Nuns struggle with challenges of age

As the median age for Holy Cross sisters rises, so do their responsibilities

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
New Writer

Technology has increased longevity, but not age awareness, according to a recent study by Jo Ann Meyer Burke, assistant professor of social work and anthropology at Saint Mary's College.

Burke recently conducted a study on how the role of Catholic nuns is expanding to include family caregivers. She researched some of the difficulties sisters face and how they deal with them while living in a community of other rapidly aging nuns.

The rising number of aging sisters with older families is an issue across the nation.

Burke said that the new generation of young adults today can learn a great deal about caregiving from the older sisters.

"We have a large number of retired sisters," she said. "It goes, at least as I think about it, an interesting position for both older sisters and young women on campus to learn about how we're going to live longer."

The median age for sisters is more than 65 — much older than it was 30 years ago. Very few sisters are younger than 50 and the average age of caregivers is 41 to 77.

Burke interviewed 46 Catholic sisters from 11 non-cloistered religious institutes for her research.

Burke came up with three major conclusions of why sisters might struggle with caregiving:

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Faculty Assembly to review study days proposal next fall

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY
Associate News Editor

A proposal to implement study days at Saint Mary's will not be reviewed by the Faculty Assembly until the fall, when the 2000-2001 school year begins, said Angie Little, former Saint Mary's student body vice president.

Little updated the Saint Mary's Board of Governance on the progress of the proposal at Tuesday's meeting. It was first suggested in 1998, during Nancy Midden's vice-presidential term.

Since then, Midden and Little worked with the rough draft to transform it into a more solid proposal.

After cobbling together the proposal, the pair sent it to the Committee on Student Affairs, which sent it to the Faculty Assembly.

"We've taken the proposal to the Faculty Assembly and they have a meeting on April 19," Little said. "However, professor Mary Ann Merriman, who is leading the Faculty Assembly this year, said they are debating an issue that will dominate their discussion and so they will not be able to discuss the study day proposal.

Merriman said the proposal will be placed on the Faculty Assembly's docket for its first meeting in the fall, according to Little. Little also encouraged BOG to continue working on its implementation.

"There has been a lot of hard work put into this proposal," she said. "The ball is rolling and the administration is excited about it."

After the Faculty Assembly looks at the proposal, it would go on to the committee on academic standards and finally the committee on academic affairs, chaired by President Dr. Eldred and Dr. Ristau, vice president and dean of faculty.

"Now the proposal is in your hands and I encourage you to continue to push for it."

In other BOG news:

- Residence Hall Association elections will be held Thursday in the Noble Family Dining Hall from 7:30-9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m.

- Student Activities Board is sponsoring "Who Wants to Win $100" in the LeMieux Hall lobby today at 7 p.m.

- The "Take Back the Night" march will be today beginning at 6:45 p.m. outside LeMieux Hall.

- SMC Total will be held on April 27.

ND grad receives Pulitzer

By KIFLIN TURNER
New Writer

1994 Notre Dame alumnus George Dohrmann was honored Monday with the Pulitzer Prize for his beat reporting and investigation of academic fraud within the University of Minnesota's basketball tournament.

As a result of his reporting, many university officials lost their jobs.

"I have a hard time feeling sympathy for a coach who cheats, or feeling sympathy for a coach who cheats, or an administrator who covers up, or consoles, or facilitates this," Dohrmann said.

Dohrmann began reporting on the case in March 1999.

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As Luck Would Have It. I have realized over time that a certain law applies to me, some call it Murphy's law and some call it fate. Whatever it is, it has tripped me up on countless occasions.

Being Irish and a Notre Dame student, I must admit that I have many things to be grateful for, and I have been on the receiving end of "the luck of the Irish" many times. However, there are some occasions when I haven't had much good luck. These are the times I learned some critical lessons.

Always accept the first date to the prom or a dance because luck would have it, the prospects may only get worse. Just believe me on this one. I didn't have a prom date until the week before. I got lucky, but it did end up working out okay, it just caused me a lot of unneeded stress.

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ND Latino Institute presents documentary

Special to The Observer

"The Forgotten Americans," a one-hour documentary film about the "colonia" children of Texas, will be shown at 4 p.m. Thursday in 141 Bell Polytechnic at Notre Dame.

Presented by Notre Dame's Institute for Latino Studies, the free public screening will be followed by a discussion with Jaime Chahin, associate professor and dean of applied arts at Southwest Texas State University and director of the Las Colonias Project that produced the documentary.

"Colonia" is a Spanish term for neighborhood or community, and in Texas it refers specifically to unincorporated settlements that often lack basic water and sewer systems, paved roads and safe and sanitary housing.

"The Forgotten Americans" was produced to create public awareness and to educate and inform communities and public policymakers about the living conditions of children and families residing in the colonias along the U.S.-Mexican border.

Directed by award-winning documentarian Hector Galun, the film is narrated by Henry Cisneros, former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, former mayor of San Antonio, and now president and chief operating officer of Unvision Communications, Inc.

Notre Dame is one of nine sites on the film's world premiere tour, which began March 17 at the Smithsonian Institute.

CORRECTION

In the Scene section of Monday's Observer it was erroneously reported that Saint Mary's alumnae Adriana Trigliani will hold a book signing and discussion at the Haggar College Center. Trigliani's session will take place at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore on Saturday, April 15 at 2 p.m. A reception will follow at 4 p.m. at the Haggar College Center.

MIT dorm fire hospitalizes 1

Firefighters combat a blaze that struck the fourth floor of an MIT dormitory Monday night. One student was seriously injured in the fire and seven MIT patrons suffered from smoke inhalation.

Compiled from wire services

A 19-year-old sophomore student remains in critical condition with burns over 65 percent of her body as a result of Monday night's dorm fire at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Police have been unable to determine the cause of the fire, but they said that the fire started outside of the sophomore student's single-occupancy room on the fourth floor of Random House dormitory in Cambridge.

MIT spokesman Ken Campbell told Boston Globe reporters that authorities were investigating whether the woman's injuries were self-inflicted.

The fire occurred around 9:15 p.m. and the student was brought to Massachusetts General Hospital shortly after the MIT patrons arrived and found the student engulfed in flames.

"They were trying to save her, as I understand it," said Campbell.

Cambridge Deputy Fire Chief Thomas Stack said there were floor burns in "the center of the room, but I didn't see or smell anything out of the ordinary — books, a stereo, computer ...

Seven MIT patrons were temporarily hospitalized for smoke inhalation.

The dorm's 93 undergraduates, three graduate students, and housemasters were forced to evacuate for many hours and all but the fourth floor residents were permitted to return once fire fighters extinguished the flames.

Students on the fourth floor returned to their rooms at 2 a.m.

Residents of the dorm said that they did not know the cause of the fire, but that they heard the smoke alarms.

ND Food Services honored

Special to The Observer

Two Notre Dame Food Services apprentices were members of a five-person team that won first place in an Indiana culinary competition sponsored by the South Bend Chefs and Cooks Association. The team went on to finish second in the Midwesterners regional event.

Sanctioned by the American Culinary Federation, the competition was based on cooking skills and the timed preparation of a four-course meal.

Laura Strunk, third-year apprentice in Notre Dame Food Services, and April Lower, a first-year apprentice advanced with the South Bend Culinary Apprentice team to a regional competition March 31 in Kansas City, Mo., where they represented Indiana against teams from other Midwesterners states.

The teams were assessed in three areas: skill, cooking and taste. Despite losing to Laura Pierce of Schuler's Restaurant in Stevensville, Mich., to a finger cut, the South Bend team won the silver medal.

Other team members included Jeffrey Hoff of Saint Mary's College and Matthew Evans of the Morris Park Country Club. The team was managed by Donald Miller, executive chef of the Morris Inn at Notre Dame.
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Pulitzer

Winning the Pulitzer, Dohrmann said, has changed his scope of himself and his work. "As a sports writer, you don't really ever think about the Pulitzer," he said.

Dohrmann, who majored in American Studies at Notre Dame, cites his experience at The Observer as sports editor in 1993 and 1994 as the most important part of his college career.

"Working on The Observer was my life," Dohrmann said. Dohrmann said that his many hours spent at the office were the most influential of his life. "I didn't go to class — and my parents were great — they were like 'stay off probation.'" — George Dohrmann

Pulitzer Prize winner

Dohrmann did not have an easy time breaking into newspapers. He applied for nearly 70 internships for the summer of his junior year and was rejected from each one, including one that was in his hometown in Stockton, Calif, he said.

Dohrmann went to the San Diego Union-Tribune and begged their sports writer to create a sports internship position for the summer, under the pretense that he would earn college credit. "I never got college credits, I never checked with anyone, I just told them that I would get college credit — so I worked there for free for summer," he said. In Dohrmann's senior year at Notre Dame, he interned at the South Bend Tribune and Notre Dame Magazine.

After graduation, Dohrmann interned for the L.A. Times, answering phones, making copies and running papers for two years.

Dohrmann finally got a break with the L.A. Times when he started doing sports investigative work. "The only way to get in the paper was to do investigative stories," Dohrmann said.

In August 1997, he got a sportswriting job in August 1997, for the St. Paul Pioneer Press, where he still works.

He plans to continue his work as a sports writer. This is what I like to do — I like to do sports projects, sports investigation, enterprise, and I really enjoy it, wherever I go — this is what I like to do right now," he said. "It's kind of like a niche and I figured out that it was good for me," said Dohrmann.


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SARAJEVO

Helpless to save her, NATO peacekeepers and townspeople watched from the edge of the minefield the latest casualties of the war. Alic and two other youngsters died Monday after venturing into the minefield on the outskirts of the capital, the latest casualties of the war. The presence of the minefield was well-known, but it wasn't marked off, residents said. Still, the field was not taped off. Dozens of people are killed and injured every month in explosions of some of the millions of land mines strewn across Bosnia. Minefields render large areas along the former front line unusable. Residents gathered around the minefield after the explosion Monday, followed by Italian members of the NATO-led peacekeeping force, but they could only watch the tragedy a few hundred yards away.

U.S. military retaliates to Iraqi forces

ISTANBUL

Responding to enemy fire, U.S. warplanes bombed Iraq's air defense system on Tuesday in the northern no-fly zone, a U.S. military statement said. Iraqi forces fired anti-aircraft artillery on coalition planes patrolling the zone from a site west of Bashiqah, about 250 miles north of Baghdad, according to a statement from Iraq's European Command. All allied planes left the area safely, it added. U.S. and British planes have been patrolling no-fly zones in north and south Iraq, set up in the aftermath of the 1991 Persian Gulf War to protect Kurdish and Shi'ite populations from the forces of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. Iraq, which says the zones violate its territorial integrity, has challenged allied planes in the areas since December of 1998.

Judge sentences Crips gang members to death

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.

Two men convicted of the gang initiation murders of two women whom they selected randomly for execution on Tuesday were convicted of a murder-for-hire ring. Neither Tirado nor Queen displayed any emotion when the sentences were read. They were convicted last week of first-degree murder, kidnapping and attempted murder. The first of nine co-defendants to be tried in the case, Tirado and Queen repeatedly abduced and killed Tracy Lambert, 19, and Susan Moore, 25, in Linden on Aug. 17, 1998, as part of an initiation into the Crips gang. The killings were carried out with bullets painted the Crips-signature blue. A third woman, Debra Chesnavorough, 42, was shot seven times, but survived and testified against Tirado and Queen.

Columbian President seeks U.S. aid

WASHINGTON

Colombian President Andres Pastrana, appealing for swift congression al approval of a two-year, $1.6 billion counterdrug package, said Tuesday that delays will only hamper efforts to stop "tons and tons" of Colombian-produced cocaine from entering the United States.

"The sooner we get the aid, the sooner we are going to these (drug-producing) areas not only to fight the drug lords and narco involved in the business but also to start promoting alternative development," he said.

Dramatic increases in eradication efforts have been more than offset by a 50 percent increase in coca cultivation over the past two years, according to congressional investigators. Officials say 80 percent of cocaine entering the United States comes from Colombia or is transported through it. And, they say, Colombia is the source of most heroin consumed by Americans.

President Clinton presented the aid request as an emergency supplemental bill in January, and the House approved it last month by a lopsided margin. But Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., whom with Pastrana will meet Wednesday, has said he does not believe the measure warrants emergency consideration.

Lott told reporters Tuesday he supports the aid money for Colombia but was concerned about adding to the package unrelated to Colombia that were increasing the price tag.

"I want him (Pastrana) to get this money — but I have a higher obligation to the taxpayers of America. I have to do what I can to control the growth of spending," he said.

Predicting the money will be approved, Lott said the wait will be not much longer than if it had gone through the emergency process.

Colombia is not getting rich off the drug trade. Pastrana said in the interview, arguing that much of the $500 billion it generates each year winds up in the United States, with very little staying in his country.

But, he said, Colombia has made a sacrifice in combating the drug trade investing $1.3 billion annually to curb U.S.-bound flows of cocaine and heroin.
Nuns

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Some sisters are allowed the opportunity to live with their aging parents while still working on their mission, but for many that is not possible. Caregivers who had to commute to take care of parents, without transportation, experienced much stress. In many Catholic institutes, caring for their own frail, elderly members was a primary consideration, but Burke said that it is hard for many communities to meet the demands of so many elders. Sister Margie Jones, a member of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, brought her mother to come live with her for six years. At the time Jones was 64 and her mother was 89.

Young people need to realize the extent of ageism and how longevity is increasing, said Jones. "It's as oppressive as racism, classism and sexism," Burke said. "By the time you are 30, you are going to encounter ageism."

Burke feels society is too focused on age. Women, especially, have a tendency to feel the psychological effects of growing older. "The more we can interact between generations, the more understanding we'll have of the elderly," Burke said. "I think for a liberal educated woman coming out of Saint Mary's College, we need to think about dealing with elderly and extended life spans — how is every aspect of our lives going to deal with it?"

Originally, Jones thought about taking a leave of absence and considering going to live with her mother up in Minnesota, but decided against it. "What would I have done up there?" Jones asked. "Although her mother was still able to drive and get around with little help from others, Jones worried about her. "She had been living in her apartment on the third floor with no elevator and was having difficulty getting groceries up the stairs," Jones said. "So, I suggested she come to South Bend and live with me."

She said that the community helped provide whatever they needed. They paid half of everything and furnished me with a car." Sister Margie Jones

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Bush unveils tax credit and health care plan for poor

Associated Press
Cleveland

Continuing his outreach to independent and moderate Democratic voters, Republican George W. Bush on Tuesday rolled out a five-year, $42 billion plan to help the working poor move up into the middle class.

The biggest share of money, $35 billion, would be used for tax credits to help people who don't get health insurance from their employers but earn too much to qualify for government programs like Medicaid. They could use the credits to gain access to basic private health care plans.

An additional $5 billion would be used to provide health care through medical savings accounts.

While announcing his newest proposal for the poor, Bush was criticized for the lack of progress on health care at home in Texas, where he is in his second term as governor and where up to one-fourth of the population lacks health insurance.

"Our economy must also honor and reward the hard work of factory and field, of waiting tables and driving cabs — not just enterprise, but sheer effort, not just technology, but toll," he said.

His Democratic opponent, Vice President Al Gore, immediately pounced on the proposal.

"Perhaps Bush calls this proposal his New Prosperity Initiative because fixing health care, affordable housing and lifting people out of poverty are all new to him, since he has failed to address these issues in Texas," said a campaign statement.

On health care, some 1.4 million of the nearly 11 million children nationwide without health insurance are Texans. Only Arizona has a worse rate.

From 1996 to 1999, 193,400 Texas children, or 14.2 percent, were dropped from Medicaid, according to a report by Families USA, a Washington-based nonprofit group that supports affordable health and long-term care for all Americans.

About 25 percent of the state's overall population is uninsured.

State officials counter that about 500,000 of the children who lack insurance will be eligible for the federal-state Children's Health Insurance Program beginning this spring.

Bush's initiative includes:

- A tax credit of up to $2,000 per family to cover 90 percent of health insurance costs. Also, permission for employers to roll over $5,000 in Flexible Savings Accounts from one year in the next, and to expand and make permanent Medical Savings Accounts, which are tax-free accounts for catastrophic health care expenses.

- Support for legislation that would allow local public housing authorities to provide Section 8 rentals — those who receive a government subsidy to pay market rents — up to a year's worth of vouchers in a lump sum to finance the down payment and closing costs on a house. Other low-income renters would be helped with an "American Dream Down Payment Program, " Bush said.

- Build personal savings by supporting legislation that encourages Individual Development Accounts, or matched-savings accounts.

- Previously announced tax changes, including lowering the bottom tax bracket from 15 percent to 10 percent and doubling the per-child tax credit from $500 to $1,000.

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Gore spends day at Ohio middle school

Presidential candidate discusses proficiency tests

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — In the middle of a day full of smiles and upbeat talk, Al Gore walked into a controversy over state-mandated testing — on Tuesday.

There was plenty of time for chatting at lunch with his Avondale Elementary schoolmate-for-a-day, 9-year-old Beca Rawlins. They talked about pets, jokes and food, she said, and she promised to tell her mom to vote for him because he's "good to say about the state." He praised the end of the "days of turning away the students with disabilities at the schoolhouse door." But, she said, research on teachers suggests that students might not find a qualified educator waiting for them. Just 330,000 of the nation's 2.5 million teaching force are specially hired to teach special education students. In 1994-97, 9 percent of them were improperly certified to teach those classes.

Among general teachers, preparedness is worse. Four out of five teachers who need to have special education certificates, though nearly half of states require some coursework in special education, said graduates there usually go on to teach in special education classrooms. However, they are trained to teach special education students in regular classrooms, they said.

"District administrations are seeing the value of this as a way of educating future teachers," said a "We can't gradu- ate them fast enough." The 1997 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, which gives states money to help end discrimination, was a student.

Paula Gardner, an associate professor at California State University, Sacramento, which combines special education and regular education training, challenges the idea: "You have to make sure there's a balanced attitude toward tests, that you have a good test that's appropriate for the kids and isn't destructive but is constructive," Al Gore, presidential candidate.

"When you're looking at making the general teaching population more effective, you need to have that be a basic part of the training," she said. That training includes persuading more teacher candidates to be chosen working with special education children, said A i d H e u m a n n, whose wheel chair kept her out of classrooms when she was a student.

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Police bust European passport ring

Police have uncovered a crime ring whose members sold bogus passports and offered diplomatic privileges from a nonexistent country, authorities said Tuesday.

More than 60 people used an Internet page to advertise passports from Sealand — described on the Web as a principality based on an abandoned military platform off the coast of England, authorities said.

The passports went for $5,780, said Civil Guard spokesman Fernando Jimenez. The group claims on its Web site to have sold 160,000 of them since September 1998.

A 48-year-old Spaniard, Francisco Trujillo Ruiz — who called himself Sealand’s ruler — is the only person arrested so far. But officials have raided the ring’s Madrid headquarters and authorities do not rule out further arrests, Jimenez said.

Spain’s Civil Guard has requested cooperation from police in other countries to track down the rest of the group members. No arrests warrants have been issued.

Spanish police started investigating in November when a man detained in a fraud case claimed diplomatic immunity with a Sealand passport.

The members of the ring have criminal records for drug trafficking and fraud, and some drove around Spain in cars with purported diplomatic license plates from Sealand, Jimenez said.

He noted that among the people known to have held Sealand passports was suspected serial killer Andrew Cunanan, who shot and killed fashion designer Gianni Versace.
As many of you already know, it is virtually impossible to flip through the channels and not see something regarding the Elián González case. News broadcasters have caved out in front of his Miami home interviewing neighbors, family friends, legal experts; even the fishermen who rescued Elián. Everyone has something to say. What I think is most profound is the fact that there is one person, with nothing to say: his mother. This woman died in the ocean while trying to give her own son what she believed to be a better life.

Every now and then we hear of immigrants, sailing on rafts made of things unheard of, let alone buoys. We shake our heads and usually give little thought to what it is they are sailing from. What are they sailing to? I cannot imagine living in a place where I cannot speak freely about the government. Think about how many Bill Clinton jokes you have heard in the last three years? Now, think about someone being killed for laughing at a joke about your leader. In some parts of the world, this happens everyday. It is fascinating to think that I live in this world where I can receive a free education up to high school. I can apply for financial aid if I need to and someone else pays for my college degree. I could always find a job if I wanted one. Could I still get paid. If I were unemployed, I could get money from the government to live off of until I found another job. If I wanted to visit another country, I do not think President Clinton would stand in my way. I could create a magazine and give my political opinions supporting or condemning government officials who were elected. I can do all of that because I am free. But, it could have been a lot worse. That could have been my mum floating on that raft as I clung to an inmertube floating to a country 90 miles away.

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Administrators must take rape cases more seriously

First of all, I would like to thank Professor Manier for writing the letter. Students must be expelled, swiftly (April 4). I agree with him 100 percent. Rape happens, and it happens at Notre Dame. Someone might say that "ignorance is bliss"; however, in cases of sexual assault, ignorance is dangerous.

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No question about it — rape is a terrible thing. It is a violation of personal bound­ary, it demeans both victim and perpet­rator. I speak from my own personal experience when I state that it takes many years to work through the trauma of rape and gain or regain sexual self-esteem.

I still have my "bad" days when hearing drinking stories from my friends, having to read Observer articles about a baseball hero, who is my rapist, or trying to achieve a "near impossible GPA" to get into the department of my major, which all serve as constant reminders of that night. I have faced with the reality of losing something that I had held sacred. My self-esteem and self worth were gone. The shame and guilt, too strong.

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Irish dancers ‘step’ into South Bend

By ANDREW MCDONNELL

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**Lorraine:** Oh sure. There are times when I just want to go home. I just wanna go home. But then I think of the money. Ha!

**Scene:** What's the hardest part of it?

**Lorcan:** Boredom. Boredom and contract negotiations.

**Lorraine:** There's only so much you can do in every city when you're purely a visitor.

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**Lorcan:** A lot of people are turning to books. Scene: No!

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It is a play about silence. This may seem like an ironic description of a drama full of challenging dialogues and unforgettable lines. Yet, the central issues of Timbalek’s Wertenbaker’s “The Love of the Nightingale” are the conflicts between the powerful and the oppressed, between the faith­ful and the faithless, and between speech and silence. Not only does Diana Television and Theatre (FTT) send an unforgettable look at the silencing of women in its latest main­stage production running this week at Washington Hall. “The Love of the Nightingale” is a tale of the Greek myth of Philomele, a young and beautiful Athenian princess who is attacked by her stepbrother Tereus. Procne returns with Tereus to Thessaly after aiding the Athenians in their war for independence. Tereus asks for King Pandean’s daughter, Procne, in marriage. At her parents’ bidding, Procne returns with Tereus to Thessaly. After Procne grows unhappy, yearning for her sister and her homeland and asks to return to Athens and to return with masks that may never have done before. “Nightingale’s” talented cast is “a nice mix ranging from freshmen to seniors,” said Bain. First year student Tara Murphy balances Philomele’s youthful optimism and wisdom. Brad Charron is an imposing and powerful Tereus. The two are joined by the strong and graceful Procne (Louise Edwards) and the weathered nurse. Nelle Hannah Boufield. The rest of the cast is equally polished, switching easily between the different roles demanded by the complex action. “The Love of the Nightingale” is not only a moving and thought­provoking drama, but a theatrical masterpiece as well. The stage consists of billowy curtains and a central scenic unit, which revolves to create different settings. Simple white dress is used as the base for costumes which evoke the play’s ancient roots, including elaborate cloaks for the Feast of Bacchus. The story’s action is fittingly accompanied by music reminiscent of Greek flutes and drums — haunting and unsettling during pivotal moments, lively and energetic during the dance scenes. The lighting is also effective in changing mood, shifting from a peaceful blue to a violent red. It is this theatrical quality that makes the FTT’s production unique. “Wertenbaker’s script is actually very short,” said Bain. “She leaves much up to the visualization of the scenes. We are taking a ritualistic approach to the play, since Wertenbaker was obviously influenced by Greek drama, but there is a modern aspect to the play as well.” Bain’s role in “The Love of the Nightingale” is significant, as this play marks his final directing assignment at Notre Dame. Since he began teaching and directing in 1964, Bain has directed and acted in more productions than anyone else in the history of Notre Dame Theatre. It is evident that his presence and expertise will be greatly missed, although Bain himself is modest about the significance of this last assignment. “I chose ["The Love of the Nightingale"] simply because I could not put it down when I read it. It is a powerful and moving story.”

Dogs and cats can be famous just like people, only it never goes to their heads. They are wonderful, fluffy little and big creatures. It is easy to like them because we feel we are superior to them — the same way that God probably feels about us. We are like God’s pets. And earth is his petting zoo. Depending on how cute our soul is, God may teach us or be taught by us. I like to picture myself trying to explain things in my room to a dog. “He’s a real gut wrenching, “I chose ("The Love of the Nightingale") because he is a family member. Does God have a list of famous humans, like we now have a list of famous cats and dogs? I don’t know, but the reasons he likes us are probably much bigger. Too hee.
**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

**Martiinez, Red Sox crush Twins in home opener**

Associated Press

**BOSTON**

The 100th home opener in Boston in the majors' first two years of the 2000s

Behind the pitching of his brother, Ramon, and the power of Carl Crawford, the Minnesota Twins 13-4 Tuesday.

"It's important to show our support," said Everett, who homered from each side of the plate in the seventh inning to give the Red Sox a 5-2 lead in the third. It was the first hit of the season for Everett, who had struggled at the plate and has lost the starting job to New York's Alex Rodriguez.

"I don't think it's going to happen," said Everett, who was out of baseball last year and made the Dodgers in the fourth game.

Red Sox right fielder Trot Nixon hit a two-run single, and Mirabelli's homer off reliever Ryan in the seventh, and Mirabelli's homer off reliever Terry Adams pulled the Sox to 5-4 in the bottom half.

**Indiana Indians, 5; Cleveland Indians, 4**

Charles Nagy allowed four hits in six inning and two runs in his sixth victory as the Cleveland Indians defeated the Oakland Athletics 5-1 on Tuesday night for their fifth straight victory.

Nagy (1-1) struck out three and did not allow an Oakland baserunner past second with the exception of Jason Giambi's fourth homer.

Geronimo Berroa had an RBI single off Alan Embree in the seventh, and Mirabelli's homer off Terry Adams pulled the Giants to 5-4 in the bottom half.

**Detroit Tigers, 5; Minnesota Twins, 4**

Tigers starter Travis Fryman walked to open the ninth inning to give Detroit a 1-0 lead. The Tigers scored two more in the ninth to win 5-2.

Fryman, who appeared headed for his second straight early exit, struggled with his control as he allowed four runs and five hits in seven innings.

Nagy improved to 1-5 lifetime against the Mariners, who lost for the fourth time in five games.

Jean brought his third home run of the season against Omar Govan (1-3) on the first pitch of the third inning to give the Indians a 1-0 lead.

Elster connected from both sides of the plate for the fourth time in his career and raised his season total to four. He also doubled in the seventh.

**Seattle Mariners, 10; Colorado Rockies, 3**

Dmitri Young added four hits, including a two-run homer for the fourth in each of his first three starts.

Young's homer off Brian Benefield (0-1) helped the Reds build a 5-2 lead after three and the Twins opened the game with singles by D.T. Cromer, Chris Styans and Barry Larkin.

Boehm's biggest game came in an 8-5 loss to Brian Hunter and Mike Lansing executed a double steal and an inside-the-park hit when Larimore couldn't handle the throw to second.

Larry Walker, 3-for-4 with two RBIs, followed with a run- scoring single that cut the lead to 5-3.

**Expos 7, Pirates 3**

On the second of a pair of two-run home runs and Lee Smoak added a solo shot for the Expos.

Boehm hit a two-run shot in the third following Peter Bergeron's single and another in the seventh after Bergeron tripled in a run.

Greenberg and Virdo, the top two batters in the Expos' order combined to go 6-for-10 with two home runs, a triple, five RBIs and four runs scored while reaching base 10 times.

Smoak restored Montreal's lead at 4-2 after the Pirates tied it on Pat Burrell's solo home run in the fifth.

Stevens walked off the field after allowing seven runs and nine hits in five innings.

Vazquez (1-0) apparently wasn't bothered by a two-hour, two-minute rain delay that delayed the start until after p.m., yielding three runs — two on a fourth-inning hit and one on the ninth, when they loaded the bases with one out against B.J. Ryan's sacrifice fly put the four-run margin out of reach.

Kline, aided by double plays in both the seventh and eighth innings, finished up with his fourth save in five opportunities for the victory.

The Twins host the Pirates in the second game of a three-game series Thursday.

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NFL

Buccaneers, Jets negotiate Johnson trade deal

Associated Press

the Tampa Bay Buccaneers this week if the star receiver can agree with the team on a new contract. A source close to the negotiations told The Associated Press today the Bucs and New York Jets have agreed on a trade, contingent on Tampa Bay signing Johnson.

“it's only up to Keyshawn and his agent,” said the source, who requested anonymity. “The teams have an agreement, but the Bucs have to reach something with Keyshawn.”

If the deal goes through, New York, which has the 16th and 18th overall picks, would receive Tampa Bay's two Nos. 1s, Nos. 13 and 27, and probably one of the Bucs' starting wide receivers, Bert Emanuel or Reidel Anthony.

The Bucs would get the impact wide receiver they want for what has been a staid offense, and the Jets would have enough to perhaps trade up for the No. 1 pick with Cleveland.

Johnson, the No. 1 overall pick in 1996 and one of the NFL's top receivers, has been trying to renegotiate a contract that will average about $2 million, with incentives, for each of the next two years.

Erhu Recital by Ms. Ma Xiaohui
April 16, 2000, 6:30 pm: Jordan Auditorium
College of Business Administration, University of Notre Dame

Erhu Soloist, Ms. Ma Xiaohui, is one of the most outstanding traditional musical instrumentalists in China and the concertmaster at the Traditional Music Orchestra in Shanghai. She has performed regularly in China, Japan, Europe and the United States and recorded over 30 CDs. She won many musical awards and was the first musician to give an erhu recital at the Shanghai Spring Music Festival.

Erhu, a two-string fiddle, is an old Chinese instrument, the earliest record of which dates back to the Han Dynasty, around 500 AD.

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Hughes leads Warriors in victory over Grizzlies

Associated Press

OAKLAND

Larry Hughes scored 26 points and Jason Caffey and Mark Davis each added 25 as the Golden State Warriors beat the newly purchased Vancouver Grizzlies 109-97 Tuesday night.

The loss was the first for the Grizzlies under owner Michael Heisley, whose purchase of the team was approved unanimously earlier in the day by the NBA's Board of Governors.

Adonal Foyle added 15 points for the Warriors, who won consecutive games for the first time since late February and took the four-game season series with the Grizzlies 3-1.

Michael Dickerson scored 24 points to lead Vancouver, which kept it close until Golden State pulled away at the end, outscoring the Grizzlies 31-20 in the fourth quarter. Shareef Abdur-Rahim added 23 points and 12 rebounds and Othella Harrington had 14 points.

Down by one at the break, Golden State put together a 10-0 burst during the opening minutes of the third quarter, boosted by the efforts of Hughes, who had eight points during the outburst.

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Doherty scores big with students in Bookstore Basketball

At most universities around the country, big time college basketball has come to a close for another year. But Notre Dame is not most universities.

Bookstore basketball, the five-on-five basketball tournament in the world, tipped off for the 29th time earlier this week. In the first two days of this year's journey, the game that generated the most interest saw Shockers square off against Who's the Animal, complete with ESPN cameras rolling.

Why all the fuss over a first round game between two teams with pretty tame names, at least by Bookstore standards? Taking the floor for Shockers was Notre Dame men's basketball coach Matt Doherty, making this the second straight year that he has suited up for the tournament.

As my elementary school soccer coach used to say, he came "dressed to sweat," wearing shorts and short sleeves despite the cold temperatures.

Coach D and his team looked to get rolling early against Who's the Animal, a club comprised of five ladies decked out in silver reflective shirts and wind pants with one leg rolled up, a la L.L. Cool J.

That really raised them to their offense," said the coach, referring to his three blocked shots in the early going, with one sailing into the crowd on the sideline.

But despite the tough inside play of Doherty early, the crowd, which probably would have been a sellout if the game had not been outdoors, quickly showed they were pulling for underdog Who's the Animal.

While Shockers players jogged back down the court after a basket pushed their lead to 9-1, a Prospera bottle was thrown onto their defensive end of the floor. A laughing Doherty picked the bottle up and tossed it back to its owner under the backboard, temporarily getting the crowd behind his team.

That didn't last long, as a shot that missed everything a few possessions later at 9-1 brought back out the "air ball" chant that was heard earlier at 7-1.

That's the first time I've ever heard an "air ball" chant at an outdoor game. The biggest reactions from the spectators, including many of Doherty's players, were still to come, though.

Trying to win over the tough audience, Coach D found himself in the open floor with chance to bring them all over to the Shockers side.

A few onlookers shouted "Dunk it!" as he dribbled inside the three-point line, and it was clear that that was what he had in mind.

Unfortunately for Doherty and Shockers, the plan didn't work out quite the way he hoped, and the ball bounced off the rim. Some members of the varsity basketball squad were laughing at their coach, but he just laughed himself.

Just to be safe, though, for their sake and mine, I'm not giving out any names.

Shockers went into the half leading 11-2. Who's the Animal played tough in the second half, matching their opponents almost basket for basket in the early going.

But Shockers went on a 40 run to end the game, with Doherty avenging some earlier near-misses by rattling home a dunk. Even with all the excitement on the pavement, one of the best parts of this game came after the playing was done.

Both teams congratulated each other on a good game, and every player came away with a pretty awesome memory of their first round game in 2000.

Pictures were taken with the coach and everyone laughed with everyone else about some of the lighter moments from the past half hour.

At the end, ten players came off the court having had a great time playing a game of basketball.

Nine were students and one was a former national champion and the head coach of the NIT runners-up. It was hard to tell who was who, though, because the best player on the floor just looked happy to be there.

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Softball

Sharron pitches way to Big East conference honors

Special to The Observer

Two-time conference pitcher of the year junior Jennifer Sharron, from Agoura Hills, Calif. has been named the Big East Pitcher of the Week for her efforts in the team’s three games last week. It is the first weekly honor for Sharron this season.

Sharron went 2-0 with a save in three appearances last week, leading the Irish to a 3-0 record. Sharron allowed just two runs, while logging 19 strikeouts in 11.1 innings for a 11.98 strikeout ratio.

The Irish southpaw pitched a combined one-hitter against Villanova, allowing just one base runner and earning her second combined shutout and 10th overall of the season.

The Notre Dame softball team will be back in action this week with three home doubleheaders beginning today against non-conference foe Butler at 4 p.m.

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Men's Lacrosse

Midfielder Oakey earns player of the week honors

Senior notches two goals and two assists against Butler

Special to The Observer

Senior midfielder Stedman Oakey, from Charlottesville, Va., has been named the Great Western Lacrosse League (GWLL) Player of the Week for the first time in his career after scoring two goals and dishing off two assists in Notre Dame's 12-11 victory over Butler on April 8.

The win improved Notre Dame's record to 5-3 overall and 4-0 in the GWLL as the Irish clinched the league title with a 4-0 record in its final conference test of the season.

Oakey becomes the third Irish player to earn GWLL Player of the Week honors this season.

Junior attack Tom Glatzel, from Ellicott City, Md. and senior goalie Kirk Howell, from Nashville, Tenn. were previous award winners in 2000.

Oakey, who has started six of the eight games for the 14th-ranked Irish this season, is the team's fifth-leading scorer with four goals and six assists for 10 points.

In his three-plus seasons at Notre Dame, he has registered 25 goals and 18 assists for 43 career points.

Notre Dame travels to 17th-ranked Army Saturday, April 15 for a 1:00 p.m. matchup with the Cadets.

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That perseverance has been beneficial for Murray. Murray’s transition to the college game came even before he enrolled at Notre Dame. In high school, Murray was a three-year varsity player at tailback. After rushing for 2035 yards and 19 touchdowns as a three-year varsity player at college game came even college decision, especially and 20 scores. But there was no rush for a college decision, especially after Holtz departed. There had been a lot of kids that committed somewhere and then ended up changing their minds,” Murray said. “I didn’t want to be like that. After the season was over I took my time.”

In the end, Murray chose the Irish over Northwestern and Ohio State. With that decision came Murray’s first adjustment to college football. “I didn’t really have to block that much in high school,” Murray said. “Maybe three times a game.” But at Notre Dame, Murray knew his role would change. Instead of carrying the ball 25 times a game, he would be blocking on nearly every play. He watched the older tailbacks, Jamie Spencer and Joey Goodspeed. Though he didn’t see any playing time as a freshman, Murray believes the learning experience helped him. Following the season, he worked out with the team, trying to bulk up for the upcoming year. Then Murray suffered his first injury, a shoulder sprain during the 1998 Blue and Gold game. He missed a few months after getting the shoulder scoped but was ready once the fall began.

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Jason Murray
Irish fullback

“Those ten minutes proved to be the extent of Murray’s on-field time at Notre Dame. During last spring, Murray cracked a rib after getting hit from behind. Thus went the spring season. “With the ribs it was hard to run around,” Murray said. “It was sore, aching feeling — nothing too bad.” And then, just a few weeks into last season, Murray suffered another shoulder injury. This time, the damage to the left shoulder was more serious. Murray had reconstructive surgery, including him to miss his entire junior season. “That was difficult,” Murray said. “Anytime you miss that much time it’s tough to get back.”

But now Murray is returning for another year, hoping to see some game action. His competition at fullback includes returning starter Tom Lapienski, Mike McNair and Chris Vors, who played defensive back in 1999.

As of now, nothing is guaranteed, no promises of playing time.

“I don’t know where he’ll fall next fall as far as the depth chart,” Roberts said. “I don’t know where he’ll be at the end of the spring but I do know he’s showing improvement. That’s all you can ask for. You never know. You may see him out there.”

“We’re switching in and out of the reps,” Murray said of his progress this spring. “It’s hard to figure out who’s going to play. You’ve just got to go out there and do your best. But you never know.”

No one knows that better than Murray. As he walked off Carter Field after practice on Tuesday night, Murray spoke of a new beginning, a chance to show that he belongs on the field.

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Dasso brings unparalleled greatness to court

Greatness motivates Michelle Dasso. With winning comes inevitable greatness, and winning in all the Dasso seems to do. From high school, right on through her now-storied Irish career.

Kevin Berchou
Irish Insight

Losing is not an option. Losing would be failure, for there is no greatness in losing. Defeat would not be acceptable for the woman, who is still a junior, but is arguably the best player in the history of the women's program.

Wow, she just can't stand to lose, head coach Jay Louderback said. "In the rare event that she actually does fall, you don't want to be around her just after it. It's not pleasant."

Dasso agreed with her coach. "I hate to lose," she said. "I just love winning. It's so much, that I have to work so hard. And this versatility has made the captain all the more valuable."

As a sophomore she continued to reap the accolades. After finishing the year with a top 20 ranking, Dasso was an All-American. Dasso was great. Already a strong singles player when she arrived on campus, Dasso has worked herself to doubles prowess as well. And this versatility has made the captain all the more valuable.

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"If I'm not playing, I feel like I'm losing," Louderback said. "That's just my game."

When Louderback signed Dasso out of Stevenson High School, in Long Grove, Ill., he knew he was getting a player. Little did he know of Michelle Dasso's iron will.

"I was concerned at first," Louderback admitted. "She's not a real big kid. There was some concern about her power, and whether or not she could really be a go-to player."

Dasso proved to be a force to be reckoned with. After entering the season unrated, she skyrocketed to No. 16 in the country. The highest rank ever achieved by a Notre Dame woman.

Dasso had become the go-to player already, and posted an astonishing 24-3 singles record in dual match play. Such success is rare for a first-year player. Many freshmen are brought along slowly, as they are thought not to be sufficiently prepared for the pressures that come with playing No. 1. Singles. Dasso was prepared, to play well under pressure to achieve greatness.

"It's draining both mentally and physically," Dasso said. "But it's all worth it when we come out on top."

"It's a ton of pressure to play No. 1 singles as a freshman," Louderback said. "But I think she thrives on it. She knows every match will be tough and she approaches it with that attitude."

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"I think to myself that if I lose, I'm just not going to be able to handle it," Dasso said. "I was concerned at first, but I really wanted to get back out there and compete."

As frustrating as that layoff was, Dasso did not let it dampen her spirits. She has returned with a flourish, and is back in familiar territory with a top 20 national ranking. Another burgeoning season is belo,

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**SPORTS**

**BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXIX**

**Shocker, Keyplay.com take control of basketball courts**

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN  Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame men's basketball coach Matt Doherty would cringe if his Fighting Irish players copied his Bookstore Basketball moves.

Doherty missed four dunks, dared opponents to go for steals by dribbling between his legs and talked a little trash. But he also hit some three-pointers and blocked a few shots, while his 29th-ranked Shocker squad faced no threat of losing, as it defeated Who's the Animal?, an all-girls team from Lewin Hall, 21-4.

"It's my house, and they've got to wipe their feet before they come into my house. You've got to talk a little trash," Doherty said before praising the girls' play. "I think the girls that we played are right up there with UConn, St. John's, Syracuse, Seton Hall."

Who's the Animal? won the prize for most eye-catching uniforms, donning sparkly silver vests and headbands with blue and gold warm-up pants. But Shocker easily advanced to the second round of the tournament. The team scored early and often with no-look assists and a cross-court lob to the second round of the tournament.

"There's not a whole lot of game plan in a game like this," said Doherty, who prevented all attempts. "I may have got my shot blocked," sophomore Liz Halligan said. "But it was an experience and it was fun. It's part of the Notre Dame tradition."

Relative Attraction continued another Bookstore Basketball tradition of dressing in outrageous costumes and entertaining the crowd with its shocking behavior.

The 6-man team comprised of Dave Rogero, Kerry Cavanaugh, Paul Feibeneck, Dan Strobel, Drew Brennan and Ryan Murray dressed as a woods mom and her five sons. They wore clothes designed to poke fun at West Virginians, like plaid flannel shirts and torn-up pants with false teeth that were missing more than a minute. Murray missed one of those, right? Mavrelis asked Doherty. "I disrupted that dunk."

After missing the dunks, Doherty turned to the ESPN cameraman on the sidelines and pleaded with him to edit the misses out of the tape.

"It's a career high in missed dunks," Doherty said. "Coach (Dean) Smith would be disappointed. I made three dunks at North Carolina, and I missed four tonight."

Doherty gave props to the creativity and energy of the sizable student contingent despite 35-degree temperatures. One onlooker threw an empty Powerade bottle onto the court. This time, it drew a snicker from Doherty. When a fan did the same at the Notre Dame-Syracuse game March 1, it cost the Irish a last-minute technical and a chance at victory.

Who's the Animal? didn't seem too upset by the loss. The team was more interested in getting its picture taken with Doherty and being interviewed by ESPN.

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**FOOTBALL**

Murray anxious to make most of season after injuries

By TIM CASEY  Associate Sports Editor

From the sidelines at Cartier Field earlier this spring, Desmond Robinson couldn't bear the contact.

He could sense fullback Jason Murray was back from shoulder surgery, back to doing what he does best.

"He made a block the other day and it sounded like two cars hitting each other," said Robinson, Notre Dame's running backs coach. "It was a pop when he hits you. For where he's been, he's doing pretty well."

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**SPORTS AT A GLANCE**

**Baseball vs. Bowling Green Today, 5:05 p.m.**

**Women's Lacrosse vs. Duke Thursday, 7 p.m.**

**Set for Greatness**

Junior Michelle Dasso has made a lasting impact on the Irish tennis squad with her drive to succeed.

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