Basilica prepares for tridium celebration

By JASON McFARLEY

When it comes to the Lenten season and Notre Dame, the past 40 days perhaps have little on the next three.

That's because when Lent, the traditional Catholic season of sacrifice, ends, the production at the University begins.

"A lot of students have told me that one of their goals is to spend Holy Week at Notre Dame," said Father Richard Warner, director of Campus Ministry. "I don't think there's anywhere in the country that celebrates the tridium like the Basilica.

The tridium designates the three-day period from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday.

Traditionally, the events that begin on Holy Thursday at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, the cathedral-style church situated on central campus, attract large crowds. Warner said worshippers usually arrive at the chapel an hour before the events are scheduled to begin. Some churchgoers are from the area, but most represent the University community, Warner said.

"Many graduates come back just to be here, and they do that year after year," said Warner, who will preside at the noon Easter Mass. "It's really unique."

What makes the Easter Mass and the activities leading up to it so special?

Start with the fact that Catholics view Easter, which celebrates Jesus's resurrection, as the defining holiday of their faith. Add to that the return of ornamentation missing from the church during the 40 days of Lent. During the Lenten season, solemnity and starkness permeate the majority of Catholic churches, as altars are stripped of decorations and flowers.

"On Thursday, the main altar is totally bare. Friday it's austere," Warner said. "Saturday it's magnificent. There are tulips, daffodils, trees & it's absolutely beautiful."

Music by student choirs is also a selling point for the more than 1,500 people who attend annual tridium activities, Warner said. Of course, weeks of preparation go into pulling off only a handful of liturgical services.

Rehearsals for choir performances and other events began as early as two weeks before their planned dates, according to Father Peter Rocca, the Basilica's rector. He said rehearsals also take place the day of the events.

"A lot of planning and practice goes into the celebrations. Everyone works hard to see that it is a special occasion," said Rocca, who will preside over the Easter vigil Saturday night.

Tonight a Tenebrae service is scheduled for 11 p.m. at the Basilica. A ceremony that remembers Jesus's burial, Warner said the event usually draws between 1,400 and 1,600 members of the campus community every year.

Good Friday ceremonies are highlighted by a celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3 p.m. and the Vigil Mass is at 9 p.m. Saturday. Four Easter Masses will be held Sunday at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon and 9 p.m.

"This really is a wonderful time of the year. Everything is beautiful and the services are very special," Warner said.

Eldred speaks on faith and prayer

By NOREEN GILLESPIE

Speaking about the role faith and prayer play in her life as president of Saint Mary's, Marilou Eldred delivered the annual address at the 30th annual Michiana Area Community Prayer Breakfast Wednesday.

The breakfast, designed to bring community leaders together to reflect on how prayer can be integrated into their daily lives, is modeled after President Eisenhower's Presidential Prayer Breakfast for Congressional leaders, which began in 1952. The Michiana breakfast, which has been an annual event since 1971, typically chooses local or national leaders to deliver the address.

Eldred chose Eldred because she has made a strong effort to be a part of this community and not just remain on campus," said Mikki Dobski Shidler, chairwoman of the event. "We chose her because she is a tremendous speaker, and because of the role she plays in the community as the president of a Catholic women's college.

Eldred, who was a nun for 10 years, said she actively chooses to invoke prayer in her everyday duties as president of Saint Mary's, and this choice assists her in some of the most difficult parts of her job.

"In this all-consuming job as president of Saint Mary's College, I could either think I have time for a very limited prayer life, or that all my efforts are conscious.

Eldred: Vietnam war had 'terrible effects' on Americans

By MYRA MCGRIFF


Pilon: Vietnam war had ‘terrible effects’ on Americans

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Ready to go home

OK, I admit it — I’m homesick. And I can’t really figure out why. Maybe it’s because I haven’t been home since Christmas, and I’m longing for my own bed and some good cooking. Maybe it’s because with these first hints of spring, I’m missing the regular family invasions of fall football weekends. Maybe it’s the realization that since I’m going abroad next fall, time with my family is quickly becoming precious.

But whatever the reason, I’m so ready for Easter break that by the time this paper goes to print, I’ll already be home.

It’s funny because I have no memory of homesickness during freshman year. I was never one to cry myself to sleep in my pillow or call home every day with another moody complaint. Sure, I sometimes missed the familiarities of home. But I was so excited for college that I never looked back once my packed car turned out of the gravel driveway that August.

And now? As a sophomore, I should be confident in my routines and life at Notre Dame. But now I somehow find myself calling home, just wanting to talk and share a few laughs. I’m excited each time my mom e-mails, and I pounce on my phone like a puppy returning home, and feels strange. For as easily as I settle into the rhythms of life back home, the grooves do not fit me as easily as they once did. I can’t go home as often as I used to, and that in some ways, sadly, my family might not know me anymore. But that is the wonderful, constant thing about home — the one place I’ll always be able to return to and understand completely.

Back in the summer camp days, my mom used to console my fears with the same words: “You will be fine here. You know what we’ll be doing while you’re gone. And now it’s your time to go out and explore.” I took her words to heart and went back in the big, scary world. But now I’m returning to home.

It’s the little things I can’t wait for this weekend — laughing with my mom as we run errands, fighting with my brothers over how I always skip out on the dishes, staying up late to talk literature and life with my dad. So maybe my mom’s words are the reason I’m craving home as of late. I want to be sure that it’s still the same, even if I’m not.

Laura Kelly
Associate Scene Editor

This Week at Notre Dame/Saint Mary’s

Thursday
- Lecture: "Toquerville, American Catholics and Democratic Culture," 12:30 p.m., 116 DeBartolo Hall
- Lecture: "Measuring Migratory Flows from Mexico," 12:30 p.m., C-103

Friday
- Good Friday: Morning prayer, 9 a.m.; Passion, 3 p.m.; Stations, 7:15 p.m.; Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- Easter Vigil: 9 p.m., Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday
- Morning prayer: 9 a.m., Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- Easter Vigil: 9 p.m., Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Sunday
- Easter Mass: Solemn Mass, 8:00 a.m.; Sunday Mass, 10 a.m., 12:15 a.m., 9 p.m.
- Easter Brunch: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at South Dining Hall. Open to the public.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Kent State students protest Bush speech

One of the more creative protestors called himself Emilin Yonare. He sarcastically pleaded with passers by to give Bush money while paper $1,000 bills fell out of his pockets.

“I’m not getting paid enough,” Emilin Yonare said. “It’s horrible! She is only getting $60,000 a month!” They were not getting any less than a quarter of a million.

Another unique protestor wore a George W. Bush mask and was going by the name “W.” He also based his protest on racism.

“I’ve had a change of heart. I want people to boycott my masked ‘W’ said. There was a mild interest in the protest as a small group of people gathered to watch.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS

Recruiters discourage students

Just as campuses across the University of California system have mailed out acceptance letters, some recruitment and retention centers at UC Berkeley have announced that they will actively discourage underrepresented students from attending the university until the UC’s anti-affirmative action policies are repealed. The Cal groups, including the Bridges Black Student and Raza recruitment and retention centers, announced prior to the UC Board of Regents meeting in March that if Standing Policy 1 was not repealed, the organizations would not participate in calling or hosting admissions.

Additionally, the centers announced that they would send out letters discouraging students from attending Cal. The centers said they will instead concentrate more on retention efforts. During last month’s UC Board of Regents meeting, Chair Sue Johnson called for an investigation to determine whether or not Cal and UCLA centers have sent letters to underrepresented high school districts discouraging them from attending their campuses.

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UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Study links stress to smoking

New research published by the University of Chicago’s National Opinion Research Center (NORC) shows that academic rigor and ethnic composition of high schools can affect teen cigarette smoking. Adolescents attending highly competitive schools are more likely to start smoking than adolescents who achieve comparable grades at less competitive schools. Ethnic minority adolescents — especially African Americans — are also less likely to begin smoking than whites, especially if they attend predominantly minority schools. The study investigates why adolescents begin to smoke and explores the racial disparity in adolescent smokers. The researchers used data from the National Education Longitudinal Study, which was conducted in the late 1980s with follow-up surveys through 1994. While cigarette initiation occurs almost exclusively among adolescents, who go on to comprise the vast majority of adult smokers, the initiation rate among whites is more than double the rate among blacks and higher than rates among Asians and Latinos.

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

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The Student Senate unanimously approved the Financial Management Board’s $600,000 budget Wednesday night, a figure $5,000 less than last year’s FM B budget.

FM B is responsible for allocating funds in the Office of the Student Body President, the Student Union Board (SUB) and the Club Coordination Council, among other student-run departments and organizations. When some senators questioned why some divisions got significantly less than what they requested, the FM B representative who presented the budget to the senate, Jennifer Wolfe, explained that the board was working with limited funds.

"We can’t give everyone everything they wanted,” said Wolfe. “I was most disappointed by the allocation for (the diversity) department,” said student body president Brooke Norton, referring one department within the Office of the President.

In addition, Morrissen senator Patrice McDermott asked Wolfe why some SUB divisions, such as campus entertainment, received less than half of the total they requested. Even though many SUB divisions received less money than they requested from the FM B, the two SUB representatives at the meeting were positive about the budget.

"We feel like we can work with it," said Katie Hummel. Alumni senator Matt Labratta questioned the SUB representatives regarding why SUB often loses money on concerts it sponsors.

They explained that SUB tries to keep the price of tickets down for students and that having to hold concerts in Stepan Center creates a challenge.

In other Senate news:

♦ The Senate approved the nomination of John McCarthy as Judicial Board vice president in charge of elections. It also approved the nominations of Nikki DePeters and Susan Wang as Judicial Board vice presidents of peer advocacy.

♦ Tal Romero was approved as secretary of the Student Union. Danielle Ledenos was approved as parliamentarian and Tim O’Malley was approved as chaplain of the Senate.

♦ Senators also approved the nomination of Jonathan Jorissen as chief of staff in the Office of the President. Melissa Rauch was approved as academic delegate and Audra Hagan was approved as controller.

NOW IN ITS 4TH KILLER YEAR ON BROADWAY

The Musical

BOT report to look at social space

By ERIN LaRUFFA

When the Coleman-Morse Center opened recently, many University students and staff expected the lounge to be used as social space. Instead, students are using it as study space.

That is just one observation on social space members of Student Government’s Board of Trustees committee will relay to Notre Dame’s Board of Trustees at its next meeting on May 3.

Once a semester, students, through the office of the Student Body President, have the chance to address the board of Trustees for an hour and a half. With the University in the planning stages of several building projects, addressing social space issues seemed appropriate, according to Tyler Jackson, one of the leaders of student government’s Board of Trustees committee.

"With the building plans the University has, we felt this would be a good time for students to voice their input," Jackson said.

To get student input, the committee held a forum for representatives of each dorm Wednesday night to discuss social space both in dorms and in other University buildings.

Many students who attended the forum expressed dissatisfaction with both studying and socializing in their dorms.

Part of the problem is that students study in areas intended as social space, according to some forum participants.

"For the most part, if you want to socialize there, you feel really uncomfortable because everyone is studying," said Erin Clayton from Breene-Phillips.

"The issue is not square footage," said Phil Tribble from O’Neill. Instead, he added, the problem is what space is for.

Another complaint centered on the fact that some security guards often restrict or monitor 24-hour space.

"In the girls dorms, it’s not even the lack of space. It’s the space we have is high traffic and monitored," said Kristin Baranak of Lewis and Clark Hall.

However, others at the forum said the amount of space is a problem.

"We would have a huge turnout for hall council, but we don’t have a large multi purpose room so we have to turn people away," said Meghan Finney of Lyons Hall.

Two Howard residents also complained that lack of space forced the dorm to hold dances in its chapel. Finney added that the dorm does not even have in-hall dances because the dorm has no place for them.

Students at the forum also discussed areas for studying and socializing outside of dorms.

"The use of Coleman-Morse (for studying) signals that we need more comfortable study space," said student body president Brooke Norton. She also suggested adding social space that would be more "interactive" such as a bowling alley.

Students also discussed the difficulty they have in getting off campus without a car, and suggested the University allow private businesses, such as restaurants, to develop in an area near the University.

Other suggested additions included a sports pub, a Reckers-style restaurant on North Quad and a health food store.

Information from the forum will go into student government’s reports to the Board of Trustees. Other information will come from student surveys and an upcoming faculty forum.
Vietnam

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Pilon began a project to chronicle the effects the war had on individuals when he was invited to consult with administration and faculty of the Ministry of Education in Hanoi, Vietnam. Since Pilon had access to areas most Americans were denied, he was able to see a complete picture of what he calls "the terrible effects of war." He visited graveyards, mausoleums and talked to Vietnamese officials, discovering the impact the Vietnam War had on him as a PIIon.

"Over one million of Vietnam's soldiers were killed and over one million were missing in action," said Pilon.

Pilon also spoke of the effect the war had on him as a teacher in Arizona. Although he did not fight, he stood by those students that grieved over the loss of parents, brothers and classmates. He described the 60s as a horrible period he was sorry he had to go through. "I would9rieve with and cry with them. The 60s were a terrible time to live," said Pilon.

In addition to the effects the death of service men had on the students, Pilon also spoke about the rebellion students displayed against American involvement in the war. As a high school teacher, he saw students burning flags and wearing upside-down American flags sewn onto their clothes. He discussed how the veterans of the war were treated differently from soldiers returning from World War II, which he fought in. "It was not a fun time.

American service men were not respected. The Vietnam veteran would not dare wear any military apparel. He also touched on the more m emorable moments of his experience in Hanoi. There, he visited the prison for prisoners of war (POW) were held, nicknamed the "Hanoi Hilton." There, Pilon saw the cell of Senator John McCain, who was held as a POW, and took bricks from his former cell. Pilon also told a story about giving money to a homeless veteran, missing his legs. He said that after he put the money into the veteran's tin can, the veteran saluted him and Pilon saluted him in return. For Pilon, the incident connected him to that veteran.

"In that moment our hearts were looking into each other's heart," said Pilon.

It is this connection and the devastation Pilon saw in the veteran that makes him see war as so horrible and causes him to question what he calls "mans inhumanity to man."

"Men die, women always become widows and children become orphans during war."

Charles Pilon
University of Northern Arizona
professor

"Every president, vice president, and chancellor asks me, 'Why did we fight this war?' and all I can say is I don't know."

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**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS**

11 civilians die in Burundi clash: Fighting between the army and rebels northwest of the Burundi capital left at least 11 civilians dead and forced thousands to flee their homes, a local government officials said Wednesday. The villagers were caught in cross fire Monday night as soldiers fought with Hutu rebels in Rubirizi, seven miles northwest of the lakeside capital Bujumbura, said Philippe Nidukumana, the official. "We have a list of their names. Unfortunately, we have not been able to organize a burial for these people because the area is still insecure," Nidukumana said.

Israeli, Palestinian chiefs meet: Israeli and Palestinian security chiefs met Wednesday in a U.S.-sponsored effort to reduce violence. Palestinian officials said, hours after Israeli tanks rolled into a refugee camp and reduced a neighborhood to rubble — the first such surge into Palestinian territory during seven months of violence.

**NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

Officials plan for hurricane season: With one leading forecaster predicting 10 tropical storms, including a half-dozen hurricanes, the National Hurricane Center has already begun gearing up for the upcoming hurricane season. "We can change the impact of disasters," said Scott Allbaugh, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, told the opening session of the 2001 National Hurricane Conference.

Fate of U.S. spy plane uncertain: The gray-and-white U.S. spy plane still sits on the Hainan island tarmac, a long string of Chinese trucks parked at its side. The Bush administration wants the plane returned, even if the Chinese have stripped it of the sensitive eavesdropping equipment. For now, the EP-3E remains in Chinese hands, but the loss of intelligence information may not be as severe as first feared.

**INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS**

Gary airport needs state funding: The Gary-Chicago Airport needs money from the state so it can market itself better, Mayor Scott King said. The city of Chicago has contributed $1.82 million more to the airport than the state of Indiana even though most of the people who use the airport now are from Indiana, King said. The airport needs to attract more passengers from Chicago, said William Staebel, president of the Gary-Chicago Airport Authority.

**South Africa**

A stampede broke out Wednesday night in a packed soccer stadium in Johannesburg. Killing 47 people, the sports minister said. The mayhem broke out after a goal was scored, witnesses said.

The stampede occurred during a soccer match between the Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates at Ellis Park Stadium. At least 27 bodies lay strewn on the field after the match had been canceled. A stream of ambulances, private cars and a helicopter delivered injured fans to the hospital.

"We're stunned, we're shocked and we're sending our condolences to those families," Sport Minister Ngconde Balfour told The Associated Press. "Whatever will need to be done we'll do." Balfour said between 47 and 50 people had been killed at the stadium in the "freak accident." Witnesses said the match happened between two of the Premier League's most popular rivals was vastly overcrowded and erupted into chaos after a Pirates player scored a goal.

"That's when everything happened," said Mashipa Makena, 42, a security guard at the stadium told The Associated Press. "The stadium was full. There was no place to stand. The people were pushing toward the fence, and the fence collapsed and the people in the back stepped on those in front." The South African Broadcasting Corp, reported that too many tickets had been sold for the match. People outside tried to push into the stadium and were trapped against barbed wire.

Emergency vehicles outside the stadium were unable to move amid the stampede. Police had earlier fired tear gas at people stampeding outside the stadium, according to the South African Press Association. Several fans at the stadium told radio the stadium appeared to have inadequate security to handle the crowds.

President Thabo Mbeki's office promised an urgent inquiry into the tragedy to ensure it was not repeated, according to SAPA. "The president expresses his sincere condolences to the bereaved on behalf of South Africa," his spokesman Tienie Carrim said, according to SAPA. Balfour said the Premier League was responsible for security at the match, and the chaos should not affect South Africa's bid to host the 2010 World Cup.

**Lawmakers threaten China trade**

As the Bush administration exulted at the anticipated return of the U.S. spy plane's crew, some members of Congress were gearing up for a new battle over trade with China.

Lawmakers said the accident has focused attention on other difficult U.S.-China matters that must be resolved. They also praised President Bush for his approach toward ending the standoff.

"The way in which the president handled this from the beginning, keeping sort of a lid on this thing, not letting it get out of hand, not yielding to the temptation of escalating it, not referring to our crew as hostages — all was wise, it showed balance," said Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's top Democrat. "I think it exhibited mature and responsible leadership throughout this tense situation."

But lawmakers said the United States and China face hurdles in regaining the relationship that existed before the April 1 collision between the spy plane and a Chinese fighter. "The real question is what about other reconnaissance flights'" in international air space and over international waters, said House Intelligence Committee Chairman Porter Goss, R-Fla. "It's critically important that we maintain that for our own national security."

China's detention of the 24 Americans for more than a week gave new impetus to a bill — introduced days after the collision — to overturn last year's law paying the way for China to gain permanent normal trade relations with the United States.
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work life is a prayer," Eldred said. "I believe that the latter is true, although there are days and events that make me wonder how they could ever, in one's wildest imagination, be perceived as prayer. In those times, especially, I find myself asking God's help to make the right decision."

Eldred’s faith journey, however, started long before she assumed the presidency at Saint Mary’s. Raised in a Catholic family, Eldred said she “was certain” during high school she had a vocation. Her realization led her to spend 10 years as a member of a religious community.

It was her experience as a religious sister, sometimes falling asleep during meditation, that taught her prayer was more than formal, traditional prayer.

“My most vivid memory of the meditation experience is sleeping through much of it, often waking abruptly and slowly falling out of the pew, then confidently pulling myself up straight as if it were all part of my intense experience with God,” Eldred said. “But that time in my life was very important, because I began to understand that there is much more to prayer than the ‘formal’ prayer experience.

Prayer has to be a personal experience rather than simply routine,” Eldred explained. “It may be possible to pray in some form, with little or no faith — that is the kind of prayer that may be the right variety, the non-thinking prayer, the one that has to do with ‘getting through’ the prayer,” she said. “But for prayer to be real to me, I need to relate it to my faith that there is a loving God who cares for me, for my family, my friends; my work.”

Speakers at the community breakfast are typically lay members of the community, Shidler said. Eldred joins former speakers Ambassador Andrew Young, President and Mrs. Carter, former Notre Dame fullback Anthony Johnson and former Notre Dame All-American and current Minnesota state Supreme Court justice Alan Page.

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The Sexual Assault Advisory Group was created in the Fall 2000 Semester by Fr. Mark Poorman, CSC, Vice President for Student Affairs, and is composed of Notre Dame and St. Mary’s students, faculty and staff particularly interested and involved in addressing sexual assault issues on the campuses. The group, intended to advise the University, has met several times this year and looks forward to continuing its examination and review of campus concerns. This listening session, open to all students, faculty and staff, is intended to provide an informal opportunity for students and others to share their experiences and opinions with the Advisory Group.
Oufkir speaks of life as princess, imprisonment

By ALLY JAY
News Writer

Malika Oufkir described her experience as the daughter of a high-ranking Moroccan general and the changes in her life after her father's failed coup in a lecture Wednesday.

"My life is an upside down fairytale," said author Malika Oufkir last night to a packed Hesburgh Center Auditorium. "I started out as a princess and from age 5 to 17 I lived in a palace. I can say it was an exceptional life."

As a child Oufkir, was a playmate of the King Hassan II's half sister and at the age of 5 was unofficially adopted by Morocco's royal family. In her book "Stolen Lives: Twenty Years in a Desert Jail" she writes, "The only contact I had with my family was in the palace. A few times my mother was invited to parties and (I) came to work with the King. For me it was terrible because I looked at them like my parents, but I couldn't go and have contact with them because living in the palace means that first you have to renounce your identity. You can have no past and no future."

Despite her surroundings, Oufkir felt isolated. "I can say a child doesn't need to be in luxury to be happy. They only need love, protection, and parents," said Oufkir.

Feeling the need to reestablish her familial connections, she asked the King to allow her to return home. "At 17 I decided to change everything. I told the King I have an identity and a family, and I don't know them," she said. "So at 17, I went back and discovered my life. For the first two years I was happy. My first dream was to be an actress and I traveled all over the world."

However Oufkir's fairy tale existence was overturned in 1972 when her biological father, a general in charge of Morocco King Hassan II's security services, led a failed coup against the regime and was subsequently executed.

"After the coup my father was arrested and my family spent about 20 years in prison. After 15 years we decided to dig a tunnel to allow four of us to escape. My mother and sister were too sick to escape," she said. "For five days we tried to find help. After five days the story was a way to escape from prison."

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"A day is like a year for us in silence, without light, without a book, without anything," she said. "We would spend all the days dreaming about food because we had no food."

"So I started telling my family a story every night. The story lasted for 11 years and through the story was a way to escape from prison."

"When she was asked about her torturers she said, "I don't believe in justice. Nothing can give us back our life. Even money. Perhaps prison for those who tortured us. I had read all this when King Hassan died and people came up and asked if I was happy when. I wasn't."

"There is no justice for me. That's why the only thing I can say is be vigilant for countries like mine. I don't know if you realize how lucky you are to live in a democracy. People like me and prisoners like us can maybe help move our country towards democracy."

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McVeigh brought fate on himself

I would like to make two comments regarding Mr. McVeigh. First, since I am from Oklahoma, I appreciate his prayers, both for Mr. McVeigh and for the families of those he killed. Second, as a Protestant, I question his claim that McVeigh was "taught by the Protestantization, rationalistic culture that war and militarized violence accept and tolerate." McVeigh taught the nation about the Benjamins, baby. Maybe in whom we trust, but it's still about the Benjamins, baby.

Second, as a Protestant, I question his claim that McVeigh brought the nation to its knees. This apotheosis of these men for gods, subsequent generations have regarded the Bill of Rights as the Ten Commandments. However, just as those commandments about lying and adultery have been reinterpreted in different ways, depending on your particular end of the political rainbow (liberal, or ... spectrum (conservative).

The First Amendment, the most debated one throughout the career of Britney Spears. They envisioned a country where a man could protect his family, a teen could protect his country. McVeigh, who was 25 years old, could shoot his brother for his sneakers. Certainly not, but because times are not the same as when the Bill of Rights was drafted, we need a new Moses to interpret our Torah. Who is this new Moses? Who else? Charlton Heston.

Heston and his new Israel, the NRA, think they have the Second Amendment and the nation's rising youth violence problem figured out. Clearly, there are not enough guns out there. The solution is to put a gun in the hands of every man, woman, child and fetus in this great nation, and let's open up a theme restaurant while we're at it.

Innocent children have guns.

A day of encouraging mothers to vote for her ... spectrum (conservative). Billy Bob Clinton (what is "is" anyway?), the first and second amendmentments can be interpreted in different ways, depending on your particular end of the political rainbow (liberal, or ... spectrum (conservative).

For the record, the idea that violence is an acceptable answer is not the same as McVeigh. He brought his fate upon himself. Pray for Timothy McVeigh if you want, but please make no excuses for his actions. He brought his fate upon himself.

Stacy Davis
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April 11, 2001
Shopping in support of a green revolution

In Monday's issue of The Observer, Anna Barbouro wrote a column calling gun control a wasted argument. I started reading this article, and by paragraph two there might be a well-reasoned argument somewhere but what I found was senseless dribble from a gun nut.

The article ended with Barbouro saying, "I'll also take you to stores whose pages of bite-size listings, Co-op America, a group based out of the belly of the beast, Washington, D.C., has made an effort to provide everything from financial services and landscapers to plastic lumber and trees. Odds are, if you need it, there's somebody, somewhere, most likely in California, who can help you do it without having to deny you their product, kill the earth or hire an abused Vietnamese teenager. No, they aren't chicken crusaders or cowards, they aren't chicken crusaders or cowards. In the meantime, however, watch for my D.C. Seminar for you to read in our new threads from "Knowsweat" and "Sew Natural." (Word even has it that coordinator Oljink's briefs are animal-friendly.)

Plan goes beyond protest

I am very glad to see that Adam Turner is concerned about the situation of migrant farmworkers, as he expressed in his Inside Column on Tuesday, and agree with him that our protest last Sunday afternoon isn't going to change the entire world. However, I would like to address some of the issues that he raised, so that he and others on this campus can better understand what we are trying to do.

The problem of exploiting workers to produce cheap products for consumers is a complex issue that is ingrained in our society, and of course it's true that Taco Bell is just one of many companies that do this. However, I am not concerned about the awareness of workers. We are doing this in several ways, just one of which is holding a protest on Sunday. While we get the attention of other people, including those at Taco Bell, we can convince them to be a leader responsible when we eat there. In addition, I hope you join us in our further efforts to convince the Coalition of Immokalee Workers for several reasons.

There are several companies that pay pickers in southwest Florida, and the wages had not been raised in years. Through negotiations, hunger strikes and other tactics, several growers raised the wages paid to workers from 40 to 45 cents per bucket — not a huge increase, but it is something.

However, Six L's refuses to raise the wages. Taco Bell is one of the major buyers of tomatoes from Six L's. The Coalition tried to convince Taco Bell to pressure Six L's to meet with them, but Taco Bell did not want to get involved. Another step was needed, and a nationwide boycott was set to start April 1 unless progress was made before then. It wasn't.

As consumers we have power because companies depend on us to buy their products. Taco Bell specifically markets to 18-24 year-olds, so we can harm their bottom line. Everyone, do your part.

Brigitte Gynter
Pangaea Quest
April 10, 2001
**MOVIE REVIEW**

### ‘Spider’ satisfies its detective story formula

**By CHRIS BANNISTER**

There is, inherently, a puzzle to be solved in every detective film. Having a puzzle gives the genre an advantage over other movies because as long as the puzzle is there to be examined, people will watch the film, no matter how poor the acting, writing or theme. Even movies that can be unequivocally classified as bad will still leave a viewer with some sense of satisfaction because the audience is allowed to engage in solving the crime.

In that regard, “Along Came a Spider” never had far to go to become an enjoyable movie, however, although the film is thoroughly enjoyable. It attempts no demonstration of any cinematic skill.

Based on the best-selling novel, “Spider” is a prequel to the earlier literary adaptation, “Kiss the Girls,” which starred Freeman and Ashley Judd. “Girls” was not a very remarkable film, and he’ll most likely tell you it was one of two things: good or bad. Movies that are universally acclaimed as “good,” such as “Toy Story” or “Schindler’s List,” usually generate copious revenue and popular appeal for the stars and director. Surprisingly, the same is true for universally “bad” movies, as any fan of the “Evil Dead” series would proudly testify. Though “good” and “bad” are undoubtedly subjective, occasionally a film will transcend that subjectivity and become entrenched in the public consciousness as an objective exemplar of achievement or delinquency. “Along Came a Spider” transcends bad, good and everything in between, coming to rest as the archetype of 21st century film mediocrity, a title that thousands of sub-standard movies will undoubtedly strive to wrest away from this half-baked specimen.

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Anyone who has tried to recommend "The Virgin Suicides" to a friend has come across the difficult task of finding the words to describe it. In most cases, the friend will take a look at the cover and put it back on the shelf. After all, many moviegoers find it risky to watch an independent film that separates itself from classical Hollywood conventions. This is understandable, that's the way the system is meant to work. Sometimes a few excellent films get lost in the shuffle, however. These independent films challenge the norm and leave the viewer actually thinking about what they saw after the film ends. Sofia Coppola's "The Virgin Suicides" is a superb example of this type of film.

In her directing debut, Coppola tells the story of the Lisbon girls, who grow up in a stereotypical suburban neighborhood (Gross Point, Michigan) in the 1970s (the story is adapted from Jeffrey Eugenides's novel). The five girls, Cecilia (Hanna Hall), Lux (Kirsten Dunst), Bonnie (Chezne Swain), Mary (A.J. Cook) and Therese (Leslie Hayman), ranging between ages 13 and 17, are characterized through the eyes of the teenage boys of the neighborhood.

The boys are captivated by the mysterious girls and begin to worship their mysterious nature. As is common in adolescence, the girls seem to be alien to the fascinated boys, who try to do everything in their power throughout the film to understand them.

Mrs. Lisbon (Kathleen Turner) is an overbearing Catholic mother who tries to protect her daughters from the temptations of the flesh. In doing so, she strips the girls of any social interaction and holds strict guidelines for them to follow. Mr. Lisbon (James Woods) plays a more submissive role and is slightly more favorable to his daughters' relations with the opposite sex.

This dysfunctional and restrictive atmosphere adds to the longings of the girls, who are unable to experience any of their deep passions and wishes. After Cecilia tries to slit her wrist, the Lisbon parents decide to have all of the neighborhood boys over for a birthday party. Cecilia takes this opportunity to jump out of her window and plunges to her death. This is the last straw for Mrs. Lisbon, who responds by keeping the girls from socializing with anyone. The girls begin to gain a legendary status among the neighborhood boys, who are only more intrigued with their being.

Finally, the school jock, Trip Fontaine (Josh Hartnett), convinces Mr. Lisbon to allow the girls to go to the prom with him and the neighborhood boys on a quadruple date. The girls are just as thrilled as the boys to the fascination of adolescence, the girls seem to be alien to the fascinated boys, who try to do everything in their power throughout the film to understand them.

Mrs. Lisbon, who responds by keeping the girls from socializing with anyone. The girls begin to gain a legendary status among the neighborhood boys, who are only more intrigued with their being. Ultimately, however, look on in distress through the fog of adolescence. They are not able to forget; they are not able to be phony. Their outer arrogance was shredded when they experienced the Lisbon girls, and now they are forced to unmask their insecurities that were hidden underneath.

Adolescence is captured best in "The Virgin Suicides" due to its complex and mysterious characters who depict the torments of youth. And perhaps that's how one should describe it to a friend: tell him to think of the awkwardness of his or her youth. For, ultimately, this eerie little story is meant for us to reflect on our own adolescence, our own mysterious selves.
Baseball

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hard as anyone.

The Player

Stavisky is not the baseball player in the plate. With 220 pounds spread over a 6'3" frame, there's no missing the sophistication, the commonsense, the empathy, the attitude, Pa. As a freshman, Stavisky had a monster campaign, hitting .298 while slugging 14 home runs with 45 RBIs, a season so impressive it landed him a spot on the 2001 Preseason All-American Team.

But don't peg him as some Mark McGwire home-run hitter, "I definitely say I'm more of a power hitter," said Stavisky. "But this year I've been able to be a finesse hitter too, sacrificing power for hits." Stavisky's transition to an all-around hitter shows in his 2001 stats. He has raised his average 66 points to .358, while hitting 3 home runs and knocking in 29 runs through the first 31 games. Big East pitchers are on notice that Stavisky is a human ERA killer, and he has seen fewer fastballs this season.

Stavisky is an anomaly for a cleanup hitter. "He's just one of those guys that loves ND," said Mainieri. "He can go bat, he can go game and the success of the team."

Stavisky enjoys playing with his teammates as much as he enjoys belting baseballs, citing fellow outfielder Steve Stanley and designated hitter Ken Myers as his two closest friends on the team. "I feel along real well with everybody," he said. With his teammates, he has created lasting memories in his first two years at Notre Dame.

My best memory from baseball here was going back to Mississippi State two seasons ago, and beat­ ing them twice. It was a great start to the season," he said, referring to the Boilermakers that knocked the Irish out of the Starkville Regionals in last year's postseason.

The Potential Major Leaguer

Because he will be 21 years old before July 15, Stavisky is eligible for this year's Major League Draft. But don't expect this stealth player to be taken for the minor league just yet. "I've thought about it, and I'm really happy here," said Stavisky. "Just being at Notre Dame, you can't duplicate it."

For now, the plan is for Stavisky to sign after his junior year, and return the next two falls to fin­ ish his degree. "I'm pretty set on signing after next year," he said. "And then I will have to see what jobs are out there, and I'll be able to finish in basically four and a half years." Fortunately, Irish baseball fans will be able to enjoy the sight of this promising opposing hitter finishing the next season and a half.

Irish look to carry momentum into Big East doubleheaders

By COLIN BOYLAN
Sports Writer

A pair of doubleheaders this weekend against Big East rivals Georgetown and West Virginia look to test the Notre Dame Men's Baseball Team's tenacity.

Although neither opponent has been particularly impressive in recent seasons, both this year, both the 9-26 Hoyas and the 1-13 Mountaineers have shown the ability to score runs in a hurry. At 27-5-1, with a conference leading 4-2 Big East mark, the Irish certainly aren't overlooking their competition. "I think we're going to be bearing down and concentrate this weekend," said Irish second baseman Steve Sollmann. "You can't overlook any team in the Big East because each game is so important.

At a point in the season when victories are at a premium, Notre Dame seems to have peaked at the right time. There has been a blend of improved defense, improved hitting the outstanding pitching staff out at times. Most notably, the hitters came up big in the late innings of 5-4 win at Rutgers, and provided just a large enough margin in a 9-8 victory against Detroit Mercy last night.

Leading the charge is the freshman Sollmann, who added three hits last night to his team leading 430 average. "Coach Mainieri told me just to concentrate on hitting the ball up the middle and I've been doing that pretty well," Sollmann said.

The doubleheader begins today at Frank Eck Stadium against Georgetown. Notre Dame will be starting J.P. Gagne in the first game and Michael Dubsky will be on the mound for the second contest.

Gagne has rebounded nicely from a tough first half to pick up key wins in his last two starts, but much of the scrutiny will focus on Dubsky, who is making his first start for the Irish this season.

"It's a completely different feeling when you're starting as opposed to relieving," said Dubsky. "There's a lot less pressure because you know that you'll be pitching. You can pre­ pare a lot differently."

Saturday, the team will take the field again at Eck Stadium to face West Virginia in a game against the Mountaineers. Staff ace Aaron Heilman and Danny Tamayo will be pitching in the first and second games respectively.

Barring any major injuries, the Irish look to solidify their position in the Big East standings with a victorious weekend. But of course, they are not taking anything for granted.

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BASEBALL

Stavisky has rare dedication to teammates, program

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

Irish rightfielder and cleanup hitter Brian Stavisky is a superstar, but in many ways, he's the anti-superstar. Stavisky is a superstar in the classic sense, being an outstanding athlete, mentally tough and confident in competition. But Stavisky is the anti-superstar in the modern sense, when superstars flash their jewelry, act too good for the fans, and are interested only in personal glory and money.

"He's not the typical superstar," commented Irish head coach Paul Mainieri. "He's always putting the team before himself."

Stavisky's team mindset, combined with a God-given talent to hit baseballs, makes the right fielder a truly unique athlete and a standout player on a standout Irish squad.

Coming to Notre Dame
Stavisky is an athlete in every sense of the word. He lettered and excelled in football, basketball and golf, in addition to baseball while in high school. His senior year he put up 23.5 points per game while grabbing 14.2 boards for Port Allegany High School.

Why baseball?
"I've played baseball the longest. I got into baseball all-stars before junior year and I knew baseball was the future, and then all the recruiting stuff," said Stavisky. "I still like to shoot some hoops or play a round of golf."

When Notre Dame was recruiting Stavisky, it helped that his cousin Dan Stavisky was a former Irish pitcher that graduated in 1998. "Growing up I always looked up to him, when we were at our grandparents' house. I got to see what Notre Dame baseball was all about," said Stavisky. But recruiting Stavisky was no slam-dunk for Mainieri.

"He could have gone to any baseball powerhouse or signed professionally," said the Irish coach. "But he was a perfect fit for Notre Dame. He's an outstanding student and works as a '30/30 man.'"

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Irish escape with 9-8 win, Porzel reaches 30/30 plateau

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

For a day that was supposed to be a routine mid-week game to prepare for the two upcoming Big East series games, the baseball team experienced a great deal of drama Wednesday afternoon in a 9-8 victory over the Detroit Titans.

The Irish surged to an early 9-1 lead, and then held off a late fight from the Titans in the eighth and ninth innings to escape with the victory.

Earlier in the game, the sparse crowd of 125 enthusiastic fans was treated to a bit of history as senior shortstop and co-captain Alec Porzel became the first Notre Dame player ever to hit 30 home runs and steal 30 bases in a career. The feat earned him the rare title of "30/30 man."

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### Things Could Be Worse

**THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2001**

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): When you least expect it, the perfect mate will come waltzing into your life. Past romantic patterns will try to find a way back into your heart as well. Remember the next time you break up before 00.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You’re gifted when it comes to swirling both sides of an issue. Friends will lean on you for advice. Don’t let them take advantage of your good nature. You’ll get ahead if you do what’s right before 00.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You’ll be the center of attention at social events. Your competitive nature and refusal to admit defeat will lead you to the winner’s circle. New relationships will be tempting. 00.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Ending issues will bubble up on you. If you don’t wish to be confronted, I suggest you retreat for the time being. You’ll be misunderstood and misunderstood if you don’t 00.

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### Crossword

**ACROSS**

1. Prathet Thai, previously
2. 5 Paintfully aware people?
3. Number for one
4. Works with contractor mild
5. Authority figure
6.甘e
7. Dojo conferrals
8. Pray to the gods
9. *Body image?*
10. Physical image
11. “Concord* Sonatas”
12. Mrs. Potters dip
14. Cattle or seaweed
15. Black Muslim leader
16. U.S.N.A. initials
17. “Top Gun” role
18. Traffic directors?
19. Star trekker?
20. Painted with just 13,000
21. Matchmaker?
22. Prepare for surgery
23. Winter coat
24. Pickle
25. Be a people person?
26. Runner
27. Performs
28. *If you*... *and up*
29. Dry out
30. Black Muslim leader
31. *One filling the line*
32. Lettuce arrangement
33. Garage stain
34. Physically close
35. Kind of second
36. Respiration
37. A spy may use one
38. Entirely
39. Commit
40. It catches some
41. Brush up on
42. Line
43. Flies may result
44. Affected
45. Memory aid
46. Dog
47. Enterprise leader
48. Granting that,
49. Camillo
50. Looks out for
51. From them
52. One filling the line
53. Stop order?
54. Kennel collection
55. Take-out order?
56. 10,001 initials
57. Grow up, so to speak
58. The Who’s “...
59. Bernard
60. Malamud novel
61. Not name
62. Means of knowing
63. L.L. Mitchell (Tom Cruise’s “Top Gun” role)

**DOWN**

1. Poking in
2. Symbol of bondage
3. Hangs on the line
4. Ticked
5. Star trekkers?
6. Taken in
7. Sex hormone, e.g.
8. Close, as a lead in baseball
9. Traffic directors?
10. Turning point
11. “Concord Sonatas”
12. Phone
13. Body image?
14. Cattle or broken breed
15. N.E.A. grantee
16. N.E.A. grantee
17. *You know how to do it*
18. The only makeup job’s you know how to do are monster faces for Halloween, where’s the gag? She knows how to put this stuff on properly.
19. *I didn’t want you doing this!*
20. I borrowed some of many’s, I’ll have that blue ink HIDDEN in NO ONE!

### Fox Trot

**I B O R R O W E D** *(SPOKEN)*

**SOME OF MANY’S** *(SPOKEN)*

**I’LL HAVE THAT** *(SPOKEN)*

**BLUE INK** *(SPOKEN)*

**HIDDEN IN** *(SPOKEN)*

**NO ONE** *(SPOKEN)*

**W A I T A BI T A SECO N D** *(SPOKEN)*

**I D O N ’ T W A N T** *(SPOKEN)*

**Y O U D O I N G** *(SPOKEN)*

**T H I S !** *(SPOKEN)*

**T H E O N E L Y M A K E U P J O B S** *(SPOKEN)*

**Y O U K N O W H O W TO D O** *(SPOKEN)*

**M O N S T E R F A C E S** *(SPOKEN)*

**F O R H A L L O W E E N ,** *(SPOKEN)*

**W H E R E ’ S T H E G A G ?** *(SPOKEN)*

**S H E K N O W S** *(SPOKEN)*

**H O W T O P U T** *(S P O K E N )*  

**T H I S S T U F F O N** *(S P O K E N )*  

**P R O P E R L Y ,** *(SPOKEN)*

**O H M A N , T H E S E T H I N G S A R E** *(SPOKEN)*

**D E S Q U I Z I N G !** *(SPOKEN)*

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Field narrowed to 256, 31 seeds advance to second round

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

They started with 580 teams. Now they're down to 256.

Wednesday night marked the end of the final first round games of the Bookstore Basketball XXX tournament. Second round competition begins Wednesday.

According to several Bookstore Basketball commissioners, the tournament is running pretty smoothly.

"We're very pleased with how things are going," said executive commissioner Dan Reidy. "We've had some real competitive games so far."

Unlike last year, where commissioners had to suspend some players for fighting in the first round, no fighting has been reported this year, something Reidy attributed to the changed rules.

Reidy said the Bookstore committee is pretty happy with the seeding. So far, the only seeded team to lose in the tournament was No. 25 Rucker Park All-Stars, who fell Tuesday night to Good to the Last Drop. Every other seeded team blew out their first round opponent.

"To the best of our knowledge, we did the best job seeding possible," he said. "The top eight are really solid, and I think they showed that in the first round."

Aside from the occasional intoxicated team, Reidy said the funniest thing he has seen during the first round was Kelly Siemon's team.

"They had choreographed dances moves and everything," Reidy said.

Although Siemon's team lost, they still have a chance at winning the women's bracket. Tournament play for women's teams — where all five players must be women — begins after Easter break.

With most of the serious teams advancing to the second round, Reidy said the competition should get more and more intense.

"A lot of the mid-tier teams are really competitive," he said. "And most of the teams who moved on are pretty serious."

Most of the ranked teams that were supposed to play today rescheduled their games. Among the teams that were supposed to make their 2001 Bookstore debut included No. 19 If We Only Had Warren, of which former Irish point guard Martin Ingelsby is a member, as well as the team former basketball player Hans Rasmussen plays for, No. 17 Check Your Head.


Irish football players led No. 18 Nerd Bashers to a 21-8 win over Team 513. Michael Goolsby led all scorers with six points, while team mate A1 Ranando pulled down a team-high seven rebounds.

The second round of Bookstore Basketball begins Wednesday after Easter break. "As we start getting further and further in the tournament, we start getting more and more competitive — and fun," Reidy said.

Bookstore XXX continues at the Stepan courts on Wednesday. 256 teams have advanced to the second round, with 31 seeded squads among them.

Reminder: All teams must play rescheduled games by Wednesday, April 18.

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NOTRE DAME · INDIANA
No. 7 Irish dominate Purdue 6-1, Dasso sets record for wins

Dasso hits a backhand against Purdue Wednesday. She broke the Notre Dame career doubles wins during the match with 102 victories.

The seventh-ranked Notre Dame women's tennis swept the doubles and won four singles matches in straight sets to beat Purdue 6-1 and record its fourth straight 20-win season and fifth in the last six years.

Senior All-American Michelle Dasso won her 102nd career doubles match to break the 15-year old Irish school record in her final regular-season home match. Notre Dame improved to 20-4 with the win — its 12th straight over Purdue — and continues its best start under 14th-year head coach Jay Louderback. The Irish close out their regular season with a 3:30 p.m. match at Wisconsin on Monday.

The Irish took a 1-0 lead into the singles competition after winning all three doubles matches. Junior Lindsey Green and Nina Vaughan won 8-1 at No. 3 doubles before the fifth-ranked team of Dasso and junior Becky Varnum won 8-4 at No. 1 doubles to clinch the point.

The first-time team of freshman Alicia Salas and Kimberly Guy completed the doubles sweep with an 8-3 win at No. 2. After finishing last in doubles, Guy was the first off in singles with her 6-1, 6-4 victory over Lynsey Hick at No. 6 singles. Dasso made it 3-0 when she beat Melissa Libal 6-4, 6-2 at No. 1 singles.

Freshman Caylan Leslie then clinched the win with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Missy Wright at No. 4 singles. Varnum held off Melissa Woods 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 at No. 2 singles for a 5-0 lead, before Green defeated Lisa Walgenbach 7-6, 7-5 at No. 5 singles for a 6-0 Irish advantage. Dasso passed former Irish great Susie Panther for the most career doubles victories. Panther won 101 doubles matches during her career from 1982-86. Dasso also owns school records for singles victories (133) and combined singles and doubles wins (234).

Notre Dame returns to Ivy Field to take on Loyola

Associated Press

The No. 11 Notre Dame softball team (32-3) returns to the friendly confines of Ivy Field to face Loyola-Chicago after posting six road victories last week, sweeping doubleheader sweeps. Notre Dame finished its 14-game win streak after the Irish defeated the Blue Demons 7-2.

Coach Jay Louderback. The Irish defeated the Pirates 8-0 in five innings to earn Miller her 349th career victory under the Golden Dome. She is now just four wins away from 500 career victories (896-294).

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FOOTBALL

Notre Dame to play Maryland in 2002 Kickoff Classic

The Notre Dame football team will open the 2002 season against Maryland on Sunday, August 25, in Kickoff Classic XX at Giants Stadium.

"We're thrilled to be coming to the Meadowlands once again in 2002," Notre Dame Athletics Director Kevin White said.

"Notre Dame has had a long history of playing at Giants Stadium, including the Kickoff Classic in 1989. It's a great opportunity for us to play in front of many fans and alumni on the East Coast — and it is a strong matchup against a team in Maryland."

"Maryland is honored to be selected for this premier collegiate football event," Maryland Athletic Director Deborah Yow said.

"To face Notre Dame for the first time in our university's history only adds to what should be a landmark event for our program. With a sizable alumni base within a three-hour radius of the Meadowlands, the Terps will be supported by thousands of fans. And, the national television exposure will be a plus to our recruiting efforts."

This will mark the second appearance for Notre Dame in the Kickoff Classic and the first for Maryland. Notre Dame defeated Virginia, 36-13, in the 1989 game. Notre Dame has a 9-0 record at Giants Stadium, most recently a 28-27 win over Army on October 14, 1995. Maryland will be facing Notre Dame in football for the first time in the 2002 Kickoff Classic.

"The 2002 Kickoff Classic captures the essential character of our college football tradition with a match-up of the country's leading intercollegiate athletic programs," NJSEA President and CEO James A. DiEutercio, Jr. said. "We look forward to hosting the student-athletes, coaches, families and fans of these two great schools."

Two teams that played in the Kickoff Classic have gone on to win the national championship — Florida State in 1993 and Nebraska in 1994.

Special to The Observer

Freshman quarterback Matt LoVecchio eludes a USC tackler during last year's game. LoVecchio will return to his native New Jersey when the Irish play in the 2002 Kickoff Classic.

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**SPORTS**

**SAINT MARY'S MEN'S TENNIS**

The Belles were invited to the prestigious Midwest Invitational in Madison, Wisc., to take the top spot in the Midwest, Saint Mary's will face Luther College (9-6) at 8 a.m. on Friday. The Belles did not receive a first round bye. While the Belles would like to walk away with the trophy, their main goal is to gain valuable experience for future league play.

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Saint Mary's to face Alma College

Belles in for tough weekend of conference games

By MOLLY MCVOY
Senior Staff Writer

The Saint Mary's softball team faces a tough weekend of league match-ups, and are in serious need of MIAA wins.

Saint Mary's will face Alma College on Saturday afternoon and will play the rescheduled game against Calvin College on Monday. The Belles hope wins against these two league opponents can turn around their 1-5 league record.

"Conference games are really key for us," said John Kovach, Belles head coach. Alma, now ranked eighth nationally, will be a tough test for the Belles. Last season, Alma and Saint Mary's split the doubleheader with Calvin winning 6-5 and Saint Mary's taking the second 7-4. Kovach expects an even match-up on Monday.

"We stack up very well against Alma," he said. "Between Calvin and Alma, we'll probably hit a little more strongly against Calvin. We'll put a few runs on the board against them."

Calvin's pitching has posted a team ERA of 5.66 this season, and a record of 7-10 overall. They are batting .238 with an average of 2.70, a 23-8 field. Kovach expects the Belles, 12-2 and 12-3, to play against these two league opponents can turn around their 1-5 league record.

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Anne and Kristin will be starting because they want to throw the experience against them." Senger and Martin have ERAs of 2.80 and 4.30 respectively. They will start the doubleheader with freshman Libby Wilhelmy (1.00 ERA in seven innings pitched) in the bullpen if necessary. They face an Alma team that has an ERA of 2.70, a 7-4 league record and a 23-8 record overall.

"(Alma's) pitching is pretty strong," Kovach said. "Their pitchers don't have tremendous strike out totals, but they also don't give up a lot of walks. They seem to always keep the ball around the plate."

The key for the Belles, according to Kovach, will be to put several hits together and score some runs. The Belles' hitting has been weak this season, and the team has to play close to perfect to upset Alma.

"We have to go into a game like this with good hitting, good pitching and no mistakes on the field," Kovach said.

The Belles will then take on Calvin at home on Monday. Calvin is currently 2-4 in MIAA and ranked two places ahead of Saint Mary's of 2.70, a 7-4 league record and a 23-8 record overall.

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"We're eight and one right now. You don't get to that spot without senior leadership," he said. "These guys lead in the way, the Irish will need to rely once more on a balanced, patient offensive attack to compliment strong, cohesive team defense." Corrigan expects the Irish to be tested once again.

"I have really been pleased with our play over the last two games — especially our team defense and balanced offense," said Corrigan. "'Kirk Howard has been fantastic in net. We need to continue these things against Army."

"We have to go into a game like this with good hitting, good pitching and no mistakes," Kovach said.

The seventh-ranked Irish are halfway through a four game homestand. After dominating against Denver and Air Force, the Irish believe the next two games will be more difficult. Playing at home, however, makes the task a little easier.

No player has enjoyed playing at home more than Todd Ulrich, who has been on a scoring tear of late with seven goals in the last two home games.

"It's nice to play at home," said Ulrich. "You don't have to worry about traveling or staying at hotels. You can just concentrate on playing the game."

With a hard-nosed style of play and a record of 5-3, Army will certainly be no pushover on Saturday. With the seniors leading the way, the Irish will need to get your

Men's LACROSSE

Seniors guide Irish to date with Army

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

The 11 seniors on the men's lacrosse team have played the largest role in Notre Dame's success this season.

With an impressive 8-1 record and top 10 ranking, the Irish seniors look to go out in style as they enter the home stretch of the season, returning to action this Saturday against Army at 1 p.m.

Coach Kevin Corrigan directly attributes the Irish's success to the hard work and dedication of the seniors.

"We're eight and one right now. You don't get to that spot without senior leadership," said Corrigan. "These guys lead in the way, the Irish will need to rely on our senior leadership." The defense in front of me has made my job easier," said Corrigan. "I'd like to pitch Libby in one game, but I really want to see who throws what."
Eldred's career in jeopardy after 7-6 White Sox win

Associated Press

Cal Eldred felt a pain in his right elbow that was all too familiar. He thought a 5-inch screw implanted in his arm last fall was the answer after a career full of injuries, surgeries and stress fractures. And during spring training, he felt fine. But in just his second start of the season, in just the second full of injuries, surgeries and stress fractures, Eldred felt a pain in his arm to go back to the operating room.

"I have no regrets about anything I have done," Eldred said. "It hurts in a sense that a guy went through the upmost measures to get back. Not many people would accept putting a screw in their arm to get back out there," Chicago right-hander Jerry Manuel said. "We thought it was behind us, but obviously it cropped up once again."

Jose Valentin and Tony Graffanino homered to get the White Sox out to a 7-1 lead Wednesday before Cleveland rallied.

Juan Gonzalez hit a long two-run homer in the eighth off Antonio Osuna to make it 7-5. And after a double by Ellis Burks, reliever Kelly Wunsch gave up an RBI single to pinch-hitter Marty Cordova. Burks, reliever Kelly Wunsch and Brian Hunter combined to give up eight hits and seven runs in innings. Graffanino homered in the fifth off Jake Westbrook.

The Indians got a pair of runs in the seventh off Bobby Howry on Cabrera's RBI double and Vizquel's run-scoring grounder. Sean Lowe (0-1), who threw 12 straight balls without retiring a hitter Tuesday, had his control this time. He allowed just one hit in three innings with a lone walk.

Braves 2, Mets 0

Greg Maddux was nearly perfect for seven innings, combining with a pair of relievers on a one-hitter to pitch the Atlanta Braves past the New York Mets Wednesday night.

The Mets wound up with only one runner against Maddux, Mike Remlinger and John Rocker. Todd Zeile lined a single barely beyond the reach of second baseman Ollie Veray for one out with one out in the second inning.

Maddux earned his 241st career victory and needed only 74 pitches to do it. He was pulled two outs shy of his third shutout in seven batters and had no trouble either, with No. 8 hitter Paul Bako. But Bako got a break when he swung at a curve that bounced in front of the plate for a strike three — the ball sailed to the backstop for a wild pitch that let Bako reach first base.

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