Father Peter Rocca blesses the RCIA candidates and catechumenates as part of their process of initiation into the Catholic Church.

**RCIA welcomes participants**

By ERICA THESING

Notre Dame's Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program officially welcomed its largest group of candidates and catechumenates Sunday during the 11:45 a.m. Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The 41 people participating in this year's program are part of a special tradition at Notre Dame, said Tami Schmitz, RCIA director for Campus Ministry.

"The RCIA program has been a really rich tradition at this place, and I think people are attracted to it," she said. "I think people are trying to define the faith in their lives."

This year's group consists primarily of undergraduate students, in addition to a few graduate students and one professor. Fifteen of the participants are candidates, which means that they were baptized into another Christian religion but are now seeking membership in the Catholic Church.

Junior candidate Elizabeth Wilschke was raised in her mother's Episcopalian church, but began to consider a conversion to the Catholic faith after she spent a summer in Ireland.

Wilschke then a student at the University of Michigan, transferred to Notre Dame last year and began to attend Mass and become more immersed in Catholic traditions.

"I realized that I started to feel much more comfortable in the Catholic environment than I had ever felt in the environment I was brought up in," she said.

Wilschke, whose father is Catholic, said that her family was very supportive of her decision.

"We're one of those Easter and Christmas families, so they were excited for me that it was something I was excited about and wanted to make a part of my life," she said. "Besides candidates, the other participants in the RCIA program are baptized Catholics wishing to receive the sacraments of first communion and confirmation. These people comprise the majority of Notre Dame's RCIA program and are called catechumenates.

Sophomore catechumenate Iain Gould received his first Mass and became more comfortable in the Catholic environment than he had ever felt in the Catholic Church.

**Go to work: Internships provide valuable experience**

By COLLEEN MccARTHY

For senior Tysus Jackson, a Saint Mary's political science and sociology double-major, the politics of government came to life after she interned in the Indiana governor's office during the summer of 1997.

"Interning in the governor's office exposed a lot to me, including the opportunities that exist in state and local government," said Jackson. "I had the chance to do a lot of networking with young Democrats and to work with the top people in the state government."

I saw first-hand the negotiat-ing that went on in government," she said. "It gave me insight into local, state and national government and more direction as to what I wanted to do. I left with the inside scoop on the political scene."

Internships have become a valuable asset for students to add to their resumes and graduate school applications.

Susan Simmerman, assistant director for Career Development at Saint Mary's, recommends students begin taking part in internships at least during their sophomore year and begin looking for an internship at least four months before they want to intern, although some summer positions have deadlines as early as November.

The benefits of internships extend to helping students build their resumes to make them more marketable for post-graduate employment or graduate programs.

"Some employers hire interns after they have graduated from college," said Simmerman. "Internships also offer students an opportunity to develop more skills, self-confidence and to develop realistic goals and expectations."

"Students get to learn that when you go into a company, you give you small assignments to start out with," said Simmerman. "Once they know how you perform tasks and are detail oriented, the employers begin to give you bigger projects. Working your way up is part of the learning experience."

"I wish every student did at least one or more than one internship," said Simmerman. "It's a chance to explore different career options and work..."
Do you see what I see?

Maybe it's the weather, maybe it's the workload, but it sure doesn't feel like Christmas around here.

The decorations are a valiant attempt, and it's nice to see them up on the halls, but the real meaning of Christmas is missing. There is a selfishness permeating campus that just doesn't go with the spirit of Christmas.

We're too busy. We have classes and final projects and deadlines and parties and deadline obligations. We just don't have the time right now, maybe later. We're not really thinking of others, and if we do it's with a frustration of time constraint because hey, we've got things to do.

I wonder what would have happened if Mary was just too busy to listen to the Angel Gabriel's message. Or if John the Baptist just couldn't fit those trips to the Jordan River in his schedule. Sure, not today, but what if Jesus came and nobody was prepared? Would they have let him pass by if they weren't paying attention? We are in the second week of Advent. I love Advent. The colors, the wreath, the candles, the concept. My family has an old, very loved Advent wreath with four small but special words inscribed around it: peace, joy, love and hope. I think the most important one for this season is hope. That's what we're supposed to be doing. Hoping. Waiting. Expecting. Anticipating the arrival of the Christ Child. But we can't! We have things to do.

Imagine if we put as much time and energy into spiritually preparing for his arrival as we put into being ready for finals, or socializing, or working out, or whatever it is that we do. It's not that difficult, really. It's only a matter of taking one moment each day to reflect, to sit still for attending some of the fabulous yuletide events going on around us.

There's the Handbell Choir concert, penance services, the Chorale and Chamber Orchestra performance of Handel's Messiah, and my personal favorite, the annual Posada service. And check out Father Jim Lins' Campus Ministry column from last Thursday. He writes of Advent much more eloquently than I can, and there is detailed information about campus-wide spiritual events. If you don't have your Grad Calendar through your grad column of Thursday's edition, please feel free to stop by the basement of South Dining Hall. We have plenty of copies.

Sunday was the feast of Saint Nicholas. In many churches, children place their shoes by the door or the fire in hopes of a gift (and in fear of charcoal) from the blessed saint. My family has a tradition of giving my brothers and sisters and I were young, and my parents would give us one or two exchange gifts every year on this day. They made the time for one another, for anticipation, despite the fact that they have 12 children between the two of them.

Sure, would definitely be nice. And the lights around campus are beautiful. Nat King Cole can float through their hall anytime. But we all seem to have too much music to make it feel like Christmas. We need to be less self-centered and more Christ-centered, and then maybe it will start to feel like Christmas around here.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
SMC 'gets stuffed' on nutrition

By NOREEN GILLESPIE

Responding to weeks of mysterious advertising around campus, more than 100 students came to "get stuffed" with information about nutrition and eating disorders.

Advertising was a key component for encouraging attendance at an event that might otherwise be ignored, according to senior Marshawn Moore, who was involved in planning the project.

"We figured that it might deter a lot of people from attending if they knew it was about health-awareness," said Moore. "When people have pre-conceptions about a topic, it may not be as effective. We knew that if people did not have those pre-conceptions, the support would be stronger."

Advertising was done in three increments, the first of which happened prior to Thanksgiving break.

"We gave people a little more information each time," Moore said. "First, we just said, 'Get Stuffed.' Then we gave them a date. Then we gave them a time. We tried people in. We're finding out today is that people wanted to come, wanted to find out what Get Stuffed was all about."

Get Stuffed was organized by 12 students who recognized a problem with advertising and eating disorders on campus, according to senior Mary Clare Lucy, who helped plan the event.

"With finals coming up, we knew that people wouldn't be eating right," Lucy said. "That's why it was important for us to do this now. We wanted people to know that fat is an important part of their diet."

Fatty foods, such as pizza, candy and chips, were provided at the event alongside information about eating disorders. "Most people ask what to do if they have a friend who has an eating disorder," said senior Maura Lanigan, who was working at the information table. "A lot of people don't know how to deal with it, and they want to help."

A main emphasis of the information distributed concerned the effect the media has on young women's ideas of a healthy weight. A video, entitled "Slim Hopes," dealt with the effects of advertising on dieting and eating disorders in the United States.

"The average American woman is a size 12," said Lanigan. "What is most important is getting basic nutrition in your diet. The important thing is to be healthy."

Student response was mixed about the event. "It's a real beauty. It's a good way to get information across, too. I see a lot of information around campus about eating disorders, but I don't honestly think a lot of people pay attention to it. [This] makes it more of a reality," said sophomore Andrea Romero.

"It's a topic of great concern," Moore said. "We may try and establish a group that will deal with this on a constant basis. What is important right now is that people know it is a great concern."

Dear Ashes,

He'll miss your antics and craziness next semester. Take care and have a great time in Spain.

All our love,

Kena, Beth, Diz, Bri, Tobin & Linda

ERIN: 21 on January 1st !!!!! Wahoo!!!

LOVE, MOM, DAD, KATE, TERESA, JOE
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environments. Even if a student has a bad internship experi­
ence, it lets them realize that maybe that is not the line of
work they are interested in.

Even if students are undecided about a career path, an
internship is still a good option to explore, she added.

Saint Mary’s senior Marshawna Moore said her
internship over the past three summers with the Department
of Child and Family Services in Chicago will be a welcome
addition to her resume and graduate school applications.

Moore’s internship is normally
always offered only to people with
master’s degrees, making it
even more impressive.

“I’ve worked more with
logistics this past summer,
arranging hearings for sibling
and parental visits and termin­
ating parental rights,” said
Moore. “This experience has
helped me to realize that I
don’t want to work in the social
work field but rather possibly
pursue a career in the sociology
of criminology.”

Some internship opportu­
nities are unpaid positions, which
presents a problem to students
seeking summer employment and needing to make money.

“Even if they are unpaid posi­
tions, internships are still worth
so much,” said Simmerman.
“Look at how much you learn in
the classroom and you aren’t
going paid for that.”

Students need to be creative if
they want to take an unpaid
internship during the summer,
said Simmerman. By finding an
evening job that is paid, such as

one in retail or food service, a
student can free up daytime
hours in which to do an intern­
ship.

Another method Simmerman
recommended for Saint Mary’s
students looking for internships
is accessing the Alumnæ
Resources Network (ARN).
Students can use the ARN, a
computerized database of Saint
Mary’s Alumnæ that includes
names, addresses, telephone
numbers, career path and major

of alumnae, as a networking
tool.

“We have many alumnae who
are willing to help students find
and create internships,” she
said.

If an internship is not adver­
tised, students can put together
a proposal to present to their
organization, said Simmerman.
This is a technique commonly
used with alumnae connections.

Jackson offered advice to
other students seeking intern­
ships.

“I suggest leaving your options
open to what you want to do,”
said Jackson. “My internship
last summer was with the
National Park Service in Boston
as a park ranger. Even though I
don’t want to be a park ranger, I
learned so much and since I
want to work for the State
Department one day, it’s useful
for me to be able to put on my
resume that I’ve worked for the
government already.”

Most students who come to the
CCDC in pursuit of intern­
ships are looking for leads, while
others may choose to go
through academic departments
using resources provided by
professors, said Simmerman.

“Many times faculty members
have connections for internship
opportunities at places where
other students have interned,”
said Simmerman.

Internship opportunities range
from paid or unpaid summer
positions to having an internship
during the academic year to
earn college credit. Credits
awarded for the internship are
determined by evaluating the
amount of time spent and tasks
and experience the internship
provided. Together, the student
and their academic advisor
determine the number of credits
that can be earned.

In cases where the internship
will not earn a student college
credits, such as if the internship
is not a part of the student’s
academic major, the Liberal
Arts Internship Program (LAIP)
offers students another form of
compensation.

The LAIP provides structure
for an internship by presenting
the student and employer with
evaluation forms. The CCDC
then presents the student with a
certificate documenting the
internship since no credit is
received and it is not mentioned
on a student’s transcript.

“Some employers won’t take
on an intern if the College does
not recognize the internship,”
said Simmerman. “This is where
the Liberal Arts Internship
Program comes in.”

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WASHINGTON

Sacajawea, the Shoshone teen-ager who accompanied explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark in the Pacific Ocean almost two centuries ago, gazes serenely from a proposed design for the new dollar coin. She looks over her shoulder at her infant son sleeps on her back. It’s among six finalists for the gold-colored coin that Americans will find in their pockets starting in 2000. No one knows exactly what 16-year-old Sacajawea, who joined the Lewis and Clark expedition in 1804, looked like. But all the proposals, according to U.S. Mint Director Philip Diehl, “are realistic depictions of Native American women. They are attractive, but they are not romanticized,” he said.

Starting Monday, Americans can see the designs on the Mint’s Internet site and select their preferences.

JFK called Nixon ‘psycho’

SAN FRANCISCO

President John F. Kennedy and former Gov. Edmund G. "Pat" Brown called Richard Nixon "nuts" and "subhuman" in a taped telephone conversation after Brown’s victory over Nixon in the 1962 governor’s race, the San Francisco Examiner reported Sunday. "You won’t have Nixon to kick around anymore."

In 1962, Brown defeated then-Lt. Gov. Nixon for the governorship. In 1960, after Nixon’s infamous "last news conference" in which he told the president that humiliating Nixon was his top priority, the San Francisco Examiner reported Sunday. "You won’t have Nixon to kick around anymore."

The conversation was included on tapes released last month by the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston. On the tapes, Brown also told the president that humiliating Nixon was what Kennedy had wanted. Kennedy defeated Nixon for the presidency in 1960.

Smugglers jettison immigrants

ROME

A Russian ship rescued 50 illegal immigrants. The waters off Malta, and they were thrown overboard by their smugglers, according to a report Sunday. Ten people were missing and feared drowned. The smugglers apparently panicked when they saw the Russian merchant ship approach Saturday night in the Mediterranean, about 90 miles south of Malta, according to Italian Rai state television. Officials aboard an Italian naval vessel helping in the rescue said there was little hope the search would find any survivors Sunday in the rough, cold waters. Rai reported. Most of the immigrants were from Africa. Rai showed the survivors some of them wrapped in blankets, getting off the Russian ship Sunday in Valletta, Malta’s main port.

VENEZUELA

Venezuelans elect former coup leader

CARACAS.

Former Lt. Col. Hugo Chavez, who staged a bloody coup attempt against the government of President Carlos Andres Perez four years ago, was elected president of Venezuela Sunday — dealing a stunning blow to the political and economic establishment that has ruled the country during 40 years of democracy.

With 63 percent of the vote counted, Chavez had 56 percent compared to 39 percent for Yale-educated businessman Henrique Salas. Perez, according to official results from the National Electoral Council.

People raced in the streets, set off fireworks and honked their horns in celebration.

"Venezuela is being born again," Chavez declared as soon as the election results were revealed. He made an appeal for calm on Sunday streets and said he would pursue prudent economic policies.

"Once again the people of Simon Bolivar have shown themselves to be a grand people," he told the Venezision television network.

"Venezuela means that has ruled the country during 40 years of democracy."

Because of Chavez’s meteoric rise in the polls, the vote had turned into a confrontation between rich and poor — a stark warning sign for the rest of Latin America.

"These are historic elections. Nothing like these elections have happened in Venezuela’s political history," said U.S. Ambassador John Maisto.

For the first time ever, neither of Venezuela’s two traditional parties fielded candidates.

In an effort to head off a Chavez victory, both the center-left Democratic Action Party and the center-rightCOPEI Party dumped their respective candidates during the past week and threw their support to Salas, who had been running second in the polls.

In 1992, Chavez tried and failed to overthrow Venezuela’s democratically elected government. His candidacy has blown a hole through the conventional wisdom that said democracy and free markets were inextricable in Latin America.

Chavez, on Sunday cast his vote amid some 1,000 supporters praying, "Chavez, Chavez," and "Viva Venezuela!" As he drove away, throngs of teenagers chanted after his white van.

The voting Sunday was described as orderly and without any major problems. The streets and said he would pursue prudent economic policies.

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LONDON

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"Think you could win our mood as one of qualified optimism," Cook said in an interview with British Broadcasting Corp. television.

"We, the United States and Britain have agreed in principle that Scottish judges will hear the case at a special court in the Netherlands. But if convicted, Libya wants the suspects jailed in the Netherlands or in Libya. Cook told BBC television that Britain will not Release the suspects until Libya agrees. British Prime Minister Tony Blair met with U.S. President George W. Bush in Washington and London that any sentences be served in a Scottish jail.

Annan and Gadhafi, who met in a desert tent in Libya, failed to reach a deal on handing over the suspects. Annan, however, said he believed an agreement could be concluded soon. Cook said he spoke with Annan on Sunday and was “encouraged by what he told me.” Annan, he said, succeed- ed in getting across to Gadhafi the message that we are serious about this trial — there is no hidden agenda.”

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statutes of the state of Michigan.

Despite the clarity of the law, there is speculation among members of the legal community that Kevorkian will indeed be acquitted. Kevorkian has many supporters who feel that he does nothing wrong by helping others to end their suffering at their own request.

Members of the religious community, on the other hand, find it impossible to justify Kevorkian's practice.

"I expect the Roman Catholic Church in Michigan to continue to speak out against the practice of euthanasia and to argue against legalizing physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia no matter what the outcome of this trial is," Ryan said.

With the Yousk case, the reason for protest is the fact that Kevorkian performed direct and active euthanasia, not an assisted suicide.

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Investigation proves British documentary fake

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LONDON

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Markets of "The Connection" paid actors to portray drug dealers, faked locations, and falsely claimed there was a new heroin route from Colombia to Britain, the investigation found. London's Guardian newspaper reported Saturday.

The documentary, made by a British production company, Carlton Communications, for the British network Independent Television, was investigated after The Guardian challenged its authenticity in a newspaper reported Saturday.

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"We are refunding overseas broadcasters who bought 'The Connection,'" The Guardian quoted Walmsley as saying.

Steve Kroft anchored the "60 Minutes" report that aired parts of the documentary in June 1997. "60 Minutes" spokesman Kevin Tedesco said the program had made viewers aware of the initial allegations in May. He said the program was analyzing the latest claims, and would likely report on them during the show on Dec. 13.

The film showed a courier, or a drug "mule," purportedly carrying millions of dollars worth of heroin to London for Colombia's Cali drug cartel.

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The panel concluded that only de Beaufort, a cameraman and a researcher could have known of most of the fakery.

But the panel said it could not determine whether de Beaufort knew all of the false elements in the program.

De Beaufort issued a statement in which he called the conclusion about the actors "untenable" and blamed his researcher, Adriana Quintana, for the "alleged fakery."

"The inquiry is obviously entitled to its own conclusions, yet I find it hard to believe the guileless in the film were acting their parts," he said.

Detroit police officer killed in ambush

Associated Press

DETROIT

A police officer died Sunday night, a day after he and another officer were shot in an ambush on their police cars.

Two men surrendered and a third reportedly was taken into custody.

Officer Shawn Bandy, 23, died after he was taken off life support at the request of his family, a hospital spokesman said. The second wounded officer, Lloyd Todd, 34, remained in critical condition.

The shooting occurred late Saturday while the officers were investigating the kidnapping of a woman and her child, an abduction that appeared to be connected to drugs, police Chief Benny Napoleon said.

A patrol car with uniformed officers was ambushed.
encountered the so-called “mind-body” philosophy courses here have no doubt you wrestled with this profound question vicinety of the penile organ (as Descartes the brain, or attached to the body in some way, or disassociated the body in some way, or disassociated the brain—the subjective “self.”

Aristotle thought, or Descartes, “ghost in a machine.” No doubt also, as pop culture, you will see that those who have not opted for a bleak, purely material view of the world, what he dubs “angelism-bestialism,” the dualistic behavior that results in our acting as though we are a mind one minute and a body the next. In his spiritual self-help book entitled, “Lost in the Cosmos,” Percy reports the case of the divorced wife of an observer at the Mount Wilson Observatory, [who] accused her husband of Exangelism-bestialism.” He was so absorbed in his work, the search for the quasar with the great red shift, that when he came home to his pleasant suburban house, he seemed to take his pleasure like a god descending from Olympus into the world of mortals, at heartily, had frequent inter-course with his wife, watched TV, read Mickey Spillane, and said not a word to his wife and children.

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Among the exhibits is a woman with her womb exposed to show a five-month-old fetus. The exhibit is the result of a radically dualistic notion that the body is not one self but something that can be given away for any purpose one sees fit, including shock art. Commenting on the museum, Fr. Richard John Neuhaus says: "The Mannheim exhibit... makes a kind of perverse sense in a gnostic culture in which the self is divorced from matter, and the body is a thing to be used for pleasure, entertainment or, as Dr. von Hagens would it, the education of the public. As he might say, a body is a terrible thing to waste. That assumes, of course, that the body is not imperiously part of a person with another destiny. As this exhibit demonstrates, when the truth about human nature is denied, the bizarre becomes normal, the unthinkable becomes not only thinkable, but something exploited for financial gain.

To escape the antimatter, the dualism of dualism, modern man must acquire an understanding and appreciation of "the human person in his unified totality... a soul which expresses itself in a body and a body informed by an immortal soul," as John Paul II says in the encyclical Veritatis Splendor. This substantial unity of body and soul reveals how the spiritual soul, a mysterious, incorporeal principle of life, human beings to move, breathe and feel, and to experience thought, memory and love. The human soul is something beyond our biochemistry and firing neurons, an immaterial substance inextricably united to our material body.

So if you too want to avoid the drugs of dualism—"angelism, bestialism,..." or if you would not be caught dead in Dr. von Hagens’ museum (except the pun), remember that these strange and obscure metaphysical theories you encounter in Philo 101 are not simply the wild speculations from philosophers with nothing better to do, but are ways of looking at the human person that effect who we understand ourselves to be. The views of our own personal philosophy, whether we get it from studying philosophy, or imbibe it unconsciously from the surrounding culture, will profoundly effect the way we choose to live individually and in society.

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**Cappy Gagnon**

Notre Dame will not come into the game unarmed, however. Muffet McGraw, Notre Dame's coaching dynamo, has quietly put together a deep and balanced squad. The undeclared Irish feature a dominating presence on the boards in frontcourt 5 Ruth Riley ("You Can't Stop the Ruth") and a dead-eye, three-point shooter in Sheila McMillan ("She-Mack"). Sheila and Ruth make up an excellent Miss Inside and Miss Outside combination.

Under coaching from Carol Owens, Riley has made remarkable strides in her second year. When teams from hometowns like Bloomington, Indiana, come running the ball in to her; when teams play behind her, there are few defenders who can keep her from getting off her shot. Wearing her trademark sweatband, Ruth is also a big shot blocker, with 20 in the past three games.

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During Notre Dame's six game run, McGraw's jugernaut has soundly beaten two Top-10 teams (UCLA and Duke) and crossed the century mark to beat a 200-point Idahoan team which may be even stronger than both. The Irish have also taken the measure of good teams from Butler, San Francisco, and Toledo. Their strong schedule has prepared them well entering the First Big East match-up of the season.

If the Irish are able to pull off the upset and stop the Huskies, they will deserve the No. 1 ranking. Most of the other teams ahead of Notre Dame have already hung a "w".

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There is only one ingredient lacking for a big upset win tomorrow night. This missing ingredient is STUDENTS. Lend ones. While seemingly in plentiful supply on the campus, students have not been found at the Joyce Center in sufficient numbers to give the Irish the type of home court advantage they deserve. The University of Connecticut, for crying out loud, attracts 10,000 fans to their women's games. Lend ones. While I grant that there is not much to do in River City, I challenge all Notre Dame students to get behind the Lady Irish. Recent government studies (I'm making this up, but it could actually be true) have shown that yelling and screaming just before exams is an excellent means of ridding the mind of unneeded information, so only correct examination answers remain.

Women's basketball is the best entertainment value on campus. Come on out to see the "Game of the Year." Cappy Gagnon, ND '66, is the Coordinator of Student Personnel and supervises student employees of the Notre Dame Security Police Department. She remembers when "girls" basketball was played by six on a team, with only three players in each half court. She prefers to watch Danielle, Niele and Kelly sprint end to end. Her column appears every other Monday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
**Psycho' flatters itself after 38 years**

_Hitchcock was famous for the complexity of his plots, as the audience thought they were following one story when in actuality the film was about another. Now, this may not seem clear, but using "Psycho" as an example, this route of storytelling which Hitchcock mastered can be explained._

The film begins by following Marion Crane (played by Anne Heche in the '98 version) and the choices she makes which forever change her life. Crane is in an intimate relationship with Sam Loomis, (Viggo Mortensen) but due to its location on a rarely used highway. Here Marion meets the lonely motel owner and manager, Norman Bates. Norman lives alone with his mother and seems excited to have a guest, especially a single woman. From this story transforms into a suspenseful tale of murder and insanity which will leave any audience member disturbed.

Having compared the two versions it is necessary to point out that Hitchcock included 'bad' things which contrast. The most dramatic difference between the two versions is that Van Sant opted to film his version in color. In black and white the film did not seem quite so good, and the blood in the famous shower scene was actually fighting Championships. I know I was worried about the boys, I closed my eyes for parts because I was so perturbed by the behavior of these men. You can imagine that with these 'bad' things, something would go wrong. So there was a little mishap, but they take care of it and it's over before you know it! This small accident killed the lives of all the men at the bachelor party. It was like they killed a boomer or couldn't complete a pass against USC. Anyhow, the guys get back to town and start getting ready for the wedding. Only, everything blows up in their face. While they were having all that fun, Kyle forgot to call the caterer with the cushions for the chairs. Their gooses are cooked.

Laura hears about this and is very unhappy. Now, guests will have to sit on those hard, wooden chairs with no protection. This is what happens when people lose control of what's important in life and do crazy things like running with scissors or burying dead people in the desert.

After the loss of seat cushions, things go pretty much as planned. There are a few small problems, but every wedding has them. It was nothing out of the ordinary. So Kyle and Laura are married and they live happily ever after.

"Very Bad Things" is a hilarious and scary movie. The movie keeps you interested until the last scene — you really never know what is going to happen next. Credit must be given to Peter Berg for writing such an original screenplay. His dialogue is impressive and he rejects humor at the perfect times. His characters are fascinating and full of surprises. Christian Slater is great and Jon Favreau does another good job portraying the "nice" guy. Jeremy Piven is always funny and you have Cameron Diaz as the comedic bride trying to plan a wedding.

There are also lessons to be learned from this film. Two wrongs don't make a right. The "Nibble Sloppy Spoon" theory does occur in real life. For example, one or two Mountain Dews and you'll find yourself drinking more and more Mountain Dews until all hell breaks loose. The most important lesson learned is to order seat cushions for your guests at your wedding. Do you want to end up with a Rodney Dangerfield type of ceremony in discomfort at your precious wedding party. Well, that's just a thought.

**Craziness makes 'bad things' very good**

_"Very Bad Things" is a film about a wedding, as well as other things — things that are bad — some would even say very bad things. For begins with Kyle Fisher (Jon Favreau, "Swingers" and the campus hit "Rudy"). All Kyle wants to do is get married to his lovely and beautiful bride, Laura (Cameron Diaz). They are going through all the pre-wedding preparations with Laura a little stressed out about everything. She knows Kyle's help in getting (good) things like cushions for the seats in the chapel and the seating arrangements at the groom's dinner. Kyle is helping all he can. He has mailed all the checks and he is just that much closer to marrying and living happily ever after._

Now, things sound in control, and they both have taken care of everything for the wedding. Kyle and Laura now only have to wait it out to begin the rest of their lives together. First, they both attend the rehearsal and the fitting of everyone's dresses and tuxedos. Then, there's the groom's dinner. Then, oh wait — Kyle never had his bachelor party. Well, that's just a little something. They can do that, right? That's no big deal.

Enter Kyle's friends: Robert Boyd, (Christian Slater) Adam, (Daniel Stern) Adam's brother Mike (Viggo Mortensen) and Charles Moore (Leland Orser). Boyd, the best man decides to take Kyle to Vegas for a small, intimate bachelor party. They do a little gambling (take into consideration these men are of legal age to gamble) and drink some Mountain Dews. Then, they go back in their hotel room to watch Ultimate Chocolate syrup, not the vibrance red that Van Sant seeks. Color also plays an interesting role in costuming, which gives the film a campy feel. The costumes are all in fifties colors — utilizing odd colors like a_
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- This is the tag line for one of the best Christmas movies of all time.
- Directed by Cameron Crowe, "Say Anything" is a funny, but honest, look at falling in love for the first time.
- Diane is out of his league, but Lloyd refuses to listen. He only wants one chance with Diane. And Lloyd knows that if Diane will just give him that one chance, he can show her that she is not out of his league and that they belong together.
- Diane eventually gives Lloyd his chance and he sets out to capture her heart. In one night, Lloyd is able to show Diane his pure and innocent charm and make her fall for him. However, they realize they only have nine weeks to get to know each other before Diane goes to England to study with a fellowship she was awarded. Lloyd vows to spend as much time with Diane as he can to make her last nine weeks as memorable as possible. They spend their time together, teaching each other about life and about each other.
- Lloyd shows Diane the importance of having fun, of not setting for what is expected of you and of trusting your heart to love. Diane teaches Lloyd the joy of learning from the elderly, the importance of looking toward the future and that love can be pretty complicated.

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Sloppy Irish Icers fall to Ohio State twice over weekend

By TED BASSANI
Sloppy Irish Icers

The Notre Dame hockey team dropped both its last two games to Ohio State, finishing off what had been an impressive first half of the season on a disappointing note.

Friday night in Columbus, Ohio State came away with an on-three goals at the end of the second period and coasted to a 4-3 win over the Irish. Saturday night was probably Notre Dame's worst game of the season; the team allowed its first two short-handed goals of the year en route to a 4-1 drubbing.

Friday night, the Irish controlled the offensive tempo in the first period. They registered at least four shots on the game's first shift and scored a goal at the 4:07 mark. Ben Simon managed to find the rebound of Brian Urick's shot and shoot the puck over Ohio State goalie Jeff Maund's left shoulder to put Notre Dame up by one.

But going into the first intermission, with the Irish leading by just a goal, 1-0, Brian Urick's shot had already scored two goals in the game. And while the Irish did out shoot Ohio State 34-27 in the game, the Buckeyes were more efficient with their scoring chances throughout the game.

The ensuing power plays resulted in two quick goals for Ohio State, as Vinny Grant and Jean-Francois Dufour took advantage of rebounds left from point shots. This left Notre Dame trailing by two entering the third period.

Early in the third period, the Buckeyes continued their dominance of the game with an early power play opportunity to narrow the gap to 4-3. Sophomore Dan Carlson fed a brilliant pass to Urick in the Ohio State crease, which promptly fired past Maund for his team's tenth goal of the year. But the team couldn't tie up the game.

The final game in the horrid, but not unexpected, Ohio State loss was brought on by the Buckeyes when they scored their first short-handed goal of the night on a breakaway. The Buckeyes got the puck behind the net and a shot from a point on the penalty kill that resulted in two quick goals for Ohio State.

Ohio State's netminder, freshman Scott Clubine, made a terrific save on a breakaway shot from a point on the penalty kill that resulted in two quick goals for Ohio State.

The final weekend of the regular season schedule showed the Buckeyes dominating the Irish from the start. The Buckeyes continued to press their scoring chances throughout the game, and the Irish were unable to tie up the game.

All in all, the Irish were lucky only to be down two goals at the end of two periods. They entered the third period with a 4-1 lead, and the Irish had no choice but to play defense to preserve their lead.

"We had Simon getting hurt, " Urick (drawn) was hurt, and then we worked up Urick. They were a much faster team, they were a much better team," the freshman Sam Cornelius said.

"The penalty that may have turned out to be the decisive moment of the game occurred at the 17:37 mark of the second period. Notre Dame killing yet another penalty, Brian Urick capitalizing on a rebound from his own goal line and headed down the ice on a breakaway. He was hooked down from behind, and was awarded a penalty shot.

Two-on-ones with a minute of each other on the penalty kill. We played sloppy and I don't think we deserved to win that game," said Dusbabek of the early moments of the third period.

Saturday's game was certainly the worst 60 minutes the team has played all year, and the second half of bad penalties, sloppy passing, a failure to clear rebounds on the penalty kill, and a slew of breakdowns made it one too many men on the ice penalities that cost another incredible performance in the biggest games of the year so far.

"The penalties were uncharacteristic of us as a team. We let emotion get the better of us," Coach Dave Poulin said. "Emotion is a part of your game, but you have to keep it under control."

Following Friday's loss, the game not only was important in the CCHA standings, but in the postseason implications as well.

"We had a challenge in front of us, and I don't think we answered the bell," said Dusbabek. "It was such a big series, and we were going to face some of the best teams in the country from a season series victory."
Abortion, euthanasia and capital punishment demean the lives of countless individuals in our society.

Gather with us in Eucharistic Adoration to pray for an end to the culture of death.

Jesus is here with us in the Eucharist to give us answers—answers that will lead us to truth, happiness and peace. In this culture of death, it is easy for people to become weary and indifferent to God and His gift of life. People often fall short of their obligation to care for and nurture the spiritual and physical lives of themselves and others. Eucharistic Adoration gives a person the opportunity to nurture his own spiritual life, as well as the spiritual lives of others (through prayer for them). Prayer also protects the physical lives of those endangered by abortion, euthanasia and other forms of violence. It is only through the grace which comes from prayer that others’ hearts can be changed from seeking death to loving life. Christ gives us the strength to press on in our battle for life. In order to be Christ-like in our service to preserve life, we must be filled with His life through prayer.

We ask you to join us in prayer for life at Eucharistic Adoration.

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

God is present to us in many ways in our world, but He is especially present to us in the Eucharist. As Roman Catholics, we believe that Jesus Christ, who lived 2000 years ago, is truly present in the Eucharist. In Eucharistic Adoration, the Host is placed in a monstrance, in order for us to be able to come and pray. Jesus is always hidden in the tabernacle, but in adoration He is exposed so that we can come and kneel before Him, face to face, and speak with God. When Jesus is exposed like this, He can never be left alone. Thus, people sign up to be responsible to come and pray with Him for a certain amount of time (usually 1/2-1 hour) every week.

Why should I go?

If Jesus were to come to the JACC, wouldn't you come and stand in line for hours just to talk to Him for a minute? Even if you weren't Christian, wouldn't you be at least interested in this God so many people talk about? Well, Jesus is truly present here on campus—in the Eucharist. IN ADORATION YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO AND SPEAK WITH GOD FACE TO FACE. You can confide in Him, plead with Him, question Him. And if you sit quietly enough, He will inspire you with answers.

What do I do when I am there?

When you enter the chapel, you should genuflect as a sign of reverence to Jesus. It is common practice during Adoration to genuflect on two knees, instead of just one (like you do whenever you enter a chapel.) You can stand, sit, or kneel—whatever helps you pray. And then you pray. There are many ways to pray: you can do spiritual reading; you can pray a rosary; you can sit in silence; you can even just talk to Jesus—like you would to a friend. The most important thing is that you love Him and allow Him to love and strengthen you.

What does the Church think?

"Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, whether in a pyx or a monstrance, is a recognition of the wondrous Presence of Christ in the sacrament and stimulates us to unite ourselves to Him in a spiritual communion. It is, accordingly, eminently in harmony with the worship which we offer Him in spirit and truth."


Eucharistic Adoration on Campus:

FRIDAY: Blessed Mother Chapel in the Basilica: 12:00pm (following 11:30am Mass) – 5:00pm with a Rosary beginning at 4:15pm. (Ends with Benediction at 4:45pm)

MONDAY beginning at 11:30pm (following 11:00pm Mass) through TUESDAY at 10:00pm (Ending with Benediction at 9:45-10:00pm) in Fisher Hall Chapel.
Saint Mary's Basketball

Belles finish runners-up to Doane College at Classic

By MOLLY McVOY
Sports Writer

The First Annual Inn at Saint Mary's Roundball Classic was a success even though the Belles of Saint Mary's were the runners-up.

Doane College, a perennial Division II powerhouse, captured the title by winning both of its games by large margins.

Doane defeated Bethel College in the semifinal round on Friday, winning 75 - 70. Also on Friday, Saint Mary's beat Kendall College 63 - 55.

The Belles had not faced Kendall before this tournament. Their main objective was to win this game and, as head coach Dave Boeder said, "Things will happen from there."

Kendall and the Belles were fairly evenly matched, but Saint Mary's proved to have the edge in the end.

Kendall committed nearly three times as many fouls as the Belles leading to the Belles scoring four times as many points from the charity stripe.

Boeder was happy with the Belles' performance on Friday in what was a close game.

"I think we had a little more talent; we had a better ability to shoot," he said. "They may have been a little quicker and that made it hard to defend them, but we sunk some key shots at the end."

Leading scorers for Saint Mary's were freshman Mary Campione (11 points.), senior co-captain Charlotte Albrecht (10 points.), senior co-captain Nicole Grillo (10 points.) and freshman Amy Clark (10 points.).

"Our team just had more depth," said Campione. "When it came down to crunch time at the end, we had better legs left."

Doane faced Saint Mary's in the championship game while Kendall faced Bethel in the consolation game on Saturday. Doane proved to be too much for Saint Mary's, winning 76 - 45.

The Belles played tough but could not overcome the experience and talent of Doane.

"They've been to the final four for the past three years. They just have more experience, and the ability to give scholarships to their players," said Boeder.

"They have a lot of talented players."

The Belles were not out-shot by a wide margin but their shooting percentage was much lower.

The Belles shot 21 percent from the floor while Doane shot 36 percent.

Despite numerous scoring streaks, the Belles were unable to consistently out-play Doane.

Leading scorers for the Belles were Albrecht (11 points.), sophomore Julie Norman (9 points.), and freshman Kelly Jones (10 points.). Even though they did not return victorious, this tournament gave the entire team some needed playing time.

It also gave Boeder an opportunity to evaluate his team.

"Right now, we're playing a lot of different people," he said. "We need to settle into a rotation and a consistent line-up."

This tournament may have given him some inclination as to who to play in the future.

In the consolation round, Bethel recovered from their earlier defeat and downed Kendall, 81 - 53.

Next up for the Belles is an important home conference game on Wednesday versus Olivet College.
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10 rebounds. Even though the outcome was never in doubt, MacLeod did react to the second half. "We didn't respond well to the defensive pressure in the second half. We didn't handle the ball well, but ever one I saw a lot of good things today," he said.

Troy Murphy led the team in scoring with 16 points on 8-of-6 attempts. Murphy had seven points, six rebounds and two points, and won the crowd with two thunderous blocks in the first half.

Swanagan had seven points, six rebounds and two assists, and Coach watches the stats to see how many we have and if we need to work even harder." Murphy and his teammates also had the Indiana game on their mind. "We knew we let the Indiana game slip away," Murphy said. "We heard Central Michigan was practicing 45 minutes before the game and were really stressing this as a potential upset. We wanted to protect our home court and were able to do it.

Notre Dame has two solid games in a row. The freshmen are showing signs of leadership on the court and will get their first taste of Big East action at Providence on Tuesday.\n
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Upssets help determine BCS standings

Associated Press

College football has the national title matchup fans want to see every season — No. 1 vs. No. 2. And this time it will be Tennessee vs. Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl.

It took a wild Saturday of upsets, but when the results were in there was really no need for computers, quartiles and strength-of-schedule all over again.

The biggest loser in the maneuvering was No. 4 Kansas State (11-1). The Wildcats lost to Texas A&M 36-33 in a double overtime thriller, and the Big 12 title game and lost out on a $12 million payday by not being included in the Bowl Championship Series mix.

The biggest winner turned out to be No. 7 Florida, which despite losses to Tennessee and Florida State was selected because it will help fill the Orange Bowl by bringing tens of thousands of fans. In the final BCS standings, which uses a complicated formula of polls, computers and strength-of-schedule, the Volunteers and Seminoles came out a close 1-2 on Sunday and were invited to play in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 4, when the Bulldogs had a chance to win because of two long returns.

Robert Bean went 70 yards for a touchdown after intercepting a Martin pass before Prentiss stunned the largely orange-clad crowd at the Georgia Dome with his punt return. He seemed to maximize the Tennessee defenders with a studder step, then burst down the sideline without being touched.

But Martin lofted a pass on a third-and-11 just ahead of another blitz. Price got a hand on the ball and Prentiss managed to cradle the ball and get one foot down for the go-ahead touchdown.

Tennessee had 152 yards on six punt returns, and Mississippi State's offense could manage even with James Johnson, the SEC's leading rusher, back in the lineup after being hobbled by ankle and shoulder injuries.

The Bulldogs had only 149 yards, including 38 yards on 14 carries by Johnson.

Mack did complete Deon Grant's interception against Mississippi State Saturday helped ensure just before the end of the first quarter on Bean's spectacular interception return.

When Martin overthrew a pass, Bean was able to manage a juggler catch off his knees even when bumped by the Tennessee receiver. Going back the other way, Bean almost ran out of bounds on the sideline, but caught a pass straight across the field, picking up a block from safety Ashley Cooper and tiptoeing the final five yards to stick the ball across the goal line.

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Women fall to No. 8 Wolverines

By WES RICHARDSON
Sports Writer

The women’s swim team placed second in the Notre Dame Invitational this weekend, defeating eight teams but narrowly losing to eighth-ranked Michigan 1151-1163. The Irish were in fourth place after Thursday’s events, but pulled ahead of Colorado State (1115 points) and Florida State (1110 points) on Friday to finish with 1016 and 946.5 points, respectively.

November’s Minnesota Invitational was the primary fall meet for the women, so the team was surprised at the near win. “We didn’t expect to be so close to Michigan,” Laura Shepard said. “They were shaved and tapered, and we weren’t rested, but most people still swam faster than they did at Minnesota.”

Some individuals had some good races and some not so good races, but being so close to Michigan, we were very pleased with our performance,” centre-piece Anne Iacobucci said.

This weekend featured the largest diving competition to be held at Rolfs Aquatic Center. This was no obstacle to Notre Dame’s strong diving core. Kate Shrigley, Gina Ketelhohn, and Jessica

Irish men’s team takes first at ND Invitational

Sophomore Szilier sets two records

By WES RICHARDSON
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Nobody would have bet on it, but they did it anyway.

In a three-day marathon of a meet, the men’s swim team crushed its competition by compiling 1524 points to win the annual Notre Dame Invitational.

The Irish upset 12th-ranked Florida State, who placed a second distant 1176 points, followed closely by Western Kentucky with 1130 points and Michigan State at 1085. Ball State, Ohio, West Virginia, and the Wisconsin-Milwaukee divers rounded out the field.

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Brian Skorney broke his own team record in the 100 backstroke twice, once leading off Thursday’s 400 medley relay with a 50.94, and again during the preliminaries of Friday’s 800 free relay.

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Freshmen lead Irish to victory

By ALAN WASELFOWSKI
Sports Writer

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