SMC aims to increase multicultural awareness

By MEGHAN DONAHUE
News Writer

Raising cultural awareness in the Saint Mary's community while enabling minority groups to feel at home on campus has proved to be a daunting challenge. But the College has continued to strive toward breaking down cultural barriers by utilizing the Office of Multicultural Affairs and attempting to increase course offerings.

"We try to build a sense of community among our eighty Latinas and let them know they have a home base while they are away at college," said Maria Oropeza, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs at Saint Mary's. Minorities, especially in smaller institutions such as Saint Mary's, are encouraged to interact with each other because of the campus's small size.

"Many young women came to Saint Mary's with the trust that here they would be welcome and not alone," said Oropeza. Activities sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs seek to bring together minority students in an attempt to increase the sense of community at the College.

"We concentrate on community service and campus functions because these women (minority students) feel a responsibility to give back because they are grateful to have been given this opportunity of opportunity that many haven't been given," said Oropeza. Although the Office of Multicultural Affairs is short-handed, students have taken the task of organizing various programs into their own hands in order to make the programs successful.

Oropeza added, "Ideally, a different awareness campaign will be put up every month," said Oropeza in reference to the plans of the Multicultural Office. The Office wants to emphasize cultural diversity through advertising with ads similar to the milk slogans in print and on television.

"We want to do the same thing (with advertising), only our product is multicultural," said Oropeza. "Culture is the way we do things, not a race, women or the homeless."

Awareness of the term

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Architecture students receive honors for designs

Senior Kimberly Raspanti is "very excited" over her winning a design competition seeking proposals for the best use of a set of "Byzantine" columns donated to the School of Architecture by the Blanchet-Ruth's contribution. Raspanti's design won her the top position in the contest. Blanchet-Ruth's contribution also gained recognition.

"This was an exciting event in the life of the school," said Carroll Westfall, Frank Montana Professor and chairman of the School of Architecture. "The entries were thoughtful, beautiful, and very sensitive to the site. There are the works of mature professionals who will make a profound contribution to how we build."

Raspanti's winning design proposes using the columns as the main features in a brick and stone shrine with a mosaic of the Madonna and Child sheltered in an archeological and St. Joseph in a recess on the back.

"I wanted something on campus that was recognizable (religious)," said Raspanti, adding that the design could give students something to look at on an otherwise "busy and hectic school day."

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Friday Features

Students work towards Mock Trial fame

By FINN PRESSLY
News Writer

Though most students hope to stay clear of the courthouse during their years at Notre Dame, dozens of students flocked to the witness bench this weekend for a different kind of trial. The University's Mock Trial association hosted a regional competition this weekend, drawing teams from the University of Michigan, the University of Dayton and the University of Wisconsin.

"You get a hypothetical case, and this year it was a plane crash," said junior Melissa Miksch, co-president of the Mock Trial Association. "Students play the roles of both the attorneys and the witnesses. We're judged on how well we perform.

"Notre Dame fielded three teams with six to eight participants each. Competitors were judged on courtroom demeanor, mode of conduct, and the quality of questions asked. Teams from Notre Dame placed second and fourth, according to Miksch, who is optimistic about her team's chances of going to the Gold Nationals tournament in April, which marks the culmination of the mock trial post-season.

In the past, Notre Dame has sent teams to Gold Nationals, as well as Silver Nationals, which is a tournament for teams whose scores do not place them in contention for gold status.

Though weekly practices begin in October, most Mock Trial activities don't get underway until later in the year.

"We usually practice three days a week," said Miksch. "But, we really don't start practicing intensely until spring semester."

Miksch also commended the work of Ava Preacher, assistant dean of the College of
**INSIDE COLUMN**

M seeks F, no commitment

Hello. My name is Too. I’m here to ask any of the ladies out there if you are free on the Friday of the 26th of February. The reason that I am doing this is that the night of Feb. 26 is when my dorm will be having a “hall” dance. I understand that some people may have a bit early to ask two weeks in advance, but I certainly do not want what happened last time my dorm had such a social event.

I last semester, Fisher Hall, my dorm, had a dance for which I tried to get a date. I never would expect much, just an enjoyable evening with a female friend to accompany me with all my other dorm friends. However, I must have asked a little late or was simply unlucky. I was unable to find a date for that night.

It was not as though I hadn’t tried. I asked almost all the girls I know if they would like to be invited. Many of them appreciated the sentiment but either had other plans on their dorms also had planned dances on the same night. Yes, I did ask quite a number of girls at the time. I can’t recall exactly how many girls I actually did ask to the dance. I had stopped counting after 10 rejections.

Well, I decided that I didn’t want to happen this time. So I started a little early. Up to the writing of this column, I have asked four times, but my invitation has been declined on all occasions.

However, my last attempt holds a new surprise: a simple yes or no rejection at one single time! How is this possible? Simple. At a dance practice today, I had asked the girls in the same way if they were available on the 26th of this month. Almost simultaneously, all of them apologized and declined my offer. So right now, even though I have asked four times, I was rejected twice. I guess I’ll try this once more until I reach 15 or 20.

Now I felt that some people are going to be thinking that this is just a desperate attempt for a date by some unknown loser. On the contrary, I may not be campus-wide famous, and I may have made myself the notoriety as the “single-sex Greek houses”.

That makes me a pretty well-known loser.

As for being desperate, that is far from the truth. I consider myself to be more pathetic than desperate. A desperate person would be trying to find a date as though his life depended on it; a pathetic person would simply be able to date even if his life depended on it.

I know that this just could be a futile attempt but if I could reach only one person out there, then all of this public humiliation and emotional turmoil would be worth it if I am not asking much. I do not want to be labeled as a patronizer. If you plan to ditch me at the dance for one of my friends, I wouldn’t be overly troubled at all; that would simply be another problem that I’ll try to solve at the next dance. If any parties are interested in my offer, please contact me as soon as possible.

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**Stanford University**

Former professor claims racism

STANFORD, Calif.

Former Stanford Law School Professor Linda Mabry spoke out Thursday about "the law school's racially hostile environment" for the first time since her abrupt resignation in December. "An obvious law school because it is an institution that engages in a pattern of practicing intense bias, which devalues, discourages and marginalizes people of color," Mabry said. Mabry is one of the professors who decided to file complaints with the Labor Department concerning the University's tenure practices. "These institutions have never been held accountable for their actions to the students and the public," Mabry said.

"We've hidden behind this veil of truth and scholarship when their real actions are certainly not reflective of justice," she added. "I issued these complaints with the hope that someone, one would hold them accountable, that the Labor Department will deem them responsible."

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**University of Missouri**

Diversity numbers top Big 12

COLUMBIA, Mo.

With 278 black freshmen enrolled, MU's fall 1998 class has more African Americans than any other Big 12 school. This is the second year in a row MU has beaten out all other schools in the Big 12 in African American enrollment. "We think it's important to have a campus that reflects a variety of ethnicities," said Gary Smith, director of admissions and registrar. "I hope that it's an indication of our commitment to cultural diversity." Some black students see MU's rank as a positive asset to the campus community. "Whenever there are more African Americans here, it's a good thing because there aren't very many of us," sophomore LaFonda Cousin said. Junior Carinda Watson said MU's minority-enrollment numbers reflect on African American students who claim to be "very proud of MU. "Of course it's a good thing," she said, "but it's also good to know that more African Americans are coming to school."

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**Villanova University**

Parents receive letters regarding hazing

VILLANOVA, Pa.

With the start of the pledge season, the administration has begun its regular process of informing pledges of the rules against hazing and educating fraternity members of the DOs and DON'Ts of rush. This year the administration also decided to include parents in the education process by sending letters to the parents of all male freshmen, informing them that three fraternities — Delta Kappa Epsilon and Pi Kappa Alpha, which are not recognized as chapters because of their poor standing with the University — have had a passing interest in it. The letter to parents states that if you plan to ditch me at the dance for one of my friends, I wouldn’t be overly troubled at all; that would simply be another problem that I’ll try to solve at the next dance. If any parties are interested in my offer, please contact me as soon as possible.

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**South Bend Weather**

The South Bend First Forecast

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**Dartmouth College**

Students rally for continuation of single-sex fraternities

HANOVER, N.H.

Eighty-three percent of the students who responded to a survey conducted by The Dartmouth yesterday said they favor the continuation of the single-sex Greek system at the College.

Of the 4,106 students polled by The Dartmouth via BlitzMail, 2,003 — or 49 percent — responded to the survey, and 1,660 of them said they support the single-sex system. Fifty-three percent of the respondents said the single-sex system should not be continued, and two percent were undecided.

Fifty-five percent of the students who said the single-sex system should be continued are not affiliated with a fraternity or sorority.

Junior Betsy Beck, who is unaffiliated, said single-sex Greek houses should remain.

She said there are "plenty of places in which men and women can have healthy social fun," but said single-sex houses are "a necessary part of the college experience."

"That's the most popular social avenue, and I just think that forcing them to combine social space and space is a popular avenue would just completely revamp the whole social atmosphere at Dartmouth," she said.

Members of the Class of 2002 expressed the most support for the single-sex Greek system.

Six-hundred and sixteen, or 31 percent, of the respondents to the survey were '92s. Twenty-four percent were seniors, 20 percent were juniors and 23 percent were sophomores.

Of the freshmen who responded, 535 supported the continuation of the single-sex system. Thirty-two percent of the total number of students from all classes who supported its continuation.

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**Evaston, Ill.**

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**Northwestern University**

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Gift establishes directorship

Special to The Observer

A gift from Notre Dame alumni and trustee Robert Conway has established an endowed directorship for the University's internationally acclaimed Medieval Institute.

Conway and Patrick Geary, professor of history and the first Conway Director of the institute, will be honored at a private dinner Tuesday, Feb. 16, in the Hesburgh Library.

A 1966 Notre Dame graduate, Conway holds a master's of business administration degree from the University of Chicago and a master's degree from the University of Louvain in Belgium. He is a limited partner of Goldman, Sachs & Co., dividing his time between London and New York.

He has been a member of the firm since 1970 and has served as managing director of Goldman Sachs International Corporation in London and as co-chair of Goldman Sachs in New York.

Conway was elected in 1990 to Notre Dame's Board of Trustees and currently chairs the academic and faculty affairs committee. He also serves on the University's President's Development Committee and the International Advisory Council. He was a member of the Advisory Council for the College of Arts and Letters from 1987-1993.

Geary, appointed director of the Medieval Institute in 1997, oversees its multifaceted programs of undergraduate and graduate study, its collections and an active program of lectures, seminars and conferences.

He plans to expand the institute's faculty seminars and visiting fellowships through the ongoing support of Conway. The first such seminar, "Urban Space, Urban Culture," is scheduled for September and will explore urban life in historical perspective.

Conway joined the Notre Dame faculty after spending the previous five years at UCLA as a professor of history and director of its Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies. He also previously taught and conducted research at Princeton University and the University of Florida.

A scholar of international repute, Geary specializes in the study of early medieval social and cultural history, barbarian societies, the history of memory and the history of ethnicity.

Award to honor 50 undergrad profs

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame will honor 50 outstanding undergraduate teachers each year in a new awards program created with a gift from University Trustee John Kaneb. The Kaneb Teaching Awards mark a new departure in the recognition of teaching excellence at Notre Dame. While most existing teaching awards are restricted to a single recipient, the Kaneb Awards will be used to demonstrate the full extent of excellent teaching at Notre Dame. Not only will 50 outstanding teachers be recognized each year, but also, because winners will become ineligible for the award for the following two years, a total of 150 individual faculty members will be honored in every three-year period.

The Kaneb Awards will be appointed among the faculty of the University's four undergraduate colleges and its School of Architecture. The intent of the Kaneb Awards is to recognize excellence that is demonstrated over time—each year for five years and beyond—among faculty who have been active full-time in undergraduate teaching for at least five years. The creation of the Kaneb Awards continues Kaneb's exceptional support of teaching excellence at Notre Dame. It was his gift in 1990 that established the University's Kaneb Center for Teaching Excellence, which has generated overwhelming support from the Notre Dame faculty.

"At Notre Dame we continually are seeking ways to reaffirm our undergraduate teaching mission and celebrate those who bring it to life," said University president Father Edward Malloy.

"To our great good fortune and his enduring credit, John Kaneb has been our full, constant and generous partner in this effort, enabling us to increase both our support and, now, our rewards for teaching excellence."

The Kaneb Awards will have a value of $1,000, payable either in cash or as a supplement to the faculty member's professional discretionary funds. The annual winners will be recognized at Commencement and in special ceremonies arranged by the college and School of Architecture.

Each academic unit will establish its own criteria for the awards, but all the criteria will include student input, such as the results of students' Teacher Course Evaluations.

Teaching and research faculty will become eligible for the awards after meeting the five-year teaching requirement and being granted tenure. Non-tenured regular faculty, including research, library and special professional faculty, will be eligible for the awards if they have met the undergraduate teaching requirement.

A member of the Notre Dame Board of Trustees since 1980, Kaneb currently chairs its student affairs committee. The Worcester, Mass., native is chairman and chief executive officer of Gulf Oil and other family-controlled companies.

Graduated from Harvard University and the University of Florida, Kaneb is a member of the board of fellows of the Harvard Medical School and national chairman of its capital campaign.

In each of Notre Dame's most recent capital campaigns, Kaneb created $1-million scholarship endowments, one for students who encounter severe financial setbacks during their time at Notre Dame and the second for Hispanic students.

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Kasich to make bid for presidency

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Budget hawk Rep. John Kasich, saying he was "a little fresher" than other politicians, is joining the growing list of Republicans who have firmly announced plans to seek the GOP presidential nomination next year.

The Ohio Republican said he would formally announce Monday in his home state that he is filing papers with the Federal Election Commission to form an exploratory committee and would then travel to New Hampshire and Iowa to begin his uphill battle for the nomination.

The 46-year-old House Budget Committee chairman joins four other Republicans who have formed exploratory committees — Sen. John McCain of Arizona, former Vice President Dan Quayle, conservative activist Steve Forbes and former Red Sox owner and Quayle campaign manager William Borders.

Two other Republicans now considered frontrunners for the GOP nomination, Texas Gov. George W. Bush and former Red Sox President Elizabeth Dolan, have yet to announce their intentions. Millionaire publisher Steve Forbes also is expected to make another run for the White House, such as in opposing the building of B-2 bombers and his advocacy of closing big business tax loopholes.

"I'm a different kind of politician, particularly in my party," Kasich said on NBC's "Meet the Press," and I'm going to try to build a better America, try to inspire some people."

Kasich characterized himself as a businessman's son who grew up in a blue-collar community near Pittsburgh and "put into politics because I wanted to change the world."

He said that since 1952, the year he was born, there has been a Nixon, Bush or Dole on every GOP ticket except in 1964, and it was time for a change in the Republican party. "They're like Pepsi and Coke," he said. "Everybody knows their names."

Kasich said he wasn't concerned about the low level of his name recognition. "The beauty of this system is that you can go to Iowa and New Hampshire, and that's where people smell you, they poke you, they look you in the eye," he said. He added that Democrats Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton both used the Iowa-New Hampshire phenomenon to get their successful bids for the presidency on track.

He said he can succeed because "I like to have fun, I have a lot of good ideas, I have a proven track record, and you know what it comes down to? I'm just a little different and a little fresher than a lot of the people that are in politics today."
Jews protest court decision

Chanting and swaying in prayer, 200,000 Orthodox Jews gathered in Jerusalem on Sunday to protest court rulings they say threaten their way of life. About 20,000 secular Jews, some with flowers in their hair and dancing to bongos drum rhythms, formed a counter-protest nearby and heckled speakers proclaiming "Hallelujah!"

"The Court decisions cleared the way for seminary students to be drafted, and challenged the Orthodox control of marriage, burial, Sabbath travel and other personal status issues. Last week, leading rabbis called the judges "enemies" and accused them of trying to destroy Judaism. Thousands of ultra-Orthodox men and women crossed a road at Jerusalem's western entrance.

Iraq threatens new offensive

The Iraqi government said Sunday it could attack American and British bases in the Persian Gulf that are used to launch air strikes against Iraq. "We, by help from God and support from the sons of our glorified Arab nation, including four and sincere nationals... in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, have the ability to attack the soldiers and means of aggression from whatever region," Iraqi television said, quoting a statement from President Saddam Hussein and senior leaders. The statement came amid a simmering war of words with the United Nations over "no-fly" zones imposed in northern and southern Iraq. Iraq does not recognize the zones and has vowed to fire at any plane that violates its airspace. The zones were set up by the United States, Britain and France after the 1991 Persian Gulf War to prevent the Iraqi air force from attacking rebels in the north and south.

Mardi Gras kings unite

NEW ORLEANS

In the latest symbol of slowly eroding social and racial barriers, a middle-aged white businessman in gaudy gold crown and page-boy wig intends to exchange formal greetings with a black Mardi Gras king on the waterfront. The formal meeting scheduled for Monday night is believed to be the first of the two make-believe monarchs: Rex, King of Carnival, whose secretive, high-society organization dates back to 1872, and Zulu, founded in 1909. "This is history-making. This has never taken place," said Roy Glapion, a city council member and sometime member of Zulu. The meeting is part of a giant open-air music and fireworks show heralding Mardi Gras.

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Albright leads negotiation talks

Rambouillet, France

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, bringing Serb and Kosovo Albanian negotiators together for the first time in a week of talks, said Sunday she was able to convince the Albanians that a U.S.-sponsored peace plan was a "fair deal." But the most Albright could say about the Serb side was that they were willing to consider her warning that the parties face a fork in the road between peace and more conflict.

Today I was able to bring the leaders of the two delegations together for their first joint meeting," she said, adding that in her view it was justified to continue the talks into next week. "They recognize this is an historic opportunity and that the killing must stop," she said of the two delegations.

"I came here with a clear message for both sides," she said. "They face a fork in the road. One fork is to disaster, chaos and more killing. The other fork leads back to a rational solution that will achieve peace, democracy and human rights for all the people of Kosovo."

Earlier Sunday, Albright delivered a stern message to Serbian President Milan Milosevic, urging the Serbs to get down to business at the Kosovo peace talks or face NATO bombs.
Taliban stifes civilian life

PAT KO SHANA

For Haji Relmant Gul, talk of the Soviet withdrawal from his homeland a decade ago resurrects memories of a war so painfully fresh it could have been yesterday.

Fifty Soviet soldiers roared into his village in trucks and armored personnel carriers, chassising up the dusty track that snakes through Pat Ko Shana, a village 35 miles from the capital, Kabul.

Seventy boys, some as young as 8, fled to an underground canal because they feared they would be conscripted and sent to fight U.S.-supported Islamic insurgents. But their hiding place was soon discovered.

Gul remembers watching with horror from a nearby second-story window as the soldiers fed something into the canal through a pipe, then fired a submachine gun into the canal. The earth trembled, and flames shot 30 feet into the air, with a terrible roar. The boys were dead.

That was 1982 — seven years before the last Red Army troops left Afghanistan on Feb. 15, 1989, feeling fierce resistance and a war that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev called a "bleeding wound."

Many Afghan believe it was their defeat of the Soviet army that pushed the Soviet Union toward its downfall. Within 10 months of the withdrawal, the Berlin Wall came crashing down, Soviet satellite states started breaking away and the Soviet Union began to unravel.

"Because of the strength of the people of Afghanistan, the Soviets had to withdraw, and it is because of the Afghans and their humiliating defeat of the Soviet Union that it gave other, like Poland, the strength to fight for their freedom," said Abdul Sattar Pakties, a foreign ministry representative of the Taliban religious array that now rules 90 percent of Afghanistan.

But the fighting hasn't stopped for Afghans. Ten years later, many question the results of their bloody struggle against the Soviets and grumble over their choice of leaders today.

There are the un-nonsense Taliban fighters, who expose and execute threeورد of Islam that has made women prisoners in their own country, locked inside their homes, forbidden from working and going to school. Music is illegal, murderers are executed in public, and thieves have their limbs cut off.

Then there is the opposition, a collection of often leading Islamic militia boiled up in northern Afghanistan. The strongest faction is led by Burhanuddin Rabbani, who was driven from a nominal presidency when Taliban forces captured Kabul in 1996.

It was while Rabbani was president that the Islamic militiamen of the Afghan National Congress began to move out of the Taliban's no-go zones, by which they meant the country. The bloodshed drew the new Taliban movement into the war in 1994, and Taliban fighters marched across much of the country.

For Afghans, it has been one disastrous ruler after another.

"What have we done to deserve this?" asked a woman who gave her name as Raga. Enveloped from head to toe by her pale blue "burqa," she prayed beside the grave of her husband, who was killed in a rocket attack.

"What can I say? I feel somehow like I am losing my mind," she said, crying. "I pray now only for the future of my children. Our lives are lost, but what about them?"
Clinton heads for Mexico summit

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

In a quick pivot from impeachment, President Clinton headed for Mexico on Sunday for a quick summit to encourage more progress in the difficult struggle against illegal drugs and government corruption.

Two days after being acquitted by the Senate, Clinton was to meet with President Ernesto Zedillo at Merida in the Yucatan peninsula, a popular tourist destination.

The visit — 23 hours from landing to taking off — comes two weeks before the administration must render a formal evaluation of Mexico's cooperation in fighting drug trafficking. Clinton and Zedillo have met about every six months over the last few years, and officials say this meeting is intended simply to maintain good relations.

Soon after Air Force One was airborne, Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton appeared in the press cabin of the plane passing out chocolate candy from a huge heart-shaped box.

"Happy Valentines Day," the president said. "Isn't this the biggest heart you ever saw in your life? This is a better kind of candy from a huge heart of darkness." He did not elaborate.

Mrs. Clinton said the box of candy was a gift from one of her brothers. The first couple moved quickly through the press cabin, distributing candy to passengers in other parts of the plane as well.

Clinton and Zedillo are expected to discuss immigration and complete an agreement on border safety and curbing border violence.

Mexico could be hit with tough economic sanctions if it receives a failing grade in the drug battle. While the administration says Mexico has a tremendous drug problem, it is believed likely Clinton will certify Mexico as a cooperative ally in fighting narco, as it has been in all 12 years since the Congressmandly mandated review process began.

Even before Clinton's trip, the administration appeared to be laying groundwork for a positive report while acknowledging that cocaine seizures by the Mexican police have dropped.

"President Zedillo is clearly trying to establish a clean government and respect for the rule of law," Sandy Berger, the administration's national security adviser, told reporters.

Mexican officials maintained their problem of government corruption, saying "with remarkable candor that Mexico is confronting its problem of government corruption "indeed, much of what we hear and much of what we see about the extent of corruption in the Mexican government effort has emerged from Mexico's own efforts," the administration has said. "And that's something we need to acknowledge and encourage."

James Dobkin, the National Security Council's senior director for InterAmerican Affairs, said, "We think we've made a lot of progress over the last several years, and officials say the administration sought to highlight progress on another front: boosting economic trade between the United States and Mexico in the five years since the North American Free Trade Agreement, known as NAFTA. Mexico accounts for close to 20 percent of the total of U.S. exports, after Canada.

"So it's worth remembering that our trade relationship with Mexico has protected a lot of American workers from losing their jobs at a time of tremendous uncertainty and upheaval in the global economy," Berger said.

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Why would 132 apparently normal young men return from Christmas break in common to lose at least 35,000 pounds of flesh, do pushups, sit-ups, etc., endless miles of running and the prospect of having their facial landscape rearranged? Are they certifiable? Not really. Permit me to suggest that they may be the sanest guys in town.

Charles Rice

In the century's worst flood last year in Bangladesh, one of the poorest areas in the world, at least 630,000 acres of rice were destroyed and at least 630 people lost their lives. The Holy Cross missions, including many Notre Dame and St. Mary's grads, responded to the needs of those impoverished people. The first year, the students raised $500, which was 1,700 taka or $40 U.S. for a month to watch your fellow students, weekdays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the JACC, as they prepared for an effort which is important for you as well as for them.

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Too much irony in article on PLS course

I found Wednesday's front-page article calling campus attention to the PLS course to give me the South Bend Center for the Homeless ironic. The goal of the course, as stated by the PLS chair and reported in the article, is that "The program gives an opportunity to understand more about homeless persons in the U.S. and how to address it." One of the chief difficulties that stands in the way of addressing the present problem of homelessness in our society is that the homeless themselves are often not only homeless but also voiceless, nameless, and faceless to those in positions of privilege and power, such as all of us in ND. Thus, they will remain unnoticed on the margins of our lives until we, in servant spirit, deliberately overt our attention from ourselves and regard their humanity with the eyes of a conscience convinced of failure responsibility, and, rather than merely speaking about or even helping the homeless, we will remain skillfully helpless in our cars. Yet, not only did the article not include a single interview with or quotation from any of the CHF guests enrolled in the course, the only names mentioned were of those who are not themselves homeless and the only photo shown was that of the PLS chair himself. While the course may be rightly-intentioned and may serve well in its purpose of mission to the homeless in our city, the article was solely about N.D. Have we failed once again to avert our attention?

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February 10, 1999

So Long, My Dear King of Jordan

Whom do I say good-bye for the last time, my dear King? The rest of the world just did a good job a few hours back. I cannot make another photo with you. Do you remember the one where you were holding me while my mother stood next to us with her ugly for-smonges? I was in a car for a couple of hours to reach your coffin, nor can I visit your grave and bring you flowers.

I can thank you, however, for making me who I am. Indeed, it was your generosity that my father can work on established schools, both public and private, where I got my education. You founded the Royal Automobile Club, where I spent my childhood searching for eggs during fasters, and playing basketball during the summers. My mom told me how you gave money for the orphanage she runs, and my dad, coming back from work, recounted many stories of how you covered kidney, liver, and heart transplant expenses because those people who needed them so badly could not afford it.

I cannot say anything about polities because, as much as I know, I am probably still very ignorant. I can thank you for things. For it is in the course of these types of exchanges that we as people and communimunity grow, hopefully arriving at the best possible solutions for all involved.

After making these statements, I must add in several caveat to protect myself from two obvious points that I might make.

First, I do not pretend to know enough about the Church to make informed (and true) statements, I must add. Rather, I must reiterate, I find the argumentation expressing it. I also respect those who disagree with me, and their facility in expressing different viewpoints that diverge from the Truth to which it guides us.

For the curious out there, I am not sure of any one has nothing to compare it to? The Church itself says that the Truth should be reached freely. How is this possible if it is the only path to salvation? I believe those who chose the unlocked door. Similarly, if the defend­ers of Ex Corde had their way and humiliated the curric­ulum to classes compatible with Church teaching, we would not be able to learn about the Iskandar. We would be shackled. But, we would not be "shackled" by the whims of whatever secular ideology happens to be popular at the moment. We would be shackled by the whims of the "Truthful" just as we are shackled by the "T", I guess it is a truer truth — of the Catholic academy are to be prized, because with­out them we will not possess the requisite know­ledge to be truly free. And, it is freedom that ultimately allows us to fulfill our human potential as reasoning beings. Or, if one is going to take it a step further, knowledge provides us with the freedom to align our will with the will of God (reaching that "T" truth). Granted this last step may seem too much of a burden than reason, but it certainly cannot be done without reason, just ask my dog Clancy.

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A Word against Ex Corde

I feel sad for some of my fellow students who support Ex Corde Ecclesiæ. It seems that they have been born several hundred years too late, as if they never noticed that the city of the crusades, the Inquisition, and that 16th and 17th century estate boom driven by the con­quisters. These of course were times during which those too ignorant to see the Truth — by the way I have never understood the use of capital "T" — I guess it is a truer truth — of the Catholic church were shown the error of their ways. Today, much the same spirit prevails in the elu­sions of the chicanery pretense to support Ex Corde and the Truth to which it guides us.

I do not mean to say that those who have writ­ten these articles are murderous beasts bent on inflicting pain at the point of a sword — nobody uses swords anymore. Rather, I must reiterate, I find the argumentation expressing it. I also respect those who disagree with me, and their facility in expressing different viewpoints that diverge from the Truth to which it guides us.

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"Payback" without a vengeance? Boo!

Director: Brian Helgeland
Starring: Mel Gibson, Maria Bello, James Coburn, William Devane and Lucy Liu

Photo courtesy of Miramax Pictures

By BILL FUSZ


One of these three is not like the others.
"Payback" will make it two out of four.

Of all the above films have either been directed, written or produced by Brian Helgeland.

Some were hits, some were misses. The most recent will have to be chalked up as a major miss.

The plot is simple and easily understood from the trailers alone. Porter (played by Mel Gibson, "Lethal Weapon 4") is a thief who due to a "mistake" in a robbery is owed $70,000 by the city-wide "Outfit," as well as a one-time friend, Val (played by George Henry, "Star Trek: Insurrection"). So he's going to get it back, no matter what he has to go through, no matter who he has to kill, no matter who tries to kill him.

It's a fairly interest­ing premise — one guy taking on a whole organization for a petty sum of $70,000, raising the question of how one stops a guy who just will not be stopped by anything.

But the film falls, just as simply, to fulfill its promise. Instead the movie is hamstrung throughout by a number of factors which prevent it from being the film noir classic that Helgeland's "L.A. Confidential" was, or the violent comedy that Gibson's "Lethal Weapon" was. The movie cannot make up its mind about what it wants to be, and so it fails to deliver on either promise, much to the waste of Gibson's talent, as well as the other members of this widely talented cast.

The shots themselves are well done — very pale, stylish and decadent shots of the Outfit's hotel; a sleazy little drug house Porter and his ex-wife used to call home and the ultra-mod, very fashionable place Porter's love interest, a call-girl named Rosie, inhabits. It is all very reminiscent of "L.A. Confidential" — very gritty. Viewers leave the theater feeling a little dirty, wondering how much of the set and the underground rubbed off on them as their way through the film. It is a great setting and Helgeland uses so much that the audience knows it work and its size.

But this is made completely incongruous by the dialogue and the voice-overs. This is just too huge to cover up. Throughout the movie, Porter offers the audience a monologue which alternates between bitter and tough. It is the hackneyed cliché noir which would make up any "Lethal Weapon 4" wannabe.

Just as a scene would摆 up, filled with suspense and drawn-out drama, Gibson would suddenly pop in with a voice-over, giving him about his money. All the build-up would fall like a house of cards. The audience knew Porter would get his money; it knew Porter would live another day; it knew the Outfit would get theirs. And any time that one of those facts came into doubt, there was Porter's voice-over with another lame joke to reassure them, and in the process, cut the movie down to size.

One cannot fault the acting though. It is really a great cast, and the whole way through you cannot help but be shocked as each new character comes through the door. Rosie is played by Maria Bello, one of my favorites from "ER" last season as Dr. Del Amico. She turns in a stellar per­formance as the cliche "hooker with a heart of gold." Together, she and Gibson have scenes that really move you, including a dinner scene so good that Gibson looks Bogartesque — that classic tough guy who occasionally will let his guard down.

But once again, the comic lines, with their overrehearsed, stale quality, are pep­pered liberally throughout, including one where Porter says, "We made a deal. If the stopped hookers, I'd stop shooting people. Maybe we're both aiming too high." In the end, these miscues make it impossible to take the couple and their noir love seriously. As for the men in the black hats, they comprise a star-studded company of one-hundred, two-hundred people. Maybe we both aiming too high.

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"Wall Street"

Director: Oliver Stone

Starring: Charlie Sheen, Michael Douglas, Daryl Hannah, and Martin Sheen

By JENELLE WILLIAMS

Senior Movie Critic

Greed is everything.

When every person works for his or her own selfish reasons, for his or her own betterment, the society as a whole progresses as well. It's every man for himself in the dog-eat-dog world of capitalism. In the '80s, when Reaganomics controlled the political economy and the stock market was chic, money was religion. The key to success in this capitalism is simple — find the quickest way to the top.

In "Wall Street," Bud (Charlie Sheen) is playing just that — the get-rich-quick scheme. A brash, friend-ly and cocky stock broker, he spends the majority of his days calling people with six figure salaries, attempting to convince them to purchase certain stock — not exactly the best way to make the big money. Bud is playing just that — the get-rich-quick scheme. His colleague John Gekko (Michael Douglas) is a bit predictable — the casting and performances are great. Charlie Sheen seems to fit the part of the lowly stock broker; his performance is noth­ing more than a pawn in the trench warfare that is Wall Street. But oh, he has dreams. He is finding a way out and up. He is going to make the big money. He just needs a little help getting started. His mentor, Gekko. Gekko shows him the stock market, and in doing so, gives him such valuable lines as, "A battle is either won or lost before it's ever fought." Soon, Bud finds himself living the good life. He stretches the truth and takes risks, but when he receives a new office and wises the heart of the beautiful but high-maintenance woman, Daryn (Daryl Hannah), he never considers the consequences.

This film raises significant issues concerning business ethics, but life in general. Every man must choose between what is right and what is appealing. Whatever he chooses, he must face the consequences.

Can he still look himself in the mirror? Does he still know who his friends are? Is the life he is leading truly his own, and not just a means of making money?

Bud learns the hard way that a man can never hide his true self. He can never escape who he is. Any attempt to do so will only lead to failure.

Although "Wall Street" is a bit predictable — the good guys and bad guys are a bit clichéd — the plot is not all that complicated. The casting and acting are great. Charlie Sheen seems to fit the part of the lowly stock broker. His performance is noth­ing more than a pawn in the trench warfare that is Wall Street.

The music, for one, is typical of the decade. The computers are a joke — the technology is out-of-date, this movie most certainly is not.

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10. Armageddon

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Top Ten

Coming Soon

To a theater near you

February 19
Affliction, starring Nick Nolte
Office Space, starring Jennifer Aniston and Ron Livingston
Jawbreaker, starring Rose McGowan and Rebecca Gayheart
Just the Ticket, starring Andy Garcia and Andie MacDowell
October Sky, starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Laura Dern

February 26
B&M, starring Nicolas Cage
B. Monkey, starring Rupert Everett and Asia Argento

Notice that all three "Star Wars" trilogy films are among the top ten all-time domestic box office winners. Can the upcoming "Phantom Menace" make its way into the top ten? What about the number one spot? We'll have to wait until May 21.

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**Fox Sports... Almost**

NBA is worth watching

By TED FOX

NBA basketball has been back for a little over a week now, and the league that catego-

rized in popularity in the last 10 years is now hoping its fans not to be put off by the dra-

worn-out labor dispute. Indeed, the NBA’s modified national anthem—though not all fans—

changed from “I love this game!” to “I still love this game!”—to which editors at Sports illustrated responded by splashing the phrase “Should we still love this game?” over the cover.

Having only been back for a little over a week, it’s hard to come to a definitive con-

clusion. But there are some early indications that the world’s premiere basketball league will not follow the same slow recovery path that baseball did a few years ago.

First of all, there’s the hard evidence. On Feb. 5, opening day of the short 50-game season, without crowds and area games across the league. Everyone in Chicago even showed up to see a Bulls team that hardly resembles the “Un-

beatable Bulls” that won six titles during this decade.

True, you say, but there’s no Miami to hang on in the eastern conference. He was the quintessential quintet for the best player of all time, not just the franchise player for the season. His signature looks to have hurt the Bulls. That could be right. He is the best, and the goal loses the one person whom every-

body used to watch, regardless of his or her favorite team. But that doesn’t mean the excitement is over.

For instance: Three future Hall-of-Famers, Charles Barkley, Scottie Pippen, and Hakeem Olajuwon, coming into the tournament for the first time as a team. There’s the same Utah Jazz teams — led by a pair of future Hall-of-Famers.

Famers, Karl Malone and John Stockton—that came close to dethroning the Bulls last year and as an entire Bulls team, that’s a lot for me to

advise. Now that you mention it, I think I still am kind of fond of this game.

Then there’s the Los Angeles Lakers, picking up right where they left off. The team has a young nucleus of All-Star caliber players, players that could very well establish a new dynasty. At the other end of the spectrum, the Indiana Pacers sport a veteran line-

up in the tradition of the teams that have won all the recent titles. For them, this could very well be the last shot at winning it all before the hands of time strike mid

night and the trophy turns into a pumpkin. And, in the Eastern Conference Finals last year, they extended the Bulls even further than the Jazz did in the NBA Finals and that’s probably good for me to admit, too.

For the moment, at least, let’s hope the optimistic Detroit Pistons, under the leadership of superstar Grant Hill and veteran Joe Dumars (who never has to have gone to a Pistons game at the Palace to understand) appear to be re-emerging as a powerful team.

This game still seems pretty
tough.

True, Michael Jordan is not the same anymore. But as Angie Madison said on The Tonight Show last week, the focus now will shift more to the on-court action, less to the off-court antics of his teammates. The team will be the one to step in and take over the Bulls" reign at the top. Who will become the league’s new best player? Could this year’s champion have beaten the Bulls teams of the past?

There’s 20 regular season games and the playoffs to answer those questions, and NBA Inside Stull promises to have some memorable moments during “Rewind.” I don’t plan on celebrating another Bulls title this year, but that’s okay.

I still love this game.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Players get invite from NFL

Special to The Observer

Six seniors from the 1998 Notre Dame football squad have been invited to participate in the National Football League's Combine Timing and Testing Feb. 18-22 at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. In traveling to Indianapolis will be tailback Autry Devenson, out­side linebacker Jerry Wisne, offensive tackle Luke Petitgout, offensive tackle Mike Rosenthal, punter Hunter Smith and offensive guard Jerry Wisne.

From Landover, Fla., Devenson finished his career as Notre Dame's all-time leader in rushing with 4,318 yards and three­straight 1,000-yard seasons this past season. In his last two seasons he kicked off in 23 straight games and was the Associated Press All-America honors in '98 from Granger, Ind., won first-team opening in 23 straight games to finish out his Irish career. He started each of his last two seasons at offensive tackle, opening in 25 games overall over three seasons.

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Men's Basketball

Irish fall despite rally, 85-80

Freshman sensation Murphy registers a career high of 32 points

By BILL HART
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite another impressive rally and outstanding play from freshman Troy Murphy, the Irish could not sustain their momentum Sunday and dropped an 85-80 heartbreaker to West Virginia.

The Irish fought back from a deficit that was as high as 19 points with 12:00 left in the second half. Murphy and his team took a one-point lead with three minutes remaining in the game.

But the Mountaineers were able to fend off two Irish possessions that threatened to make the visitors' lead even further. As it turned out, a lay-up by Elton Scott with 50 seconds left turned into the winning basket, giving the home team a lead it didn't relinquish.

Jarett Kearse then hit a pair of free throws to give West Virginia a five-point margin, but two free throws by Ingelsby made it a 83-80 game with 13.8 seconds left.

The Irish had one last chance to tie it up when a cross-court pass went out of bounds with possession of the ball and 10 seconds on the clock. But Ingelsby's three-point attempt fell short and Goree grabbed the rebound. He was quickly fouled and hit both free-throws to put the game out of reach.

Murphy led both teams in scoring with 32 points on 9-of-18 shooting. He also went 12-for-15 from the charity stripe and grabbed 16 boards, earning another double-double. The rookie sensation registered the best game of his collegiate career.

Senior Antoni Wyche and freshman Harold Swanagan backed Murphy up with 14 and 11 points, respectively.

On the other end of the court, Goree finished with a team-high 27 points, while Scott chipped in with 21 of his own. Kearse, the major perimeter threat for the Mountaineers, went 3-5 from beyond the arc and had 13 points on the afternoon.

The Irish never found a way to get past the pesky West Virginia defense, which picked up 13 steals and forced 18 turnovers overall. With the victory, the Mountaineers snap a four-game winning streak and improve to 10-15 on the season and 4-11 in the Big East.

Meanwhile the Irish fall under the .500 mark at 12-13 overall and 6-8 in conference play.

Notre Dame will be back in action later on this week when it travels eastward to take on conference rival Syracuse. The contest between the Irish and the Orangemen is set to tip off on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
Irish drop two heartbreakers in weekend play

**By TED BASSANI**

In the modern era of Notre Dame hockey, aIrish team had never been shut out on back-to-back nights or in two consecutive conference games. Believe it or not. That is exactly what happened this past weekend as the sixth-ranked Notre Dame hockey team lost just two straight 1-0 decisions.

On Friday, it was Michigan State and goaltender Joe Dusbabek who took the scoring crown by a 1-0 tally in East Lansing. Saturday night, Notre Dame's 12-game unbeaten streak on home ice came to an end thanks to a brilliant defensive performance by Ferris State and goaltender Vince Owen, who stopped all 38 Notre Dame shots.

The Notre Dame-Michigan State match-up Friday featured cautious play in the first period, neither team taking any chances with risky passes or fancy plays. Michigan State's battle plan was to bottle up the Irish at center ice with some clench-and-grind defensive hockey. Although such a style is difficult and frustrating to play against, said junior forward Jan DuShabeck, there is a way to beat it.

"The way you're going to beat that style of play is to move the puck through the neutral zone and use your speed; take the defensemen wide and create chances off the rush," DuShabeck said.

But even when the Irish could force the Spartans into penalties with their speed, they had to face the nation's top penalty-killing unit, which killed off all three Notre Dame power plays on the night. Such a defensive-minded game and we feel comfortable in them and we usually win them. We've been very good defensively, limiting the nation (in goals-against), and of course that goes hand-in-hand with penalty-killing.

After a brisk first period, the second period was just the opposite, with lots of whistles and stoppages as the result of scrums and penalties. "The skirmishes occurred because guys were going to the net really hard... Both games we've played against them have been clean, tough games," said Irish head coach Dave Puxin.

The only goal of the contest was aptly labelled by Mason as "a beauty." Just after a strong power play late in the second period, Mike York and Bryan Adams broke in two-on-one against the Irish. York slid a pass to Adams, who smoothly chipped over Forrest Karr, who stopped 24 of 25 shots in a losing effort. "That's our two top players offensively combining; York made a great pass and Bryan Adams is so fast he was able to get open," Mason said of the play. "You don't blame anybody on a goal like that, what you do is give credit to the offensive players."

The standout player of the game for the Irish was goaltender Forrest Karr, who stopped 24 of 25 shots in a losing effort. "In the game against Ferris State, which may have been the bigger game of the weekend in terms of the conference standings, the Irish came out flat. Perhaps it was a mental letdown following Friday night's clash, or perhaps it was a matter of fatigue."

"In hockey you get one timeout in a game and we were taking mine two minutes into the game because the mindset wasn't there," said Mike Michigan State the night before, Ferris State made the game difficult for Notre Dame's forwards in the neutral zone. Also, just like the Spartans, Ferris State's penalty-killing unit did the job, killing all seven Irish power plays.

For the weekend, Notre Dame's power play unit, the best in the CCHA by far, went 0-for-10. "Maybe we've been relying on [the power play] too much lately," DuShabeck said. "We have to start creating chances five-on-five and winning games that way. Your power play just isn't going to score every night; you can't expect it to."

The only goal Notre Dame allowed came on one of Ferris State's eight power plays, when the Bulldogs were skating five-on-three in the second period. Defenseman Jim Dube took a pass from Rob Collins at the top of the far circle and shot the puck just under the crossbar for the game-winner.

The standout player of the game was certainly Bulldog goaltender Vince Owen, who made 38 saves on the night, with 15 of them coming on Notre Dame's seven power plays. The save of the game came at the end of the second period, when he stopped a streaking Aniket Dhadphale to preserve the lead for his team.

After the two losses, Notre Dame remains in fourth place, but now Ferris State is just one point behind the Irish for the last home-ice spot. More importantly, Ferris State, by beating the Irish two out of three on the year, will have the tie-breaker edge against Notre Dame should it come down to that at season's end.

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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.

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The boxers will be divided into weight classes of eight competitors. The quarterfinals, held on Feb. 22, will narrow the field to four competitors in each class. The semifinals on Feb. 24 will send two boxers from each class to the finals on Feb. 26.

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leading the way, the Orangemen averaged 42.5 points per game, setting new school and Big East conference records as well as ranking third in the country.

Rogers had limited opportunity to watch game film on the Irish. From what he saw — namely the Michigan game from this past September — Rogers is optimistic about the diversity which Jackson brings to an offense.

Rogers plans on implementing an offense which showcases the talents of the fifth-year quarterback and will feature multiple groupings and formations.

"We're going to put as much of it, I'm going to work at it," said Rogers. "It's a complicated system but it's one that I'm going to work with, I'm going to try to keep as much of the verbage, as much of the plays and kind of augment the offense that's already in place."

For proof that the system works, Rogers cites the recent successes of his Syracuse teams as well as Georgia Tech, which Irish fans remember from the Gator Bowl. He believes that the diverse offense, featuring six to 10 option plays a game as well as running and passing, is the future of college football. In order to run this offense, Rogers again noted the importance of having a multi-faceted quarterback.

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Aggressive play stops Irish

By Brian Kessler
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PISCATAWAY, N.J.

Heading into this weekend’s showdown with Rutgers, a lot of emphasis was put on the Ruth Riley, Tammy Sutton-Brown matchup in the paint. Riley has been able to dominate opponents all season, a fact amply demonstrated by her school-record 41-point performance at Providence, while Big East Player of the Week Sutton-Brown was coming off a great week in which she averaged 16 points and seven rebounds in two road victories over Miami and Pittsburgh.

If Riley could dominate inside, however, a Notre Dame victory would probably follow. Riley got her double-double with 12 points and 10 boards, but she had to take on more than just Sutton-Brown, who finished with 11 points and seven rebounds. Belleville-native Dana Boonen drew a rare start and was able to keep Riley in check. “Dana made a big difference,” said Rutgers head coach C. Vivian Stringer, who like Notre Dame’s Muffet McGraw is a finalist for this year’s Naismith Award. “You might not have seen it in the points, but for us it didn’t matter how many points she scored, because she put a lot on Riley and we didn’t have to put Tammy on her. We were able to keep her free.”

Boonen finished with a season-high seven rebounds and eight points. Boonen was also a perfect 6-of-6 from the free throw line.

“We thought she would rebound well and she didn’t score that much from the field, but she got to the free throw line and certainly eight points is more than we thought she would get,” McGraw said.

Rutgers and the rest of aggressive Rutgers defense swarmed Riley and did not allow the 6-foot-5 center to control the inside. “Obviously they took us out of what we wanted to do,” said Riley, who leads the Big East in scoring (19.4), field goal percentage (72 percent) and blocks per game (2.9). “We didn’t play the defense we’ve played all year.”

“They were real aggressive — hands everywhere, bodying up, pushing around, physical play — and we didn’t come back with it,” she said.

The Irish looked to go to Riley early on but forced the ball inside, resulting in 10 turnovers in the Irish’s first 17 possessions. Boonen and Sutton-Brown combined to swarmed Riley and took her out of the game. The sophomore center was held to just eight shot attempts and looked to kick the ball out after being bounded in the post throughout the game.

Rutgers was able to keep Riley and the Irish frustrated from start to finish and used that to their advantage. The Scarlet Knights’ aggressive style of play kept Riley from taking it to the hoop and limited the Irish to a season-low shooting percentage, resulting in a 77-57 Rutgers victory.

“We didn’t have to make some adjustments in the next two weeks if it’s fair to better at the Big East Tournament, where Notre Dame and Rutgers will most likely face each other again in the No. 2 vs. No. 3 semifinal game. The outcome of that game will probably be decided on the inside as well.

Next time, the Irish better be prepared for Sutton-Brown and Boonen.

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Rogers named offensive coordinator

Former Syracuse coach welcomes new duties

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

The Irish filled a major void on Friday by snatching up Syracuse’s offensive coordinator, Kevin Rogers, to replace the departed Jim Cofetto.

Cofetto, the former Purdue head coach who was Notre Dame’s offensive coordinator for the past two seasons, won the offensive line coach position with the NFL’s Baltimore Ravens last week.

In a Friday teleconference, Rogers talked about his great respect for Notre Dame and that he regards this position as the pinnacle in college football.

“The opportunity to coach at Notre Dame transcends anything. If you’re a college football coach, if you’re a football fan, Notre Dame is the top of the top,” said Rogers. “It’s a national university, it’s a unique place and it stands for all the good things in college football. It’s really the culmination of 24 years of hard work.

Rogers has strong ties to Notre Dame, both past and present. He was part of Lou Holtz’s first recruiting class at William and Mary and also worked with defensive coordinator Greg Mattington while both were assistants at the Naval Academy.

Rogers grew up as an Irish fan and still remembers the days when he came as a Navy coach to play the Irish.

There’s some things that just stick out in your mind. If you’re a college football coach, seeing the Golden Dome, seeing Touchdown Jesus, coming out that tunnel with the Victory March being played and then standing on the sidelines seeing they had guys in dressers (The Irish Guard) bigger than our players,” commented Rogers.

Rogers, 47, had been with Syracuse for eight seasons, serving as quarterbacks coach since 1991 and as offensive coordinator for the past two seasons.

His Syracuse teams were always among the top offenses in the country and featured two talented quarterbacks, Marvin Graves and Donovan McNabb, whose playing styles are similar to Tariq Jackson’s.

McNabb was a three-time Big East Offensive Player of the Year and should be a first-round draft pick this April.

Last season with McNabb, 4 H P

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

Rutgers upsets ND, 77-57

When the nation’s eighth-ranked offense collided with the top-ranked defense, something had to give.

Unfortunately for the Irish, it was their high-powered offense that crumbled. No. 6 Notre Dame committed 23 turnovers and shot a season-low 33 percent from the field Saturday in a 77-57 loss to No. 9 Rutgers at the Louis Brown Athletic Center.

“Both teams were playing desperate stuff,” said head coach Muffet McGraw, whose team’s 11-game winning streak come to an end. “They played their defense with a lot of intensity, double-teaming the post. This time we just didn’t defend a lot and we were never able to execute our game plan.”

The Irish also made records of an unpleasant kind as just 18 field goals made and 57 points scored, both of which are season-lows.

“We looked out of sync, the whole game,” McGraw said.

“Offensively, we never got on track and that is totally due to their defense. When we had some stops we just couldn’t score. So I thought they did a great job. It was a great effort by them.”

The Irish turned the ball over 16 times during their first 17 possessions, including a four-minute stretch in which they turned it over seven straight times without even getting off a shot attempt.

Still, Rutgers couldn’t take advantage early on, and captain Sheila McMillen helped shut Notre Dame back into the game when she nailed a three-pointer that capped a 10-2 run and gave the Irish a 24-20 lead with 6:14 remaining.

Rutgers then took its game to the next level and put on an exhibition for the 5,414 fans in attendance. Senior guard Trenonna Young had 14 points in the first half and helped the Scarlet Knights net the Irish 19-3 in the last six minutes of the half.

The Irish abandoned their zone in the second half and started to man press 39-27 halftime lead.

“Hopefully we won’t be in the triangle and two, we shut down the shooters that we wanted to shut down,”

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