Students to confer with community

By SARAH MERVOSH
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Student leaders will meet with leaders from the South Bend community today at the third annual Community Summit, where "honest dialogue" will help the incoming Grant Schmidt-Cynthia Weber administration forge relationships and continue communication with the community, student government Community Relations chair Geri Gari said.

The meeting — which will be held at Notre Dame Downtown, the location of the Office of Community Relations for the University — has four talking points, Gari said.

He said one of the main topics of discussion will be how to improve communication between the two groups. They will also talk about the development that is happening around campus, such as the Edly Street Commons and off-campus student housing. Safety and security issues, along with how to smoothly integrate off-campus students into the community, will also be discussed, Gari said.

"We both have different goals a lot but ... we do realize that those goals can merge together and that's what we are looking for out of this," Gari said.

In order to get a variety of perspectives, student government invited 40 people from a variety of positions, including representatives from South Bend's Common Council, the Mayor's Office, the Office of Student Affairs, Notre Dame Security Police and student representatives from Saint Mary's and Notre Dame, according to the theme of student government's upcoming Student Government Summit, which will be held at 2:30 p.m. on April 1.

The theme of the summit is "dialogue" and student government will discuss issues with representatives from midwest universities.
INSIDE COLUMN

Tired of Twilight

I have not read Twilight, but I saw the movie and I think that is good enough, and furthermore I am not ashamed of this fact. I am officially tired of the argument between books and movies. I realize that the book, academically and in detail, will always be preferable to the movie if you are a book lover. However, I do believe movie connoisseurs do have legitimacy in favoring a film over the novel. This isn’t a matter of intelligence; it is a matter of taste. Simply because a person prefers the movie to the book doesn’t mean they are not an intellectual or literate. I think all of us at one point or another have seen that a book was coming to the theaters, and in light of our busy schedules, we decided to forego cuddling up with the novel and just waiting for the film.

First of all, books and movies are two very different things. This is similar to comparing music and paintings. Paintings have involved music and vice versa, however, in most respects they are really incomparable. One, the picture, the other the story. Books stimulate the mind and imagination. They allow you to create a world inside your head. Movies create the world for you, and offer an alternative interpretation to the characters and settings you envisioned in your mind’s eye. Not reading the book takes away the element of participation, but does not take away from the whole experience.

It is important to take film as an art form in itself. There is still symbolism, significance in cinematography and lighting, as well as subtleties in the delivery and tone of the lines that could offer the viewer a different idea about what the significant lines of the book could have meant. Grant it, you may not agree with these interpretations but sit down with a literature class and analyze these same lines and the reaction will be the same. It will encourage debate, and is a dialogue an important part of academia? Art usually inspires a lively debate cannot be condemned as inadequate or lacking in comparison, but does not take away from the whole experience.

I am not discounting books however, they are an entirely good novel, and I do believe there are some stories that shouldn't be converted to the screen because they are such classics. There are always movies that come out that fail to recreate the beauty of the words on the page, but that is true of any art form. Some works simply fall short. So, go to the theater with an open mind. If you have read the book then you have the opportunity to see another interpretation different from your own, and if you are new to the story then you will be entertained by a tale that has already been loved by many while it still lied artfully on the page.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT POSSESSION COULD YOU NOT LIVE WITHOUT?

・Kathleen McKieman
Freshman Howard

“My cell phone - gotta stay in touch with people.”

・Melissa Cameron
Senior Howard

“My cell phone - gotta stay connected to my homies!”

・Held Grossman
Sophomore Howard

“My copy of Twilight - I can’t live without Edward.”

・Cristina Anaya
Junior Howard

“My Edward poster. He watches me sleep.”

・Carleigh Moore
Freshman Howard

“My ducks!”

・Caitlin Monsenough
Freshman Howard

“My Copy of Dracula; down with sparkles!”

IN BRIEF

Notre Dame MBA Marketing Club will host a lecture entitled “Marketing’s Role in a Sustainable Society” on Friday at 9 a.m.

An exhibit containing photographs, lithographs, and books from Latin American sites visited by Darwin will be presented at the Snite Museum of Art at 10 a.m. on Friday.

Portrait prints of 11 historical figures who have changed Modern Thought for the better will be exhibited in the lecture “Great Thinkers (who have changed Modern Thought for the better).” The exhibit will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Snite Museum of Art on Friday.

Mass will be held at 11:30 a.m. and at 5:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Friday.

A panel will present a lecture called “Business on the Front Lines: Reports from the Field” will be held at noon in C-103 of the Hesburgh Center at 10 a.m. on Friday.

Edmund Pellegrino, M.D., will speak at the lecture “A Moral Foundation for the Helping Professions: Medicine, Law, Ministry and Teaching.” The lecture will be held at 4:00 p.m. in McKenna Hall Auditorium on Friday.

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Panel discusses economic effects

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY

A panel of professors and community members discussed the social effects of the struggling economy in a lecture titled "Bringing About Change: Our Economy's Effects on Education, Family, Violence and Unemployment" at Saint Mary's College in Vander Venne on Thursday.

Jeromie McElroy, professor of economics at Saint Mary's, said there are some differences between this recession and others the U.S. has gone through.

"What's unique about our recession is for the first time in about two decades, the world economy is going to shrink," he said.

McElroy said as a result, the government is left as "the only game in town." He said there are three ways to know whether the programs and policies the government put into place are helping to improve the economy.

If we see building permits rise, average two-week hourly rates rise and the new weekly jobless claims fall, then the economy should be "on the move," he said.

Judith Fox, a professor of law at Notre Dame, addressed the issue of subprime loans and how they have negatively affected the economy.

"The original intent of subprime loans was wonderful. It allowed people who couldn't otherwise afford a home, get a loan," Fox said.

What happened, though, is loan brokers began giving loans to people who couldn't afford them. Sometimes they were up to 70 or 80 percent of their income. This leads to high foreclosure rates. She said:

"According to Fox, Indiana is 11th on the list of states in foreclosures rates with a rating of 3.59 percent.

Thomas Kavanagh, vice president for JobWorks, Inc., discussed his work at JobWorks in trying to train and help them find new jobs in the community once they are unemployed.

"Elkhart County is pushing depression-like unemployment rates. Right now, at the end of January, they are at 18.3 percent," Kavanagh said.

"Most of the people that work at RV manufacturing companies have never needed a computer for work," Kavanagh said. "The skill base we are dealing with for these individuals who are not employed is completely under skilled with the people we are trying to employ and teach them new skills.

"Finding jobs is still an issue, and according to Kavanagh, want of mouth is currently one of the most common ways. It's not the Internet or classifieds, but connections with people that are helping the currently unemployed find work, he said.

"That is how people are finding jobs these days. It's through networking," he said. "It's not necessarily what you know, it's who you know."}

Jessie Whitaker, director of the LEAND Homeownership Center, said the housing market is facing problems due to difficulties in homeowners securing loans.

"I tell the individual, you may need to start saving your money pack up and move because they are not going to work with you," Whitaker said.

The government is working on providing incentives for servicers, who homeowners pay their loans to, to modify the loans to help them pay their loan, she said.

"It's through networking, said even though they blame their poor behavior on the economy, the abusers have larger issues.

"The true driving force behind domestic violence is the need for power, the need for control," Ennall said.

She said she believes it is important to have resources available to help victims of abuse.

"It's a great time for these kids to get mental health treatment, but the problem is, mental health is no priority when there is an uncertainty about where food, shelter, and utilities is coming from," Geissler said.

In order to address these issues, the panelists said they believe government regulation is necessary, but more importantly, there is a need for education.

Kavanagh said education is "an important thing that our government, our leadership and really the businesses really need to take a look at and make sure they are educating people on financial literacy."

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Right to Life to hold annual conference

By NORA KENNEY
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Amidst the fury of one of the most heated debates on Notre Dame's campus this year, the Notre Dame Right to Life Club will be holding its annual conference Friday and Saturday.

Sophomore Holly Klepski, the conference's coordinator, said she has been preparing for the 2009 Right to Life Conference since this time last year.

Klepski said it is the club's hope is "that the Conference can be an opportunity for rational consideration and discussion of a variety of life issues."

Klepski said the club is excited because several speakers have agreed to attend and give lectures. Part of the club's mission is "to engage in a variety of activities including prayer, service, education," and "to connect with others and offer inspiration in these areas."

The events will kick off with a lecture on "Moral Foundation for the Helping Professions: Medicine, Law, Ministry, and Teaching," given by Dr. Edmund Pellegrino, senior fellow of the Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity at Notre Dame.

Saturday's events include a Mass, breakfast and a lecture by Lisa Everett called "The Family as the Sanctuary of Life" in 101 Jordan Hall at 10:15 a.m. Everett works for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend's Office of Family Life.

Chris Godfrey, a formal NFL player and a graduate of the Notre Dame Law School, will join in a talk Saturday entitled "Life Athletes: Where Do You Live?" Godfrey is the founding president of Life Athletes, Inc., whose mission is to stand for Virtue, Abstinence, and Respect.

Dr. Elizabeth Shadigan of WomenSafe Health Consulting will also speak about the long-term health effects of abortion.

Pamala Phifer and this year's Senior Senator, Jackie Rucker, will give a lecture entitled "Defending Life: A Legal and Moral Case Against Abortion."

The conference will conclude with a talk given by Chaunie Brusie of Feminists for Life. Her talk is called "Say NO to the Status Quo: Support for Women and Children."

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Allbute said that in recent years, the students in charge of the show have made Latin Expressions more oriented towards non-Latino audience members.

"Recently, we have taken upon ourselves to not just make it show for Latinos, but for everybody," Allbute said.

Both Allbute and Marie have been working with Latin Expressions since their arrival at Notre Dame. They decided to learn about the show when they were on campus for the Precious Fridays, and both immediately decided to become a part of the production.

"The moment I saw it, I knew I had to be a part of it," Allbute said.

She said she is so dedicated to Latin Expressions that she re-directed last year's show while studying abroad in Rome.

"It's a beautiful show not just because there's good acts and decorations, but because it's our opportunity to share who we are," Allbute added.

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in these areas.

"After my freshman year I decided that the more that you get involved the more you have to offer," Baxter said.

Easier.

"I did not ask myself what I wanted to do, but what kind of woman do I want to become?" she said.

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Communications prof receives award

By M.B. GIZINSKI
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Susan Baxter, professor of Communication Studies at Saint Mary's College and the Saint Mary's College 2009 Woman of the Year award at the annual "Women Honoring Women" dinner in Stapleton Lounge Thursday evening.

Baxter was nominated by sophomore Maria Chipman and junior Nicole Fundora.

Chipman said she was challenged by Baxter and learned more from her than from the material in the textbook.

"After class with her, I did not ask myself what I wanted to do, but what kind of woman do I want to become?" she said.

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Garti said students who are not affiliated with student government have also been invited to bring a fresh perspective.

Students involved in student government "deal with these issues all the time," Garti said.

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Students body vice president Sarah Falvey, who organized the event, noted the large amount of nominations.

"We had over 200 women nominated, which I believe is a record amount," she said. After two rounds of letters from students, six women on the faculty and staff were chosen as final nominees: Baxter, Ella Harsmeyer, Jane Ellif, Isabel Larrasa, Joanne Snow and Tina Flemming.

Those who nominated the women members of the faculty and staff said they felt it was important for a woman's college to recognize them.

"Thanks are the key to giving back," Chipman said.

Senior Kelly Anderson, a member of Zta Sigma Sigma, is this year's award for the recipient.

"There are not a lot of events that recognize women in acade"m ia," Anderson said.

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U.S. to send more troops to war
Obama to dispatch thousands of additional military to the Middle East

Associated Press
WASHINGTON
Concerned about the faltering war in Afghanistan, President Barack Obama plans to dispatch thousands more military and civilian trainers to the region as part of his "comprehensive" plan said Thursday.

President Barack Obama takes part in an Internet town hall meeting Thursday in the East Room of the White House.

Obama proposes a greatly expanded commitment to improving and enlarging the Afghan army and Pakistan's frontier forces.

The additional 4,000 troops devoted to training and advising the Afghan armed forces would head to Afghanistan this spring and summer. They come on top of about 17,000 combat and support troops Obama wants in place by the end of the summer.

Sen. Carl Levin, chairman of the Armed Services Committee, said the training group is needed because there aren't enough U.S. military trainers there now.

"We've got to increase the size," of the Afghan army more quickly than contemplated, said Levin, D-Mich. "The trainers are the key to it all.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said it seemed like a viable strategy as long as the manpower is there.

"I know we need more than the 17,000," he said.

As a candidate, Obama said the Afghan war should have been the U.S. priority all along, and that the Bush administration wrongly diverted U.S. attention and resources to the war in Iraq.

As president, Obama has been under pressure to say how he plans to address the sharp increase in violence in Afghanistan while prodding anti-terrorism ally Pakistan to deal with the militant threat on its soil.

Gaza Strip
Israeli army accused of misconduct

Associated Press

GAZA CITY — When Israeli soldiers expelled Abir Hijeh, her five children and their extended family from homes in a Garden City war zone, she said they warned her in broken Arabic: Go south or you might get shot.

The group went the wrong way and came close to Israeli soldiers. Hijeh was wounded and her 2-year-old daughter was killed.

Hijeh's account of a sniper firing on the Hijeh family. A Foreign Ministry spokesman confirmed his account but said there were discrepancies on casualties. The U.S. denied any airstrike on Sudan.

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University and Washington University in St. Louis are confirmed to attend the symposium. "These schools are all close in distance and academic standing," he said. Reish said the representatives will arrive Friday, tour the campus and attend reception dinner at the Morris Inn.

On Saturday, the student government representatives will participate in three "breakout sessions" to discuss issues such as community relations, student government's role in academic life, relationships with the administration and campus technology, Reish said.

Notre Dame's representatives will be Reish, student body vice president Grant Schmidt, chief executive assistant Karen Koski, student body vice president-elect Cynthia Weher and Ryan Brellenthin, who will replace Koski as chief executive assistant on April 1.

"We are participating but not leading the discussion," Reish said. "We want to see open dialogue."

Reish said he considered the idea of a symposium among the controversy involving the party ordinance proposed by the South Bend Common Council in 2007 to control student parties. He said when looking into the issue, he found that Northwestern University had a similar problem.

"Had we had a line of communication with them, it could have helped us," he said.

When elected to office in the spring of 2008, Reish said hosting the symposium was one of his first priorities. "Last year, I wanted to have this in April to really set the tone of our term, collect ideas and get off the ground running," he said.

However, issues with funds impeded the progress of the symposium, so the project was put on hold while Reish and Schmidt worked on other initiatives, he said.

Instead, Reish connected with other student body presidents through the creation of collegegovs.com, a Web site that allowed access only to student government leaders at colleges and universities.

But Reish said he was eventually able to secure the funds to put together the project and grab the interest of the universities who will attend. "I have talked to everyone at the schools and they all said it is a great idea," he said. "We are really laying a foundation and creating kind of a personal connection."

Reish said he particularly would like to discuss the relationship between off-campus students and the community at the symposium, an issue Northwestern University stressed as important to them as well.

"This is something I really feel passionately about," he said. Reish said he hopes the symposium will not only help improve Notre Dame's student government, but he also would like the event to foster a lasting relationship between the schools.

"We can ultimately develop a larger network," he said. "I think this can be a benchmark of where we fit on a larger scale."

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Harsh financial regulations proposed

Obama administration submits new rules; says crisis calls for assertiveness

The Obama administration's aggressive plan for strict scrutiny of hedge funds and other "too-big-to-fail" financial institutions is ratcheting up to corner the Renaissance art market and to purchase and maintenance of his Manhattan private jet travel, a lavish party for his wife at Swiss bank accounts, giving them six months to come clean and cough up any evidence against the owners of the accounts. Tax lawyers told The Associated Press Thursday that demands for information and evidence have increased sharply since the government took over major nonbank financial firms. They simply didn't do their jobs," he said. And Fleckenstein said he didn't think requiring big hedge funds to register with the government would prevent devastating frauds like Bernard Madoff's Ponzi scheme. "You could register all 10,000 hedge funds, and it probably would just overwhelm the regulator," he said. Timothy Brog, portfolio manager of New York-based hedge fund Locksmith Capital Management, said stricter rules won't work properly if regulators become bogged down in policing individual funds rather than monitoring the investment products they trade.

7,500 GM employees to take buyout

Both companies have to submit com- pletely restructuring plans to the federal government by March 31. The latest round of buyouts and early retirements at GM was the third for the company since 2006. From all three offers, more than 60,000 workers have decided to leave the company. The departures and other actions taken by the company "will help ensure the long-term viability and future success of General Motors," Gary Gwyer, group vice president of global manufacturing, said in a statement. GM has enough workers on layoff to fill all 7,500 vacancies created by the departures, the person familiar with GM's plans said. But if demand increas es and more workers are needed, the company could hire new people at a new lower-tier wage of about $14 per hour, the person said.
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Erskine A. Peters

Dissertation Year, a program carried out in honor of Erskine A. Peters who was one of Notre Dame's distinguished scholars and a devoted servant to the community.

Denise Challenger, a Peters Fellow and a doctoral candidate at York University in Toronto, spoke about how Obama has changed attitudes for the better in Jamaica.

"There's a sense that Jamaicans can claim ownership to the presidency of Obama," she said. "What he represents is the validation of the potential of the black community."

While doing research in Brazil, Jessica Graham, a Peters Fellow and a doctoral candidate at the University of Chicago, said many people discovered a renewed sense of pride in their black heritage after Obama's election.

In a recent Brazilian census, only seven percent of Brazilians consider themselves as black, but using objective measures, outside organizations put the country's black population at 50 percent.

"People who are interested in the black consciousness movement in Brazil will hope that this will help people define themselves as black," Graham said. "They will find it more appealing to be black."

Seth Markle, a Peters Fellow and a doctoral candidate at New York University, said the Bush presidency damaged the reputation of the United States in the eyes of many Tanzanians, but Obama's successful campaign restored their hope in the American electoral process.

"They were engaging in the same way that we were engaging with Obama in the U.S." he said. "People do see him as their president as well."

In Brazil, Obama's election has helped to weaken racial prejudices targeted towards black women, Graham said.

"It is very rare to see a man of his stature with a black woman," she said. "He presents a pride that you don't often see in the Brazilian context. Young women are saying, 'there are going to be little black girls in the White House with hair texture like mine.'"

Challenger noted another example of how individuals have been motivated by Obama's election — Jamaican author Taniesha Burke wrote a book titled "Raising The Barack Obama."

"She wrote a book on how to raise the next Barack Obama," Challenger said. "She's taken the idea of him and written an instruction book on how to raise the next Obama."

However, as Challenger said foreigners' admiration of Obama does not always extend to his policies.

"He represents values that go against Jamaican values," she said. "Homosexuality is a crime. The idea that homosexuality is immoral has now entered into the discourse nationwide. Within the Jamaican community, they recognize this complication."

Moving to the subject of foreign policy, Markle said Obama's presidency could diminish perceptions of U.S. imperialism.

"I do think [Obama's presidency] is changing that discussion around imperialism," he said.

According to Markle, because Obama is the same color as people exploited by American imperialist ventures in the past, the U.S. may begin to shed its reputation as an empire.

Challenger also contested the arguments of social theorists who believe race and gender to be minor factors in Jamaican society compared to class structure.

"Race and gender were the organizing principles of the former slave colony," she said. "There is still an issue of color. Colorism is really a damaging
Miss. tornado injures 28

Associated Press

MAGEE, Miss. — Residents in a tornado-ravaged community took advantage of clearing skies Thursday to collect family belongings and begin cleaning up from a storm that left 28 injured and dozens of homes and businesses flattened across southern Mississippi.

But Magee, a town of about 5,000 in Mississippi's pine forests, may not have much time to begin serious cleanup as another storm system with the potential for more destruction was expected late Thursday or early Friday.

While families were busy moving debris from around homes and covering exposed ceilings, the steady grinding of chain saws echoed through the community as utility crews cleared fallen trees from power lines.

Magee Mayor Jimmy Clyde said the community was in the early stages of assessing the destruction from a pre-dawn twister that smashed through dozens of homes and apartment duplexes and damaged two churches.

"This is like reliving Hurricane Katrina all over again and that's no fun," Clyde said as office phones rang constantly with reports of storm-damaged neighborhoods and lost power and water service. "We got hit back then and we've really been hit now."

Officials believe 36 homes, a church and a business were destroyed in Simpson County, where Magee is located, and another 86 homes and structures were damaged. Across the state, 434 structures were destroyed and another 146 were damaged by at least five confirmed tornadoes.

Phillip Runnels spent the afternoon sifting through what was the barely recognizable remains of his mother's mobile home on Mississippi 28.

His mother, Pamela McCallum, 48, was in good condition after being airlifted to the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. Her boyfriend, Larry Pearson, 58, was also injured and was in fair condition.

"She's in pretty bad shape and Mr. Larry, he's in worse shape," Runnels said as he continued his inspection.

The twister smashed through Magee around 1:30 a.m. as severe thunderstorms rolled across the Southeast. Power blackouts affected tens of thousands of Louisiana residents and authorities reported damage to some Alabama homes. Georgia residents also braced for potentially heavy rains.

There were no immediate reports of deaths.

Mississippi's governor declared a state of emergency in Simpson County. At least nine counties reported damaged Tuesday by an apparent school was closed in Amite County in southern Mississippi after high winds tore off part of its roof.

The Salvation Army and other aid organizations hurried warm meals and supplies to stricken areas.

"We're getting a lot of help in here," Clyde said. "That's the thing about Mississippi. Everybody just helps each other in times like this."

Runnels said homes in some areas were "basically leveled" and damage was extensive just outside the city limits.

Jeff Giachelli, 48, said he and his wife, Cappy, were asleep when the storm hit. He called to his wife when the windows of their red-brick home shattered.

The roof also had been sheared off.

"We got in the closet and it just collapsed," he said.

In a nearby neighborhood, several brick duplex apartments were smashed and cars were flipped upside down.

Stephanie Malley, 35, cried as she looked at the shell of her home, its roof gone. She awoke when flying debris hit her in the back. She grabbed her 11- and 13-year-old sons and pulled them into a bathroom.

"We stayed in the bathroom for a long time until everything started coming down," Malley said.

Her 11-year-old needed nine stitches for a cut on his leg. Nearby houses were marked with red spray paint to show that emergency workers who dug through the rubble didn't find any injured or dead residents.

The nearby Corinth Baptist Church was so shattered that "only the doors to its sanctuary were left standing," she said.

Members of the 100-year-old church stepped around the red brick rubble and walked through a cemetery where tombstones were knocked to the ground. A white church van was overturned.

There were still plans to hold Sunday services in the parking lot, however.

"Our church is still here, because our church is the people, but the building is gone," Mr. Larry, he's in worse condition.

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This Week's Mix – Bust Out the Shorts

by Andrew Seroff

1. "All Right Now" - Free
2. "No Sunlight" - Death Cab for Cutie
3. "Sugar Magnolia" - Grateful Dead
4. "Let Me Go" - Cake
5. "Superman" - Goldfinger
7. "I'm From Barcelona" - We're From Barcelona
8. "Wishbone" - Architecture in Helsinki
9. "Hot Dog" - Led Zeppelin
10. "The Blues Are Still Blue" - Belle and Sebastian
11. "Saturday Morning" - Eels
12. "Beer" - Reel Big Fish

The Kronos Quartet will perform Friday and Saturday at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

By STEPHANIE DePREZ
Scene Writer

There is one thing to remember when listening to the Kronos Quartet: they are not a string quartet. They are, in fact, a "new music ensemble." What does this mean to the average listener? It means they are somewhere between Stravinsky and Arcade Fire - and nowhere near Mozart.

Kronos was started in 1973 by David Harrington, who decided to form the group after hearing a Vietnam-inspired piece by known avant-garde composer George Crumb. He decided to delve into the new musical tradition of music that is off the beaten path. Born from the avant-garde movement, the Kronos Quartet has played and recorded music that varies from Shostakovich and Webern to Thelonious Monk to Jimmy Hendrix.

Their unique interest in minimalist music and anything with an unusual rhythm has led them to run the musical gamut a few times over. They have collaborated with Hollywood artist R.D. Burman (giving them a distinct Indian sound), appeared on the album "Late in the 20th Century" (next to a Romanian woman's choir), can be found on the new release for AIDS awareness "Dark was the Night" (along with SuSan Stevens and Iron and Wine), and were commissioned to write an ode to earth by NASA. They have appeared with Dawn Upshaw, Dave Matthews, and Nine Inch Nails. The heart-stopping music in "ReqiueM for a Dream" and "The Fountain?" Yeah, that was these guys.

There is nothing they cannot do, and for that matter, nothing they will not do.

Tonight they will be premiering a piece by Terry Riley, a famed minimalist composer. According to Harrington, Riley's "In C" in 1964 was a marked change in music. "All the sudden people thought about music differently," Harrington said. "There was no more hierarchy of musicians. It was a community of music."

Riley has since become one of the most famous composers of minimalism.

The premier tonight of "Transylvania Horn Courtship" will be the 24th collaboration between Riley and Kronos. It will be unique for Kronos in many ways, one being the addition of on-stage sampling, creating a musical loop in the middle of the piece they can play over.

"We've never done sampling in a show before," Harrington said.

The next thing one might notice about the piece is that Kronos isn't playing normal instruments. Instead, the instruments look like someone took a violin and a trumpet and bashed them together. Instead of a cello, there is a long neck with strings and a loop in the middle of the piece they can play over. This is why the Kronos Quartet is a musical feat to be marveled.

But why premier a piece at Notre Dame? "Anne Thompson [executive director of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center] invited us to make a project that would be joyous," says Harrington. "It's been a wonderful experience with Terry Riley. This piece is the most joyous we could put together, this piece for this occasion.

The collaborative team that calls itself the Kronos Quartet is a musical feat to be marveled. For over thirty years, they have been redefining contemporary music in all its forms, from metal to movie scores to minimalism. They are an American institution, and their appearance at the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will be a night to remember.

The performance begins at 7 p.m. tonight, and the second performance takes place at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are $48, $38 for faculty and staff, $36 for seniors and $15 for students.

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ANDREA KROCH | Observer Graphic

Last week we had great spring weather, but all this week clouds sat above our heads. I was working on a "Psyche! It's Still Winter!" playlist, but then, as if to thwart my plans, sunshine and blue skies rolled in. I'm not complaining. Here's my "Just Kidding, Bust Out the Shorts" playlist:

- 12 songs
- 1 weekend
- 43 mins, 8 secs of music

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Willy's life is defined by his dreams and leaving a legacy, and his delusions. Willy's two sons, Biff and Happy, provide further illumination into the fragile dynamics of the Loman family. Biff, the oldest son, has failed to live up to his potential in everyone's eyes, including his own. He wanders from one job to the next, never quite finding happiness or contentment. In Biff's own words, "I don't know what I'm supposed to want!"

At certain points, it is almost annoying that not a single character succeeds in overcoming his self-pity. The younger of the two sons, Happy, has seized upon his father's dream for success in business. He does relatively well and enjoys many of the trappings of success and happiness. Yet for all of his success, Happy hardly lives up to his name. Rather, he is just as lost as his brother Biff, who can at least acknowledge his frustrations. The disappointment of his own life and the lives of his sons come together, crippling Willy under the pressure of keeping it all together.

Rees delivers a convincing performance as Willy, although it is at times difficult to remember that he is playing a 60-year-old man. Derek Defensor and Chris Stare do well as Biff and Happy, but the standout performance is delivered by Kelly Hunt as Linda Loman.

Overall, the play is well done. It does seem to drag on toward the end, though that is due more to the script than the actors themselves.

Unfortunately, despite the best effort of the cast, the message of "Salesman" is difficult to relate to and audiences may find the story uninteresting. Willy's struggles are often hard to sympathize with from the perspective of a college student. Though Biff and Happy provide an example of where we all hope not to come, the overall spirit of the performance falls flat. At certain points, it is almost annoying that not a single character succeeds in overcoming his self-pity.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Observer.
NCAA Basketball

Pitino eyes Arizona job

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Arizona coach Russ Pitino will play this weekend in the book.

Bill Pitino's book.

He's savering every moment in Indianapolis, from his morning dealings with the usually dreaded news conferences, fully aware that any good Friday night's game against top- seeded Ohio State could be his first and only chance to lead a team into the region finals.

So the man with the interim title spent Thursday blunting questions about his uncertain future, the topic of the present. Or what Pitino once described as the precious present.

"Just the opportunity to walk through this tournament this year is incredible. It's stretched me, it's forced me to step outside the box. It's been very unconventional what we've seen through the years," Pitino said. "It's the only opportunity, so be it. Life goes on." At Arizona, basketball success only exceeded all these expectations this March.

The tumultuous season began in October with the retirement of Hall of Fame coach Lute Olson, a move that suddenly put a career assistant, Pitino, in charge of a program with 24 straight tournament appearances.

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**World Division 1 Top 15**

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**GLENDALE, Ariz.** — After cruising through the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament, Connecticut found itself in trouble for the first time.

Thanks to Hasheem Thabeet, the top-seeded Huskies weren’t in trouble for long.

Thabeet, the Big East player of the year, scored 15 points, had 15 rebounds and blocked four shots, and Connecticut overcame a sluggish first half to defeat Purdue 72-60 in the NCAA West Regional semifinals on Thursday.

One day after a Yahoo! Sports report obtained under Freedom of Information laws and other sources.

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Associated Press

**In Brief**

**UConn investigated for recruitment violations**

HARTFORD, Conn. — The University of Connecticut and the NCAA have discussed an investigation into alleged recruiting violations by the school’s men’s basketball program, a university official said Thursday.

The official, who requested anonymity because he is not authorized to speak publicly about the allegations, said the school was in contact with the NCAA Wednesday, after Yahoo! Sports reported that an agent who had once been a student manager at UConn helped its recruit Nate Miles to the school.

Yahoo reported Wednesday that Miles, a 6-7 guard from Toledo, Ohio, was given lodging, transportation, meals and representation by sport agent Josh Nochimson, and that a UConn assistant coach knew about the relationship between the player and the agent.

The story cited documents, interviews, documents obtained under Freedom of Information laws and other sources.

**Astro’s Tejada issued probation for lawsuit**

WASHING;ON — The prosecutor’s words were delivered in the matter known as “The United States of America vs. Miguel O. Tejada,” spoken during Thursday’s 23-minute hearing in which the Houston Astros shortstop was sentenced to one year of probation for misleading Congress.

The message — famous or not, you must tell the truth — also could be interpreted as a warning to another baseball star, Roger Clemens. His case, involving sworn testimony to the House of Representatives, is currently before a grand jury in the very same federal courthouse where Tejada appeared.

“People have to know that when Congress asks questions, it’s serious business,” Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven Durham told the court. “And if you don’t tell the truth — and we can prove you haven’t told the truth — then there will be accountability.”

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Irish hope to recover at FAU

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

The Irish look to bounce back from a disappointing finish in the E-Z-Go Invitational as they head to Delray Beach, Fla., to compete this weekend in the first annual Florida Atlantic University Spring Break Championship.

"We definitely had a hiccup last week, but surprisingly [the team] probably learned a lot more last week than even playing well over Spring Break, so in terms of development we're still on course," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said.

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Kubinski will travel to Florida with the team after missing last week's event due to flu-like symptoms.

"It felt like each round he had those two or three holes that just killed him, so if he iron those out he's going to be around par or better, I think he can do that here."

Other regulars in the Irish lineup are sophomore Dustin Zhang and freshman Max Scodro, who look to rebound from substandard performances in the E-Z-Go Invitational.

"[Scodro] hit so many greens last week, and had just amazing ball-striking, but he putted as poorly as he has in his career," Kubinski said. "He's worked hard in the last few days, and watching him today, he's rolling the ball very nicely, so he's very capable."

Rounding out the lineup for the Irish this weekend are junior Carl Santos-Ocampo and freshman Tom Usher.

"[Santos-Ocampo] is back in his home state. He played very well throughout the summer in tournaments across the state," Kubinski said. "And it's going to be breezy here, and [Usher], from England, has a lot of experience playing in those conditions."

The Irish will compete in the three-day tournament will begin Friday at the Gleneagles Golf Club in Delray Beach.

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Outdoor track season begins

By ALEX WEST and NATHANIEL LEE

The Irish kick off the outdoor season with the Stanford Invitational in Palo Alto, Calif. for the sprinters and field events.

Irish coach Joe Piane said he isn’t concerned about this being the first outdoor meet of the year.

There isn’t much difference between indoor and outdoor meets," Piane said. "Some runners are just running different distances."

Junior Joanna Schultz and senior Mary Saxer headline the track and field team. Both are All-American sprinters.

Piane said he thinks that the two women’s seasons have come as a surprise to them or the coaches.

"Everyone knew that [Schultz and Saxer] were studs to being with," Piane said. "This doesn’t change anything about their perception by their teammates."

On the men’s side, senior Patrick Smyth and junior Matt Schipper earned All-American honors in the 3000-meter race.

Smyth and junior pole vaulter Matt Schipper represented the Irish at the NCAA Indoor Championships last weekend.

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Spring Visit Weekend Prospects Arrive on Campus

The University of Notre Dame Welcomes the Following Students:

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions would like to recognize and welcome the 136 prospective African American, Asian American, Latino and Native American students attending campus to attend this year’s Spring Visit Weekend.

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ND Track and Field

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SMC Tennis

Belles open MIAA schedule Saturday

By NATHANIEL LEE

Sporn Winzer

Saint Mary’s opens its MIAA conference schedule Saturday against Alma at the SMC Indoor Tennis Facility in East Lansing, Michigan.

The Belles (4-5) are looking to rebound after a tough defeat to No. 16 teams.

"We were a bit disappointed in a few of our pre-season results," Belles coach Dale Campbell said.

"However, I think it’s a good thing, because we have high expectations and we did perform against tough nationally ranked teams.

The Belles have been paced at singles by sophomore Jordan Davis and junior Hilary, who holds a 4-5 record at first singles, junior Camille Gebert’s 6-3 record at second singles, and sophomore Jessica Kosinski’s 4-5 performance at third singles.

At first doubles, Hurley and Gebert have a 4-5 record.

"We are really looking forward to playing in the conference," Campbell said.

"We are expecting to match up against Alma well. We beat them last year, but they have improved between seasons."

Campbell said the Belles are looking to make a splash in the tough conference, and expose the young squad members to a high level of play.

The match against the Scots (5-2) will begin Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

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Irish set for rematch at Mich. State

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Hoping to build off an outstanding performance in Oak Ridge, Tenn., on March 14, the Irish will travel to East Lansing Saturday to challenge No. 7 Michigan State.

The Irish will conclude the weekend by taking on Indiana and Purdue in Indianapolis, Ind. Sunday. Both teams are perennial contenders for the national title.

“We have a very good team that is going to get a lot better,” Irish head coach Martin Stone told UND.com.

The Irish faced the Spartans in two varsity eight races in Tennessee but lost both with open water.

The team also matched up with Boston University and No. 6 Virginia. Led by coxswain Kelsey Otero and senior captains Christine Trezza and Lauren Buck, the first varsity eight boat won the opening race for the Irish by defeating BU by a margin of one seat.

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SMC SOFTBALL
Belles shut out Franklin

Freshman pitcher Gillis remains unbeaten, adds three hits

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s took care of Franklin College Thursday, sweeping a doubleheader without allowing the Grizzlies (3-13) to score a run.

The Belles (14-2) dominated the first game with a 13-0 win and continued on to a 3-0 victory in the second game.

Freshman pitcher Monica Palicki (6-2) threw the first game, and was aided greatly by the barrage of Belles hits that came early and allowed her to pitch with the lead.

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No. 9 Notre Dame looks to continue its seven-game win streak and improve on its 8-1 record as the Irish host two Big East opponents, No. 4 Georgetown and No. 6 Loyola, this weekend.

The Hoyas are battle-tested, though, having played the top three teams in the country so far this season, including a victory over No. 3 Duke last week.

Loyola will also be playing its first two Big East games this weekend, with its lineup against Rutgers Friday before taking on the Irish Sunday. The Greyhounds are going into the weekend with a 7-1 overall record.

Notre Dame and Loyola have played three times since Loyola joined the Big East in 2006, with the Irish winning all three meetings.

Despite the difficulty in preparing for two opponents in one weekend, Coyne does not see it as a problem. "I think [Burke] should have gotten Big East defender of the week," Coyne said.

Friday's matchup with Georgetown will begin at 8 p.m. in the Loftus Sports Center, and the Loyola game has a 1 p.m. start time on Sunday, also at Loftus.

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No. 27 Notre Dame will start and end their outdoor home schedule this weekend as they face off against No. 40 South Florida and No. 7 Illinois.

The Irish (9-9) have played all of their outdoor matches up to this point as part of the Pacific Coast Doubles in La Jolla, Calif., and the Blue Gray Classic in Montgomery, Ala.

The team hopes to rebound from the back-to-back losses to Boise State and No. 19 Wisconsin that knocked them out of the Classic.

"We cannot use the excuse that we have not adapted to outdoor play as a reason for the losses to Boise State and Wisconsin," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "We spent the entire week of spring break in California. We should be ready for the outdoor portion of our season." The doubles game for the Irish, which Bayliss said has been a focus in practice this week, will have to deal with the Bulls' talented No. 28 doubles team of Thomas Estrada and Lucas Jovita.

Senior Brett Helgeson and sophomore Tyler Davis will likely face off against Estrada and Jovita.

The Fighting Illini (13-3) are coming to South Bend on a hot streak. They have won eight of their last nine, including a 4-3 victory over Wisconsin. Stiff competition in doubles will come from Illinois' No. 41 duo of Marc Szlapcar and Marek Czeczwinski.

The Irish host South Florida on Saturday and Illinois on Sunday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. Both matches are scheduled to start at 3 p.m.

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"I just happened to be going to the net at the right time," Ryan said. "Game to game you want to put yourself in the same position. Sometimes you're gonna get chances and sometimes you're not. I think I just kind of got lucky to be in the right place at the right time."

Senior linemate Erik Condra, though, said there was a little more than luck at work for Ryan.

"If he gets his nose dirty and he gets into the play, he's as good a player as anybody in the nation," Condra said. "And he's getting dirty. He's getting those dirty goals when we needed them."

Ryan agreed that his role on the line, which scored a combined 35 goals on the year, is to provide the muscle.

"Ryan (Thang) is a goal scorer and Erik's a great passer," Ryan said. "So I need to be in the corners winning those one-on-one battles, getting the pucks to those guys so they can make plays."

Ryan has made plenty of plays himself this season, as well. He has netted 12 goals, including five game-winners so far this season.

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Irish freshman Kristy Frilling returns a volley during Notre Dame's 5-2 win over North Carolina on Feb. 27.

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as Matt Gamber, Dan Murphy and Sam Werner follow all the action live.
They beat Youngstown three at runs during Pittsburgh's 14-Cincinnati in the Wednesday. The hottest hitters right now is State and took two of their last six of the weekend. Pittsburgh ranked up nine hits against Youngstown State, two of them from sophomores designated hitter Joe Leonard. Leonard is batting .382 through four and fell .350 through .300 ERA. The Irish bats have woken up late in the past four games, but sometimes not soon enough. It's all a question of whether or not we come to play and if we get ready to go from the beginning and jump out on teams," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "If we do that we can be successful. But if we lay back and let it come to us, we might have some trouble like we did this week against Seton Hall." Junior center fielder A.J. Pollock leads the Irish in hitting with a .391 average. He and his fellow seniors have shared their tournament experiences of the past two seasons with the underclassmen, and that should help in preparing for Bemidji State. "There's two things that can happen, and we've seen them both first hand. You can underestimate a team like we did Alabama-Huntsville two years ago, and we can't do that, and I don't think we're going to do that this year," Condra said. "And if you get down, you have to stick to what's going right for you, and not get individualistic. It happened a little bit two years ago, but I think we showed against Michigan that it's not going to happen this year."

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Dear Notre Dame Students,

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked Campus Ministry at Notre Dame to provide a pre-recording of the Liturgy of Easter Sunday to be broadcast to a national audience on NBC on Easter morning.

The estimate is that between 90 and 112 million viewers will watch this special Mass, including the elderly and those who cannot attend Mass on a regular basis. Notre Dame has an opportunity to offer a unique moment of evangelization for people across the country.

We invite you to attend this special Mass. Please come to the Basilica this coming Saturday morning, March 28, at 11:30 a.m.

A special brunch will follow the Mass in the east side of the South Dining Hall at 1:15 p.m.
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HOCKEY

Third time's a charm

Irish to play in first round of NCAA's

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

A year after skating all the way to the Frozen Four as a No. 4 seed, No. 1 Notre Dame won't overlook No. 4 Bemidji State when the teams open NCAA Tournament play Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Grand Rapids, Mich.

"We realized that it doesn't matter — first or fourth seed, it's a one-game shot every game, and four seeds can make for a run for it," senior captain Erik Cundari said. "They've got nothing to lose, and they can put it all on the table like we did last year."

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ND SOFTBALL

Squad takes five-game winning streak on the road

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

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Now, the Irish will try to bring their success along with them as they travel to Georgetown Saturday and South Florida Sunday.

Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said she thinks the recent wins prepared the team for the road trip.

"I think the girls feel good right now," she said. "This will be the first Big East road trip for the Irish, who split a doubleheader against conference foe St. John's on Sunday."

Gumpf said she did not feel Sunday's games were a good start to the Big East season. However, she said she feels the team is looking better.

"We know what we've got to do," she said. "We have to keep playing hard."

The Hoyas (5-20, 0-6) are currently fourth in the Big East, one spot above the Irish.

Bulldog catcher Cat Olinick and pitcher Gridi Eck were named to the All-Big East Underclassmen team. Olinick earned her first all-conference recognition, while Eck was named to the first team for the second straight year.

In singles competition, Limited's (5-2) sophomore forward Ben Ryan handled the puck during Notre Dame's 5-0 win over Nebraska-Omaha in the second round of the CCHA tournament on March 14.

Ryan scores winning goals in two straight.

By SAM WERNER
Associate Sports Editor

Back-to-back game-winning goals in the CHA semifinals and finals would be a special moment for any player, but for Detroit native Ben Ryan, the moment was even sweeter.

"It's always great playing those guys (Michigan) because you know it's going to be a fun, fast game," he said. "Going back to Joe Louis was awesome just because I love the Red Wings and I'd been there for so many games growing up."

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ND BASEBALL

Pitt bats present challenge

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

This is not the weekend for Notre Dame's pitching to be struggling — the Irish head to Pittsburgh for a three-game series starting today.

The Panthers (13-6, 2-1 Big East) hit .300 as a team and have nine batters hitting .300 or better.

"They're an extremely good hitting club when they're at their field," Irish coach Dave Schrager said. "The main thing is our pitchers need to step up this weekend and shut down their hitting."

Their leadoff hitter, junior second baseman Chris Seden, hits .444 and has a .753 slugging percentage and a .478 on-base percentage. He has successfully stolen 12 bases in 13 attempts and hit two home

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

No. 3 ND blanks No. 27

Indiana in Bloomington

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

In familiar fashion, No. 3 Notre Dame rolled to victory over No. 37 Indiana 7-0 Thursday in Bloomington, Ind. The win is the fifth victory this season in which the Irish have swept all of the matches.

The No. 3 doubles tandem of senior Kiley Tefft and freshman Kristy Frilling got the Irish off to a good start with an 8-1 victory over their opponents in the No. 1 doubles match.

Junior Kali Krisik and Cosmina Ciobanu followed suit, claiming a second 8-1 victory to clinch the doubles point for Notre Dame.

Junior Colleen Rieley and freshman Shannon Mathews completed an Irish sweep in doubles competition with an 8-6 victory in the No. 3 doubles match.

In singles competition, Notre Dame quickly built its lead to 2-0 after Frilling overwhelmed her opponent in the No. 2 singles match 6-0, 6-1. Soon after, Ciobanu claimed her 13th straight singles victory with a 6-2, 6-2 win in the No. 3 singles match to give the Irish a commanding 3-0 lead.

Not to be outdone, Mathews clinched the match for the Irish with her convincing 6-2, 6-1 victory in the No. 4 singles match. Tefft cruised to a 6-2, 6-1 victory in No. 1 singles and sophomore Kristen Rafael