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INSIDE COLUMN

No more excuses

Two often in our society, we are faced with people who refuse to accept the consequences for their own actions. People who have an excuse for everything. According to a recent study from the smallest children all the way up to the President of the United States. No, Mr. President. It was not a "vast right wing conspiracy." You chose to mess around with "that woman, Miss Lewinsky." Face 18. Our society has changed over the years. In the 18th century, our first president was known because he had owned up to his parents when he chopped down their cherry tree. Even more recent, when a student was disciplined at school, "he got it worse at home." Today, however, parents rush to their children's defense. Instead of encouraging discipline, they make excuses. That is the hardest aspect of any teacher or administrator's job, the lack of support from the parents. The most public example came in Chicago recently when thousands of people rallied behind Jesse Jackson and others who were protesting the expulsion of several students who caused a mass disruption at a football game and threatened the safety of hundreds of people around them. What happened to accountability?

There is constant talk about abortion. A couple of weeks ago, someone wrote in this space that the Catholic church was wrong for condemning abortion because a young girl think of this before she decided to have an abortion. It would turn out much better in life if she did not have the options of raising a child. While this may be well and true, why didn't the young girl think of this before she decided to engage in sexual intercourse? There are countless methods of birth control available to men and women alike. Although an unplanned pregnancy is tragic, abortion should never be used as a method of "convenience." Everyone wants an escape and excuse — some way to get out of their responsibility. It is much easier to blame themselves and face the music for their actions that are indeed honorable and worthy of respect. The most prominent example is Senator Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts. Here is a man who was involved in a scandal, yet has overcome the negative publicity and become possibly the greatest leader of our time. He has developed his life to taking care of the weak and the underprivileged. He is a great man, and great politician. President Clinton has tried to do much of the same, he has finally owned up to his faults (although I admit reluctantly), and done a tremendous job of running our country to the fore of the world. Now at almost $3,000 from last year. The survey omits medical salaries of a full-time faculty member rose from $56,282 last year to $58,452 this year. The report found that mean instructors at the University of Virginia is $78,012, up by $101,179, a 4.78 percent increase from last year. The average full-time faculty members' salaries is $101,179, a 4.78 percent increase from last year. Twenty-eight other schools have an average professor salary of over $100,000. The average annual salary of all ranks of professors and instructors at the University of Virginia is $78,012, up by almost $3,000 from last year. The survey omits medical school professors because their pay is usually much higher than other faculty members' salaries. Professor Robert O’Connell said although $101,179 sounds high, the AAUP’s practice of lumping all professors — graduate and undergraduate — into the same category inflates the overall numbers.

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Students help local art program

By LIZ LANG

Late in January, St. John the Baptist Elementary School approached Robert Sedlack's graphic design class and his special studies graphics design class with the task of helping a struggling fine arts program. St. John's believes that "the arts play an instrumental role in the creative processing and problem solving skills of development." 7 according to their request for assistance. The school, however, does not have the funding to properly achieve their goal alone. Sedlack, an '89 graduate of the Notre Dame graphic design program, and the eight-grade graphic design major gladly offered to help the school.

On March 31, the Notre Dame graphic design first went to the school to introduce the projects to the fifth through eighth graders who would soon become their students. Pairs of Notre Dame students outlined design projects for each class at St. John's. After the first week, students were sent home by their new Notre Dame teachers to find pictures and magazines to create their projects. Projects ranged from T-shirts to commemorative pictures that could be gifts on the age of the young students.

According to Chana Jayme, one of the eight seniors involved in the collaboration, each pair of Notre Dame students created projects that allowed the St. John's students to expand their creative thinking while also teaching them about the skills that are involved in graphic design. The design students returned April 7 to lead the class and share their graphic design knowledge in a hands-on setting.

"The volunteering service not only benefited the St. John's students but also the Notre Dame students, giving them the chance to explore graphic design and teach it younger students," said Jayme. Sedlack believes that the goals of the program as outlined by Notre Dame and St. John's were achieved. Notre Dame students were able to reach out to the surrounding community and give some of what they have learned back through teaching. The students were able to make an impact on younger students. Sedlack noted that the ages from fifth to eighth grade are important because the students themselves are beginning to understand advertising and to some extent commercialism.

The program the students are able to see graphic design not only as art, but also as a tool for communication. Already at their young ages, the St. John's students are target consumers through such items as textbooks and CD packaging. With this program, the graphic design students were educating the kids as to what exactly graphic design is and expanding on the definition of art. Design projects were meant to make the students realize design is a common and essential element in the world around them.

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Student Activities puts PSA on probation

By TIM LOGAN

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Cerneka describes life of Brazil's poor

By TESSIE HOWLAND
News Writer

The current rate of unemployment in Brazil is comparable to that in the United States during the Great Depression, said Saint Mary's alumna Heidi Cerneka, who spoke Wednesday about her ministry work with the street women of Brazil. Cerneka ministered to poor women of the street and their children in Sao Paulo.

"Women don't want to [live on the street], but there aren't any alternatives," Cerneka said. "We can't tell them to leave the streets." Cerneka sees instances of discrimination against different races and older women constantly. Women of color find it challenging to obtain a job, especially if they are older than their mid-20s.

"It's like the stories you hear where [women] walk in and they say 'The position has just been filled,'" said Cerneka. "They don't challenge it as racism because they see it as true." Cerneka uses the discrimination to her advantage. "I'm white, North American and educated. Them handing me that power is what gave me the courage to fight," she said.

Cerneka said that gender roles, power and economics need to be addressed to spark change. "Street kids have very specific gender roles," Cerneka said. "Boys are more likely to steal. Street girls are more vulnerable ... I keep thinking the next generation is doomed if they don't get education. That's where we affect things. These girls didn't get past fourth grade education, but their kids might." Cerneka discussed many topics beyond gender roles. She made attendance of the lecture aware of police violence, childcare and health care. "When someone like Heidi Cerneka comes, she reminds us of things we can think of as women issues," said Therese Donovan, a Saint Mary's alumni who taught gender studies at Saint Mary's College. "She shows us we can critically see how race, class, and gender cross topics, and that women's rights are human rights." Cerneka plans to visit several other colleges across the country on her four-week visit to the United States. After that, she will return to Brazil for three more years.

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"I think that it skirts around the issue of whether we as a University are meeting the needs of gay and lesbian students," he said.

Cassidy said he met with OUTreach leaders during the first week of April to talk about Notre Dame's services for homosexuals. In his letter, he encouraged the group to bring their concerns to the Standing Committee, which was formed in 1996 to improve the conditions for gay and lesbian students.

"I'm really pleased with the effort and what I've seen from the University in the last five years," Cassidy said.

Wyncott also said that the denial of club status for OUTreach does not help to bring gay and lesbian students closer to the University community.

"By not recognizing us, they color us as somehow 'other,' still and by coloring us as 'other' they say we're not normal," he said.

The decision was made by Cassidy, who determines all club recognition issues. Wyncott and Morin said they were considering appealing the decision to Father Mark Poorman, vice president for student affairs, and that they would definitely try to learn more specific reasons why a student group could not be recognized.

This was the fourth time a gay and lesbian student group has been denied recognition. In 1986, 1992 and 1995, OUTreach's predecessor, Gays and Lesbians of Notre Dame (G.L.N.D./S.M.C) applied and was rejected. OUTreachND has between 30 and 40 active members, and a mailing list of approximately 150, according to its president.

March

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and violence," said Renee Donovan, a Saint Mary's freshman. "A joining of women as well as men to be the voice of women as a whole."

"Take Back the Night" is a nationwide agreement in support of survivors of violence. The program has made its voice heard for over 25 years. Catherine Pitman has been involved in the program at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame for four years.

"There is a commitment to making this an annual event," she said.

The program is sponsored by The Feminist Collective, Sex Offences Services (S.O.S) and the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination (C.A.R.E.)

Julie Frischleben, a Saint Mary's junior, organized this year's march. She began this project over a month ago and attributes its success to the amount of publicity it has received.

"I am really impressed with the turnout," she said. "It has been so overwhelming."

Judith Larson, a member of S.O.S was also an active member in the organization of this year's march, was pleased with the event's success and expressed optimism about women's programs at both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame.

"It gave me a lot of hope for future support of women's issues on both of these campuses," said Jani Wrennach.

The goals for years to come include a greater feeling of safety on both campuses, the elimination of the nickname "Rape Road" and improved programs for women.

The timing for this year's "Take Back the Night" coincides with the recent increase in rape awareness on both the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses.

Saint Mary's College presents Tennessee Williams' play

Carnival of Characters by Tennessee Williams. In the Herbert G. Reuben Theater. Thursday, April 13, 15, 17 at 8 p.m. Sunday, April 16 at 2:30 p.m. Little Theatre. For ticket information contact the Saint Mary's College Box Office at 284-4626.

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Man arrested in three Detroit slayings

DETOIT

A former Navy man was arrested Wednesday in the slayings of three prostitutes in Detroit and may be linked to killings in three other states and several other countries, the police chief said. "This guy has created terror around the world," said Police Chief Benny Napoleon. "He is no longer in a position to kill." The man, who authorities would not identify because he has not been charged, was once a refueler on the U.S.S. Nimitz. He is suspected in slayings in Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Tel Aviv and Thailand — all ports of call for the Nimitz, Napoleon said.

Turtle shell sales under attack

NAPIBO, Kenya

A plan by Cuba to sell the shells of endangered hawksbill turtles to Japan came under attack Wednesday from conservationists who said the proposal ignored the migratory nature of the turtles that breed in one part of the Caribbean and feed in another. Cuba wants the U.N. Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), to authorize a one-time sale of the shells to Japan, where they are made into hair ornaments and other decorative items. "Hawksbill turtles are highly migratory and extremely slow to mature. This, combined with their complicated life history and their severely depleted numbers, make it utterly premature to reopen international trade," Jeanne Mortimer, a sea turtle ecologist, told a news conference at a 10-day CITES conference in Nairobi.

Confederate flag removal debates begin

COLUMBUS, S.C.

Lawmakers on Wednesday began debating a compromise plan to remove the Confederate flag from the Statehouse dome. As hundreds of flag supporters lined up to watch, the Senate flag bill is the first such legislation to reach a Senate floor of either chamber this session. Key senators had worked out an agreement they thought would satisfy flag supporters and opponents. But the deal begun unraveling with flag supporters' objections to an clarifying amendment offered by flag opponents. Both sides worked to save the compromise. "Ladies and gentlemen, we are very, very close to making history," said Democratic Sen. Verne Smith, who has worked out a resolution, trying to increase U.S. Senate observers would begin sitting in on the debate over the Confederate flag issue. The North Carolina Republican said U.S. President Clinton has been conducting until now.

World News Briefs

Miami Beach

With resolution of his fate drawing nearer, Elian Gonzalez today moved to a sympathetic nun's house as Attorney General Janet Reno traveled to Miami to try to settle the custody dispute over the young Cuban refugee. Reno left Washington in the afternoon to meet with the Miami relatives who have cared for Elian since he was found floating in the Atlantic off Florida at Thanksgiving.

"She's planning to work out a resolution, trying to meet with the parties concerned to seek a cooperative settlement in this case," Justice Department spokesman Myron Marlin said.

Federal officials were also working on a letter telling Elian's Miami relatives to give him up by Thursday or Friday. Earlier today, Lazaro Gonzalez, Elian's great-uncle, brought the boy from his Little Havana house to the Miami Beach home of Sister Jean O'Laughlin, a Roman Catholic nun who was host of Elian's grandmothers when they visited from Cuba in January. Family spokesman Armando Gutierrez said the nun's house would be a better, more quiet setting for Elian. It could also be a potential site for a reunion between the child and his father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, though the father has not indicated he would be willing to come to Florida. Elian arrived at Sister O'Laughlin's home just before 12:30 p.m. in a five-car caravan that included the nun, Lazaro and Lazaro's daughter Marisleysis, who had been hospitalized since Saturday. Marisleysis has become a mother figure for the child, and the Miami relatives have tried to include her in meetings about his fate.

Gonzalez moves to nun's house

Barak approves U.S. proposal in peace talks

Barak's delegation, who spoke on condition of anonymity aboard Israel Air Force One, said Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat had agreed to a Palestinian state on the West Bank and in Gaza with part of Jerusalem as its capital. He has accused Barak of taking an "extremist" position. The sides are still deadlock over final borders, the future of Jerusalem and the status of refugees. A failure to meet a September 13 deadline for a full-fledged peace agreement could precipitate a complete breakdown in negotiations and a return to violence.

Clinton summoned Barak to Washington to ensure that the process he has nurtured for seven years does not collapse just before he leaves office. The Israeli official said Clinton's interest in the topic stretched what was supposed to be a two-hour meeting into more than four hours. The Israeli officials said U.S. observers would begin sitting in on the Israeli-Palestinian sessions regularly at the U.S. Air Force base near Washington. He said Clinton felt that their presence at the meetings would facilitate the after-hours informal mediation that the Americans had been conducting until now.
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appeals could be filed. The reform would also change the current alleged campaign period. Although there would be no constraints on when candidates can start campaigning, there would still be spending limits imposed. Therefore it may not be in the best interest of the student body to become more public.

The main focus of the committee was to open campaigning up. Currently, the process is closed, making it very hard for our whole student body to be made public. Everyone would have to vote, which is currently against the regulations bylaws. Because email is so difficult to regulate, the committee decided it should be a fair process of campaigning.

"We're all very enthusiastic about having a successful female who knows on campaign issues," Kathy Mendoza, University donor, said. "We believe it is in the best interest of the student body that would be made public.

Kelly Folks, election reform committee

"This year there were fewer violations and punishments were given privately. We believe it is in the best interest of the student body that would be made public."

The report called for a complete revision of the election committee as a body. The current structure was seen as a group that's generally acting in response to the committee's own complications in this year's election.

"We are providing more structure for this committee," Folks said. "We are designing an executive committee to make sure the policy is more smoothly." The executive committee would be responsible for functional aspects of the election process and would also serve as a research tool and as a way to impose this regulation.

Overall, the committee feels the student body as a whole needs to be better informed. "There were many complaints this year that the rules, and thus following them were impossible," Folks said. "We hope a representative in each dorm will inform them of the rules.

The election reform's report will now go to committee within the senate where it will be reviewed and decisions will be made on exactly what to change.

In other senate news:
Jay Smith was approved as the new president of the Student Senate. Union secretary, John Osborn as office of the president chief of staff. Jay Foley as Student Union secretary. John Osborn as student senate parliamentarian. Mark Levchov as chaplain. Susan Roberts as academic delegate and Matt Clark as clerk.

Taylor McWilliams, Class of 2002, treasurer for next year, was nominated as class treasurer of 2000-2001 financial board manager.

Mendoza

"Hey, Baby, I'm 22"

Mr. Mendoza offered advice to students in the room. "You all are very special, as you prepare to start your financial success," Mr. Mendoza said.

He is proud to have his family's name associated with the College of Business, and reading about Notre Dame graduates who do extraordinary things in their work, he speaks of his pride in his investment in Notre Dame.

"This is a special place that turns out special people," he said.

Mr. Mendoza said he had three interests from Notre Dame and also hired one of the University's graduates last year. "Going to Notre Dame in my opinion is a great opportunity.

"This gift is wonderful and not just about money. It's about the University, he did not believe he the whole link to Silicon Valley," Wou said.

Mr. Mendoza said that the couple values success, responsibility and sharing.

"This is about what Notre Dame stands for," she said. "This was their gift to us but this is our pleasure," Mendoza said.
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African weddings and funerals have unique traditions

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
Associate News Editor

Africans have held tightly to marriage, birth and funeral rituals unique to their culture, said Angel Tabe, Cameroon Journalist and Humphrey fellow at the University of Maryland in a lecture Wednesday at Saint Mary's.

Although in many parts of Africa, the typical European wedding involving the woman wearing the white gown and veil while parading around the city in a stylish, a marriage is not official just because a European-style wedding has taken place, said Tabe.

"A wedding is just an English word for ceremony, but in our tradition, Africans have their own kind of weddings," said Tabe.

Even though a man and woman may have been dating, if they decide to marry without their family's consent, the families do not recognize the marriage.

"The groom's family has to go out and look for the bride's family. Then, the families will ask if the marriage recognized but event even there, the minister will ask if the families have approved of the marriage. After marriage, there is no pressure to have children as offspring are seen a sign of wealth.

"One of the greatest causes of divorce is childlessness," said Tabe. "There is great value placed on children and when a woman is giving birth, the blam is placed on the woman and her mother. After bride's mother buried so I had to have one of my brothers initiate into the association immediately so we would know where my father was going to be buried. To be candid this was a very dignified ceremony, but expensive. It is nonexistent that everyone could do it.

An ordinary burial differs from a burial of one who belongs to an association. "We can't keep a corpse for more than two days as a burial takes place but the celebration can go on for two weeks," said Tabe. "On the seventh day of burial, it is believed that the person who died is escorted to a final resting place. So this means another feast takes place."

Tabe's lecture was part of the International March celebration. Tabe will lead a storytelling session Thursday at 12:15 p.m. in 105 Madaleva.

Writer struggles for free press

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Saint Mary's News Editor

Angel Tabe's visit to Saint Mary's campus served as a reminder that democracy has not spread to the entire world. Tabe, a former journalist and news anchor in her native Cameroon, visited Saint Mary's this week as part of an effort to educate American students about African customs and the tenuous political situation in the country.

"The situation in my country is in which there isn't freedom of expression," Tabe said. Tabe was fired from her job as deputy head of programs at the national radio station run by the Cameroon Radio and Television Corporation in 1994 for events that transpired two years earlier.

In 1992, Tabe attended a press conference given by Cameroon's Minister of Information and Culture at presidential elections occurring at the time were a significant source of controversy and discussion, with accusations of misbehavior and flying left and right.

When it was Tabe's turn to question the minister, she asked why he did not show the video of the alleged burnings and killings that were the source of the controversy and interview the political leader whose house and car were purported to have been burned. This suggestion did not go over well with the minister and his allies were not receptive to her suggestion. Tabe was relieved of her title and duties the next day and fired in 1994. "After I got selected because of The Green Pages, " I could no longer work," Tabe said. "I was invited to a seminar on media and environment."

After she attended the conference, Tabe turned to media consulting to sensitize people about conservation issues. It is that at her previous job, Tabe intended to educate the masses on environmental policy, wealth, and development.

"I want to put what I have worked to study into practice," Tabe said. "I want to share it with many people. I want to use my media skills to sensitize people about conservation issues. It is that at her previous job, Tabe intended to educate the masses on environmental policy, wealth, and development."

In the summer after classes end she will begin an internship with the World Bank.

"Part of the fellowship is that you work in a U.S. organization which enhances your skills," Tabe said.

In the meantime, between her studies, Tabe travels the country, educating Americans about Africa.

"I travel a lot," Tabe said. "I don't refuse invitations because they are opportunities to share."
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Thursday, April 13, 2000

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**To all members of the University community:**

It is with great regret that I inform you that Mr. Gaetano Pesce will be unable to attend the Crossing Boundaries conference at the University of Notre Dame on April 14 and 15. Mr. Pesce’s absence is due to a grave scheduling error at a time when he is exceptionally busy with the Salone del Mobile in Milan, not to mention his everyday schedule of projects and lectures.

In no way is Mr. Pesce’s absence a reflection of his interest in Crossing Boundaries or the University of Notre Dame. Rather, he looks forward to rescheduling a visit to your campus, if still welcome, at a later date.

Sincerely,

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The featured guest speaker will be Gaetano Pesce of Pesce Ltd., a New York-based firm whose boundary-crossing projects include work in graphic design, industrial design, architecture, and furniture design.

**Introduction:** Dennis Doordan
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Barak welcomes Chinese president

Associated Press

JERUSALEM Under U.S. pressure to cancel a lucrative arms deal with China, Israel welcomed Chinese President Jiang Zemin on a historic visit Wednesday to the Jewish state, cementing ties that first forged in secret nearly two decades ago.

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Creating baseball's version of "Rudy"

During the 80s, I worked in Hollywood, in the entertainment field. Well, technically, I guess you could say that I provided protective services for people who actually worked in the entertainment field. Anyway, I was reviewing scripts one day. Well, technically, I guess you could say that I picked up a script which was lying on a desk near me. The script was called "Rudy." Because "Rudy" showed there is a market for heart-tugging, Hermitage Alger-type stories, it has surprised me that Hollywood has not yet found a script to replicate this success. I decided to try my hand at writing one. It's too late for "Rudy II," so I looked for a new angle for the "walk-on" player. I couldn't use basketball; because we've already had handsome Mike Edwards scoring a basket, on an artificial leg, in an exhibition game against a top team. I couldn't use women's hoops either; because we've already had viva-cious Christy Grady changing jobs from team manager to player, during the Final Four and scoring a basket (and becoming ESPN's Player of the Day). Football is always a good bet for a Notre Dame star. But, we've already had Reggie. I'm stepping out of interhall football to kick four field goals, to beat Michigan and Pat Heenan coming over from Dillon Hall to start end, on the 1959 team, before playing a year with the Washington Redskins.

I decided to concentrate on the greatest of all sports... baseball, about which more movies have been made than all other sports combined. Anyway, I'm writing this story about an American backstop injured his throwing shoulder; raising his batting average to the .350 mark; on the 1959 team, before playing a year with the Washington Redskins.

Anyway, I'm writing this story about the head coach is one of those coaches which more movies have been made about than all others. We'll feature a local kid, who grew up in the shadow of the Dome. We'll make his father an attorney, in fact a former baseball player. We'll give him a name which "nominal determinism" would doom to walk-on status these about Matt Nussbaum. We'll give him an Ozzie and Harriet family (as a contrast to Rudy's). We'll make his younger brother a Buck Finn type who's very supportive of his big brother. Ditto for the rule kid sister. We'll have the mother look like a prom queen and the dad, although a lawyer, will actually be a really likeable guy. (Hollywood likes that kind of a character twist.) The whole family will never miss a game, even though their boy has little chance of playing and dad often has to drive up from Indianapolis, where he is one of the top attorneys in the governor's office.

This walk-on will have been a high school secondary baseman, which is like playing right field in Little League—it's not where you look to recruit college prospects. He'll be average size, with mediocre speed and no power. We'll have this guy go zero for two years. He'll get into a few games because the head coach is one of those inspirational types who rewards scrub players who warm up pitchers; chatter in the dugout; hustle in practice; and volunteer when needed. In fact, we'll even have the walk-on tell a fill and claim he has pitching experience, so he

Cappy Gagnon

Cappy's Corner

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Next to religion, baseball has furnished a greater impact on American life than any other institution."

Herbert Hoover
American President
Men on campus respond to rape letters

Rehashing issue won't help

Many people on this campus have a problem with rape, but think pornography is just fine. There is a difference between denying the sanctity of a woman's body with our eyes, and denying it with our actions. This is the real issue we should all be confronting. Even with increased awareness, we will not eliminate rape until we grant everyone their inherent dignity.

At this point, it is silly to waste more Observer space talking about the issue of rape. We ought to be about the business of educating ourselves about rape, not reacting to the sensationalism generated by this fine student-run publication. We ought to be about the business of granting people's inherent dignity, and praying that we don't deny it to ourselves. We should simply be quiet, and support the victim and the perpetrator.

Talk is cheap, friends — cheap and powerless. But we are not.

Joshua Warner
Senior, Laetare Hall
April 11, 2000

Silence doesn't condone rape

"Who is worse, the man who rapes or the man who condones it with his silence?" This is the question posed by Christopher Reyes in his April 9 letter to The Observer. Personally, I find the question nothing less than offensive.

Rape is wrong. There is no doubt that rape is wrong, and it is a tragedy that it exists anywhere in the world, especially at our beloved university. Apparently, due to personal naivete, I didn't realize that people don't know rape is wrong. I think rape is an action that is so horrifically, obviously and inherently immoral that people shouldn't need a reminder that it is wrong.

I, too, would like to commend the women of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's for speaking out about the horrors of rape. Their testimony has helped increase awareness, which can do nothing but help when it comes to prevention.

The supposed silence of men at Notre Dame, however, does not imply that we condone rape. Nobody has spoken out demeaning manner that people should condone rape. People may say that the two crimes are too different to make this comparison, but I don't think they are. The effects caused by rape can conversely end a life, although not always in such a physical sense. We all know rape is wrong. It is a painfully obvious fact. Just because we haven't publicly stated this doesn't mean we condone it.

Perhaps there are people on this campus who don't know rape is wrong. I highly doubt it, but for those men who did not know this, I pity you and hope that you are enlightened immediately. Rapists are criminals and social monsters, and I have to think they have heard before that rape is wrong. Maybe publicly stating this will prevent some rape, somewhere.

Awareness and prevention are vital and should not be stressed. Men need to understand exactly what rape is and there are some at this university who don't quite understand the concept. But a failure to speak out against rape certainly does not make one worse than an actual rapist. The fact that this question was even brought up and this comparison ever made is nothing less than insulting.

My [Reyes'] intentions were admirable, but his flawed logic and his final question was simply offensive. Yes, rape is wrong. But just because men at our university have not publicly stated this fact does not mean they condone it, and it definitely does not make them worse than actual rapists.

Benjamin Schack
Freshmen, Sacred Hall
April 11, 2000

REALIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF VOLUNTEERISM

The importance of community seems particularly noticeable as the country celebrates National Volunteer Week, April 9-15, 2000. While this serves as a time to recognize the efforts of volunteers in bettering their communities, it also provides an opportunity to encourage volunteerism. At a place like Notre Dame, where the student body is overwhelmingly committed to serving the community and not merely a collection of individual interests, the opportunities and lessons of the surrounding world and ignore the impact that we could have.

When I first talked to my supervisor at Legal Services, she asked what I would describe as my weakness. I told her that people often say I am too idealistic. She warned me that people often say I am too idealistic. She warned me that people often say I am too idealistic. She warned me that people often say I am too idealistic. She warned me that people often say I am too idealistic. She warned me that people often say I am too idealistic. She warned me that people often say I am too idealistic. She warned me that people often say I am too idealistic. She warned me that people often say I am too idealistic. She warned me that people often say I am too idealistic. She warned me that people often say I am too idealistic. She warned me that people often say I am too idealistic.

At these moments, I recognize the impact of the work Legal Services does. And I realize that idealism is never a weakness.

While it is often easy to become consumed with our own experience I could have had in a DeBartolo classroom, I witness the selflessness of countless community and student volunteers. Only when we recognize that we are a community, not merely a collection of individual interests, can we truly work toward a promising future.

Chloe Hutchinson
Senior, Off-campus
April 8, 2000

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Realizing the importance of volunteerism

Viewpoint is accepting letters for the commencement edition. Please label letters "senior week" and send them to viewpoint.1@nd.edu
MOVIE REVIEW
Bad writing, missed opportunities plague 'Rules'
By MIKE MCMORROW
Scene Movie Critic

"Rules of Engagement" is an example of good lead acting hindered by a screenplay that seems to want to be unintelligent. William Friedkin's latest extravaganza, which deals with the atrocities of war and the supposed "rules" of engagement, has issues but is trapped inside a story that is so poorly thought-out that the audience is left feeling manipulated and cheated.

The film stars Samuel L. Jackson and Tommy Lee Jones as old buddies who in his butt. True story. It was the world's newspapers, causing the crowd at the base of the embassy, American forces. Childers gets the American Embassy in Yemen. Childers arrives and sees that it is getting ugly, with snipers on rooftops ready to take shots at American forces. Childers gets the ambassador who is a family man, but some of his men are killed. Livid at the loss of his marines, Childers orders his men to open fire on the crowd at the base of the embassy, resulting in many deaths.

This bits the front page of all the world's newspapers, causing the American National Security Advisor to find a scapegoat in Childers. Thus, charges are brought against Childers for disrupting the peace, conduct unbecoming of a marine and murder. Childers turns to his old Vietnam comrades Hodies for representation, whose response is "I'm a good enough lawyer to know that you need a better lawyer than me."

The charges against Childers deal with whether or not his order was against an armed, firing crowd. If not, and the victims were civilians, it is against the "rules of engagement." However, any hints to the truth are never given, causing the audience to feel manipulated.

"Rules of Engagement"

Director: William Friedkin
Starring: Samuel L. Jackson and Tommy Lee Jones

Tommy Lee Jones (left) and Samuel L. Jackson play two Marine buddies in the disappointing military courtroom-drama "Rules of Engagement."

With a budget of $25 million, "Rules of Engagement" has a strong cast, including Samuel L. Jackson and Tommy Lee Jones, but the end result is a disappointment. The film fails to explore the true nature of the situation in the first place, there might have been an opportunity to ask difficult questions about combat, but it toys with the audience's expectations.

Had the audience been aware of the true nature of the situation in the first place, there might have been an opportunity to ask difficult questions about combat, but it toys with the audience's expectations. The film's National Security Advisor in particular is so superficially scripted that his credibility is destroyed as soon as he appears on screen. His actions serve only as plot devices. For example, he destroys a piece of evidence that could help prove Childers' innocence. This poor piece of screenwriting comes across as childish, as it avoids further questions that the film could have raised.

The film may have worked had it spent more time examining the true intentions of the rules of engagement themselves. Instead, it toys with the audience's expectations.

"Rules of Engagement" is an example of how funny wrestling comedy 'Ready to Rumble' a waste of film
By JEFFREY Q. IRISH
Scene Movie Critic

"Ready to Rumble." The storyline follows two 20-year-old losers (Scott Caan and David Arquette) as they go through life in the profession of emptying potty pots. Then one day, their unlikely professional wrestler, Jimmy King (Oliver Platt), bows for the first time and is fired for being an "ungrateful drunk who needs to go back to the trailer to learn how to be a man.

"Ready to Rumble" was a perfect example of how funny it can be to make something. "Ready to Rumble" fails in that it doesn't seem to work up to here. As far as the acting goes, Caan doesn't deliver on the comedic talent he showed as the wild wide receiver of "Varsity Blues." But there is still a bright future ahead of him. Arquette, on the other hand, who is more famous for his family than acting, should dial 1-800-1-NEED-LESSONs.

Director: Brian Robbins
Starring: David Arquette, Scott Caan, Rose McGowan and Oliver Platt

Two words sum up the entire one hour and 45 minutes of this film — it works.

There was so much potential here for a s r e e w h a l l comedy. It could have been mad fun of wrestling and how the fans are all weirdos and kinks. But it didn't.

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"Ready to Rumble" is a stupid wrestling comedy about two guys who try to get their hero's title back.

Photo courtesy of Marion Lee/Photofest

Scott Caan (left) and David Arquette star in "Ready to Rumble," a stupid wrestling comedy about two guys who try to get their hero's title back.
It is not often that a film transcends its medium to become more than a fictional tale. "The Big Lebowski" is one such feature, its realm is so rich with character that it becomes a universe unto itself. "The Lebowski"'s aesthetic value is of little importance because the inhabited universe are not merely played by actors—they do not stop breathing when the final credits role.

Our film begins with the住楼's version of "The Big Lebowski." In his version, the Dude, how­ever, is not a morose or lazy bum, but is a sad-sack reporter from the 50's, he is a man in which virtues runs deep. But this is precisely what makes him special. There is finally a human who can bring honor to unemployment and make apathy an artform. One has to admire his peculiar view on time, the way days run together and calendars are of no consequence. The Dude's every move is a lesson in relaxation. He ambles around like a bag of dirty laundry, creating a sense of ease with the simple stretch of his back or in the shrug of his shoulders. The Dude is a devoted friend who always for­gives after the most heated dispute, and his casualness always evokes a foreign space that he cannot quickly reconcile. He’s Persian carpet certainly tied the room together, but was it worth the trouble that eventually ensued? He has much more to do in a single floor covering, the way he balances on one leg, arms out­stretched, eyes scarring the fabric under his feet.

Despite The Dude accomplishes nothing in life, it is necessary to know why. His dudeness is filled with stories of examinations by friendly faces, we can shed more light on his nature. Then, at the Stranger (Sam Elliott) says, maybe everyone can take comfort in making his own. In many ways, Dude is a foreign space that he cannot quickly reconcile. The Dude's rust-colored car. Old Duder's place is a single misunderstood man: the Dude. It is not often that a film transcends its medium to become more than a fictional tale. "The Big Lebowski" is one such feature, its realm is so rich with character that it becomes a universe unto itself. "The Lebowski"'s aesthetic value is of little importance because the inhabited universe are not merely played by actors—they do not stop breathing when the final credits role.
American League

Garciaparra, Everett lead Red Sox to win over Twins

BOSTON
Nomar Garciaparra and Carl Everett, Boston's two best hitters, were facing each other in the third, a game Garciaparra drove in three runs and Everett drove in two as the Minnesota Twins fell 7-3 Wednesday night.

Garciaparra, last year's AL batting champion, was 4-for-22 with no RBIs in his first six games, but is 6-for-9 with six RBIs in his last seven.

Everett, who hit 19 home runs in spring training after being acquired from Houston, drove in four for the second straight night, pitching two perfect innings.

One day after scoring eight runs, the Twins were 1-3-3 against 24-year-old starting pitcher Garciaparra.

Texas doubled its output from last year's playoffs in the third inning, when Cone left the game after giving up the tying run and allowing a harmless fly out by Nomar Garciaparra and Carl Everett.

The Yankees went ahead 4-2 in the fifth, on an RBI single by Derek Jeter and a sacrifice fly by former Twin Torii Hunter and a sacrifice fly by Garciaparra's double.

Minnesota made it 6-3 in the fourth on a single by Maxwell.

Texas got one run back in the seventh on a single by Bernie Williams, who had been 0-for-4 for the series, homering off Darren Oliver and singles by rookie center fielder Derek Lowe.

Cone couldn't hold the lead, though, giving up a single to Frank Thomas and a walk to Gary Bell before a sacrifice fly by Gabe Kapler leading off the sixth.

Joe Tait, who called the game in Cleveland, ended him at the top of the wall and the Rangers did not argue.

ROYALs 6, Orioles 4
Roy Sanchez hit a three-run homer off Mike Trombley in the ninth and the Kansas City Royals, who had lost six of their last eight games, beat the Baltimore Orioles 6-4 Wednesday night.

Sanchez, the eighth in a nine-man order batting, hit the top of the wall and the third baseman drove in teammates Jeff Huson and Paulownia for his 13th home run of the season.

Giancarlo Stanton's pinch double and a singles by Mike Nickeas and Mark Belanger gave the Royals a 2-0 lead in the third.

Kansas City's offensive explosion in the fourth was ignited by an RBI double by DiMaggio off Trombley in the first.

The Yankees went ahead 2-0 in the first on singles by Derek Jeter and the homer by Nomar Garciaparra, including David Segui with the bases loaded.

Aphrodisia Rodriguez added an RBI single in the second, and Jordan had a two-run homer in the fourth.

The Yankees went ahead 4-2 in the fifth, on an RBI single by Derek Jeter and a sacrifice fly by former Twin Torii Hunter and a sacrifice fly by Garciaparra.

The Blue Jays committed five errors Wednesday, the second in three games.

Ned Yost, the Jays' manager, said the errors were the result of not playing defense against those teams.

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St. Louis looks for another championship

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

Fans in St. Louis are feeling cocky. Who can blame them? The Blues are the top seed entering their first-round NHL playoffs against the San Jose Sharks. The Cardinals began the season 7-1 - their best start since 1986 - with a National League-leading 23 home runs. All of this comes on the heels of the Rams going from the NFL's worst team of the '90s to Super Bowl champions.

"We got a lot of kids from people wondering when the last time a city had done winners," said Kenny Strode, an executive producer and host on KFNS, the city's all-sports radio station. "We can't find that it's ever happened." St. Louis is better known for flop teams than front-runners.

"In the 33-year history of the team, there have been a lot of disappointments, but I think they're the best I've ever seen. They're well-rounded, they've got depth on the bench and, of course, the coaching can't be overlooked." Phil Downen Blues' fan

The Associated Press

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C.

Serena Williams withdrew from the Family Circle Cup on Wednesday, the biggest sports name to back NAACP's boycott of South Carolina for flying the Confederate flag.

Williams, the sixth-ranked tennis player in the world, was the first to commit in January to the yearly clay court tournament at Sea Pines Racquet Club. But she rethought the decision last month when told of the flag controversy.

"My decision to not play in South Carolina was based on a much deeper issue and one that I feel strongly about," said Williams, the 18-year-old star who last September became the first black woman in more than 40 years to win a Grand Slam title when she won the U.S. Open. The Family Circle Cup opens its 33-year history of the tourney, with matches Monday.

The NAACP is leading an economic boycott of South Carolina until the flag is removed from the Statehouse. Since the boycott's start, interest and events have been more involved. The New York Knicks pulled out of a pre-playoff draft camp in Charleston.

The Atlantic Coast Conference has asked its schools to stay in South Carolina during next month's baseball championships in the border city of Fort Mill.

"We're delighted that Williams has indicated her solidarity," said Dwight James, executive director of the state NAACP.

Flag supporters say it honors Southern heritage; opponents say it is a symbol of racism and slavery.

The state Senate began debate Wednesday on what to do with the flag, which was first flown in 1862. It can be removed only by state law-makers.

Lisa Thomus, Family Cup tournament director, said she understands the predicament Williams faced.

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Williams joins NAACP boycott

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IU investigates Knights’ incriminating video

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Indiana University officials don’t doubt the authenticity of the videotape showing coach Bob Knight grabbing a player by the throat, although they have questions about it.

The tape, aired for the first time Tuesday night, appears to support former player Neil Reed’s accusation that Knight grabbed him by the neck during a practice.

“There’s no question in our mind that it was Reed,” IU vice president Christopher Simpson told The Associated Press on Wednesday. “There’s no question that that was Neil Reed and Coach Knight.”

Simpson said, however, there was no way to know when the tape was made. Reed transferred from Indiana in 1997.

“That’s one of our questions,” Simpson said. “Could there have been another incident like this? No, we think this is it. Neil said this was it.”

Last month, Reed prompted the investigation by former assistant coach Downing, who played for Knight and was the Big Ten’s MVP in 1973, told station WRTV aired a tape of a 1992 practice. You can control the answers you’re prepared for its opening-round game against the Phoenix Coyotes.

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“You take the bottom two fingers, ring finger and little finger of the stronger hand, and you place it in the neck of the garment being worn by the person you want to motivate,” Knight said as audience members laughed. “With the middle finger and the index finger of that same hand, you grab the Adam’s apple and with the thumb, with a little practice, you can control the answers you’re going to get from this person.”

Associate athletic director Steve Downing, who played for Knight and was the Big Ten’s MVP in 1973, told The Herald Tribune, “I’m happy to be in the situation I’m in. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but I think people really feel good about our team. It’s a good feeling to have.”

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Ray Bourque looks forward to possible Stanley Cup title

NHL

Avalanche player Ray Bourque may have his last chance at the Stanley Cup title

Associated Press

DENVER

This is the time of year that makes Bourque feel like an 18-year-old rookie.

The adrenaline starts pumping and the nervous anticipation begins brewing on the eve of the playoffs. A sense of urgency also sets in as the 39-year-old Bourque knows each drop of the puck could mean his last chance to win the Stanley Cup championship that has eluded him for two decades.

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Even though we are baptized, what we constantly lose and betray is precisely that which we received at baptism. Therefore Easter is our return every year to our own baptism, whereas Lent is our preparation for that return - the slow and sustained effort to perform, at the end, our own "passage" or "pascha" into new life in Christ... Each year Lent and Easter are, once again, the rediscovery and the recovery by us of what we were made through our own baptismal death and resurrection.

Alexander Schmemann

I don't remember the day when I decided to be a Catholic. I don't mean the day of my baptism in the first few weeks of my life. I didn't decide that; my parents did. I remember long ago envying those who converted to Catholicism because it occurred to me that they had a choice, and I didn't feel as though I had. Until I realized that the choice was mine, to claim it or not - to profess and live my Catholic faith - or not. I don't remember a particular day on which I said, as an adult, I want to be a Catholic, I want to follow Jesus. And yet I have, most assuredly, and I do. Somewhere along the line, the renewal of my baptismal promise became my own. Somewhere along the line I realized that I do believe in the God of Jesus Christ and in the God in Jesus Christ; call it grace, or bumbuck, all I know is that I believe. My faith in this God is so real that I want to celebrate it, even the worst of it, because the worst of it, the crucifixion and death of Jesus, is, paradoxically, the best of it. Our very salvation is tied up in it. We commemorate this great salvific event during Holy Week in the Triduum.

Much can be said about the Triduum, those days which embrace the Paschal Mystery. "Triduum" in the Latin simply means "a space of three days," but as it is used in the Christian tradition it is meant to signify the three days prior to Easter Sunday: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. The words of the tradition and of the present liturgical books convey the intensity and unity of the hours around the Vigil. These days call us to fast and pray, to keep watch, and to enter into the holy mysteries of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. We come face to face with the very reality of our own lives, our own dying and rising. Our oneness with Jesus as members of his body, our oneness with each other, and our oneness in the death and resurrection of Jesus is ritualized in the liturgies of the Triduum and realized in our participation in them, and in our very lives as Christians.

It is during the Easter Vigil that we as a community initiate and welcome into full communion those who have, as adults, chosen to join the Catholic Church. They have been preparing for the past several months through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). They will be baptized into the Catholic faith, drawn into this new family by their own choosing and by our welcome. I would urge you to keep these "first-timers" in your prayers during these days.

These are important days for all of us. Days during which each of us stand alone before God to renew our commitment. It is an important opportunity for us as adult Christians to say yet again, "Yes, I believe!" It is an opportunity for us as a community as well to stand side by side in our shared commitment to live the call of Jesus, to rededicate ourselves to that call, and to build the Kingdom together.

Please join with me in the days ahead in celebrating the glory and greatness of these days, whether it be at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, the Church of Loretto, a residence hall chapel, or at your home parish. We join with the whole Church not only in remembering the events of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection, but, as the Body of Christ, we ourselves partake in them even now that they might transform our very lives.
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good showing. "Forces of Evil, which featured five men who insisted they were Dr. Klaw, Shredder, Skeletor, Gargamel and Destro, went for alley-oops much of the game and did manage to throw a few down in the winning effort. "We would like to thank Satan today, his dark bounty led us well, and we'd like to see more dunks out of Shredder," "Dr. Klaw" said. "We settled the age-old debate of evil over virtue today."

In only a slightly more competitive contest You Will Beat Us delivered as promised as they fell 21-12 to Hardcore Strokers, a team made up of St. Mary's basketball players. The five-man squad of Toby Biebl, Travis Deschamps, Tom Haight, Joe Essner and Jim Ryan, grabbed plenty of rebounds, but also found creative ways to miss three-footers.

"We feel kind of disappointed. We tried; we just ran out of gas. They were the better team; that's what happens," Ryan said. "Basically we knew we were gonna lose, the question was how close of a game we were gonna get it to. The spread was six; we didn't cover it, so we're a little disappointed on that."

"We came in and we were like, 'OK, we're playing guys,' so we didn't know if we'd win," Linkous said. "But then we heard about the competition and we played OK."

Note: ♦ The ESPN Sportscenter segment featuring Coach Matt Doughery's Bookstore game, previously scheduled for April 15 has been moved to Saturday, April 22 at 9:30 p.m.

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Texas A&M. Good coaching from Coach [Dave] Borbely. I'm just trying to be patient and I'm looking forward to getting better.

While the first team offensive line seems to be intact, each player will be looking over his shoulder quite a bit this spring. Davie has stressed that the starters aren't written in stone and the competition will be intense this spring and summer.

Sean Mahan and Kurt Vollers both made starts at tackle, while Bob Mowal and Ryan Scardia opened at guard during the '99 campaign. They will be looking to catch the eye of the coaches and earn a spot in the trenches for the Irish next season.

"It starts up front with the offensive line and this is probably the most experienced offensive line as far as numbers of players that have played in games since I've been here," Davie said. "We should have a lot of competition at each position and we should have depth."

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Irish shutout Butler in doubleheader

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN Sports Writer

The Notre Dame softball team, after moving up to No. 18 in the USA Today/National Fastpitch Coaches Association poll, shutout Butler, 7-0 and 8-0, in a Wednesday doubleheader.

The Irish stand in first in the Big East with an overall record of 31-9 and 5-1 in conference play. The Bulldogs, who haven't scored a run in their past seven games, fell to 9-26 with the two losses.

"I can't emphasize how pleased I am with how great the team is doing," said pitcher Jennifer Sharron. "I thought we played really well. We came out and dominated offensively in both games."

Sharron, the Big East pitcher of the week, was holding Butler to just hits for the season. Sharron, who struck out 19 in 11.1 innings while allowing two runs last week, also earned her 11th shutout for the year.

Sophomore Jennifer Kriech and Melanie Alkire started the Irish offense, scoring on RBI singles in the first before Notre Dame grabbed three more runs in the second. Freshman Alexis Madrid earned another Irish triumph in the fourth before Jarrah Myers tripled and then scored on a double by Danielle Klayman.

Kriech kicked off game two action for the Irish with a double before scoring on an RBI single by freshman Andrea Loman the first. Madrid, Sharron and Kriech combined two singles and a double respectively to drive in three more Irish runs in the second. Alkire singled and scored in the third.

Myers homered in the fifth to send in two runs while Rebecca Eimen scored on a double by Alkire in the sixth to send the Irish home early. "As a pitcher, I know it's important to have a strong defense behind me and there's no other team I'd rather have behind me," Sharron said. "I wouldn't trade any of our players for anyone else in the division."

The Irish look to pick up another win today as they face DePaul in a doubleheader. The Blue Demons, who competed in the 1999 Collegiate World Series, currently stand at 15-14 and have won five of the last six games against Notre Dame. Game time is set for 3 p.m. at Ivy Field.
Hockey

Galvin, Gill, Globke sign letters of intent

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame hockey team has signed defensemen Tom Galvin and right-handed forwards Aaron Gill and Rob Globke to letters of intent during the spring signing period. Head coach Dave Poulin announced Wednesday completing a promising freshman class for the 2000-2001 season.

Galvin is the third current member of the USA Hockey National Development Program and the eighth in the last three seasons to sign with the Notre Dame hockey program, joining defensemen Neil Komadoski and Brett Lebda, who signed with the Irish in the fall of 1999 period. The developmental program is based in Ann Arbor, Mich., with the Under-16 National Team competing in the United States Hockey League (USHL). In addition to playing various international tournaments, Notre Dame is the only school to sign three-plus players from the 1999-2000 USA Hockey National Development Program.

All five of Notre Dame’s signees spent the 1999-2000 season playing for teams that compete in the USHL’s eastern division, with the U.S. team finishing first, Waterloo third and Rochester fourth in the league’s seven-team division.

“We like the balance of this class and they certainly will be expected to contribute, because hockey is a sport where your freshmen have to play a role,” said Poulin, whose school is set to lose eight seniors to graduation following a 1999-2000 season that yielded a 16-8-8 final record. “It’s important to remember that we won’t necessarily be replacing seniors with freshmen and that our program is at a stage where we don’t have to do that type of instant replacement. We obviously are curious to see what level of contributions these freshmen make next season, but it’s more important to see our veterans elevate their games and step into those key leadership roles.”

Galvin was named a second team USHL all-star, after finishing as the second-leading scorer among defensemen in the 14-team league with 42 regular-season points (9G-33A), second only to the 45 posted by Green Bay’s Jeff Finger. The 5-10, 190-pound right-hander was voted team MVP and played in all 58 games while helping Waterloo post a record of 28-26-4. His other season statistics included five power-play goals and he helped Waterloo rank fourth in the USHL for power-play goals (26) and assists (23) in 35 total games. The 6-0, 180-pound team captain played in the midseason USHL all-star game and received the USHL’s prestigious Curt Hammer Award, presented to the “most gentlemanly player both on and off the ice” (Eaton was the ’97 recipient of the award). Voted team MVP Gill ranked second on the team with seven power-play goals and helped Rochester rank eighth in the USHL with a .193 power-play goal percentage. He scored or assisted on 32 pct. of his team’s goals while tying for first in the USHL for shorthanded goals (15) and tying for second in the league with seven game-winning goals (he also had three first goals and 43 penalty minutes).

The Notre Dame hockey program is a team at a stage where we expect him to continue at Notre Dame.”

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Baseball

Irish pitcher named rookie of the week

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Notre Dame freshman right-handed pitcher J.P. Gagne has been named the Big East Conference rookie of the week, after an impressive victory as the game one starter in the April 8-9 series versus Boston College.

Gagne was moved into the role of first­game starter on April 8, after the BC series shifted to a double­header on the second day (due to weather conditions). Gagne responded to the challenge by scattering six hits and four walks over six innings in the 1-2 victory, allowing one unearned run while recording three strikeouts and six groundouts.

Gagne— who tossed seven strong innings in the 9-2 win at Connecticut on April 2— has won all five of his decisions, becoming the first Notre Dame pitcher since 1996 (Christian Parker) to open a season 5-0 and the first freshman to do so since the 1990 tandem of Pat Leahy and Al Wadlow both started 5-0.

His other 2000 statistics include a 2.45 ERA (second-best on the team), 17 strikeouts and 29 hits allowed in 33 innings, with nine appearances and four starts. Gagne had yet to record a wild pitch or hit batter until the BC game when he had one of each. His nine­inning averages include just 2.2 walks­fifth-best on the team).
Irish strength tested in recent games with top teams

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If adversity builds strength, than the Irish should be as strong as steel. After facing five Top-25 teams in their last seven matches and three Top-10 teams in their last five matches, the 29th-ranked Irish men’s tennis team is set to take on another national powerhouse when they travel to Ann Arbor on Thursday to take on the 26th-ranked Michigan Wolverines.

Notre Dame suffered three straight losses at the hands of highly ranked North Carolina, Duke and Texas to fall to 9-8 on the season. The Irish have not picked up a win since its 5-2 victory over the UAB Blazers on March 18.

“I believe that makes you better,” Irish head coach Bob Baysles said. “I talked to the team about it. When you put iron in the fire it gets soft, and when it hardens it becomes steel. That’s the analogy we’re using with our team - we’ve been tested and we’ve really held up pretty well and I think we’ve been unlucky not to have won more of those matches. So it’s time to start reaping the benefits of the competitive schedule that we’ve played.”

The Irish will be forced to shuffle their regular lineup against the Wolverines because of the absence of Javier Taborga, who is out with soreness in his wrist. Taborga has trained with Aaron Talarico at No.1 doubles all season to amass a 13-7 record and a No. 20 ranking. Baysles is confident that seniors Ryan Sachire and Trent Miller will be able to fill in.

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Their only other loss this season came against Division II Evansville, 7-2.

“This is a big game for us,” Baysles said. “We’re looking at this as a chance to really make an impression on some of these players and their own.”

Miller and Sachire have accumulated a 12-6 record on the year at No. 2 doubles with wins in 10 of their last 13 matches. Baysles plans to pair Talarico with Matt Duly to take the spot of Miller and Sachire in the No. 2 position.

Tenth-ranked Sachire also leads the Irish in the singles lineup, and will most likely match up against the Wolverines’ 68th-ranked Matt Wright. With four more wins, Sachire would become the first Irish player under Baysles to compile at least 30 singles wins in all four years of play. He currently stands at 26-9 on the year, and has won 36 of his last 43 dual singles matches at No. 1.

Michigan hobbles into the competition against the Irish after suffering two close losses to Big Ten foes Indiana and Purdue and falling to 9-5, while its No. 1 singles player Wright recovers from a back injury. The Irish will look to take advantage of the faltering Wolverines, who fell from No. 20 in the rankings to No. 26, by bringing an offensive style of attack to the court.

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The Saint Mary’s tennis team stopped its five-match winning streak with a close 5-4 loss to Calvin College Wednesday night. The Belles expected tough competition from the Knights on their home courts, but the Belles were not expecting to lose.

“They [Calvin] played really well,” freshman singles player Lindsay Mallan said. “We were expecting them to be a tough match, but not this tough.”

“We were a little overconfident coming into the match,” senior No. 1 singles player Katie Vales said. “Living 15-1 we hadn’t had very many challenging matches, and we just weren’t ready for this.”

Saint Mary’s No. 1 and No. 2 singles players, Vales and Natalie Cook dropped their matches to their Knight opponents. Vales won her first set, but lost the next two in a difficult loss to Calvin’s No. 1 singles player.

“I just ran out of energy,” Vales said. “I hadn’t eaten all day, and I just ran out of energy.”

The Belles recovered in No. 3 and No. 4 singles, winning both matches, Senior berti Kremer and sophomore Annie Knish both won their matches in three sets.

The doubles team fared slightly better than the singles. The No. 1 doubles, Vales and Knish, and No. 2 doubles team, Kremer and Cook, won their matches.

Vales and Knish got off to a slow start in their match. They were down 4-1 in the first set, but came back and won 7-5. With the confidence of that win, they took the second set 6-3.

“We were slow coming out and made of lot of unforced errors,” Vales said. “But we came back and won.”

It wasn’t a good day for the freshwater of Saint Mary’s. Mallan, No. 5 singles, and Trisha Jones, No. 6 singles, lost their matches. The third doubles team of freshmen Victoria Cox and Elina Ryan dropped their match the Calvin team as well.

Saint Mary’s attributes much of its loss to preparation. Because of the unseasonably cold temperatures, the Belles were unable to practice as often as they would have liked this week.

“We weren’t very well prepared this week, a lot of people weren’t ready,” Vales said. “I think a lot of the matches farther down the line could have been won with proper preparation and enough practice.”

The loss to Calvin signals only the second conference match the Belles have lost this season. After today’s loss the Belles still hold a 15-2 overall record and a 4-2 record in the MIAA. Their other only loss this season came against Hope College in late March.

Saint Mary’s is looking ahead to a challenging second half of their season.

“We have a lot of tough matches coming up,” Vales said. “Most will be as tough as Calvin, if not more difficult. So we’ll just have to dig in and practice as possible before Saturday’s match.”

Saint Mary’s faces off against DePauw University in Chicago this Saturday at 3 p.m.
Rose's wrestling antics hurt chances for Hall

Would Joe DiMaggio allow a 400-some-odd pound professional wrestler dressed in a thong-like diaper rub his derriere in his face in front of millions of fans? That's the first thing that came to mind upon seeing Pete Rose, baseball's prodigal and unrepentant son make an appearance at WrestleMania, the WWF's World Series of events. Here's what occurred.

This past weekend, Rose, a wrestling fan, made his third straight appearance on WrestleMania. Over his past three appearances, Rose has developed a pseudo-feud with an especially large, red-outfit-wearing, three appearances. Rose has snuck up from behind Kane and tried to make his mark feeling what 4,256 baseballs had felt throughout Rose's career, solid contact with one of Rose's bats in the middle of his swing.

But alas, just as Pete's Hall-of-Fame plans haven't materialized, his plans for revenge failed as well. Kane's tag-team partner, Rakishi Phatu, the aforementioned 400-pound diaperc-laden wrestler, grabbed the bat from Pete, presenting it to Kane, who promptly turned around and threw Rose into his signature "choke slam."

As a beaten Rose (as beaten as you can get from a fake sport) lay motionless on the canvas, Rakishi's friends set up Charlie Hustle in the corner, grabbing him to receive an art which a popular Chicago radio show host claimed, "took a hero from my childhood, ripped him off of his throne and left him lying in a gutter," as quoted by Rakishi.

Rakishi proceeded to shove his obese rear right into Rose's famous square jaw. The man that replaced Roberto Clemente, who was more likely to be helping impoverished Puerto Ricans than at a wrestling event, on the mythical "All-Century Team," was having his face sat upon.

And Cincinnati thought Marge Schott was a disgrace. It wasn't his mere presence that was so disturbing. WrestleMania has attracted many a star.

It was the image of a childhood hero sinking to a level he has toyed dangerously with before, but never actually reached. It was the image of Rose finally crossing that line between shameless self-promotion to shameful self-deprecation.

For at least one baseball fan, Rose had definitely gone too far. Though his actions since being banned from baseball have resembled a public relations campaign, intent on gaining sympathy for himself by making the baseball establishment look like heartless villains, Earth to Pete: Most fans want you in the Hall. You no longer need to win their approval. Try concentrating on the people who are keeping you out.

But Pete Rose won't be caught brown-nosing, at least not unless it is in the middle of a wrestling ring. Apparently, he believes that the way to the Hall involves adopting an "I'll pick up my top and leave" attitude of which any athlete would be proud. He apparently hasn't heard the old saying, you'll get more flies with honey than flypaper. He's trying to get out of a speeding ticket by being rude to the police.

What his attitude has done is create gridlock, a stalemate, a battle of wills in which he is significantly outgunned. His actions, on the other hand, have gained him the sympathy that he wanted.

Unfortunately for Pete, the sympathy is becoming more and more for his tragic flaws. His new "anything for a buck" attitude has revealed that the addiction to gambling for which he became famous is really only a front for a much more dangerous addiction: an addiction to greed.

Has he become a tragic figure, someone who cannot help but harm himself, who continuously robs himself of pride in order to gain respect? He's the class clown that can't stop laughing when he gets punished, the obese person who eats to deal with his unhappiness with his body; the alcoholic who drinks to deal with his addiction.

'Sad Pete Rose deserves to be in the Hall of Fame. No wrestling stunt, nor attitude can change that. Let's just hope that the baseball establishment realizes that before Pete Rose is able to convince them otherwise.

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Fox Trot

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BUT TODAY IS THE FRESHMAN CLASS PROM, I'M WEARING THIS BLUSE. I'VE BEEN PLANNING THIS OUT FOR A LONG TIME, Y'KNOW. YOU'VE RAN OUT OF LIFE, MOTHER? ARE YOU HAPPY?

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Injuries turn out to be blessing in disguise for Irish

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Last season, an astounding nine offensive linemen made starts in the trenches for the 5-7 Notre Dame football team. But the decision to start nine linemen wasn't one head coach Bob Davie made casually, instead, it was out of necessity.

Every time Davie turned his head, it seemed another lineman was hobbling off the field. And while the injuries took a toll on the Irish offensive attack and ultimately the team's record, the coaches and players are optimistic about the mixed blessing.

"The injuries hurt us last year, but it was sort of a blessing in disguise for us," 5-10 senior Mike Gandy said. "Our guys got a lot of game experience because of it and learned how to handle the pressure. So we're looking forward to next year."

With four returning starters and a wealth of depth, next year's offensive line is shaping up as one of the team's most experienced units.

"We're more experienced this year and that has helped us jump right into things," Gandy said. "We're learning the new plays and the defensive fronts and the guys are picking it up quickly."

Fifth-year seniors Jim Jones and Gandy hold down the starting guard spots during spring practice. The 6-2, 310-pound Jones is 10 starts at left guard. While Gandy, at 6-4 and 315 pounds, started all 11 games and logged the second highest number of minutes on the team.

Gandy has played the most career minutes of any lineman, but expects the whole unit to look to their leadership role.

"I'm not a great leader in the huddle," Gandy said. "Last year John Merandi and I were the only guys back so it was a big role. But this year it's not just me. There are a lot of guys and this will be their last chance to do it right."

Senior John Teasdale (6-5, 305) and junior Jordan Black (6-6, 310) return at the offensive tackle spots. Both suffered season-ending injuries late in the year and Black is still recovering from shoulder surgery and knee ligament damage.

The big question mark heading into the season will be the center position. Merandi, who logged the most minutes on the team last season, was denied a fifth-year, meaning one of the younger guys will have to step up and try to fill his shoes. The frontrunner early in spring drills is sophomore Jeff Faine.

"John was a big part of this line, but Jeff Faine is a smart guy and he knows what he is doing," Gandy said. "So we really don't owe much."

Faine (6-3, 292) was a highly recruited prospect out of Seminole High School in Florida, but hasn't stepped foot on the field during a game. His teammates, however, have made Faine's adjustment an easy one.

"It's been really cool," Faine said. "The older guys took me under their wing and treated me as if I've always been there. They've shown me the ropes. It's really been neat to have four guys take you in like that."

Faine learned a lot in just one season from his mentor, Merandi.

"Merandi taught me how to be a leader and to always do the right thing," Faine said. "I never caught him doing the wrong thing. He taught me to believe in myself and be confident in what I do."

Faine, however, realizes he still has a long way to go before he makes his first snap against the Fighting Forces of Evil.

"One of those girls over there, I want her to fall in love with me," Faine said. "And in that way, it'll be four on five."

Meanwhile, Charity would probably go off and do some lovey-dovey stuff, and then we'd have a chance with four on five."

Offensive guard Mike Gandy (right) and tight end Jabari Holloway finish their blocks on Pittsburgh defensive end Jamesfeel. Gandy has played the most career minutes of any lineman.

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