Resolutions pass on eating disorders, student center

**Football ticket distribution options up for discussion**

By LAURA ROMPE
Associate News Editor

Two extensive resolutions were presented to the student senate Wednesday night. After working all year, the Gender Relations committee addressed the problem of eating disorders on campus and presented a resolution to include support services in du Lac. The student handbook. Also, after working for two consecutive terms, the University Affairs committee submitted a resolution regarding a new student center.

The Gender Issues committee’s resolution aimed to offer support for the students at Notre Dame who suffer from eating disorders.

“If students do not suffer from an eating disorder directly, they might indirectly,” said Lewis Hall Senator Luciana Reali. “Either your roommate, girlfriend or boyfriend or classmate could have an eating disorder and it affects you.”

Reali said the committee has done research and found both the Counseling Center and Office of Residence Life offer support for students affected directly and indirectly by eating disorders. The director of the Counseling Center, Patrick Utz, is currently looking into hiring someone full time to deal with the issue.

The University Affairs committee presented a resolution regarding a new student center.

“This is the perfect time to fight for the new student center,” said Welsh Family Hall Senator Bethany Barker. “If the curricular plan now, it is more likely something will get done.”

Barker and the committee presented a letter to the senate which will be sent to Mark Poorman, vice president for student affairs. The letter includes several recommendations as well as the result of a survey the senate conducted last year. The letter gives five recommendations for the new student center — asking for more study space and academic facilities, offices, entertainment venues, eateries, and businesses and student services.

From the survey conducted last year, the committee discovered the current location of LaFortune suits students best, and thus, recommended LaFortune be expanded.

The resolution was unanimously passed, and the senate will wait to hear from student affairs.

**Search continues in Bolivia for Notre Dame graduate**

By TIM LOGAN
Senior Staff Writer

Search officials are still searching for Walter Poirier, a 2000 Notre Dame graduate who disappeared in Bolivia in February.

Poirier, who is volunteering in the Peace Corps, was last seen around Feb. 22 in La Paz, the nation’s capital. He was reported missing on March 5, after he had not been in contact with his supervisor for several weeks, according to Peace Corps spokeswoman Susan Buchanan. Peace Corps volunteers, U.S. State Department officials and Bolivian rescue workers have been looking for him ever since.

“The search continues, and it’s as intense as it was when we started,” Buchanan said.

Poirier worked developing eco-tourism in the Bolivia’s Zongo Valley. He had to trek between several villages in the mountainous region and La Paz.

“It was sort of in an unusual situation, traveling between three residences and six communities,” Buchanan said. “That makes it a little more difficult to track his movements.”

Search teams have been scouring the Valley, looking on mountains and trails where they think Poirier might have traveled. The U.S. Embassy in La Paz is coordinating the effort, with help from the Peace Corps and Bolivian gov.

**Program adds service to curriculum**

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Matt Enquist needed a break — a Spring break.

More than a year and a half of late nights and early mornings in Notre Dame’s architecture building had begun to make Enquist question his choice of academic programs.

“We architecture majors get stuck in Bond Hall. We have really crazy hours,” the second-year archie said.

Then came an opportunity to travel to Mexico during the University’s mid-semester break last week, and, according to Enquist, "it was like a Godsend.”

The trip to Tecate, Mexico, which lasted from March 9 to 16, was established as a pilot service program for Notre Dame architecture students. Officials in the architecture school, the Center for Social Concerns and the Kellogg Institute served as organizers of the project.

“The curriculum in the architecture program
In the mood

In the midnight hour when the wind stings lungs and makes eyes burn for the want of rain. When rain finally sends you gray skies accompanied by snowy days and cold hallways of the mind. Putting on another day of shirt, sweater, jacket, gloves to face brown Mondays, we say, “If only” Praying time will pull me smooth to the end, we prance like giddy kids waiting for school bell of marking recession time. But all while I am in the mood.

Some count days until real jobs, real world, business suits completed with dress up shoes as they flip through the memories, past years, and all the while I am in the mood.

Coasting through Wednesday to Friday we watch as the clock tick tocks closer to summer, and I am in the mood.

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Friday

• Lecture: “Local and Comparative Advantage,” Alan Dearoff, University of Michigan. Room G-103, Ann Arbor. 4 p.m.

• Lecture: “Organizational Ethics: A New Frontier for Bioethics and Medicine,” Alan Cohen, McKenna Hall. 4 p.m.

• Concert: Notre Dame Patchwork Dance Company, Little Theatre, 8 p.m.

Saturday

• Movie: “Three Days in April,” Deltarito 102, 7 p.m.

• Concert: Saint Mary’s Hall, 8 p.m.

Sunday

• Auto Show: Cavalcade of Wheels, Joyce Center Arena. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• Concert: “From Seoul to Steel,” South Bend Chamber Singers, O’Laughlin Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

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Hunger banquet raises awareness

By MYRA McGRIFF
Saint Mary's Editor

Student Diversity Board (SDB) presented their first Hunger Awareness Banquet, showing students how it is to eat a normal dinner of the world. Students from the first world representing such countries as United States, Canada, Japan and Indonesia ate a meal served to them. The meal consisted of a salad, chicken and vegetables. Some students felt it difficult to eat their meal seeing the third world students eating rice with their hands as they sat on newspapers.

"It's not enough to sustain anyone and seeing them sitting there makes me feel horrible," said Ronnie Arends. "I wanted to heighten my awareness of the situation of those around me." Julia Malczynski
Saint Mary's student

"I wanted to heighten my awareness of the situation of those around me," said senior Julia Malczynski. SDB presented students with compelling statistics, such as for every four people in a first world country there are 30 others existing in poverty. SDB also tried to heighten awareness by placing students in one of three worlds by the luck of the draw. Each of three groups watched each other eat. Students from the first world representing such touched by the major goal SDB wanted to reach by Hunger Awareness Week. But along with awareness, comes change. The main goal SDB sought is not only understanding the problem of hunger but also making Saint Mary's part of the solution. Planning for this week the Board itself has learned some ways to be a part of the solution.

"I have learned about all of the local outreach we can do," said Akmaral Omarova, SDB president. "We, as a campus need to work on that and look at all the food we waste and what we can do about that." "In its 85th year, the Glee Club is an 80-member male choir that has performed in more than 20 states, Canada, Israel, and throughout the world. The group presents a variety of American folk songs and spirituals and traditional Notre Dame songs. Randy LaFortune
Director of the Glee Club

The Notre Dame Glee Club will perform its annual spring concert March 22 and 23 at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall at Notre Dame. The March 22 concert is free and open to the public. There will be a $3 charge for the March 23 performance. Tickets are available in LaFortune.

The Glee Club's repertoire includes plainchant, Renaissance polyphony, music from romantic and contemporary composers, American folk songs and spirituals and traditional Notre Dame songs.

"We're like the University's ad agency for print and [now] other things." Carl Magel
University Communications Design Director

"We wanted to help our clients think differently about what we do — we wanted to help them communicate," Magel said.

Communications Design, housed in Grace Hall, currently tackles up to 400 jobs a year entirely for University academic and administrative programs, including the interior of Notre Dame's restaurants. The agency, founded in 1974, employs eight people and works with seven printing operations.

Jury deliberates in Arkansas murder case

Associated Press
BENTONVILLE, Ark. A jury began deliberating Wednesday in the case against a man charged with murder and rape in the death of a 13-year-old boy who suffocated during a sexual bondage session.

The jurors took piles of evidence into the jury room, including bloody pillow, duct tape and underwear that prosecutors said was stuffed into Jesse Dirkhmun's mouth at a gay couple's apartment.

Joshua Macabe Brown, 23, could face the death penalty if convicted of murder.

Prosecutor Bob Balfie said in his closing argument that logic shows that the boy was not a willing participant in the sexual bondage.

Jesse was allegedly drugged, bound, raped and sodomized in 1999 at the apartment Brown shared with his lover, Davis Dietrich Carpenter, 39. Prosecutors said the boy suffocated because of his bindings and the way he was trussed up and strapped down to Brown's bed.

The jurors were sent home Wednesday night after reaching a unanimous verdict on one count. They were split 10-2 on another count, and the judge asked them to continue deliberating Thursday. It was unclear whether they were unanimous on the rape or murder charge, and whether they had found Brown innocent or guilty.

Carpenter's trial is set to start May 7. He could face the death penalty.

Brown has admitted binding and gagging the boy and sexually penetrating him with a variety of objects, but defense attorney Louis Lim said Brown is guilty of only raping more than statutory rape and manslaughter.

"I think we can all agree that Josh didn't knowingly cause his death," Lim said.

This is pointing to negligence.

From the men's apartment, police seized documents that were blown up to poster size for the prosecution's closing argument. A diagram used slick figures showing how to bind a child, and a letter included the line: "Make him take those drugs."

Judge David Clinger had ruled the notes admissible last week, calling them "a blueprint for child rape."

Partial Wednesday, the defense rested its case after a witness said Brown was "protected" by her lover, "Mr. Brown was totally devoted to Mr. Carpenter," said Maryanna Aragon, who said Carpenter had been her family's hairdresser. Brown "was a very mixed-up kid who got lost in the shuffle."
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their ticket applications before leaving school this spring and be responsible for gathering their checks and applications into groups and mailing them in between July 1 and August 1. Or there could be a lottery in the fall.
Norton said because the ticket office has 40,000 alumni ticket applications, it would be impossible for them to receive 10,000 student applications at the end of the spring term. She added that if there is a lottery this year, students could plan to receive their tickets through the mail next year.
Norton said she is trying to gather student opinion on the matter and anyone with a concern can contact her before the decision is made early next week.
• Chief of Staff Jay Smith informed the senate that the Office of the President is planning “Student Appreciation Day” for Wednesday. Smith also told the senate that Jonathan Jorissen will be nominated for the Chief of Staff position for the next administration.
• Current Judicial Council President Tony Wagner nominated Tim Jarotkiewicz for the position in the upcoming term. Jarotkiewicz will be up for formal approval at the senate’s next meeting.
The senate unanimously approved the student business Board Managers, except Melissa Gormley, who will step down to assistant manager while Jeff Cusin moves to manager of Adworks. Gormley and Cusin are expected to be approved next week. Gormley took the position of Hill Presidents Council co-chair and Cusin not to hold both positions.
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is very rigorous,” said fifth-year major Rona Reodica, who helped coordinate the project. “Sometimes it’s hard for students to take advantage of as many opportunities as they might like.”
Thirteen students participated in the service venture, building houses for local families, two hour south of San Diego in Baja, California. For a week, the students split into pairs, working at scattered Tocate sites with other service groups from American churches and high schools.
The endeavor provided students the chance to blend architecture skills with volunteer efforts. Enquist said work at his site included leveling ground, pouring and mixing concrete and building a foundation. In general, students worked to construct small two-room houses from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Reodica said. “The work was not hard, and many of the high school students on our sites did a large part of the building,” she said. “What I enjoyed most was getting to work side by side with the families whose homes we were building.”
Enquist shared Reodica’s enthusiasm. “It was really rewarding to go down and experience a different culture. We were able to share these tremendous blessings we’ve been given.”
The students said the trip also served as a bonding opportunity for them. Reodica said students were introduced to the dynamics of group work and friendship not only while working on site but also while braving the Mexican outdoors.
Although a local mission provided food for volunteers, the students were responsible for their own sleeping arrangements. Camping out — living what Reodica called the “rustic lifestyle” — proved a learning experience for the group.
“You wouldn’t think it, but it was actually really cold,” Reodica said of the Baja temperatures that often dip around 30 degrees at night. “Everyone handled it well, though. We figured that families there face those situations every day, so we tried to adjust.”
Reodica said she hopes to see the Tocate trip become an annual offering. She graduates in May, and Enquist will spend the 2001-2002 academic year in Rome, but both said they would like to see increased participation in the project in the future. “I hope we have the leadership, organization and participation so that we can continue this program in the years to come,” Enquist said. “In the beginning, we didn’t have a clear idea of what we’d be doing, but it turned out to be a perfect experience.”
A perfect break from the usual routine in Bond Hall.

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**World News Briefs**

Group slams Russia over Chechnya: A leading human rights group on Wednesday accused the Russian military of responsibility for a wave of disappearances, alleged torture and executions of civilians in Chechnya. The accusations by New York-based Human Rights Watch follow the discovery last month of dozens of bodies bearing execution-style wounds near Russia’s main military base at Khankala, just outside the Chechen capital.

Palestinian killed in Gaza shelling: Israeli forces shelled a post manned by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat’s presidential guard unit, killing a police officer Wednesday, a security official said. The Israeli military, however, said Arafat’s elite police unit, Force 17 — which Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon accuses of terrorism — was its target.

**National News Briefs**

GAO finds gun check loopholes: Armed with fake IDs, undercover congressional investigators sailed through mandatory background checks and bought guns from licensed dealers in five states, lawmakers were told Wednesday. The background check system can determine if a potential gun buyer has a criminal history, but there is no safeguard to verify whether the name or identification being used by the buyer is valid, the General Accounting Office investigation found.

Tax cuts address marriage penalty: House Republicans opened up legislation Wednesday to alleviate the income tax marriage penalty. "It is necessary that the Macedonian army take control of the Macedonian side of the border," he said. Negotiations for a peaceful settlement were still possible, he said, but only through parliament and other established institutions, and not directly with the rebels.

In an ultimatum it laid down Tuesday night, the army had given the rebels 24 hours to surrender completely or leave the country, or face an all-out counteroffensive. Before the rebels’ offer to lay down their arms and neutralize and eliminate the extremists.

**Indiana News Briefs**

Judge grants visitation: A judge has granted a woman accused of causing a head-on crash that killed seven people visitation privileges with three of her five surviving children. Marion County juvenile court Judge James Payne granted the visitation, which will take place at the Morgan County Jail, where Judy Kirby has been held since her arrest last April.

Penalties stiffen for ecstasy sales

**Macedonia**

A soldier of the Yugoslav Army guards the area at the border of the buffer zone near the southern Serbian town Medvedjie, close to Kosovo Wednesday as Ethnic Albanian children return from school.

Rebels offer unlimited ceasefire

**Associated Press**

SHIPOVKOVA

Macedonia’s president declared Wednesday that his government would neutralize and eliminate “ethnic Albanian rebels, spurring the insurgents” offer of a ceasefire as an army deadline for their surrender expired.

The midnight deadline passed with no immediate sign of the military’s government’s threatened all-out assault. But in a brief statement after meeting with his officials, President Boris Trajkovski issued a brief statement saying: “It is necessary to neutralize and eliminate the extremists.

“Debt to that case.” He said the cease-fire was open-ended, but warned that in case of attack the more in the week struggle would continue.

“In case our positions are threatened by our opponents, then our forces will be on the move and the conflict would widen,” he said. “We have repeated constantly and will repeat again that we are for dialogue. We are not for a war that would create rivers of blood between two nations, the reason for dialogue would be lost in that case.”

**Penalties stiffen for ecstasy sales**

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON

Ecstasy, a drug once used primarily at nightclubs, has expanded beyond the club scene and is being sold at high schools, on the street and even at coffee shops in some cities, the White House drug policy office said Wednesday.

The availability of ecstasy increased dramatically, and more blacks and Hispanics are using the drug, the agency said in its biannual report that chronicles trends in drug use.

The ecstasy problem prompted the U.S. Sentencing Commission to enhance guideline penalties Tuesday for those peddling large quantities of the drug, which sells for $10 to $45 per pill on the street.

Under temporary new guidelines, which federal judges must follow, people the commission would consider local distributors — those selling 800 pills — would be sentenced to more than 6 years in jail. That’s triple the time they would have gotten under previous guidelines.

The commission was responding to a congressional mandate to stiffen penalties for ecstasy trafficking. Defense lawyers said the change makes ecstasy, on a per-dose basis, five times more serious to possess or sell than heroin and is excessive for a drug that is neither as harmful nor as addictive as heroin or cocaine. Some medical researchers also opposed the new guidelines.

“This is a wholly political act, not one based on scientific evidence,” said Edward Maillot, president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

But the chairwoman of the commission said senators Wednesday at a hearing on narcoitics that ecstasy has serious and possibly long-term harmful affects.
Symposium to explore diversity on campus

Herman Blake and Emily Moore, cofounders of Scholars for Educational Excellence and Diversity Inc., and faculty members at Iowa State University, will lead a symposium on campus diversity on March 22 and 23 at Notre Dame.

The symposium, "Conceptualizing Diversity in Higher Education for a New Millennium," has been organized by Notre Dame's African and African-American Studies Program and is free and open to the public.

Blake and Moore, a husband and wife team with a combined 50 years of experience in university teaching, research and administration, will coordinate workshops and forums for students, faculty and staff on a wide variety of topics related to diversity on college and university campuses in general and at Notre Dame in particular.

Highlighting the symposium will be two presentations by Blake and Moore on March 22 in the McKenna Hall auditorium, the first, titled "Diversity and Educational Formation of Leaders in the University campuses in general and at Notre Dame in particular." The second, titled "Determining Goals, and Delimiting Millenium: Defining Terms, Professional development from 2-3:30 p.m. in Room 103 of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

A workshop for graduate students on diversity in teaching, research and professional development from 2-3:30 p.m. in Room 103 of the Hesburgh Center

A lunch session on the roles of administrators, departments, programs, centers and institutes in furthering the diversity agenda at Notre Dame from 12 p.m.-1:30 p.m. in Room 103 of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

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A closing prayer service from 5:15-5:45 p.m. in Room 103 of the Hesburgh Center

Blake has been the director of the African American Studies Department and a professor of sociology, educational leadership, and policy studies at Iowa State since 1998. He previously served as vice chancellor for undergraduate education at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, the president of Tougaloo (Miss.) College and the provost of the University of California, Santa Cruz. In addition to his research on minority students in higher education, he also studies service learning initiatives, faculty and staff development, and urban missionaries.

Moore, a professor of educational leadership and policy studies at Iowa State, previously was vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty at Concordia College in St. Paul, Minn., and dean of teacher education and interim academic dean at Concordia College in Ann Arbor, Mich. Her current research interests include health education intervention relative to HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa, China, and rural and urban cities in North America, health behaviors among the black elderly in South Carolina, spiritual and academic and administrative mobility of women and people of color in higher education administration.

The couple's Scholars for Educational Excellence and Diversity Inc., is a consulting firm that operates on the principles that educational excellence and racial diversity are intrinsically linked.

Joining the African and African-American Studies Program as sponsors for the symposium are Notre Dame's Gender Studies Program, Graduate School, Institute for Latino Studies, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Kaneh Center for Teaching and Learning, Mendoza College of Business, Multicultural Student Programs and Services, Office of the president and provost, and Department of Theology.
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U.N. Secretary General to seek second term

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

It's the worst-kept secret at the United Nations: Secretary-General Kofi Annan has decided to seek another five-year term.

After months of speculation, he is expected to make it official at a news conference Thursday, diplomats said.

When asked Wednesday about the topic for the press briefing, U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard noted that it had been three months since Annan last held a news conference -- and that he had said he would announce whether he would pursue a second term by the end of March.

"So you might anticipate he's about to have something to say about that tomorrow," Eckhard said.

Annan has already informed a number of ambassadors that he will be a candidate, several diplomats said, on condition of anonymity.

Last week, the secretary-general, who is from Ghana, got a strong endorsement from the 53-nation African group at the United Nations, which put forward his name if he decides to run.

If Annan seeks a second term as expected, the two key questions will be whether Asian nations will also submit a candidate and who will get the support of the five veto-wielding permanent members of the Security Council -- the United States, Russia, China, Britain and France.

By tradition, the secretary-general's job rotates every 10 years by region, and it's now Asia's turn to propose a candidate.

But Africa's 10-year term was split after the United States successfully lobbied to prevent Annan's predecessor, Boutros Boutros-Ghali of Egypt, from taking a second term. And a quiet campaign has been under way for months to pressure Annan to stay in the job for another five years, because he is highly regarded by many nations.

Before stepping down in January, U.S. Ambassador Richard Holbrooke called Annan "an international rock star of diplomacy" and said he was the best secretary-general who will get the 55-year history of the United Nations, a view echoed by several other countries.

Annan, who celebrates his 63rd birthday on April 8, is the seventh secretary-general and the first to be elected by the 191-nation body of the United Nations staff. He was the seventh secretary-general and the first to be elected by the 191-nation body of the United Nations staff. He was the seventh secretary-general and the first to be elected by the 191-nation body.

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Infected cows found in Netherlands

Associated Press

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands

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The European Union in Brussels quickly imposed a ban on livestock exports from the Netherlands and on exports of meat and animal products from four Dutch provinces.

Gunshots from the rifles of government veterinarians rang out across snowy fields at a northeastern farm where dozens of animals were killed after coming into contact with infected animals. Police set up roadblocks to isolate the farm near Oosterwolde and two others 12 miles east, near the villages of Oost and Oene, where the disease was detected.

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Power sends state into money crunch

State controller says power-buying is eating up budget surplus

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. The energy crunch that brought two days of rolling blackouts this week also imperils California's financial health, the state controller said Wednesday.

Controller Kathleen Connell said the state's power-buying on behalf of two strapped utilities is gutting its budget surplus. Since the state started making emergency power buys in January, the surplus has fallen from $8.5 billion to about $3.2 billion, she said.

California has been spending about $45 million a day — $4.2 billion since January — to purchase power for Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and Southern California Edison. Both utilities, the state's largest, have been cut off by electricity wholesalers because their credit is almost worthless.

Managers of the state power grid imposed rolling blackouts across the state Monday and Tuesday because their credit is almost worthless.

Standard & Poor's has put the state's budget surplus at $2.4 billion in debt, Connell said Wednesday that the United States must generate more of its own energy or the country risks power shortages like those in California, but on a national scale.

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Powell meets with China’s deputy prime minister Qian

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

While acknowledging differences, Secretary of State Colin Powell and Chinese Deputy Prime Minister Qian Qichen stressed positive aspects of U.S.-Chinese relations as they met Wednesday night for wide-ranging discussions.

Both officials, meeting with reporters before their talks, said they hoped to expand ties and noted that links between them have a direct bearing on the lives of millions around the world.

Qian arrived here earlier Wednesday after expressing deep concern over prospective sale to the island of four U.S. destroyers with highly sophisticated radar equipment.

Going into his meeting with Qian, it was not clear whether Powell was prepared to address the issue in any depth because the State Department has said it is long-standing U.S. policy not to consult with China on U.S. arms sales policy toward the island. Qian will meet with President Bush on Thursday.

On Tuesday, Qian warned that Chinese-American relations would suffer a “very serious” setback if Taiwan receives permission to buy the destroyers.

“We recognize that we disagree on important issues, but I believe the best approach in a relationship such as ours is to have candid talks on every aspect of our agreement and disagreements,” Powell said. Qian said the United States and China “undoubtedly have disagreements” but that the relationship “can have healthy, steady growth” if they address their problems with vision.

At issue over Taiwan is the prospective sale to the island of four U.S. destroyers with highly sophisticated radar equipment.

While acknowledging differences, the Democrats said they planned to engage members in a discussion on every aspect of our agreement and disagreements. Powell and Chinese Deputy Prime Minister Qian Qichen met earlier Wednesday night for wide-ranging discussions.

Our calling is to serve the Lord Jesus in mission not as independent individuals but as a brotherhood.

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Analysts question power of the Fed

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Federal Reserve, with three reductions in interest rates, is jolting monetary policy more aggressively than at any other time since the early 1980s. But Wall Street is still plunging and dragging down consumer confidence, even as the Fed makes mortgages and other consumer loans more attractive.

The economic forces at work have raised new fears that the country's record economic expansion, which celebrates its 10th birthday this month, could topple into a recession despite the Fed's efforts.

"The Fed lowering interest rates is powerful medicine, but it takes nine to 12 months to fully affect the economy," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's. He put the chance of recession at 40 percent.

The problem is we could have a recession before then," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist at Bank of America Capital Management Inc. in St. Louis.

Even before the latest market plunge, consumer confidence in late February had dropped to its lowest level in four years.

The problem for chairman Alan Greenspan and the other Federal Reserve policy-makers is compounded by the fact that so many more Americans now own stocks — 48.2 percent of all households compared with just 16 percent in 1983.

The Fed's only tool to influence the economy is interest rates. It raised rates six straight times from June 1999 through May of last year when it was concerned that rapid economic growth and the lowest unemployment rates in three decades were threatening to spawn higher inflation.

While critics contend that Federal Reserve officials overlooked the rate hikes and were too slow to start cutting rates, the Fed has made up for lost time with the pace of its cuts.

The 1.5 point reduction that has occurred in three half-point moves starting on Jan. 3 marked the biggest period of Fed easing since a 1.75 percentage-point slash in rates in late 1984 when Paul Volcker was Fed chairman.

Some analysts said the negative reaction to this week's move was a case of investors getting too impatient, especially when viewed in light of the Fed's strong signal that it plans further rate cuts in coming months.

"The important fact to keep in mind is that the Fed is providing significant stimulus to the economy and eventually that will help corporate profits and the stock market's performance," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist at Bank of America Capital Management Inc. in St. Louis.

And that boost will occur in the time-tested way with lower interest rates stimulating consumer and business borrowing for big-ticket items that are financed like homes, autos and appliances.

Commercial banks, as they always do, matched the Fed's cut in rates on Tuesday with a half-point reduction in their prime lending rate, the benchmark for millions of short-term business and consumer loans from home equity lines of credit to auto loans and credit card loans.

GM idles plants to cut vehicle production

Associated Press

DETROIT

General Motors Corp. plans to briefly idle more North American assembly plants in the next three months. The move is an attempt to bring production in line with less demand for its vehicles.

GM has said it looks to cut production 21 percent from January through this month over the same period last year, with plans to trim second-quarter output by 17 percent.

The world's largest automaker said Wednesday it will iddle the second production line the weeks of April 2 and April 9 at its Janesville, Wis., plant, where medium-duty trucks are made.

The line speed at that plant also will be slowed in June to winnow production.

In Canada, GM will idle its Ste. Therese, Quebec, plant, where Chevrolet Camaros and Pontiac Firebirds are made, for two weeks starting April 16.

The Oshawa, Ontario, II plant that makes the Buick Century, Buick Regal and Chevrolet Lumina cars will be idled two weeks beginning April 30.

GM also will idle its Baltimore plant, where the Chevrolet Astro and GMC Safari vans are made, the week of May 7.

Though the idlings would affect thousands of workers, GM could not specify the number of layoffs.

Laid-off members of the United Auto Workers union will get 95 percent of their take-home pay under their contract, while employees belonging to the Canadian Auto Workers will get 65 percent of their salary.

GM idled two assembly plants in Oklahoma City, Okla., and the Detroit suburb of Orion Township, affecting 5,600 workers, this week.

U.S.-based automakers have cut production in the past several months to trim inventories bloated by slackened sales.

February U.S. sales for GM, Ford Motor Co. and DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler arm slid a combined 10 percent over the same month last year.

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Bush threatens patients' bill veto

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — President Bush turned thumbs-down Wednesday on legislation in Congress that would allow wronged patients to sue their HMOs for millions of dollars. "I want to sign a patients’ bill of rights this year, but I will not sign a bad one," he said.

Along with pinolette takes on Vice President Dick Cheney's heart condition, Bush used a speech to a cardiologists' convention to lay out his conservative agenda, but lingering on the question of safeguarding patient health in an era of cost-controlled HMO care.

He rejected a bipartisan bill by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., that would allow patients to collect up to $5 million in punitive damages and unlimited "pain and suffering" damages.

Such provisions would encourage frivolous litigation and "drive up insurance premiums for everyone," Bush said. "To make sure health care coverage remains affordable, I will insist any federal bill have reasonable caps on damage awards.

On Capitol Hill, Kennedy said the bill's supporters "fails to protect people. It is the people against the special interests" of insurance companies, health maintenance organizations and other large corporations. Kennedy said he and his colleagues would proceed with their legislation nevertheless.

For the long weeks we have waited for the president to work with us. And today all we get in effect is a veto message on a real patients' bill of rights. This is not the way to pass bipartisan legislation," he said.

And if Congress were truly intended to signal that he endorses rival efforts by Sens. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., James Jeffords, R-Vt., and John Breaux, D-La.

The trio, which has not yet introduced its legislation, proposes to prohibit punitive damages altogether and cap noneconomic damages — the so-called "pain and suffering" damages at $500,000. All patient lawsuits over the denial or delay of medical treatment would be handled in federal courts. State courts traditionally award larger damages.

Bush said that keeping the issue in federal courts will simplify things for employers who do business in more than one state. "I will not support a federal law that subjects employers to new multiple lawsuits in 50 different states."

Twice he reminded his long-distance audience on Capitol Hill that, as Texas governor, he vetoed patient legislation that did not meet his standards.

Nothing currently pending in Congress would win his signature, Bush said. "So, enacting a patients' bill of rights this year is going to require some different thinking, a new approach based on sound principles."

Those principles, he said, are:

• Everyone must be covered, "all patients in all private health plans."

• Insurers must be forced to pay for reasonable emergency room treatments, specialists, obstetric-gynecologists, pediatricians, and lab tests "in potentially lifesaving 
clinical trials when standard treatment is not effective."

• Patients must be given "fair and immediate review" by an independent panel of physicians if an insurer denies medical care.

"After independent review, if you have been harmed by your HMO's refusal to provide care, you have a legitimate complaint and you should have recourse in court," Bush said.

Rep. John Dingell, ranking Democrat on the Energy and Commerce committee, said Bush's outline would unfairly lower compensation caps for injuries, prevent certain state-based patient protections from taking effect and would create more cases in federal courts, "where they stand in line behind drug dealers, waiting for a hearing."

"This is a dangerous step in the wrong direction that will ultimately do more harm than good," Dingell said.

The president was in Florida just three hours, leaving the Orange County Convention Center for a brief drop-by at a Cuban-American community center, where he moved from table to table delivering hugs and kisses to some 200 lunching seniors.

He was accompanied by his younger brother Jeb, the Florida governor, who mugged for cameras at the airport by wrapping the president in embrace.

Bush met the cardiologists.

Bush won knowing laughs with his poke at Cheney, who made headlines earlier this month when he was again hospitalized for heart trouble.

Bush quipped that he had thought about inviting his vice president to the Florida farm, that he had "seen enough cardiologists lately."

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George W. Bush President

Feds seize U.S. sheep in mad cow disease scare

Associated Press

GREENSBORO, VI — Federal agents seized a Vermont farmer's flock of 234 sheep Wednesday for fear they are infected with a version of mad cow disease — the first such action ever taken in the United States.

The U.S. Agriculture Department "has no choice but to take this decisive action based on the threat the sheep pose to the health of America's livestock nationwide," said Craig Reed, administrator of USDA's animal and plant health inspection service.

A team of federal agents and agriculture officials arrived at Houghton Freeman's farm at daybreak. Two cattle trucks were loaded up by 11 a.m. and will take the sheep to Iowa, where they will be tested and destroyed.

Freeman and another farmer had waged a court battle to save their sheep after the Agriculture Department ordered the flocks seized last month.

The flocks consisted of sheep that were either imported from Belgium in 1996 or were descendants of those animals. The seizure went peacefully, but Thomas Amidon, a lawyer for Freeman, called it "sad, depressing and a rushed judgment."

"This is so unnecessary," he said.

Saying the U.S. Department of Agriculture "must be given the opportunity to look at the facts," Freeman added, "The USDA has failed to show the sheep pose a threat."

Freeman said he was not surprised by the action, but he hoped it would serve as "a wake-up call to all those who ignore this problem."
House probe of pardons continues

Clinton pardons continue to draw fire in committee

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Despite calls to quit, House investigators are quietly continuing their investigation into former President Clinton's pardon of billionaire Marc Rich through interviews and letters written by Republican leaders.

The committee's investigators have continued to interview people, talking to Anti-Defamation League National Director Abe Foxman on Monday, officials said.

Foxman was one of the people who called for Clinton to pardon Rich, who fled the United States in 1983 rather than face racketeering and other criminal charges.

"On further reflection, as this unique case unfolded, I began to question whether a person's good deeds should overshadow other aspects of his behavior," he said.

Foxman's statement was first reported by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

"It was clear we had to have a different approach," Assistant Secretary of State Edward Walker said Wednesday in explanation of why the Bush administration decided that restrictions on consumer goods should be eased and those on weapons material tightened.

Walker, who sought support for the new policy on a recent trip to Turkey and several Arab countries, said it has broad support in the area.

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The United Nations imposed sanctions shortly after the Aug. 2, 1990, invasion of Kuwait and left them in place after the six-week Persian Gulf War that drove out the Kuwaitis in 1991.

Both the Clinton administration and the United Arab Emirates strongly advocated ranking oil exports as "a club" against the United States was blaming Saddam Hussein for the hardships.

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U.S. spokesmen accused the Iraqi president of enriching himself and building palaces during the war.

While Iraqis who were engaged in smuggling have grown rich, most of the people suffered. Finding enough to eat was a serious problem.

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At the same time, the United States was blaming Saddam for the hardships.

Powell took soundings in the Middle East and Persian Gulf last month and concluded consumer goods should not be embargoed, nor even some question the Iraqi imports that could have military use.

Secretary of State Colin Powell during his first tour of the Middle East last month.

Walker, a former ambassador to Egypt and Israel, said Bush administration officials also are in the midst of devising a strategy to remove Saddam from power. Some were known in the past as skeptics of the United States, but Walker gave no indication of tactics President Bush eventually will approve.

Reports from Arab capitals suggest that the United States will request an end to sanctions at their Arab League summit meeting next Tuesday in Amman, Jordan. Walker, like State Department spokesman Richard Boucher on Tuesday, said sentiment for tightening curbs on weapons remains strong.

"We're looking for a different approach," he said.
WRC decision was a good one

Shortly before break, President Malloy approved the recommendation made by the Fair Labor Association (FLA), of which Notre Dame is a member, to withdraw from the Worker Rights Consortium (WRC), an association of students, activists and universities organized to aid the workers who make collegiate licensed products. As a member of the task force I voted in favor of joining the WRC.

My reasons for doing so begin with the commitment by Notre Dame to associate itself with any responsible organization that helps those who make Notre Dame products. Notre Dame products have better working conditions. This is not to say that the WRC is without its flaws and I discussed these in my last column. Much can be improved about its monitoring and remediation processes.

However, the Fair Labor Association (FLA), of which Notre Dame is also a member, is also flawed. For instance, it is my understanding that the corporate members of the FLA squashed any discussion of the living wage before it could get started. Notre Dame has found that it can work with — even while moving beyond — the parameters of the FLA, it seemed fair and just to see if the same can hold with regard to associating with the WRC.

Concerns have been raised about the process by which the University arrived at the decision to join the WRC, both with regard to the constitution of the task force and with the confidentiality kept on the task force’s recommendation to President Malloy. The argument concerning the constitution of the task force has been made a number of times. In the interest of openness and democratic conversation, a member of the Progressive Student Alliance should have been appointed to the Task Force. The failure to have a PSA member on the Task Force has “shut out” the PSA from the process.

This argument has a number of problems. First, President Malloy was in a bind to operate according to an open policy in appointing a member of the PSA, then he would have to appoint someone from the Young Republicans, Right Reason, the Entrepreneurs Club or some similar group. President Malloy appointed two representatives of student government, one undergraduate and one graduate. The question can be raised as to whether PSA interest is in openness or rather in securing power for the PSA voice per se.

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Sanctions hurt innocents

Drug addicts paid to get sterilized

Although I am pleased that The Observer printed an article addressing the 10 years of United Nations sanctions against Iraq, I felt the article failed to properly illuminate the extent of destruction which the sanctions have had on the Iraqi people. In addition to the 1.5 million chronically malnourished children of Iraq, the embargo is also responsible for the deaths of about 500,000 infants and toddlers between the years 1991-1998, according to a 1999 U.N. report. That number has undoubtedly grown since 1999 and does not include the deaths of the hundreds of thousands over the age of five. In total, some 3.8 million people lost their lives from the beginning in 1990, the beginning of the embargo. That number has been responsible for 1.5 million deaths.

Those who remain alive suffer from impoverishment, outbreaks of normally controllable disease, a lack of fundamental health care and the destruction of Iraqi society, state London. Relief programs from humanitarian organizations such as the World Food Program and the United Nations Development Program of the Red Cross, efforts far short of making up for the lack of a functioning economy, due to the economic embargo. Among the troubles, the Nov. 2000 U.N. Report of the Secretary-General states that "nearly 90 percent of raw sewage from the sewage pumping stations in Iraq is currently being discharged directly into rivers and streams. Consequently, many Iraqi people who rely on river water for their daily needs are being compelled to deal with contaminated water, with very serious public health implications."

During the Iran-Iraq War of the 1980s and the Gulf War of 1991, much of Iraq's infrastructure, including sewage treatment plants and water purification plants, were destroyed by the United States. The economic embargo has not only crippled Iraq's economy, thereby making such expensive and widespread programs impossible, but it also denies the importation of many of the parts necessary to repair such sewage treatment facilities, hospitals or water purification plants.

Unfortunately, the economic sanctions against Iraq have been obscured by concerns of Iraq's possession of weapons of mass destruction, an issue that was overshadowed by concerns of Iraq's possession of weapons of mass destruction. As a result, SDB is now working on a hospitalization program to provide a guide to resources in the country for dealing with the children of drug addiction. The Student Diversity Board identified places on campus, including discussions about the role diversity plays in multiculturalism in the United States and co-sponsored events with LaFuerza for Hispanic Heritage month, the Sisters of Reform for Black History Month and Asian Pacific Islander Club for Asian American Month.

Also, we held both discussion forums about diversity. One such forum included discussions about the role diversity plays in our multiculturalism, racial stereotypes and approaches to combat racial prejudice. We organized a workshop for Resident Advisors on the issues of diversity in the residence halls and the role of R.A.s in dealing with students from various ethnic backgrounds.

We have worked with Campus Ministry to conduct a survey among non-Catholic students to identify their needs. As a result, SUB is now working on a hospitalization program to provide a guide to resources in the South Bend community and to organize a Big Sister/Little Sister program.

The Student Diversity Board identified places on campuses that are not hand-crafted accessible and submitted a proposal to Residence Life to include in next year's budget.

We sponsored Operation Christmas Child, a service project to collect gift boxes for children in third world countries and worked with the Diversity Committee of the Strategic Planning Initiative Commission to identify priorities for the College in the area of ethnic diversity.

In addition, we co-sponsored Christmas Around the World with Student Activities Board, sponsored International Women's Week in March and sponsored the Hunger Awareness Week and Disabilities Awareness Week. Finally, we hosted Spring Picnic to take place on April 19, 2001.

Today, a year from its conception, SDB is a major board within Saint Mary's student government, with 24 members including commissioners and representatives from various organizations. Our mission is to raise awareness of diversity, promote the uniqueness of every individual, bring to attention issues of ethnic diversity and support minority groups on campus.

The issue of diversity is complicated and challenging. Entrenched attitudes and practices cannot be changed overnight. Our Board has undertaken an effort to do what she chooses with her body are two separate topics that are not usually related. But in recent months, issues we are faced with clearly link drug abuse with the reproductive rights of women.

Last week, 60 Minutes II aired a show about a new program named CRACK. (Children Requiring a Caring Environment) which offers an alternative for women on drugs. CRACK gives women with substance abuse problems an alternate option in taking pills or using drugs. CRACK pays women $200 if they agree to either long-term birth control or sterilization through tubal ligations. And the reason behind these procedures? Women with illegal drugs will no longer have unwanted pregnancies or the option to give birth to children with defects resulting from their mothers' addictions.

Women who support this program justify their actions with the response that, "until you have adopted children that have siblings who have died from their mother's continual drug use during pregnancy, or a child who was born premature and ditched behind a dumpster, you have no right to judge us." After seeing the effects of a mother's drug abuse on her newborn child, one could understand CRACK's concern.

Barbara Harris, the program's founder, has adopted four children—all victims born from the same drug-addicted mother. Although this program keeps drug users from getting pregnant, it is ethical to offer $200 to women who are on the streets and need help. Women in their next family are people who are personally focused on their next fix, $200 is a lot of money. It doesn't seem fair to offer a woman, in this state of mind, money that could forever change her child.
every year the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences bestows upon a lucky few its Oscar statuettes. But for our moviegoers around the world, the thrill of walking down the red carpet and watching the stars in their finery is worth the hype. So, who will win this year's Academy Awards? We bring you a list of potential winners and losers.

**Best Picture**

**Nominees:**
- *Chocolat*
- *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*
- *Erin Brockovich*
- *Gladiator*
- *Traffic*

Who will win: Ridley Scott

What will win: *Gladiator*

Who should win: *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*

**Best Actor**

**Nominees:**
- Javier Bardem (*Before Night Falls*)
- Russell Crowe (*Gladiator*)
- Tom Hanks (*Cast Away*)
- Ed Harris (*Pollock*)
- Geoffrey Rush (*Quills*)

Who will win: Russell Crowe

Who should win: Tom Hanks

Who may win: Javier Bardem

**Best Actress**

**Nominees:**
- Joan Allen (*The Contender*)
- Juliette Binoche (*Chocolat*)
- Laura Linney (*You Can Count On Me*)
- Julia Roberts (*Erin Brockovich*)
- Penelope Cruz (*Almost Famous*)

Who will win: Julia Roberts

Who should win: Penelope Cruz

Who may win: Laura Linney

**Best Supporting Actor**

**Nominees:**
- Benicio Del Toro (*Traffic*)
- Albert Finney (*Shadow of the Vampire*)
- John C. Reilly (*Requiem for a Dream*)
- Woody Harrelson (* Almost Famous*)
- John Turturro (* Barton Fink*)

Who will win: Benicio Del Toro

Who should win: Benicio Del Toro

Who may win: Albert Finney

**Best Supporting Actress**

**Nominees:**
- italian Burstyn (*Erin Brockovich*)
- Alice Krige (*Almost Famous*)
- Joanne Whalley (*Shadow of the Vampire*)
- Brenda Strong (*Almost Famous*)
- Cate Blanchett (*The Contender*)

Who will win: Italian Burstyn

Who should win: Brenda Strong

Who may win: Cate Blanchett

**Best Director**

**Nominees:**
- Ang Lee (*Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*)
- Steven Soderbergh (*Traffic*)
- Ridley Scott (*Gladiator*)
- Mike Nichols (*规范化 of a Dream*)
- Brian De Palma (*Shadow of the Vampire*)

Who will win: Ang Lee

Who should win: Ang Lee

Who may win: Steven Soderbergh

**Best Original Screenplay**

**Nominees:**
- *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* by Ang Lee
- *Erin Brockovich* by Alexander Payne
- *Almost Famous* by Cameron Crowe
- *Shadow of the Vampire* by Ted Tally
- *The Contender* by Richard registry

Who will win: *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*

Who should win: *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*

Who may win: *Erin Brockovich*

**Best Adapted Screenplay**

**Nominees:**
- *Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events* by Robert products
- *Almost Famous* by Cameron Crowe
- *Shadow of the Vampire* by Ted Tally
- *Inside Job* by Frances McDormand
- *The Contender* by Richard registry

Who will win: *Almost Famous*

Who should win: *Almost Famous*

Who may win: *Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events*

**Most Likely Winner:**

-Russell Crowe’s *Gladiator* is the most likely winner of this year’s Best Picture Award.
It honor the best, but at least it’ll be fun
commentary on Hollywood’s biggest night

Mcdormand ("Almost Famous"), Julie Walters ("Billy Elliot"), looking back at former winners in this category (Kim Basinger, Mira Sorvino, Marisa Tomei), it becomes clear that the Academy likes to award fresh-faced talent with the trophy, hoping to give the actress’ career a boost. Hudson, as "band aide" Penny Lane in "Almost Famous," fits this mold perfectly. It doesn’t hurt that her mother, Goldie Hawn, won the award back in 1970.

Dench, although receiving the SAG, is out of the race because she was given an Oscar just two years ago for "Shakespeare in Love." Valerie Bertinelli, as a ballet teacher in "Billy Elliot," was overshadowed by Jamie Bell’s提名 performance as the lead character. And McDormand doesn’t fit the mold of much of a threat because voters who want to recognize "famous" will pick Hudson.

Harden, however, gives the most challenging performance in the lead actress category. She might just walk away with the award. As Jackson Pollock’s wife and supporter, Harden did a fantastic job creating sympathy for a woman who never gave anyone the satisfaction of thing back. But, as stated before, the Academy likes to see young, weepy tears up on that podium, and Hudson is the perfect victim. Who may win: Marcia Gay Harden

Who should win: Harden

So Hollywood waits anxiously for the vaunted Academy to choose the top films and performances of the year, and the movie-going public anticipates a star-studded Oscar night filled with beautiful people, their expensive clothes and their ridiculous acceptance speeches. And the movie-going public anticipates a star-studded Oscar night filled with beautiful people, their expensive clothes and their ridiculous acceptance speeches. And the movie-going public anticipates a star-studded Oscar night filled with beautiful people, their expensive clothes and their ridiculous acceptance speeches.

Without a doubt, the Oscar ceremony is the most important night of the year for the film industry. A nomination not to mention a victory, can catapult a mediocre actor, director or producer to immediate fame and future fortune. It’s completely understandable why the industry puts so much stock in these awards. Why?

Why the Oscars Don’t Matter

Oscar night is, after all, a ceremony by celebrities, for celebrities in celebration of being a celebrity. So why do we as moviegoers put so much stock in them? Why do they matter? The short answer is that they don’t. Here are five really good reasons why.

Who are these guys?

Ask 100 people what the "Academy" is, and 100 people will have no idea. Ask the same 100 people to name one member of the "Academy," and most likely, 100 will not be able to offer an answer. So who are these guys?

It would seem that the Academy earns its prestige from the academy that awards it. The only one might even imagine that Americans hold the Academy in high regard because of its lofty vision of purposeful art and filmmaking in modern society. But the simple fact is that very few people actually know what the Academy is.

The Academy’s website (www.oscar.org) offers very little help. The "Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is a professional honorary organization composed of over 2,000 motion picture craftsmen and women." That is interesting, but it still tells us nothing about what the Academy is, what it stands for (if anything), and who makes up its membership.

The website goes on for two paragraphs describing the Oscar statue and its history. It tells us the statue’s measurements (13.5 in. tall, 8.5 lbs.), its designer and how it earned its nickname. The site tells us nothing of the group that offers the awards. This perfectly represents the nature of the Academy Awards: all bluff. It’s nothing but pretty people acting nice to receive beautiful, golden awards that will ensure them prosperity and more beauty in the future. It’s the ultimate insider put on the back.

How do they vote?

One might assume that an Academy member, realizing the weight and importance of their vote and the ultimate decision of the Academy, would make a point of seeing every film up for the award on which they cast their vote. This is not the case. It came as quite a surprise to discover thanks to the fine investigative reporting done by "El"

that the majority of Academy members never see all the movies up for awards. This year, a member might see "Erin Brockovich" and "Gladiator" (the two box-office leaders among the best picture nominees), but fail to see "Chocolat" (a much less commercialized film), and still cast a vote.

In addition, there is no standard way in which members view these films. Some are seen in special screenings, some on home video, some in cramped, public movie-theaters. Does that affect the way they vote? Maybe. No one can deny that there is a vast difference between seeing "Gladiator" or "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" on home video and in a theater.

The Sacrificial Lamb

Each year the Academy nominates films and actors who have absolutely no chance of winning. There are three main categories of these "sacrificial lambs.

The first is the foreign language film lamb. When was the last time someone won the Best Foreign Language Picture Oscar? It’s impossible to remember because it has never happened. Never — unless you consider the Academy’s 1987 decision to pick 28-year-old Bjork to present "Diving Bell and Butterfly" a foreign film. Yet every couple years, the film industry itself. Film critics are outsiders who, presum­ably, have no reason to favor one film over the other. They see nearly every film released in a year foreign and domestic, big budget and small, making them more than capable of fairly and effectively evaluating their worth.

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Heats, 109, Bulls, 81

David ValUer-pool’s jumper with 5:20 to play in the third quarter extended Chicago’s lead to 78-77.
The Heats have scored 35 points in the first 12 minutes.

The Wizards chipped away at the lead, narrowing the gap to 57-53. Jamison’s three-pointer then tied it at 22 on Davis’ 3-pointer with just 25 seconds left.
The lead was trimmed when Miller hit a 3-pointer from the wing for a 99-91 lead with 1:14 remaining. Michael Doleac and Miller traded free throws before Armstrong’s last shot bounced off the front of the rim as time expired.

The Wizards had their biggest lead of the game when Pierce’s last basket cut the deficit to 109-107 with 1:06 to play in the game and didn’t hit either of two foul shots before Armstrong’s last chance had rattled in two of three.

San Antonio, 111-1 in its last 12 games, was led by Anderson with 26 points and Tim Duncan with 15 points and 14 rebounds for the NBA’s best 56th double-double of the season.

Boston, which won its last two games on the road, was led by Pierce with 37 and Walker with 17. The Celtics scored their 50th double-double points and 10 assists and Travis Best scored 13.

With Boston losing at home, the Heats opened a one-game lead over the Celtics for the eighth and final playoff spot in the East.

Antwone McCray scored 25 points for Orlando, and Mike Miller scored 22.

Indiana was leading 69-51 with 5:20 to play in the third quarter when Orlando began its comeback.

Armstrong and McCray scored four points each as the Magic went on a 17-5 run over the last 4 1/2 minutes.

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**Saturday:**
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Bobby Knight will be speaking at the Stepan Center on March 27th. Tickets are still available at the LaFun Box Office.

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Errors and pitching play key role in Irish victory

By CHRIS FEDERICO

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The Irish capitalized off of five Viking errors, scoring three unearned runs with some very timely hitting. As has been the story most of the year, Irish pitchers baffled their opponents and let the defense play behind them.

Sophomores Peter Ogilvie and Matt Laird combined to throw a four-hit shutout against the Vikings. "Pitching was outstanding for us today," said Coach Paul Mainieri. "Peter [Ogilvie] really brought it to their hitters today working the strike zone and letting his defense make plays. Matt [Laird] also had an excellent showing today. He really improved his consistency and got back into a good groove."

Ogilvie was impressive once again in his second start of the year, working seven innings, allowing no runs on just three hits. He showed great poise in getting out of some jams in the early innings, then really settling down as the game wore on to earn his first win of the season. "It was great for me to get the opportunity to pitch today, especially in our first home game," said Ogilvie. "I just tried to go out, throw strikes, and let our defense take care of the rest."

Laird was just as dominant in relief of his teammate, picking up a save for his efforts. He demonstrated excellent control, striking out four of the seven batters he faced, and only allowing one to reach base.

The Irish hitters continued the same style of small-ball they have played all year, relying on base hits, walks, stolen bases and bunts to produce runs one at a time.

Notre Dame first struck in the fourth inning, when junior right fielder Brian Stavisky reached base on an error by Cleveland State shortstop Mike Lehman. Stavisky then stole second and advanced to third on a past ball. A groundball by sophomore left fielder Kris Billmayer brought Stavisky home to give the Irish a 1-0 lead.

Notre Dame got its other runs in the sixth inning when senior shortstop Alec Porzel reached second on a dropped fly ball by left fielder Jeremy Hoover. With two outs in the inning, Billmayer, who was two for three on the day, got his second RBI with a base hit that scored Billmayer from second.

Coach Mainieri feels his club is ready to begin Big East play on Friday. "I think our pitching and defense can really limit the potential of any offense we may face," he said. "And our hitting has really improved over the past games. We are starting to get some big hits at key times to win ball games."

The Irish begin conference play Friday at Pittsburgh. Their next home game is Tuesday against Western Michigan.

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Schedule of Events

10:00 am
Registration at South Dining Hall East
Sign Up for Workshops
Bagels, pastries, coffee, juice, etc. will be provided

10:30 am
Kickoff Prayer Service @ SDH
Led by Fr. Bill Wack, CSC and Gary Daigle

11:40 am
Workshops @ Coleman-Morse Center

12:50 pm
Lunch @ SDH

1:30 pm
Keynote by Fr. Mike Baxter @ SDH

2:30 pm
Workshops @ Coleman-Morse Center

3:40 pm
Wrap-Up Reflection with Brett Perkins @ SDH

4:45 pm
Closing Mass @ SDH

Get all the details, including a complete schedule of events and list of workshop presenters and descriptions @ nd.edu/~nglove
More than just a pretty building

by Frank Santoni

The new Coleman-Morse center is more than the sum of its parts. It's more than new office space. It's more than new social space. It's certainly more than the free popcorn and drinks. It's even more than the impressive fountain with its 1,600-lb. floating granite orb.

The new Coleman-Morse center represents more than just a collection of important University functions under one roof. From the tranquil interfaith prayer room on the first floor to the expansive Learning Resource Center on the second and the well-equipped choir rehearsal rooms on the third, the Coleman-Morse Center opens the doors to fresh and exciting new ways for all of us to enjoy the benefits of our university's great wealth of resources and dedicated staff.

Campus Ministry would like to extend an invitation to all to come and explore our new home. There is so much to see and do. Interested in retreats? Stop in at the first floor Retreats and Spirituality office, Room 114. Want to get involved in any of the cross-cultural ministries? Check out the new Cross-Cultural Ministries across the hall in Room 102. While you're there, make sure you get a handful of popcorn or something to drink around the corner in the lounge.

Upstairs on the third floor, in addition to the choir rehearsal rooms and staff offices, you'll find a religious education Resource Room and the new Campus Ministry Library (coming soon!) stocked with books, magazines, and music. Next semester, you might even find your self attending a class held in the 100-seat classroom.

Whatever the reason, whether you come to study on the first floor or are involved in a Campus Ministry activity on the third, it's our hope that you feel as welcome as if you were in your own home.

We've got the Love

Likewise, this Saturday's No Greater Love is also greater than the sum of all of its many parts. No Greater Love is unlike anything else Campus Ministry sponsors all year and that fact makes it hard to describe. Let's start backward, by defining what No Greater Love is not.

No Greater Love is not a series of theology lectures. No Greater Love is not a get-away-for-a-weekend, share-intimate-details-of-your-life-with-strangers retreat. And it's not a youth rally that aims to stir the audience to an emotional high through music and motivational speakers.

Okay. So that's what it's not. We still haven't gotten to what it is. No Greater Love is an attempt at bringing together all of the elements that inspire and challenge us to think about our lives of faith and our relationships with Christ and His church in fresh, new ways. The Notre Dame family is, at its heart, a community of faith. And as that community of faith, we will gather on Saturday to share with one another our many gifts in hopes that, in our very gathering, we will grow closer to each other as we grow closer to God.

So, please join us this Saturday at the South Dining Hall beginning at 10:00 a.m. Breakfast will be available during workshop registration. Don't miss the morning prayer service led by Fr. Bill Wack and the student leadership team. Be sure to stick around for the first round of workshops at 11:30 at Coleman-Morse. Fr. Mike Baxter will deliver the keynote after lunch at 1:30 in SDH, followed by the second round of workshops at the Coleman-Morse Center. Senior Brett Perkins will be featured in the wrap-up reflection at 3:40 pm, followed by what will promise to be a rousing Closing Mass. Check the web at nd.edu/~nglove for details on the schedule and workshops.

Everyone is welcome to join us this Saturday. The only prerequisite to participating at No Greater Love is an openness to explore your faith with others in an exciting new environment.
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he can play on a higher level, and get paid for it. As one of the premier players in college basketball, the 6-foot-11 Murphy is a bull’s eye for double-teams every time he steps on the court. With tougher NBA competition, he won’t be the focus of other teams’ defenses, and while it’s a tough jump to make, he’s got to do it sometime.

On the days Murphy finishes below his average of 22 points and nine rebouces, he’s considered to be in a slump. It was like that in Notre Dame’s first round NCAA tournament game against Xavier. Although teammates Matt Carroll and David Graves went a combined 16-for-18 from the field, Murphy put up 19 points and the Irish won by a dozen, headlines in the New York Times still read “Murphy Stone-Cold.” He’ll face less public scrutiny in the NBA.

On the stay side?
Earning a college degree.
Finally getting two seasons beneath the same coach.
Finishing out a four-year career with his close friends and Irish teammates, while potentially carrying Notre Dame to the Sweet 16 or even the Final Four.
Becoming the leading scorer in Irish basketball history.

Murphy tasted March Madness this year, but maybe he’d like to get a better feel for it by playing until the end of March next year. While just going to the Tournament was special, a trip to the Final Four would be unforgettable. With Murphy back, high school All-American Chris Thomas filling in for graduated senior point guard Martin Ingelsby and a deeper bench, the Irish would have a legitimate shot at getting there.

Might be nice to be remembered as the guy who made it possible for the Irish to make the tournament.

“If this guy, we’re going to ask him to recruit when he’s here and after he leaves here,” Brey said prior to the Big East Tournament. “He’s our poster boy. He’s the guy who gets us back in the NCAA Tournament. It’s his own team back on the college basketball radar screen. It’s been what it’s all about, the turnaround.”

Beyond Murphy’s personal pros and cons about staying in school are considerations of what other top underclassmen or high school prospects plan to leap into the NBA, combined with experts’ predictions on Murphy’s draft potential.

John Thompson of NBADraftReport.com has Murphy rated as the fifth-best power forward at the college level. George Bodenker of CBSSportsline.com considers Murphy the player with the second-most potential at any position.

Those projections rise and fall underclassmen announce their intentions. NBA teams tend to value future potential nearly as highly as proven worth, and the younger the player, the more room for improvement. Height is another favorite among teams looking to draft players.

This young man has a beck or a business decision to make,” Brey said.

On the down side for Murphy is a slow finish to his season. He scored just eight points in Notre Dame’s Big East Tournament loss to Pittsburgh, and shot a combined 10-for-33 in the NCAA Tournament. On the up side, he’s a proven commodity, having scored in single digits just twice in his college career.

Seniors who might well be selected higher than Murphy include North Carolina’s Brendan Haywood and Arizona’s Loren Woods, both 7-0 or taller. Shane Battier of Duke and Iowa State point guard Jamaal Tinsley also have the potential to make it into the Finals.

That’s not even mentioning the wave of high school seniors leaning towards the draft — 6-11 Eddie G cry, 7 footer DeSagana Diop and California native Tyson Chandler, who at 7-0, declared Wednesday his plans to go pro.

Plus there’s history to consider.

Of the top 10 lottery selections in 2000, only No. 1 pick Kenjon Martin of Cincinnati spent four years at the college level. Martin’s been the most successful in his rookie season, scoring 12 points and pulling down eight rebounds per game.

Duke’s Jason Williams and Steve Novak both stayed at Michigan State through their senior seasons, just long enough to win a National Championship, and both are getting substantial playing time in their first pro seasons.

While everyone knows the success stories of Kobe Bryant and Kevin Garnett, both of whom were NBA players before turning 21, that’s not always how it goes. Some of the early exits from college have been busies. No. 9 selection, 7-0 Joel Przybilla, who left Minnesota after his sophomore season, is scoring less than a point per game.

Murphy plans to look at his options with his family, Brey and his former AAU coach Tony Sagona, but ultimately, the decision is his.

“We’ve got to recognize that this could be his last year in college,” Brey said. “If he decides not to come back, I’ll be the first to congratulate him.”

Mike Brey head coach

Duffy-Marie Apuldram/The Observer
Junior Troy Murphy goes up for a shot. Murphy’s future at Notre Dame is still questionable as fans await the NBA draft.
Irish favored to defeat Nitanny Lions in NCAAs

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

FENCING

The Irish women's team, however, is weaker than the men's and ranked only fifth nationally. The team's strength does not feature the stars and first team All-Americans that the men have.

The St. John's women have more big name fencers than the Notre Dame women but the Irish feel they are a more balanced team than the Red Storm.

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"It's great that most of us are returners," she said. "You already know what to expect. It is so valuable to realize that every touch counts. As long as you realize that, you have a much better chance of winning more bouts.

McCullough believes the key to holding the lead the men are expected to build on the first day is focus. If the women ignore the pressure and the scoreboard, they can hold the lead.

"We won't have a lot of pressure on us if we don't look at that stupid scoreboard," McCullough said. "My goal for the weekend is not to look at it. I don't want to know where we stand. I don't want to know where I stand because I don't want to see any kind of lead falling."

While St. John's will be the main competition for the Irish, they are certainly not writing off Stanford or Penn State because they only have 11 qualifiers. Last year St. John's qualified just 11 fencers and tied for second with Notre Dame — just four bouts behind Penn State.

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"They are going to be good," Debic said. "They are going to cause a lot of problems but I don't think they are going to be a threat to the championship.

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The Championships begin on Saturday and Sunday.

The Red Storm and Irish men's foil teams are also evenly matched. Notre Dame features first team All-American Ozren Crompton and 2000 NCAA qualifier Forrest Walton while St. John's boasts 1999 first team All-American Jonathan Tjoimkin and 2000 second team All-American Joseph Fisher.

"Crompton is the favorite this year," Debic said. "I am definitely better than the two other fencers. I am looking forward to that bout, that's for sure."

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"Women bring experience, balance"

Building the lead shouldn't be too much of a problem. The men's team is undefeated and ranked No. 1 in the country.

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The Red Storm and Irish men's foil teams are also evenly matched. Notre Dame features first team All-American Ozren Crompton and 2000 NCAA qualifier Forrest Walton while St. John's boasts 1999 first team All-American Jonathan Tjoimkin and 2000 second team All-American Joseph Fisher.

"Crompton is the favorite this year," Debic said. "I am definitely better than the two other fencers. I am looking forward to that bout, that's for sure."

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"Women bring experience, balance"

Building the lead shouldn't be too much of a problem. The men's team is undefeated and ranked No. 1 in the country.
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MLB

Henson heads back to New York

Associated Press

RADENTON, Fla. Drew Henson is back with the only baseball team that can sure him away from the NFL. Now he’ll have to decide whether he wants to be a quarter­back or a third baseman.

The Cincinnati Reds traded Henson back to the New York Yankees on Wednesday along with outfielder Michael Coleman in exchange for outfielder Willy Mo Pena.

The cost-conscious Reds also got $1.9 million from the Yankees to cover the bulk of Pena’s contract. He’s still owed $2.2 million from the deal he signed with New York in 1999.

Henson came to the Reds last fall as part of the deal for left­hander Deeny Neagle. The Yankees reluctantly traded Henson, one of their top prospects, after he refused to commit to playing baseball.

“Our intent is to convince him to play baseball. That’s always been our intent when we drafted him,” Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said.

"That has not changed. There is no guarantee we’ll be able to do so. There’s a risk here, one we’re willing to assume.”

Henson can play at Michigan for one more year and would be a top pick in the draft. Henson started the previous April. The Reds knew when they got Henson that he might never play for them.

"We’d have and I had some conversations,” Reds general manager Jim Bowden said. “He was very confident on his position that he told me that he was ready to be a top starter position behind Javier Sanchez.

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Tamayo. “I was back at that Tamayo’s rehabilitation, then Mississippi State showed he had returned to his place as a top pitcher for the Irish.

“Mississippi State was the solidifying point for me,” said Tamayo. “I was back at that point.”

And he hasn’t looked back. Tamayo has settled into the top pitcher for the Irish.

A r o n Dam e. The elbow injury on any future after Notre Dame. The elbow injury rubbed him of his entire sophomore season and part of his junior season, making him somewhat unknown in the professional baseball world. It has thrown it consistently this season, though less frequently than his other pitches.

Mainieri believes Tamayo’s fastball is his core pitch. Though the right-hander does struggle at times against lefthanders and when his velocity is down, he can be quite overpowering.

Tamayo has started just ten games for the Irish, and in many ways is just starting to find his groove in the three­man rotation.

"I almost feel like a freshman,” said Tamayo. “I’m loving every minute of it.”

I’m out there,” said Tamayo. “I try to setup my pitches, and remember what I had thrown to a batter earlier in the game.”

As a senior, Tamayo hopes he can be a leader for the younger players, including friend and fellow Miami native Javier Sanchez.

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**NCAA Basketball**

**Louisville hoopsters to welcome Pitino**

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - Rick Pitino became Louisville's basketball coach Wednesday, returning to the state where he won a national championship in 1996. Pitino and his family arrived to enthusiastic cheers at an evening news conference and pep rally to introduce him as coach.

"Now it's my turn to lead the Cardinals back to prominence," Pitino said.

Pitino, who won the national title as coach of the Kentucky Wildcats, resigned as coach and president of the Boston Celtics in January after 3 1/2 disappointing seasons.

His hiring at Louisville follows a bold, aggressive courtship by athletic director Tom Jurich, who acted as a one-man search committee. Jurich said two weeks ago that Pitino was his only candidate for the job.

Pitino, who was courted by Michigan and other schools, said wife Joanne helped convince him to take the Louisville job.

He said he almost decided to return to Kentucky; you love the people you met at U. of L. I think you should go back to the place you love. He said he almost decided to take the Michigan job Wednesday morning. Jurich flew to Pitino's Miami home on March 9 and persuad­ed him to visit the Louisville campus last week.

Pitino left impressed, but said he wanted to consult his family before making a decision. He worked the NCAA Midwest Regional in Dayton, Ohio, as an analyst for CBS before flying to Boston to meet his family Sunday night.

Pitino replaces Hall of Fame coach Denny Crum, who retired after months of strained relations with Jurich. The 64-year-old Crum, who led Louisville to NCAA championships in 1980 and 1986, had two seasons left on his contract, but accepted a $7 million buyout.

Speculation began immediately that Pitino was Jurich's top choice, and even former Louisville players voiced sup­port.

Jurich called a news confer­ence March 6 to confirm he was pursuing Pitino. When Pitino expressly expressed interest, some Louisville fans said they were angry that Pitino would even consider coaching the Wildcats' rival.

Wednesday he would recom­mend his friend of 30 years for the job.

"I didn't know that he had made his recommendation, but I don't think anything has happened that would change his mind," she said. "I fully anticipate calling a press confer­ence tomorrow."

University President David Schmidly said Wednesday he would follow Myers' recom­mendation.

Knight can be named as Tech's coach as soon as a 10­day waiting period expires at 2 a.m. Friday. Dickey was fired Wed­nesday afternoon.

"What better thing could happen for Texas Tech," Schmidly said of Knight coming to Tech following the hour­long meeting.

"I like the fact that he doesn't violate NCAA rules and that's the way he chooses to win," Schmidly said. "We've had a problem with NCAA penalties. And that's set this institution back. We don't ever want to be on the wrong side of the NCAA rules again."

Schmidly also said he anticipates the respect and admi­ration Knight has for Myers to prevent any outbursts like those reported during the coach's 29 years at Indiana.

Knight, 56, was fired from Indiana last fall after he expressed a certain state of mind to Indiana officials said the act violated a zero-tolerance behavior policy.

"One thing that has weighed closely in my mind is his respect and admiration for my athletic director," Schmidly said.

Myers wouldn't say what his recommendation was, but one of Tech's regents earlier this week said if he was to make a bet he would bet on Knight being named by week's end.

Once Schmidly approves Myers' recommendation, Tech Chancellor John Montford will be asked to concur — an action that is seen merely as a formality.

Montford then would be responsible for informing Tech's Board of Regents. The regents can approve or disap­prove of any hire, but lack the power to veto.

About 100 of the university's 900 faculty members have signed a petition criticizing Knight's behavior and advising against his hiring.

During the meeting, faculty members asked questions about whether Knight would be treated differently from other faculty members, how university officials would han­dle any misbehavior, and how hiring such a controversial fig­ure could affect the universi­ty's image.

"It's unknown is even before the man is named, there is controversy," said Marc Ciccarello, an assistant profes­sor of architecture.

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NHL

Nielsen scores final goal in Blue Jacket stalemate

Associated Press

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Vancouver Canucks on goal in the third period as the Columbus Blue Jackets tied the expansion Blue Jackets, as many games.

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Columbus improved to 1-26-2-2 when trailing heading into the last 10 seconds of the third period alone. The Lightning continued their late-season surge with their sixth win in seven games.

Richards' goal was set up when Martin St. Louis was on a power play to tie it at 2-2 when trailing heading into the last 10 seconds of the third period alone. The Lightning continued their late-season surge with their sixth win in seven games.

Thrashers, who have slipped to seventh in the Eastern Conference playoff race. The Lightning continued their late-season surge with their sixth win in seven games.

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Irbe and Carolina win battle of goalies

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C.
The man with the most games in goal over the last two NHL seasons insists he's fresh for his team's playoff run.

To prove it, Carolina goalie Arturs Irbe won a battle with counterpart Dominik Hasek on Wednesday night as the Hurricanes beat the Buffalo Sabres 1-0.

David Tanabe scored late in the second period and Irbe, playing in his NHL-high 67th game, stopped 26 shots for his sixth shutout of the season.

"In the third period we threw everything we had at them," Buffalo coach Lindy Ruff said of his team's 11 shots in the final 20 minutes. "Irbe stood tall. Irbe won them a hockey game."

Carolina snapped Buffalo's four-game winning streak and moved four points ahead of Boston for the eighth and final playoff position in the Eastern Conference. Each team has 10 games remaining.

"We added a little bit to the cushion, but the cushion is pretty darn hard right now," Irbe said.

The Hurricanes are also closing in on slumping Toronto, trailing the Maple Leafs by five points with three games in hand for the seventh seed in the East.

"The big difference between being five games over .500 and chasing are the wins aren't as big and the losses aren't as big," Carolina coach Paul Maurice said. "We're happy we won the game. We'll move forward. Mentally, that takes less of a toll on your team."

Irbe's shutout was the 30th of his career and 17th in three seasons with the Hurricanes. The sixth shutout also tied a single-season team record set by Irbe two years ago.

Irbe played a career-best 75 games last year, and will likely start in Carolina's final 10 games, meaning he will have played in 68 of the team's final 70 games.

"I think I can take it, and I'll take as much as needed to make the playoffs and we'll go from there," Irbe said.

"This is the best thing in hockey, that's why we play," Irbe added when asked if he liked being the team's go-to guy. "If you don't want to be the man you probably shouldn't be in the NHL. Every kid dreams of being the guy."

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Tennis

Irish return to top after win

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame men’s tennis team, following its win at the Blue-Gray National Classic last week, have returned to the top 10 of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings for the first time since 1993 — the last time the Irish claimed the Blue-Gray title. Notre Dame defeated Tulane, Rice, Auburn and Fresno State last week to move from No. 22 in the rankings to No. 10.

The Irish also improved to 13-2 on the season with the four wins for their best start since the 1992 NCAA finalist and Fresno State last week. After beginning the season with a 3-2 match winning streak — its longest since winning 14 straight in 1990.

Five of the 10 wins have been shutout victories with a total score of 50-9 in those 10 wins. Notre Dame boasts a 62-18 combined dual-match singles record, with at five players having at least nine dual-match singles victories in 15 matches. Sophomore Brian Farrell leads the team with a 12-2 singles record in dual matches, while freshman Matthew Scott is 10-1. The trio of juniors — No. 1 singles player Casey Smith, No. 2 Javier Taborga and No. 4 Aaron Tabarico — each have won nine dual matches, while freshman Luis Haddorn-Morales has won eight.

With the Irish women’s team ranked seventh for the third consecutive week, Notre Dame stands as one of four schools (joined by Duke, Georgia, Stanford) with both its men’s and women’s teams ranked among top 10 teams in the country. It also marks the first time both Irish programs have been in the top 10 at the same time.

After an 11-day break following the Blue-Gray National Classic championship, the 10th-ranked Irish return to the court when they play host to 18th-ranked Illinois in a 4:00 p.m. home match on March 29.

Women’s Basketball

McGraw earns coach of the year

Associated Press

McGraw, who led Notre Dame’s women’s basketball program to its winningest season ever, is the Naismith coach of the year. The Irish, ranked No. 2, are 30-2 and in the round of 16 in the NCAA tournament for the fourth time in five years. The top-seeded Irish will face Utah in the Midwest Regional semifinals Saturday.

Lacrosse

Howell named player of the week

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame senior goalie Kirk Howell, who has helped the Irish men’s lacrosse team to a 5-0 record and No. 2 ranking in the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA) poll (its highest ranking in school history), has been named the Great Western Lacrosse League Player of the Week after leading the Irish to two wins last week over Virginia and Loyola. Howell earns the honor for the second time in his career. It also marks the third week an Irish player has been recognized for the award.

Howell had 14 saves in Notre Dame’s 11-8 road win over the then seventh-ranked Cavaliers — its first-ever win in two previous meetings. He then tied his career-high with 18 saves in a 10-7 win at fifth-ranked Loyola. That victory was the second straight for the Irish over the Greyhounds and their first-ever in 10 previous meetings during the regular season.

Howell has made 59 saves in five games this season and has not allowed more than eight goals in any contest. He owns a 7.00 goals against average and .626 save percentage.

The Irish are on the road for the fourth straight game and fifth time six outings when Notre Dame travels to Hempstead, N.Y. to face Hofstra at 2:00 p.m. on Sat., Mar. 24 at 2:00 p.m.
Midnight Madness 2001

Athletes will not be the only winners at Midnight Madness

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

The madness is catching. Rampant questions of who is going to win are sweeping across campus. Plans for Friday night are easy enough to determine as team colors take control. No, it’s not March Madness that will be rocking the Saint Mary’s campus on Friday: it’s Midnight Madness.

The second annual intramural championship and athletic extravaganza will take place on Friday in Angela Athletic Center. The athletic department is looking for spirit from everyone — students, faculty, staff and visitors. “This is not only about spirit for Saint Mary’s students,” athletic director Lynn Kachmarik said. “It’s an event to get people aware of what’s going on at Saint Mary’s.”

The evening will kick off with the winter intramural championships at 9 p.m. The championship will close a very successful winter intramural season. “We’ve had a tremendous turnout this year,” assistant athletic director Greg Hildebrandt said. “We’re more than double the number of teams.”

Forty teams participated in intramurals. Two teams out of that number have fought their way into the final game of the season. But the victories that are won on the court are only a small part of the victory that will be taken place on Friday.

The culmination of the evening will be a random drawing that will send one very lucky Saint Mary’s student and a guest to Chicago for a weekend with time service to and from Chicago by Anthony Travel service. Two nights in the Ritz Carlton, provided by the Office of the President, dinner at the John Hancock Signature Room, provided by the Saint Mary’s varsity club, and a $1,000 shopping spree donated by the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs.

But the prizes don’t end there. Other prizes include a Jostens or Balfour class ring, a reserved space in the faculty LeMans lot, the ever popular number one room pick, gift certificates and plenty of Saint Mary’s apparel.

Midnight Madness will also feature a 50-50 raffle. Tickets for that raffle have been on sale all week and will be on sale up through Friday night at the time of the drawing.

The athletic department will be looking for class unity by encouraging women in all four classes to wear their class colors. “These colors will follow each class until they graduate,” Kachmarik said.

Championships heat up Angela

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

The weatherman may have predicted another cold front for Friday, but the heat will be on in Angela Athletic facility as winter intramurals wrap up and the intramural sports championship is presented.

Following the three championship games, the athletic department will award the dorm with the most points the intramural sports championship.

Soccer

There is history behind this year’s intramural soccer championship. The presidential Ghetto Fabulous faced off against the Chaos last year as well. The Ghetto Fabulous (7-1-0), which boasts Saint Mary’s student body president and vice-president年级 Sophie Renner and Michelle Nagle, claimed the championship last year, defeating the Chaos 2-0. The LeMans Hall team, ranked no. 1 coming into playoffs, is out to repeat history, but come away smiling regardless of the outcome.

“We want to pay back the fun but still have fun,” Renner said. “We’re going to be playing our friends so it will be extra fun.”

If the Ghetto Fabulous is looking to repeat history, the Chaos (7-1-3) is looking to erase it. The other LeMans hall team, captained by Michelle Johnson, wants to revenge last year’s loss. “We are really excited to play the [Ghetto Fabulous],” Johnson said. “We want our revenge. We want to win this year.”

The Chaos, which came into playoffs ranked second, kicked their way past the Soccer Monkeys and the Little Devils to reach the finals. Fresh blood on this year’s team may be the key.

Basketball

The basketball championship also pits no. 1 against no. 2. The first time the Team o’ Teachers (ranked no. 1) faced off against the Badazzers (ranked no. 2), the Badazzers learned their lesson, losing to the educators.

The Team o’ Teachers (11-0-0), named as such because it composed of mostly senior secondary education majors, is counting on its height in a Friday night victory.

“We have a couple of tall girls who help us out a lot,” team captain Mary Swoome said, “I think that we’ll have to get rebounds to play on top of the game.”

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By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

This year, Irish starting pitcher Danny Tamayo is a dominant right-hander with a 2-1 record, baffling opposing batters with a sinking-change-up and a fastball with pinpoint control. But his sophomore year, Tamayo couldn’t even throw a baseball, let alone pitch a Division 1 college baseball game.

In March 1999, doctors removed a tendon from Tamayo’s left forearm and wrapped it around his right elbow, a procedure known as the Tommy John surgery. The surgery, named for the former St. Louis Cardinals pitcher that had used the operation, would be a year until Tamayo would pitch again.

“I was relieved to have something I could do about my elbow,” said Tamayo. “I wanted an answer to my question.”

Although with the Tommy John surgery there was a chance Tamayo would never pitch again, he was confident that the procedure would allow him to continue his career. The surgery has a 95 percent success rate, and is becoming increasingly common in baseball.

Still, the rehabilitation would be a feat requiring great mental strength and dedication.

Tamayo’s rehab consisted of daily sessions with baseball trainer Mike Bean, a man he credits greatly for his recovery. He concentrated on resistance work, and exercised his forearms by squeezing socks, and then a clay ball, between sessions.

“I was just building back my muscles, and eventually the throwing came around,” said Tamayo. "I was just building back my muscles, and eventually the throwing came around.”

Tamayo also impressed his head coach, Paul Mainieri. “His rehabilitation showed a lot about his desire,” Mainieri said. “He’s a very loyal person, and his loyalty to our school and our baseball program is extremely high.”

A year after his surgery, Tamayo returned to the mound on March 7, 2000, pitching the final inning in a win over Manchester. His teammates promptly mobbed him after he secured the final out of the game.

But for Tamayo, the true turning point on the road back to pitching came against Rutgers last year. Tamayo started against the Scarlet Knights, and was able to work five innings while readjusting to being back on the mound.

“In that game it started to click,” said Tamayo. “It’s funny, I felt like I had to almost remember how to pitch — but in that game I said to myself I can do this.”

Tamayo was only 14 months out of the operating room when he took the mound against Mississippi State in the NCAA Starkville Regional on May 28, 2000, on the Bulldogs home field at Dudy-Noble Field.

Simply put, he pitched a masterpiece. Tamayo was dominating in a complete game, three-hit shutout, throwing just 105 pitches. The Irish won 7-0, setting up the final showdown with Mississippi State that Notre Dame eventually lost by a heartbreaking 10-9 margin.

If Rutgers was the turning point for see TAMAYO/page 25

Irish Pitchers Dominate
The Notre Dame baseball team claimed a shutout victory over - Cleveland State Wednesday. page 29

BASEBALL
Tamayo overcomes diversity to throw for victory

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The question remains: Will Murphy leave the Irish?

The question was asked at the Notre Dame’s spring NCAA Tournament. Would Troy Murphy stick around for his junior season?

The question was repeated within minutes after every game of Notre Dame’s season.

“Are you planning to play for the Irish for four full years, Troy?”

The question was asked at every press conference, beginning within minutes of Murphy’s April 2000 announcement to stay at Notre Dame for his junior year.

“Have you thought about next year, Troy? Are you going to enter the NBA draft?”

Fans chimed in their reasons why Murphy should stay, chanting “One more year” at Notre Dame’s home games against George-town. Opponents gave Murphy motivation to leave, with players double-teaming him, crowds harassing him and opposing coaches begging for a signature pro.

Murphy must have felt like his third baseman was stuck on repeat, with the question of whether he would stay in college the only audible words. Yet the two-time All-American never wavered in his answer to the incessant grilling, always responding that he would sit down and weigh his options once the season ended.

“It’s something I’ll look at after the season,” Murphy said March 6 in New York, the day he accepted a second straight award as Big East Player of the Year.

Now that the season’s over, the question keeps coming, but a little more urgency awaits the answer, as Murphy has until May 13 to declare for the NBA Draft.

Stay or go? A good lawyer, or even an ambulance-chaser, could make a strong case either way.

On the go side? Millions of dollars. Privacy, a luxury Murphy doesn’t enjoy beneath the Notre Dame bubble. Freedom from the sky-high expectations of Irish fans. The chance to fulfill his dream of playing in the NBA. The been-there, done-that factor — that Murphy has little left to accomplish on an individual level in college.

For him, it’s more than a baseball decision. Irish coach Mike Brey said Sunday, “If it was just a baseball decision, I would have told you today he’s gone.”

In his three years, Murphy led Notre Dame from a team with no tournament to go to in 1999 to NIT-runners-up in 2000 to Big East division champions and one shot from the Sweet 16 in 2001. Team success, including getting Notre Dame back into the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1999, was a big part of Murphy’s decision to stay a season ago.

“We had a nice run in the NIT last year,” Murphy said, “but I didn’t think I would be able to consider my college career a success unless we made a run in the NCAA’s.”

Now that he’s taken the Irish to March Madness, will he be as motivated to stick around the college scene? Especially when see MURPHY/page 23