Student Affairs undergoes restructuring

Coughlin promoted to assistant vice president, Poorman reassigns departments to supervisors

By MARCELA BERROS
Associate News Editor

The Division of Student Affairs began restructuring its chain of command Thursday with the announcement of the promotion of director of the Student Activities Office (SAO) and LaFayette Student Center, Brian Coughlin, to the recently created position of assistant vice president of Student Activities.

Coughlin’s promotion marked the beginning of a reorganization that will redistribute the different departments under the Division’s umbrella to different supervisors, including Coughlin. “Brian is a gifted, experienced and astute administrator who has led the Student Activities Office through a period of substantial growth over the last six years,” Father Mark Poorman, vice president of Student Affairs, said in a press release. Coughlin will continue to head his office’s activities, but in his new role he will report directly to Poorman, “freeing up” the department by reducing bureaucratic red tape. The SAO had previously fallen under the jurisdiction of Division Assistant Vice President David Moss, who also supervised the Office of Drug and Alcohol Education (ODAE).

“These changes can be seen as an acknowledgement of the SAO’s expansion and growth in the last six years and the staff’s continued hard work and commitment,” Coughlin said. “I’m excited about the new organizational structure because it elevates the SAO to its own category.”

Coughlin will oversee the SAO, broken into two branches, Student Activities for Programming and Student Activities for Facilities. Peggy Hnatusko and Ryan Willerton, associate directors of Student Activities, were also promoted Thursday to head the Programming and Facilities divisions, respectively.

“This model is consistent with other student activities structures at major universities across the country, and is the most effective way for us to provide students with the highest quality of programs and facilities,” Poorman said. “I’m confident we will continue to be successful in our roles as we lead Student Activities to the next level.”

Protester, Saint Mary’s debate Iraq war

Sheehan encourages nonviolent activism

By KELLY MEEHAN
Senior Staff Writer

Hell froze over last weekend, anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan said, as snow fell on President Bush’s ranch in Crawford, Texas — a place where she has spent many of her days protesting the war in Iraq.

“She will freeze over when our troops can come home,” she said, calling the unexpected southern snowfall a sign from the universe that “we will prevail, and we will be successful” in ending the conflict in Iraq.

Sheehan, who lost her son, see SHEEHAN/page 9

Panel reflects on role of media, White House

By KATIE KOHLER
Senior Staff Writer

After anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan’s speech on campus earlier in the day, the debate about the legitimacy of the Iraq War continued last night in the Stapleton Lounge at Saint Mary’s.

A panel of three Saint Mary’s professors — Linda Berdany, Patrick Pierce and Joseph Miller — spoke to a house full of students and faculty members to conclude “A Day of Reflection” on the war.

Sister Kathleen Dolphin

Panels reflect on role of media, White House

Journalist discusses trade’s trends

By JOHN-PAUL WIT'T
News Writer

Despite a decline in the popularity of print and broadcast media, journalists will continue to be necessary — especially in light of the younger generation’s civic involvement — Judy Woodruff, senior correspondent on PBS’s “The News Hour with Jim Lehrer,” said Thursday.

Students, journalists and University dignitaries, including President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh, filled the Carey Auditorium in the Hesburgh Library to hear her deliver the annual Red Smith journalism lecture Thursday in the Carey Auditorium.

SMC students spend Easter in Holy City

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

While many Saint Mary’s students spent Easter at home with their families and pets, some of their 55 classmates studying abroad in Rome instead joined the Pope in Vatican City.

Saint Mary’s has sent students to a satellite campus in the center of the Italian capital since the Rome program’s inception in 1970, said Peter Checca, the program’s counselor.

Sophomore Meghan Larsen seized the opportunity of being in the Eternal City during Holy Week to participate in events that commemorated Jesus’ death and resurrection with Catholic pilgrims from every corner of the planet at St. Peter’s Square.

Larsen said she saw Pope Benedict XVI six times during the week as she attended Mass and participated in a seven-station Church Walk — a pilgrimage around Rome.

“The walk was between 15 and 25 miles,” Larsen said. “We saw the four major basilicas of Rome and the three minor basilicas. Larsen also attended the Mass for the late John Paul II, which took place on April 2. She and fellow Saint
Happy 21st, Buffalo boys

No one will remember them for their so-called contributions to rock and roll or even music in general. The world won't stop when they dissolve like all great things do.

Their fans aren't rabid; their egos aren't insufferable. But, goodness, when they sing, they mean something so much more than so many others.

Watching from the back row as the Goo Goo Dolls captured an audience of fifteen and fifty year-olds a month ago, it wasn't too hard to figure out what to like about them.

Front man Johnny Rzeznik first made sure one friend got a little joy on a Saturday night, grabbing a fan's cell phone and singing two thirds of a song with the microphone on one side of his mouth and the mouthpiece on the other. He smiled and laughed.

Later, he pulled out the NO Flight Seng microphone and sang a Bigfoot. Someone staying at his hotel met him in the hallway and gave it to him. He pulled it out of his jacket and put the "Victory March" over the loudspeakers. After a smattering of boos, he responded politely.

"Do you know how hard it was to be an Irish fan growing up in Buffalo as a Polish kid, where all the Irish kids would beat you up?"

His mom was a strict Catholic. Sometimes, it shows in his lyrics.

"And you ask me what I want this year /
And I try to make this kind and clear /
Just a chance that maybe we'll find better days /
Cause I don't need boxes wrapped in strings/
And designer love and empty things /
Just a chance that maybe we'll find better days"

That's from "Better Days." It's a political song, sure — CNN even used it as a symbol its Katrina relief coverage. But more than politics, it's about morality.

"Let's say I'm sorry and start over again. That was basically the message," Rzeznik said in an interview with EMI Publishing. "Something better is going to happen.

But in terms of rock, nothing better is going to come than a band with a consistent message, a consistent support and can urge a little morality in the listener's life.

For us, it's a question of whether or not we're paying attention.

"And you know I see right through you /
When the world gets in your way /
What's the point in all this screaming /
You're not listening anyway"

Eleven years ago, Buffalo proclaimed April 13 to be the Goo Goo Dolls day — 10 years since their birth in "the toughest city in America." On your 21st, Goos, I'll drink to you.

Let love in.

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SMC to host baseball conference

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's Editor

Starting today and running through Saturday, Saint Mary’s will host the fifth-annual International Women’s Baseball Leadership Conference. The conference, coordinated by the Saint Mary’s College Club Baseball Program and titled “Getting Girls in the Game of Baseball,” will attempt to increase female interest in the sport at the College.

John Kovach, an archivist and faculty advisor to the Club Baseball Program, said he hopes the conference will stress the importance of women’s baseball — which they may not know as women oftentimes replace the sport with softball.

“It is assumed that because you’re a female you only play softball. It’s something [female baseball players] just have to deal with,” he said. “Sports shouldn’t be regulated by gender because there are so many similarities between baseball and softball.”

Kovach, a former Saint Mary’s softball coach, sees baseball as a way to improve softball skills. “After playing baseball, women come back as better softball players,” he said. “The softball field just doesn’t challenge them like it used to.”

A former major league baseball pitching coach, Bob Cluck, will deliver the keynote address. Cluck, a consultant for the San Diego Padres, will also offer baseball lectures on Friday, from 9 a.m. Saturday morning in the Angela Athletic Facility.

Kovach wanted to hold the conference earlier in the semester, to avoid sharing the weekend with Junior Moms Weekend. Cluck, however, was unable to attend the earlier date, as he was at Spring Training with the Padres.

Cluck is also an author of many self-improvement baseball books, as well as an “Baseball for Girls,” a book focusing on breaking the stereotypes of women in baseball.

Other speakers include the president of the Women’s Baseball League (WBL) and conference founder, Justine Siegal and Terri Lakowski, the public policy coordinator for the Women’s Sports Foundation. Siegal will focus on youth girl’s baseball, and Lakowski will discuss the ways to cope with discrimination against girls in baseball.

Participants are coming from Boston, Detroit, Chicago, California and other regions of the country, Kovach said. This is only the second time the conference has taken place in the Midwest.

Kovach, who has worked with Siegal in the past, said getting the conference to Saint Mary’s was fairly easy.

“Justine [Siegal] liked the idea of coming to a women’s college and thought we could make it a diverse program,” he said.

Typically, the conferences are hosted in club league locations. The registration cost for the conference is $65 for adults and $30 for students. The ticket includes access to all sessions, lunch and the Cluck lessons Saturday. Friday sessions and keynote lunch cost $50. Pre-registration is required.

Previous conferences have been held in Cleveland, Baltimore, Orlando and Toronto. The conference is financially sponsored by the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership (CWIL). Additional sponsors include the First Source Bank, South Bend Blue Sox, Women’s Baseball and the United States Girl’s Baseball Association.

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

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CAROLIN HUBSCHER
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Red Smith journalism lecture, titled “Are Journalists obsolete?”

Woodruff was not optimistic about the current state of journalism, noting that “every sector of journalism — especially newspapers — is losing readers or viewpoints as corporate scrutiny increases and executives dismantle news organizations to ensure they are profitable.

The Tribune Company — owners of the Chicago Tribune and L.A. Times — may soon cease to exist as we know it,” she said. “One of the great newspaper chains, Knight Ridder, vanished last year when it was sold. It was profitable, but not profitable enough.”

Woodruff also said the major news networks need to increase the amount of resources they spend on breaking the stereotypes of the planet’s countries. “With September 11 there were countless stories on why we don’t understand the world, yet none of the major TV networks had a correspondent based in a majority Muslim country,” she said.

But Woodruff said she was encouraged by the future of American journalism through her participation in Generation Next, a documentary for which she interviewed 500 students in 29 cities.

She found that young people were “far more up on national and international events” than their parents and professors may think and that the younger generation is more likely to get their news from the Internet than other sources.

Students were also more likely to engage in volunteer work, she said, citing the 90 percent of the Notre Dame student body that is involved in service projects as “an example for young people across the country.”

Woodruff connected the students’ commitment to community involvement to the future of journalism, saying high-quality reporting goes hand-on-hand with the expectations of these readers.

“A generation that is this civic-minded will be more receptive to good journalism. Satisfying those minds requires good content and good journalism,” she said.

Woodruff also predicted that as the younger generations mature, there will be more demand for high-quality content, as opposed to news sources like the Drudge Report that often provide “false” stories.

“Good content is not just content,” she said. “It requires thought, imagination and discussion and planning in the newsroom about what journalists should be covering.”

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grams and services," Poorman said in an e-mail to all the employees in the Division of Student Affairs. Coughlin will join the senior staff of the Division and assume his new duties July 1. In his six years heading the SAO, Coughlin said the number of student organizations on campus grew from approximately 250 to 320 and the full-time employees joined the office during the period to assist with the workload.

The SAO's budget has also grown exponentially in the last decade, Coughlin said. In the near future, he said he plans to continue the department's expansion by finalizing plans to construct a building to replace the Stepam Center and increasing the involvement with graduate students. Those goals are a part of the university's 10-year plan, Coughlin said.

Poorman also announced other changes in the Division's structure, including the retirement of assistant vice president of Student Affairs, Sister Jean Lenz, to a part-time position.

"As part of our restructuring efforts, Sister Jean will assume part-time duties as special assistant to the vice president," Poorman said. "She has been an integral part of student life at the University of Notre Dame for the last thirty-four years. She has served for the last twenty-three of those years as assistant vice president for Student Affairs. Her wisdom, experience, compassion and insight are unparalleled, and I am delighted that she will continue to serve as a member of the senior staff of Student Affairs."

The departments under Lenz's supervision, International Student Services and Activities and Multicultural Student Programs and Services, will be reassigned to Division Assistant Vice President Sister Sue Dunn. Dunn will also take the Career Center under her wing.

Poorman said the new organizational structure would only facilitate communication in the Division and enable its staff to work more effectively.

"I regularly tell trustees, alumni, students and parents that the University of Notre Dame has one of the best Student Affairs operations in the country," Poorman said. "I am proud of the level of excellence that we have achieved in our division, and of the wonderful service that we offer to our students. We are excited to implement these changes over the summer and hope that the new structure will allow us to provide even better opportunities for our students."

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A Journey of Rwandan Genocide Survivors: Seeds of Hope and Peace

The Commemoration of the 13th Anniversary of the 1994 Rwanda Genocide

Keynote Speaker Felicia Middlebrooks, CBS Radio Anchor, will present her documentary "Somebody's Child: The Redemption of Rwanda" and a powerful testimony by Grace Mukasekuru, a Rwandan Genocide Survivor.

Saturday, April 14th at 3:00 pm
Hesburgh Library Auditorium

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

IAEA chief: Iran in beginning stages of uranium enrichment

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — The head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog said Wednesday that Iran operating only several hundred centrifuges at its uranium enrichment plant at Natanz, despite its claims to be up to 3,288.

Mohamed ElBaradei said Iran's nuclear program was a concern, but he discounted Tehran's claims of a major advance in uranium enrichment, a process the United Nations demands Iran suspend or else be hit by increasing sanctions.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced Monday that the Natanz facility had begun "industrial-scale" production of nuclear fuel. But negotiators said workers had begun injecting uranium gas into a new array of 3,000 centrifuges, many more than the 3,288 centrifuges known to be operating at Natanz.

Iran ultimately aims to operate more than 50,000 of the devices by the end of the decade. But ElBaradei, head of the U.N. International Atomic Energy Agency, said "Iran is still at the beginning stages in setting up its Natanz enrichment facility.

Businessman addresses Israeli panel

JERUSALEM — A Syrian-American businessman with ties to the Damascus government made an unprecedented appearance before the Israeli parliament panel Thursday, telling lawmakers that Syrian President Bashar Assad is ready to make peace with the Jewish state.

The lawmakers reacted positively, peppering him with questions about secret talks he held with a former senior Israeli diplomat. Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's government, however, has no such plans to restart peace talks with Syria — broken off in 2000.

NATIONAL NEWS

Research supports bird ancestry

WASHINGTON — Researchers have decoded genetic information from a 68 million-year-old Tyrannosaurus rex, the oldest dinosaur ever found. The unprecedented step, once deemed unethical by the state bar.

Pres. Bush, tellin lawmakers that the idea that today's birds are descendants of the dinosaurs is still just about extinct, adds new weight to the thinking impossible, adds new weight to the thought impossible, adds new weight to the idea that today's birds are descendants of the dinosaurs.

The exposure came hours after a suicide truck bomb exploded on a major bridge in Baghdad, collapsing the steel structure and sending cars tumbling into the Tigris River, police said with witness saga. At least 10 people were killed. The parliament bombing was believed to be the deadliest attack in the Green Zone, the enclave that houses Iraq's leadership as well as the U.S. Embassy, and is secured by American and Iraqi checkpoints.

Security officials at parliament, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information, said they believed the attack was carried out by a suicide bomber. Iraqi officials said the bomber struck the cafeteria while several lawmakers were eating lunch, and at least two of them - both Sunnis - were killed.

State television said 30 people were wounded. "We do not know at this point who it was. We do know in the past that suicide vests have been used predominantly by al-Qaida," Caldwell said. Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh suggested that those behind the attack might work in the building.

"There are some groups that work in politics during the day and do things other than politics at night," he told Alhurra. The Alhurra video showed the blast, with startled lawmakers rafiduddin al-Saghir, who is also a Muslim imam, ducking for cover. It then showed the immediate aftermath. People screamed for help in a smoky hallway, with one man was slumped over, covered in dust, motionless. A woman knelted over what appeared to be a wounded or dead man near a table. The camera then focused on a bloody, severed leg.

Local newscast blocks the building and no one — including lawmakers — was allowed to enter or leave.

Imus fired from CBS radio show

Associated Press

NEW YORK — CBS fired Don Imus from his radio program Thursday, the finale to a stunning fall for one of the nation's most prominent broadcasters.

Imus initially was given a two-week suspension for calling the Rutgers women's basketball team "nappy-headed hos" in a April 13, 2007
Mary’s sophomore Suzy Swygart participated in multiple services and eventually started recognizing the different seminarians and priests that led them — and later befriended them. “Suzy and I ran into seminarians that we recognized from the morning station Masses we had been attending,” Larsen said. “We sat with them, and it was an amazing experience.”

She also attended the Chrismal Mass, where priests renewed their vows before the Pope the Lord’s Supper Mass, known for the rite of washing feet on Holy Thursday and the Passion celebration inside St. Peter’s Basilica on Good Friday.

“We knew priests that were in the procession of the Chrismal Mass, so it was pretty neat to see the priests that we knew renew their vows with the Pope,” Larsen said. “We had really good seats [for the Passion celebration] and could see the Pope very well.”

Larsen attended the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday with Swygart, sophomore Lisa Ficker and three other Saint Mary’s students. Before entering St. Peter’s Basilica, crowds were lined up outside the gates of the square, Larsen said. “Once the gates open people just start sprinting to them,” Larsen said. “When the gates open, though, it’s every man for himself.”

Larsen said Ficker scaled the barricades to get inside, an older in the present helped Swygart over the fence while Larsen was “sucked into the crowd” but eventually she also managed to enter the Basilica for the Mass.

“We had an amazing view,” Larsen said. “It was such a beautiful Mass most likely in Latin.

The entire week was a great opportunity to join other Catholics to celebrate the greatest day of the Christian year with the Pope, Larsen said.

“It was one of the most beautiful things I have ever been a part of.”

— Meghan Larsen

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The final speaker was Joseph Miller, a journalism professor, who spoke about the impact of the Iraqi conflict on Iran.

“Presumably, there is extensive evidence that Bush, Cheney and conservative advisors are trying to justify an attack in Iraq,” he said. “They are using the same tactics as Iraq. This time, however, Congress, media and groups of all sorts are speaking out, demanding unnecessary and dangerous preparations with Iran be replaced with diplomacy.”

Miller addressed the importance of avoiding the repetition of the Iraqi War in Iran.

“If we launch an attack in Iran, the tragedy will be even more intense,” he said. “We need to listen to the demonstration presentation into four parts, starting with a discussion of the new information that isn’t being acknowledged. He went on to the essential actions that are not occurring, the unfolding provocative actions that could spark a war and throughout discussing the United States.

Miller then addressed the role of the Iraq war, how it poses a nuclear threat in the near future, so there is no need to provoke war,” he said. “Unproven information is as acceptable as the claims with Iraq.”

Miller also questioned Bush’s willingness to negotiate diplomatic avenues with North Korea, but not with Iran. “The same thing with North Korea is much more advanced. We are not talking about provoking Iran in Iraq?” he said. “Many individuals believe — myself included — that the only way to avoid a potential war is not launched in Iran is impeachment proceedings.”

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Nestle plans to purchase Gerber

Company will become No. 1 in baby-food market after $5.5 billion acquisition

Associated Press

GENEVA — Nestle SA, the world’s biggest food and drink company, said Thursday it will buy Gerber Products Co. from pharmaceutical giant Novartis AG for $5.5 billion, giving it the largest share of the global baby food market.

The acquisition helps further Nestle’s recent focus on health and nutrition, following its purchases of the U.S. weight control company Jenny Craig and Novartis Medical Nutrition.

Nestle, which owns brands such as Nescafe, Perrier and Dreyer’s, is also the world’s largest manufacturer of infant nutritional products — largely sold in its home country Switzerland and China — but had no presence in baby food in the United States.

Gerber, which Nestle has coveted for more than a decade, dominates the U.S. baby-food market, with a 79 percent share, according to Morgan Stanley.

“The acquisition of Gerber is the perfect complementary fit,” said Nestle Chairman Peter Brabeck-Letmathe. “It not only gives Nestle the leadership position in baby food, but it also constitutes a decisive step to establish Nestle Nutrition as the undisputed global leader in the nutrition field.

Adding Gerber will help the company’s nutrition business generate annual sales of close to $8.2 billion. The company said it expects Gerber to generate around $1.95 billion this year.

Nestle shares fell 0.7 percent to 406.02 Swiss francs in Zurich. Gerber’s shares were up at 67.35 francs ($53.27).

Nestle agreed to acquire Gerber in 1994, but lost to Sandoz AG, which later merged with Ciba-Geigy to form Novartis. Since then, Novartis has taken steps to broaden Gerber’s business beyond jarsed foods.

In 2000, Gerber began selling a line of powders, oils and other toiletries for children, and in 2002 it launched microwavable meals for older toddlers. It also has a life-insurance unit. But the baby-food business has never been a good fit for a parent company that mainly sells medications.

Novartis, based in Basel, has shed several noncore businesses in recent years. In December, Novartis sold its medical-nutrition division to Nestle for $2.5 billion.

Novartis is focusing on three main areas: inventing new prescription medicines, vaccines, and selling low-cost generic drugs and over-the-counter medicines.

“This transaction is also the right move for Gerber, as it will become a priority business in a leading global nutrition company,” Novartis Chairman and CEO Daniel Vasella said in a statement.

Analysts said although the price appeared high at first sight, it was in line with similar deals.

“Added to Nestle’s existing baby-food business in the U.S. and its overall North American business, this makes Nestle a very clear leader in infant nutrition in the U.S., where, unlike Western Europe, having babies remains in vogue,” said Bob Mann, a Collins Stewart food analyst in London.

The purchase is expected to be completed during the second half of this year, subject to approval by regulatory authorities, Nestle said.

Apple delays launch of ‘Leopard’

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Apple Inc. said Wednesday it won’t be shipping its next-generation operating system in June as planned, saying it had to divert resources from the project so that it could launch its highly anticipated iPhone.

The new shipment date for Mac OS X “Leopard” will be in October, the company said Thursday. The iPhone will make its debut in June as planned.

Apple shares dropped $1.75, or nearly 2 percent, to $90.44 in extended sessions following the announcement.

Earlier, they had closed at $92.19, down 40 cents, on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

“The iPhone contains the most sophisticated software ever shipped on a mobile device, and finishing it on time has not come without a price — we had to borrow some key software engineering and quality assurance resources from our Mac OS X team,” Apple said in a statement.

Apple announced the iPhone — a sharp phone that also serves as an iPod media player — in January to much fanfare. The Cupertino-based company said Thursday the iPhone is still on track to be shipped in late June and has passed several of the required certification tests.

Apple, which had previously said Leopard would be available in the spring, had hoped to release the Mac operating system upgrade at its Worldwide Developers Conference, a five-day event in San Francisco that starts June 11.

Instead, a “near-final version” of Leopard will be ready for the developers at the conference to take home, Apple said. Though Leopard’s features will be complete by then, Apple said the company won’t be ready to ship what it considers a “quality release.”

“We think it’ll be worth the wait,” Apple said. “Life often presents trade-offs, and in this case we’re sure we’ve made the right ones.”

“If it came down to one product or the other slipping, they made the right choice for iPhone to be on time — where consumer demand and anticipation is already running high,” said Michael Gartenberg, an industry analyst at JupiterResearch.

Apple plans to ship two versions of the iPhone — a 4-gigabyte model for $499 and an 8-gigabyte one for $599. It will be available in the U.S. exclusively through AT&T Inc.’s Circular Wireless network. It will be sold in Europe later this year and in Asia next year.

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Conference Itinerary

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

- 4:00 p.m. Opening Mass at Alumni Hall Chapel (Fr. Jenkins presiding)
- 5:15 p.m. Reception in the Grand Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
- 6:15 p.m. Opening remarks from Fr. Jenkins
- 6:30 p.m. Keynote speech from Ms. Brosnahan followed by panel discussion

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast buffet in the Grand Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
- 9:45 a.m. Keynote speech from Fr. Anderson followed by panel discussion
- 11:00 a.m. Concurrent presentations of student papers (including roundtable discussions with faculty and students)
- Noon Lunch in the Grand Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
- 1:00 p.m. Continue with concurrent presentations of student papers

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- Ms. Mary Brosnahan, director of the Coalition for the Homeless in New York City and a 1983 graduate of Notre Dame
- The Very Reverend Philip Anderson, O.S.B., Prior of Our Lady of the Annunciation of Clear Creek Monastery

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I wish in my first Encyclical to speak of the love which God lavishes upon us and which we in turn must share with others

--Pope Benedict XVI, Deus Caritas Est Encyclical Letter
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Casey, in Iraq, spoke to a packed Carroll Auditorium Thursday morning as dozens of South Bend residents con- vened at campus to hear the words of the anti-war activist. While students were the audience’s minority, Sheehan said she did not fear a lack of youth activism calling for an end to the war.

“They always ask me, ‘Where are all the young people?’” said Sheehan. “It seems they are not involved like they were in Vietnam, but there is a big difference... If young people started burning things people would take more notice, but young people are doing it in a peaceful, authen- tic way.

Sheehan began her personal crusade in August 2005, when she protested at a peace camp outside President Bush’s Crawford ranch during his five-week vacation there. Her continuous efforts to gain Bush’s attention garnered national media attention at Camp Casey during her five-week stint camped out- side the ranch. She demanded an audience with the presi- dent and an explanation for her son’s death.

Sheehan said there is great value in nonviolent demon- strations — giving her a voice louder than angry critics like conservative columnist Ann Coulter, she said.

“If you wrestle with pigs you only get dirty,” Sheehan said. “And the pigs like it. We must keep ourselves clean. Peace is the most radical concept.

The concept of peace within our own society, she said, is so rare that Sheehan only includ- ed it in the title of her organi- zation, Gold Star Families for Peace, after careful deliberation.

Sheehan is one of nine founders of the organization, which provides support for families of fallen soldiers and seeks to end the U.S. occupa- tion of Iraq.

While Sheehan said people often approach her in a state of shock about America’s involvement in Iraq in this post-Vietnam era, she said she explains that after Vietnam those actively seeking peace thought their jobs were done.

“I tell them, ‘You put your signs in your garages and your peace badges in your jewelry box,’” said Sheehan. “Of course this can happen again. The war machine wants constant war ...

In twenty, thirty or forty, your children will be involved in something like this.”

Sheehan made the decision to speak at the College as a “break” from her large venue speaking tour. While Sheehan could have spoken at a larger local venue, College Democrat president Meghan Herbst said.

While Sheehan had a place at the College, however, College speaker, Regina Wilson, said the “Leadership Declaration” that is now being circulated through the University was not appropriate for the College.

Wilson, who is a student, said the declaration calls for non-violence, and that the College’s position on this is not consistent with the College’s mission.

While Sheehan was in sup- port of this declaration, it was enacted by the College’s administration, and not by the students.

“I don’t think this is an appropriate time for the College to be doing this,” Wilson said.

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Sheehan said she was enthusiastic to be at a school as small as the internationally known Catholic college, par- ticularly because the religious and leadership values Saint Mary’s intends to instill within its graduates attracted her.

“Sheehan is the individual protestor’s unwillingness to make sacri- fice. The first change she urged was the end of Saturday marches on Capitol Hill, jokingly saying that not even the person responsible for clear- ing dog waste from the side- walks is in the neighborhood on Saturday.

In turn, she extended an invitation to the 10,000 Mother March on Monday, May 14 — a date when she said she is confident the mani- festation will draw the atten- tion of lawmakers.

Sheehan said she will not believe priests, bishops, cardinals and the Pope are truly against the war until they join the movement that will begin in the Middle East.

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Sheehan said the ultimate sacrifice, however, lies within the individual, as every person has the responsibility to con- tribute their talents to the improvement of society.

“Look inside and figure out what more you can do,” said Sheehan. “Don’t worry about what you will eat, where you will sleep or your clothes. Step out in faith and that will be pro- vided for you.

A mother of three other chil- dren, Sheehan said she would gladly stay in her California home to cook and clean for them, but after Casey’s death and the loss of thousands of innocent Iraqis, Sheehan realized that was no longer an option.

“If we want true and lasting peace,” she said, “we all have to sacrifice... We have to give something until it hurts.”

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McDaniels’ presence justified

It’s generated strongly worded Letters to the Editor, prompted plenty of angry complaints and often required significant changes before publication. So why is Kaleidoscope McDaniels still in The Observer? It’s a fair question, and the short answer is, usually, it’s pretty funny.

Concerns about Observer comic strips have surfaced frequently in recent years. Readers have questioned Kaleidoscope since it began in January, and before that, Jocular was a frequent target of criticism — although other cartoonists, from time to time, have drawn grievances as well. Whatever the case, a common theme has emerged.

When a joke is made — unless it’s the mildest, safest and, more often than not, least funny option — someone gets offended.

And when a joke is made that touches a nerve with a broad group of readers, it’s often because it exposed an underlying issue.

What do men at Notre Dame think of the school’s women? Do people understand the magnitude of problems caused by eating disorders? Why is there tension between the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s campuses? These are serious topics, and they aren’t caused by stereotypes or jokes found in a comic strip. Those jokes stem from pre-existing problems — and while it’s easy to blame a cartoon for inflaming a situation, it’s not addressing any root cause.

These observations are not meant to undermine complaints. After all, a newspaper’s role is to serve its community, and upset readers deserve explanations. What’s important to remember, however, is that the purpose of a comic strip isn’t to infuriate people — it’s to make them laugh. Some may see those loughs as coming at others’ expense, but that’s ascribing a motive to the cartoon that the author of the newspaper had in mind.

Humor is subjective. That doesn’t mean anything goes, however. When we think one of our cartoonists has crossed the line, we tell him. When we judge a particular submission to be in poor taste, we ask for a replacement, or we run a gray box apologizing for the comic strip’s absence.

(That’s not what happened with Kaleidoscope McDaniels this week, though — the cartoonist took three days off.)

Eventually, it comes down to a value judgment. Maybe the cartoons stimulate productive discussion, and maybe they don’t. But we aren’t asking our cartoonists to lead that discussion. We’re asking them to make people laugh. That’s what Kaleidoscope McDaniels does, and that’s why we value it.

We hope that readers will continue to tell us when they think we’ve stepped over the line. But we also hope the community will take these jokes for what they are, and what they’re always intended to be — jokes.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"To be stupid, selfish, and have good health are three requirements for happiness, though if stupidity is lacking, all is lost."

Gustave Flaubert
French realist novelist
Pride in appearance not a flaw

Katherine, Katherine. Katherine. As someone who has a 3.6 GPA, I am sure in your SAT prep you came across the definition of *hubris*. *Hubris* is a Greek word meaning something:hubris. To do something that they themselves condemn? Because you, my dear, have done just that.

You claim that Liam Moran stereotypes Notre Dame women and rowers and that he is wrong in his characterizations, but his viewpoint of Notre Dame women and rowers is wrongfully placed. Yet as soon as you are done bashing someone (who produces comics that the majority of the student body enjoys for his actions), you turn around and do the exact same thing by stereotyping him and telling him not to lower his standards and to go after the sexy unintelligent bimbo that you are sure he is.

Someone does not practice what they preach. As a fellow Katherine and someone who was a member of not only her high school team but also at one college level, I can attest to the fact that she never took Moran's comics seriously. I never felt like a Grendel; it was you who called me a Grendel. You don't understand that I am not liam, therefore you do not know how I feel or what kind of woman Liam is internally.

At a University that prides itself on having open forums and debates, you and others who obviously put forth a great deal of effort, I can say that I am ashamed of your actions. It is not to put the effect in to your appearance and therefore could be considered unattractive by Liam Moran or possibly other male students. If you consider yourself unattractive due to lack of effort, it is only natural that other people will too. You call yourself a Grendel. I do not know you and therefore will not comment on your physical appearance, but I do know for sure that you are unattractive to me. Take pride in your appearance in no way a crime, nor does it take away from the ability to learn and increase intelligence. We all have hard days where we may not look our best, but in no way is it acceptable to make this an everyday occurrence. If you do, it will only be boys who are turned off by your appearance, but girls and teachers as well.

I respect well-dressed women and men alike. Take note boys, sweats and sweatshirts everyday are not that hot. Take time in the morning to make yourself presentable; I wear some hot shoes and I am a good student. I don't think this little bit of self-pride will offend you since you were so inclined to declare your GPA. See, Katherine, it's not that hard to have it all. Some of the smartest girls I know are also some of the most beautiful girls I know. They do say that they do not take care of themselves in the same way as boys, as many of them already have boyfriends, but to feel good about themselves, it's called self-esteem and self-love. And let me tell you that combination is awesome. So don't take time in the morning to come up with a comic, the opposite of serious. But do listen to the importance of caring yourself makes you feel good.

I would say that judging on your strength of character, learn from it. Chocolate? Fine by me.

Katherine Syliva
April 12

Sheehan not in line with College mission

As an alumnna of Saint Mary's College, I was ashamed to read the story, "An war activist to speak," in the April 15 issue of The Observer. The College is disapponted to learn the College had extended an invitation to Cindy Sheehan to speak Thursday morning. They speak of her behavior and conduct disrespectful and undeserving of Saint Mary's support.

While I admit I am not an enthusiast of Sheehan's views on the war in Iraq, I have real reservations over the manner in which she has chosen to protest this war in Iraq. Please do not misunderstand my position. I believe in the First Amendment. I believe in the right of every citizen to question her government. These values are of our American democracy. Nevertheless, Sheehan has routinely abused those rights.

First and foremost, she continues to misrepresent the war through false facts while casting unwarranted aspersions upon those who disagree with her. She has been arrested on numerous occasions due to alleged unlawful protests across the United States and the world. The most notable of those being her 2006 attempt to speak at an anti-war rally at the National Mall in the gallery of the U.S. House of Representatives and President Bush's annual State of the Union Address. As she most certainly knew or should have known, protests such as these are not allowed. Her actions were disrespectful and political in nature. There is a time and a place for this type of activity, and this certainly was not the time.

I am disappointed that my alma mater chose to allow Sheehan to speak on campus. There are certainly many other scholars and activists who disagree with the war that would have been a better alternative than her. She is not someone who the College would be so willing to be affiliated with as her avowals of protest are not valued in the College's mission.

During her visit, Sheehan received an overwhelming amount of support from official entities of the College, including the Center for Women's Inter-Cultural Leadership (CWIL), the Women's Resource Center, Peacemakers and Justice Education. These organizations, funded by grant money and student tuition, should not be sponsoring such a high-profile, politically-driven visit. That should have been left solely to the College Democrats or other politically-affiliated clubs on campus. Would the CWIL — or the other groups — ever sponsor a visit by a supporter of the Iraq war, or even just a conservative, to speak on campus? From my four years spent at Saint Mary's, I have thảobőle. If the goal of Sheehan's visit was to allow students an opportunity to participate in democracy and to aid Saint Mary's women in being informed about this war, I would be willing to invite an alternative viewpoint to argue the other side. I'd be willing.

Sarah Vabulas
Clas of 2006
Saint Mary's College
When the curtain goes up on "A Midsummer Night's Dream" tonight in Washington Hall, it will mark a milestone for Opera Notre Dame—the culmination of its most ambitious project to date.

Most college students have come to know and love William Shakespeare's play through high school English courses, but it's an entirely different show when presented in opera form.

For a quick refresher course, the play's rather complicated plot revolves around two pairs of lovers: Hermia and Lysander, and Demetrius and Helena—who end up in a forest after Hermia and Lysander elope. The play is very soap opera-esque, as Helena is in love with Demetrius, who loves not Helena but Hermia, who in turn loves Lysander. This complex "who-likes-who" dynamics becomes even more complicated when fairy king Oberon has his hench-fairy, Puck, intervene. Puck plays Cupid with a series of love potion applications, which scramble the preexisting romantic relationships and create a whole new series of interlocking love triangles.

In addition to the lovers, a roving band of thorpians arrives in the woods. Oberon feuds with his fairy wife Titania, and there's an impending marriage between Duke Theseus of Athens and Amazonian queen Hippolyta.

Oh, and one man's head is turned into that of a donkey.

So far as the opera goes, legendary British composer Benjamin Britten composed the music in late summer of 1935 for a performance at the Aldeburgh Festival, held less than a year later. Britten is considered to be perhaps England's most important composer ever, but any discussion of the music of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" must include mention of Peter Pears, Britten's lifelong friend and contemporary. In fact, Britten composed much of the opera with Pears' tenor voice in mind. Due to the time constraints under which they wrote the opera, Pears was responsible for adapting the text of Shakespeare's original play.

As such, there's a considerable amount of change and revision in the operatic version of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which makes its performance considerably more difficult.

"Whenever you're talking about the opera, it's important to keep in mind that it's an adaptation," director Mark Beudert said in the midst of a busy rehearsal Wednesday night. "The location of the opera is changed to the woods. The woods music runs through the whole opera. (Also), Oberon's role is bigger and the lovers' roles are proportionately smaller. The mechanicals are about the same. Theseus and Hippolyta are reduced to almost nothing.

"In Shakespeare's text, there's more words and therefore more nuances. However, for the opera, it can't be handled the same way. You have to search for the nuances in the music. In fact, we had to go back and look for clues in the play in order to find back-story for the lovers.

"Here, you have a decision to make in order to create an opera that works well. You have to pick and choose. So it's an interesting process."

In addition to the challenge of custom tailoring the opera, there's the music itself. Fortunately for Beudert, in Andrew Bisantz he has a conductor up to the task.

Bisantz earned a Master of Music degree in Orchestral Conducting at the Cleveland Institute of Music in 1997, making him the youngest person ever to receive the degree. Beudert did wind up making one concession—calling in some backup with professionals imported from the South Bend Symphony.

"It's a perfect opera for this campus because it's a complete liberal arts experience," Beudert said of the opera, speaking for himself, cast and crew. "It's been a tremendous experience, and we're looking forward to doing it in front of an audience."

So why did he choose to put on "A Midsummer Night's Dream?" "This is a fiendishly difficult opera to present, and it's almost impossible for an all-undergraduate cast to perform—but we didn't accept that," Beudert said. "We have a very diverse cast, a very young cast. Frankly, we had so many talented people we had to do it. We have pushed everyone. It's been a learning experience for all of us. I don't know anyone else who's doing this. I think it's unique for us."

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With their newest release, "Devils and Angels," pop-rock band Melee have somehow managed to create one of the most generic albums ever put to digital disc. This album is what Rob Gordon once called "music I can ignore," and its polish seems so overdone that it has virtually eliminated any chance of originality or talent.

"Devils & Angels" opens with the especially ignorable "Built to Last." Fromman Chris Cron's style feels something like Goldday, melded to a sad imitation Motion City Soundtrack with and a dash of The Shins — only, well, not as good. When Cron wants to croon, he tries to imitate the tinny guitars in an attempt to sound epic. Unfortunately, it only sounds like over-produced babble. Cron should leave the singing to guys like Modest Mouse frontman Isaac Brock — someone who actually knows how to croon with his instruments — and return to the delusions of grandeur from whence he came.

This is not to say that every song on the album is horrible — some of them manage to be only quite bad. The third track, "Frequently Baby (She's a Teenage Maniac)," kicks the album into second gear past the feeble "first pour" of the rest of the album. Sadly, for listeners, this is where the placid excitement ends. Trying to sound like British rockers Muse, they throw in piano for good measure. But where Muse is epic, Melee sings about a teenage maniac with her heart of the dance floor. If Melee wants to sound and look like British rockers, it should stop singing about high school girls. It's just plain cloying.

This result is not unlike along a like a pop music cookbook. Producer Howard Benson, who worked with members before him, has followed the path of least musical resistance, and "Devils and Angels" feels like an uninspired combination of pop tendencies and pseudo-hipster sensibilities as a result. It's as though Benson and Melee consulted the library of generic blues conventions, added a quarter of a cup of rhythm, mixed in a dash of monotonous guitar and covered it with a bland production glaze.

"Drive Away," from the first half of the album, tries to be edgy with some crunchy guitars. Sadly, it's just too little too late — and Melee hasn't hit the middle of the album. The rest of the "Devils and Angels" continues along the same well-trod path.

The only decent song on the album is its bonus track, "You Make My Dreams." This song is actually catchy, with its fuzzy guitar that seems to have escaped the producers' spic-n-shine routine. Cron sings with some real feeling, and the rest of the band provides decent background vocals. The best thing about this track is its honesty — the band isn't trying to be epic or ground-breaking. They are, strangely enough, having fun with the song. It's too bad for Melee that this gem is stuck on a bonus track, and that they couldn't take a cue from it for the rest of the album.

All in all, Melee's "Devils and Angels" is a horrible piece of recorded music. It knows what it wants to be, which is more than many bands can say, and it is what it is — very bad. Go check out Modest Mouse. Muse or even Coldplay before you go near this one.

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Laxers prepare for home tilt versus Georgetown

By MICHAEI BRYAN Sports Writer

No. 12 Notre Dame will look for a crucial win Saturday, scoring off against Big East foe Georgetown.

The Irish (10-3) will conclude their five-game home stand against the No. 11 Hoyas (7-5-1) Saturday at 1 p.m. Georgetown sits atop the Big East standings with a 3-0-0 record, while Notre Dame stands tied for second at 2-1-1.

Georgetown, ranked third in the preseason, has played an up and down season against an incredibly tough schedule. While the Hoyas have impressive wins against ranked conference opponents Pittsburgh and Syracuse, the team has dropped five games, including three of its last four.

All five of Georgetown's losses have come to opponents ranked No. 25 or higher. For Notre Dame, the game against the Hoyas feels critical if the Irish want to remain in contention for the Big East regular season title. While the Hoyas would vault the Irish into first place, while a loss would effectively end any hopes of a regular season championship. Two of No. 1 seed in the inaugural Big East Tournament.

Offensively, the Hoyas are led by senior Coco Stanwick, currently second in the conference in points with 40 goals and 18 assists. Seniors Brittany Schlottman and Maddy Schuler Sutton also have 22 and 20 goals, respectively.

Irish coach Tracy Coyne said the team hopes to contain Stanwick, but doesn't expect to completely stop the Georgetown offense.

"You know Coco will get her goals," Coyne said. "But we feel confident we can handle and contain her defensively, and I have a lot of confidence in Kaki Orr against her in draw control.

Georgetown's strength this season, however, is its defense. The Hoyas are giving up an average of only nine goals per game — best in the conference.

Notre Dame will look to continue two recent trends that have led to wins — smothering defense and a balanced offensive attack. In the Irish wins this season, the team has given up an average of 7.3 goals per game, while giving up totals of 20, 16 and 18 in the three losses.

While sophomore Jillian Billey and junior Caitlin McKinney have been Notre Dame's top scorers all season, the emergence of a complete offensive attack keeper Grant Stearns, along with key Notre Dame winning five of their last six, sophomore Jane Stoekert and senior Meghan Murphy have each led the Irish in points in recent games, and senior Orr and Lena Zenz have made significant contributions as well.

"I've been excited to see so many players stepping up," Coyne said. "Mary Carpenter had a career high in goals last season, and Meghan, Lena and Jane have been excellent — it's been great and huge to our success.

The Georgetown game starts a tough stretch of four games without a break with the Big East tournament for the Irish. Notre Dame will face No. 12 Vanderbilt on the road and close the regular season against Connecticut.

The Irish, however, look forward to these challenges. "I'm psyched to play three ranked teams, especially with the rivalries," Coyne said. "It gives us great mental preparation without any easy games, and we want to end the season on a positive note.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

ND Women's Tennis

Irish look to maintain dominance

Team travels to Evanston to take on No. 9 Northwestern

By DAN MALOOF Sports Writer

The No. 2 Irish women's tennis team will attempt to improve its 2-1 overall as they take on No. 9 Northwestern today in Evanston, Ill.

The Irish, riding a 16-match winning streak, are coming off two impressive performances over the weekend in which they easily handled both No. 34 Indiana and No. 48 Ohio State by a score of 7-0.

The Irish have battled injuries all season, but Notre Dame coach Jay Louderback hopes to get junior Brook Buck back in the lineup at some point this weekend.

"We'll know tomorrow," Louderback said. "We're going to try to get Brook in some doubles this weekend but we don't know when. We're going to play as well as she feels on her own.

The Wildcats, who have won their last four matches and seven of their last eight, will look to carry the momentum from the weekend as they have defeated Indiana 5-2 on Easter Sunday.

Louderback understands that this will not be an easy match against Northwestern "It's going to depend on line-ups," Louderback said. "If they go with the lineup they've been going with, I feel pretty good about the matchups. The key is going to be doubles because they have good doubles teams and their number one team just beat the No. 1-ranked William and Mary's number one doubles last weekend.

The two teams are no strangers to each other as they have met in the semifinals of the ITA Indoor National Tournament in Evanston, Ill. The Irish outlasted the Wildcats 4-3 in that match, but return to Oxford this week having improved greatly since that match.

Our doubles aren't fresh anymore because they've played a lot of matches," Louderback said. "I just think it's going to be a lot of good tennis. I think our doubles depth right now is very good because all the kids have played a lot."

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Jay Louderback
Irish coach

Due to Northwestern's strong doubles reputation, Louderback said the Irish have placed a lot of emphasis on doubles in the practices this week.

"We did quite a bit of doubles work this weekend because doubles is going to be very important, and our singles are pretty sharp at this point because we've played a lot. I figured we needed to be ready to give ourselves the best shot of winning the doubles," Louderback said.

After battling Northwestern today, the Irish will look to finish their regular season on a high note as they take on ranked opponents Wisconsin, Northwestern and Minnesota, respectively.

"We're just looking to get some district wins against some of those teams," Irish said. This weekend could also mark the first of the season for Irish women's tennis as the Knights have the opportunity to take on Vanderbilt, a team that Irish Notre Dame's most formidable Big East opponents.

"We get to take on Louisville so that should give us a good idea of where we stand," Irish said.

Along with Irish, the Irish will send senior co-captain, junior Greg Rodgers, sophomore Brandon Sandman, and freshman Doug Fortner to compete in the team's final tune-up before the conference tournament.

Freshman Mike King will also play in the Kepler Intercollegiate as an individual performer.

"It's going to be an important weekend for us," Irish said.

This weekend, the Irish could earn a shot at the BIG EAST. All three matches against the aforementioned teams are expected to top in the top-12 nationally.
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Tennis

Williams advances to Cup quarterfinals

Associated Press

Venus Williams cruised into the quarterfinals of the Family Circle Cup on Thursday with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over China's Peng Shuai. The 25-year-old Mexican star had to lean down at the net to reach the micro­phone, and at the end of a short, grace­ful acceptance speech, he flashed an un­certainty smile at the crowd. There, his parents and grandmother sat and beamed. He still looked like an 18­year-old to everybody present, but he was about to become a $40 million man with a lot more to worry about than his grades. It was a bittersweet moment.

Williams won in Memphis in her return, advanced to the third round in Miami and made the quarterfinals last week at Amelia Island. She said she feels stronger with each match. "I've been off so long and I'm eager to play and I'm eager to get my ranking up and I want to play matches," she said. "I'm excited about the snowball effect." Second-seeded Jelena Jankovic of Serbia, ranked No. 9 and the highest seed at the $3 million Family Circle Cup, had an even easier time than Williams. She defeated Maria Santangelo of Italy 6-3, 6-1 in 47 minutes, losing only six points in the second set. It's Jankovic's fourth appearance in Charleston, but with­out this week she never survived the second round. Last year, Jankovic lost to a qualifier. "I'm now in the top 10 and I'm just a different player," she said. "I really don't have to prove anything to anybody, but all I want is just to enjoy my game, play my game." Jankovic meets Karin­na Schreeb­nik of Switzerland, who beat Zheng Jie of China 7-5, 7-6 to qualify. Fourth-seeded Dinara Safina of Russia also won in straight sets, defeating Lexie Dominique Lino of Spain, 6-2, 6-2. She will face Taisia Gelvin of France, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 winner over Peng Shuai of China.

Gelvin captured the first tour victory of her career last week at Amelia Island and said success builds confi­dence. "It's one of the most import­ant things," she said. "A lot of top players sometimes win because they didn't win because they have confi­dence even if they aren't playing that well. And I think that's what I'm building up to." Michaela Krajicek of the Netherlands, who earlier this week defeated the tourna­ment's top-seed, Nicole Vaidi­sova, also advanced with a 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-1 win over Sybille Bammer of Austria.

In Brief

Slight progress in basketball players staying in school

Two weeks ago, Kevin Durant showed up to collect one of sev­eral player-of-the-year awards wearing a burnt-orange tie, black shirt and black suit. Somehow, it made him look even younger, taller and skinnier than he did in a Texas Longhorns jersey. That is no small accomplish­ment. Durant had to lean down at the lectern to reach the microphone, and at the end of a short, grace­ful acceptance speech, he flashed an uncertain smile at the front row. There, his parents and grand­mother sat and beamed back. He still looked like an 18­year­old to everybody present, but he was about to become a $40 million man with a lot more to worry about than his grades. It was a bittersweet moment.

Sorenstam's injury improves Ochoa's ranking

REUNION, Fla. — Lorena Ochoa would prefer a head-to­head vic­tory against Annika Sorenstam to become No. 1 in the women's world rankings.

The 25-year-old Mexican star might have to settle for gaining the top spot a different way — with Sorenstam injured and out of the mix. Ochoa shot a 6-under 66 in the opening round of the Glenn Open on Thursday, tying Laura Davies for the lead and moving a step closer to supplanting Sorenstam atop the rankings.

"I would love for her to be play­ing, yes," Ochoa said. "So I guess right now it's the way it is. But I think I better keep playing good and just take advantage of that. But I wish her all the best. Hopefully she will be back soon."
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By DANIELLE KELLER
Sport Writer

The Irish travel to Redwood Shores, Calif., to compete in the fifth-annual Windermere Real Estate Rowing Classic this weekend.

The regatta is the team's largest competition this season, featuring more than 100 races among the nation's top universities. Rowers will compete in two days of Henley style racing, in which all the races consist of just two boats.

Notre Dame kicks off the weekend with a varsity-eight race against Stanford Saturday. The varsity-four boat will also race against Stanford later in the morning.

On Saturday afternoon, Notre Dame's varsity-eight and second varsity-eight boats will race Stanford. Saturday's competition ends with the novice-eight race against UCLA. The varsity-eight boat returns to action on Sunday morning in a race against UCLA. The varsity-eight and varsity-four boats will also race UCLA Sunday.

UCLA's last competition was in the San Diego Crew Classic, in which the Bruins won the Store our Stun Laurel V. Korholz Perpetual Trophy for the novice-eight race and placed in the top-three in three other races. Stanford and California also competed in the San Diego Crew Classic. No. 9 Stanford placed third in the varsity-eight race and third in the novice-eight race. California placed second in the varsity-eight race and the open eight race, third in the second varsity-eight race, and fourth in the novice-eight race.

Notre Dame is ranked No. 14 in the Collegiate Coach's Rowing Association/US Rowing Poll. Last weekend's regatta in Indianapolis was cancelled due to inclement weather. In their previous competition, the Irish won the Lubbers Cup at a regatta in Grand Rapids, Mich.

So far the team has enjoyed success, due in part to the novice-eight boat, which went undefeated for the earlier part of the season. After this weekend's regatta, the Irish will travel to New Jersey, where they will face No. 6 Princeton and George Washington, before in the Big East Championships.

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Irish, Demons rained out

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's doubleheader against No. 18/14 DePaul, which was originally scheduled for Thursday, was postponed until April 29 to be played in Cacciatore Stadium in Chicago. This marks the second time this season the two teams have had to cancel a doubleheader due to inclement weather.

The Irish (19-13, 8-0 Big East) and Blue Demons remain the only undefeated teams in conference play, and their set of games could be crucial once the Big East championship starts.

The Irish, however, have to focus on a pair of doubleheaders this weekend at conference rival Providence and Connecticut.

On Saturday, Notre Dame will face the Friars in Providence, R.I., at 12 p.m. Providence is currently ranked ninth in the Big East with a 3-7 conference record to go with a 14-14 overall mark.

Against Providence, Notre Dame will face senior pitcher Sara Sursko, who is 7-8 with a 2.87 ERA and freshman catcher Danielle Bertolote, who has a 3-3 mark with a 3.65 ERA.

On the offensive side, senior catcher Rachel Bartholomew is the Friars' main threat with a .333 batting average and a team-leading seven home runs and 31 RBIs.

Notre Dame will then travel to Storrs, Conn., to face the Huskies, who currently occupy seventh place in the Big East with a 4-5 conference record. The Huskies are 15-15 overall. Huskies freshman pitcher Tricia Sullivan will take the mound with a 2-5 mark and 3.82 ERA. Also, the Irish expect to see senior hurler Krista Michalcyz, who has a 7-5 record to go along with a 4.31 ERA.

Sophomore utility player Jillian Ortega is the main offensive threat for the Huskies, batting .358 with 23 RBIs. Senior catcher Holly Calagno can also do damage at the dish with her .342 average and five home runs.

Notre Dame's pitching staff will rely heavily on its pitching staff, especially sophomore Brittney Bargaro, who has a 12-7 record to compliment a 1.94 ERA. Senior Kenya Fuemme has also been solid, compiling a 7-4 record and 2.58 ERA.

Irish senior outfielder Stephanie Brown brings a nine-game hitting streak to this weekend's contests. She also boasts a .372 average and has scored 25 runs this season.

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Irish senior pitcher Kenya Fuemmele hits a backhand during Notre Dame's 7-0 victory over Syracuse April 1 at Ivy Field.

squad heads into last regular season event

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will look to add another win to its record as the team travels to Louisville for its final regular season matchup.

The No. 6 Irish enter the match after sweeping Kentucky 7-0 in their final home match Wednesday. The win put Notre Dame at 9-0 on its home courts and 20-3 overall. After struggling in doubles play earlier this season, the Irish rallied to sweep doubles play for the second time in a row — the team also won the doubles point in its 7-0 win over Ball State Tuesday.

The Irish had not changed their double pairs all season but did so against Ball State and kept the new lineup against Kentucky. They likely will stick with the same pairings against Louisville.

Senior Stephen Bass and Ryan Keckley defeated Kentucky's Bruno Agustino and Kenny Hodge 6-2, 6-2. The junior has been a key player for the Irish at No. 6 since Sept. 18, 2004.

Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss said Bass and Keckley's recent success at No. 1 doubles has been a result of the pair's great chemistry.

"We put our two best sets of hand at No. 1 doubles," Bayliss said. "Ryan's ability to poach off Stephen's serve has been helpful."

New pairings also include junior Sheeva Parbhoo and sophomore Brett Helgeson at No. 2 doubles and senior Barry King and junior Andrew Roth at No. 3 doubles. All three doubles teams have won the past two matches in which they have been paired together, and Bayliss hopes they will see the same success in Louisville.

"We've been successful with (doubles) the last two matches, and we hope that this will continue to make us a more viable threat to win the doubles point," he said.

Louisville enters Saturday's matchup with a record of 8-13 on the season. The Cardinals last faced No. 31 Virginia Commonwealth April 8. The team was defeated at doubles but rallied back in singles play.

Louisville defeated Kentucky 2-1 last March with a 6-0 Slavko Radman lead. Notre Dame returned to a 2-1 lead as No. 60 Slavko Radman made quick work of No. 79 Petr Oukas defeated in their straight sets 6-2, 6-2. But VCU took four points at No. 3 singles and captured a 5-2 win.

Even though Louisville fell to VCU, Bayliss said that Notre Dame is prepared for a challenging match.

Louisville defeated Notre Dame 4-1 in the 2006 Big East championship final last April. En route to victory Radman defeated Bass 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 at the No. 1 spot. The lone Irish point came from Helgeson as he cruised past Johnson in a 6-7, 6-3, 6-2 decision. The Irish had defeated Louisville 5-2 earlier that month during a regular season match.

Bayliss said that the team hopes to average last year's success in the Big East championship as they travel to Louisville Saturday. The team will look to doubles to continue posting strong performances as well.

"We are expecting a big challenge. We are prepared to be double headers to be posted, but we know we will see these same matches win" the doubles point," Bayliss said.

The Irish are prepared to be challenged by Louisville but will look for strong performances at doubles to help jump the match. Bayliss said the memory of last year's match won't hurt either.

"We are expecting a big challenge and we know we can win these matches, as well as our own, to make it to the final," Bayliss said. "That's been firmly imprinted on their minds, and our guys remember all the matches.

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**SMC Softball**

**Belles ready to take on streaking Tri-State team**

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

Tri-State, currently third in the league, has a conference record of 2-0 and an overall record of 18-4. The doubleheader with the Belles will be Tri-State’s second in two days. The Thunder take on Olivet today in a series that was postponed from Thursday.

**SMC Tennis**

**Saint Mary’s suffers first conference defeat**

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s lost its unblemished conference record after a 5-4 loss to Hope today.

Both teams now boast a 3-1 MIAA conference record and are tied for third place behind Kalamazoo and Albion.

The Belles only earned one win in doubles.

The number one doubles duo of freshman Camille Gebert and senior captain Kelly McAvitt narrowly defeated sophomore Samantha Stille and freshman Lacy Himes 8-6. Gebert’s powerful serves, combined with McAvitt’s flawless finesse, allowed them to come back after initially being down 4-3.

The number two doubles team of seniors Tara O’Brien and Grace Gordon did not have as much luck. Though the duo dominated when in control of the serve, they had trouble returning their opponents’ serves, which eventually led to an 8-2 loss to Flying Dutch freshman Ashley Austin and junior Christine Garcia.

“I feel like we played alright. We didn’t play terrible, but we certainly didn’t play our best,” O’Brien said.

“We had trouble returning serves and ended up digging ourselves into a hole. We need to learn how to close matches. The score does not reflect our competition and ability.”

In the final doubles match of the afternoon, the freshman team of Lina Rubino and Erin Kaplan utilized their strong serves and quick feet to push the match into a tiebreaker. After a long battle, the duo was defeated 9-8 by Hope College senior and third-year student Ashley Leary and freshman Danielle Werley.

With an overall record of 7-5, the Belles fell to Garcia after three sets, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4. In the fifth set, junior Cassie Quaglia fell to Werley 6-2, 6-3. In the final singles match of the day, Gordon dominated freshman Marissa Kooyers and won the match in two sets, 6-3, 6-4.

With an overall record of 7-10, the Belles will host Alma this Saturday. They will hope to add another win to their record and move into second place in the MIAA conference.

In last year’s match, Saint Mary’s dominated Alma, shutting them out 9-0.

The match will take place this Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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valiant effort. The Forfeiters were without two of their original members and were only able to recruit one other player before the game started. With a 5-to-4 player ratio, the outlook was bad from the onset.

Team Cougar did not exercise chivalry, trying to get the game over as soon as possible due to the miserable weather conditions.

The game was marked by sloppy play from both teams, each having trouble dribbling the wet ball. However, it was Cougar that was able to take advantage of their opportunities, scoring nearly all of their points in transition.

When Cougar was not scoring on a fast break, they moved the ball around on offense, taking advantage of their extra player.

"Playing 5-on-4 made it pretty easy to score, there was just always an open man," Cougar's guard Jim Napier said.

Forfeit did not go down without a fight, however, playing aggressively, but seemed to fall just short on every opportunity.

"They put up a great fight," Cougar forward Michael Urbaniak said. "They were really scrappy, especially with their defense. Toward the end they were difficult to score on."

The Best of the Best of the Best 21 Los Bombones Asesinos 19

In a game that lasted over an hour, these two powerhouse teams battled it out on Bookstore Court Fourth. The game, rescheduled from Wednesday due to inclement weather, was marked by turnovers, half court heaves, long passes and a lot of over the backboard shots.

Despite the win, Best of the Best defeated Los Bombones, 19-9. The game was still in doubt coming down the stretch as Los Bombones, led by Graham Austin, appeared ready to end the game, 20-19. However, The Best's Andy Gloss said, "That's What She Said." He said, "We were out there on the ET hopes to carry their momentum into the third round next week."

When the Engineering Giants jumped ahead early and appeared ready to end the game, up 20-8, but couldn't finish it off for 20 minutes.

In addition to not giving up at the end, That's What She Said opened the game strong and for the first few minutes of the first half out hustled and even overpowered the Engineering Giants.

When the Engineering Giants took the lead at 5-4, the game was theirs for the rest of the way.

The Engineering Giants were able to step up their play and eventually matched the intensity of their opponent, but it was the fundamentals that ultimately secured the victory.

"Turnovers and rebounds were huge," Seger said. "We were able to commit a few less turnovers and that was a big key to the victory.

The Engineering Giants will look to continue their aggressive play as they will matchup with a formidable opponent in round three next week.

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Championships in 2006, Molnar won the 400 meter hurdles, his main event, in 51.97 seconds as well as the 4x400 relay along with seniors Jordan Powell and Ryan Postel and junior Austin Wechter. The Irish, who have already earned 16 NCAA regional qualifications, will look to add more to their resume. Athletes still looking for qualifications include Wechter, Powell, senior thrower Garth Kustien, senior distance runner Thomas Chamney, sophomore distance runner Billy Buzaid and sophomore high jumper Blair Magin.

Molnar will run the hurdles on both Friday and Sunday in order to acclimate himself to the tougher competition he’ll face in April.

"I'm surprised, but it's a really cool feeling," he said of the plaque, which represents Notre Dame's Big East indoor victor. "I'm so colorful and it's so nice, like gold and everything. I really like it. It's a good thing because when I was in the coach's office after I arrived, I saw a lot of these kinds of awards on the shelves. I really wanted one."

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Willingham, Notre Dame never received a verbal commitment before July.

Frank credited part of the improvement in early recruiting to the hard work of new Irish defensive coordinator Corwin Brown.

"Corwin Brown has done an outstanding job," Frank said. "He's kept in constant contact with Anthony, telling him 'you're my middle linebacker.' I can't remember anyone who works as hard as him at landing these guys."

Pouliszny is the younger brother of former Penn State standout Paul Pouliszny. Frank said the two linemen have very similar styles.

"David reminds me a lot of his brother," Frank said. "He's got a real knack for playing line­backer. And he does a heck of a nice job in pass coverage."

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at Moose Krause Stadium, look­­ing for a school-record 11th and 12th straight victory over the Bearcats.

After splitting a 3-3 mark to begin the season, Notre Dame has run off three consec­utive victories, outscoring oppo­nents 37-11 over that span. The winning streak has helped prop­el the Irish up to No. 11 in the latest Nike/Inside Lacrosse media poll and USILA coaches’ poll.

The only problem is that just as the Irish were starting to build some momentum, their schedule intervened. Thanks to cancellations, Notre Dame’s last game was April 3 — which means it will have had 10 days off before facing Air Force.

Corrigan, however, feels that his team will be ready to go despite the break.

“I wouldn’t have volunteered the break for us when we got it,” Corrigan said. “We were playing very well, and when you’re playing well, you don’t want to take a break. I’ll tell you what, though, our practice intensity has been so good late­­ly that I don’t feel there will be any drop-off. Despite the break, we should be ready to play.”

Notre Dame will have to be ready to play this weekend because their games will have critical implications on the Great-Western Lacrosse League (GWLL) standings. Currently the Irish, Falcons, and Pioneers all sit tied atop the standings at 1-0.

Air Force is coming off a 16-9 victory over Bellarmine in its GWLL opener. Notre Dame is 9-0 all-time versus Air Force at home, but the Falcons won last year’s contest in Colorado Springs 9-8. Overall, Air Force carries a 3-5 record into this weekend’s game, but Corrigan expects the Falcons to pose a difficult challenge.

“I can’t believe they’re 3-5,” Corrigan said. “When you watch them at their best, you see a very good lacrosse team. Whenever you prepare to play somebody, you prepare to play them at their best, and their best is very good.”

After taking on Air Force, the Irish will return to action Sunday afternoon after they take on Denver. The Pioneers will carry a 6-5 overall record into this weekend’s action, and they will play Bellarmine on Friday before coming to South Bend on Sunday.

Denver has defeated the Irish in each of the past two seasons, and the Pioneers are also coming off a GWLL title in 2006 when they went 5-0 en route to an NCAA tournament berth. Denver lost 16-8 in the first round to Maryland.

Junior goalie Joey Kemp said that the Irish “definitely” have extra motivation for the Denver game given last year’s results.

“You want to beat a team coming off a loss to them last year,” Kemp said. “With them winning the league last year and getting an automatic qualifier, they’re obviously a good team. Having our league’s automatic qualifier is something we’re trying to accomplish this year.”

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In its last conference series, Georgetown was swept by Seton Hall in a three-game set in South Orange, N.J. The Hoyas’ last conference win was an 8-3 decision over Cincinnati March 30.

Meanwhile, Notre Dame dropped two of three to the Bearcats last weekend and was swept in a two-game series with Pittsburgh the weekend before.

Schrage said both squads have had the same problem — defense. The Irish have made 52 errors in 31 games this season, and unearned runs were the difference in both of their losses to Cincinnati.

“The times we’re making the errors are hurting us,” Schrage said. “We’re making errors that are causing unearned runs.”

Georgetown has been even worse. The Hoyas have made 78 errors this season, including 15 by shortstop Matthew Bouchard.

Schrage changed his pitching lineup last weekend against the Bearcats, moving former closer Kyle Weiland into the conference starting rotation in place of junior left-hander Wade Korpi. Weiland is scheduled to start Sunday’s match up.

Schrage said Weiland has had three this season, because it’s hard to get a lot of chances.

“We feel like he was one of the best pitchers in the league, and he wasn’t getting on the mound,” he said. Korpi switched to making midweek starts and will be available out of the bullpen during conference series. He scheduled start this week, against Bowling Green, was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Schrage said Weiland may still come in to close if neces­sary today and Saturday, and in that case, Korpi would start Sunday’s game.

“We’ll have some depth this weekend,” he said. “If we have to use Weiland (today and Saturday) we’ll start Wade on Sunday.”

The forecast for this week­end is cold with scattered showers. Schrage said that makes pitching and defense even more important than usual.

“You have to pitch and play defense on cold weather days, because it’s hard to get a lot of hits,” he said.

The bad weather also increases the chance of rain­outs, which would be frustrat­ing for a team that has already had three this season.

“The players get up to play,” Schrage said. “Anytime you show up to the park and don’t play, it’s frustrating.”

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING
California linebacker gives verbal commit

By CHRIS KHOREY
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Just days after Notre Dame received a verbal commitment from Pennsylvania prospect David Posluszny for the recruiting class of 2008, another line­backer has committed to the Irish.
Anthony McDonald, 6-foot-3, 220-pound Irish National track team, was coached by his Hungarian National track team, was coached by his father, and had a knowledge of American teenage culture that came only from "American Pie."
Now he's a full­fledged college athlete who, going into this weekend's Mount SAC Relays in Walnut, Calif., has qualified for the NCAA Mid­west regional competition and has a Big East Championship plaque placed proudly on his desk.
The culture shock of coming to America and keeping up with the Notre Dame workload is difficult enough. Add the commitments of a varsity sport, and life can get downright crazy. But Molnar takes it all in stride.
"It's kind of hard, but I'm getting used to it," Molnar says in clear but heavily accented English. "I really like the university in terms of academics. And now I really like the track here."
Exceeding in track gave Balazs (pronounced Bollage) the exposure needed to give him a chance to run in America. At the European Under-23 Outdoor Championships, and should be an excellent run stuffer.
"The thing that I like about this kid is that he's a very physical player," Frank said. "He loves to hit and he's got a real good feel for the position. He recognizes things very quickly."
McDonald also possesses a linebackers instinct — a knack for being in the being in the right place that is hard to teach, Frank said.
"He looks like a natural line­backer, not an athlete playing line­backer," Frank said. "He really understands what he's supposed to do."
McDonald's father Mike played at USC, but despite showing interest in Anthony, the Trojans did not offer him a scholarship.
"They only need one or two linebackers in their entire class," Frank said of USC. "He was a guy that they liked, and they were recruiting him, but they haven't offered too many guys at line­backer. That was the one thing holding Southern Cal back."
Scout.com bits Boston College, Ole Miss, Nebraska, North Carolina State and Oregon as schools that gave an offer to McDonald.
McDonald is Notre Dame's sev­enth commitment for next February's signing class. Three of the verbs — McDonald, Posluszny, and Woodstock, Ill., native defensive tackle Sean Cwynar — play in the defensive front seven, a key need for the Irish this year.
In the past two recruiting sea­sons, Notre Dame has had just two verbal commitments each by the time the second week in April rolled around.
In the three years before that, under former coach Tyrone                see MCDONALD/page21

BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXVI
Back on the courts

Baller return to action after weather cancelled contests

By DAN MALOOF and JAY WADE
Sports Writers

After getting rained and snowed out at the same time Wednesday, Bookstore Basketball XXXVI returned to the courts Thursday for sec­ond round action.
Team Cougar 21, Team Forfeit 5
Team Cougar 21 came to play in this male vs. female match-up. "We had to represent for the men ... plus it was really freaking cold," Cougar captain Jason Larch said.
While the score was top­sided, Team Forfeit gave a

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TRACK AND FIELD
Hungarian sensation emerges for ND squad

Freshman Molnar leads team into Mount SAC Relays in California

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Eight months ago, Balazs Molnar was a member of the Hungarian National track team, was coached by his father and had a knowledge of American teenage culture that came only from "American Pie."
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MEN'S LACROSSE
Team chases school record

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

When Notre Dame takes the field this weekend, it will have an opportunity to set the program record for con­secutive home victories.
Just don't tell that to the Irish.
"Setting the record is not something we've talked about at all," Notre Dame coach Kevin Corrigan said. "It's one of those interesting, but irrelevant facts. What's important is that we're starting to reach our potential as a team, and that's what we've focused on.

The No. 11 Irish take on Air Force today at 5 p.m. and Denver Sunday at 1 p.m.

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