Students serve as ‘good neighbors’ to local community

By ERIN LAUFFA  
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Palladino decided to serve at El Buen Vecino at the beginning of her sophomore year after spending time in Mexico. She has volunteered on a weekly basis ever since.

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At first, Palladino primarily tutored students and played games with children. This year she is involved in program administration and grant writing. When she started volunteering at El Buen Vecino, she knew she wanted to be a business major but did not have a specific career goal. After working there, she decided to pursue management of non-profit organizations.

“I think working there really solidified my direction,” Palladino said. "The non-profit world has a different pace than the business world. They’re attuned into the community, where often times the business world falls short.”

“Susan has been a daughter to me,” Haber said. “It’s amazing how she’s helped me.”

Other residents of Palladino’s dorm, Howard Hall, often volunteer at the organization alongside her. Campus groups, such as Circle K, send volunteers every week. There is also one intern from Notre Dame who is earning credit for his work at El Buen Vecino, and

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Apple Juice

"Why can’t we name her apple juice? Mom, it’s my favorite drink and I think it’s a great name." It has been 20 years since my sister requested to name the Apple Juice, I’m not exactly sure of her reasoning, but thank God my parents did not accept her in her pleading.

"Oh no! Elizabeth! I can’t get the wagon to stop! We are definitely going to fly off this bridge into the creek!" I don’t understand how 12 years have passed since my sister and I decided to take our little red wagon and go-east down the huge hill on Redbud Lane.

"Mom! Laura poured glue in my hair! It’s gross and she’s laughing! It’s hard to believe that it’s been almost six years since I ended a fight with my sister by opening an Elmer’s bottle and emptying it in her hair.

Last Thursday, I’m not sure how to tell you this, but my head’s bleeding — BAD. The stereo speaker must’ve knocked me in the head when it fell off again.

Can someone please explain to me how four years can pass by since I visited my sister, attended a freshman dorm party and ended up with staple stitches in my head?

For the first time now I have fought with, yelled at and even presented sister. We’ve grown apart and have stayed together again. We’ve shared a room, telephone privileges and even Michael Thompson, the boy that gave both Elizabeth and I our first kiss on the cheek. Name was a time in my life I never could have imagined being friends with my sister, much less best friends.

For 18 years, I did everything possible to avoid the path she took. She played basketball; I listened to country. For the first time ever, 1 wanted for so long. I still have to explain to me how four years can pass by since I visited my sister, attended a freshman dorm party and ended up with staple stitches in my head?

And yet now in about a month, I will get the second birthday candle I wanted for so long. She will graduate from Notre Dame, move on to her real life, and we will see each other only during short visits and holidays.

I realize from this moment on, I will never love Elizabeth as much as I used to. Elizabeth and I most likely won’t even live in the same city. Now the day has come when I wish more than anything that Elizabeth could continue living on this same campus. For the first time in my life, I am so proud to follow her footsteps.

Last week in one of my classes my teacher accidentally called me Elizabeth. That alone was the first reason I did not attend Notre Dame. I was sick of the comparisons. And yet now in about a month, I will get the second birthday candle I wanted for so long.

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Blood drive honors Seattle girl

Observer Staff Report

The Arnold Air Society is sponsoring a blood drive today in LaFortune Ballroom from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the name of Patty Collins, a Seattle girl suffering from a rare form of liver cancer.

Several blood transfusions. Thirty students gave a pint at an Arnold Air Society drive for Collins on Nov. 31, 1999. Organizers expect 50 students tomorrow.

Nurses will come from the South Bend Medical Foundation Blood Bank to draw the blood.

Most people in good health who are more than 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds are eligible to donate.

Students who would like to do so but cannot come tomorrow can contact the South Bend Medical Foundation Blood Bank at 8879.

Blood drive

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Blood Bank Monday through Friday to raise 1,000 pints of blood in the girl's name. She was diagnosed with the cancer in September, and has received several blood transfusions.

If you have participated in the Appalachia Seminar, please consider applying to the student union,

Last night’s Student Senate meeting was the first for the new officers and vice president Brooke Norton. Although the agenda included very few items, the meeting lasted nearly two hours due to a lengthy debate over the nomination for parliamentarian.

"I am not sure why there is so much debate over a simple nomination for an office like parliamentarian," said former Judicial Council president Kelly Folks. She continued by advising new senators that this type of debate for a routine nomination was "not normal.

Earlier in the week, current council president Tony Wagner had nominated John Osborn, Board of Trustees Chair, as parliamentarian.

"There were two applicants for the position. We carefully read over the applications, conducted interviews and decided John would be best for the position. It was a hard decision to make because both candidates were qualified. However, John brought some experience outside student government and there is the argument that student government simply replays itself, so we thought it would be good to have a fresh face," Wagner said.

Some senators thought that Paul Sladek, former St. Edward’s Hall senator, the other applicant, was better qualified for the position.

"We have a duty as an oversight group to just not say what we think is wrong with someone who art! more than 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds are eligible to donate. but he seems extremely intelligent and qualified for this position," said Grant Cholson, Keenan senator. "If we can get anyone to do this job, I think that is good. I think we should respect the nomination. I do not see any reason to reject it. He seems willing to learn and it will not be hard to get the rules down."

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Others agreed.

"We’re questioning a judicial council decision here. Personally, I think we should respect other parts of the student union," Luciana Reali, Lewis Hall senator.

"I know John Osborn very well and I can attest to the quality of his character," said Ryan Becker, Zahm hall senator. "He is dedicated and does care a great deal about student government. He wants to stay involved and I feel this is a perfect fit. I am confident he can serve in this task."

The recent acquittance rape on campus was another topic of discussion at last night’s meeting.

"When I read the Viewpoint article in The Observer, it is clear that this is an issue that affects many students," said Reali. "It is a difficult issue to deal with on this campus because people are not willing to talk about it."

Reali recommended that the senate form a committee to create an education system for the campus to educate students on the issue.

"I believe we should form a committee immediately to try and solve some of this issue," Reali said. "We must start to raise awareness."

Reali said that senators should talk to administrators, students and rectors in order to get a complete understanding of problem and what can be done.

In other senate news

Nominations were presented last night as following: Trip Foley for secretary of the student union, John Osborn for student senate parliamentarian, Mark Lesheey for chaplain of student senate, Jay Smith for office of the president's chief of staff, Susan Roberts for academic delegate and Matt Clark for office of the president controller.

Senate passed a resolution establishing a Sophomore-Signature Event Planning Committee.

Appalachia Seminar

The Appalachia Seminar is currently seeking members to join the Appalachia Task Force for the 2000-2001 school year. The Task Force consists of eight undergraduate students who form a leadership team responsible for planning, implementing, and creating new opportunities within the Appalachia Seminar. The Task Force is dedicated to experiential learning as a means to enhance higher education. We are in need of interested, enthusiastic, and committed persons to join us.

If you have participated in the Appalachia Seminar, please consider applying to the Appalachia Task Force.

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Friday, April 7th, 2000
5:30 pm - Registration and Social
7:15 pm - Constructing a Culture of Life, Father Matthew Habiger
9 pm - Pro-Life Leadership and Legislative Issues, Representative Christopher Smith
10:15 pm - Prayer Vigil for Life at the Grotto

Saturday, April 8th, 2000
9:30 am - Abortion, Contraception and Our Culture, Janet Smith
11 am - Workshop Session #1
1 pm - Law, Politics and the Right to Life, Charles Rice
2 pm - Workshop Session #2
3:15 pm - Fetal Experimentation and Bioethics, TBA
6 pm - Dignity of Human Persons, Both Born and Unborn, John Crosby
7:15 pm - Social Event
9:30 pm - Evening of spiritual reflection. Eucharistic Adoration, opportunity for confession and spiritual direction

Sunday, April 9th, 2000
10:00 am - Mass for Life, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

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students about "Fetal Experimentation and Bioethics." From the Notre Dame community, law professor Charles Rice will also speak. Rice has led and advised numerous pro-life organizations around the country, including the Free Speech Advocates of Catholics United for Life. He will share his experience with the design and advocacy of the Human Life Amendment.

"It's an effort to bring people in from various college campuses to provide mutual education on right to life issues," Rice said of the conference. "I think it's a great idea. It's a very useful opportunity for Notre Dame students to become informed on the issue."

Along with the lectures, the planning committee has scheduled workshops to empower students to deal with issues ranging from death row ministry, the death penalty, post-abortion trauma counseling, crisis pregnancy centers and other low income mothers, stem cell research, international adoption, euthanasia and moral concerns, pro-life ethics and strategies for pro-life student organization.

"The purpose of the conference was designed by Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students to provide students nationwide with the practical means to spread the pro-life message on their campuses, and to propose the formation of a national pro-life network. Students from at least 10 other institutions of higher learning are expected to attend. The conference was also sponsored by the ND Center for Ethics and Culture, Jacques Maritain Center, Amnesty International, St. Thomas More Society, Children of Mary, Knights of Immaculata, Knights of Columbus, Jus Vitae, Campus Ministry, and Notre Dame's Department of Theology. Most lectures will be held in Jordan Auditorium in College of Business Administration."

"This conference will equip and motivate students for their critical role as leaders in the new millennium," Antkowiak said.

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Scenario is now accepting creative writing entries from seniors reflecting on their time at Notre Dame or Saint Mary's. Poems and short stories should be of reasonable length and will appear in the senior edition of the Observer. E-mail pieces to scene@nd.edu or call 1-4540 for more information.
World News Briefs

Wild fires burn near Everglades

MIAMI

Smoke enveloped areas of western Miami-Dade County on Wednesday as wind worked against firefighters battling a 2,000-acre blaze at the edge of the Everglades. Late in the day, nearby residents were asked to stay indoors, keep windows and doors shut and turn on their air conditioning. That was "due to toxic fumes from the fire in the area," according to an advisory issued by Miami-Dade police department. The fire broke out Saturday, according to the Florida Division of Forestry, and a strong northwesterly wind pushed it through an undeveloped, swampy area on Wednesday. No residential or businesses were threatened by fire, said. Some 1,000 further discs are to follow near Tamiami Trail, Okeechobee Road and Florida’s Turnpike, said David Uley, Everglades district manager for the state Division of Forestry.

CIA returns former German spy files

BERLIN

The CIA has given Germany a first batch of spy files obtained from the former East Germany that could expose many agents who operated in the West during the Cold War. The archive, said to contain 320,000 names was obtained by the U.S. intelligence agency after the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, though the circumstances have never been officially explained. Government spokesman Uwe-Karsten Heye said Wednesday that the first CD-ROM arrived at Chancellery Gerhard Schroeder’s office last Friday. It was still sealed and had not yet been analyzed, he said. Some 3,000 further discs are to follow over the next one and a half years, Heye said.

15-year-old boy will stand trial for shootings

LETHBRIDGE, Alberta

A 15-year-old boy who shot two students at his high school last year is mentally fit to stand trial in either adult or juvenile court, a judge ruled Wednesday. The shooting in Taber, Alberta, occurred eight days after the Lidbetter, Colo., school shootings in which two students and a teacher were killed 13 people before turning the guns on themselves. Halifax law, the boy’s lawyer, said Wednesday his client fired the shots that killed Lathon Lang Jr., and wounded another in the hallway of W.R. Myers school in April 1999. “We will not change our position that he pulled the trigger,” Der said. “It’s never been an issue.” By law, the boy’s name cannot be released because he is a minor. Der has said his client is reacting to bullying he suffered and also was affected by the Colorado shootings. After his arrest, the boy underwent open-heart surgery to correct a previously undetected birth defect.

Clinton boasts strong economy

WASHINGTON

President Clinton boasted Wednesday that America is enjoying its strongest economy in history, but hied warnings about stock market turbulence, the threat of rising inflation and the huge U.S. trade deficit with other countries. In the ornate East Room, Clinton presided over a daytime White House conference on the “new economy,” a meeting that fell one day after Wall Street suffered its worst one-day swing in history.

The president was joined by Wall Street gurus, investment bankers, economists, thinkers and high-tech entrepreneurs. “We meet

in the midst of the largest economic expansion in our history and an eco­

nomie transformation as profound as that led us into the industrial rev­

olution,” Clinton said.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan vowed to remain vigilant

about inflation. “We need to be careful to keep infla­

tionary pressures con­

tained,” he said.

The evidence that inflation inhibits econom­

ic growth and job creation is too credible to be ignored.”

Billionaire Bill Gates was warmly introduced by Clinton — just two days after Microsoft Corp., which he co-founded, was found guilty of violating antitrust laws. Gates spoke of technological breakthroughs yet to come, such as computers that can listen and learn. “The magic has really just begun — the best is yet to come.”

Abby Joseph Cohen, the respected chief invest­

ment strategist for the investment firm Goldman, Sachs & Co., said she

has been enthusiastic about the outlook for U.S. stocks for the past decade. “And we remain so,” she said.

Some participants predicted economic troubles ahead.

Investment banker Roger Altman said there already are signs of a stock market correction. “If there is going to be a correction,” he cautioned, “it’s probably going to be the best is yet to come.”

Mori to continue successor’s policies

TOKYO

Ruling party insider Yoshro Mori took control as Japan’s new prime minister Wednesday, squealing speculation he would call early elections and promising to plow ahead with his predecessor’s eco­

nomie recovery plan.

The election of Mori by Parliament resolved a leadership crisis in the Japanese government triggered Sunday when Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi had a stroke and went into a coma. (Ouchi) remained hospitalized on life support.

At his first news conference as prime minister, Mori brushed off suggestions that aggressive pres­

sure would force him to call a gen­

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postitions. There will be three student representatives elected by the United Students Sweatshops, three college and university representatives elected by the participants and six representatives from the already existing Advisory Council. These three groups will serve as the governing body of the Consortium and will vote on future decisions for the WRC.

In addition to Poynter, students Maureen Capillo and Katie Poyniter, who live in the director of the bookstore, Sandy VanderWerven and Besty Station, the coordinator of the working group, will be attending.

VanderWerven hopes that, aside from learning about the functioning of the WRC, the group can gather some information on the manufacturers the college uses when purchasing collegiate apparel.

"Even though Saint Mary's is small, it's important to take a stand," Poynter said. "The WRC has important symbolic and educational significance."

Poynter agreed that the Consortium has educational significance.

"We are also attending the conference so that we can become more informed about the WRC and get plugged into the network of campuses that care about sweatshop issues," Poynter said. "We also hope to bring back information which we can use to educate the rest of the Saint Mary's College community about this issue."

Aside from electing the governing board, the weekend will provide information sessions on both sweatshops and the WRC. Congressman George Miller will be addressing the participants, and there will be a panel discussion with representatives from universities and anti-sweatshop advocates.

After the initial conference this weekend, the WRC will meet three times a year.

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Two Saint Mary's students run the work-study program.

There are tons of opportunities for the students," said Palladino, adding that individual or entire dorms can get involved without a weekly commitment.

Another junior, who asked that his name not be used, originally went to El Buen Vecino this year because he owed 46 hours of community service. Instead of fulfilling that obligation through unrelated, one-time service projects, he completed all 40 hours at El Buen Vecino. After finding his requirement, he still volunteers regularly there.

"Just got involved with it, liked the organization, so I kept on going," he said.

There are also benefits for the volunteers themselves, according to Palladino.

"Many students who serve as tutors at the organization are not fluent in Spanish but are able to practice speaking the language with members of the community who come to be tutored," Palladino said.

More volunteers would be beneficial to the organization as well, said Palladino, especially for one-on-one tutorial programs like Care for Our Children.

The program specifically aims to help families to deal with cultural issues and includes seminars for adult family members in areas such as health, child development and the proper organization of a home. "In order to live better you have to have that house organized," she said.

"Everyone can live in a healthy, safe environment," she said. "It is important to include all members of the family not just the parents of the children in these seminars because Hispanics tend to live in extended family groups, according to Haber."

In addition to family-oriented seminars for adults, Care for Our Children offers family counseling and separate seminars for children dealing with issues such as sharing, discipline and helping with household chores.

El Buen Vecino began this program in 1998 after receiving a grant from the Indiana Children's Trust Fund, a division of Family and Social Services. The grant is funded from the sales of "Kids First" license plates.

"We are asking all the students... everybody from Notre Dame... to buy the plate," Haber said. "We need support from the staff, family and everyone who lives in Indiana."

As with all programs at El Buen Vecino, the families who participate in Care for Our Children are not committed to attend all events related to the program.

"They are not obligated to come here. They come when they can, when they have time," Haber said.

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By NELLIE WILLIAMS  
News Writer

Saint Mary's College was well represented last week at the National Meeting of American Chemical Society in San Francisco. Seniors Julie Bowser, Anne Pangilinan, Katie Goolsby and Laura Carroll, along with junior Emily Koelsch and professors Deborah McCarthy and Philip Bays, attended the four-day conference directed towards learning and presenting chemical research. Of the 16,000 in attendance, only about 2,000 were undergraduate students. The four Saint Mary's seniors each presented a poster on research they had conducted.

Anne Pangilinan's research title was "Comparison of DFR-PTR for Quantitative Determination of Silicon and Phosphorus Pentoxide in a Mixture". She got the idea for research from her advisor, McCarthy, who has been working since 1997 with Honeywell Aircraft Landing System in South Bend. "I just continued the research they started back then," Pangilinan said. "I was able to begin working on it this past summer through SIS-TAL grant through Saint Mary's.

Her fellow colleague, Carroll, researched ionic competition in Lymphoblastoid cells, using a technique known as Fluorescence Spectroscopy. According to Carroll, the conference is a "great science fair with people that know way more than you walking around asking questions." The students were questioned about their research and were also allowed to question other students and learn more about other research projects.

"People come up with questions you've never thought of in another direction," said Carroll. "I learned a lot about communication skills — communicating what you've researched, communicating with other scientists — and a lot about networking. It really exposes you to different groups you can work with."

Pangilinan expressed excitement about some of the information she received from other professors for help on her research. "I benefited a lot," Pangilinan said. "I think we represented Saint Mary's very well. There are stereotypes that chemistry majors are geeks. You can be cool and a chemistry major."

Saint Mary's Affiliates of St. Mary's Association for Chemistry (SMACS) also presented a poster. Koelsch and Carroll are co-presidents of the club. "Koelsch went with us to go to leadership workshops and presented the SMACS poster with us," said Carroll.

The group received an outstanding achievement award in 1999. Although the poster presentation is not a requirement for chemistry senior comprehensives at Saint Mary's, it is valued for the experience. Koelsch went as a student affiliate of the Chemistry club and learned about what other chemistry club chapters are doing. She noted that the chemistry field includes great diversity.

"We discussed stereotypes of chemistry and how to break those down. It was very obvious to me, that there is no stereotype for chemistry. There were a lot of minorities at the conference," Koelsch said.

Koelsch also learned about the epizooty of many chemistry students, who work hard and then do not benefit from it.

"We learned how to deal with spathy and what to do when you get tired of chemistry and it's your job," Koelsch said.

The purpose of the resolution was to request information and not regulation, the resolution passed 23 to three. The committee on Student Affairs proposed another resolution regarding the increase in cumulative grade point averages throughout the University and addressed the discrepancy among the colleges in regarding to awarding of honors.

According to the resolution on the University of Notre Dame Fact Book, the mean undergraduate cumulative grade point average for seniors increased from 3.198 in Fall 1995 to 3.299 Spring 1999. Also, in Spring 1999 the median cumulative grade point average in the college of Arts and Letters was 3.636 while in the college of Engineering, it was 3.178. According to the resolution, this disparity resulted in a "disproportionate award of grade point average-based honors."

To aid in resolving these issues, the committee for the University to require the "numerical value of the mean grade assigned to all students" to be placed on the transcripts of all students next to the individual students assigned grades. The final Faculty Senate also requested that the size of the course to be placed on the transcripts.

The resolution also suggested the restriction of the awarding of honors at graduation and in deans' list recognition to the top 25% of the students in each particular college.

During debate on this resolution, it came to be known that the committee on Academic Affairs was currently working on another issue. Since both committees were working on the same issue and there was a lot of debate on the resolution itself, the Faculty Senate, by a vote of 29 to one, decided to request the resolution be back to committee. Both the committee on Student Affairs and Academic Affairs will work on the resolution jointly.

Finally, the Faculty Senate passed a proposal resolved by the Executive Committee regarding the Faculty Senate's input into any changes to the Academic Articles regarding the Faculty Board on Athletics.

According to the resolution, the senate requested that a copy of any proposals for change to the Academic Articles submitted by the President be reviewed by the Faculty Board on Athletics be sent to the Faculty Senate. Furthermore, the resolution asked the Academic Council to allow the Faculty Senate to add their input before the final proposal. The resolution called on any changes to the Academic Articles in regards to the Faculty Board on Athletics. The resolution passed unanimously.

In other senate news

In her chair's report, Jean Porter announced that a Nominating Committee has been formed to nominate the President and Associate President candidates for committee chairs and officers for next year's senate.

Porter also announced that the final Faculty Senate Forum on Academic Life will convene on Monday, April 10 from 3-5 p.m. in McKenna Hall. The topic will be "Diversity and Community" and presenters will be Associate Provost Carol Mooney, Professor Jimmy Gurule of the Law School and Adela Penagos, coordinator of Multicultural Student Affairs.

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SMC group presents at national conference

By JOSHUA BOURGEOIS  
Senior Staff Writer

The Faculty Senate passed a resolution encouraging the Academic Council to investigate the efficient use of classroom space and sent another resolution back to the committee on Student Affairs and Academic Affairs regarding information reported on students' transcripts and the awarding of honors at graduation at its April meeting Wednesday.

The resolution requesting the investigation by the Academic Council into the under-utilization of available classroom space came from the committee on Student Affairs. The creators of the resolution intended for the resolution to acquire information on the issue about the shortage of classrooms during peak hours of the day.

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House bans 'partial-birth' abortions

WASHINGTON

The Republican-controlled House voted anew Wednesday to ban what critics call "partial birth" abortions, eager for an election-year veto showdown with implications for the presidential campaign as well as the battle for control of Congress.

The vote was a close one, the tally was 287-141, the third time in five years the House has backed a ban. And while the majority was wide enough to override President Clinton's threatened veto, the bill's supporters appear to be short of the strength they would need to prevail in the Senate.

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Democratic opponents countered that by focusing the debate on one gruesome procedure, Republicans were seeking political gain without giving up on their long-term struggle to ban all abortions.

"We are here today to call for an end to one of the most barbaric and senseless practices in modern medicine," said Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich.

"Other than adoption, it is all about politics. It's not about saving lives. It's about winning hearts. It's about saving seats in the Congress."

As drafted, the House bill seeks to ban abortions in which a doctor "vaginaally delivers some portion of an intact living fetus until the fetus is partially outside the body of the mother" and "kills the fetus while the intact living fetus is partially outside the body of the mother."

The only exceptions would be in cases in which the life of the mother was threatened.

"It came a few weeks before the Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments on a challenge of such abortions passed by the Nebraska legislature, a law rejected by a federal appeals court.

"To avoid the use of the word "abortion," the bill uses the term "partial birth." The measure was crafted to meet the dire warnings that opponents of the procedure have skillfully manufactured.

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What is it about this place?
Jim Lies, C.S.C.

I find myself wanting to say something about Notre Dame and about what this place means to me and to so many. Not only because our seniors are inevitably consumed by thoughts of their imminent departure, but because I myself am preparing to leave Notre Dame at the end of this academic year. I have been given the blessing of my religious community, the Congregation of Holy Cross, to take my leave of this place and to pursue doctoral studies in moral psychology. I don’t need to tell the seniors that this leave-taking comes with mixed emotions. There is in me great excitement at being able to pursue that which I’ve long wanted to; but at the same time, there is more than a tinge of sadness at the thought of leaving this place which I have of late called home.

What is it about this place that makes it so hard to leave? There are as many answers to that question as there are people who’ve been faced with leaving here. There are undoubtedly some among us who won’t find it difficult at all, a few who’ve looked forward to this day for a long time. And then there are those who can’t imagine life beyond it. And then there are most of the rest of us who fall somewhere in the middle, pained at the prospect, but excited, and grappling at the same time at making the best of these remaining days.

I find myself reflecting a good deal personally on why this place might mean so much to me. Clearly, it is the relationships with the many in this place who fill the everyday of my life that I will most miss. There are numerous encounters each day which leave me a better man for each. There is also the sense of this place as being bigger than any one of us, and even bigger than the collective, a spirit which takes all of us beyond ourselves. There are circumstances lately that have brought this home to me more powerfully than I might otherwise have appreciated. The most obvious are the events surrounding Conor Murphy’s relatively recent diagnosis with leukemia and the remarkable love and support that have been expressed for him. Clearly, the marrow donor drive, which garnered the participation of so many, was evidence enough of our collective willingness to stand together in times of adversity, and to support one another in a time of need.

As a rector and a campus minister on this campus, I have most enjoyed the opportunity that it has provided me to enter into the lives and stories of so many fine people, young and old. I am humbled and honored to have walked with so many through some of the most important days of their lives. As I write, it is the anniversary of my ordination to priesthood. I suspect there is no other gift for which I am more thankful than I reflect on my days of ministry here at Notre Dame. There is a richness to our sacramental life and to our shared faith that leaves me speechless with gratitude before God. This evening I will offer a Mass at the Log Chapel to yet again give thanks for the many blessings that I, and all of us, have known in this place.

Not long from now, I will miss being able to wander out in the middle of any night to spend some time at the Grotto; I will miss the ceaselessly joyful liturgies which grace our beautiful Basilica; I will miss many things, but most of all, I will miss the people. I will miss the multitudes who make up this place, the people who challenge me every day to be more than I am, whether they be students, faculty, staff or administrators. As I prepare to leave this place, I do not apologize for being sentimental about it; I am sad, I am excited, I am moved and I am grateful. There is simply a lot of sentiment in that!

I want to close with a prayer that has meant much to me ever since my theology studies in Berkeley. They are the words of Teilhard de Chardin, but so much the thoughts of my heart in these days, for myself, and for you. His words might encourage us to be present to each moment, even as they are numbered:

Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We should like to skip the intermediate stages. We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new. And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability and that it may take a very long time. And so I think it is with you. Your ideas mature gradually—let them grow. Let them shape themselves, without undue haste. Don’t try to force them on as though you could be today what time that is to say, grace and circumstance acting on your own good will will make of tomorrow. Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be.

Give our Lord the benefit of believing and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Weekend Presiders
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Saturday, April 8 Mass 5:00 p.m.
Rev. John E. Cockey, C.S.C.
Rev. James K. Foster, C.S.C.
Rev. Peter D. Rocca, C.S.C.
Rev. John E. Conley, C.S.C.

Sunday, April 9 Mass 10:00 a.m.
Scripture Readings for This Coming Sunday
1st Reading Jer 31:31-34:16; 19-23
2nd Reading Heb 5:7-9
Gospel Jn 12: 20:33
Annan welcomes U.N. flexibility

Associated Press

Los Angeles

Don't put away that Y2K survival kit just yet. Next month, the sun and six of the planets, including Earth, will line up like cosmic billiard balls — an alignment that has doomsayers predicting the end of the world. Again.

Annan, speaking to reporters in Rome on Wednesday said he "is a non-permanent council member, but is concerned about the council and making decisions more difficult." he said. China's deputy U.N. ambassador, Paul Yaochun said Beijing is flexible on the number of permanent seats Japan, Germany, and one member from Asia, Africa and Latin America, to be selected by their regional groups. Those regions are a long way from agreement on a single country to represent them.

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GOP blocks drug coverage amendment

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WASHINGTON Senate Republicans rebuffed Democratic efforts Wednesday to bolster prescription drug coverage and schools at the expense of tax cuts in votes undertaking each party’s election-year effort to embarrass the other.

As the Senate debated the Republicans’ $1.83 trillion budget for next year, lawmakers rejected an amendment that would have erected procedural hurdles to senators even voting on the GOP’s voted tax cuts unless prescription drug coverage is enacted first.

Hours later, the Senate killed another Democratic provision that would have shrank the GOP’s proposed $150 billion tax cut over the next five years by $28 billion and used it to boost spending for schools. Only Sen. Lincoln Chafee, R-R.I., crossed party lines as the measure was defeated 54-46.

Democrats were hoping that even in defeat, the vote would let them grab the political high-ground on a pair of issues that are widely popular with voters. Their goal was to cast Republicans as more covetous of tax cuts than of helping senior citizens or students.

“There’s no guarantee” in the GOP-budget that “you are ever, ever, ever going to push prescription drug legislation through Congress,” said Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., told Republicans.

He contrasted that with budget language ordering congressional committees to write a tax-cutting package later this year, saying, “Why is there’s absolute certainty for tax cuts.

Republicans fired back that there was enough room in the budget to both cut taxes and extend Medicare coverage to prescriptions. And they said that before adding another benefit to the health-insurance program for the elderly, lawmakers should secure its solvency.

“It is deceptive, it is not right” to do otherwise, said Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn. “Seniors deserve better.”

The Senate also defeated a pair of amendments — one by Democrats, the other by conservatives — that would have sharply increased the money set aside for debt reduction at the expense of the tax cuts and spending.

The budget sets tax and spending totals but leaves details for later legislation. The House approved a similar spending plan on March 24. President Clinton’s signature is not required.

The GOP budget would set aside up to $40 billion for a new Medicare drug benefit if one is created. Though they have yet to write specific legislation, Republicans would bar coverage for higher-income people while President Clinton and Democrats prefer universal coverage.

The vote was 51-49 for the prescription drug provision. But it died because under a GOP parliamentary move, it needed 60 votes to prevail.

In a measure of how thoroughly politics pervaded the debate, Democrats let the amendment be sponsored by Sen. Charles Robb, D-Va., who faces perhaps the toughest re-election fight of any Democratic incumbent this fall.

And of the six Republicans who voted for Robb’s proposal, four face the voters this fall: Sens. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, Conrad Burns of Montana, Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island and Mike DeWine of Ohio.

The other two Republicans voting “yes” were Sen. Peter V.Keating of Arizona and Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania.

In exchange, a number of municipalities, states and the federal governments agreed not to sue the company over gun violence.

Now, Blumenthal said he had received reports of communication among companies, Internet postings, conversations or threats involving a ban on magazine ads for Smith & Wesson, and attempts to discourage lawyers from representing the manufacturer.

Blumenthal and the attorneys general of New York and Maryland began the investigation last week. Blumenthal said that California, Florida and Massachusetts are joining the probe.

The indications are sufficiently strong that we believe a full-scale effort is justified,” Blumenthal said.

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Minister: U.S. needs actions, not words

♦ Albright's remarks could rebuild U.S.-Iran relations

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran

Iran's foreign minister on Wednesday welcomed a recent overture by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to begin reversing decades of mistrust, but said words needed to be supported by actions.

Albright's comments last month contained some positive points, Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi said, according to the official Islamic Republic News Agency.

In a speech March 17 in which she abolished a U.S. ban on imports of Iranian luxury goods, Albright said that the United States wanted a "new relationship" with Iran.

Albright said the shah, whom the United States had backed until it was overthrown by the 1979 revolution, had been brutal to Iranians, and that Washington had been "regrettably shortsighted" in its tilting toward Iraq during the Iran-Iraq war of 1980-88.

"Neither Iran, nor we, can forget the past," Albright said. She also condemned the 1979 seizure of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and criticized Iran as a supporter of terrorism, an opponent of Middle East peacemaking and as bent on acquiring weapons of mass destruction.

Kharrazi said Wednesday that his ministry would give a detailed response to Albright later. But he said Washington's apparent intention to improve relations needed to be demonstrated in practice.

"If the United States is really for an improvement of ties with Iran, it should take practical steps in this regard and show that it has abandoned its hostile policy," Kharrazi told a joint press conference with Danish Foreign Minister Niels Helveg Petersen.

Kharrazi called for the release of Iranian assets that are frozen in the United States.

"There is long list of issues which Iran believes should change before any talks with the United States. Before anything else, we want to see sincerity from the United States through changes in Washington's foreign policy," he said.

Asked whether his remarks showed a shift in Iran's line on the United States, Kharrazi said: "What I said was that Mrs. Albright's speech revealed some changes in Washington's attitude toward Iran, but it still contradicts what the U.S. government does in practice."

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Liu Zongkun (PhD, Peking University) is a post-doctoral fellow at Notre Dame's Center for Philosophy of Religion.

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**Students are talking about sex**

One of the remaining questions that the Catholic Church has never faced is how to address the issue of sexual activity. The Church has traditionally viewed sexual activity as a sin and has sought to discourage it. However, in recent years there has been a growing recognition that sexual activity is a natural part of human life and that it should be treated with respect and dignity.

The Church has recognized that sexual activity is a complex issue and that it is not simply a matter of right or wrong. It has acknowledged that there are different types of sexual activity, each with its own unique characteristics and consequences. The Church has also recognized that sexual activity is not simply a matter of personal choice, but is also influenced by a variety of factors, including social, cultural, and economic factors.

In recent years, the Church has begun to explore new ways of thinking about sexual activity. One example of this is the work of theologian, author, and activist, Father Michael Baus, who has written extensively about the importance of sexual activity as a means of expressing human dignity and fostering personal growth.

Baus argues that sexual activity is a fundamental element of human nature and that it should be treated with respect and dignity. He suggests that sexual activity should be understood as a means of expressing love, commitment, and intimacy, rather than simply a means of pleasure or gratification.

Baus' work has been influential in helping to change the way that the Church thinks about sexual activity. It has led to a greater recognition of the importance of sexual activity in the lives of individuals and communities.

One of the most important aspects of Baus' work is his emphasis on the importance of dialogue and discussion. Baus believes that sexual activity is a complex issue that requires careful consideration and thoughtful reflection. He suggests that the Church should engage in open and honest discussions about sexual activity, in order to create a shared understanding of the issues involved.

Overall, the Church's approach to sexual activity is evolving. It is becoming more open and inclusive, and is seeking to find new ways of thinking about sexual activity that are respectful of human dignity and promote personal growth.
I graduated from Notre Dame Law School in 1996 and practice law as an assistant federal public defender in South Texas, next to the Mexican border. I chose to attend Notre Dame because I wanted a good education and because, as a Catholic, I wanted to attend a school that would allow me to grow spiritually. However, attending Notre Dame has unfortunately made it difficult for me to practice in law in keeping with our Catholic faith.

As you are undoubtedly aware, attending Notre Dame is expensive. As of this year, it costs approximately $21,000 per year in tuition to attend Notre Dame Law School. For those who want to go to the Bible to argue the pro-life position, I think it distinctly supports the idea of killing murderers. But then Jesus came along and said a lot of things that weren't in the Old Testament. I forgive one another, turn the other cheek and love your enemies. I cannot understand how any Christian could say they espoused Jesus' teachings and not mean that murder is okay. Just because he is a murderer they are - government of the United States does not mean that murder is okay. Is it even a moral question? And how will we ever know?

The price of Notre Dame Law School's tuition is comparable top other top law schools. The tuition they care about the demand for money from students who compete for the opportunity to attend a good school. It is also a reflection of the salaries its graduates receive upon graduation. The average annual salary of a Notre Dame Law School graduate going to work for a large law firm, for example, is approximately $90,000. A person earning this income can afford the tuition and student loan payments. If, however, a graduate wanted to practice law as an attorney helping the poor, his or her salary would not be large enough to make his or her student loan payments. As a result, many students are prevented from pursuing a career in public interest law.

In the class of 1996, only 25 percent of the class wanted to practice public interest law, but only approximately one in 65 graduates could afford to do so. I chose to try to do so and have faced significant financial difficulties — without a family to support. I am single, and I have a student loan. Even so, my student loan payments make it difficult for me to pay for rent, utilities and food. After practicing public interest law for almost four years, my student loan payments still consume over one-half of my net take-home pay.

The need to help the poor is real. People are illegally evicted from their apartments because of their student loan payments. They are denied basic educational opportunities and taken advantage of in a variety of ways. The poor in our communities are always the most vulnerable. When a person cannot afford to hire an attorney to help them with their cases, same as yours and mine, go unprotected. As a result, people suffer. As Catholics, we believe that we have a moral obligation to serve the poor.

I met one of these men, and I don't think I will ever forget his words. A law student, he had been locked away from what a terrible mistake could make you wonder how many people on death row are willing to help those of us who are so willing to help the poor as well as the rich protect their legal rights. They do so by offering loan forgiveness programs. However, a graduate decides to forgo higher paying job opportunities to practice public-interest law. In my case, he chose to do so because running a law school is less lucrative than teaching law. Law schools are able to do so because running a law school is a lucrative career for a lawyer.

I encourage everyone in the Notre Dame community to support the development of a loan forgiveness program for students who choose to work for the poor. This need by attending a rally being held by Notre Dame Law School students and professors. It will be held this Friday, April 5 at 12:00 p.m. in Main Building. I understand that the implementation of a loan forgiveness program is a priority for the dean of the law school and others within the university. Help it make a reality.
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Secret societies, killer provosts abound in 'Skulls'

By MIKE MCMORROW

The Skulls’ receives two shamrock halves: one for the fact that it does make one laugh on many occasions (although they’re unintentional), and another for the fact that any movie that contains a killer provost deserves at least some credit.

Yes, folks, director Rob Cohen’s new film has a character who is the chief academic officer of an Ivy League university but spends more of his time giving ludicrous insane looks rather than lectures. This will be treasured of his time giving ludicrous insane looks rather than lectures.

This will be the beginning of the Skulls initiation process, which consists of stealing the mascot of another secret society to which George Jackson (Joshua Jackson), a fantastic rower for the crew team, was paired with Caleb Mandrake, who happens to be the son of one of the group’s elder leaders.

Everything hits the fan, people die and accusations are made. Luke wants out but can’t because, of course, they can do anything they want.

The movie is so poorly paced, acted and written that it’s hard to care even the slightest about any of the plot occurrences or motivations. Never has there been a time when a movie that takes itself so seriously fails so miserably at its attempt to uncover any kind of complexity in its characters.

This is a fundamental problem, but it’s worsened by the fact that it moves along so gracelessly in the first place.

There is no continuity or smoothness between scenes (which is something that can be achieved deliberately, but clearly not here), and consequently there is really no mounting suspense. It turns out to be an exercise in uninteresting, wooden as Caleb, who could have at least shown some conviction before the obligatory moral-grounded ending, which comes off as especially unearned and hokey.

Truth be told, though, I enjoyed Craig T. Nelson’s portrayal of Litton Mandrake, the evil and conniving father of Caleb. Nelson accomplishes two things: One, he makes the audience think: was there a movie to be made here at all? The plot and the set-up are ludicrous, but it may have worked had the movie been self-aware. Perhaps if the script required more panache from the actors (with the notable exceptions of the killer provost and the evil “Coach” Nelson), it could have worked as, what Roger Ebert terms, a Good Bad Movie: a movie that’s aware of its ineptness and relishes in it. Or they could’ve just given the lead to the killer provost, who by his very nature steals every scene he’s in. If the whole movie had been about the killer provost, there might have been something worth watching.

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Paul Walker (left) and Joshua Jackson are members of a dangerous clandestine society in the would-be thriller “The Skulls.”

Box Office

**Top Ten**

Weekend of Mar. 31 - Apr. 02

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Though “Erin Brockovich” proved no April Fool, winning the first position at the box-office for the third weekend in a row, the animated adventure “The Road to El Dorado” opened strong thanks to its family audience appeal. The big surprise though was thelightly promoted Joshua Jackson teen-thriller “The Skulls,” which defied expectations with a very impressive opening. Appearing on significantly fewer screens, the critically acclaimed John Cusack film “High Fidelity” debuted in fifth place with a decent 6.4 million.
New Jersey trailed by as many as seven early in the third quarter, but reduced its deficit to 98-97 with 2:31 remaining. Grant Hill had 27 points and nine assists and the Los Angeles Lakers won their 11th straight game and clinched homecourt advantage through-theout the playoffs. Los Angeles has won 14 of its last 15 games.

Dee Brown George hit all four of his 3-point attempts and scored 14 points as theSixers rookie had just three 3-pointers, but made the play of the night.

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Major League Baseball

Orioles' Erickson returns to mound

Associated Press

Baltimore Orioles pitcher Dave Erickson, who has been sidelined since late last month with a bone chip in his right elbow, is scheduled to make his first rehab start Thursday in the minors.

Erickson, who has been working feverishly to get back into a rotation that currently features lefty John Lowenstein as the fourth starter, will take the mound against the Nashville Sounds for Class AAA Louisville.

Although the right-hander has been off the mound since May, but his latest session has the Orioles thinking he might get back sooner.

"It was very encouraging," pitching coach Samy Ellis said. "I don't know if this puts us any closer, but his throwing looks pretty good to me. Everything he's doing straight ahead."

Erickson has been working diligently to get back into the majors, but spending most of the season in the minors and now is getting paid very well for what they do.

"It depends on how he does in the first one," Hargrove said. "When they're selling nickels, that's where we start."

Hargrove was 2-1 with a 3.96 ERA in six games this season. His ERA is 2.74, and his strikeout-to-walk ratio is 3.83. In 26 innings, he has 22 strikeouts compared to 17 walks.

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Athletes see benefits of corrective eye surgery

Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Jeff George’s agent said Wednesday that Minnesota remains his client’s destination of choice despite flirtations from the Washington Redskins and the Vikings’ dangling a two-year offer for about $4 million for George. The Redskins reportedly are initiating talks about George. The Redskins reportedly initiated talks about George. The Redskins reportedly are

Vikings still atop George’s wish list

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Atlanta Braves pitcher Greg Maddux had laser surgery to correct his vision in July. He won his next 10 games. 

Tiger Woods had the operation in October. He won his next five PGA tour events. 

No one knows for sure, but hundreds of athletes in sports after sport — baseball, golf, auto racing, even kickboxing — are turning to the surgery to boost their performance.

Seizing on an obvious marketing tool, eye doctors are touting their athletes, helping accelerate public acceptance of the surgery.

“This is the best thing I ever bought myself,” said Maddux, who now has 20-15 eyesight and says he can focus on home plate better than ever before.

This year about 1.5 million blurry-eyed Americans are expected to have the operation in hopes of throwing away their glasses and contacts, up from 1 million in 1999.

The most popular type is called LASIK, which stands for laser in-situ keratomileusis. It refers to the process of cutting a flap in the cornea — the eyeball’s outer coating — and reshaping it with a sharp laser beam. It costs about $1,500 to $2,500 per eye.

While LASIK is fast and painless, for the most part, there can be complications for a small number of patients. The American Academy of Ophthalmology estimates that 1 percent to 5 percent develop such problems as blurred vision and nighttime glare. In addition, the long-term consequences are impossible to know because the procedure has only been on the market a few years.

Experts also caution the surgery is not for everyone. With all these teenagers might want to emulate their favorite athlete, doctors discourage it for anyone under 20 because their eyesight may still be changing.

Also doctors rule out some people because of the curvature and thickness of the cornea.

As the number of doctors performing the procedure has increased, consumers are seeing more advertising with celebrity endorsements.

TLC Laser Eye Centers, based in Ontario, Canada, has signed endorsement deals with Woods and PGA golfer Se Ri Pak.

“The average Joe is very scared of it,” said TLC chief executive Elias Yanmazkas, “but when they see athletes like Tiger do it they think it must be effective if they go in the right place,” he said.

Woods, who is the favorite to win the Masters that starts Thursday, had the surgery at a TLC center in Florida.

Woods had worn contacts throughout his career, causing him problems when allergies kicked in. He also said it had been difficult to gauge long puts, but the eye surgery gives him a clearer view of the course.

“Now that I’m normal, one of the things that appears to me in the slopes are bigger, objects are bigger,” Woods said in a recent interview. “The hole is bigger, the ball is bigger, clubs are bigger.”

Dr. Robert Maloney, a Los Angeles ophthalmologist, said celebrities are a distinct drawing card.

“The acceptance by professional golfers has brought a huge number of amateur athletes into our practice,” said Maloney, who has also performed the procedure on musicians Kenny G. and Barry Manilow.

New York Yankees slugger Bernie Williams said he carefully researched the procedure before having it done in November.

“It’s nothing short of miraculous,” Williams said. “I saw the success a lot of people have had with it, I did some research, I talked to doctors, other patients, other players who’ve had it, and I got enough confidence in the whole thing to get it done.”

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B U G GE R K I N G
Johnson, Belle homers boost Orioles above Indians

Associated Press

CHARLES JOHNSON JR. homered twice and drove in five runs Wednesday night as Baltimore beat the Cleveland Indians, 11-7, giving Mike Hargrove his first victory as manager of the Orioles.

Johnson's second homer, a two-run shot in the eighth inning off former Oriole Scott Kamieniecki (0-1), snapped a 7-7 tie. He also hit a three-run homer to give Baltimore a 7-6 lead in the sixth.

Last year, Johnson struggled against Cleveland, going just 2-for-27 with one RBI, and remained eight hits short of 3,000.

Charlie Manuel, Hargrove's replacement in Cleveland, was ejected in his second game as a manager.

Albert Belle hit a three-run homer for the Orioles, who rebounded from an opening day loss to Hargrove's former team. Cal Ripken went 8-for-4 and remained eight hits short of 3,000.

Baltimore's victory over Cleveland, going just 2-for-27 with one RBI, and started the season in a slump, hitting 176 with one home run.

Jim Thome homered and Ramon Hernandez all added sacrifice flies. Omar Olivares allowed two runs and six hits in 7 1-3 innings allowing two on.

Ricky Bottalico got three outs for his first save, allowing Balista's third homer of the season. Jose Cruz Jr. then walked, stole second and took third when catcher Brian Johnson's throw bounced into center field for an error. But Mike Guzman before Lawton's 417-foot shot to right field eluded the grasp of Dave Martinez in shallow right field.

The Devil Rays were cruising with a 7-1 lead before the bullpen surrendered six runs in the eighth.

Butch Huskey hit a run-scoring double off Dave Eiland, bringing Ron Coomer before Jacque Jones' sacrifice fly. That made it 7-3 and the Devil Rays召唤ed Albie Lopez, who loaded the bases by walking Jordan Burrow before Jarace Washington's foul popup ended the inning.

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Pinch-hitter Midre Cummings hit a three-run double that barely eluded the grasp of Dave Martinez in shallow right field.
Aurilia lifts Giants over Marlins, despite sloppy play

Thursday, April 6, 2000

Associated Press

MIAMI — Rich Aurilia hit a three-run homer with one out in the ninth inning and the San Francisco Giants came from behind twice to beat the Florida Marlins 11-9 Wednesday night.

Trailing 9-7, the Giants started the ninth with singles by Barry Bonds, Jeff Kent and pinch hitter Felippe Crespo to score a run against Antonio Alfonseca (0-1). Following a forceout, Aurilia hit his first homer on the first pitch.

The Giants overcame a 5-4 deficit as Kent’s three-run homer in the fifth. They blew leads of 3-0, 4-1 and 7-5.

The sloppy but exciting game drew a crowd of 8,363, the smallest at Pro Player Stadium in the Marlins’ eighth-year.history.

John Johnstone (1-0) gave up one run in 1 1-3 innings. Bobb Nen pitched a perfect ninth for the save.

Florida scored three runs in the seventh and took advantage of a two-out passed ball on a strikeout to take an 8-7 lead. With the score 7-all, Mark Kotsay swung and missed on a 2-2 pitch from Felix Rodriguez, but the pitch glanced off catcher Bobby Estrella’s glove and sailed over his head to the backstop.

The Giants’ Kirk Rueter walked the bases loaded in the fourth and was replaced by Aaron Fultz, who walked Preston Wilson to give Florida a 5-4 lead. Kent homered in the fifth to put the Giants ahead 7-5.

Expos 6, Dodgers 5

Hendley White hit a two-run single off Jeurys Familia in the ninth to break a 5-5 tie, and the Montreal Expos won 6-5 on Blankenhorn’s one-out double.

The Expos scored five runs in the ninth inning, including two on Familia’s two-out single in his third inning.

Familia, who pitched a scoreless ninth for the win, allowed two hits.

New York Mets, he got his 200th career win.

San Francisco added an unearned run in the second.

But Shaw couldn’t hold the lead, and the Dodgers lost for the first time in three games. Following a 5-1 start last year, Los Angeles lost nine of its next 14 and dropped out of contention.

Tracy Cooper singled leading off the ninth. Peter Bogorin reached on a bunt single and Jassidero, who earlier doubled twice, got on when second baseman Mark Grudzielanek mishandled his grounder.

While then singled up the middle, easily scoring the tying and winning runs.

Anthony Telford (1-0) pitched a scoreless ninth for the win, allowing two hits.

Hershiser, who signed with the Dodgers during the offseason as a free agent, allowed four runs and seven hits in five innings. Last July 22 at Olympic Stadium while pitching for the New York Mets, he got his 200th career win.

Expos starter Javier Vazquez, who threw a one-hitter last Sept. 14 at Dodger Stadium, allowed two runs and eight hits in seven innings, giving up a solo homer to Adrian Beltre in the sixth.

Lee Stevens went 2-for-3 with three RBIs and a walk for the Dodgers.

Expos, 6-5

With Alou continuing to yell at Hershiser from the dugout, Stevens dumped a 1-3 pitch into left field for an RBI lead.

Beltre went 3-for-4, including a double in fourth. Needing a triple to hit for the cycle, he grounded out in the eighth.

Gary Sheffield tripled off the center-field wall to drive in his first run of the season in the first inning. Vidro’s RBI double tied the score in the bottom half.

Brewers 8, Reds 5

Kevin Parker, Tyler Houston and Lenny Harris homered but Ken Griffey Jr. remained 0-for-Cincinnati as the Milwaukee Brewers overpowered the Reds.

Seven different Brewers scored and seven had at least one hit as Milwaukee improved to 2-0 under first-year manager Davey Lopes.

While the Brewers got the ninth out of the seventh, the Reds again wasted opportunities. They were 2-for-16 with runners in scoring position, leaving them 3-for-26 this season.

Griffey walked, grounded out three times against Milwaukee’s infield shift, struck out and stranded two runners on third. His 0-for-10 in three games and has yet to get a ball out of the infield in his hometown.

Cincinnati’s Dante Bichette misplayed a hit to right into a triple for the second straight night, but got a solo homer for his first hit as a Red and threw Marquis Grissom out at home as he tried to score on a fly in the seventh.

Pohk Boose had four of the Reds’ 13 hits with two singles and two doubles. Eddie Tchurchsheo also had four hits for Cincinnati.

After getting a 3-3 tie and a 3-1 loss while wearing red sleeves, the Reds went back to the black ones that they had success with at home last year. Their last game in black was the 5-0 loss to the Mets in the tiebreaker for the NL wild card in October.

Steve Parris started that game and lost.

Same sleeves, same starter, same result Wednesday.

Parrish (0-1) gave up a solo homer in the third to Barker, beginning a streak of Brewers runs in four consecutive innings. Houston hit a two-run shot in the sixth, off Gabe White, stretching the lead to 7-2.

Jenkins led off the eighth with another homer off Danny Graves and became the Brewers score more than once in the game.

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FOOTBALL

Tickets on sale for Blue and Gold game

Special to The Observer

Tickets are now on sale for the 71st annual Blue-Gold controlled football scrimmage, the culmination of the Notre Dame's spring practice period.

The Blue-Gold scrimmage is set for 1:30 p.m., April 29, in Notre Dame Stadium.

The game is sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley and helps raise funds for that organization's scholarship fund.

The game itself is a controlled, intrasquad contest for the 2000 Irish squad on the last of its 15 allotted days of practice this spring. Notre Dame began its spring drills this week.

Following the Blue-Gold scrimmage, an autograph session will be held involving all members of the current team. Prior to the Blue-Gold contest, a flag football game will be held from 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. involving Notre Dame football alumni. The Stadium will open at 11 a.m.

General admission tickets in advance are $8 for adults and $6 for youths 16 and under. On game day tickets are $10 for adults and $8 for youths. Gold seats are $12 each. Group sales of 25 or more tickets are available at $5 per ticket. All Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students are admitted free with identification. All parking is free of charge for that event.

Advance tickets can be purchased at the Joyce Center ticket office (on the second floor, enter Gate 11) from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Tickets can be ordered by mail by writing Ticket Office, Joyce Center, Juniper Road, Notre Dame, IN 46556 (add $2 service charge per mail order). Phone orders are accepted using VISA, Mastercard or American Express by calling 219-631-7356 ($2 service charge per phone order).

Ticket orders should be received by April 17, to insure prompt mail delivery of tickets. Orders received the week of the game will be held at will call (east side of Stadium). Photo identification is required for pickup of any tickets at will call. Game day ticket sales at ticket windows on the east side of the Stadium begin at 9 a.m.

The Irish return 13 starters this spring (including punter Joey Hildbold), seven on offense and five on defense.

On offense, the returnees are Jim Jones and Mike Gandy at guard, Jordan Black and John Teasdale at tackle, Jabari Holloway at tight end, Tony Fisher at tailback and Joey Getherall at flanker.

Defensively, the starters back are tackle Anthony Weaver, end Grant Irwin, inside linebacker Anthony Denman, outside linebacker Rocky Boiman and corner back Clifford Jefferson.

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NCAA Hockey

Frozen four survive rocky road to Providence

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — For Boston College, the closest call was in the regional semifinals against Michigan State, when the Eagles scored with 50 seconds left in regulation before winning in overtime.

North Dakota lost eight times in the regular season, costing it an unprecedented fourth straight conference championship. Maine has trailed in six of its last nine games.

And all St. Lawrence needed was four overtimes — more than six hours of hockey — to survive the East Regional final against Boston University and advance to this weekend's Frozen Four at the Providence Civic Center.

"It's been a great ride," St. Lawrence coach Joe Marsh said Wednesday as the teams prepared for the NCAA hockey semifinals, a weekend that has been dubbed the "Frozen Four.

North Dakota will play Maine at 2 p.m. Thursday and Boston College will take on St. Lawrence in the other semifinal at 7 p.m., with the winners playing Saturday night for the title.

Whether it's basketball or badminton, men or women, the final four teams are always happy to be around. But this group of coaches is probably happier than most, considering that all survived scares that could have left them home this weekend.

"We had a couple of lucky bounces, and were 50 seconds away from our season ending."

Jerry York
Boston College coach

North Dakota has taken the title six times, winning in both 1980 and 1982 in Providence. It is the only team of the four that has won a championship in Providence, which has played host to the final four seven times.

But, like his Frozen Four brethren, Fighting Sioux coach Dean Blais credits his team for surviving struggles.
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Doherty claims to be doing early morning sipping a glass of water. That coaching regi­
definitely be prepared this time. I need to get in shape," Doherty said. "We're going to
make a run at a Bookstore title surprised

Irish team. lie once forced the players to run
in shape."  

Doherty's team will go up against a squad
p.m. on the Stepan basketball courts.

"I didn't know it was full-court. I thought it
was half-court," Doherty said. "We're going to

"They don't want to go up against me,"
Shoemaker said with a smile. Shoemaker's first game will be Tuesday at 6:15 p.m.

on the Stepan basketball courts. Doherty's team will go up against a squad called "Who's the Animal?" comprised of five seniors Jimmy Dillon, Skylard Owens and

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you it's cracked, chipped, whatever, it just sucks all the air out of you. I
was just so bummed."  

Initial X-rays on his elbow Monday
were inconclusive. The Padres waited
another day before
taking further
tests to allow
swelling to sub-
side.

Gwynn was
dicked in the
fourth inning and
stayed in the
game. He finished
0-for-3.

"When it first happened, I'm just thinking, 'I got hit. It's over. It will
be ok,'" Gwynn said. "I didn't really feel bad until my last at-bat. I got a
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Hewitt succeeds Cremins at Tech

Associated Press

ATLANTA—Mirroring a move that occurred 19 years ago, Georgia Tech turned to a relatively unknown coach to rebuild its basketball program.

Siena's Paul Hewitt agreed to succeed Bobby Cremins as the Yellow Jackets' coach.

The Associated Press learned Wednesday that he would be introduced during a news conference Thursday in Albany, N.Y. Hewitt boards a plane for Atlanta but declined comment.

Officials at Georgia Tech and Siena also said Hewitt would not comment.

Hewitt, 37, in three years at Siena, became the first black basketball coach at Georgia Tech. He rebuilt a Siena program that has fallen hard times during the last two years. The Yellow Jackets (13-17) lost Jason Collier, their top scorer and rebounder, and Stephon Marbury.

Hewitt takes over a program that under Cremins won a NIT title, but he has had back-to-back losing seasons. The Yellow Jackets fell on hard times during last two years.

Hewitt guided Siena to the NCAA tournament in 1999, its first appearance in 10 years. The Saints finished 23-59 in the three seasons before he arrived. His contract at the Loudonville, N.Y., school runs through the next academic year.

At Siena, Hewitt was a 36-year-old former assistant at Villanova and Fordham. He is known as a strong recruiter and favors a running, up-tempo style popular with fans. Siena averaged more than 6,500 per game over the last two years and lost seven straight.

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Hewitt was a late entry into Tech's search, speaking on condition the NCAA announced it was going to finish its investigation of the Yellow Jackets.

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Dayne leads Sullivan nominees

Associated Press

NEW YORK—Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne and Georgia's basketball twins Kelly and Caucasian are among the finalists for the Sullivan Award to be presented Thursday night.

Dayne, who led Wisconsin (10-2) to the Big Ten Conference title and a Rose Bowl victory over Stanford, ran for 1,834 yards and 19 touchdowns in 1999. The 5-foot-10, 252-pound tailback from Berlin, Wis., led the nation in rushing with 6.37 yards per carry.

The Miller twins, from Rochester, Minn., led the Lady Bulldogs to the NCAA women's final four in 1998-99, and helped them reach the final eight this season. Both are junior guards, with Kelly Miller earning Southwestern Conference player of the year honors. Kelly led Georgia (32-4) with 15.1 points per game. Guide was next at 13.5 per game.

The other finalists are wrestlers Steven Cal Neal of Cal State-Bakersfield; softball player Stacey Nusman of UCLA; and diver Mark Ratz.

The Masters

Nicklaus returns to Augusta

Angus, Ga. - After a one-year layoff, Jack Nicklaus returned to Augusta National to find a course he badly recognized.

There's rough now. New greens have been installed. Trees have been planted and replanted.

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behind Jarious Jackson and quarterbacks remained. Godsey was thrust into the role of third quarterback behind Jarious Jackson and Arnaz Battle. He may not have seen any playing time but Godsey believes his freshman year was beneficial to his growth as a quarterback.

"Last year was a learning experience," Godsey said. "I got quicker and faster for this offense." Godsey said, "It's hard to tell after the first few days but I think I'm doing pretty well.

Godsey also spoke with his brother George, who is expected to start for Georgia Tech next fall. The Godsey brothers are in similar positions, with both of their teams looking for replacement at quarterback following the graduation of Jackson and Georgia Tech's Joe Hamilton.

"Last year was a learning experience. It helped me out watching Jarious and Arnaz. A lot of experience," Godsey said. "At first I didn't have an understanding but now I do. We run pretty similar offenses so it's fun talking with him."

As of now, Godsey and Battle are vying for the starting spot. But come August, four freshmen quarterbacks will add some competition to the mix. There is still a good chance that Godsey may be switched again to tight end. But for the spring, at least, Godsey will be wearing the red jersey assigned to the quarterbacks.

"Coach Davie said I'm going at quarterback 100 percent," Godsey said. The culmination of Godsey's freshman season comes April 29 when he'll compete in the Blue-Gold game. In just 2-1/2 years he's gone from never playing the position to possibly being the starting quarterback at Notre Dame.

"This is what I wanted," Godsey said. "It's always been my dream."
Women's Tennis

 Singles play assures Notre Dame victory over Purdue

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

On paper it looked like a mismatch. On the court it was.
The 14th-ranked Notre Dame women's tennis team continued its impressive play on Wednesday with a 9-0 victory over the Purdue Boilermakers.
The only thing that made the afternoon somewhat difficult for the Irish was the West Lafayette weather. Playing in their first outdoor match of the season, Notre Dame was forced to brave unseasonably cold temperatures and brutal winds as it attempted to pound Purdue.

"It was really freezing out there," sophomore Becky Varnum said. "Our coaches pulled us aside though and told us not to worry about it and just go out and play our games."
The weather, evidently, was not much of a factor. For the Irish, the match went exactly according to plan. Junior Michelle Dasso was tested, just as she thought she would be. In her No. 1 singles match against Purdue's Jennifer Embry, the Irish junior won a close one in three sets. From there, Notre Dame put it on cruise control as they raced home to their 16th win of the season against just five defeats.

Varnum whipped Shannon Taheny in No. 2 singles, while Kelly Zalinski, Nina Vaughan, Lindsey Green and Katie Cunha all netted impressive victories. "We started strong up top, and just played strong right on through," Varnum said.

With winds whipping all over the outdoor courts, the Irish breezed through doubles play as well.

Though the match was already clinched heading into pairs play, the Irish used the possibility that they might improve in doubles as motivation to keep fighting.

Dasso and Varnum netted an impressive upset victory over Purdue's 20th-ranked doubles tandem of Embry and Taheny by a score of 8-2. The pairings of Green and Zalinski and Cunha and Vaughan also played well in gaining easy decisions.

The Dasso-Varnum effort was significant in that it demonstrated Notre Dame doubles' reloading efforts. After some sizzling early season doubles play, the Irish had fallen off lately when facing quality opponents in the pairs format. The Dasso-Varnum win indicates that the Irish may have recaptured their early season form.

The win over Purdue was crucial, for it allows Notre Dame to enter its much anticipated match against national power William and Mary with momentum.

This Sunday, april 9, at the 11:45 am Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, we will celebrate the Rite of Reception into Full Communion. At this Liturgy, Candidates for Full Communion (those who have been baptized in another Christian denomination or were baptized Catholic and have received no other Sacraments) will complete their Initiation by receiving he Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. The Candidates have been participating in the RCIA process since September. Please help us welcome them into our Catholic community!

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Katie Meierotto (Michael Rizzo)

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Thank you to the RCIA team for all their support and assistance in the faith formation of our candidates:

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**Thursday, April 6, 2000**

**Fox**

**Our**

**Fourth and Inches**

**Fox Trot**

**Bill Amend**

**Crossword**

ACROSS

1. Dien denizen

2. Litmates

15. "Look Back in Anger" playwright

16. Asklep at the switch

17. Toothpaste tube direction

18. Classic exile site

19. Kayoed

20. Kind of tax

21. Dovetail

24. ... "Love You"

25. Chilled drink

26. It delivers the place for court

27. O ne and one

28. Place for court battles?

30. Mine permanent

32. It's capital is

34. Kind of buddy

35. Alice's chronicler

36. Galatea's birthplace

37. Mock phrase of insight

38. Saving Private Ryan's depiction

40. Former name of Belize

43. High rollers?

46. 20 Kind of tax

47. Tools (along)

50. Cartoon

52. Nashville-to-Chattanooga dr.

54. Flatboat

56. "Swan Lake" role

57. Puzzle's theme (shown in 20, 40, 58-Across and 21-Down)

58. "Swan Lake" role

60. "Reader, therefore..."

61. Site south of Paris

62. Bright side?

**Down**

1. Kind of buddy

2. Super-KEE-KEE

3. Roman or arab

4. Is adjacent to

5. Work party

6. Releases a fly?

7. Branch basics

8. Mobile's exhortation

9. Local peculiarity?

10. Poet Neruda

12. Yesterday, in a manner

13. go bragh

14. Certain partygoer

19. 1998 peace agreement

22. Accord

25. Midwife's catchphrase


27. Baby's catchphrase


**Horoscope**

**Thursday, April 6, 2000**

**Celebrities Born on This Day**

**March Hume: Dianne Brill, Carlyle Carter, Mike Negad, Michelle Phillips, Art Meyers**

**Happy Birthday: You'll gain respect from individuals who can add to your success. You will be willing to fight for your beliefs and stand up for anyone that you feel worthy of your help. You can make things happen this year if you are relentless in your pursuits, refusing to admit defeat along the way. Your numbers: 10, 16, 22, 34, 56.**

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You will be a little on edge. A temper tantrum will not help you sort through the dilemma. You treat not your personal life interfere with your personal life. Things will sort themselves out for a new job.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You will not on the day to deal with authority figures, red tape, traffic violations or anything like that. It is best to spend the day with someone you love. Don't worry about what others think.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Don't involve others when it comes to money ventures. It is best to take care of your own investments. Minor health problems will surface if you have not been taking care of yourself.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You will not be able to keep things from your close friends, but your emotional partner will need to support it to give him this chance. You will want to make matters right with this person.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** This will not be the day to hang out with peers or relatives. They will not be sympathetic to your needs or concerns. It is best to take on a creative hobby that will bring you satisfaction.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Today is not the day to get involved in major financial schemes. Problems with skin, bones and teeth are evident. Take care of such problems at the take care of such problems. Remember, today will bring you satisfaction.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Do not say anything you shouldn't say concerning the past. Keep your self intact up to date if you are under a pseudonym or code word.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Your intuition and preoccupation will lead to saying things you shouldn't and not doing what you are supposed to do.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** You will have to make a decision on the basis of tests or signs at the test today. You will not be in a good position if you are taken. Don't let your Gusto suffered of this or your personal life.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Your conscience will set you free. You are having a hard time emotionally and don't need someone reaching out for you.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Friends and relatives will try to lean on you today. Don't be so accommodating, and you won't accomplish anything else. Someone will give you false information. Do your own investigation.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** You can do things with children today, however, be sure to take a little time out for yourself. Your creative talent could make you extra cash. Look into getting your goods out in the marketplace.

**Birthday Baby:** You will focus on looking the best that you can. You will accomplish more in harmonious surroundings, so try to keep the peace at all times. You are busy making the world a better place.

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**Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (95¢ per minute).**

**SOUTH CAROLINA SOFTBALL**

**Saturday vs. Rutgers 10:00 am**

**Sunday vs. Villanova 11:00 am**
Coach Doherty suits up to lead Shocker squad

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

All season long, men's basketball coach Matt Doherty strove to get the student body excited about his team, and he succeeded. Now students are returning the favor, calling on Doherty to take part in the most popular student basketball tradition on campus, Bookstore Basketball.

Doherty, a collegiate star at North Carolina in the early 1980s, readily agreed to participate. In fact, playing Bookstore Basketball was one of the first things he did after accepting the head coaching position a year ago.

"I want to compete with the students, and have fun with the student body," Doherty said.

In 1999, Doherty played on "Legends," a squad named after former Tarheels player Jeff Lebo. That team hosed out in the tournament's early rounds, but Doherty hedges his second try will fare better.

This time around, Doherty and his assistant coaches, who are also playing in the tournament, left the team assignments up to the Bookstore Basketball commissioners. Doherty went to the first team to ask for his services, a freshman-dominated squad called Shockers.

"I needed a big guy and he's 6'6-8'" sophomore captain John Moravek said. "So I called him and asked him."

Since Doherty will miss some games due to his travels for recruiting, Moravek signed on four freshmen to fill out the roster: Nick Alfermann, Phil Brennan, Brandon Oliver and Kyle Fager. They haven't all had an opportunity to practice together because of Doherty's travel schedule, but Moravek predicts good things from their 29th-ranked squad.

"I think we have a good chance of making it to the round of 32," Moravek said. "Our strength is definitely our shooting, so hopefully we'll be able to knock down some shots.

As a sophomore at North Carolina, Doherty helped lead his school to the 1982 NCAA Championship. Of course, he had a little assistance from one of the best basketball players of all time — former Chicago Bulls great Michael Jordan.

Doherty jokes that his main weakness as a college player was giving Jordan the ball too frequently.

"I passed him too much in college," Doherty said. "I think it's time to make up for that."

With that in mind, the 38-year-old coach set down a halfway serious ultimatum for the other guys on his Bookstore team Shockers.

"They better be able to pass the ball and set a lot of screens to get me open," Doherty said.

No matter how much time Doherty spent around basketball this year in coaching the Irish to a 22-15 record, there's only so much a person can do when he's sitting on the bench. That's why he's looking for a return to the more active days of his Division I career. At North Carolina, he became just the second player in Atlantic Coast Conference history to tally 1,000 points, 500 rebounds and 400 assists in his career as a forward.

After 16 years out of college, see Doherty/page 27.

Godsey chases dream of leading Irish offense

By TIM CASEY
Associate Sports Editor

His father was an offensive guard at Alabama under legendary coach Bear Bryant; his brother Greg played at Air Force and another brother George is currently a quarterback at Georgia Tech. Coming out of high school, he was heavily recruited by Tennessee, Purdue and Ohio State. But when making his college decision, instead of being swayed by any outside influences, Gary Godsey followed his heart.

"I grew up my whole life dreaming of going to Notre Dame to play football," Godsey said. "When you're getting recruited it's unbelievable because all these schools want you. Tennessee's stadium was unreal. Ohio State's facilities are amazing, but when I came here everything was what I dreamed it to be."

Now, a year after committing to the Irish, Godsey is competing for the most prestigious position in college football: quarterback at Notre Dame.

Not bad for someone who just started playing the position two and a half years ago.

It was six games into his junior season at Jesuit High School in Tampa, Fla., in the fall of 1997, when Godsey switched to quarterback. He had been a starter at tight end, defensive end, center and long snapper at Jesuit. But coach Godsey had never taken snaps under center.

"He [the coach] thought I had a good arm and good mechanics so he put me back there [quarterback]," Godsey said. "Everything worked out."

Forgive the humble Godsey for the understatement. He quickly adapted to the new position, leading Jesus to the league championship as a junior.

Then, as a senior, in his first full year as a starter, Godsey passed for over 1,800 yards and 22 touchdowns while throwing only four interceptions.

Despite his success at quarterback, most schools, including Notre Dame were more interested in Godsey as a tight end or defensive end. Some coaches saw his size (6-foot-7 and 240 pounds) as a hindrance for a future at quarterback. Godsey received interest from passing teams like Tennessee and Purdue but when he chose Notre Dame, he knew the Irish coaching staff viewed him as a tight end.

But when the Irish were spurred on signing day a year ago by C.J. Leak, who decided to attend Wake Forest, there was a void at quarterback. Godsey talked to the coaching staff, asking if he could get a shot at quarterback.

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