in three-way negotiations, as Delphi tries to slash labor costs.

Delphi has about 6,000 employees in Indiana, most of whom work at the company's Electronics & Safety Division headquarters in Kokomo. It also has about 700 workers at an Anderson plant that's due to close.

Delphi's unions, most notably the UAW, have said a strike would be likely if Delphi receives approval and voids the contracts.

When GM stockpiled auto parts in anticipation of a Delphi strike, Lutz said the auto maker is "taking prudent planning measures as necessary,"

Lutz dismissed speculation that the world's largest auto maker will be forced to file for Chapter 11 protection, weighed down by high labor and raw material costs and competition from overseas.

"Imminent GM bankruptcy was always fiction, created by Wall Street and the media," Lutz said.

GM shares rose 81 cents, or 4.2 percent, to close at $20.03 on the New York Stock Exchange.
Refugees

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refugee services, I kept hearing the same questions and problems over and over again from the immigrants, and I thought there had to be a more effective way of addressing them," Dingeman said.

Dingeman said her observation led her to apply last semester for a Bridging College with Community grant through the joint support of the Center for Women's International Leadership and the Office for Civic and Social Engagement. This grant funded the creation of the Cultural and Community Orientation for Refugees program at Saint Mary's.

Dingeman heads the program with assistance from Saint Mary's sociology professor Susan Alexander and Refugee and Immigration Services of South Bend.

According to Dingeman, the program was created following a "participatory learning in action model" where adult immigrants participate in a series of eight discussion workshops designed to "take an active role in their learning." She said she feels the workshops — which cover topics ranging from the laws and rights of the United States, employment, green card forms, history and culture — will better address the problems immigrants face when first arriving in the U.S. than the three-hour orientation session provided by refugee services.

"The immigrants are teaching me just as much as I'm teaching them," Dingeman said. "I grow a lot more from the interaction in the workshops during skills and other activities than I do from driving them to appointments or helping them at the welfare office."

Dingeman said currently the program has 15 Liberians and about eight Meskhetian Turk adult participants, as well as around 15 Liberian and four Meskhetian Turk children. When Dingeman created the program she said she requested the assistance of her fellow refugee services employee junior Rachael Stowe with the coordination of activities for the immigrants' children.

Dingeman said Stowe worked together to select Saint Mary's student volunteers to assist with the care of the children, and according to Stowe they have been able to plan many activities. "During the adult workshops, myself and several student volunteers generally do various activities with the children. We have had a craft day, a movie day in Vander Venet and a game day outside on Library Green."

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After Dingeman graduates this spring, Stowe will be taking over as the driving force behind the program, which she says she will only slightly change if funding is approved again.

"My goals for next year will develop from feedback of the people currently in the program on what they thought was especially good or difficult," Stowe said. "But the only considerable change I can imagine is making the program year-round instead of only a semester."

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Analysts gather at war symposium
Gathering evaluates average American’s level of interest in Iraq war

Associated Press
CABRILLO, Pa. — What are the implications if a nation goes to war and its people barely pay attention?

Roughly 150 military leaders, policy analysts and academics gathered at the Army War College on Wednesday to address that question, with the U.S. beginning its fourth year of a conflict that has cost more than 2,300 American troops. A main concern, analysts say, is that Americans may lose patience with the fight against terrorism in Iraq and elsewhere, and ultimately decide that the fight is costing too much in money and lives.

Despite the two fronts in Iraq and Afghanistan, President Bush has not asked for personal sacrifices on the scale of those made during World War II, when Americans bought war bonds and rationed sugar and other goods.

Also, because the U.S. has an all-volunteer military, fewer people have a personal connection to a service member than was the case, for example, during the Vietnam War, when many soldiers were drafted. "It’s extremely important then to ensure that the population itself both recognizes the necessity of the action, but is also willing to sit and bear some of the burden," said Army Lt. Col. Natalie Hume, a professor of national security affairs at the college’s Strategic Studies Institute.

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"Before you ask for shared sacrifice, there has to be consensus of shared goals and objectives, and if you look at any opinion poll, the nation is deeply divided over what the war on terror means, and how to prosecute it," Mansoor said.

James Carafano, a research fellow at the conservative Heritage Foundation think tank, said he believes Americans have many misconceptions about the several newest conflict solution is to blame for a flurry of patents and applications.

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In a long war such as the current one in Iraq, Carafano said, "you are as concerned about maintaining the productive capacity of the state as you are about getting the terrorists, or the insurgents. That means you have to give equal weight to ensuring the state is healthy and operating long the term."

Paul Severance, a retired Army officer who was in the Pentagon when it was struck on Sept. 11, 2001, by a plane hijacked by terrorists, said it worries him that he does not see as many American flags flying today as after the attacks. "A nation just can’t wage a war independent of what the people are willing to sacrifice," said Severance, who now teaches at the National Defense University. "In the longer term, I’m just worried we're going to get complacent."

Company scrambles to reassure investors

Associated Press
IRVINE, Calif. — Bausch & Lomb Inc. scrambled to reassure investors Wednesday when a group of high-ranking company officials told them to unravel the mystery behind the company’s newest contact lens solution is to blame for a flurry of patents and applications.

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The source of the apparent spike in Fusarium keratitis infections linked to ReNu has eluded scientists, and contact-lens solutions have been a popular topic in recent years, with more than 100 million prescriptions written each year.

But scientists have looked at all of that and the infectious disease experts say the epidemic is still a mystery.

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Fusarium is commonly found in plant material and soil in tropical and subtropical regions. Without eye-drop treatment, which can last from two to three months, the infection can scar the cornea and blind patients. Symptoms can include blurry vision, pain, shallow corneas, excessive discharge and increased sensitivity to light.

Federal health officials have made no direct link between ReNu and the infections but the presence of the affected people had used the contact lens, which was discontinued last year.

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Of Condi and cartoons

In an April 12 Viewpoint letter, the Saint Mary’s Board of Governance doesn't consider the phenomenon to be "something that is funny and makes others laugh" and then goes on to implicitly characterize the infamous "parasite joke" as an unfunny lie. But there is never an explanation of what does, in fact, make a joke funny and laughable. In my experience, a reasonably popular description of a successfully funny joke is one that employs a small percentage of truth and a large percentage of exaggeration.

Conveniently, this idea applies to the two comic strips also published on April 12. Jocular suggests that Condi Chucotka Cereal "may cause heated affirmative action debate" and CrossonianWorld says that class registration will be replaced by a "punch the monkey" system. I do not consult the comics as a source of daily news and, therefore, do not believe that people are actually choosing classes by whacking imaginary monkeys or getting into arguments about the color of their cereal, just as I do not believe that Saint Mary’s students are parasites.

If, however, you recognize that our class registration system is flawed and our campus has a tendency to erupt into debate over almost any issue and, that is why the jokes are funny. The point then is that from my Notre Dame student perspective there is a small and fairly specific target behind the exaggeration of the parasite joke.

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CD REVIEWS

‘Me and My Gang’ consistent pop-country

By LIZ BYRUM
Assistant Scene Editor

Just hearing the title of their latest CD clues country listeners in to the fact that the new CD by Rascal Flatts doesn’t take them too seriously. “Me and My Gang” is the pop-country band’s first studio release since 2004’s “Feels Like Today.” The album is made up of much of the same melodic harmonies that have defined the group since its inception, but that’s not necessarily a bad thing.

Thriving in a musical genre that exists in a constant tug-o-war between real country and pop pleasures, Rascal Flatts has continually succeeded in creating entertaining pop-heavy music disguised as country that is okay for adults to enjoy. In fact, the only real evidence of legitimate country that can be found on this album is the song “Backwards,” which takes listeners through a fast-paced twangy lesson of “what you get when you play a country song backwards.”

Rascal Flatts first formed when second cousins Jay DeMarcus and Gary Levox enlisted Joe Don Rooney to join them as a substitute guitarist during a gig at Nashville’s Printer’s Alley. They gained immediate success with the release of their first self-titled CD and its first single, “Prayin’ for Daylight.” Since then that make Rascal Flatts stand out have paid off. Since the release of its first album, the group has won the Country Music Association’s (CMA) Horizon Award in 2002, as well as the CMA Vocals Group of the Year Award for three consecutive years (2003 through 2005).

The first track on this fourth studio release, titled “Stand,” is an inspirational, somewhat corny piece about picking up the pieces and putting them back in place. Although it may not be the most powerful song on the album, its strong chorus, which includes the lyrics “Cause when push comes to shove / You taste what you’re made of / You get mad you get strong / Wipe your hand shake it off / Then you stand,” leaves an agreeable feeling in the listener.

“What Hurts the Most,” the first single released single, brings listeners “Me and My Gang” and its well-known sound on two tracks on the album. In the title track, “Me and My Gang,” the band channels Big and Rich as they sing “When me and my gang / We live to ride, to live / Me and my gang / Jump on that train / Grab bolt of them reins.” The song also steals a talk box guitar sound that was made famous on the well-known Bon Jovi hit “Livin’ on a Prayer.”

The second song that could make listeners stop and question if they are really listening to a Rascal Flatts CD is “Yes I Do.” This song, with a simple “yes, I miss you” theme, begins with a swaggering reggae beat that seems more like something on a Kenny Chesney album. However, as soon as the recognizable voice of lead singer LeVox chimes in, it once again becomes clear which country group are creating the simplistic, reliable sound.

Rascal Flatts goes one step further on “Me and My Gang” to please its adoring fans. There are not only 13 new tracks included on the disc, but additional new live versions of three past hits, “Love You Out Loud,” “Mayberry” and one of their most popular hits, “These Days.”

Although they don’t introduce any brand new material, Rascal Flatts continues to succeed at giving their fans exactly what they want — fun, consistent sounds that are pleasing to the ear.

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‘Sing-A-Longs’ a curious cross of feel-good nostalgia

By CHRIS McGRAHY
Assistant Scene Editor

Past sunny days, best friends and fun times — some memories never get old. Jack Johnson’s latest effort “Sing-A-Longs and Lullabies for the film Curious George” is a hefty dose of nostalgia, and in this case, is just what the doctor ordered.

While reminiscent of much of his previous work, Johnson’s sound on this album never lades or becomes tired. While some artists are criticized for their lack of variety and growth, here it works for Johnson. His feel-good, “warm day on the beach” sound is the type of auditory candy that has lured a healthy number of the listener back to his youth. This CD in particular is geared toward a younger audience, hiding moral and life lessons in the music.

This effort features Johnson paired up with other popular artists, including up-and-comers Ben Harper and Matt Costa, as well as tried and true favorite G. Love. The best songs on the CD are the ones that feature the accomplishment of these prominent musicians, including the songs “Jungle Gym” (featuring G. Love), “Lullaby” (featuring Matt Costa and “With My Own Two Hands” (featuring Ben Harper).

Johnson, famous for his melodic strumming and lackadaisical sound, originally struck gold as a direct result of his professional surfing career. Featuring the same group of artists at the film University of California-Santa Barbara, Johnson helped produce an accompanying song, “Jungle Gym,” featuring G. Love, is the type of sound that can’t help but remind the listener of past times. The next song, “We’re Going to Be Friends,” is a remake of the version by White Stripes and is well done. This track may be recognized from the sound track of the popular movie “Napoleon Dynamite.”

“Lullaby,” featuring Matt Costa, is one of the top two songs on the album, Costa and Johnson’s voices complement each other brilliantly, and the guitar work on the song is soulful and strong.

The best song on the CD — “With My Own Two Hands” — features Ben Harper and is the type of song that the listener can hear over and over without it growing old. As the song crescendos, it becomes more enjoyable, and by the end of the track, the listener is only ready to hear more. Once again, Johnson’s voice meshes wonderfully with his accomplishment, as Ben Harper’s impressive — albeit unusual — voice strikes well with Johnson’s restrained tone.

“Sing-A-Longs and Lullabies” is a strong album, but not a great one. Despite Johnson’s familiar sound and warm tone, the listener cannot help but notice that most of the songs are very similar. However, the fact that his albums can be quite homogeneous and still maintain their musical attractiveness is a testament to the effectiveness and talent that Johnson possesses.

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**Religious movies find niche in Easter season**

**By MARTY SCHROEDER**

There was a time when movie pictures were considered the work of the devil, but in the 1950s special attention was given to the relationship between religion and the cinema as old as the medium itself, but there have been points in film history where religion has become the focus of a film. People have their own opinions of how religion should be treated on film and these opinions range from the respect to the artistic, to the musical. A plethora of religious films are available this Easter season to anyone with $3 and a Blockbuster card.

**The Ten Commandments (1956)** Directed by the prolific Cecil B. DeMille and starring Charlton Heston as Moses and Yul Brynner as a favorite Rameses, this film brought the story of Exodus to the silver screens in epic proportions. This film clocks in at 3 hours and 40 minutes so this would be good to watch over the Easter weekend.

It is notable for the gargantuan cast used in the making of the film, which included 14,000 extras and 15,000 animals. The special effects were also cutting-edge. To create the sandstorm in the desert, the special effects team brought in a Volkswagen bus.

**The Passion of the Christ (2004)** Mel Gibson's controversial film about the last hours of Jesus was one of the most widely discussed films of 2004. Many Jewish groups condemned it for racism, alleging a questionable depiction of the Jews, while many Christian groups hailed it as an accurate representation of the events according to the Gospel account.

Whichever one may think, this is not a film for the faint of heart. The scourging at the pillar and the crucifixion are displayed in full detail down to a close-up of a nail being driven through Jesus' hand.

Jim Caviezel and Monica Bellucci put in excellent performances as Jesus and Mary Magdalene. Rosalinda Celentano also performs marvelously as Satan. This word to the masses is that you need to watch it. It is subtitled for the large percentage of the general populace who are not Biblical scholars.

**The Last Temptation of Christ (1988)** Directed by Martin Scorsese, this film focuses on the incarnation of Jesus. Starring Willem Dafoe as Jesus and Harvey Keitel as Judas, the film explores the personal difficulties the historical Jesus would have encountered in his ministry. A Catholic himself, Scorses encountered scathing remarks from many who claimed the film was heretical and the Catholic Church went so far as to place it on its banned list of films. This is a thought-provoking film that may offend many. But it provides an excellent comparison to "The Passion of the Christ"—both films provide two very different takes from two Catholic directors.

All of the aforementioned films are an attempt to navigate the stories of the Bible through the eye of the cinema. They approach religion from different vantage points but are all sincere in their own exploration of humanity's relationship with the divine.

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**Powter’s distinctive, melodic sound crosses Atlantic**

**By LIZ BYRUM**

There’s nothing like a song called “Bad Day” to put someone in a good mood. That’s exactly what Daniel Powter’s first single did throughout Europe in 2005. That mood has now spread to the United States with the release of Powter’s self-titled debut album.

Powter, born in British Columbia, Canada in 1971, began to hone his musical talents when he began playing the violin at age four. With the influence of his pianist mother, his main instrument became the piano by the time he was a teenager. Powter studied music at Grant McEwan College for two years before dropping out due to difficulties with his voice. Between his time in college and the release of his debut album, Powter moved to Vancouver, British Columbia, and became entangled in drug use. After almost a decade of cocaine abuse, Powter entered a rehabilitation center where he dealt with his addiction for almost two years. Although on the first listen the non-famous song “Bad Day” may seem like a carefree tune, it was partly written about those two horrible years. Powter spent pulling his life back together. He considers it his way of helping prevent young people from making the same mistakes he did.

Today, “Bad Day” has become a sensation on radio stations all over the world because of its smooth vocals and bouncy beat. The song has even gained commercial success as the theme song for a European Coca-Cola campaign, and as a heavily played song on the fifth season of American Idol. “Bad Day” currently holds the No. 1 position on Billboard’s Hot 100 List, and has been present on the chart for the eight consecutive weeks since its debut.

After recovering from his addiction, Powter took his act on the road in 2005, where he toured Europe and played in the Berlin Live 8 benefit concert, which raised awareness of global poverty stricken communities of Africa.

Powter’s music is most definitely characterized as “pop,” however he creates a unique sound that can be heard from other artists today. Piano melodies screech that echoes out of a few of his songs. Like nails on a chalkboard, it’s downright disturbing.

With all of the pop music crowding radio stations all over the world, Powter is a refreshing move away from the norm.

His form of pop gives new meaning to Powter’s vocal and piano playing skills. The fastest paced songs take listeners on a trip to a ‘70s dance floor. One of the best includes “Hollywood,” a scathing tune about the artificial world of stardom in the city. With lyrics that include, “You could be my star for weekends / Do you like your Hollywood?” it’s easy to see how Powter feels about the subject.

That one song on the album that appears questionable is “Jimmy Gets High.” The song seems to be another reflection of Powter’s time as a drug addict, with lyrics like “Jimmy you know / Everybody hates you when you’re living off your rock ‘n’ roll / So you get high tonight.” Although the song begins with a simple but effective sound, it takes a downward turn as Powter’s voice continues to climb higher and higher.

As is evident in “Jimmy Gets High,” the only thing that keeps this CD from getting a higher rating is the slight screech that echoes out of a few of Powter’s songs. Like nails on a chalkboard, it’s downright disturbing.

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**CD Reviews**

**Powter’s self-titled debut album, with the Warner Bros/WEA label, first achieved success in Europe in 2005 but is gaining recognition in the United States with his hit “Bad Day.”**

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**SMC SOFTBALL**

Belles hope to stay mentally sharp

By DEIRDRE KRASULA

Sports Writer

After an eight-game run in which they swept defending MIAA champions Alma, split with Rockford and swept both Bethel and Calvin, Saint Mary’s has five days off before taking on Tri-State Monday at St. Mary’s Field at 3:30 p.m.

Head coach Erin Sullivan said her team’s goal was to go 500 over the eight games, which were played over a four-day stretch.

The team exceeded her expectations, going 7-1 to extend its record to 21-7 overall and 7-1 in the MIAA, good enough for first place.

Sullivan said the Belles will return to campus to prepare for the trip to the top of the conference standings.

“If you obtain your goal, your next goal is a little bit harder,” Sullivan said.

Freshman right-hander Kristin Amra has helped lead the Belles to the top. Amra was named MIAA pitcher of the week last week and followed that up with the second consecutive week.

Amrared earned three wins over the MIAA with a 3-1 record league play and 15-13 overall.

The Thunder are led offensively by sophomore center fielder Karly Hooker. Hooker has batted .422 driving in nine runs and three doubles and two triples.

The Belles have scored eight runs, had seven RBIs and five stolen bases.

Korver is also a defensive force for Tri-State, making only one error in 13 fielding chances.

Saint Mary’s hopes to be able to carry the momentum from its recent success into the next eight games over to Monday’s contest against Tri-State.

“We are going to take what we have learned and tweak it to take ourselves better,” Amra said.

“We don’t want to lose momentum.”

Sullivan says her team is going to use the short break to work on the mental part of its game. She feels the Belles are already physically ready.

“We are going to take this time to relax,” Sullivan said. “We are going to get ready for Tri-State.”

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**SOCCER**

French soccer fans ridicule footballer

Associated Press

PARIS — Warming up on the sideline, a black player jogs toward fans at the Parc des Princes soccer stadium. As he gets closer, a brouhaha of monkey chants explodes — “OOOH! OOOH! OOOH!” — and racist insults fill the air.

But despite such incidents, which are increasingly common at the home stadium of Paris Saint-Germain, one of France’s top soccer teams.

And they stail elite league fea­goers could be in Europe, raising fears a global sport that helps to fuel “the beautiful game” is getting uglier.

Many of the fans yelling insults are members of white hooligan gangs that prove the stadium grounds, performing in a rumble with black and Arab members of a multiethnic rival gang.

Interviews with gang members and associates revealed that soccer fans found that racist hooligans oper­ate openly and with almost total impunity at the Parc des Princes, the western outskirts of Paris.

Soccer, with its many black stars, should be a showcase of racial harmony, especi­ally in France, which draws heavi­ly on its former African colonies.

Instead, brawling soccer fans have flooded the final quarter of the stadium fringes of a deeply troubled country, where the riots that engulfed immi­grant-dominated French suburbs two years ago have crazed racism in soccer has taken on an even more menacing tinge.

**MLB**

Maddux earns 320th win to vault Reds out of first place

Griffey leaves game with injury; Pedro retires Guillen to end bases loaded jam, leads New York over Washington

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A classic perform­ance by Greg Maddux two days before his birthday carried the Chicago Cubs to a 4-1 victory over the slopey-fielding Cincinnati Reds.

Working quickly and using an assortment of pitches and speeds, Maddux (2-0) allowed three hits and a run in six innings Wednesday to get his 320th career win.

After day hitting six home­mers, the lads had five errors — three by third baseman Fredi Sanchez. — to help Chicago build a 3-0 lead.

Cincinnati has another con­cern. Center fielder Ken Griffey Jr. left the game in the fourth inning with stiffness in the back of his right knee. He walked in the fifth and struck out in the top of the fourth before Ryan Freel replaced him in the本着 the inning.

Maddux didn’t surrender a hit until Encarnacion hit an RBI double after a two-out walk to Adam Dunn in the fourth. The Reds threatened in the sixth after two singles, but Maddux fanned Dunn and got a double play to end the inning. Maddux finished with two walks and seven strikeouts.

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**DUKE LACROSSE**

Duke hires Clinton's former lawyer

DURHAM, N.C. — A small group of boosters and others close to the Duke University lacrosse team have hired President Clinton's former lawyer as part of an aggressive public relations effort to argue that the players did not rape a woman at an off-campus party.

Bob Bennett, a former federal prosecutor and Washington attorney who represented Clinton in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case, is serving as a spokesperson for a group calling itself the Committee for Fairness to Duke Families. He is not expected to represent any players, but he has joined the chorus of those who fear for the reputation of the team and the university.

"It is unfortunate that members of the Duke community, players and families are being judged before all the facts are in," Bennett said in a statement. "A lot of innocent young people and the families are being hurt, and unfortunately this situation is being abused by people with separate agendas. It is grossly unfair, and cool heads must prevail."

The group has asked to meet with Duke President Richard Brodhead. Neither Brodhead nor Bennett returned calls for comment.

No charges have been filed while District Attorney Mike Nifong presses on with his investigation of allegations that a stripper was gang-raped at a team party March 13.

Earlier this week, lawyers for the players said that DNA tests failed to connect any members of the 47-man team to the alleged attack.

The players' parents — initially silent — have also started to speak out.

Brian Lofus, who has two sons on the team, wondered Wednesday why Nifong was continuing to press ahead with the case.

"I don't understand it," Lofus of Syosset, N.Y. said of Nifong's decision. "I didn't pick the crime. I didn't pick the time," Nifong said at the forum. "But I'm going to do the case right."

Associated Press

**IN BRIEF**

Ward ready to defend her title at TaeKuji Classic

LAS VEGAS — Wendy Ward knows what it takes to win the traditionally low-scoring TaeKuji Classic. "You have to be more aggressive, for sure. I actually think a day-three tournament kind of lends itself to that; you have to get off to a fast start out of the gate," she said.

Ward got off to a fast start last year, shooting an opening 7-under 65 over the Las Vegas Country Club layout. Then she kept it up, with all three rounds in the 60s and a 16-under 200 to win the 54-hole event.

Lorena Ochoa finished second at 202, followed by Paula Creamer and Shi Hyun Ahn another shot back in a third-place tie.

The 6,530-yard, par-72 Las Vegas layout presents a different kind of challenge for the LPGA players, said Ward, who had 18 birdies and only two bogeys in the 2005 tournament.

Lewis remembered on his 25th anniversary

ARLINGTON, Va. — With the laying of a wreath and the playing of taps, Joe Louis remembered at Arlington National Ceremony on Wednesday on the 25th anniversary of the boxing great's death.

"I've been losing (in the first round lately), so it was really good to have this first win," she said. "I couldn't practice and I couldn't real­ ly be fit when I started this season." All seeded players in early Wednesday matches advanced in the $1.3 million clay-court tournament.

Marion Bartoli of France won for only the second time in eight matches this season, defeating Anna Tatishvili 7-5, 6-3 Wednesday to advance to the third round of the Family Circle Cup.

Dechy advanced in Family Circle Cup

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Nathalie Dechy of France won for only the second time in eight matches this season, defeating Anna Tatishvili 7-5, 6-3 Wednesday to advance to the third round of the Family Circle Cup.

Dechy, ranked No. 24, injured her knee in December and has struggled to regain confidence.

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Marion Bartoli of France dispatched defeated Yulia Fedak of the Ukraine 6-4, 6-3, American Jill Craybas, named to the Fed Cup team earlier in the day, lost to Maria Santangelo of Italy 6-4, 7-6 (5).
**ND Softball**

**Irish battle Demons to kick off Holy Thursday**

Notre Dame first baseman Linda Kohan stretches for the put out in Tuesday's 6-0 win over Ball State.

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**ND looks to stay atop Big East standings with DePaul doubleheader**

**By JAY FITZPATRICK**  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame hopes to improve its Big East record with a doubleheader against conference newcomer DePaul today.

The double dip against the Blue Demons (16-11, 5-3 Big East) will be games No. 43 and 44 all time with the Irish (24-17, 7-1) — a series which DePaul leads 26-17.

After a short Easter break, Notre Dame will head to Evanston, Ill. April 18 for a one game matchup with Northwestern.

The Irish and Blue Demons split a doubleheader in the annual meeting last season.

But this year the Irish hope to outmatch DePaul and stay near the top of the Big East standings, riding the wave of a 6-0 win over Ball State Tuesday — and having just one loss in league play this season — the Irish are confident they can succeed against DePaul.

"DePaul is on a bit of a down slope and I think we can overcome that," senior catcher and captain Mullerio Lenn said. "We just want to stay on a high note and keep winning."

Notre Dame head coach Dwanne Gampf has been working on fundamentals during the team's practices all season, something she said will keep the players focused on their performances.

"We've been working on the basics in practice, doing a lot with mechanics," freshman starting pitcher Brittnay Bargar said. "If we can bring our A-game against DePaul we can do well."

One major aspect for the Notre Dame's "A game" all season has been its mental focus and intensity, Bargar said.

But Lenn feels that the DePaul game will be good for the team to keep its intensity high — possibly as high as it has been in the past three games, in which the Irish have collected 46 hits.

"These are all three important games coming up," Lenn said. "We are playing two tough teams and they will be really good wins for us."

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**Notes:**

- Notre Dame senior third baseman Meagan Ruhrauff was named Big East player of the week.

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**Thursday, April 20, 2006**

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Recycle the Observer.
Irish try to stick it to Hoyas

Notre Dame looks to rebound

Thursday, April 13, travels to Georgetown

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petitive, and hard-fought

lacrosse," Coyne said. "The

one thing we need to

work on is our execution at the end of the game." One Irish player who excelled throughout the game was goalie Carol Dixon, who was named the Big East defensive player of the week thanks to her 23-save performance in the game against the Blue Devils. During practices this week, Coyne has reviewed what mistakes from the Duke game the team needs to correct for the Georgetown contest, including extensive film sessions. "We know that we do a lot of things really well, and just want to keep working on things that will help us win games," Coyne said. "We would not be where we are now if we weren't good." By working on fundamentals such as draw controls, Coyne hopes to keep her team focused on itself rather than the opponent. Coyne said the main philosophy for this season's Irish squad has been constantly improving aspects of their own game while thinking of future opponents for only small parts of practices. "We definitely want to fine-tune our game," Coyne said. "We are a 10-2, top-10 team, and we got that way through executing - which we are going to keep doing the rest of the season." Saturday's game against the Hoyas marks the halfway point in Notre Dame's Big East schedule. As only six schools in the league have women's lacrosse teams, the regular season champion will earn the league's automatic berth to the NCAA tournament as there is no Big East post-season champion ship. Even with the absence of a conference tournament, Coyne is optimistic about her team's chances this season. "We have played hard all season and plan on winning the [conference] to get the bid," Coyne said.

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Sailing coasts to first, fourth place finishes

Peris, Bauer overcome adversity to win races

Special to The Observer

Four Irish sailors team competed in the Ohio University regatta where the Irish finished first after 20 races with a low total score of 49 points. Sophomore skipper Chris May and junior crew Amy Bowsen finished second in the A division, while junior crew Jeff Mensch finished second in the B division. The team had four Irish sailors team finished in the top 20 races, with one in the A division, four in the B division, and one in the C division. The highlight for the Irish on Saturday was sophomore skipper Tim Roy's first place finish in Race 4 of the C division.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles steal final four matches for 5-4 rally

Dingler wins decisive match to seal comeback win, erase 1-4 deficit

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

In its most important contest of the season, Saint Mary's won the final four matches to earn a dramatic comeback victory over Kalamazoo Wednesday at the Saint Mary's Tennis Center.

With sole possession of third place in the MIAA on the line, things did not look promising early for the Belles as Kalamazoo sprinted out to a 4-1 lead by winning two of three doubles matches and the first two singles matches.

The Saint Mary's duo of Mary Elizabeth Campbell and Tara Cordon, the Hornets' Megan Fink 6-3, 6-4, and 6-7, 10-6, respectively, than pack it in, because we'll use the long matches to our advantage. "We all had a pretty good handle of our singles matches," Palombo said. "The fact that we were able to win such a long match really showed us that all our hard work had paid off. I think we were in better shape than them."

After losing their doubles matches, Palombo and her teammates used that conditioning to rally the team to victory. Palombo, Melcavite and Mulchay rebounded from their losses to capture straight-set victories in singles.

With the victory of the Belles' Melissa Dingler over Kalamazoo senior Rashelle Shalimi, Saint Mary's came from behind for the 5-4 victory.

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After losing their doubles matches, the Belles needed minimal time to dispatch of Kalamazoo in the singles contests. Palombo defeated the Hornets' Megan Fink 6-3, 6-3, Melcavite topped Laura Spencer 6-4, 6-0 and Mulchay beat the Hornets' Smita Gudipal 6-4, 6-3 to complete Dingler's win.

Wednesday's victory brings Saint Mary's record to 10-6 overall and 5-1 in the MIAA. It also gives the Belles sole possession of third place in the league.

With Saint Mary's next match at conference leader Albion Tuesday at 3 p.m., the team will have an opportunity to climb further up the conference standings.

"Our win over Kalamazoo really gives us a lot of confidence," Palombo said. "Hopefully we can use it as momentum because we'll need to keep our strong performance going when we play Albion."

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Irish try to clinch No. 1 seed

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

A year is a long time, but the Irish remember Louisville.

On May 14 of last year, then-No. 32 Notre Dame fell 4-1 to the Cardinals, ranked No. 33 at the time.

Sheeha Parbhoo had Notre Dame's only victory, and Ryan Keckley and Barry King took out doubles match.

Almost a year later, the Cardinals will face the Irish again, this time at the Courier-Times Tourney Center today at 4 p.m. in the last match of Notre Dame's regular season.

I would think the guys remember that match," coach Bobby Bayliss said. "We went away feeling that they had played very well and we had not played a good match. I don't think many of our players felt they had given a very good accounting of themselves. I'm confident we're going to be motivated."

The Irish are No. 17 in the national rankings with a 14-7 record, while Louisville is No. 29 with a record of 15-6. The Cardinals are 1-0 in Big East play, and this will be the first conference match for the Irish.

"The winner gets the No. 1 seed in the Big East tournament," Bayliss said. "If the Big East Tournament is rained out, the highest remaining seed in the tournament gets the NCAA bid."

Although both the Irish and Cardinals are virtual locks for the postseason, a Big East tournament win is a good way to build momentum before the NCAA's. Despite Notre Dame's higher ranking, Bayliss knows Louisville will provide tough competition.

"They play great doubles and their different styles but most of the top part of their lineup they play good quick strike tennis," Bayliss said. "They're big and strong and aggressive... and their lower lineup is very, very consistent."

The Irish are coming off a 5-2 win over Southern Methodist University, which junior Ryan Keckley missed due to illness.

The standout doubles player has been crucial to getting points in the singles lineup.

"It certainly helps our comfort level to have him back," Bayliss said. "He's had the best record on the team all year and he's been a money player for us. It's got to get reassuring to have him back in the saddle."

The match is the final of the regular season for the Irish and also the final regular-season match for seniors Patrick Buchanan and Eric Langenkamp.

Bayliss plans to thank the seniors for the contribution, but wants the team to stay focused.

"I'm confident we're going to be motivated," Bayliss said. "I never know how we're going to play, but I think we're certainly going to have a certainly high effort level."

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LeBron sprains ankle in road loss to East-leading Pistons

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Cleveland Cavaliers star LeBron James left the game against the Detroit Pistons on Wednesday night with an injured left ankle and did not return.

"It's sprained pretty good, but nothing serious," James said after Detroit's 96-73 victory. Cleveland hosts the New York Knicks on Thursday, and the Cavs might decide to play it safe by resting James because they can't improve or hurt their position as the fourth-seeded team in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

"If I don't feel 100 percent tomorrow, I won't go," James said.

James had 22 points on 8-of-18 shooting through three quarters and Detroit was leading 75-51. Early in the fourth quarter, Cavs forward Alan Henderson dislocated a finger on his right hand on a missed dunk and did not return.
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vide an opportunity for Notre Dame to seize control of the GW1 standings. Along with Ohio State (4-4) and the Buckeyes, the Fighting Irish and Air Force (6-5) sit atop the league standings.

Two wins will help Notre Dame keep the league’s top spot — and a possible automatic NCAA tournament bid — with the regular season coming to a close in the conference season.

The Irish are coming off a disappointing 87-78 home loss at Butler Saturday, in which they failed to break away from the Bulldogs (12-2, 3-1 GW1). It was a disappointing showing in the conference season.

“We can’t prepare for Air Force this week, too,” said Dan Devine. “We’re only thinking about Ohio State, and it’s a crucial game.”

Butler kind of gave us a wake-up call,” Devine said. “Michigan State is a tough game. The coaches have been looking past them to Denver. But we have to treat every game like its win or go home because so many teams are looking to win the league.”

Regardless of the outcome of the game, the Irish will have to regroup and prepare themselves for Sunday’s contest against Air Force. Though the Falcons play a totally different style than Denver, Corrigan said the coaches’ preparation will ensure the Irish are not surprised.

“At this point in the year, we’ve seen everything we’re going to see,” Corrigan said. “There’s no that much new under the season. We’re going to see some zone from Air Force — maybe a healthy dose of it. It’s a matter of taking Saturday to get our legs back and refresh ourselves a little bit.”

Driscoll is confident in the Irish’s ability to quickly refocus and disappoint the opponents, especially since the Irish faced a similar situation two years ago when No. 14 Notre Dame downed Air Force 12-2 and followed that with a 14-13 win over No. 17 Denver.

“We’ve been grinding at it in practice since the fall,” Driscoll said. “Mentally it’s just concentrating on the task at hand and taking it one step at a time. Just getting our legs back is just going to be our biggest problem (preparing for Air Force). We think the being a senior, going out there two years ago and having the experience out there will help.”

Notre Dame’s 14-13 overtime win against Air Force last year took the Irish’s 17th straight triumph over the Falcons.

If there is one positive the Irish can take from Friday’s game, it’s that the win last Saturday, Corrigan said that they will be ready if either of this weekend’s games come down to another nail biter.

“We’ve certainly established the fact that in the fourth quarter of the game, we’re not going to fold up and back away from the challenge,” Corrigan said. Corrigan expects similar results this weekend.

“The biggest thing is for us to play smart play and with discipline,” Corrigan said. “We need to go out there and play loosely and make the plays we need to play. I’m very confident in our guys’ right now and how much they care and how hard they’re working so I feel very good about where we are going into the weekend.”

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McLaughlin (Kansas State and Washington). Notre Dame went 12-1 when Davis was with the program.

"I know we’re going to have really good candidates to look at for the position and we’ll be fine, we’ll recover," Brown said. "Lauren Brewster has brought a lot to the program — her enthusiasm for the sport. Davis worked with the middle blockers, and graduating senior Lauren Brewster recalled how he worked with her and the others at that position, making it a strong point of the Notre Dame program.

"He worked a lot with us. He’s an amazing coach," she said. "He sometimes worked with the outside players — you’ll find that in coaching, not all coaches have that talent and he’s able to do it." Brown said that Davis will bring great things to the program.

"Boise State as well, where he is scheduled to take over on Friday. "He’s a very good recruiter," she said. "He evaluates talents very, very well and identifies potential and all those types of things ... building relationships with prospective student athletes and the parents (is important) and he does a really good job with that."

Brewster and Brown both agreed that coaching — a crucial skill for a coach — was another of Davis’ strengths.

"He has played the game, but more importantly he’s just a really good teacher," Brown said. "He can help the player make the little adjustments that are going to make big differences in the outcome of the way they play."

These skills will be important for the Broncos, who have never been to an NCAA tournament. The team graduates only two players from the 2005 season after finishing 8-18 following a 17-12 season record in 2004.

Davis graduated from Sugarcreek High School in Sugarcreek, Ohio, in

in physical education. Early in his career, he worked as the athletic director and assistant principal at Brethren Christian High School in California. In addition to his head coaching experience, he spent two years as an assistant coach at Northern Arizona.

Since the beginning of his time at Notre Dame, Brown said she knew his goal was to be a Division I head coach.

"I think we’re pretty lucky to have kept him for five years because he’s really qualified, and there’s no doubt he’ll do a great job as a B-1 head coach," Brown said.

Brewster endorsed his qualifications and dedication as well.

"He has been working for this for a long time and he’s been working under a great coach, Debbie Brown — he’s learned a lot from her," Brewster said. "This is what he’s worked and this is what he’s been working for and I know he’s going to do great at it."

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The freshman worked out of several jams early in the game but settled down and did not allow a runner on base past the fourth inning. He struck out two Spartan batters — the last one looking — to escape a bases-loaded situation in the second, and he ended a fourth-inning threat by forcing Manchester left fielder Danner Purdy/f to ground into a double play.

"I thought [Phelps] showed a lot of confidence and a lot of poise, something that you want to see in a rookie," Dury said. "This is really the first time he's got to come out here and really show everybody what he's got. He's got a great future ahead of him and I was really happy to see him succeed out there today.''

Dury's three-run line drive in the fourth opened the flood gates, extending Notre Dame's lead to 4-0. A switch hitter, Dury batted from the left side of the plate and turned on an inside fastball from Spartan left-hander Marcus Miller with the help of a stiff wind blowing out.

"The three-run homer kind of opened up and let everybody relax a bit including Phelps," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "He didn't have to be perfect with every pitch like he would be in a one-run game. It was a big blow for us."

Notre Dame right fielder Danny Dressman took a bases-loaded walk in the fourth to score Alex Boxley, who had reached base on a bloop single to left. Irish shortstop Jeremy Barnes then ripped a two-run single up the middle, opening the lead to 7-0.

Irish infielder Eddie Smith followed Barnes with a sacrifice fly right to field that scored Dressman and gave Notre Dame an 8-0 advantage.

"Usually when the weather warms up, our hitting gets better," Mainieri said. "I don't know if it's the climate or just the fact that we've played more and the guys are getting more comfortable."

Irish first baseman Carter Cooper began the scoring for Notre Dame with a leadoff homer in the first that sailed over the wall in right-center.

"Carter hit that ball good, but I think he got a little help from the wind," Mainieri said. "I don't know if that would have been a home run under different conditions, but you know what — the wind blows here a lot. We teach our hitters to take advantage of the climate if the wind is blowing in that way."

Manchester scored its two runs in the ninth inning off Irish freshman reliever Brett Graffy. Spartans designated hitter Zac Breyley scored first on an infield single and scored on center fielder Scott Tarnowski's triple to left center. Tarnowski then scored on a pitch from Irish reliever Zac Breyley's sacrifice fly to right.

Graffy settled down and struck out Spartan third baseman Jordan Adams and induced a groundout by Treesh to secure the 8-2 win.

Notre Dame takes to the diamond again today at Fran Eck Stadium with a doubleheader against Big East rival St. John's. The opening pitches are scheduled for 12:05 and 4:05 p.m. and the series finale will take place Saturday at 12:05 p.m.

The Irish are currently tied for first place with the Red Storm in the Big East standings — each holding an 8-1 record.

The teams split league honors last season, with the Red Storm taking the regular season title and the Irish reigning Club of the tournament. Both received NCAA tournament bids — the only two Big East teams to earn berths.

"This is the biggest day of the year, there's no question about it," Mainieri said. "It's going to be an enormous series. We're excited, I'm sure St. John's is excited. Let's get it on."

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Irish designated hitter Mike Dury, center, jugs off the field with left fielder Steve Andres, left, and infielder Eddie Smith after hitting a three-run homer in the fourth inning Wednesday.
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example, and that's kind of my philosophy as well.”
Quinn will be the offensive cap­
tain for the second straight sea­son, and Zbikowski will take over
for graduating senior linebacker
Brandon Hoye on defense.
Thomas was selected for the
special teams role, which was a
week-by-week honor awarded by
coaches in 2005 and based on
play from the previous game.
Thomas is a member of the
kickoff coverage and return
team and has played on punts
and extra points as well. As
Notre Dame’s No. 2 running back
last season, the rising sen­ior
rushed for 266 yards on 63
carries behind Irish starting
running back Darius Walker.

"[Thomas] is not selfish, and
he's not looking for any individ­
ual credit,” Walker said. "Travis
works so hard not only on the
offensive side of the ball, but
also on special teams. I think
he's out there on every special
teams (play)."

While offensive and defensive
players each voted for the cap­
tain on their side of the ball, the
entire team voted for the special
teams' captainship. Quinn won
the offensive selection in a "run­
avay vote,” Weis said.

"I think he did a great job as
the offensive captain, especially
being picked as an underclass­
man,” Weis said. "I was really
proud of the way he handled
himself on and off the field, and
I think that the team really looks
to Brady for leadership, which
he provides.”

On defense, Weis said he
thought the players made the
right selection because of the
way Zbikowski plays.

"I don't know if I'm going to be
able to take this — a whole year
of having to listen to some guy
from the South Side of Chicago,”
Weis quipped. "But I think he
definitely exemplifies the tough­
ness in players that I look for.”

In 2005, players voted on the
"Irish football House of Rep­resentatives,” a leadership
committee with one member
from each position group, at the
same time as voting for cap­
tains. Weis said the team will
choose the leadership commit­
tee at the end of fall camp in
August.

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made 2006 tri-captain Wednesday.

Notes:
◆ Weis said he prepared a
scouting report for the team's
opening game Sept. 2 in Atlanta,
Ga.
"I was torn between giving
you the scouting report on
Georgia Tech, which I have right
here in this folder, which would
have been real impressive, by
the way (and announcing the
captains),” he said. "I have
[Georgia Tech's] injuries in
spring ball; I'm pretty happy
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Brey announces Harden, Peoples for Class of 2010

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame coach Mike Brey announced the signings of high school seniors Jonathan Peoples and Joe Harden Wednesday in a press conference at the Joyce Center — bringing the total number of Irish recruits to four after Luke Harangody and Tony Jackson committed in fall 2005. "I like the fact that they've won and they came from good high school programs and they were accustomed to winning," Brey said. "I think because they have pretty good size and strength already, and they have a feel for the game — guys like that have a chance of being in three quicker.” Peoples (BellaWest, Ill.) averaged 15.2 points, four assists and three rebounds his senior season at St. Joseph's High School in Westchester, Ill. The 6-foot-3, 210-pound guard played varsity four years and led his team to a 28-2 record his senior season. Peoples helped St. Joseph's win the East Suburban Catholic league title three consecutive years. He received several all-state selections as a junior and senior.

The guard finished his high school career with 1,237 points on 51-percent shooting. He also added 339 rebounds, 252 assists, 120 steals and 54 blocked shots. "He's got strength, he's got athleticism and he plays old," Brey said about Peoples. "As far as physical presence ... we certainly can use that on the perimeter.” Harden (Arcamp, Calif.) averaged 17 points and 10 rebounds his senior season at St. Mary's High School in Stockton, Calif. The Stockton Record named him co-captain of the year following his senior campaign. The 6-foot-7, 210-pound pound was also a leader on a prep team that went 31-4 and won the Sac-Joaquin sectional championship.

FOOTBALL

Calling all captains

Quinn, Zbikowski, Thomas voted to lead team for 2006 season

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

There's a new triumvirate in town.

Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn, strong safety Tom Zbikowski and running back Travis Thomas will be tri-captains for the 2006 season. Irish coach Charlie Weis announced Wednesday.

Quinn said the captains bring different attributes to the team but all have at least one leadership quality in common.

"Between the three of us, we're pretty different personalities," he said. "I think the biggest thing that [Zbikowski and Thomas] bring is to lead by example. The captains bring the most for us,...