Law students rally for school loan forgiveness

O’Hara on right track to aid service-minded graduates, former dean says

By ERIN Laruffa

With rain running ink off their posters, a group of Notre Dame law school students and their supporters rallied Friday outside the Main Building for loan forgiveness for graduates who pursue public service careers.

"Law students really want to come here to be public interest lawyers," said third-year law student Ben Horne, who helped to organize the event. "The possibility of loan forgiveness gives us the opportunity to work without the burden of debt, and to focus on helping others who are in need."
Is Elian a child of revolution?

Yeah, you know the story. Elian Gonzalez was found in an inner tube and he’s in Miami, but he’s going to be sent back to Cuba soon. The law says he must go back, so you believe he should go back, but do you really know the law?

Some of you reading this right now might be thinking that Elian should be reunited with his father in Cuba because parental rights are more important than Elian's right to freedom in the United States. That would probably be the case if the parents had any rights in Cuba. When Castro took control of the government, he gave the Communist party the constitution, and the state, instead of parents, has custody of children. He would not be returning to his father because Castro would not let him leave Cuba. It’s also quite ironic that Castro is now the spokesperson for parental rights, especially any Cuban or American who has a job to uphold the law, but we can make a difference. If we voice our educated opinions on issues, maybe laws can be changed. Perhaps there can be a subpoint that states: 1) A refugee child brought by his mother to the United States has limited rights over his children. Elian could stay with his dad until he’s 11. Then he would have to work in a farm-labor camp and continue military service. Yeah, it would be easy for me to sit here in front of my typewriter and say Elian must comply with the law. I mean, is it so important in that dusty library that Elian must go, then doesn’t that mean he has to return to Cuba?

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Congressman shares past with Black Law Association

By HELENA RAYAM

About 20 years ago, Congressman Harold Ford, Jr., sat in his Memphis, Tenn., home doing homework to prepare for his future.

"When I was growing up, we couldn't go outside until we finished our homework," said Ford. After years of working before playing, Ford and his neighborhood playmates include five lawyers, three doctors and a military officer, among others.

Ford, a Democrat, reflected on his road to Congress and his political career to law students during Saturday's lecture, "Self Help: Empowering Ourselves with a New Attitude." The lecture was part of the 27th annual Black Law Student Association's (BLSA) Alumni Weekend.

"All of my life I've dreamt about running for Congress and serving my district," Ford said. At 26, Ford was elected to the House of Representatives as the youngest member of the 105th Congress. He was re-elected to a second term in 1998 and currently will run unopposed in the 2000 congressional elections.

"All the criticism about my age ... helped mold the political platform I had," said Harold Ford, Jr., Congressman on his 1996 campaign for the House.

"The nucleus of my opponent's campaign was that I was young and inexperienced," said Ford. "All of that criticism about my age ... helped mold the political platform I had," said Ford. Since his election, Ford has faced the challenge of trying to be heard as a young congressman in the minority party.

Ford said even on some partisan issues like gun control and campaign financing, Democrats and Republicans still desire political efficacy.

"In the end, we all pretty much want the same thing," said Ford. "I'm a Democrat, but I'm a Congressman first. No matter how much I hate your political views, no matter how much you hate my political views, I would never want to hurt one of your constituents."

Nevertheless, the "demise, incivility and conviction" in politics are examples of political corruption that, Ford said, are disheartening.

"[These have] damaged our ability to attract smart, vision-ary, and capable people," he added.

Ford referred to Martin Luther King's "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," reiterating one of King's point that everyone is connected and in the world for a common purpose.

"As corny and idealistic as it sounds, this system only works if good people get involved," said Ford. "Our challenge now is to figure out how we strengthen that mutuality."
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answer session, Hastert touched on a number of issues of importance to the Catholic University audience. He said he hopes President Bill Clinton will not veto the partial-birth abortion ban which the Senate passed last week, but he acknowledged that that may not be likely. The Speaker also said he hopes to prevent foreign aid from going to groups that would encourage their governments to enact legislation that strengthens abortion rights.

Hastert stopped short of endorsing a national death penalty moratorium, such as that recently enacted by Illinois Governor George Ryan, but he did say there should be some guarantees to DNA testing and a quality defense in capital punishment cases.

Hastert also addressed the controversial selection of the House chaplain, saying he hoped the appointment of Father Daniel Coughlin to the position would “help us heal” wounds brought on by accusations of anti-Catholicism. Presbyterian Reverend Charles Wright was initially selected over a Catholic priest who had more support among the bipartisan nominating committee.

While Hastert said the committee was intended only to select three nominees, the House Republican leadership was charged with anti-Catholicism. After this controversy ensued, Hastert selected Coughlin on the advice of Chicago archbishop Cardinal Francis George. The Speaker said his critics on this matter were engaging in a dangerous game.

“If those who try to use religion as a means for political maneuvering can unleash disastrous consequences, like a child playing with matches,” he said.

Hastert was elected Speaker of the House in January 1999, shortly after Clinton’s impeachment. He represents Illinois’ 14th Congressional District and spent 16 years teaching government and history at an Illinois high school.

His speech on Saturday was a part of the Hanley Lectures on Values and Public Policy, which are delivered both on campus and at the University’s study program in Washington, D.C.

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because human life begins at conception, the current process used with in vitro fertilization actually kills human life. The current technique for the process involves fertilizing multiple eggs and then selecting those which are potentially most viable for transplant into a mother. Those fertilized embryos deemed unfit for transplant are discarded.

“Each person must be protected from the moment of conception,” said Howard.

The techniques and implications of cloning and genetic manipulation also arose during Howard’s presentation. Noting that cloning research could make possible the use of cells for spare organs, Howard said all such actions must be analyzed by the action itself, by the means and ends used.

Cloning, Howard argued, perverts the idea of personhood. If cloning became a reality, someone could become the daughter of her grandmother or the sister of her mother.

The Human Genome Project, which could soon present the layout of an entire person’s genetic makeup, must also come under examination.

Each of us, said Howard, is born with five to 20 genetic errors in our DNA that could become evident as we age. No one is conceived with perfect DNA.

Howard also discussed the implications of stem cell research that could involve removing the brain cells from aborted fetuses. Such cells are used by research institutions for treating diseases associated with HIV. Howard noted alternatives for sources of such cells such as the placenta. Still, he argued, any undifferentiated cell obtained for research that can potentially grow into a complete human infant ethics as well.

While Howard criticized contemporary secularism that “has become a religion in and of itself,” he concluded his presentation on a positive note.

“God in calling collegians to work for life,” he said.

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lawyers intend to move to public interest law once their loans are repaid, but they often become “trapped” in the lucrative corporate world.

Thomas Shaffer, a former law school dean who still works at Notre Dame’s Legal Aid Clinic, spoke in support of loan forgiveness. He praised current law school dean Patricia O’Hara for her commitment to loan forgiveness in her first year as dean.

O’Hara has made financial aid — which includes scholarships and loan forgiveness — one of her five top priorities, according to third-year law student Marisa Salizar, who helped organize the rally. Salizar added that the University is currently seeking a donor to assist with loan forgiveness.

Rally organizers wanted the event’s message to be a positive way to thank the University for recognizing the issue of loan forgiveness, Shaffer said.

There are different ways for law schools to help students who intend to pursue public interest careers. One is to offer scholarships at the beginning of their three years of school.

Schools can also forgive loans. For example, one possible method involves sending a graduate a check for a certain percentage of tuition costs after each year the lawyer works in public service.

The lawyer then uses that money to pay off loans.

The problem is that the debt of some law students approaches $100,000 or more, Shaffer said. In addition, lawyers who serve Americans who can afford legal services greatly outnumber those who serve citizens who cannot, he added.

“It keeps the poor locked out,” Shaffer said, explaining that because lawyers help in “unlocking” doors for the poor, more public interest lawyers are needed.

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SAUDI Arabia

The United States, which has come under criticism for maintaining military forces in Saudi Arabia, nine years after the Gulf War, is moving some of its 4,000 airmen out of the desert kingdom, a U.S. military official said Sunday. It was not immediately clear if the change was linked to a growing unease in the Gulf region, as critics for maintaining military forces in Saudi Arabia, nine years after the Gulf War. Besides Saudi Arabia, other Gulf states such as Kuwait have increasingly been criticized by their own people and by other Muslim nations for hosting U.S. military bases. U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen, who is on a regional tour, discussed the logistics of the move with American commanders at the Prince Sultan Air Base in the Saudi desert, said the official, who is based in Saudi Arabia and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Illness may impede Elian custody handover

The cousin who has stepped in as Elian Gonzalez's surrogate mother battled illness again Sunday, creating a possible obstacle to the meeting between psychiatrists and the 6-year-old's Miami relatives to arrange a custody handover. Psychiatrists and a psychologist are scheduled to meet this week with the Miami relatives at Attorney General Janet Reno's request. Luzaro Gonzalez, Elian's great-uncle and temporary guardian, said he was "willing to honor" a meeting at 2:30 p.m. Monday. But he asked that it be scheduled as tentative because of his daughter's admission to a hospital Saturday. Muriel Gonzalez has been hospitalized several times in recent weeks, suffering from exhaustion.

President Weizman may resign because of poor health

Citing his health, Ezer Weizman said Sunday he would likely resign before his term ends in 2003 — the first time the Israeli president spoke openly of stepping down since allegations surfaced that he accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars from a French millionaire. Accusations surfaced in December that Weizman had accepted over $300,000 in gifts from a French textile magnate between 1985-93, when he was a cabinet minister and a legislator. Police, in findings published last week, recommended closing the case — but only because the 5-year statute of limitations had run out on two of the most serious charges, fraud and breach of public trust.

19 killed in Marine Corps aircraft crash

A Marine Corps aircraft attempting to land during a nighttime training mission crashed and burst into flames, killing all 19 aboard and adding to a checkered history for a new breed of hybrid plane that can take off and land like a helicopter.

The MV-22 tiltrotor Osprey, which looks like a troop-carrier, is part of a new generation of aircraft scheduled to eventually replace all of the Marines' primary troop-transport helicopters. The military began flying the aircraft six months ago.

The four crew members in Saturday night's crash were from a task force headquartered in Quantico, Va. The passengers were from 14 Marines from 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines based at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and one Marine Corps Air Station-Miramar in San Diego County, according to the Marine Corps.

On Sunday, investigators were reviewing the crash site at Marana Northwest Regional Airport west of Tucson. Few details were released.

Carol Ward, who lives about five miles from the airport, said she watched the plane fly by from her porch. It disappeared behind a mountain and a few second later "I saw the smoke and this big old puff," she said. The dust from the crash "just eliminated the sky," she said. A heap of twisted, charred metal was visible at the scene and aerial footage showed a large blackened patch on the airport grounds.

Military officials said the downed aircraft had been attempting to land at the airport when it crashed.

It was one of two Ospreys simulating the evacuation of civilians, similar to what Marines would do if they were removing people from an embassy in a hostile country.

The mission was conducted with night vision goggles and infrared radar, officials said. Firefighters said witnesses reported seeing the plane head straight down and become engulfed in flames after it crashed.
ND experts debate Ugandan cult crisis

Professors discuss Church's responsibility in mass murder by former Catholic priest

By MARIBEL MOREY
Newt West

Several hundred members of a doomsday cult in Uganda died in what appeared to be a mass murder by the hand of its main leader, a former Catholic priest named Kibweteere. The cult offered Ugandans education, security and a sense of community, experts said.

"The Church should stay away from religious activities," said Charles Muwunga, who spent two years teaching social science in Uganda and is chair of anthropology and associate professor at the Kroc Institute. "The gap is in what is available [in the Church] and what's wanted."

Muwunga said "Instead of changing the Church's structure, Gaffney places this issue on the level of the dictatorial regime.

Rice: Push pro-life agenda to general public

By MIKE de la ROSA
News Writer

Because the Supreme Court will not outlaw abortion, activists must change public opinion to a pro-life stance, said law professor Charles Rice at this weekend's Collegiate Pro-Life Leadership Conference.

"The Supreme Court is unanimous, and overturning Roe v. Wade is not an option," said Rice in his lecture, "Law, Politics and the Flight to Life."

Rice spoke on the ethical nuances of abortion and euthanasia. He noted that a doctor could prescribe drugs to prolong a patient's life. A problem arises, however, because there is no way to monitor whether treatment is given for beneficial or suicidal purposes, he said.

"Both abortion and euthanasia are moving beyond the law in that the law cannot determine what the intent of the doctor is," Rice said.

Rice said abortion, as a whole, is wrong, regardless of regulation.

"Intrinsically abortion is like lining up a school-age child against a wall and shooting her," he said. "Regulating abortion by saying you can't do this without your parents' permission makes abortion equivalent to getting your ears pierced."

Rice has advised numerous pro-life organizations around the country, including the Free Speech Advocates of Catholics United for Life.

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SMC alumnae board holds spring meeting

By COURTNEY BOYLE

Saint Mary’s Alumnae Association’s Board of Directors focused on how to stay in touch with campus happenings at its annual spring meeting on campus last weekend.

In an effort to make contact with current students, members met and socialized with graduating seniors Thursday night at a reception at the Riedinger Alumnae House.

“We were pleased with the crowd. We had about 50 seniors there. The purpose is to network; we do this in the spring because people are still interviewing for jobs and (to see) if there is anything they can do to help out,” said board president Deborah Johnson Schueber.

Board committees, including the Student Alumnae Committee, Alumnae Resource Committee/Awards Committee and the Networking Committee, met Friday and Saturday.

“The Student Alumnae Committee is focused on how we can stay informed. We also had a student leaders luncheon as a sort of year-in-review,” Selectmen Emma Long, vice president, and Julia Strezas-Graham, secretary.

Updates were given by College president Marilou Fink, vice president and dean of faculty, and Patrick White, associate dean of faculty. The board also discussed summer service projects affiliated with the Sisters of the Holy Cross, and Reunion 2000, which will be held on campus June 8 through 11.

The Alumnae Association also established and voted on several awards Saturday afternoon. The Distinguished Alumna Award will go to a member of the Saint Mary’s community who has displayed outstanding service to the College and who participates in ongoing work for the Alumnae Association.

The Alumna Achievement Award will honor an alumna who has had significant personal and professional accomplishments and who has proved to be a leader in her professional field.

The Humanitas Award, established this year, will honor a woman with outstanding personal and volunteer accomplishments.

The recipient also must exhibit concern for the interests and welfare of her fellow human beings, have personal dedication, compassion, selflessness and sacrifice through social action.

To wrap up the day of meetings, the members elected new board officers. New leaders include C.C. Shaugnessy Nussing, president, Kerry Long, vice president, and Julie Strazzas-Graham, secretary.

Officers will serve a two-year term and which will take office after Reunion 2000 activities.

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SMC to hold canned food drive

By NELLIE WILLIAMS

Sodexo Marriott Food Services will host a food drive this week at Saint Mary’s. All donations will go to the North Central Indiana Food Bank.

Canned foods can be left at the Noble Family Dining Hall or The Crossings snack bar from April 9 through 15. Sodexo Marriott will match all food donations received.

The food services organization will hold the drive in response to the problem of hunger in America. According to Foodchain and Second Harvest, two of the nation’s leading hunger relief organizations, one in four children does not eat regular meals each day because of the lack of food in their homes. There has also been a 40 to 55 percent increase in requests for emergency food assistance in the past year.

More than 25 percent of all the food produced for human consumption is wasted each year in America, roughly 96 billion pounds of food, according to the agencies. On average, the working poor spend 60 percent of their monthly income on shelter, leaving little for utilities, food and health care.

This is the second year of the Sodexo Marriott food drive at Saint Mary’s.

“We would like to get as many people involved as possible,” said Kelly Koschmick, human resources assistant for the organization.

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Not peace, but the sword in capital punishment

Mike Marchand

At the risk of throwing the you-know-what into the fan and causing one of those wars that rage in The Observer so very often, I would like to make the following three statements:

1. I am Catholic.
2. I believe in the use of capital punishment.
3. These are not mutually exclusive beliefs.

Although Marlayna Swenerton's column last Thursday was correct in that Jesus' gospel preaches forgiveness and mercy, it did not completely overturn the Old Testament themes of strict justice.

For openness, how can God contradict God? How can God's New Testament law abolish His Old Testament law? It's illogical to think that God's perfection could exist for thousands of years and then, for some reason, Jesus, who is God, could say it was wrong and establish a new law. Jesus came "not to destroy [the Old Law], but to fulfill it" (Matthew 5:17). The notion that capital punishment has a place in the New Testament is flat-out wrong. Jesus upheld the Old Testament decree that those who violate the Fourth Commandment should be executed (Matthew 15:3-7). In the book of Revelations, the apocalypse John says, "he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword." (13:10).

Some might argue that verses such as that last one inspire vigilant justice. But Paul teaches that justice is to be dealt with by justly acting governing authorities: "Do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine. I will repay,'" says the Lord. [...] Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities... For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil... For the ruler is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil" (Romans 13:1, 4-5). With these verses, Paul instructs us not to seek vengeance, but to "give place to wrath" to justly acting governments, "God's ministers." This still leaves room for individual forgiveness and mercy as preached by Jesus. In fact, when Jesus was on the cross, one of the criminals alongside him says that he is receiving "the due reward of [his] deeds" (Luke 23:41). Jesus forgives him, "today you will be with me in Paradise" (23:43), but does not exonerate his crime or stop his execution. Believers are called to forgive; justly acting governments are called to punish. Both are following the Laws of God.

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The New Testament does not prohibit capital punishment by a governmental authority, such as the United States or the state of Texas. However, it calls upon governments to judge rightly. Therefore, I applaud Illinois Governor George Ryan's decision to call for a moratorium on executions to ensure that those people sentenced to death are truly guilty, so long as they are temporary.

Next time you see a statue of Blind Justice in a courtroom (hopefully, you won't be the defendant), look very closely. The side of the balance dedicated to justice hangs only slightly lower than the side devoted to Mercy. The New Testament calls for both mercy and justice, but commands the preeminence of the latter. Even with the death penalty, the American criminal justice system follows through on those teachings.

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SCOTT ADAMS

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If Notre Dame is to serve the message of the Gospel it will need to undergo a radical transformation. Trying to follow Jesus means to follow Jesus radically. So here is a radical agenda that will provoke you to think and maybe even to disagree.

Open admissions. Notre Dame should accept every student who applies. The University could be governed by a body consisting of an equal number of students, staff (including faculty), and community members (including the Church, alumni and possibly Indiana residents). Board members should be elected by a democratic vote on an equal basis. Carver would own less than one percent of the Notre Dame community (The administration, including vice-presidents, the president and the trustees) control too many decisions. Therefore they have discriminated against our school's non-discrimination clause. However, the Fellows voted to include sexual orientation in the Notre Dame Catholic, we should be 34 percent Latino, not seven percent as it is now. We need to open our doors to people of color.

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Scene

Where the men of mod quad reside
Knot Hall Juggs are building identity through vibrant orange

By BRIAN FORD
Scen. Writer

Nicknamed the Juggs, the men of Knot Hall reside in a smaller sized L shaped dorm hidden behind Touchdown Jesus on the north side of campus. Knot men are known for their athleticism, winning such inter-dorm events as football, soccer, b-ball, and b-league basketball. They also placed second in hockey. They love their sports but pride themselves on being gentlemen (or something to that extent).

Having been a male dorm for only three years, Knott still searches for an identity. Prior to that the residents lived in Flanner Hall but due to excessive partying, that building is no longer a dorm.

Most residents agree that orange, Knot’s hall color, embodies the dorm’s spirit. When talking about Knot’s intense presence at pep rallies, freshman Jeff Baltruzak said, “I love South Dining Hall but it is too far of a walk so I normally end up eating at North. North is nearer but North dorm is more laid-back, so I end up eating at South.”

Three years ago, Siegfried was a girl’s dorm. It had 246 female residents, a security guard and pink tiles in the bathrooms.

But when Flanner Hall closed and was converted into faculty offices, the female residents of Siegfried and neighboring Knot Hall were sent to West Quad and the Flannerites moved in.

Siegfried still has the pink tiles of old, but the dorm has spent the last three years forging a new identity and building new traditions, working to create a community inside the walls of this building. And that community has been formed, with hall events gradually growing and the dorm making its presence known on campus to increasing degrees.

Events like the just-completed Scrambler Week, which included a Nonnehenge concert, a golf outing and a dance, raised hundreds of dollars for the Conor Murphy Bone Marrow Fund and brought the dorm together.

But it is the spirit of community found in each of the dorm’s six sections that truly unites the residents.

“Everyone always has their doors open,” said junior Tony Bondi. “It is a welcoming place.”

The community that has been built in the dorm over the past three years is evident in the high number of juniors who are staying to live their senior year in the dorm. Next year, 41 members of Siegfried’s first male freshman class will be the first group of men to live in the hall for four years.

The building itself is one of the more comfortable on campus. Built in 1988, it has full air conditioning and laundry facilities. Every floor has cable television in the lounges, in which many friendships are formed during “SportsCenter.”

Athletics in general are a uniting factor in Siegfried. Residents have made their presence felt on the inter-dorm athletic fields all year. Accomplishments have included a second place regular season finish in football, second place in the playoffs in ice hockey and a championship in inter-dorm bowling. Siegfried’s team also won the fall interhall basketball tournament and knocked off Matt Doherty’s team of basketball coaches at Midnight Madness in October.

The Ramblers’ rivalry with neighboring Knot Hall lives on in the Flanner Cup, a series of athletic competitions and feats of strength for bragging rights between the two dorms.

While Knot may occasionally win the cup, they have never been able to match Siegfried in one area. The Ramblers have campus’ only interhall marching band, a gaggle of Notre Dame band members and other musicians who try to inspire the dorm’s football team to victory each Sunday of the interhall season. The band was founded during the stretch run of the 1996 season and played at every game this year, helping the Ramblers reach the second round of the playoffs for the first time.

Community is built in other ways in Siegfried, through the well-attended dormMass each Sunday, through the many section events each month.

With large freshman and sophomore classes picking up where this year’s juniors have left off, a new generation of Ramblers— one that has never asked “Isn’t Siegfried a girls’ dorm?”— will take the hall, and its growing sense of tradition and community, into the future.

By TIM LOGAN
Scen. Writer

Siegfried Ramblers’ spirit of community helps unite the dorm

Three years ago, Siegfried was a girl’s dorm.

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PETA asks, ‘got beer?’

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) recently claimed that cows are mistreated during the milking process. PETA has attempted to draw attention to this issue by claiming that other drinks like beer are actually better for you than milk. In their advertising campaign, PETA parodied the National Fluid Milk Processor Promotion Board’s “Got Milk?” slogan, replacing the word “milk” with “beer.”

College students have been waiting for this their entire lives. Someone is actually asking, “Have you ever had a beer? Or has one over time someone was seen ‘binge’ drinking milk?” PETA president Ingrid Newkirk.

“Knowing how cows suffer in the dairy industry is enough to make anyone lactose intolerant,” says. PETA president Ingrid Newkirk.

This is an interesting argument by PETA, but when was the last time someone was seen “binge” drinking milk? Or has one ever seen someone pull over for driving under the influence of milk?

Many anti-alcohol groups have picked up on this theme and disagree with PETA’s rather irresponsible stance. MADH Mothers Against Drunk Driving and SADD (Students Against Driving Drunk) are outraged at the publicity of a potentially dangerous substance.

Unfortunately for PETA, most college students side with MADH and SADD. According to a Memolink.com survey, nearly all of those surveyed believe drinking beer is less responsible than drinking milk, suggesting that most respondents do not accept the position of PETA. Even though the argument presented by PETA seems to have fallen on its face, one must admire the creative attempt to protect the welfare of animals. So, the next time someone is funneling some milk, think about the cows.

Console or computer?

In the past few months, the battle over where video games are played has become a heated one. The gaming world has seen a rise in competition between the rise in games for the computer and the anticipation of some new gaming consoles that are coming to the market. Until the recent explosion of computer sales, the debate on whether or not to purchase computer games or the traditional gaming console was pretty much a non-issue. However, with more and more households purchasing a computer or multiple computers, the computer gaming world is expanding into the traditional games once reserved only for the gaming consoles from Nintendo and Sony. With this explosion, the converse has happened as well, with the big sellers from the carnival over to the gaming consoles. Also, with the big sellers from the carnival over to the gaming consoles.

The leading front runners will be the Sony PlayStation II, due out in the fall of this year, the Sega Dreamcast already available, the Nintendo Dolphin due next year and the X-Box from Microsoft, which is a computer based gaming system due out next year. Most of these have already caused a lot of fanfare, but the real story is over who will come out on top. The specifics on the game systems are listed below.

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With the specifics outlined above, it would appear that the X-Box is poised to take the gaming world by storm. However, Microsoft is negating one thing - time. The X-Box is not scheduled to arrive until the following year, and with the way Microsoft promises, I would look to see it in 2002.

The trend in home appliances now is to incorporate all-in-one devices where the consumer can get more than one service out of them. The only company to really embrace that is Sony. The PlayStation is really a revolutionary system in gaming. Regardless of the upgrades to the polygons rendered which helps sharpen the picture, Sony has incorporated a DVD player and many other features that can make it more than a gaming system.

The question over which console will reign supreme is a difficult one, but I am betting on the PlayStation II being a formidable competitor. The most appealing feature to me is the inclusion of backward compatibility with the old PlayStation games, so that the purchasers of the new system do not have to throw out their old games. With such fierce competition, the consumer will be the eventual decider — but I would look for a huge increase in the production of computer games and console games to be eminent. However, when the PlayStation II is released in the first half of this year, my $300 will go toward its purchase, before I buy into the failure of these other systems.
Duval, in contention on the last six major championships, didn’t get a birdie which validates him as one of the game’s top players. "I knew into this week that every time I play, this game is very big," Woods said. "Even though I didn’t get that chance, it gave me myself the chance. I got back into the tournament and had the lead back. Woods opened with a 72 at the start of the back two days, got the deficit down to three strokes early in the day, when Singh managed to escape some trouble without losing his lead.

Singh, 1999 U.S. Open champion, had a 18-foot eagle putt on the last hole to kiss the ball as he removed it from the cup and embraced his family. His 9-under-par 69 Sunday morning was just as critical as the 1-under 70 the day before.

With frost melting into dew, he returned to the course to over Duval. Singh hit his approach into the pond left of 12, and went 18 feet beyond. He was able to drop close to the green, hit a delicate chip to 4 feet and tap in for the birdie shot by making the putt the day before. Woods was on-par 3-12th, he hit the green over the most daunting bunker at Augusta. Faced with a shot that sloped down the green toward more trouble, he blasted out to 2 feet — the same shot Olayzabal lasted to get into contention on the last six major championships, won the Masters in 1999 and was at 281.

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He took a job as a teaching pro in Borneo, living in a one-bedroom apartment as he slowly worked his way back toward the only career he ever wanted.

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But by the time he arrived, Singh or anyone else. "It was more than the golfing gods weren’t looking down on this week.

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about what he feels about his teammates. Not only are we a better team with Troy, but the reasons he wanted to come back & he talked a lot about people here. He turned down a million dollars to come back and be a part of Notre Dame for another year."

The influence of Doherty, who flew in from a recruiting trip for the announcement, played a major factor in Murphy's decision to come back for his junior year. Although Doherty didn't want to force Murphy's hand, their close relationship tugged Murphy in Notre Dame's direction.

"The meetings with Coach Doherty, the time we spent talking about things, really made me see what I want to do," Murphy said. "I really feel comfortable with Coach Doherty, and I really like playing for him. He was definitely a reason why I wanted to stay in school."

Doherty tried not to sway Murphy too far in either direction, but helped him to choose by putting him in contact with Jordan and other NBA players like Pat Garrity and Rachel LaErentz, as well as seeking information from agents and draft experts. The first-year head coach placed a premium on the on-campus recruitment this season with Murphy, regardless of his decision to stay or go.

"My biggest fear in the whole deal is that he doesn't think, his family doesn't think it's the right decision. I'm trying to sell him," Doherty said. "Do I have an opinion? Yes, but I want to have a good relationship with Troy Murphy when I'm 60. Troy Murphy is a kid for a little bit longer," Doherty said. "I wasn't really surprised because his demeanor and the way he acts, he acts like he's out of here," Carroll said.

"At first, I started thinking, 'If I was you, I think I would stay.'" Murphy's decision wasn't set in stone until Thursday, when he relayed his decision to Doherty by phone and several teammates in person. Yet his choice didn't come as a surprise to his friends. Graves said, "I think he just wanted to be a kid for a little bit longer." Murphy agreed. "I wasn't even surprised because his demeanor and the way he is, acts like he's out of here," Carroll said.

"And then some days I'd think, well I have so much fun together and we have so many things to look forward to. Why would he leave. He has everything he could want here. But then again, how could he pass up this?"

Sophomore Troy Murphy (No. 3) exchanges a high five with teammates Matt Carroll (15) and David Graves (34) in Notre Dame's NIT victory over Xavier.

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Walk-on Gagne earns fifth win

By BRIAN TRAVERS
Sports Writer

Notre Dame pitchers Aaron Heilman and J.P. Gagne posted strong wins as the Irish took two out of three games from Big East opponent Boston College this weekend at Eck Stadium.

Gagne, a freshman walk-on, scattered six hits and struck out three on Saturday to earn his fifth win while Irish batters pumped out 16 hits as Notre Dame defeated BC 12-1.

The Irish offense was led by sophomore designated hitter Ken Meyer with a 3-for-3 game that included two doubles, three runs, and a RBI. Sophomore center fielder Steve Stanley added 3 hits, and shortstop Alec Porzel extended his hitting streak to 13 games.

Gagne (5-0) pitched six strong innings to remain unbeaten and become the first Irish pitcher to start 5-0 since 1996, and the first freshman to do so since 1990. Lefty pitcher Mike Neumann (1-4) allowed eight runs in four innings to take the loss.

Heilman, a Notre Dame junior, tossed a complete game Sunday to win the opener of yesterday's doubleheader 10-6 while BC senior right-hander Steve Langone shut down the Irish in game two as the Eagles won 11-1.

Heilman (6-1) threw his Big East leading fifth complete game of the season as he scattered eight hits and struck out five in the opener. Junior righty Erik Olson took the loss for the Eagles, allowing four runs on five hits and six walks in the first four innings.

The Irish offense was led by senior first baseman Jeff Gambino with a 4-for-4 performance that included three runs and three RBIs to finish the weekend series 8-for-12 and extend his hitting streak to twenty games.

Porzel, a junior shortstop, collected singles in each game to extend his career long hitting streak to 18 games.

Notre Dame now looks ahead to midweek home games against Purdue, Bowling Green, and Toledo, where the team will look to gain some important non-conference wins, and add some depth to the pitching staff.

"These midweek games go a long way toward an at large bid for the NCAA tournament," Mainieri said. "And are important for improving the depth of our staff."

Freshman Matt Laird will get the start on Tuesday as the Irish take on Purdue in the first game of the week set.

For ticket information contact the Saint Mary's College Box Office at 284-4626.
Golf

Irish take seventh at Marshall Invite

Special to The Observer

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.
The Notre Dame men's golf team moved up three spots in the standings and ended up just two strokes out of fifth, with a seventh-place finish at the 20-team Marshall Invitational following Saturday's final round of action at the par-71, 6,446-yard Guyan Golf and Country Club.

Senior Todd Vernon posted his third straight 75 for a 225 total. Juniors Alex Kent and Adam Anderson rounded out the Irish contingent. Notre Dame matched its second-round score by closing with another 299 for an 892 total, just two strokes behind Ohio State and Ohio University.

Michigan held off Miami of Ohio for the team title while Iowa's Matt Stutzman finished atop the individual standings at 214, with four players finishing tied for second at 217.

Connell has averaged 72.7 strokes per round in three career appearances at the Marshall Invitational, including a runner-up finish in 1998.

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blue shirt and a blue and gold tie, underneath a suit jacket, in the media room between the football and basketball offices in the Joyce Center, announcing a decision he thought he would never have to make.

"I wanted to play four years, have a good time and get some gear," Murphy said of his initial plans when coming to Notre Dame. He's reached the latter two goals, and then some.

Coming out of Delbarton High School in New Jersey, a prep school known more for its academics than its athletics, Murphy was considered a top 50 national prospect. He averaged over 30 points a game against relatively weak competition.

Murphy lived a life uncomromised for many Notre Dame students. He grew up in the suburbs, near New York City, in middle to upper middle class neighborhood, with two loving parents. Murphy wasn't caught up in the crazy world of big-time high school and AAU basketball, where players are looked upon as commodities by coaches and agents. In fact, he considers his AAU coach, Tony Sagana, a friend and confidant who helped him make his decision to bypass the NBA draft.

He was projected as a solid first round prospect, a player that might be able to start at Notre Dame. But after leaving the Big East in rebounding as a freshman, suddenly everything changed for Murphy. In the full, a reporter asked Murphy what his plans were for after his sophomore year. Thus began the speculation. Never mind that Murphy hadn't even thought about leaving Notre Dame early for the NBA.

Murphy was asked if he would have considered entering the NBA if there was no speculation, no constant questioning.

"Probably not," Murphy responded.

Yet after each ensuing game, some reporter would ask whether or not he'd be saying. The Internet was full of talk about the Murphy saga. As the season progressed, the NBA question even overshadowed the team's accomplishments at times.

Murphy could probably hear the Clash's "Should I Stay or Should I Go?" ringing in his head every time he entered a press conference.

Such is life in this sports-crazed society where a 19-year-old's decision is front-page news.

A week ago versus Notre Dame, a student wrote on an Internet message board that campus opinion had shifted to where most people thought Murphy would leave when the message was posted, several people looked at this kid as having some "inside" information.

The question was, did Murphy have any clue whether Murphy would turn pro or return for his junior year? Not me, not anyone on campus, not even Murphy himself.

But that didn't stop people from calling his dorm room every day, asking Murphy about his plans. It didn't disrupt the popular sports related topic on campus from being the Murphy Chronicles.

"The media, the Internet, drives (that speculation) and all of a sudden you're a commodity," Doherty said. "Agents are calling, players are looking for a very good and may not be good at all. I just think it's bad for the whole business.

"I was always in tune with the time, with the popular culture. I knew Murphy was going to turn pro, but I was surprised he was going to turn pro. And the reaction was huge. And what will happen when the reaction is huge?"

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MEN’S LACROSSE
Irish finish undefeated in league play with close win

By STEVE KEPPLE
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men’s lacrosse team completed an undefeated season in the Great Western Lacrosse League on Saturday by defeating a tough Butler team 12-11. The Irish have now won or shared the GWLL title in nine of head coach Kevin Corrigan’s 12 seasons.

The fourteenth ranked Irish established an early lead against the Bulldogs by scoring three quick goals in the first ten minutes of play. Sophomore Devin Ryan put the Irish on the board first and Brian Chirch and Steve Bishko each followed with goals of their own.

It looked as though Notre Dame was going to run away with this one much like in the previous contest against Ohio State. But the Bulldogs battled back and kept it close with goals from Chris Vanchur and Doug Patterson before the period was over.

The Irish, who controlled the ball for most of the second quarter, once again made a run of three goals to go ahead 7-3 before the half. The quarter was highlighted by the play of both Jon Harvey and Tom Glazel who each scored twice. Glazel, last week’s player of the week, led the team in scoring for the second straight game with three goals and two assists. Glazel’s three goals now put him only seven behind last year’s total of 26 with four games still left to play.

Notre Dame, who never trailed in the game, held a commanding 10-6 lead with just under eleven minutes left to play after a David Ulrich goal. Instead of conceding defeat, Butler went on a tear to tie the game 10-10 with five minutes left. This Butler run was led by their top scorer, Mike Regan, who netted two goals during the spurt. Regan, who was unsinkable at times, led all scorers on the day with four goals and two assists.

The Irish were not about to let this one slip away and rallied back as Stedman Okey and Jon Harvey scored two goals in the next two minutes. With little time remaining, it appeared as though the Irish would walk away with yet another GWLL win — but not before Mike Regan brought the Bulldogs back within one with 18 seconds left on the clock.

Following Regan’s goal, Butler got the ball back on the ensuing face-off after Notre Dame committed a procedure penalty that gave the Bulldogs one last chance to tie it up.

Ryan Ward from Butler ended up with the ball with eight seconds in play and fired a shot that was blocked by Kirk Howell that saved the game for the Irish.

Notre Dame is now 5-2 and looking to improve each week as they prepare for the NCAA tournament. The Irish will next take on the Army Cadets.

WOMEN’S TENNIS
Belles make clean sweep of opponents

By KATIE MCVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Saint Mary’s tennis team made a clean sweep this weekend, defeating Alma College and Tri-State College Saturday, 9-0.

Saint Mary’s faced Alma at the Notre Dame tennis facility. Forced to play inside due to inclement weather, Alma was a conference match and had given Saint Mary’s a challenge last year. Coach Dee Stevenson began her regular line-up.

“We were expecting them to be a challenge,” Knish said. “They were a conference team and they had given us trouble last year.”

The much-anticipated start of the first doubles match was well underway, with the Belles’ doubles teams of Cooke and Kremmer, and Victoria Cox and Elisa Ryan also scoring points for the Belles.

The second game of the day proved to be very exciting. Surrounded by families and fans, the Belles faced off against Tri-State Stevenson took the opportunity to start a different line-up.

Maria Dziekan and Angie Sander went to three sets in their singles matches. Both came up with victories.

Sander, who played No. 3 singles, went immediately from her intense singles match to another intense doubles match. Teamed up with Dziekan, Sander faced another tough match, winning the match 8-6.

“It was really great competition,” Dziekan said. “We played hard for about four hours straight.”

The Belles went undefeated again, taking the match 9-0. Jones, Mollan, Elisabeth Speth, and Cox won the four other singles matches, and the doubles teams of Jones and Mollan and Sarah Brablar and Leslie Ortiz finished the 9-0 victory.

The team attributes a lot of their victory to confidence coming into the match and to their fans.

“We came out there and we didn’t waste any time,” Jones said. “We had so much support from our fans,” Dziekan added. “It was a long day, playing from 8 to 8. The support was an immense strength and the love and care of the fans really pulled us through.”

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The tandem of senior Sarah Scaringe and Katie Cunha added a point with a win at No. 3 doubles. William and Mary saved face with defeat of Green and Zalinski at No. 2 doubles.

The win was a crucial one for the Notre Dame women as they look forward to greener pastures that lie ahead. The squad's high level of play of late has left many excited about their chances of making a run in the forthcoming NCAA Championships.

The road to those same championships resumes right away as the Irish return home to battle the Hoosiers of Indiana on Tuesday.

The Irish will be looking to capture their fifth consecutive win over their state rivals, who are off to a solid 10-7 start. Indiana is led by junior Jessica Anderson, a tremendous singles player who has amassed a sound 20-9 record on the current campaign. Kelly Blanch will take to the court at No. 2 singles and will likely provide Becky Varnum with a stern test.

While Indiana does boast some solid singles talent, they are indeed top heavy. Notre Dame will no doubt sport the deeper singles arsenal and should have an edge as the singles matches progress. Indiana's top doubles tandem is a pairing of its top two singles players. The coupling of Anderson and Blanch is ranked 32nd nationally.

While the Hoosiers have dropped their last four meetings with the Irish, they lead the all-time series by a count of 9-4.

Notre Dame tennis star Michelle Deso lost her singles match, but came out on top in doubles, as the Irish beat William and Mary 6-3. Notre Dame is ranked No. 14 in the nation.
Irish end losing streak with 13-10 win over Eagles

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

The women’s laxers ended a rigorous week of road trips victorious, finishing 1-1 for the weekend. The Irish rise to 4-6, after a loss to Connecticut on Saturday and a win at Boston College on Sunday.

The win against Boston College ended a losing streak which stretched to six games with the defeat by Connecticut. Boston College dropped to 4-6 on the season. Seven different players scored for the Irish against the Eagles to bring the final score to 13-10 in favor of the Irish.

For the duration of the six-game slide, the Irish averaged six goals per game, but they scored four goals in the first six minutes against the Eagles to take an early lead. Danielle Dixon countered with two of her own to make the score 6-4. Irish tri-captain and leading scorer Lael O’Shaughnessy, and midfielder Mauren Doyle each scored to end the first half at 8-7.

Co-captain Kathryn Perrella and Moser kept the Irish lead at 12-9, matching the Eagles’ two scores to open the second half. Boston College still wasn’t ready to give up as the Eagles’ leading scorer Emily Ryan scored her fourth goal of the game to bring the tally to 12-10 with 10 minutes remaining in the half.

The determined Irish defense countered the Eagles’ attack, holding the home team scoreless for the remainder of the contest. Doyle had the last word for the visitors, scoring once more as the clock ticked down.

Perrella led the Irish in assists, totaling three, while O’Shaughnessy added two. Dixon and Boyle also assisted on goals for the Irish.

The freshmen continued to dominate the Irish offense. Dixon, Riley, Shaerer, and Kelly McDermott have combined to score 31 of the team’s 83 goals, and 51 of the team’s total of 121 points thus far this season.

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Murphy passes up NBA draft to stay at Notre Dame

♦ Decision results from love for Notre Dame, teammates

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

Troy Murphy picked friends over fortune Friday and announced his decision to another year at Notre Dame with his teammates rather than pursue the riches that go with being an NBA lottery draft pick.

"In the end, it came down to that there are things that you just can't trade in for," Murphy said in a press conference Friday. The experiences I have here at Notre Dame, the experiences I have with my teammates, are things that you can't trade in for, for anything realy.

After Notre Dame's season ended March 30, the sophomore All-American explored his options with the help of his parents, head coach Matt Doherty, his All coach Tony Sunga, his teammates and NBA players such as Michael Jordan. Draft experts predicted Murphy would be picked between eighth and 15th in the NBA draft, guaranteeing him a multi-million dollar contract.

In addition to the 23 points and 10 rebounds per game that Murphy brings to the table, his All-American worth was considering making himself eligible for the NBA draft following the school year.

Troy Murphy awoke on Friday and said I want to go to the dry cleaners. Murphy said at Friday's press conference announcing he'll be returning for his junior season. "They said 'no you don't.' So Murphy searched everywhere for a shirt to wear. Finally getting back in his car, he found a blue button-down shirt crumpled in a ball in the back of his Jeep Cherokee. What was he to do?

Murphy and a friend had an idea. They were shopping at a local store when they saw a home-dry cleaning kit. "All of a sudden I was buying it," Murphy said. "I would hate to ask my dorm and here I am." Sounds like something a college sophomore would do. But there he was, with a shirt to wear.

Sophomore forward Troy Murphy announces his decision to remain at Notre Dame for his junior season as head coach Matt Doherty looks on. The All-American was considering making himself eligible for the NBA draft following the school year.

Women's Tennis

No. 14 Irish knock off 16th-ranked William and Mary

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

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SPORTS

For the love of the game

Designated hitter Ken Meyer hit 3-for-3 for the Irish in Notre Dame's 12-4 victory over Boston College. page 14

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Women's Lacrosse at Duke
Thursday, 7 p.m.

Track and Field at Mt. Sac Relays (Calif.) Friday, TBA

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