By COLLEEN MCCARTHY

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The ND/SMC Right to Life Club organized the trip from South Bend, which included a total of five busloads of students. The first bus left Wednesday evening, allowing the students to participate in Thursday's Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at Catholic University of America, the remaining four buses left St. Joseph Center Thursday night and arrived in D.C. Friday morning for the rally.

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"The issue of citizenship is a complex one that the students need to understand," said White. "They need to think about what citizenship means in the world, not just in the United States."

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"When we arrived, I was surprised to see how many people were there," said White. "It was amazing."

"The theme worked very well for general citizenship, according to White. "It was a powerful experience."
On Abortion

In this life, you have to be careful who you agree with. This weekend, almost 210 Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students went to the “March for Life” in Washington, D.C.

And two weeks ago, in Portland, Ore., the owner of a pro-life Web site went on trial. You may have read about the site, called “The Dom e,” in a deliberate column. The Web site lists more than 200 doctors who perform abortions, frequently or infrequently, and hundreds of other “abortionists” (clinic workers, police officers assigned to protect pro-life demonstrators) who perform abortions, frequently or infrequently. The families of all these people who have been killed have their names in gray. An abortionist who has been killed has his or her name struck out with a black line.

Dr. Steven Sloan of Amsterdam, N.Y., who was killed by a sniper last year, was on the list. Dr. Sloan was not an abortion-clinic doctor. He was an obstetrician.

Doctors whose names appear on the list hide in communities, wearing bullet-proof vests. They fear for their lives and their family's lives.

In a perfect world, there would be no abortion. Sex would only occur in meaningful relationships and all babies would be wanted.

But we don’t live in a perfect world. Four in ten pregnancies end in abortion — 289,000 in 1994. These women are young, scared, hungry, and pregnant. One couple that made a mistake — a mistake, but a mistake — would never have a legal abortion. But a mistake nonetheless. Nobody specifically gets pregnant just to have an abortion.

Banning abortions is a bit like living on a river where only the bodies keep floating down from upstream. We moan and cry and bury bodies. Then we deal with the situation at hand, and curse whatever is that causes the bodies to die. But eventually, someone will have to go upstream and see where the bodies are coming from.

As a Sigma has to do to go upstream and find out why so many pregnancies are accidental and unwanted, particularly in very young people, we have to take control. When we find out, we have to deal with the source of the problem.

Protesting will not stop abortion. Praying Rosaries will not stop abortion. Even legislation to ban abortion is one day from the day before it was legal, women sought out “drugs” that would abort them. None of these, with such implements as rusty coat hangers. Killing doctors will certainly not stop abortion. Besides which, Catholics believe that ALL life is sacred from the moment of conception, babies and abortion providers alike.

The only thing that will end abortion is a serious addressing of the issues behind it. One time, please, protected if you must, but be careful to whom you lend your voice. Be careful whose words come out of your mouth. Be sure you’re not lending your voice and your strength to fanatics like those who maintain the Nuremberg Files. Babies are dying, but doctors are dying too.

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

TAMPA, Fla.

When President Betty Castor asked for a state university policy banning sexual-orientation discrimination, a small protest occurred.

She may not have foreseen the controversy the issue would cause.

Her proposal stalled at last week’s Board of Regents meeting, when Chancellor Adam Herbert said it did not have the authority to ban that type of discrimination. Superintendents around the state refuse to let it die.

Students and faculty from universities around Florida will trek to the Florida Education Building in Tallahassee Monday to protest BOR’s decision.

In the meantime, a co-president of USF’s Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Coalition, said he hopes to change the regents’ minds. His organization plans to unfurl a large scroll listing more than 300 colleges and universities around the country that protect against this type of discrimination and lay it on the steps of the Capitol.

“We’re holding it up to the cabinet and the BOR to understand why they can’t do this,” Thompson said. “Since it wasn’t on their agenda last week’s meeting, we had to prior knowledge. We could have let our wishes be known then.

At that meeting Jan. 21, Herbert briefly announced that the State University System did not have legal authority to include sexual orientation as a protected class in anti-discrimination policy.

State law is very specific with regard to state agencies and we cannot provide protections that are not specifically authorized by the state legislature,” Herbert said last week.

Regent spokesman Keith Goldsmith said the BOR could not institute such a policy until the Legislature adopts its own anti-discrimination policy.

“The Legislature would have to act on the law or create the law that would protect sexual orientation, and then we would have the authority to write our policy off of that,” Goldsmith said.

Thompson said there are several university systems that have enacted similar policies without similar protections in state statutes.

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On Abortion

New Haven, Conn.

A New Haven judge delayed the hearing of Tonica Jenkins, the woman accused of hurling her way into the Yale Graduate School and screaming to cry for a court date.

Her attorney asked for the extra time to investigate pho­

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Research team reports possible unknown planet

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
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Two members of the Notre Dame physics department reported the possible discovery of the 18th planet orbiting a star other than the sun, according to a Jan. 11 press release from Notre Dame Public Relations.

Assistant professor of physics David Bennett and his wife, research assistant professor Sun Hong Rhie, announced the findings at the annual American Astronomical Society meeting Jan. 9.

There are 17 extra-solar planets (that have been) discovered to be orbiting around “neighbly” sun-like stars. “Neighbly” means the byardays of our solar system,” said Rhie, who quantified this distance as including a radius of several-hundred light years.

The team, whose members are part of a collaboration called Microlensing Planet Search (MPS), uses a technique called gravitational microlensing to detect these “extra-solar” planets.

“Gravitational microlensing events occur when a faint or dark star passes very close to the line of sight to a more distant, brighter star,” explains a physics department press release. “The light rays from that brighter star are bent by the gravitational field of the closer, fainter star resulting in an observably magnification of the more distant, brighter star.”

Bennett said that other previously-employed techniques were only capable of detecting very large planets. “The radial velocity technique that has discovered the most extra-solar planets to date cannot yet detect a planet with a mass as low as that of Jupiter in a Jupiter-like orbit, although they are sensitive to lower-mass planets that orbit very close to their stars,” he said. “Our gravitational microlensing technique is sensitive to lower mass planets.”

“Gravitational lensing is the technique, ground based method that can find Earth-mass planets around ordinary stars,” Rhie said, describing yet another of the technique’s advantages.

One limitation is that the method only detects planets orbiting close to the stars they orbit. “The gravitational microlensing planet search technique differs from other planet search techniques in that it is most sensitive to planets that are a separation of one to five astronomical units (AU) in size from the distance from the sun to the Earth) from their star,” explains the physics department statement.

Despite initial data, the group cannot be sure that the observed object is indeed a planet. “They have made use of the chance alignment of two stars in the inner disk of our galaxy to probe the vicinity of the closer ‘lens’ star for planets,” according to the physics department release.

But because such an event is so rare (approximately 50 microlensing events occur each year), the discovery must be confirmed within hours or another opportunity may not arise.

“Confirmation must come during the few hours that the event is occurring,” said Bennett. “Basically, we have to justify our composition, the PLANET collaboration, when they see something so that they can try to confirm it immediately.”

The data could have been verified if observations had been made from South Africa instead of Australia and New Zealand, according to the assistant professor of physics.

Bennett and Rhie are also interested in bringing undergraduates majors on board to help with observations during the summer of 1999.

Bennett also hopes that technical advances will aid in the efforts to discover new planets.

“MPS is attempting to expand from a single 1.5-meter telescope in Australia to a network consisting of three or more 1.5 - to 2-meter telescopes in South America, South Africa and Australia,” he said. “We are funded to fix up an old 1.5-meter telescope in South Africa, and we are trying to arrange to use some telescopes in Chile as well.”

“We are also working in collaboration with some other groups with complementary interests to develop a new set of cameras that can efficiently image in multiple colors and correct for some of the image distortions caused by the atmosphere and telescope vibrations,” Bennett continued.

“When the expanded system is up and running, it is expected that many of the observers will be Notre Dame undergraduates.”

The event has been named CATCH-98-RLJ-15, which refers to the fact that it is the 35th microlensing event discovered by the MACRO group in the area of the Galactic Bulge in 1998, according to Notre Dame Public Relations.

MPS receives funding from the National Science Foundation, NASA’s Origins Program, and a Research Innovation Award from the Research Collaboration, according to the Physics Department.

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Notre Dame senior John Musewicz attended the March not only because he supports the pro-life movement but because he wanted the experience of the march.

"I heard it was a great experience. It took some sacrifice. You meet great people and it was a great experience to see it happen," said Musewicz. In some ways it was kind of overwhelming. It was powerful to see how many people were there, how dedicated they are.

He added, "I also saw how pained people are about the Minds continued from page 1

Trash had mixed emotions about the addition of co-ed schools. "I appreciated the fact that two of the schools attending, Hope and Olivet Colleges, were from our MIAA [Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association] conference. The co-ed colleges added a different perspective," she said. "Sometimes I wished there were just representatives from all women's colleges there to discuss issues like increasing school spirit. Students at women's colleges just have a different perspective on some topics that those at co-ed schools who may not have to deal with the same issues."

Block, who was representing a co-ed institution, was not sure how she would be received upon arrival at the conference.

"At first I wasn't sure how we would be accepted because we were from a co-ed college but I felt very accepted," she said.

Stacey Lazenby, director of Student Activities at St. Joseph's College, was pleased to have had the opportunity to participate in the conference.

"I think more co-ed colleges should take advantage of this opportunity in years to come," said Lazenby.

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The impact of those clinics amazed her.

"At one clinic, we had picked up all of our medical supplies, were in the car, and were ready to go," she said. "A woman stopped us and said that she had been traveling for two days to get there. Their medical care was very primitive, very sub-U.S. standard."

She also said the experience taught her the importance of giving.

"People are very appreciative," she said. "Medicine is a good tool to introduce people to God. I love being able to help people."

While Hodak had no family ties to missionary work, she always knew it was something that she wanted to explore.

"Ever since I came to Saint Mary's, I knew that I wanted to work in Latin America," she said. After taking the El Salvador pilgrimage during her spring break, she received an invitation to work there for the summer.

"I knew that was where I needed to be," she said.

Hodak's summer work involved teaching English to students ages 12-18, something that taught her not only the importance of giving, but of learning as well, she said.

"I worked with another teacher, and observed how he taught," she said. "In one way it was good because I was confident enough with my English that I could share it with them. But as much as I helped them with their English, they helped me with my Spanish. We were able to learn from each other."

Hodak also worked in a bakery and an organic garden, something she says was not give of herself, but to learn a way of life different than her own.

"For me, it was about solidarity," she said. "These women taught me how to bake bread and plant seeds. I wanted to learn what their lives were like. It's hard. They work in the bakery for $5.00 per month, or 13 cents an hour."

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This report is the only direct contact that students have with the Board of Trustees. In the report, students make recommendations to the Trustees for further action. Previous reports have ranged in topic from social space to multi-cultural, academic, and financial issues. Last semester's report, "Building Bridges: The First Year of Studies and Beyond," opened a constructive dialogue between the students and the Trustees.

It's time now to continue to foster and open dialogue between you and the Trustees. If you have either ideas or the drive to assist in the upcoming Spring 1999 Board of Trustees Report, please attend the informational/planning meeting TONIGHT (MONDAY) at 9:00 pm in the Student Government Office. For more information, please contact Mark Massoud at 243-5567.

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**World News Briefs**

Thousand mourn assassinated leader

SHOR KOT, Pakistan

Thousands of mourners waited and cried during Sunday's burial of a prominent Sunni Muslim leader, who was shot dead a day earlier in the latest spate of violence in Pakistan's eastern Punjab province. Pir Sahib Farhat was killed and four of his supporters were killed by twin motorcycle attacks outside his home in Shor Kot, 85 miles southeast of the Punjab capital of Lahore. The mourners, beating their chests and faces, shouted for an immediate arrest of Sultan's killers. Dozens of heavily armed policemen guarded the funeral procession of 6,000 people as it passed through the narrow dusty lanes of Shor Kot. Hundreds more people watched from the rooftops. The bodies of Sultan's four supporters were sent to their hometowns in other parts of the province.

**Scientists link gene with smoking addictions**

Scientists have identified another gene that may affect a person's decision to smoke cigarettes. The finding may help researchers develop new ways to stop smoking. Having a certain form of the gene makes it easier to kick the habit, or perhaps to avoid getting hooked in the first place, two studies suggest. But that apparent influence is modest. This is just one small piece of the puzzle of what influences smoking behavior, said psychologist Caryn Lerman, an author of one of the studies. Lerman is director of cancer genetics at the Lombardi Cancer Center of Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington.

Jet test kills mechanic

MIAMI

Three weeks before his retirement, a 71-year-old mechanic was killed when he was crushed by the wing slat of a Boeing 727. Juan Gonzalez, a worker with an airplane maintenance company, was repairing the jet's wing Saturday at Miami International Airport when a crew began conducting tests on the same plane. Police said the other crew member had the airplane owned by delivery company DHL to make sure no one was in the way. When they tested outside the packed race-track grounds, Parishioners perched on sagging tree branches, stood on friends' shoulders or clambered onto rooftops to view the spectacle. Thousands of makeshift cardboard periscopes poked above the crowd so that those toward the back of the track, nearly a mile from the altar, could catch a glimpse of the pope. John Paul urged his audience to ignore the seductions of what he called "hallucinosis and novel ideologies" and to spread the word of the church—a central theme of his visit, in which he has called upon his followers to aggressively confront the challenge of Protestantism.

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Academia returns to focus of beauty in literature

By MIKE ROMANCHEK
New Writer

Some humanities professors are moving away from the popular trend of cultural analysis in literary studies and have begun devoting their time to exploring beauty in literature.

Exploring aesthetics in literary studies is not a new concept. But for nearly half a century, cultural analysis has been the dominant theme of many literary academics who have been influenced by the political activism of their times. But recently, interest in cultural analysis has been waning. "Right now politics is very popular and I think that there is a tendency on the part of many academics to be reductive, in that everything reduces itself to a political analysis," said Thomas Werge, professor of English at Notre Dame. "The reason there is this wearying in cultural studies is simply that it can be too reductive. It assumes everything can be reduced to power and that simply is not true."

Politics and power can only relate to human lives in a few distinctly social dimensions. Some proponents of the deductive cultural analysis claim that power and politics can be discovered at the root of most literature, but Werge disagrees. "We know that not to be true, not everything is reducible to power and politics," he emphasized. "Religious faith is important in its own terms, aesthetics is an important consideration and relationships are important." Werge believes that part of the problem with addressing aesthetics in literature is that people have a tendency to separate beauty from its traditional content of truth and goodness.

"There is still a tendency to argue that beauty is whatever people think it is, and that it is totally in the eye of the beholder — there is no metaphysical beauty, there is no transcendent beauty and so then the very word becomes diminished and trivialized," said Werge. One advantage aesthetics has over cultural analysis and deduction, according to Werge, is that beauty is experienced by all human beings and is therefore present in every human life. "Academia tends to be very trendy so you'll have periods in which concern for the aesthetic seems to be rejected all together and people are uninterested in it or cynical about the very idea," Werge said. "But I think under the surface we always have reminders that there are certain experiences and objects of phenomena which are beautiful."

While there are no set guidelines for defining aesthetic standards in literature, people's shared experiences create a universal idea of beauty. "Obviously different cultures have varied views of aesthetics, of what might constitute beauty in a certain context," said Werge. "But I think ultimately one could argue that there is a universality, the experiences we all hold important, always birth, always marriage and death are accompanied by ritual. They are acknowledged everywhere as vitally important moments in one's life."

Aesthetics can be found at the root of literature and the same beauty that links readers to literature can be found in the experiences of everyday life. "Part of the reason people go into literature is because they find stories to be beautiful," said Werge.

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Lectures explore encyclicals

The Knights of Columbus continue its lecture series for the Spring semester entitled "Faith and Reason at Notre Dame." These lectures will run on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Building on South Quad.

The series was sparked by the new encyclical written by Pope John Paul II on Faith and Reason. Throughout the semester, various lectures will explore papal encyclicals dating back to Leo XIII, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and also the role of Catholic universities in America. Lectures are drawn from professors at Notre Dame as well as Bishop John D'Arcy of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese. According to Grand Knight Benjamin Evans, "We want to provide a forum for discussing these faith issues here at Notre Dame. They are all presented in a casual setting and all students and faculty are encouraged to attend."

According to Knights of Columbus Lecturer Gerry Olinger, "These are evenings for those interested in exploring their faith, in a relaxed and reflective atmosphere." Refreshments will be served after all the lectures.

Juniors Tom Weiler, Nick Burns and Pat Nolan gathered outside Knott Hall Sunday afternoon for a game of cricket. In cricket, one player bowls the ball toward the wicket, which is in the center of the photo, while another player uses the bat in an attempt to stop the ball from hitting the wicket.
Clintons Trial of Extreme Importance to U.S. Public

The Senate Impeachment trial of president Clinton could well come to an end this week, following this afternoon, lawmakers in our Congresses.

Scott Cullen

The latest CNN/Time poll backs up the assertion that America is simply disinterested in the impeachment. It provides us with numbers that show that the public does not support further proceeding with the Senate trial. Moreover, it indicates that the majority of the public believe that the trial does not impeach Clinton from performing his job, but that most Americans do not respect him. Such numbers are not new in the past 12 months and they have been traditionally interpreted as telling us a familiar story: the public cares about results, not character in a commander in chief. This is a misinterpretation.

The CNN poll indicates favorable numbers for most of Clinton’s proposals last week, and that America trusts him more than his public antagonists in Congress in Congress, taking on such issues as Big Tobacco and Education. But those remain just proposals, nothing concrete. Issues that he will clearly have a hard time pushing through a belligerent Republican-controlled Congress. The president himself highlighted the economic strength and prosperity currently enjoyed by the nation in last weeks State of the Union address. Yet the man who many in the know attribute that success to, Federal Reserve Board Chairman Allan Greenspan, last week testified before Congress in opposition to Clinton’s biggest proposal of all, his plan to save welfare. Yet economic times make for rocky dispositions, and so many citizens, when queried on why Clinton is an effective president offer the less-than-definitive response, “he’s been good for the economy.”

In terms of public relations, Clinton and the Democrats obviously haven’t lost the advantage they’ve held for the past six years. The State of the Union address was Clinton at his exorcise, masterfully assuming control of the televised media and delivering a speech that, regardless of content, caused even his opponents to concede that he stole the show. The nation responded in its favorable poll showings immediately after the speech. By contrast, the Republicans, particularly in the House have come off as seeming vindictive, partisan and contravening popular will. Clinton retains a youthful vigor publicly, and appears to gain more strength with every apparent setback. House manager Henry Hyde and his collection of prosecutors, on the other hand, do little to dissuade the common popular public conception of why a Republican is the point at this. Little if any substance backs up the current polls regarding the president, the Congress and the impeachment. A combination of Democratic media mastery, Republican ineptitude, along with a good economy has left most Americans content, if questioned, to come out in opposition to a change of leadership and therefore to oppose Clinton’s impeachment. Lost in all of the public disinterest and political gerrymandering in Washington are a collection of very serious issues pertaining to our government.


Despite appearances, these questions could prove of the utmost importance to the American public. Yet the national conversation regarding the above questions fluctuates between minimal and non-existent. If you are a Clinton opponent, and not taking an active stance on the impeachment, you could well be giving tacit approval to the Congress legitimizing perjury by the head of both our government and our state under particular circumstances. If you are a Clinton supporter and not making your opposition known to the current proceedings, you might without realizing, be acceding to a tremendous weakening of the office in both its autonomy and its stature. It is likely that the day will come when both parties can produce media darlings that match the charisma and sound bite game at a time when the economic and global picture is not as bright as it is today. Should such a scenario occur, the United States will be in the position of why snap judgments regarding such important minimal information will not be so readily made. The commander in chief at that time will still be subject to the precedents being established today. At a time when such weighty issues occupy the spotlight, our national dialogue needs to entail more than Range Rovers and trash television. As stated above, we live under a governmental system where ultimate responsibility falls to the public. If the precedents set today without our concern should precipitate or magnify crises for a future administration, we will all bear the guilt of negligence.

Scott Cullen is a senior in the College of Arts and Letters. The views expressed in this column are those of the house and not necessarily those of The Observer.

[Quote of the Day]

‘THE FUTURE ISN’T WHAT IT USED TO BE.’

—attributed to Yogi Berra
America Has too Many Hangovers, and It's the Puritans' Fault

(O-WHEE) CHAMPAIGN, Ill.

Let me explain. I've just returned from Britain, where I ate my way up and down the country, soaking up the culture, so to speak. I studied at the University of Wales at Swansea, a smallish public university in Western Europe, our attitudes toward alcohol differ dramatically. And nobody thought it was strange.

Our laws punish underage drinking more than any other Western nation. And yet we have just as many alcoholics, more drunk drivers and more hangovers. 

The University of Wales also owns and operates the University of Swansea, as would define the relationship between University and alcohol. This is a trend across Europe. Countries like ours, which have a strong familial and religious tradition, Whereas Americans report fewer hangovers than Europeans, we have just as many alcoholics, more drunk drivers and more hangovers. 

A study released in 1997 measured the cultural differences of alcohol consumption among Western nations. The study, by American psychologist Stanton Peele, found that alcoholic beverages are more likely linked to alcoholism than to any other Western nation. And yet we have just as many alcoholics, more drunk drivers and more hangovers. 

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Scene Movie Critic

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By JOE LARSON

"Shakespeare In Love" is the first Shakespearean movie I've seen where we couldn't completely understand the language or relate to characters in such an ancient setting. Even the recent "William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet," which was an attempt to bring the timeless tragedy up-to-date, seemed lacking in many ways — for instance, Romeo is not a well-dressed man from his house to his job. The picture showed the way things could be and the way they are. "Fish Story," a clever film about human nature. Shot in black and white, we see a well-dressed man (played by Aaron Osland) fishing off a bridge. Before long he is caught on a line, as a fish would be on his line, and the audience is given a clever message. "Moments" is a truly imaginative movie directed by Ryan Littenberg and Shakti Chopra and shot in Beach. Made up of photographs stills, the audience is able to read the thoughts of the expressive faces in the pictures. Every character has a thought and it leads to a truly humorous experience about all the opinions people have, if only for a moment. "Incomplete Film about Abuse" was just that — completely incomprehensible. It promised an absolutely hilarious night of unending laughter, but it just couldn't deliver. "Incomplete Film about Abuse" was just that — completely incomprehensible. It promised an absolutely hilarious night of unending laughter, but it just couldn't deliver. "Libido," directed by Pete Byrne, was a seven-minute short film that followed an ordinary businessman from his house to his job. The piece showed the way things could be and the way they are. "Fish Story," a clever film about human nature. Shot in black and white, we see a well-dressed man (played by Aaron Osland) fishing off a bridge. Before long he is caught on a line, as a fish would be on his line, and the audience is given a clever message. "Moments" is a truly imaginative movie directed by Ryan Littenberg and Shakti Chopra and shot in Beach. Made up of photographs stills, the audience is able to read the thoughts of the expressive faces in the pictures. Every character has a thought and it leads to a truly humorous experience about all the opinions people have, if only for a moment. "Incomplete Film about Abuse" was just that — completely incomprehensible. It promised an absolutely hilarious night of unending laughter, but it just couldn't deliver. "Libido," directed by Pete Byrne, was a seven-minute short film that followed an ordinary businessman from his house to his job. The piece showed the way things could be and the way they are. "Fish Story," a clever film about human nature. Shot in black and white, we see a well-dressed man (played by Aaron Osland) fishing off a bridge. Before long he is caught on a line, as a fish would be on his line, and the audience is given a clever message. "Moments" is a truly imaginative movie directed by Ryan Littenberg and Shakti Chopra and shot in Beach. Made up of photographs stills, the audience is able to read the thoughts of the expressive faces in the pictures. Every character has a thought and it leads to a truly humorous experience about all the opinions people have, if only for a moment. "Incomplete Film about Abuse" was just that — completely incomprehensible. It promised an absolutely hilarious night of unending laughter, but it just couldn't deliver. "Libido," directed by Pete Byrne, was a seven-minute short film that followed an ordinary businessman from his house to his job. The piece showed the way things could be and the way they are. "Fish Story," a clever film about human nature. Shot in black and white, we see a well-dressed man (played by Aaron Osland) fishing off a bridge. Before long he is caught on a line, as a fish would be on his line, and the audience is given a clever message. "Moments" is a truly imaginative movie directed by Ryan Littenberg and Shakti Chopra and shot in Beach. Made up of photographs stills, the audience is able to read the thoughts of the expressive faces in the pictures. Every character has a thought and it leads to a truly humorous experience about all the opinions people have, if only for a moment. "Incomplete Film about Abuse" was just that — completely incomprehensible. It promised an absolutely hilarious night of unending laughter, but it just couldn't deliver. 

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Awards.

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"National Pastime" was another black and white short shot in Beach. Making the movie yourself, showing the inner-child of an older gentleman whose does on the baseball field of dreams can only be revealed through his memories and imagination.

The kickoff to the Student Film Festival was Jeff Spacemenow and Denis Harris's short movie, "Ryan Victor's Senior Thesis."
Last year’s best-selling football video game is back!

By C.R. TEODORO

For those enthusiastic fans who are into NFL Football from the seats of their own rooms, you can now experience the NFL all year long. Last year’s best selling sports game has come back with a new version for 1999, and the results are not disappointing.

Red Zone Interactive Inc and 989 Studios have developed NFL Game Day 99, a football game for the PlayStation and PC that rivals other football games, such as Madden NFL 99, NFL Xtreme and NFL Blitz. Though it may not have the flair as arcade games Xtreme and Blitz, it is more than makes up for it in realism and superior game play.

Even if you are not a sports fan, you can still find the game worth your money to play in your dorm room with all your buds. With Multi Tap adaptability, up to eight players can play at the same time. Even though this could definitely mean very chaotic gameplay, your friends do not have to wait for your game to be over to play.

All the teams, updated stadiums and over 500 plays are included in this game, adding an individual realism to the game no matter who, where or what you play. Offensive and defensive schemes designed and used by real NFL players are at your control to use and abuse your opponent. Even in the season mode, records for both teams and individuals are kept and maintained throughout the whole season. Options for the weather can be chosen to affect gameplay. The injuries option during play can also put in an additional sense of risk.

The graphics of GameDay 99 were realistically made from the motion capture of All-Pro athletes. Lifelike detail was attempted in to the making of this game. The motions of the players are very fluid and details can be seen clearly such as names and numbers on uniforms. Even the helmets are well done. Sudden details around the playing field just add to the feel of an actual NFL stadium.

Audio effects are well done in the game, from the crunch of the tackle to the cheering of the crowds. Even the color commentary from the recorded voices of Dick Enberg and Phil Simms add to the television style presentation. Of course, the commentators do get a bit annoying after a while, but that is easily remedied by simply hitting the on button of your stereo system.

GameDay 99 arguably can boast of its superior game control over other football games. Depending on your skill level, you can use the simulation option or go for total control. Spins, stiff-arms, shoulder charges, hurdling, diving tackles and jumping deflections are just some of the things you are capable of doing. Passing is no problem in this game, even maybe a little too easy. A strong passing game makes an extremely difficult challenge to the defender, since the receivers seem to catch almost anything and don’t drop the ball often.

Rushing has been toned down from the previous game, but with practice and use of special moves like sidestepping you can go all the way run ning the ball. Defense is also good and many need to learn by simply picking up the controller. Again, practice and time help develop the mastery of all the techniques available.

There are a few problems evident in this video game, but these are mostly from a technical view than from a gameplay view. Players can sometimes occupy the same space, allowing you to run through one of your own teammates. Overall, you could play this game for hours on end. This is definitely a sports game to get for the PlayStation in your section’s quad where everyone one can get a piece of the action. Superb game play, excellent graphics, NFL realism and even the cheerleader reward at the end of the game make NFL GameDay 99 a contender this year against all other football video games.

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The Observer for full coverage of fencing and women's tennis.

See tomorrow's Observer for full coverage of fencing and women's tennis.
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 1/2-2 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 CONFESS 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 aspire to be like Him in a spiritual communion. It is, accordingly, eminently in harmony with the worship which we owe Him in spirit and truth...”


Eucharistic Adoration on Campus:

FRIDAY: Blessed Mary 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.
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Bragg converted into his first goal of the season with 10 minutes to go. The goal gave Notre Dame its 3-1 lead.

But the win was not to be, as the Wildcats' hard work eventually paid off. Captain Lee Ruff and sophomore Fred Bachusz dazed each scored goals in a 32-second span with under five minutes to go to tie the game at three. At game's end, the Irish had been outshot 33-30.

Despite losing the lead, the team remained unbeaten in their last six games. However, the road tie was not good enough.

"You can never be satisfied with tying," said Molina. "You always want to win games, especially in conference. We know we're capable of winning any game we play in this conference, especially when we're playing in the third period with a 3-1 lead."

Saturday night seemed to be a replay of the night before, only this time the roles were reversed. The Irish skated circles around the Lakers in the first period but were unable to clean up on rebounds down low. At the end of the first period, Notre Dame actually found itself behind 1-0 on a shorthanded goal by freshman Jeremy Bachusz. The shorty was just the third one given up by the Irish that year.

Early in the second period, things seemed to turnaround. Just 29 seconds in, Ben Simon put a backhand pass past goalie Mike Brusseau to tie the game at 1-1.

Any momentum Notre Dame had at the beginning of the second period was washed away as the Lakers regained the lead only 1:20 after Simon's goal tied the game. Following a questionable offensive chance for the Irish, junior defenceman Tyler Palmer joined the rush the other way. As the play went to the net, teammates Tobi Praznik found the streaking Palmer with a pass, which Palmer converted into his first goal of the season.

The third period began with the Irish down 3-1 following a late second-period goal from forward Ben Keup. In the third period Notre Dame dug itself two more power play chances in the third. The unit, although they had moved the puck well and created scoring chances all night, failed to score in five opportunities.

Despite the long road trip, the team made no excuses for its losses. Molina said that fatigue was not a factor.

"You can't be tired this late in the year," he said. "We've been skating for five months and training for six. It doesn't come down to being tired, it comes down to mental toughness."

Attention:
Want to get involved with Student Government? Looking to make changes? Why not run for office?

Mandatory informational meeting will be held for all candidates interested in running for Student Government President/ Vice President

(One number from each ticket must be present)

Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7:30 PM
Student Government Office
(Second Floor LaFortune)

Any questions? Please contact Nicole Barsa (Official Council VP) at 631-4556

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8 weeks of service learning in Irish assets, is already one of the largest and fastest growing commercial banks and investment advisories in Chicago’s west suburbs. Oak Brook Bank is owned by First Oak Brook Bancshares, Inc., a dynamic, publicly-traded company (whose symbol is “OBBK” on NASDAQ).

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Rutgers also continued its hot shooting from the outside in the first half. Against the Notre Dame zone that MacLeod used sporadically, the Knights shot 62 percent in the first half from the three-point line. Closer man-to-man defensive pressure dropped both those numbers significantly in the second half, allowing Notre Dame to get back in the game.

"In the first ten minutes of the second half, we looked like we didn’t belong in the Big East," said senior Phil Hickey, who had 13 points and 12 rebounds. "We were trying to get Martin, David (Graves) and Antoni involved after a constant effort to get the ball inside in the first half." Notre Dame turned the ball over six times in the opening minutes of the second half, letting Rutgers build a lead. Hickey might have supplied the energy to bring Notre Dame back from its lackadaisical effort early in the second half. Rutgers’ Rashad Koty went up for an uncontested lay-up and Hickey blazed him across the arms to prevent the free basket. The referees called it an intentional foul, enabling Rutgers to go up 10 points, but it was a wake-up call for Hickey and the comeback started.

The kind of team chemistry that formed since Troy Murphy’s injury two weeks ago might prove useful in the upcoming weeks. The Notre Dame offense is slow at times, missing their leading scorer and ferocious offensive rebounder. The return of Murphy will give MacLeod more points in an offense that has been pushed into finding new and unusual ways to score.

"We have improved, and with Troy coming back, that’s 20 points and 10 rebounds a game — you can’t overlook that," said freshman forward David Graves. "Maybe we can make the NIT."

The roller coaster season continues Wednesday when the Irish travel to Boston College.

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"Ericka had a great game on the boards and she scored," McGraw said. "She played well on both ends of the floor.

Haney, who is averaging 5.2 points per game, had 16 points on 7-10 shooting and pulled down nine rebounds while playing 28 minutes.

"This game I kind of raised my level of confidence and listened to the coach," said Haney, who had three assists and four steals while committing just one turnover. "I wanted to slow things down and have the game come to me. I didn’t want to force things and come from three-point range. The freshman was also 4-5 from the free-throw line and had four rebounds and four steals.

"I just came in and tried to play hard," Hills said. "I go out every day and work as hard as I can to get better.

McGraw’s two freshmen recruits will continue to get better and could be the difference in how Notre Dame finishes out the year.

Boston College’s upset victory over Big East leader UConn mixed things up in the conference and the Irish may have a chance to at least tie for the conference championship as the regular season winds down in less than a month.

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Men’s hoops hopeful despite Saturday’s heartbreaker

By JOEY CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

Rutgers’ Geodf Billet pumped his fists in the air as he fell to the floor, celebrating a last-second jumper that gave his team a 72-70 win over Notre Dame at the Joyce Center Saturday afternoon.

Irish sophomore Martin Ingelsby’s head turned towards the St. John’s bench after his last-second jumper was blocked, but his teammates were having none of it.

"It was real frustrating," said Phil Hickey, who still was shaking his head at a missed wide-open dunk with seven minutes left in the game. "The first 10 minutes of the second half, it didn’t look like we should even be in the Big East and we had such a great effort to come back.

It was difficult to see the positives through the emotions of a heart-wrenching loss, but they exist. If coach John MacLeod can get this kind of effort from his team, the good results will come.

A week ago the Irish suffered a devastating blow when Troy Murphy injured his ankle. At Villanova they suffered a humiliating loss to the Wildcats — the second blow-out loss in a row.

But after Tuesday night’s win over Syracuse and Saturday’s near win against Rutgers, MacLeod’s troops are going somewhere.

"They’re really bounced back nicely," MacLeod said after the Scarlet Knights game. "In a 30-game season you’re going to have some jewels and you’re going to have some hummers.

Though Saturday’s game certainly falls into the ‘hummer’ category, it may be able to lead to more gems.

You can’t get too negative because they are kids and they have got a great effort," MacLeod said. "Good kids will keep on battling and we’re mak­ing progress here.

There is no doubt about the squad making progress. Two months ago Alaska-Anchorage, a Division II school, got the best of the Irish in overtime. Last week the Irish nearly went 2-0 without their best player.

"That’s just the character or our team," Graves said. "We have a lot of character. We’ll get down at times but we’ll fight right back up and we’re not going to give up.

The Irish will get the opportunity to get right back up this week when they travel to Boston College. They are still not sure if Murphy will return.

Notre Dame is 1-2 without Murphy, but they now know that others are capable of stepping up to help carry the load.

"Troy will be back and when he is we’ll be a better team," Graves said. "We’ve rolled and come together and stepped up without him.

Notre Dame’s record stands at 1-10-4 in the Big East — with nine games remaining. With two games against last-place Boston College and three other home games left, the schedule offers plenty of chances to post some W’s.

"We still know we have a chance to make it maybe to the NIT if we keep playing hard and get some wins," Graves said. "This season is not over for us, we still have a long way to go. I think we’ll be in good shape. We have some winnable games down the road and I think we’ll come out with a good record.

"We’ve got good years. We’re not multi-tal­enting and there aren’t many dull moments. We just have good kids that want to win. They want to do it the right way."

Games like the one the Joyce Center crowd saw last week provide MacLeod all the proof he needs.

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Flying Dutch skim past Belles

By MOLLY McVOY

On Saturday, the Belles showed basketball fans what they can do when they work together, nearly beating Hope College, the second ranked team in the league. Saint Mary's held the lead into the beginning of the second half, but Hope pulled it out, winning 75-60.

We just told them to come out and play hard," head coach Dave Roeder said. "We're capable of playing with good teams. Recently, we've shown that, shooting the ball better and making better defensive choices."

This is not the first time the Belles have faced the Flying Dutch of Hope College, and their improvement is obvious from the difference between the two games. The first was dominated by Hope from the start and the Belles ended up losing 81-53.

Saint Mary's turned it around on Saturday and kept Hope scoreless throughout the game. The team played with Hope during the first half and had the lead 43-41 at the beginning of the second half. But Hope's defense stepped up and stopped Saint Mary's for a long scoreless streak later in the half. Freshman Kelly Jones had another big game, recording her 100th rebound and proving why she is among the league leaders in both rebounding and blocked shots. She has been one of the many freshman who stepped up in the absence of a lot of underclassmen.

"Since Charlotte Albrecht is the only senior player with Nicole (Giffin) hurt, a lot of underclassmen are forced to make decisions," said Coach Roeder.

Saint Mary's hopes its improvement can continue as it faces Alma College this Saturday. Alina will throw the league's leading scorer, Ellen Bradbury, at the Belles and Roeder hopes his defense will allow less than her average 19 points a game. "This week we're working new things on defense," said Roeder. "We hope with this new defense we can stop Ellen Bradbury."

After Alma, the Belles face Olivet, a team Saint Mary's can play very competitively. This has most definitely been a building year for Saint Mary's, but the underclassmen have shown the fans that the talent is there.

"In a year or two, these girls are really going to be all right and very competitive," said Roeder.

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ND comeback smothered by buzzer-beater

By ALAN WASIELEWSKI

The Big East basketball season is turning into a roller coaster ride for the Notre Dame men's basketball team.

True to this season's form, Tuesday's win over Seton Hall was followed by a disheartening last-second loss to Rutgers on Saturday, 72-70. Rutgers' senior guard Geoff Billet sank an off-balance fall-away jumper at the buzzer to hand the Irish their 10th loss of the season and fifth in Big East play.

But with leading scorer Troy Murphy watching from the bench, Notre Dame gave another team effort with a spirited comeback in the second half that fell just short. "I saw a lot of good things and a lot of bad things today," Notre Dame coach John MacLeod said after the game. "Our kids never gave up and made a big surge at the end of the game. "We figured either Billet or [Earl] Johnson was going to take the shot. "We figured Billet was going to make that shot," MacLeod explained. "Coach ran some plays to get me some shots and I was able to convert." The hole out of which Ingelsby dug the Irish came courtesy of the Rutgers bench. Earl Johnson was 8-of-8 from the floor in the second half, but stepped up his offensive production in the second half to lead the game in scoring with 22 points. Twelve of those points came in the last six minutes — right when Notre Dame needed them the most. "I came out pretty aggressive in the second half," Ingelsby said. "Coach ran some plays to get me some shots and I was able to convert." The Irish was able to keep St. John's on one foot throughout the game in scoring with 22 points.

By TED BASSANI

The hockey team returned from its longest road trip of the season in the CCHA with disappointing results. By earning one point of a possible four, the Irish fell four to fourth in the CCHA rankings.

Friday night, they saw a two-goal third-period lead vanish in 37 seconds as Northern Michigan tied the game 3-3. On Saturday, they out-skated and outplayed Lake Superior State for much of the game, but were unable to finish off their numerous chances and fell to the ninth-ranked Lakers 3-1.

The Wildcats took it to the Irish early in the first period Friday night by unleashing a barrage of shots on senior goaltender Forrest Karr. Karr and his teammates were able to keep Northern off the scoreboard in the early going.

On their first power play opportunity of the game, some great puck movement led to Ankot Dhadphale's team-leading sixth power play goal of the year. An senior defenseman Benoit Coimn's wrist shot bounced in front of the net, Dhadphale was in the perfect position to tuck it home for the 1-0 lead.

Friday's game also had special meaning for Dhadphale, who was playing in his hometown of Marquette, Mich. The hometown fans witnessed Dhadphale tie teammate Brian Urick for the team lead in goals with his 13th of the year. Just 11.3 seconds after Dhadphale's power play goal, Senior Phil Hickey pulled down 12 rebounds in Saturday's loss against the White Knights, 72-70.

Women's Basketball

Irish crush Red Storm in blowout

By ANTHONY BIANCO

The million-dollar halftime shot contest was more of an interruption than entertainment for the 6,300-plus fans that came to see Notre Dame take its shot at St. John's and a chance at capturing the Irish win streak to six games.

Though the shot was off, fans still got their money's worth as head coach Muffet McGraw's Irish cruised to a 99-60 win. Six double-digit scorers for the Irish led the offense, including two freshmen off the bench, Ericka Haney (16) and Sherisha Hills (13).

Notre Dame's 6-0 run in the Big East this month, coupled with Boston College's 78-66 win yesterday over conference-leader Connecticut, should stir things in both committees and the national polls. At 17-2 overall and 5-2 in the Big East, the Irish stand third in the conference behind the Huskies and second place Rutgers, Nationally, McGraw's team held a No. 9 ranking before this weekend's games.