Rape survivors: ResLife system proves ineffective

By ANNE MARIE MATTINLY
News Editor

Systems currently in place for addressing rape and sexual assault through the Office of Residence Life are inappropriate and inadequate, said rape survivors Kori Pienovi and Kelly McGeever at a panel discussion Wednesday.

Pienovi, who was raped in 1997 and pursued disciplinary action against her alleged assailant through Residence Life, explained that she initially believed the system was adequate because her attacker was dismissed from the University.

"These people did the right thing for me," she said, explaining her decision to encourage fellow victims to pursue action through Residence Life. "But after following the cases of two such victims through the process, she is no longer convinced.

"As far as I've seen, the only way they'll kick someone out is if he'll admit she said 'No,' and how often is that going to happen?" she asked, noting with hindsight that her attacker's admission that she refused his advances likely forced the panel to dismiss him.

"They don't want to admit it because they don't want to... they do it only if they have to," she said. "They will do everything they can to not make that decision."

In the cases of the two friends Pienovi encouraged to pursue channels in Residence Life, the panel took no action, leading her to the conclusion that the system provides victims with a false belief that justice will be served.

"They say that there's this range of offenses and that there's this range of punishments, but from what I've seen, it's all or nothing," she said. "I don't understand how they can sleep at night. They raise these girls' hopes up... and then they say, 'We found no violation of DuLac.'"

Pienovi rape survivor

The consequence of that trust is that when the panel chooses not to take action, the victim begins to think that may be the right decision, said Pienovi. McGeever said that one Residence Life official told her that "the only reasons women go through RealLife is that they wanted revenge or that they wanted to heal themselves."

The Office of Residence Life justifies its system on the basis that it is not a legal organization, according to McGeever.

"They say that RealLife is an academic system (and that victims shouldn't) come there for..."
Duke researchers find new use for old drug

DURHAM, N.C.

A drug primarily used to help people quit smoking may also reduce cocaine addiction, based on recent tests on rats.

"This research opens a new approach to the treatment of cocaine abuse, which has been resistant to treatment in general," said Jed Rose, chief of the Medical Center's Nicotine Research Program.

Mecamylamine, which has been available for nearly half a century, was originally used to treat high blood pressure and has been known to help smokers quit.

Currently, the drug is under Food and Drug Administration review as a treatment for both smoking and Tourette's syndrome in children.

Mecamylamine works by blocking nicotinic receptors in the brain that would normally release dopamine, the primary chemical involved in generating feelings of pleasure.

An addicted individual's desire for cocaine is weakened when the drug cannot produce any feeling of pleasure in the brain.

Cocaine, nicotine and alcohol are just a few of the drugs that increase dopamine in the brain. Mecamylamine's presence may affect the pleasure-inducing qualities of other drugs, including cocaine.

"Mecamylamine indirectly affects the system that cocaine normally stimulates," explained Edward Levin, lead researcher and associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral science.

A paper about his research on the topic is currently being reviewed by several journals in the field.

Levin predicts that this research will pave the way for the discovery of new addiction-fighting drugs that will reduce the side effects of treatment.

"The results of this study can be used to find and develop even better antagonists that are more specific in targeting the sub-receptors directly stimulated in drug addiction," he said.

Dartmouth begins housing shift

HANOVER, N.H.

Heavily endearing recommendations made by a committee report, the Board of Trustees announced the culmination of the first phase of the Student Life Initiative launched in February 1999. Despite opposing recommendations by the Student Assembly and the Coed Fraternity Sorority (CFS) Council, the Board threw its support behind steering committee recommendations such as the removal of taps and bars from CFS basements, the continued moratorium on the formation of single-sex selective organizations, the discontinuation of the CFS Judicial Council and the move of rush to Winter term.

The board also endorsed the development of an extensive residential life system, including the ideas of clusters and possibly common houses linked to each residential hall. The trustees acknowledged the importance of centralized dining and authorized an expanded student center, recreational center, flat-floor space and renovations on campus dining facilities, including a dining hall on north campus.
Lecturers question ROTC program's place at University

By KIFLIN TURNER

There are numerous reasons why Notre Dame should not host the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC), according to Father Michael Baxter, who lectured with professor Todd Whitmore about Catholic Perspectives on ROTC Wednesday night. The relationship between the University and ROTC and its policies on recruiting soldiers for war is somewhat undefined, said Baxter.

"ROTC constitutes an intrusion of an external authority under a separate entity. Faculty of ROTC are primarily members of the military rather than members of the academy. They are not brought under departmental review as faculty in other departments, said Baxter. He added that the ROTC curriculum is not brought under review in the same way as the other departments, said Baxter.

"ROTC is in a way that the church is not — an external authority," said Baxter.

"The ROTC program is to put it bluntly, is an appendage to the Department of Defense," said Baxter. Implementing monetary incentives for recruiting people to join ROTC in efforts of upholding the strength of the U.S. defense is another misguided goal of the military, said Baxter. "Are there not other ways to give financial money to these students?" Baxter asked.

Most students who join the ROTC do so to receive funds to help pay for their education, said Baxter. He believes the percentages of students in ROTC receiving scholarships is enough to make such a generalized statement. "The University could come up with money not for military service but for ecclesiastical service," said Baxter. "The ROTC curriculum lacks rigorous training about cooperation with evil." Furthermore, courses and ideas that address the morality of warfare should be a major component of the ROTC curriculum, said Baxter.

"Preparation that students get here on campus is way too abstract to provide meaningful and effective training for handling war situations," said Baxter. This kind of training is vital to non-ROTC training, but it is a major part of military training in general, he said.

"You do not know what it is like to go to war until you go to war," said Baxter, recalling discussions he had with commanding officers in the Gulf War who described their training as simulated in the form of video games. "There was a certain unreal- ity to it," said Baxter. "ROTC does not provide adequate information and training in regards to consci- enous objection to moral aspects," said Baxter. Opposition to war or unjust prac- tices in war is not welcomed and is cer- tainly not supported by the military, said Baxter.

"There is a formal process to declare conscientious objection to war. However, the process is long and complicated. Although it normally results in the placement of the soldier in a non-combat situation, the option is rarely pursued or recognized in the military," said Baxter.

The military is not conducive to the laws that the Church fosters, said Baxter. "The University could come to the ROTC students likely to break the moral law as a result of militarily lacking a presence in the military, he said.

"In war time, you do not want people questioning orders, but what if those orders are immoral?" Baxter added that the ROTC curriculum lacks rigor- ous training about cooperation with evil. Baxter.

"Can be serious in reference to Christia- nity," said Baxter. Morally, the ROTC curriculum is not bringing the religious practice of people in the military.

Although the University is not required to bring religious practice in the military, said Baxter, it is responsible for the moral training of those students.

"One cannot kill another person on behalf of "the state as an act of love towards the person killed," said Whitmore. The just war theory can be sum- marized as the practice of killing oth- ers in war as an action that is not always wrong, provided that the war was declared by a legiti- mate authority on the grounds of just cause focused on attaining peace and justice. "One cannot kill another person on behalf of the state as an act of love towards the person killed," said Whitmore in reference to Christian Pacifism.

"One cannot kill another person on behalf of the state as an act of love towards the person killed," said Whitmore. "Our Notre Dame Morrissey Loan Fund.

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Jake Cram (far right) and friends from the Columbine High School class of 1999 celebrate their graduation. Despite their smiles on the happy occasion, memories of the shooting lingered in their minds.

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continued from page 1 of 1999 to confront what happened there.

"A lot of my friends can't see Time; can't see what happened on April 20," Jake said. "The kids don't really talk about it much. For me, I liked to read the Time articles because I wanted to figure out why. Everyone is looking for answers, but I don't think that there is one. Sometimes I just think this was supposed to happen at my school, and I can only hope something good comes out of it."

Still, Jake says, a lot of his classmates just want to forget. Or maybe it's too hard to remember.

April 20, 1999

It was a normal day in choir for Jake, who was stressing about what he now calls "little things." Preparing for a test in his choir class, he remembers worrying about completing the exam.

"After, I remember thinking why I worried about something so stupid," he said.

But during the test, the 120 students who filled the choir room heard gunshots echo through the hallways, unidentifiable at first. Breathing off the first few noises as nothing but a senior prank, the class suddenly realized the situation was anything but a joke. Half of the class exited through a back door, while Jake and other classmates ran to a door that led to the hallway. Five feet away, Jake witnessed a student holding a cell phone he had in his pocket.

"He's talking to the police," Jake said. "He told us that the police weren't in the school. He told us to move, don't make a sound," and to call back in 30 minutes.

The cellphone was the only link to the outside world the group had during the crisis. Kept calm by Mr. Cromwell's assurances that the police knew where they were, Matt phoned his dad on regular intervals. But nearly two hours since the crisis began, students were rapidly losing composure in the storage closet. After a third phone call to Mr. Cromwell revealed that SWAT teams were entering the building with caution due to bombs that were set off earlier in the school, the panic level was still rising.

"A couple girls passed out, and we all — girls and guys — took our shirts off because it was so hot in there," Jake said. "We lifted a few kids up through the ceiling to give us some room and air."

Three hours later, there was a knock on the door.

"We were all really scared, and didn't know what to do," Jake said. "Then they said it was the Denver Police. We opened up the door and couldn't run anywhere — they had a barrier."

They pulled each student out of the closet one by one, holding a gun to each student's head and frisking them for weapons.

"At the time it seemed rough, and we couldn't believe they were doing that," Jake said. "Later we found out that the SWAT guys hadn't found Eric or Dylan, and they didn't know if they'd dropped the guns and hid like an innocent kid."

The last group to be evacuated from the school, the mass ducted, sprinted, and fell to the floor in an effort to get out of the building. They were caught in bullet holes in the wall, blood on the floor and the corpse of a classmate. Finally reaching the exit, they made it to safety and sped away in the police cars awaiting beyond the door.

**Beginning recovery**

As the details began to unfold about the events of April 20 in the Columbine community, Jake and the students of Columbine High School would begin a journey of healing that for some, still has not been completed.

For Jake, it meant realizations of what was important.

"The whole time I was in that room, and we felt our lives in danger, it really made me appreciate life," Jake said. "My friends and family were what was really important in the long run, and I really changed my outlook on life. Nothing really seemed to matter anymore ... I used to get stressed out about every little thing, but now I don't worry about the small stuff."

But still plagued with memories of April 20, Jake spun into a cycle of nightmares and weight loss that made his trauma visible. At the advice of his parents, he consulted his sports psychologist and began discussing the events with her.

When fell and freshman orientation at Notre Dame approached, the beginning of college provided a welcome reprieve.

"I was kind of happy to get away," he said. "But it was hard for me not to be around people that went through it with me. Everybody here was born after it about it. They see your name and 'Columbine' next to it, and they want to know what happened. It helped me deal with it, but there were times I wanted people like my friends back home."

But being in South Bend may have allowed him to heal faster than those still in Littleton. Surrounded by memories of the tragedy, a suicide by a parent of one of the victims and a luncheon student speaking about the tragedy continues in the community.

"I have friends who are seniors at Columbine, and while the stuff that's gone on there since the shootings has affected me, it's affected them even more. It's a lot easier for me to deal with a here," he said.

But he still struggles with his friends who have not recovered, including Matt. Speaking to him once a week on extra cell phone the victims, he knows his friend's recovery has not gone as well.

"He wouldn't go to counseling," he said. "A lot of kids wouldn't. They thought they could deal with it on their own."

They celebrate survival.
Ecuador landslide kills 9

QUITO

A landslide caused by heavy rains buried three homes in a rural area along Ecuador's Pacific coast Wednesday, killing nine people, officials said. Seven other homes near the town of Guayaquil, 90 miles west of the capital, Quito, were damaged by the avalanche of mud and rock. Among the vic­tims were six members of a family who were buried in the two small houses they lived in at the base of a hillside, The Red Cross said. Ecuador, which is near the end of its September-May rainy season, has been hit in the last week by nearly nonstop showers across the country and in the central highlands. Landslides in Quito, which lies in a valley between two mountain ranges, have claimed the lives of at least 15 people this month.

D'Alema resigns as Italy leader

ROME

Premier Massimo D'Alema, the first ex­Communist to lead Italy, resigned Wednesday, setting the stage for a new premier or the election of a new parliament. D'Alema headed a leftist government, and President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi said he will begin two days of consultations Thursday with Italy's political leaders on how proceed. Ciampi can ask someone else from the center-left to try to form a new government, he can call immedi­ate elections, or can appoint a nonpolitical caretaker to lead until scheduled elections in the spring of 2001. D'Alema's conservative opposition, emboldened by its victorious showing in regional races over the weekend, has been pressing for early elections — some­thing the fractured and debilitated center-left dreads.

Leader backs AIDS policy

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa

In a letter to world leaders published Wednesday, President Thabo Mbeki compared the criticism of his AIDS policies to the reins­orption of political ideas under apartheid. Mbeki also argued that since HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, is spread mostly through heterosexual contact in Africa, the continent's problems are unique. "In the West, HIV/AIDS is said to be largely a homosexually transmit­ted," it is reported that in Africa, including our country, it is transmitted heterosexually," said the letter, dated April 3. "Accordingly, as Africans, we have to deal with this uniquely African catastrophe." Presidential spokesman Parks Mankahla said Wednesday that Mbeki sent the letter to President Clinton and other world leaders "to explain his position because the reports that have been in the media have either been misleading or inac­curate."

Clinton declares site sacred

OKLAHOMA CITY

President Clinton, marking the fifth anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing, promised today that "America will never forget" the pain and suffering inflicted by the deadliest terrorist attack in U.S. his­tory. "There are places in our national landscape so scarred by freedom's sacrifi­ce that they shape forever the soul of America," the president said. "This place is such sacred ground."

Clinton made his remarks in a speech prepared for delivery at the dedication of the Oklahoma City National Memorial on the site of the explosion that ripped open the nine-story Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building on April 19, 1995 — exactly five years ago. An advance text was released by the White House. On a grassy slope where the building once stood, 168 bronze and stone chairs represent the 168 Oklahomans who died. Nineteen of the victims were children, and their chairs are smaller than the others. At night, all the chairs are to be lit, casting a gentle glow over the site. The president was to officially open the memorial by untying symbolic colored ribbons: white for inno­cence, purple for courage, yellow for hope and blue for statehood. Clinton said that today also was the 225 anniversary of the beginning of the American Revolution. "The brave Americans we lost here 220 years later, though they were not fight­ing a war, were also patri­ots in service to their fellow citizens or children whose promise keeps our old democracy forever young," the president said.

"Five years ago, the cow­ards who killed them made a choice," Clinton said. "They chose to attack this building and the people in it, because they wanted to strike a blow in America's heartland — at the core of our nation's living. This was an attack on all America, and every American."

Canada

Police charge web suspect for mischief

MONTREAL

A 15-year-old boy working under the computer name MafiaBoy has been charged with two counts of mis­chief for disabling the CNN Internet site for four hours, police said Wednesday. The Feb. 8 attack was one of several on major international Web sites in recent months that highlighted the security risks of the high-tech age. The young suspect — arrested Saturday in a joint investigation with the FBI — boasted in Internet chat rooms frequented by hackers that he was responsible for a number of the attacks. Inspector Yves Roussel of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police said, but despite his on-line boasts, he so­ far has only been charged in the attack on CNN.

The boy's name cannot be disclosed under Canadian law. As a youth offender, he could be sentenced to up to two years in prison if convicted. Roussel said the joint investigation continues and more arrests are possi­ble.

Cyber-attacks in February against CNN, Yahoo!, eBay, Amazon.com, ETrade and other major Web sites inconvenienced millions of Internet users. Called "denial of service," the attacks involved flooding a site with so much traffic that legitimate customers were unable to get through.

The ease and extent of the attacks, which effectively shut down major Web sites for hours at a time, generat­ed new business for many Internet security firms. Internet sites that believed their operations were already secure found themselves helpless against the flood of attacks.

U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno praised the joint U.S.-Canadian investi­gation that led to the arrest and called it a signal for hackers to beware. "I believe this recent breakthrough demonstrates our capacity to track them down wherever they may be," Reno said.
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justice, because that's not they're there for," she said. Only the accused can appeal a decision and a victim's chance of recovering damages are about as good from Residence Life as from the legal system, said Pienovi, who claimed that if the decision is in favor of the accused that Residence Life refuses to acknowledge the charges. "As far as they're concerned, if they decide 'No,' it's as if it never happened," she said, explaining that victims whose cases she has followed have been told not to c o n t a c t Residence Life further after a panel had decided no violation had occurred.

McGeever said that more education is needed. At the time of her assault she was not aware that she could report her rapist and not later choose not to press charges.

Pienovi believes that Notre Dame does not discipline accused rapists except in cases in which the accused confesses and because very few women are driven by monetary and social concerns. "It's all about protecting the image - they can either deal with the problem or cover it up," she said. "A lot of this comes down to money. Lawyers review the panel's decision and they say that this legal stuff has nothing to do with it, but it's obviously does."

It is unreasonable for the panel to refuse to take action without a confession, both because guilt is often apparent due to physical evidence not considered by Residence Life and because very few women bring false accusations, according to Pienovi.

"Statistically, 2 percent of women nationally make this up. They would be right more often if they always took the girl's side, but they take the guy's side," she said. "By doing what they do, they're saying, 'If you come in here and don't say that she said 'No,' you're off the hook.'"

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Kori Pienovi rape survivor

Both women said that under-reporting is a problem as well. Because her attack took place at another university, McGeever could not file a complaint with Residence Life, and her experience was considered as part of Notre Dame's annual statistics. Furthermore, the University does not include reports to rectors, assistant rectors or residence directors because they are considered to be functioning in a pastoral role, she explained.

Though she could not accurately estimate the number of rapes that occur annually at Notre Dame, Pienovi is certain that it is much greater than the number s e c u r i t y reports.

"I personally know 12 people that my friends have been raped," she said. "It's weird to me how often it happens and that nothing's being done about it."

McGeever said that when she pursued help through the University Counseling Center she found there was a waiting list. Though helpful, she explained that her counselor had such an enormous case load that she was never able to pursue her feelings in any depth during counseling sessions.

But both victims feel that they have tried to make the best of their negative experiences. "I will never get over this — it's as if I've learned to incorporate into my life in the most positive way possible it," said Pienovi, who noted the irony in her mother's urging that she attend Notre Dame instead of Duke because its crime statistics were lower.

Pienovi's experiences with Residence Life have made her determined to bring about change in the system, and she has been told that she is a number of officials in the Office of Residence Life who will be very happy to see her graduate, she said. But despite that, she feels obligated to make her voice heard.

"Before I leave this school, something has to change," she said. "I can't see more girls get hurt like this."

Survivors

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Financial board presents budget with one appeal

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

The Financial Management Board presented the 2000-2001 Student Union Budget to the Student Senate last night. Although only one appeal was filed, there were several areas questioned by various senators.

"The financial board is made up of nine members and the group has been together all year. Before we allocated funds, we met with half of the organizations asking for money," said Katie Reich, student union treasurer.

The Financial Management Board met with leaders of the groups in 15-minute interviews Sunday and then conducted discussions on where money should go. Because The Shirt project grossed more money this year, the board had $20,000 more to allocate.

"We decided to create a technology fund where on a three year rotation, different groups would receive new computers for their offices," Reich said. "In this day and age, there is a desperate need for technology and this fund will help organizations keep up.

One controversy with the budget was that the Student Union Board's (SUB) money was cut by $500 from last year.

"We decided that [giving that money to SUB] may not be the best way to use student funds. We went through the budget as a collective whole to make these decisions," Reich said. SUB still has a lot of money remaining in their account from this year, and thus the board decided they did not need as much money, Reichel said.

SUB representative Becky Helgen said that the group had tried to bring Oliver Stone or Jerry Springer to campus and because these events fell within their means, they had money remaining in its account.

One area of concern within SUB is the money allocated for concerts. Korean senator Grant Ghoshal expressed concern with the acts that SUB is able to bring to campus for concerts and questioned whether giving them more money would aid in getting larger names to play here.

"The problem with concerts is that it is an overwhelming task," Reich said. "The University as a whole must work to get bigger names. We are not in a position to allocate enough money to bring such an act in.

"Basically we decided that one big concert is a better idea than two smaller ones. It is beyond our realm. We simply do not have the money as a Student Union to put forth towards renting the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center (JACC)," she said. Other members of the Financial Management Board's position.

"I am so excited to be on the Transfer Orientation committee. We are asking Admissions to find an extra $5000 and I simply do not know where they will get it," Reich said.

This happened after dulls appeal to the Financial Management Board's position.

Transfer orientation is much like Freshman Orientation and thus we feel that admissions should pick up the bill," Reichel said.

However, McDonald said that the money was necessary and if the financial management board did not give it to Transfer Orientation, they may not receive it elsewhere.

"We're not asking for a lot, just $5000. We need every cent of that. I would like to stress the importance of Transfer Orientation. When you come as a transfer student, you do not know anyone," McDonald said.

A "good portion of transfers live off campus and often do not feel like they are part of the University. Transfer orientation is the first thing to make them feel like part of the Notre Dame campus and seeing a fellow student helping makes them feel like part of the school," McConaughy said.

Overall, the senate agreed with McDonald and rearranged funds and however, the senate denied Transfer Orientation the money they requested. They took $500 from the freshman class, $500 from the office of the president, $500 from Hall President's account and $875 away from the technology fund.

In other senate news:

♦ The senate approved the nomination of Taylor McWilliams for 2000-2001 class representative to the Financial Management Board.

♦ The senate choose Luciana Heli, Brenda Dondall and Dan Barbas as Campus Life Council representatives.

♦ New athletic director Kevin White addressed the senate on this topic.

"I am so excited to be on the most celebrated university and campus in the country," White said. "I think the most important element of any campus is the student body and we want to do anything and everything to represent you. We are very excited to be here."

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- Morning Prayer, 9:00a.m.
- Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 5:00p.m.
- Tenebrae, 11:00p.m.

Thursday, April 20
Basílica of the Sacred Heart

Good Friday:
- Morning Prayer, 9:00a.m.
- Passion, 3:00p.m.
- Stations of the Cross, 7:15p.m.

Friday, April 21
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Celebration of the “Via Crucis” (Way of the Cross)
- Friday, April 21
Chicago’s Hispanic Pilsen neighborhood

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- 10:00a.m.
- Noon
- Paschal Sunday Vespers, 7:15p.m.

Sunday, April 23
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Campus Bible Study
- Tuesday, April 28, 7:00 p.m.
- Radin Hall Chapel

Graduate Student Bible Study Group
- Wednesday, April 26, 8:00 p.m.
- Wilson Commons

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer
- Wednesday, April 26, 10:00-10:30 p.m.
- Walsh Hall Chapel

WHAT’S THE FUTURE OF THIS CONSIDERATIONS...

Conor’s Prayer
Jim Lies, C.S.C.

On Conor’s behalf, I write to thank you. You know who you are. You’re the one who lit a candle at the Grotto for the kid you hardly knew. You’re the one who prayed for that for which the doctor’s gave us no hope. You’re the one who stood in line for hours and offered yourself to be tested for the National Bone Marrow Registry because you were suddenly aware that you could, quite literally, save someone’s life. You’re the one who signed a T-shirt or sent a card, an e-mail or a letter to let our brother know that while he may not be with us physically, he was no less with us in spirit, in our thoughts and in our prayers. You’re the one who shaved your head to join in solidarity with our brother. You’re the one who traveled to Cleveland to be with him and with his family. You’re the one who worked to raise money to fund the Donor Drive. You’re the one, stranger or friend, who has seen him through to this day.

As I write, on Tuesday of Holy Week, we await that for which we have all long hoped and prayed. This evening, Conor will receive the bone marrow transplant form the one perfect match that was found among the more than three million person National Bone Marrow Registry. Conor has spent the past several days receiving a series of radiation adn chemotherapy treatments, respectively, to prepare him for the transplant. The theory is that they kill everything in him that is sickness and death, and with the transplant, restore life and renew his immune system. It is difficult to know just how long it will be before we will know of the success of the procedure, and so your continued prayers are deeply appreciated.

The parallels to that which we celebrate this week ought not to go unnoted. There is an appropriateness to its happening during this most holy of weeks. It is a powerful metaphor, in some ways, for that which we celebrate, the paradox of the Paschal Mystery. It might be a time for us to ask God to purge us of everythign that is sickness and death, and to begin in us the life to which each of us is called, a life of light, and truth, and love. Even as we pray fervently for Conor in these days, let’s pray for ourselves as well. We may well be in as much need of healing, perhaps not of body, but of mind, heart and spirit.

It is impossible to thank all who have contributed so mightily to Conor’s cause, from the outpouring of love, prayers, and support that surrounded the news of his illness to the contributions to the Donor Drive which was held on his behalf. There are some people and groups tha deserve partic­ular attention for their incredible generosity and support. On Conor’s behalf, I wish to list some of them here. Before I do, however, let me acknowledge the danger in listing any contributors at all, since I am likely to inadvertently leave out some. Simply know that there are countless individuals, residence halls, clubs, and significant anonymous donors whose names and contribu­tions go unnoted here but which are no less deeply valued and appreciated.

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Conor has been singularly overwhelmed and sustained by the love and support, shown in so many ways, which he has received since his diagnosis on February 25th. He has asked me to thank you, and to assure you of his prayers. His prayer is that you might one day know, as surely as he does, the grace of God and the power of the notre Dame Family. He is convinced that he lives today, with great hope for healthy future, because of what you have done. He has articulated on various occasions, and far better than I, his deep abiding belief that God is at work in this and through you. For him, and with him, I thank you.

Scripture Readings for This Coming Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
2nd Reading: Col 3:14 or 1Cor 5:6-8
Gospel: Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7
By MATT NANDA
Assistant Scene Editor

If films like last year's "BeingJohnMalkovich," "Fight Club," "Magnolia" and the newly released "American Psycho" are any indication; the current state of film-making is looking pretty good.

Not since the '70s have American audiences seen such an illustrious crop of unique and exciting films.

Granted: "American Psycho" was not made in Hollywood with a $100 million budget, but it did gross for $7.5 million by Lions Gate Films, which also released last year's "Dogma."

With "American Psycho," director Mary Harron ("I Shot Andy Warhol") and co-writer Guinevere Turner (adapting a novel by Bret Easton Ellis) have given us a cold, dark satirical look into the blackness that resides within the image culture, as well as the first truly memorable film of the year.

"American Psycho" portrays, with playful menace, the egotistical world of young and affluent Patrick Bateman (Christian Bale). Bale, in a Wall Street V.P. by day, vicious serial killer with a penchant for outrageous combinations of sex and hedonism by night.

The film plays with the idea that Bateman is becoming, as he sees his illusion of power shattered.

In another scene, which is set up previously by a short clip of "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre," Bateman, naked and splattered in blood, chases a prostitute through the halls of a seemingly empty New York City apartment building, all the while clutching his walking chainsaw. While this may sound a bit grisly, this scene, as it is presented, is nothing short of hilarious in its over-the-top B-grade horror movie aesthetics. Indeed, perversely funny.

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In the dark, twisted satire "American Psycho," Christian Bale plays a psychopathic 1980s Wall Street V.P. who kills people in his spare time.

"American Psycho"

Director: Mary Harron
Starring: Christian Bale, Reese Witherspoon, Jared Leto, Samantha Mathis, Chloë Sevigny and Willem Dafoe

In about equal measure, the movie offers a fierce, social commentary about the excesses that characterized the 1980s. On the surface, the well-groomed, conservative and conventional Bateman appears to be the ideal late '80s yuppie. But underneath the surface lurks... well, nothing. The film plays with the idea that nothing is true. Nothing. Nothing at all. The movie is a vision in a society driven by materialism. Bateman is not even remotely contemptuous of his brutal crimes. His murders are merely a natural extension of his ruthless lifestyle. At one point during the porno so blood won't splatter on his designer suit: Bateman is young, rich, good-looking and psychotic. He is the very essence of pathology and greed that was corporate America.

Harron has created something truly original: a character study of a man who seeks, in the image culture, as well as the first truly memorable film of the year.

The film will undoubtedly anger those seeking a traditional movie about Bateman's crimes or a sense of resolution; but by keeping the film loosely plotted as well as ambiguous in appearance, Harron drives the point of the film home in both idea and design.

Still, and cinematographer Andrzej Sekula handle the picture's violent sequences skillfully, making them genuinely jarring without allowing them to overshadow the film's satirical points. This is one of the few recent black comedies that really works, delivering laughs and shivers in about equal measure. Indeed, an undercurrent of nastiness is maintained even at the most brutal moment.

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Box Office

The courtroom military drama "Rules of Engagement," starring Samuel L. Jackson (left), snuck past Sandra Bullock's "28 Days" to gain the top stop at the box-office last week-end, earning $10.9 million. The Edward Norton romantic comedy "Keeping the Faith" did moderately well, pulling in a substantial $8.1 million to earn the third slot. Despite appearing on only half as many screens as the top draws, "American Psycho" still managed a decent $4.9 million intake.

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Anderson, Nixon greeted Jim

the Red Sox, who matched the

singles and a walk against Matt

shutout against Detroit.

This string started with two vic­

ting two batters before the homer

launched in the seventh. He was 4-for­

two home runs in the Tigers' first seven games at Comerica

Mike Winters, the foul call stood.

after an at-bat against reliever Kefeith Kouke that featured nine foul balls, including

another long drive to left.

The White Sox made it 5-2 on

a blooper double by Magglio Ordonez and RBI single by Paul Konerko in the seventh.

Sean Lowe (1-0) got the victory with 2-3 innings after replac­

ing Howry the ninth for his first save. Jay Buhner hit a two-run home run, his fourth of the

Game 1, as the Mariners topped the Red Sox 2-1.

Expos 7, Mariners 2

Carlos Lee delivered a tiebreaker, singles and a double in the fifth inning and the Chicago White Sox beat the Seattle Mariners.

Gil Meche (0-1) got the first two outs in the Chicago fifth but

then walked the bases loaded, giving him seven walks for the game, and was replaced by Jose

Piniaco.

Lee hit a two-run single to center to give the White Sox a 2-4 lead.

Rodriguez thought he hit it with a two-homer in the seventh but his long drive to left was ruled foul by third base umpire Fieldin Culbreth.

So much room, nothing to say.

I'm sick...

That cookie is dead.

Well, she's not smelly anymore.

Smelly Mindy has the dragonfly.

But I wonder if her bed is still

covered in paper-maiche stuff.

...and I have nothing to do.

Oh no, Kristina is a monkey.

Mindy is a dragonfly.

Erin is a mosquito.

I'm a shower sponge with a
tarantula on it.

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Weird with a ruptured knee tendon, the second to go in with 7:26 thrilled to want to.

Barkley, out since Dec. 8 with a ruptured knee tendon, received a standing ovation amid shouts of "Barkley, Barkley, Barkley!" when the Grizzlies head coach Tomjanovich obviously was trying to get Barkley in the second column. Barkley missed his next two shots but finally got a rebound and scored with 1:24 left in the second quarter.

Barkley left smiling, finishing with six minutes of playing time, two points, one rebound, one assist and a blocked shot. Barkley returned to the sidelines for the second half, where a flukey recliner awaited him.

The Rockets almost had another victory with a fourth-quarter comeback, but the Grizzlies held on for a 96-92 victory to snap a seven-game losing streak. Former Rocket Patchick led the Grizzlies to victory with 28 points.

Barkley was the fifth player chosen overall in the 1984 NBA draft by Philadelphia after a standout career at Auburn. Barkley's draft class included Michael Jordan, John Stockton and current teammate Halley Olajuwon.

The Boston Celtics ended their seventh straight losing season on a high note, defeating the Knicks 112-85 on Wednesday night.

The Knicks, who are seeded sixth in the Eastern Conference and will face Toronto in the opening round, rested key players yet still led 56-55 at halftime. But they managed just 11 points in the third quarter, allowing the Celtics to take an 84-67 lead into the fourth.

The Celtics (35-47) were led by Paul Pierce with 19 points, Kenny Anderson with 18 and Tony Battie with 17. They ended their season with five wins in their last six games after a 10-game losing streak ruined their playoff chances.

For all his flamboyance throughout his career, Barkley finished with a humble tone.

"Basketball doesn't owe me anything. I owe everything in my life to basketball, everything," Barkley said. "I'm 37 years old, which is beyond my wildest dreams. I have great material things. I've been all over the world and it's all because of basketball." Barkley considered playing Tuesday night at Phoenix, where he performed for four seasons and almost came close to winning an NBA championship in 1993. But Tomjanovich didn't want to take a chance with Barkley's knee still less than 100 percent.

This is a sad day for me. I've been playing basketball since I was nine years old and now I'm not going to be playing anymore," Barkley said. "That's the thing that makes me sad. I won't miss the limelight.

"The difficult thing is that nothing I'm going to do in my life from now on will come close to what I've accomplished in basketball in the last 16 years."

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**MOVIE REVIEW**

**Bullock's ‘Days’ too predictable, formulaic**

By CASEY K. McCLUSKEY

When most people think of Sandra Bullock's movie roles, they think of the new girl next door. Although the role of Gwen Cummings is not too far off the mark from her normal roles, Gwen definitely has much more of an edge than we are used to seeing. The storyline itself proves to be a serious one, but Bullock is still able to add a little charm to her comedy character.

Gwen is a New York City columnist who enjoys the fast life and the big story. Her life consists of swinging from one party to the next without dealing with or caring to deal with, of any of the reperes. Gwen is finally forced to deal with her problems — and there are plenty — when she is sentenced to 28 days of rehab after drunkenly crashing her sister's wedding limousine into a house while trying to replace the wedding cake she fell into.

Soon, Gwen goes from living with a big life in the fast lane to living a much slower paced life in a New Age rehab center. Gwen walks into a world of singing, chanting, hugging and sharing. She is not ready to join in the festivities.

Gwen thinks that she can stick out 28 days, she'll be able to go back to her life like she simply does not see that she has a problem. But like any good Hollywood film, Gwen has her moment of realization just in time to get the full experience out of rehab.

The story line of this film is predictable, although a number of the characters in the film are pretty fresh. Alan Tudyk plays Gerhardt, a fellow patient who is extremely amusing and very puzzling at the same time. He has an accent that drifts from one country to the next, never settling on an origin. Despite being a very emotional guy, Gerhardt still manages to hide his emotions. Although he is very much an engine, he is one of the most lovable characters.

Another interesting character in the film is Gwen's roommate, Andrea, played by Azure Skye. Andrea is a seventeen-year-old heroin addict who has been in and out of rehab most of her life, but is still surprisingly innocent. She is Gwen's ticket into the rehab group and the two form a bond to help each other.

During the 28 days in rehab, Eddie Boyce (Viggo Mortensen) joins the group. Boyce is a rehabbing baseball player who is ready to move from the pressures of being a big league.

Gwen and Eddie develop a flirtatious relationship that one seems suspicious of being a motivation for Gwen to leave her relationship with her partying boyfriend.

Eddie is interesting, but like most of the characters in the movie, his character is underdeveloped. The audience is not given the chance to get to know these characters intimately and therefore are not given the chance to care about them too much.

Coming from someone who is not "28 Days," Sandra Bullock plays Gwen, a struggling alcoholic forced into a rehabilitation clinic.

**MOVIE REVIEW**

**Norton, Stiller, Elfman lend charm to romantic 'Faith'**

By JILLIAN DePAUL

Edward Norton, arguably one of the best actors of his generation, tests his ability behind the camera with his directorial debut, "Keeping the Faith," an entertaining, though a bit confusing and unnatural, romantic comedy.

Norton turned many heads, including those of Academy voters, with his breakout role in "Primal Fear." Since then, he has continued to take risks with his choice of roles, such as a rage-filled neo-Nazi skinhead in "American History X," for which he got his second of what is sure to be many Oscar Award nominations and the nameless narrator of last year's "Celeste and Jesse Forever."

Unfortunately, Norton, and consequently the film, play it safe by conforming to the conventions of the genre. The result is a film that is not fully realized and inevitably, her return throws the three of their lives into upheaval.

The trio pick up where they left off in eighth grade, except for a few small details. Now they go to each other's religious services for fun, and Brian and Anna (try desperately to help Jake with his troubled love life. His whole congregation is trying to set him up, and since he feels obligated to suffer through the bad dates, he does not quite know what to do when a promising prospect comes along.

Not before long, both men develop romantic feelings for Anna. This is complicated, though, because Jake is already marrying his own wife, and we all know about Brian's previously sacrificed.

The film emphasizes the equality of their friendships (three can sometimes become a crowd). Therefore, when Jake and Anna start a casual, sexual relationship, the audience assumes that Anna's feelings for both men are tied up in it, and that she chooses Jake for obvious and convenient reasons (he is the one, she does not have a vow of chastity).

But, as they always do in the movies, this casual, sexual relationship develops into love, and when the two confront their feelings, both parties are immediately. Anna does not understand what a problem it is to be involved with a Catholic woman, and Jake is insensitive though he sometimes feels guilty. Meanwhile, black at the mercy, Brian, clueless about their relationship, is ready to chuck his priestly vows, and eventually his life, to be with Anna.

The relationship between Anna and Brian has better chemistry, or maybe our sympathies just lie with Norton because he is such a great Father-What-a-Waste. Either way, Norton sells his own character short in choosing not to go there. Had the audience not been led to believe that Anna chooses Jake for mere convenience, and had the script been convincing in its losing relationship between Anna and Jake, the film's flaws would have been forgiven. Instead, unique character dynamics are sacrificed for a tired, conventional ending.

Despite some essential problems, the film is genuinely entertaining. The trio lead the film with display charisma that makes many of the laughs work, even though they sometimes feel forced.

Although "Keeping the Faith" is a less than holy movie, redemption can be found in the tenure of its young talent.
Yellow Cab is too slow for busy me

I think I can probably call this column a public service warn- ing. After all, I did tell the guy I was going to do this, and what good is a threat if you don’t follow through?

You are wondering, I suppose, what I am talking about. Let me tell you.

It is a Tuesday night last week. I have just finished working five hours at the dining hall, and I am a tired puppy. It is 10 o’clock p.m. I am supposed to meet a friend at a place on 31-33 as soon as I can. It is since 10 p.m., there is no way, short of God him self commandeering my cab and making himself visible in a fiery cloud, that I am going to walk over to 31-33 via St. Mary’s Lane. So I call a cab.

And the trouble begins.

I call Yellow Cab. The barely intelligible man says that my cab will be here, and I quote, “Soon.” So I settle down to wait. I call my friend so he will know when I leave. I get off the phone with my friend after 20 minutes. And I wait some more.

It is now 10:40. I call Yellow Cab again. I ask where my cab is. I am told that there was some confusion, but now they have more drivers, and my cab will be there in 10 minutes. All right, I think to myself, that is a bit excessive, but what can I do? Fifty minutes was just the beginning.

I call back at 11:10, a full 30 minutes after the 10-minute estimate, and I am told the cab will now be here “very soon.”

However, he absolutely refuses to give me an actual time estimate.

My friend is now calling me every 10 minutes to see if the cab has arrived. I think to myself, if Dominic doesn’t make it in 30 minutes, the pizza is free, so I think that if Yellow Cab doesn’t make it in 30 minutes, they ought to have to build a time machine and get you there on some other plane.

One 10-minute call goes by, then two, and on the fourth call, at 11:30, my friend tells me he will come get me and walk me over to 31 so I will be safe. You know what happens next.

The cab shows up.

So I am no longer stuck by the cab. So I tell the guy why I don’t need his cab; he took too long. He says, “Oh, I say that to him too,” he quotes “soon” and I do not consider two hours “soon.” To which he smartly replies, “It wasn’t two hours.” Your call came in at 10:03.” I apologize. Only 1 hour and 50 minutes. Oh, the vast difference.

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I almost have a conniption fit on the phone. “No! I yell, “that is not soon!” I am a busy college student, and I do not have two hours to spend waiting for a cab. Besides that, he lied to me. If he had told me it would take two hours, I would have called someone else.

He tells me he did not lie. I reiterate that two hours is not soon, and he definately said soon. I say something more about being a busy Notre Dame student, I am then treated to a tirade from him about how his mother worked at Notre Dame for 50 years and when she retired all she got was $91 a month for a pension. I am sorry, I tell him. That’s awful. But I have no control over her pension, and he does have control over cabs. No, he doesn’t, he tells me. What? You work there! I say. Of course you have some control over cabs.

He asks me what is that is so important. I tell him I want him to know that I am a busy college student. He is not listening. We have two hours’-till-noon exchange again. I tell him that I am a columnist at our paper here, and I am going to write about this experience in my column next week. I also tell him that I hope no one ever takes his Yellow Cab company ever, ever, ever. And I hope no one ever takes his Yellow Cab company ever, ever, ever.

Marlayna Soennerke is a freshman psychology major. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

GUEST COLUMN

Will vouchers end public schools?

Elian Gonzalez became separated from his father last Thanksgiving when Elian’s late mother remarried. Elian must stay in the United States because his family, or if he had a criminal record, but in reality he’s not guilty of any of these offenses. He was not being abusive, if he had no job or means of supporting his family, or if he had a criminal record, but in reality he’s not guilty of any of these offenses.

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Vermont senate backs gay unions

Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. Bobbi Whitacre and Sandy Cote are already making plans for a small ceremony sanctifying their 33-year relationship. They are just disappointed they won’t couple.

Vermont Senate on sanctioning their 33-year relationship Wednesday gets as close to think, for a lot of us,” Cote said. “To have to stop short of the goal, it’s disappointing.”

On a 19-11 vote, the Senate passed a bill creating “civil unions,” a legal structure parallel to marriage for gay and lesbian couples.

The landmark proposal would grant to same-sex couples some 300 state benefits of marriage, including medical decision-making, tax breaks and inheritance. Neither state has conferred more than just a handful of the benefits.

“It’s great that it passed,” said Beth Robinson, one of the lawyers who successfully appealed to the Vermont Supreme Court that gay and lesbian couples were being unconstitutionally denied the benefits of marriage. The court issued an opinion to the Legislature how to provide those rights.

Richard Sears Vermont Senate Judiciary Chairman

“If there’s a more date two months before July 1, the Senate will have to vote in whether to accept the Senate’s changes. House Speaker Michael Hubchowiski said he did not understand what they’re doing,” he said, “They don’t understand the consequences of their vote.”

The House voted 76-69 in March to provide civil unions. The Senate largely agreed with the House’s approach to the issue, but changed some of the language in the bill and also moved up the effective date two months to July 1.

Now the Senate will have to vote on whether to accept the Senate’s changes. House Speaker Michael Hubchowiski said he did not understand what they’re doing, “I fought for civil rights down in Alabama in the 60’s. And that’s what I’m talking about. I’m thinking, happen, second-class citizens in the world.”

Even though they know there’s one more vote to come in the House, people like Whitacre and Cote are beginning to doubt their futures. On Sept. 15 — the anniversary of Whitacre’s late grandparents’ civil marriage — they’ll hold their ceremony.

“After 33 years, she’s finally going to make me an honest woman,” Whitacre said.

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**MEN’S LACROSSE**

No. 12 Notre Dame continues win streak

Special to The Observer

Junior attack Jen Harvey tallied a career-high six goals, tying the Notre Dame school record for goals in a home game, as he led the 12th-ranked Irish to their fourth straight win with a 17-9 victory over Villanova.

Notre Dame, who improved its record to 7-3 on the season, scored 12 unanswered goals in the second half after falling behind 7-5 early in the third quarter. Seven different players scored in the contest for the Irish as Notre Dame displayed another balanced scoring attack. The 17 goals were the most scored by the Irish since the 17-9 win over Denver during the 1999 campaign.

Junior David Urich tallied four goals and dished off three assists in his best performance of the season, while Tom Glazov added three goals and dished off four assists.

Notre Dame jumped out to an early 3-0 on two goals by Harvey. The Irish led 3-0 just under 11 minutes into the second quarter before the Wildcats finally got on the board with 10:27 remaining in the second 15-minute stanza on the first of Eric Dauer’s two goals.

Villanova was able to tie the game at 3-3 on Chris Larson goal with 11 minutes left to play before the intermission, but Harvey broke the tie with his third score of the game. The two teams were deadlocked at 3-3 at the break as Dauer netted a goal with 4:04 left in the second quarter.

Todd Urich gave the Irish a 5-3 lead a little over a minute into the second half, but then the visitors scored three unanswered goals in a two-minute span as the Wildcats grabbed a 5-5 lead with ten minutes left in the third quarter on a Brian Marks goal. David Urich answered with a goal six seconds following Marks’ tally and then Devin Ryan knotted the game at 7-7 43 seconds later.

Harvey provided the go-ahead goal with eight minutes left in the third as the Irish would go on to tally two more goals in grabbing a 10-7 lead after three periods.

Notre Dame scored the first seven goals of the fourth quarter. Villanova finally halted the Irish 12-goal run when Jack McGee scored with three and a half minutes remaining. The Wildcats, who fell to 8-4 overall with the loss, added a score late in the game.

The Irish return to action on Saturday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. in search of their fifth straight win with the home finale against Fairfield.

**WOMEN’S LACROSSE**

Irish must play strong at home

By SARAH RYKOWSKI

The Notre Dame women’s lacrosse team will seek redemption in their matchup this weekend against Columbia and Harvard. Seeking to improve on a disappointing 4-8 season campaign, the Irish will look to come away with a win.

“From the get-go, it’s a difficult thing to lose,” sophomore defender Kathryn Lam said. “Nobody likes to lose or keep going out there and coming up short is hard.”

The Irish play the Columbia Lions on Saturday, April 22, and take Easter Sunday off before facing the Harvard Crimson on Monday, April 24.

“We’re all about getting each other ready,” Lam said. “We try to pick each other up.”

Columbia has a 5-5 overall record and 0-5 record in the Ivy League.

The Irish are 19-33 under the leadership of fourth-year head coach Celine Cunningham. The Lions are coming off a 10-day break. Their last game resulted in a 17-7 loss to Yale.

Notre Dame also fell to the Bulldogs on April 15, three days after Columbia’s defeat.

“I think that they are all particularly good teams,” Lam said. “They are all competitive teams that we are trying to defeat.”

The Lions are led by senior midfielder Sara Brubaker, who has 10 goals and 1 assist this season. Brubaker finished the 1999 season with 17 goals and 4 assists.

Devin Fitzpatrick, a junior midfielder, is close behind Brubaker with 11 goals and 1 assist in the 2000 season.

Junior attacker Caroline Sampsonaro was last year’s leading scorer for the Lions, notching 21 goals and 8 assists.

Sampsonaro has 6 goals and 1 assist so far in 2000.

Sophomore Gina Kline is in goal for Columbia. Kline has posted an .483 save percentage and a 10.33 GAA thus far.

The Irish emerged victorious from last year’s contest between the Lions, with a final score of 13-5. Current sophomore tri-captain defensive leader Kathryn Lam scored 4 goals and assisted on another goal to lead Notre Dame to victory.

“Usually the attack is down there scoring,” Lam said. “It just happened to go the other way.”

Columbia will play Harvard on Sunday, April 23, before the Irish face the Crimson on the following Monday. The Crimson is 4-4 overall and 2-2 in Ivy League competition. They arrive at Notre Dame after a 15-6 loss to second-ranked Princeton on April 15.

“It is nice to be able to collect ourselves and get back on track,” Lam said. “Everybody is working hard and conditioning [this week].”

The Irish first met Harvard in 1999, losing 15-10 on Harvard’s home turf. Irish attacker Kathryn Perrella, now a junior-tri-captain, led Notre Dame in that game with three goals.

“I remember last season, after that loss I didn’t feel like we played to our potential,” Lam said.

The Crimson are led this season by senior and last season’s attacker Lauren Corkery, who has 9 goals and 2 assists. Corkery was her team’s lead scorer in 1999, finishing with 16 goals and 10 assists.

Like Notre Dame, Harvard has more than one talented goalkeeper. Junior Keitel Donelan and freshman Nora Gayer have backed each other up in net all-season.

Gayer, who has seen the majority of game time in goal for the entire 2000 season, was an Honorable Mention All-American at the Baldwin School.

“Whatever it’s going to take to win we’re going to try and put it out there,” Lam said.

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Runners head to Indianapolis

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The Notre Dame track and field teams will fill out the race entries this weekend with the Indy Relays in Indianapolis.

Most of the team has not competed since a home meet on April 1, since weather canceled running events the following week, and very few athletes competed in Saturday's Mt. SAC Relays.

"We started off April really well, and our next meet got cancelled because of weather," women's distance coach Tim Connelly said. "So we're not really sure where we're at right now."

With just two weeks remaining before the focal point of the team's outdoor season, the Big East Championships, it's about time the Irish found out where they stood.

"This meet is sort of in preparation for the Big East meet, where they'll have to run several events," sprints coach John Millar said. "This is a meet when we're going to try to prepare for the Big East meet. We want to give some people some opportunities to run, and make decisions on who we're going to run at the Big East."

Notre Dame faces mainly local schools this weekend and hopes to come away with the team title.

"I don't think it's going to be too hard for our team to win," sprinter Liz Grow said. "It's all coming together. We're working hard, and it really seems to be paying off."

"If we qualify, that's all right," Millar said. "We're going to run people in several events, which is usually not where you get people to qualify. You never know about the weather up here."

Some of Notre Dame's most competitive sprint events will be the 4x100-meter relay, the 4x200-meter relay, senior Marshau West in the 200-meter dash, Big East champion Chris Cochran in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, and sophomore Liz Grow in the 100- and 200-meter dashes.

Some of Notre Dame's most competitive distance events will be the 1500-meter run, junior Handley and Hilary Burn will compete in the 3000-meter run and Leanne Brady should pace Notre Dame in the 800-meter run.

Among field events, East and freshman Tameisha King high jump, All-American Jennifer Engelhardt leads high jump competition, and freshman Jaime Volkmer powers Notre Dame in the pole vault.

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ry when Casey Smith and Jesse Taborga each won 7-5 in the third set of their singles match to secure a 4-3 win.

The Irish have recorded impressive wins in the conference championship, and three current Irish players enter this weekend’s competition after perfect performances in singles a year ago. In his third appearance in the Big East Championship, All-American and 10th-ranked Ryan Sachire did not surrender a match, capturing a 6-2 singles record in his three years of play.

Smith tallied a 3-1 mark last year, while Taborga won both of his singles matches. However, the Irish will most likely be without the services of Taborga this weekend, because of lingering soreness in his wrist.

"Taborga is out indefinitely," Bayliss said. "It's possible Taborga will be back for the Big East, but probably won't. His wrist is sore, and they are taking a real cautious path with him, which is wise.

The Irish’s Andrew Laflin lost his only singles match in last year’s competition, while Aaron Talarico went 1-0 in doubles.

Senior Trent Miller, the only other current player besides Sachire to have competed in more than one Big East Championship, has a 2-1 record in doubles play.

In the absence of Taborga, who has paired with Sachire throughout the season to form the No. 1 Irish duo, Miller and Sachire will fill in at the top doubles spot. The pairing continues to play solid doubles, compiling a 12-3 record since an 8-2 win over Kentucky on February 8, and have gained victory over four ranked teams during their recent wins, proving their capability of filling in at No. 1 doubles.

Notre Dame will suit up on Friday to face its first opponent, and no matter the lineup composed by coach Bob Bayliss, the Irish will look to keep a hold of the Big East title.

"We eked it out last time [over Miami in the final]. They are a good team, and it is a pretty spirited rivalry."

Bob Bayliss
head coach

Matt Nussbaum takes a pitch against Bowling Green last week. Last season, Nussbaum performed well against Seton Hall with five runs and four RBIs, and the Irish hopes he repeats this performance against the Pirates this weekend.

Heilmann, coming off a career-best 18 strikeout game against West Virginia, is 7-1 on the season with a conference leading 24 punchouts. Heilmann, however, has given up 7 runs in 9.2 career innings against Seton Hall.

Cavey, coming off of an impressive win over the Mountaineers, faced much better against Seton Hall last season, giving up one run in six innings to collect the win. Cavey also had seven strikeouts in the game.

If the Irish can get past the Pirates, the Hoyas’ games provide a chance for Notre Dame to increase its conference standing. The Hoyas are a worse 1-14 in conference play this year, 12-30 overall.

Last season, the Irish won all three of the meetings between the teams. Designated hitter Paul O’Toole batted 400 against Georgetown as a freshman, driving in four runs. Fellow sophomore third baseman Andrew Rusby homered against the Hoyas, batting .375 in the four games.

The Irish return home to play a few local games during the week next week. The team takes on Western Michigan on Tuesday at Kalamazoo and Michigan on Wednesday at Comstock Park.

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Women's Tennis

Irish look for Big East repeat

Special to the Observer

The 13th-ranked Notre Dame women's tennis team travels to Miami this weekend for the Big East Championships.

The Irish will be looking to defend the title they won last year by beating the host Hurricanes 4-2 in the championship match.

The Irish completed their most successful regular season under 11th-year head coach Jay Louderback by beating Miami 6-3 on Saturday.

Notre Dame will be making its fifth appearance at the Big East Championship after winning in 1996, 1997 and 1999 and finishing second to Miami in 1998.

The 13th-ranked Irish have earned the top seed of the 13 teams in the tournament for the fifth straight year. Miami, currently ranked 43rd in the country with a 9-11, is seeded second.

Third-seeded Syracuse is ranked 25th, while Boston College is seeded fourth. Notre Dame, Miami and Syracuse receive first-round byes as the top three seeds.

The Irish will play their first match on Friday, April 21, against the winner of Thursday's match between eighth-seeded Providence and ninth-seeded Rutgers.

In their first appearance in 1996, the Irish did not drop a match in beating eighth-seeded St. John's, fourth-seeded Boston College and second-seeded Miami 4-0 to claim the title. In 1997, the top-seeded Irish blanked ninth-seeded Providence, fourth-seeded Boston College and second-seeded Miami 4-0 to win their second consecutive title.

The Hurricanes snapped Notre Dame's streak by upending the top-seeded Irish 4-2 in the 1998 championship match after the Irish had beaten eight-seeded Georgetown and fifth-seeded West Virginia 4-0. Notre Dame reclaimed the title in 1999 by beating Rutgers and Syracuse 4-0, before downing Miami 4-2 in the final.

Hildebrandt heads to Australia

By SARAH RYKOWSKI

Gretchen Hildebrandt is ready to represent Saint Mary's in the land down under. Hildebrandt, assistant athletic director and head women's swim coach will participate in the World Amateur Triathlon Championships in Perth, Australia next week.

"It's the first time she's gone to a competition at this level," said Lynn Karlsmark, director of athletics and recreation for Saint Mary's.

The race begins on Sunday, April 30, and includes a 1.5K swim, 40K bike race and a 10K run. Hildebrandt will leave South Bend on April 23 to fly to the competition.

Hildebrandt qualified for the Championships by competing in several national meets over the past year. She has been training since early October.

"I've gone to the national competitions before," Hildebrandt said. "I went to a national spring championship in New Jersey and placed fifth in my age group."

Hildebrandt, 24, will compete in the 20 to 24-year-old age bracket in the Championships as she has done since she began competing in triathlons in May of last year.

"I never thought about triathlons until the middle of last year, when a friend suggested them to me," Hildebrandt said. "Since I've been running and swimming on my own, I thought I would try it. I did seven races altogether last year."

"To me Hildebrandt's commitment to athletics is a great message to the women at Saint Mary's," Karlsmark said. "She's really been training heavily since she got here."

"Triathlons offer an enjoyable way to keep active and exercise," Hildebrandt said. "Triathlons are taking a huge step because they're in the Olympics this year."

Hildebrandt recently teamed with several Saint Mary's athletes to form a triathlon club. The co-presidents are juniors Colleen Sullivan, Lori Schulte and Jeanne Tierney and freshman Emily Shill. The members run, swim and bike together each week.

Hildebrandt hopes to use the championships as an opportunity to recruit for the College while overseas.

"I think it is really important to get the word out about Saint Mary's, especially in Australia," Hildebrandt said. "A lot of the students there look to the United States for education, and if I have the means to [recruit] I might as well promote Saint Mary's while I'm down there."
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By KA TH LF EE N
American Sports Editor

Carpe Diem went home Tuesday night disappointed, after bowing out of the Bookstore Basketball tourna­ ment with a 21-15 loss to No. 1 Hit Squad. The five guys' spirits soon lilt­ ed, when they received a phone call saying Hit Squad had been disqualified for having too many varsity athletes on its squad.

Bookstore regulations allow for three varsity football players, or one varsity football player and one player who has signed up for a Division I basketball program within the past 15 years. Hit Squad had three foot­ ball players on its team in Eric Chappell, Raki Nelson and Joe Ferrer. But since Ferrer had gone home early for Easter, Hit Squad substituted Javin Hunter, who was a walk-on on the Notre Dame varsity basketball team a year ago. That boosted the num­ ber of varsity football and bas­ ketball players beyond the maxi­ mum permitted, so Hit Squad's win did not count.

Carpe Diem advanced to the round of 64 by default, but earned its way into the round of 32 with a 21-17 win over One Investm ent B anker. Sexual Frustration V pulled on to the round of 32 behind the scoring of five Dill man guys who played basketball basketball together. 21-15, after a nailbiter first half. Sexual Frustration V pulled ahead 18-12, but allowed its opposition back into it with two free throws and a basket, Sexual Frustration finished off Jimmy Chitwood with three straight points.

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By RACH EE L B I BE R
Space Writer

The hunt for the Big East champi­ onship is on, and the Irish are in the thick of the fight. As the 29th-ranked Notre Dame men's tennis team travels to Coral Gables, Florida this weekend for the Big East Championships, they will look to defend their championship title and capture victory for the third time in five years.

The 10-9 Irish will be able to sit back and relax during the opening day of competition after getting a bye in the first round of play. They will then take on the winner of the match between eighth-seeded Villanova and ninth-seeded Georgetown on Friday. After winning the tournament in 1996 and 1999 and finishing second to Miami in 1997 and 1998, the Irish will

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by making their fifth appearance in the competition. Seeded second out of the eleven teams in the conference field, Notre Dame stands behind top-seeded, 188-ranked Miami, Florida, setting up the possibility of a rematch in the final of tournament play.

Miami defeated Notre Dame 5-2 when the two teams matched up earli­ er in the season, but the Irish know they are capable of successfully defending their championship title.

"We eked it out last time [over Miami in the final]," Irish head coach Bob Bayles said. "They are a good team, and it is a pretty spirited rivalry." In 1999, the top-seeded Irish breezed by Boston College and Rutgers in the first two rounds of the tournament to reach the championship match against Miami for the fourth straight time. The Irish posted a come-from-behind virtu-