A bolsterous crowd took Norton and other organizers' comments to heart, moving the protest from its North Quad location to Main Building — home to most administrative offices, including Father Mark Poorman's. Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, on Monday announced three changes that University officers are likely to approve this summer and enact in the fall:

♦ the ban of "hard" alcohol in undergraduate residence halls
♦ the ban of in-hall dances
♦ and the revision of tailgating rules to allow only drinking-age students to host parties in designated parking lots before home football games

Poorman said the changes were necessary to prevent the campus culture from becoming alcohol-centered.

Protesters, however, claimed student social life wasn't rooted in drinking and were upset that students were shut out of the policy-making. "This is about dorm unity," said Joe Muto, O'Neill Hall president-elect. "This is about a hell of a lot more than hard alcohol."

To which a man in the crowd interjected, "Like free draws?"

Muto was among several speakers who enlivened the already-enthusiastic group. He joined other hall presidents in condemning Poorman's proposal to cancel in-hall dances and popular signature events in dorms.

"If you want to take my Mardi Gras away, if you want to take my dorm unity away, then you'll have to pry them out of my cold, dead hands," Muto said, warning that he would fight to defend his residence hall, just as others have today.

The Observer movie critics review this month's latest flicks including "Resident Evil" and "Queen of the Damned."

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Students flood rally, march to Dome

600 students gathered to protest proposed alcohol policy changes

By JASON McFARLEY

News Writer

To the chant of "We need a voice," hundreds of Notre Dame undergraduates marched to administrators' doorstep Wednesday, flooding a student demonstration in protest of proposed changes to the University alcohol policy.

The effort brought together more than 600 people, carrying "Save liquor" signs and lobbing burning copies of du Lac, the student handbook, in the air. The student government-sponsored event, billed as an all-campus town hall meeting, was students' first public movement against alcohol policy changes that University officials unveiled Monday.

We've heard your frustrations, and we share your frustrations," Student Body President Brooke Norton said, flanked by class and residence hall presidents on a platform on the Fieldhouse Mall. "We still have to stand together and affect this."

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Hall staffs confront policy

By HELENA PAYNE

News Editor

The new alcohol policy changes have received varying reactions from residence hall staffs with the general agreement that many of Notre Dame's traditions and enforcement policies in question will remain.

Student Affairs isn't doing this to be the evil, wicked witch of the west. There's a reason," said Alumni Hall's assistant rector Pat Costello, a law student who is also a Notre Dame undergraduate of the class of 1990. Among the three major revisions in the policy — the ban of so-called "hard" alcohol, the allowance of tailgating for students of the legal drinking age, and the end of in-hall dances — the latter has been the more voiced concern of late. Alumni Hall, which hosts its "Wake" every year, is just one of the University's 27 dorms, to have traditions tied to their in-hall dances, also called SYRs. Many students perceive that the new policy will threaten the legacy of these SYRs.

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George Rozum Alumni Rector

He added that Student Affairs would allow the SYR tradition, which includes carrying Alumni's rector in a coffin around campus, to continue as long as students were more responsible about drinking. Also, the new rules require that the dance is located outside of the dorm, but Rozum said the hall staff would consider using the dorm's nearby courtyard as a new location.

"I think if our Wake had been on the line, it would've been a different story," said Rozum.

Nevertheless, both Rozum and Costello thought the policy was an effort of the University to look out for students' best interest.

"We're going to enforce it however Student Affairs tell us to," Rozum said adding that many students are unaware of the cases of students who go to the hospital each year because of alcohol abuse.

"If somebody were to be killed nobody would be outside protesting. Everyone would be at the Basilica in mass," said Costello.

Fellow rector of Farley Hall, Sister Carrine Etheridge said she was optimistic about the changes.

"To be realistic, when you see STAFF/page 6

Debaters prepare for national tourney

By LAURA SELLINGER

News Writer

After winning several tournaments over the course of the year, Notre Dame's Speech and Debate team is heading to the National Parliamentary Debate Association Tournament at the Metropolitan State University in Denver, Colorado Friday.

Led by 2001 Notre Dame graduate and first-year law student Kate Huestman, and assisted by Joe Foy, a graduate student in political science, the team consists of 20 students ranging from freshmen to seniors.

"The farthest we have ever gotten in the National Tournament was the quarterfinals," said Huestman. "This year we hope to advance as far as we can towards the national championship. Like March Madness. It can be anybody's game. We have also reached a level of success this year where I really believe we have a shot at it."

Throughout the year, the team worked hard to prepare for regional tournaments across the country and faced tough competition from states as far as California, Washington and Colorado.

"The amount of practicing has become much more intense this year. Not only have we added a Sunday practice, but the students also do a substantial amount of independent

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Inside Column

Looking back ...

I turned in my graduation ticket request form yesterday and all of a sudden it bit me... it’s almost over. Somehow four years have come and gone and here I am, last week we were moving in as bright-eyed fresh- men. Do you remember that weekend? It must have been 800 degrees outside, but we were still full of smiles as we commenced another chapter in our lives. We took part in all the frosh-o activities, the graffiti dance, tie dance... ah! the memories.

But seriously, where did all the time go? I know they say that time flies when you are having fun, but did it really have to fly this fast? I don’t recall there times when I wanted nothing more than to leave Notre Dame — my personal Hell. On multiple occasions the Golden Dome was so golden anymore and looked more like iron.

But during the fall semester I was a peer advisor for the First Year of Studies and it was a breath of fresh air. I had the opportunity to speak with freshmen that were so excited about being at Notre Dame you couldn’t help but smile and feel excited right along with them.

I needed that, the Dome wasn’t iron anymore, it was golden again. Of course I have to give my Observer plug. I’m one of the few people who don’t work at God-awful hours of the night. Daytime hours are definitely a plus to working in the Advertising Department. I started out as an account executive and somehow worked my way up to being the manager. Suddenly, I’m back to being an account executive again because all the new guys have taken over, meaning the seniors are knocked out of a job.

While it’s nice not having to deal with irate customers or getting phone calls at 3 a.m. from Mike, Noreen or Kerry asking where an ad is, I miss not being manager anymore and all the “glory” that went along with it. Sure I have more free time, but that also means I don’t go into the office nearly as much as I used to, I don’t talk to Shirley each day (the greatest office manager ever), and ultimately I don’t see the great people that work there nearly as much as I’d like. Turnover at the Observer is more free time, but that also means I don’t go into the office nearly as much as I used to, I don’t talk to Shirley each day (the greatest office manager ever), and ultimately I don’t see the great people that work there nearly as much as I’d like. Turnover at the Observer is more free time, but that also means I don’t go into the office nearly as much as I used to, I don’t talk to Shirley each day (the greatest office manager ever), and ultimately I don’t see the great people that work there nearly as much as I’d like. Turnover at the Observer is

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This Week on Campus

Thursday

Talk: “Killing Coal Igniting the Souls of Society,” 6 p.m., DeBartolo 101

Kimberly Springer

Friday

Talk: Undergraduate Peace Conference, all day, Huschberg Center

Saturday

Meeting: Hate Crimes vigil, 12:30 p.m., Stonehenge

Sunday

Mass: 7:15 a.m., Rockne memorial, mass, 9:30 a.m., Dillon Hall, and communion breakfast 10:30 a.m., McKennan Hall

Beyond Campus

U. of Texas to maintain ties to Enron

AUSTIN, Texas University of Texas-Austin’s long-standing relationship with the law firm Vinson & Elkins will not be tainted by investigations into their dealings with Enron, UT officials said Tuesday.

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“They are already planning to come to campus next fall — they already have their dates set. They have consistently hired our students for both the fall and spring.”

Daily Texan

Baylor University

Playboy models may face trouble

WACO, Texas Photographers for Playboy magazine’s “Women of the Big 12 Conference” feature and representatives of the 2003 Budweiser Women of the Big 12 Conference Swimsuit Calendar will be in Waco this week in search of Baylor University women to pose for their publications, but students who do so could face consequences.

When the Big 12 last was included in 1996, President Robert Sloan Jr. told the Lariat students who posed for the magazine would be “subject to expulsion under the student sexual misconduct policy.” This time, however, that may or may not be the case. Bethesda McCraw, the associate dean of judicial and legal student services who would be in charge of punishment, said although the handbook lists expulsion as a possible consequence of such behavior, that consequence is not a foregone conclusion.

“It’s a great sport, and I think they are the farthest thing on their minds,” he said.

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5 Day South Bend Forecast

AccuWeather Forecast for Alexandria and high temperatures

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Local News

University of Southern California

DEA considers ban on hemp foods

LOS ANGELES Hemp food products are popular in health stores across the nation, but recent scrutiny by the Drug Enforcement Administration has sparked national debate over the controversial plant. The DEA mandated that retailers remove all hemp food products from store shelves by March 18, but a court appeal by the hemp food industry temporarily stopped the DEA ban from taking effect. Hemp, which is harvested from the same plant as marijuana, is increasingly being used in health foods because its seeds are high in essential fatty acids, protein and vitamins. "Study after study has shown hemp to be not only safe but nutritious," said Darrel Rogers, national outreach coordinator for Students for Sensible Drug Policy. Hemp foods account for $5 million in retail sales each year and are the fastest growing segment of the hemp industry.

Daily Trojan

National Weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Wednesday, March 20.

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Committee to review debit ID's

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer

Saint Mary's formed a committee to review the feasibility of new options for swiping student ID cards instead of using cash to pay for campus utilities. The cost will not be an addition to tuition payments, but students may choose to place money in an account accessible via their cards. In this way it will act as a pre-paid debit card that students can then use to pay for necessities. The system will also be available to students living off campus.

"The biggest issue is the laundry system. Figuring out the best route for machines in every laundry room would help solve this issue," Kim Jensen, a student representative on the committee, said.

The committee plans to first place machines in all laundry facilities, equip copy machines, vending machines and the bookstore.

"We are looking into the economically best options for doing this so that all these different systems are available by using the Saint Mary's ID card," Jensen said. "Instead of having to dig around for change you can just place $20 on your card and just swipe it."

In the next few weeks the committee will meet with the laundry contractors so work on the new system can begin this summer and the new laundry system can be introduced next year. The committee will continue to review options for adding onto this new system, but full implementation will not immediately follow the laundry system because of costs and the difficulty of integrating all of the different systems.

The committee is composed of Christine Arzt, director of McCandless Hall, Dan Deeter, director of purchasing, Sandy Vanderwerven, Shaheen Bookstore manager, Jensen and Elizabeth Jablonski-Dieth, both students.

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Bush proposes child-support changes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Bush administration is developing a new program to channel money through the child-support collection program to promote marriage and the involvement of both parents in the rearing of children. Congress already is considering whether to devote hundreds of millions of dollars to promoting marriage in the welfare program, as President Bush has requested, but this program would not need congressional approval.

The new initiative would involve a maximum of about $22 million in federal and state money for about 15 communities, according to two draft documents that describe the plan.

Participating states would receive special permission from the government to spend money through their child-support programs for community-wide experiments to promote the benefits of marriage, help people develop marriage skills and create media campaigns to "rebuild cultural norms." States could add new money to their child-support spending, but they might also cut from other spending.

This is a prospect that worries advocates for the poor.

Advocates also charge that the administration is trying to bypass Congress in implementing its pro-marriage agenda.

The proposal is still in draft form and must be approved by officials at the Department of Health and Human Services and the White House, said Wade Horn, who heads the HHS Administration for Children and Families, which would run the program.

Critics fear that with limited money, states may wind up siphoning money they would have spent on child support.
Chinese police block protesters: Profound labor unrest shook two cities in northern China’s “rust belt” Wednesday as unpaid and laid off workers protested, overturning a car and making 10,000-strong to face off with military police. In Liaoyang, an industrial center in northeastern Liaoning province, columns of military police protected the city government office — on Democracy Road — and broke up protests.

Iraq launches verbal attacks: President Saddam Hussein launched a new attack on American policy makers Wednesday, accusing them of conjuring up stories in a bid to justify potential military strikes on Iraq. Saddam’s latest barbs came in a speech to government officials broadcast by the official Iraqi News Agency, radio stations and television.

Texas mud-flinging supersedes race: The race for the Democratic nomination to succeed retiring Sen. Phil Gramm has taken an ugly turn, with the two candidates accusing each other of drawing class and racial divisions. Victor Morales said Ron Kirk has been derailing his attempts to reach black voters by pressuring black organizations not to let him speak. Kirk, who is black, denied the charge.

Indian News Briefs

Governor proposes budget cuts: Gov. Frank O’Bannon said Wednesday that he would cut $332 million in spending for such things as computers for schools, building repairs, research and development programs and local projects legislators designated for their districts. O’Bannon said the cuts, which are in addition to $782 million in cuts already announced, are necessary to help shore up a projected $1.3 billion deficit that lawmakers failed to address during the legislative session that ended last week.

Bush supports Afghan children

President George W. Bush greets students at Tucker Elementary School in Virginia, where he publicized a new program to send school supplies and uniforms to students in Afghanistan.

Bush supports Afghan children

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Bush went to a suburban school Wednesday to ask Americans to help the government in assembling thousands of chests of classroom supplies for Afghan children.

First lady Laura Bush said efforts are also underway to supply school uniforms for more than 3 million Afghan students, especially Afghan girls attending school for the first time. The Bushes traveled to the Samuel W. Tucker elementary school in Alexandria, Va., to watch school children pack notebooks, pencils, crayons, jump ropes and soccer balls into blue-plastic containers for shipment to Afghanistan by the American Red Cross. Tucker students have collected $2,500 for Afghan youngsters.

"When they go to school we want to make sure they’ve got supplies," Bush said, announcing that the government has sent 4 million textbooks to Afghanistan’s schools, with an additional 6 million on the way.

The president said 1,000 chests of school supplies have been assembled, but that many more are needed.

"I’m asking our fellow Americans to rally for this good cause and participate in the creation of 2,000 more school supply chests to go to Afghanistan," he said.

"You’d know you’re making a huge difference in the life of a boy or girl in Afghanistan," Bush said.

The first lady said the school uniform project is being organized by a global partnership that is supplying sewing machines and thousands of yards of fabric to the Afghan women who will produce the uniforms, helping their own families by the money they earn.

The White House said the U.S. government is helping provide uniforms for 150,000 girls and school supplies for 40,000 students.

The Labor Department of Labor will contribute $300,000 to a nonprofit group that is organizing the clothes-for-schoolgirls drive, the White House said. Afghan schoolchildren traditionally wear uniforms to school, said Melanie Vermeer, the group’s chairwoman. The Tallibian forbade girls older than 8 to attend school.
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have access to alcohol for five or six hours straight, rather than for a limited amount of time, I think it's a setup for being a problem," said Etheridge whose dorm also has an annually celebrated SYR.

Pop Farley. She said the residents in her dorm were disappointed and had a right to protest the changes, but she also pointed out what she thought were positive aspects to the policy.

"I think it might change the social scene a little, but the upside of this is that students are going to find a lot of interesting places to have dances," Etheridge said.

She said the University administration has expressed the willingness to open other campus venues for dances, and that they would also still allow in-hall social gatherings before the dance.

A more critical group, the incoming resident assistants, also support the need for change, but have some criticism about the effects it will have on their experience during upcoming year. Because the revised alcohol policy was announced after the RAs had already been chosen for next year, these students were given an additional rule to enforce.

"It's just one more thing that's going to make my job tougher that I didn't anticipate," said Senior Tim O'Connor, also an RA in Dillon Hall next year. "It's a new twist that maybe I didn't anticipate," said Etheridge whose dorm also has an annually celebrated SYR.

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reached the regional tournaments this year, the Notre Dame team has been very successful, winning five out of the seven competitions they entered. On Sept. 22, teammates senior Rachel Smith and sophomore Mary Komperda won the "Show Me Swing" Tournament at Truman State University in Kirkville, Miss. Juniors Chris Gallo and Victoria Petersen were finalists in the "Forensics Fiesta" Tournament at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz. on Dec. 1.
In addition, the team also competed in the "Frankly Speaking" Tournament at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Illinois on Jan. 18. Two teams, including seniors Mark Styzynski and Will McDonald and sophomore Kara Vey and senior Michelle Petersen both won in a closeout. On Jan. 25, a team of two freshmen, Meghan Callahan and Anthony Ford won the novice division in the "Hannary National" Tournament sponsored by Pi Kappa Delta in St. Louis, Miss. The Irish finished the year with wins at the Indiana State Debate Tournament on March 2 by Smith and Komperda and at the "Betsy Karl Invitational" at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash. on March 8 by Styzynski and McDonald.
Of the 20 students on the Notre Dame team, 12 of the most experienced debaters will be competing in the National Tournament in Denver and hope to achieve a top 10 ranking in the country.
"The students have worked really hard this year in terms of research — we are hoping to build on past achievements and achieve more success at the National Tournament this year," said Huetteman.
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McDonald earns spot on team

- Senior to compete against Irish champs on American team
By LAURA SELLINGER
News Writer

Notre Dame senior and Speech and Debate team member Will McDonald was selected as one of the top three debaters in the nation during the mid-semester break.
Each year at the National Parliamentary Debate Association Championship in Denver, Co., three American debaters are chosen to compete against the national champions from Ireland.
"The selection is a very competitive and prestigious honor. Each candidate must be nominated, fill out an application and submit letters of recommendation," said Kate Huetteman. 2001 Notre Dame graduate, first year law student and debate coach. "Six finalists are then chosen from this group and are interviewed by telephone — and the final three are selected."
The Irish Times sponsors the Irish team's trip to the United States for the debate, and it is considered to be one of the highest honors a collegiate debater can receive. This year, McDonald was one of the three Americans chosen to compete against the Irish.
"I was really excited when Will received the nomination. Typically, the Irish are very difficult to compete against because they have a different kind of witty humor that is unique and entertaining to the audience. I know he will do great, though, because he is a funny guy," said Huetteman.
McDonald said he has been competing for seven years — three years in high school and each year at Notre Dame.
"In my past four years at Notre Dame, I have learned a lot about how to work with others on a team, help others to win, think critically and speak on my feet," said McDonald.
In addition, McDonald expressed his feelings towards a sport that he enjoys participating in and that has significantly affected him.
"I am becoming very sentimental as my career here is ending. I am excited for the competition, but it is also bittersweet. Notre Dame is one of the best teams in the country and it is exciting to have watched it grow over the past four years," said McDonald.
McDonald said that for him, it has been the journey and not the destination that is most important to him.
"I'm a little nervous for the Irish competition, but even if we don't win, I'll be happy leaving the sport knowing I had fun and made it this far," said McDonald.
As an exhibition event, the debate team will participate Friday at a banquet at the Tech Center Hyatt that will kick off the weekend activities. Topics of debate range from international human rights and American foreign policy to peace issues and the war on terrorism. McDonald will also compete in the National Tournament debates on Saturday and Sunday.
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# Be the Change . . .

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## Conference Schedule

### Friday, March 22

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| 7:00 p.m. | Keynote Address: Colman McCarthy  
Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza College of Business |
| 9:00 p.m. | Bowling Outing for Panel Presenters  
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### Saturday, March 23

(All events at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies)

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Islam and an Inter-Religious Dialogue |
| 10:45 - 11:45 | Lunch  
(Free for all registered attendees) |
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| 1:30 - 2:30 | Panel Session #3  
Notre Dame Take Ten  
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Different Perspectives: Military & Non-Violent Approaches to Peace |
| 2:45-3:45 | Panel Session #4  
A Roundtable Discussion with Fr. Ted  
Degrees of Identity  
Looking at the Aftermath: Justice After Conflict |
| 4:00 - 5:00 | Panel Session #5  
International Responses to Conflict  
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| 5:00 | Closing Concert  
Performing Peace Through Music and Art |

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wouldn't be "pushed around by a bunch of celibate, white men," an apparent reference to priests in the administration.

Dorms that host well-known dances and events were best represented at the rally. Thongs of O'Neill Hall residents came to protest cancelation of Mardi Gras, and Alumni Hall attendees to support their "Wake" dance.

"Trip and I promise to continue this fight for students to have a voice in the making of this policy," said Bishop, whose position permits her to remain on campus this summer to work with University officials on the actual revision of the policy. "Personally will be at [Assistant Vice President for Residence Life] Bill Kirk's door every day to see that we have a voice in the writing of these changes."

Bishop encouraged students to attend Monday's Campus Life Council meeting, where Poorman will formally introduce the proposed changes to the body.

"It's important that students have a voice in the making of the policy," said Bishop and Foley said following the demonstration they were pleased with student turnout and zeal. They were confident that they could impact passage of the proposed changes.

"We need to keep the momentum going," Foley said. "It's important that students stay motivated and keep giving us ideas."

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"If you want to take my Mardi Gras away, if you want to take my dorm unity away, then you'll have to pry them out of my cold, dead hands."

Joe Muto
O'Neill Hall president-elect

Student Body President Brooke Norton speaks at the town hall meeting held Wednesday. Norton encouraged the approximately 600 students present to unite in order to affect the proposed changes to the alcohol policy.

Norton is one of the seniors in the alumni senior club, Friday, April 5. Contact Jason McFarley at mcfarley.1@nd.edu.
She felt like it was her last chance to have a designated vacation and she seized the opportunity. She liked the idea of having a new experience and decided to include it in her senior experience. Blair and four friends spent their spring break taking a road trip to Miami, cruising to the Cayman Islands, and then driving back to South Bend.

"It felt like three trips in one," Blair said. "It was a lot of fun, and it just went really smoothly. It was a highlight of my senior year." Blair and three other seniors, Jen Wyatt, Kara Tirmaco, and Jamie Mortens, left Thursday night to make the long drive down to Miami with a few brief stops along the way.

"The trip down was like a marathon," Blair said. "One drove, one rode shotgun and was the navigator, and the others slept." Surprisingly, they ended up in Miami well before they were due to board their cruise ship.

"We planned more time than we needed," Blair said. "We pulled into Miami at 5 a.m. in Miami, so we drove through some sketchy neighborhoods in Miami until 8:30 a.m., then we went to South Beach to lay out. We were worn out, but not having enough time and we ended up being way early.

After their prolonged trip down to Miami, the girls were ready to relax on their cruise. "Cruises are such a nice way to go on vacation — everything was planned out," Blair said. "They're fun and refreshing. We went swimming with stingrays in the Grand Cayman Islands. In Jamaica, we went to a rain forest. We climbed a waterfall like a jungle gym." On the way back, Blair and her companion took it a little easier, stopping for the night in Atlanta and Indianapolis.

"We went out with a bang," Blair said. "It was our last chance to do something over a break before graduation. We will remember it forever." Some other students have made it clear that seniors are not the only ones who can plan great spring break trips.

Alumni sophomores Nick Gaeke, Michael Kwiatli, Joel Hein, Tolibi Cocklin and their friend Wes Aull flew to Aruba to spend most of the week in the sun. Aull used the Internet to get his group a time-share in Aruba, so that each of the boys only had the airfare to worry about.

The group and crew spent the week sunning on the beach, making fields trips to island attractions and visiting the restaurants, bars and casinos that line the island's waterfront.

"It was a highlight of the group's experience." The guys went on a tour of the island on Thursday. "We'd wake up every morning and go to the beach. It was always sunny, 85 degrees, and perfect," Gaeke left earlier than the rest of the group, however, returning to the States Thursday before the end of break to spend the rest of his time with family and friends.

"It was really nice there, we just got back right into the groove," Lafferty said. "It was really warm there, and we had a lot of donut shops," Ponisciak, a donut aficionado, said. The group made trips to Disneyland, Venice Beach and Hollywood, even though they didn't see any stars, Ponisciak said it was a wonderful experience.

And then there were the donut shops. Ponisciak loved California for the large number of donut shops he found everywhere.

"Oh, those donuts," Ponisciak said. "They just have a lot of donut shops. Everywhere you turn there is a donut shop.

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United States backs off Somali accusations

A GPS device found in cave does not link Somalia with al-Qaeda

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

It sounded sinister at first. The Pentagon announced new evidence of a possible link between the al-Qaeda terrorist network and Somalia. Within minutes the story began to unravel.

The Pentagon’s military spokesman for the war in Afghanistan, Brig. Gen. John Rosa of the Air Force, announced Wednesday that U.S. soldiers searching abandoned al-Qaeda caves in eastern Afghanistan had recovered a hand-held navigation device Monday with the name “G. Gordon” on it.

Rosa said the Pentagon believed it once belonged to Master Sgt. Gary I. Gordon, an Army Ranger killed in Mogadishu, the Somali capital, in October 1993.

“There’s a couple of conclusions you may draw,” Rosa said when asked the significance of the discovery. “In fact this piece we currently think originated from Somalia will obviously tie — could obviously tie — al-Qaeda to Somalia.”

An alternative explanation, he said, was that the device might have been stolen and sold on the black market. If that were the case, he said, “We don’t know how it would have gotten to the al-Qaeda cave.”

The actual explanation, officials said later, is that it belonged to a U.S. soldier who fought against the al-Qaeda at the outset of Operation Anaconda, the largest U.S. ground offensive of the war in Afghanistan. The device and its pouch both had “G. Gordon” written on them because the soldier — a member of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment — used that as his nickname because people say he resembles G. Gordon Liddy, the Watergate figure.

The whole episode had nothing to do with Gary I. Gordon, Somalia or an al-Qaeda link to Somalia.

An Army Times newspaper reporter, Sean Naylor, was with the U.S. soldiers who recovered the GPS device on Monday. Naylor recorded the model and serial number. His newspaper checked that information with the manufacturer, Garmin International, which said the model, GPS III Pli, was made no earlier than 1997 and the item was sold on Dec. 21, 1998 to Fort Campbell, the Army post in Kentucky that is home to the 101st Airborne Division, the 5th Special Forces Group and the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, known as the “Nightstalkers.”

“That product didn’t exist in 1993,” Garmin spokesman Pete Breambaugh said in a telephone interview.

The Army Times’ managing editor, Robert Hedierrez, said Naylor reported that the soldiers who found the GPS unit also found two others at the same location. Two of the three had names on them. One was “G. Gordon.” The other was “Svistik.” Army Sgt. Philip J. Svitak was among seven U.S. servicemen killed March 4 when hostile fire brought down one Chinook MH-47 helicopter and damaged another. Svitak was a member of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment from Fort Campbell.

The soldier who lost the “G. Gordon” GPS device survived the battle, a senior defense official said Wednesday.

Before making its announcement, the Pentagon notified Gary I. Gordon’s family of the GPS discovery. Gordon, a native of Lincoln, Maine, was a sniper team leader when he was killed in a Mogadishu firefight Oct. 3, 1993. He and Sgt. 1st Class Randall D. Shughart were awarded the Medal of Honor for extraordinary heroism.

Victoria Clarke, spokeswoman for Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, was asked by a reporter whether Gordon’s family was contacted as a humanitarian gesture.

“The first thing I think all of us said when we first heard about this was, ‘Wow, this is going to bring up some very sad memories for the family,”’ she replied.

“And the first thing I heard several people say when they heard was, ‘Before anything, let’s make sure we notify the next of kin.’”

The Observer • NATIONAL NEWS
Students must exercise voices

This is the third in a series of editorials commenting on the proposed alcohol changes at Notre Dame.

Notre Dame students finally used their voice at the student government-sponsored rally to discuss the proposed change to the alcohol policy. It’s about time.

After several attempts by Brooke Norton and Brian Moscena, student body president and vice president respectively, to rally student body around causes like tailgating and football ticket distribution, it took a bar on “hard” liquor and in-ball dances to motivate students to action.

Ironically, this only lends credibility to the administration’s concerns that alcohol resides at the center of Notre Dame’s campus culture. Although the students’ focus on the elimination of in-ball dances was a positive demonstration of their commitment to an important issue, it should also be beginning of a larger movement to establish student voice in campus policy. Having a voice means transcending symbolic demonstrations like burning the flag; it means gaining active influence in the decisions that occur on Notre Dame’s campus.

By attending the rally, students overwhelmingly declared that the administration’s decision not to consult student government before the major revisions was wrong. While the administration may have had concerns to protect students from alcohol-related incidents, its failure to involve the student body’s elected representatives in the decision process denies the students their deserved voice. The administration’s unilateral action blatantly disregards student sentiment — something the administration should promote.

Once again the administration has tried to assert its “in loco parentis” policy, but this time students have declared that they will not be shut out of the decision-making process. It’s time that students care about their role in the formation of student life policies. Otherwise, like children, Notre Dame students will be seen but not heard.

Represencing Conservative Law

The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy has been in the news lately. Approximately 25 percent of President Bush’s administration is comprised of members from this organization. New chapters and practice groups continue to sprout up across the nation. Membership in the Society has doubled, tripled, quintupled within the past 20 years. Alarm bells have rung in mainland academe recently formed the Madison Constitution Society. One hopes their organization will fare well and generate insightful debate and discussion. Still, the reasons for the American Constitution Society are a bit puzzling. After all, the very purpose of the Federalist Society is to provide a forum for discussion and debate among the 10 percent of the population involved in law schools across the country. If 90 percent of academia is liberal, shouldn’t the society be named after a slave owner, the title changed to the American Constitution Society. One hopes their organization will fare well and generate insightful debate and discussion.

It’s time to clear up a misconception.

The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy has been in the news lately. Approximately 25 percent of President Bush’s administration is comprised of members from this organization. New chapters and practice groups continue to sprout up across the nation. As far as they’re concerned, the vast right-wing conspiracy has taken root.

Even Alfred Ross, president of the Institute for Legislative Studies, has written a book on why the federalist society is evil. OK, that isn’t the real title — but it might as well be. When I called to invite him to part in a debate on the alleged conservative activism of the Society, his response was, “Alleged?” He then asked whether or not I was part of the organization. “Why yes,” I answered politely, “I am the vice president of the Notre Dame chapter.” His remarkably professional reply: “Oh, that’s too bad. I’m not interested. Good-bye.”

What exactly is the Federalist Society? To answer that, we have to go back to the beginning. The association was started by a handful of Yale and Chicago law students who felt marginalized for their conservative and libertarian beliefs. The dominant voice in the legal field tended to be liberal, and the students desired a forum to discuss conservative and libertarian ideas without being ridiculed. Reasonable desire, one would think. Perhaps, then, all the furor means nothing but the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

The unoubted highlight of the event took place during the closing banquet. Boston University Law Professor Gary Lawson, co-founder (slightly tone deaf), gave a stirring adaptation of “American Pie.” The theme was the liberal despair over the current “reign of the Requiem Court.” It was vulgar, crude, heterodox — and incredibly funny. Although the song was off the record, some of the lyrics bear repeating. For instance, the chorus: “My, my, kiss the lyrics bear repeating. For instance, the chorus: “My, my, kiss the old days good-bye / I quoted Lenin, Marx, and Brezhnev, but it just didn’t fly. / The White House staffers could just break down and cry / singing, ‘Maybe we’ll give Judge Bork a try.’”

The Federalist Society has so grown in prestige, importance, and influence that left-leaning academia are worried. Some prominent members of the academy recently formed the Madison Constitution Society to provide a liberal counter-weight to the Federalist Society. After rallying that no organization should be named after a slave owner, the title changed to the American Constitution Society. One hopes their organization will fare well and generate insightful debate and discussion.

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Representing Conservative Law

Christine Niles is a law student and a contributor to the online features of The Observer.
Drinking isn't a privilege

This campus makes me laugh sometimes. All this fervor over the new alcohol policy is only proving the administration right in its actions.

In his March 20 letter, Vinnie Zuccarro made a comment that eliminating alcohol would destroy residential life on campus. Other campuses have made it and have not destroyed their residential life by banning alcohol. Why can't we? If alcohol is that much a central part of this University, then something is certainly wrong and a re-evaluation is in order. If students need alcohol in order to have a functioning residential life, then this campus most definitely has a problem.

The University, by state law, as we all know, should be banning all alcohol from minors. Banning hard alcohol is one step towards the functioning residential life, then this campus most definitely has a problem.

The frailties of our ambiguous drinking policy have been brought to light. There is a new meaning to 'not allowed'. Students here will drink anyway just to prove the point. And this is the same behavior that has been there for years, but we've never had the means to act on it.

Our alcohol policy is disgraceful. How could we be as naive as to believe that the administration will do anything to help ban alcohol from minors? Banning hard liquor to be taken away from them?

We are still in our rights as students to be angry at the administration. We are being treated as a right. This attitude of ungratefulness will only make the University pull a tighter leash on the alcohol policy.

I've yet to see one valid protest from any of my fellow students on these new changes. So the students were not consulted; their opinion was not even well known and predicted and so far has proven right. After all, how many college students would just happily allow their hard liquor to be taken away from them?

Protests that were made against this change, such as, that RA's will have to be less friend and more rule-enforcer, or that it's eliminating an integral part of campus life, or that students will drink anyway just expose the real reasons that the administration is enacting this new policy.

So instead of automatically getting angry because your tequila bottle, which of course you use for social drinking only, is being kept away from you, try to think about why you're so angry that bottle is being taken away. This can actually mean you can really understand the University's viewpoint, and maybe then you'll agree that it's not that bad an idea.

Adrian Aci
President
Fisher Hall
March 20, 2002

Student Affairs, wake up. Guess what students are going to do to get the alcohol out of their hands. Probably even more, out of spite of their social lives being robbed from their shot-glass holding hands.

Alcohol does not run the life of your average Notre Dame student. But it can add to the flavor of his or her social life. And Notre Dame students are not alcoholics (or, at least, not the majority of the drinking population). Notre Dame students do enjoy drinking. And that's a very ironic fact. For it is the majority of those who drink do learn — albeit, some, the hard way — where to find the balance, clear the blur between having fun and having your stomach pumped.

Canceling dances is not going to stop students from drinking, or even dancing. Parties will proliferate. Students just dress up or buy silly little gifts for dates. And some dorms, as The Observer's March 19 editorial noted, will lose out on their most planned, most fun events of the year. For an institution so in love with tradition and its sense of community, Notre Dame is doing an ironic feat of killing two birds with one stone. "Notre Dame students' definition of tailgate—pre-game bonanza of music, food, fun, and yes, drink."

Notre Dame administrator's definition of tailgate—pre-game bonanza of debauchery of course! Alcoholics who by 5 o'clock shotgun will proliferate. Students just won't need to.

And congratulations; once you make legal-age students register for the tailgating, that's exactly what will happen. All the legal students (whom we have moved off campus, rightly so) will spend Saturday mornings in their apartments chugging beer and all the hard alcohol they'd like. Some of my fondest football memories come from tailgating with friends and I can only pity those poor kids who will never know the pure joy of the 12 o'clock shotgun.

Take away our dances, our tailgates and what do you have? Thousands of embittered students looking for something to do on those often boring spring weekends in South Bend. Overanxious rectors ready to punish the throats of students who might otherwise be sending vodka the same route. And, of course, thousands of alumni like myself who are grateful they graduated before the storm.

You've not only taken away dances and tailgating, you've stripped away freedom and a sense of responsibility. How do you expect your students to grow, mature and make their own informed judgments without giving them the opportunity to do so?

Notre Dame students and administrators alike have always boasted a feeling of "family." An "increase in every single aspect of Notre Dame, you are not our mothers and fathers. College is where we become adults and learn to decide for ourselves. Don't decide for us.

Christine Kraly
Washington, D.C.
March 19, 2002

JOIN THE CAMPAIGN

This is a formal call to all seniors, juniors, sophomores, freshmen, faculty members, students, and alumni who care about the Notre Dame community to stand up and be heard. A petition to withhold all future monetary donations to this University until serious policy changes are enacted to provide students here with a real voice. Students need meaningful representation. Today we have the opportunity to do so. Let's not.

The Observer and into your halls. When you see a "Change ND" pledge, sign it. Post it on your door and a tape a copy to Father Poorman's office window. Tell your parents, tell your friends. E-mail your local alumni clubs and let them know how strongly you feel about this. Change is coming, and we badly deserve it. Today we have the opportunity to do so, "Change ND." The group will be asking all Notre Dame students to sign the pledge and to not donate any personal funds to Notre Dame until drastic steps are taken to ensure that student voices will be fairly and adequately represented in the future.

The pages of The Observer will be lit- tered for weeks with rants, raves and assorted gibberish — like this letter, for example. There will be angry words and cynical expressions; there will be good points made. But at the end of the day, the noise you hold in your hands will be thrown away.

Don't let this issue die quietly like so many other scarlet crimes the administration has coyly passed beneath our noses for years and years. Take this one out of The Observer and into your halls. When you see a "Change ND" pledge, sign it. Post it on your door and a tape a copy to Father Poorman's office window. Tell your parents, tell your friends. E-mail your local alumni clubs and let them know how strongly you feel about this. Change is coming, and we badly deserve it. Today we have the opportunity to do so, "Change ND." The group will be asking all Notre Dame students to sign the pledge and to not donate any personal funds to Notre Dame until drastic steps are taken to ensure that student voices will be fairly and adequately represented in the future.

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MOVIE REVIEW

‘Evil’ screen debut satisfies video game fans

By JACK MONAHAN
Scene Editor

Though this type of transition is typically a recipe for disaster, “Resident Evil” makes the conversion from console to cinema surprisingly well. A frightening, atmospheric horror film that stays true to its video game roots, this film should please any horror or sci-fi aficionado.

Starring Milla Jovovich as an unusually amnesic (remniscent of her “Scream” role) and the ever-snoothing Michelle Rodriguez (“The Fast and the Furious”) as a corporate commander, the movie is set in the secret underground research lab of Umbrella Corporation. The opening of the film reveals the corporation as being responsible for the majority of the world’s health care, computer technology and military technology, among other things.

But most of Umbrella’s funding comes from secret genetic and viral experiments, the result of which is seen in the film. Though not a single character mentions the word “zombie,” that’s exactly what the film is about.

Writer and director Paul Anderson (“Event Horizon”) burrows heavily from the game’s primary inspiration, George Romero’s “Night of the Living Dead” trilogy. Though Anderson has been responsible for a previous video game-to-movie flop “Mortal Kombat,” with “Resident Evil” he gives the audience a rather enjoyable, if fairly derivative, zombie romp with some nice special effects.

First is a treatment of the research lab in its normal, day-to-day operation, but quickly the movie gets to why the research lab is full of zombies by the time the main characters get there. Then Milla Jovovich makes her first appearance in the film wearing nothing but a towel, waking up in a bathroom in a strange mansion. Luckily she soon finds a scant red dress and a formidable pair of rubber boots while the movie ponders her inability to procure adequate clothing in her choice of movies.

Jovovich is rudely introduced to the rest of the cast, a team of commandos sent by Umbrella. Excepting the delightfully angry-looking Michelle Rodriguez, most of the cast serves as convenient cannon fodder for the underground lab’s nasty security system and undead denizens.

For video game fans, the sequence where the commandos encounter the Red Queen’s security corridor should be greatly entertaining, as should the entire film.

What makes the film successful is its faithfulness to the spirit of the games on which it is based, which was in turn heavily influenced by zombie anime films.

The end result is what one might expect from the director of “Event Horizon”: a horror film with sci-fi trappings and heaps of creepy atmosphere.

Surprisingly, the film is not as gory as typical zombie fare, tending to leave more to the imagination when the zombies do their worst. But this does nothing to lessen how frightening the film is at times.

The film has little originality, however, though the only painful cliché that’s indulged is the “Matrix”-esque flying kick (as seen in the trailer). The rest of the movie is a steady mix of elements borrowed from “Night of the Living Dead,” a fairly bit of “Aliens” and the video games from which it is based upon.

This will ultimately decide whether movie-goers will enjoy this film: if they can appreciate a film often dictated by the strange logic of video games, or if they are fans of the original “Resident Evil,” then they shouldn’t hesitate to see this movie.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Sucking blood makes for lifeless movie

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Editor

... The second installment of a film adaptation of Anne Rice’s popular “Vampire Chronicle” book series, “Queen of the Damned” unfortunately trades in the thought-provoking nature of its predecessor, 1994’s “Interview with the Vampire,” for high-end special effects and Hollywood glitz.

“Queen of the Damned” is a sequel of sorts: the scrappy Stuart Townsend has taken over as the main character the Vampire Lestat formerly played by Tom Cruise. The only real similarity between the characters is the name, however. In fact, there is a reordering of time if one were to try to follow the story from one movie to the next.

Logic gaps aside, “Queen of the Damned” opens with an awakens Lestat, who after living in the shadows for a few hundred years, entered a state of hibernation for a century after being unable to psychologically handle his immortality. Lestat returns to the shadowy unlike of the nightwalker at the dawn of the 21st century, where he joins (brace yourself) a rock band and lives openly as a vampire, which is treated with skepticism from humankind, but raises the ire of the vampire world.

Even if the MTV-ish premise can be accepted, the movie gets more ridiculous as it recounts Lestat’s history and introduces the late Aaliyah in the title role, Akasha, the Queen of the Damned. The Egyptian death goddess is supposed to be the mother and the most powerful of the vampires, but Akasha seems to spend most of her very brief time on-screen undulating and taking sensuous baths–two activities at which the death goddess excels.

While Akasha seduces Lestat, the lucky bloodsucker is also the object of mortal paranormal investigator with a death-wish played by Marguerite Moreau. While “Interview with the Vampire” examined the connection between sex and death in the vampire world, “Queen of the Damned” focuses mostly on the sex. So much time in this movie is spent with its characters deeply gazing into one another’s eyes that the vampires appear to be more romantic than deadly. The less-than-soothing atmosphere of the movie is almost comical.

While scenes like the vampire showdown at Lestat’s ultimate rock concert in Death Valley are fun to watch, the battle scenes are predictably too spectacular. Where “Interview with the Vampire” focused on how vampires would perceive themselves, “Queen of the Damned” focuses on how vampires would fight each other. Even the sexual relationships of the characters, which appear to be so important to the story, seem to be less about sexual relationship and more about the overly revealing high-fashion clothes the characters are wearing.

Still, “Queen of the Damned” is not a terrible movie for what it is; it’s just disappointing to see Rice’s intelligent novels produce such empty Hollywood movies. But certainly “Queen of the Damned” will be immortals in its own way: it looks like something that will appear on late-night Showtime channels forever.

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Eyes on the prize
Women's Preview

A squad by squad breakdown of the top three contenders

Foil

Kryczalo and Ament have been nearly flawless this year, winning 66 bouts together and dropping only four. Auriol believes that both fencers have the chance to win the individual title. Although both are first-time qualifiers, they have extensive international experience.

Grochol finished second at the 2001 Championships as a freshman. She should contend with the Notre Dame duo and Stanford's Irina Timman for the top spot this year. Chin is an American freshman but is only ranked 24th among junior fencers. Ament is ranked first.

Khoude has put together a stellar freshman year for the Red Storm, including two wins against Ament and Kryczalo earlier this year. Thottam finished 10th at the 2001 Championships.

Epee

Walton is one of the top American fencers in epee and has competed for her country as a member of the national team. This is her first NCAA tournament, but she should be well-prepared for the pressure. A non-sabreally Carlick should return to her second-team All-American form of 2000.

These two are the class of Penn State fencing. Eim is a three-time first-team All-American while Burke won the individual title as a freshman in 2000. She did not fence at the 2001 Championships. Both fencers could win the individual title and this squad will probably lead Penn State in points.

Takacs and Stevens have both finished in the top four for the past two years with Takacs winning the title last year. If these two are on their game, they could challenge Eim and Burke for top epee squad honors. The Irish probably will finish behind both St. John’s and Penn State, but need to keep it close.

Saber

Women’s saber could be Notre Dame’s weakest weapon. Both Milo and McCullough qualified for NCAAs last year, but neither earned All-American honors. Both put together strong regular seasons, however, and should carry that momentum into NCAA success.

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Squad Review

Most college teams do not expect significant contributions from their first-year team members.

Football teams regularly red-shirt their star freshmen. Basketball teams usually ease their freshmen into the playing rotation.

However, the Notre Dame fencing team has relied on its freshmen to make significant contributions throughout the entire season. This weekend’s NCAA Championships will be no different.

With the team, there is more pressure to perform well,” said Kerry Walton. “I will do the utmost to help get the most points for the team to help win the title.”

Andre Crompton sabre captain

“If you stay focused on that one loss all day, it is going to hurt you.”

By MATT LOZAR Sports Writer

Senior Staff Writer

For eight years, the national title has just out of reach for the Irish.

Ever since 1994, the Irish have finished second five times and third twice, but have never broken through and taken the top spot. This year’s team — head coach Yves Auriol’s last — could finally break the streak and reclaim the national title for the Irish.

“It would be great to leave after 17 years with a national championship,” Auriol said.

With fencers capable of winning first team All-American honors at nearly every weapon, this year’s team is well balanced.

For the past five years, either the men’s or women’s team was significantly weaker than its counterpart. This year’s team is equally balanced between the two teams, and the men’s team holds a slight edge on women.

“I know [Penn State’s] women’s team is a little stronger,” said Kerry Walton. “But I think the men can clean the floor with them on Saturday and Sunday.”

With a more talented team, the Irish have reached the NCAA Championships for the first time since 2001. The Irish set 3rd place, and are the only team apart from the top two that advance to the second day.

But, the Irish are the only team that is ranked 24th among junior fencers. He or she is likely to be on the bench.

“I am only 30 and I have not met people with more pressure. (If I) stay calm and focused, then I will be OK,” said Kerry Walton.

With junior Forest Walton studying abroad this semester, Snyder has to replace him. But Snyder is an All-American. So, Snyder is confident in his abilities to help the team gain individual awards.

The Irish haven’t been here before this year. They have the extra pressure of trying to fulfill expectations, said Snyder. “My first goal is to win. My personal goal is to win the individual title.”

Senior Staff Writer

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Lake or break Notre Dame in the Fencing Championships

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Auriol said Viviani has been the "key fencer" for the Irish this year. He is a two-time All-American for the Irish thanks to two third place finishes. This could be the year he finally breaks through and wins the title. Debic is a talented freshman who beat Viviani for the title at Regionals.

Gurevich continues the tradition of strong Israeli epees at St. John's. He has compiled a 33-3 record in 2002. Horvath is a Hungarian who lost just two matches this year. Overall, however, this St. John's team is weaker than both Notre Dame and Penn State.

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For a fencer than NCAAs," said Crompton. "National tournaments, you are only fencing for yourself. Even at World Cups or team events World Cups, there is not really the pressure of fencing at NCAAs.

"Fencing at NCAAs is like fencing for the 50 people on the fencing team. Every bout, there is entirely so much pressure, it's hard to describe."

Despite all the pressure head coach Yves Auriol said the intensity of the meet is no excuse for not fencing well.

"If you have a good team, they will be able to take the pressure," said Auriol. "If we lose because we can't take the pressure, then we didn't have a championship caliber team."

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Senior sabre captain Andre Crompton won the first tournament he ever entered. He wants to close his college career the same way.

Senior All-American Andre Crompton was never supposed to be a fencer. When he started his freshman year at St. Benedict’s Academy in New Jersey, Crompton signed up to be the manager on the fencing team. He planned on spending four years repairing weapons, scheduling tournaments and supporting his friends on the team. Everything went according to plan until the last day of the first camp he ever worked.

On the final day of camp, head coach Derek Hoff held a tournament for all the fencers. He wanted to win the tournament. His days as a weapon repairman were over and his fencing career began with a bang.

Since he won his first tournament, he competed internationally, ranked nationally in sabre fencing and won second team All-American honors in addition to being named captain of the Notre Dame sabre team.

Heading into his last meet at Notre Dame, Crompton wants to close his career with another bang—a national championship.

“This guy wants to win the championship more than anybody else,” Irish head coach Yves Auriel said.

Crompton’s strong desire to win it all this year is partially driven by this being his last year at Notre Dame and partially because he worked so hard to finally get a spot in the Championships. When Crompton arrived as a freshman, despite all of his national accolades, he still found himself third on the depth chart.

Since then, he has worked with assistant coach Janusz Bednarski.

“Auriel gives most of the credit for Crompton’s improvement to Bednarski,” Crompton said. “When I was in high school and I was just starting to get good, she thought that whenever she watched me, I would screw up.”

“As soon as you lose a bout, you have to put it behind you,” he said. “If you stay focused on that one loss all day, it is going to hurt you. I had to learn that the hard way last year.”

This year, Crompton has once again qualified for the Championships but now he is a little older and wiser. To prepare himself for the top competition he will face this weekend, Crompton spent spring break training at his home gym in New York City to prepare for this weekend.

Crompton trains at the New York Fencing Club in Manhattan, thanks to a grant from the Peter Westbrook Foundation. The Foundation, founded by the most decorated U.S. fencer in history, provides training and support for African-American fencers.

“His brother Adam will get to see how much he has grown this weekend,” Bednarski said about his training with the Foundation. “We all started at the same time. We all grew as fencers at the same time.”

Crompton’s family will also get a chance to see how much he has grown this weekend. The Championships are being held in Madison, N.J. at Drew University—not too far from Crompton’s home in Irvington, N.J. Or rather, Crompton’s younger brother Adam will get to see him fence. Crompton still have to convince his mother to watch his matches.

“My mother doesn’t really like to watch,” Crompton said. “When I was in high school and I was just starting to get good, she thought that whenever she watched me, I would screw up.”

“His brother Adam, however, will certainly be there,” Crompton believes Adam’s extra set of eyes will help him on the sword.

“I really like fencing in front of my brother,” said Crompton about Adam, who is currently ranked 13th among junior sabreurs. “As soon as you lose a bout, you have to put it behind you. I was so relieved,” Crompton said. “It was just an experience that I was waiting so long for and that I felt I should have gotten before.”

At the Championships, Crompton had an advantage of his opportunity. He won 16 of his 23 bouts and finished seventh—good for second-team All-American honors. Despite his strong finish, however, Crompton thought he could have done even better.

“I lost to a few people I shouldn’t have,” Crompton said specifically pointing to two losses to MIT fencers. Once he lost those bouts, Crompton said, he let them affect him for the rest of the meet.

“Every loss is an individual honor that comes second for a team again.” With my last bout for Notre Dame, I hope I go out with a bang this year.”

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Notre Dame transformed in ‘Persephone’

By MARIO BIRD
Scene Movie Critic

Since the production of “Rudy,” it has been no secret that the Notre Dame campus abounds with cinematic beauty, from the solitude of St. Joseph’s lake to the furnished gleam of the Golden Dome. Few, however, would imagine the campus and surrounding landscape to be the setting for ancient Greek mythology. But Alan Smith’s “Persephone,” an onscreen adaptation of the timeless myth, showcases a much different locale than the bleak northern Indiana scenery that Notre Dame students have come to know and love. Mucky, rich tones in a ghoulish underworld, a stark and sterile earth and a grand Olympian throne room are fantastic ideas made manifest through “Persephone.”

The realization of such a film is a story with itself.

The setup

Besides writing and directing “Persephone,” Alan, a 1997 Notre Dame graduate in film production, co-produced the film with his sister Demetra Smith, who is currently a senior majoring in classics. They founded a film company, Zouenas Productions, two years ago after Alan had spent some years as a freelance independent filmmaker.

During Demetra’s sophomore year in Notre Dame’s abroad program in Greece, she and her brother made a trip to Macedonia and Greece to do background research for a possible feature film. Although the feature film idea was postponed, Demetra said that the trip was nonetheless beneficial. “The choice of Persephone was made as we sat on a rickety bus back to Athens from Thessaloniki,” said Demetra. “We realized that it was simple enough to be communicated in under 30 minutes, but still a fascinating story.”

Despite their Anglo-Saxon surname, Alan and Demetra hold strong ties to Greek ancestry, as their grandmother was a second-generation Greek-American, whose family bailed from the region surrounding Sparta. In addition, their father, Thomas Gordon Smith, is an architect well schooled in Greek and Roman styles, and was responsible for set production and costume design in “Persephone.”

Drawing from such familial concentration in Greek history and art, Demetra said that the goal was to make the onscreen panorama as true-to-life as possible.

“A tremendous amount of research went into the film from the script to the props, and we used primary literary and artistic sources when possible.” Demetra said. “The vision for the film as a whole was to be as true to the myth, the architecture, the fabrics, furnishings and music as possible.”

The movie

The “Persephone” myth is told through a contemporary medium, as a normal American mother (played by Christine Franck) explains to her inquisitive young son why the seasons change. The narrative then shifts 2500 years or so to ancient Greece, where the princess Persephone (Demetra Smith) is abducted by Hades (Anthony Lawton), lord of the underworld.

Her mother, the earth goddess Demeter (also played by Franck), subsequent strikes the planet with famine and barrenness, vowing not to abandon her daughter’s destruction until Persephone is returned.

The body of the narrative then follows Demeter on her globetrotting search for her daughter, paralleled by the developing relationship between Persephone and Hades.

Alan’s cinematic shiness throughout “Persephone.” Collaborating with David Harges, his visiting professor in the film project, the deep-focus compositions are rich and gorgeous to behold. Each interior shot seems an ancient Greek fresco come alive, as Alan and Harges transform Bond Hall into an Olympian venue, replete with luminous vessels and a huge, godlike throne. Thomas’ set production and costume design, especially in Hades’ crimson underworld, is a colossal achievement, especially considering the shoestring budget upon which the film was produced.

Thomas successfully fashions an otherworldly mise-en-scene that will surprise and delight Notre Dame movie-goers. Yet Alan and Harges are not overly enamored with big-budget style either, as their most beautiful shots return to the simplistic beauty of beach dunes at sunset. The filmmakers truly have utilized the 16mm medium in an imaginative and splendid manner.

Further enhancing the authenticity of “Persephone” is the soundtrack. Alan and Demetra were able to garner licensing agreements with PM Records and Musique de la Grece Antique, two music production companies that specialize in recreating ancient Greek folk songs. The zournas, a high-pitched, wailing reed instrument that is the namesake of the Smith’s company, blends eerily with chanted incantations. The result is a recreation of not only an ancient story, but a pagan ritual long since buried in the annals of human memory.

The cast

Lawton headlines the cast list as the dark lord Hades. A 1989 Notre Dame graduate in the Program of Liberal Studies, he is an accomplished actor with Philadelphia roots who has become a welcome fixture on campus as a visiting professor in the Film, Television and Theatre Department. Hardly a newcomer to Greek theatre, Lawton directed last year’s production of “Oedipus Rex,” and has performed in numerous productions since his return to campus, including Alan Ayckbourn’s “How the Other Half Loves.” Lawton’s performance in “Persephone” details a man of power, spurred by society, brooding and contemplative in his gloomy, cavernous lair. Yet the master of death ravenously craves glimmers of life, revealing a character with deep-seated desires: “...my hunger is a shameless dog; [it] blows out memory of pain and misery.”

Lawton said he relished the opportunity to perform in the film. “What I most enjoyed was the chance to play to a compelling action based on the clues provided in a rather challenging text,” Lawton said. “[It’s] always exciting to be the ‘bad guy’ too. Lawton will get another chance to be the bad guy this coming fall when he plays the title character in his own stage adaptation of C.S. Lewis’ “The Screwtape Letters” at the Lantern Theatre in Philadelphia.

Besides co-producing “Persephone,” Demetra also handles the title role reason-ably well. Sometimes vehemently protesting her captivity, other times despondently staying off Hades’ advances, Demetra portrays a helpless yet assertive Persephone, Franck, an architect who did her graduate studies at Notre Dame, fills in as Demeter, bringing a matronly air to the archetypal role.

All in all, “Persephone” is a fertile retelling of an ancient myth, wonderful to behold onscreen. If there are any faults in the film, it is perhaps that the modern script falls a bit short of the nuances of the original story. The actors often seem stiff and utilitarian, stuck in stiff and rigid dialogue. But this too may be the result of the vivid and luxurious scenery in which they perform.

Whatever the case, “Persephone” is a hallmark not only of deft mythological reenactment, but the combined creative genius of the Smith family and their friends, all of whom helped bring to the campus of their alma mater to a spectacular film.

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COLUMBUS, Ohio—The Blue Jackets plan to wear the girl’s initials on their helmets for the rest of the season, he said. The team also will hold a moment of silence before Thursday night’s game against the Calgary Flames.

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Two years ago, Chad Hildebrand was at a senior night game against the Red Wings, the Blue Jackets’ first at home since the death of the girl in the injury. "That’s why this is so determined," Brown said Wednesday that Cecil died from a rare injury to an artery that was damaged when her head snapped back.

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OLC officials study gene therapy's effects on athletics

Conference brings together scientists, legal experts, athletes

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NEW YORK

Still struggling to keep up with enhancing athletes using new drugs, Olympic officials met with scientists to study the next challenge: genetic enhancement of athletic performance.

Stronger muscles and bones, enhanced tolerance of pain — or even recovering from exercise, a boost in oxygen efficiency — are just some of the ways athletes may be able to turn discoveries in gene therapy into an advantage on the playing field.

"Their possible misuse raises questions that society must address," Dick Pound, chairman of the World Anti-Doping Agency, said Wednesday at the end of a three-day conference that brought together more than 30 experts in biology, genetics and sports medicine with policy makers, legal experts and athletes to explore the issues facing sports concerning gene transfers.

"Gene therapy has enormous potential to revolutionize medicine's approach to curing disease and improving the quality of life," Pound said. "Unfortunately, this same technology, like many others, can be abused to enhance athletic performance. . . . We've had a lengthy catch-up with respect to doping. With genetics . . . we're taking the initiative."

Through many of the most worrisome genetic therapies, facing sports are still in the experimental stage and may be at least five years away from being used, WADA is seeking to forge a consensus with scientists, governments and sports officials about how to deal with potentially huge problems.

"The time is right for the sport and science communities to begin working out how to prevent the possible misuse of these methods in the future," said Dr. Theodore Friedman, professor of molecular genetics at the University of California-San Diego's Center for Molecular Genetics.

"The issue involves ethical concerns at least as much as it does scientific ones," Friedman said. When, for example, does therapy for an injury or illness cross over to performance enhancement? What constitutes misuse? What codes of conduct should guide researchers and doctors? How can rules against genetic therapies be enforced?\n
"The grave new world," as Dr. Gary Wadler of the New York University School of Medicine termed the promises and perils of gene therapy, might include such fantasies as "designer babies" programmed genetically to become potentially great athletes.

That could be decades away. The more immediate problems are genes that can release human growth hormone, too-build muscles or genes that help muscles use oxygen more efficiently for endurance.

On the horizon are genes that can improve the calcium channels in muscles to make them more responsive, others that can strengthen bones, and still others that can reduce or shut down the response to pain.

"All those gene therapies hold enormous potential for treating people with illnesses like muscular dystrophy or with crippling injuries. But they also hold the possibility of being misused by athletes looking for an edge."

"We are on the brink of an age in which the technology of which genetic transfer technology is just one," Wadler said. "The potential for abuse for athletic purposes is increased as these come aboard. The question about designer babies . . . right now that's a little bit of fairy tale thinking. But the potential exists over the next 25 years for the real perversion of enormous advances in technology."

Pound said that genetic research is growing so fast that WADA is considering sponsoring similar meetings at least once a year.

"This adds to the public debate," Wadler said. "We have to take it from the realm of fantasy to the realm of reality. In the world of doping, it's been a reaction process over the years — catching up, catch-up. We're taking 5 to 10 years ahead of what we think might be out there, and getting people on the same page addressing it. In the world of doping, what has happened here is absolutely revolutionary."

"We never get to the bottom of ourselves on our own. We discover who we are face to face and side by side with others in work, love and learning..."

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Patrick Hertzke
WASHINGTON AD fires Bender after 9 seasons

Head basketball coach will receive $298,000 buyout settlement

Associated Press

SEATTLE

In the end, affection and respect for Bob Bender weren't enough. Not when he couldn't win.

Bender was fired Tuesday after nine seasons as basketball coach at Washington. Athletic director Barbara Hedges announced the move Wednesday, saying she asked Bender to resign during a 20-minute meeting.

She called it one of the most difficult decisions she's had to make. Hedges, who fired football coach Jim Lambright and then hired Rick Danenhower over, "Coach is a great man. He's got undying loyalty, and I think he's a winner ...

This is a big surprise," Wrenn said. "Nobody thought it would happen like this, so fast, so sudden. I wasn't ready for it."

It is finals week at Washington, and Wrenn said he's focusing on his final exams this week and will sit down with Bender to get the coach's advice on what to do next.

I really don't know," Wrenn said. "Everything is really confusing. Everyone's lives are affected, not just coach Bender's."

Oregon State coach Ritchie McKay, a possible candidate, had a tough time talking about the firing.

This is a sensitive subject for me," said McKay, who coached under Bender at Washington. "Coach is a great man. He's got undying loyalty, and I think he's a winner ...

This is just hard. It's the negative side of our profession. Sometimes hard decisions have to be made. Coach Bender has to be proud of what he did at UW, from where he got to it to where he took it.

McKay said he is not interested in the job.

Aside from McKay, coaches that have surfaced as possible replacements for Bender include Gonzaga's Mark Few, Dan Monson at Minnesota, former UW player Lorenzo Bamar of Saint Louis and Dana Altman at Creighton.

Few declined to discuss the opening Wednesday. The other coaches did not return calls.

Bender, 44, had a 116-142 record in nine seasons coaching the Huskies, taking the team to the NCAA tournament in 1998 and '99.

Under Bender, the school made it to the postseason in four consecutive seasons — 1996 to '99 — something no other Washington coach has done.

Bender's three years left on his contract and will receive a $298,000 buyout. He's guaranteed to be paid $172,000 next year. 100 percent of his base salary. He would be paid 50 percent of his salary the second year and 25 percent the third year, unless he finds a new job, Hedges said.

Associate head coach Byron Boudreaux and assistants Eric Hughes and Al Harrington were released. Hedges said they would be paid through the end of July.

Bender was around to coach him, Wrenn said when things calm down, he will meet with Bender to seek the coach's advice. He also wants to know who the new Washington coach will be. Athletic director Barbara Hedges said Wednesday a national search would begin immediately.

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Bender, who just completed his ninth season, was fired Tuesday after three consecutive losing seasons.

Wrenn, who led the Huskies with 19.5 average, had said he would be back next season as long as Bender was around. He said earlier he would explore his options, including his NBA chances, if Bender was fired.

"I really don't know," Wrenn told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "Everything is really confusing. Everyone's lives are affected, not just coach Bender's.

He said he would wait until the firing isn't so "fresh" to make a decision.

Wrenn is loyal to Bender because Bender originally recruited him out of Seattle's O'Dea High School. Wrenn chose to go to Connecticut instead, but was dissatisfied with the team by coach Jim Calhoun after his freshman season for a variety of incidents. Bender gave him a second chance.

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Wrenn, a 6-feet-8, 220-pound forward, was selected the Pac-10 Newcomer of the Year and was the conference's third-leading scorer. He scored 30 or more points four times.

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4:00pm - Trinity musicians and vocalists

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NBA

Jordan returns to Wizards early

Associated Press

DENVER

Dustin Benton drove 246 miles with his sister and two friends, expecting to see Michael Jordan sitting on the bench in street clothes. They got much more than that. The four friends arrived in Denver Wednesday night thinking Jordan wouldn't play, but erupted into cheers and high fives when they found out he would make his return from knee surgery against the Nuggets.

"I just wanted to see him sitting there," said Benton, of Washington, D.C. "I felt if he could help us in any way he wants to play. He said he would be able to be activated and play a few minutes tonight. So we went on that!"

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Nets coach wants replay

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The NBA should use videotape replay to determine whether potential game-winning shots beat the buzzer, New Jersey Nets coach Byron Scott said Wednesday.

Scott said officials have made the wrong call on game-winning shots in two games in the past month, including a Monday Murray's 3-pointer that beat the Eastern Conference-leading Nets 160-97 on Tuesday night in Cleveland.

Murray caught an inbound pass from midpoint in the left corner, squared his shoulders and got off his shot — all within five-tenths of a second. Replays showed the clock did not start right away on the inbound play.

Referees start the clock with a remote wireless system.

"That was a big-time error for us to lose the game on that type of an error this late in the season, and with what's at stake for us. That's not good," Scott said before the Nets played the Portland Trail Blazers on Wednesday night.

Scott said that officials also blew a call on Jalen Rose's game-winner for Chicago against Houston. A game-winner by Kobe Bryant of the Lakers against Charlotte was judged right.

Officials in college basketball games are allowed to look at a replay to determine if a last-second shot beat the buzzer.

"If they have a big decision, they should have something to look at," Scott said. "If they have a big decision, they should have something they can look at," Scott said. "It shouldn't have been a no basket and the game should have gone to overtime."

Rod Thorn, the former NBA vice president of basketball operations and the current Nets' president, said the league told him the officials — Joe Forte, Bennie Adams and Leon Wood — made a judgment call, and the league supported it.

Thorn said the judgment was wrong, and the league should say it.

"That's not belittling the referees if the call was definitely wrong," Thorn said. "It's still a judgment. That's not going to change. To me if something was definitely wrong, you say it was. It happened. Even though videotape replay would not have helped the officials since the clock didn't start right away, Thorn said the officials should have known better.

"With five-tenths of a second, as a referee you know this can happen and this can happen and that can't happen, because that's the way you are trained," Thorn said. "Sometimes it's a calculated guess. But to me, because of the position he caught the ball, and I have seen these things forever, it was impossible to get the shot off."

Thorn said he was not an advocate of instant replays at the end of NBA games, but he is now.

Stu Jackson, the league's current vice president of basketball operations, said the officiating crew discussed what would be an acceptable shot before the play.

"If a last-second shot beat the buzzer, it's a judgment call, and the league should say it."

Jackson said the call was a highly contested game. Things were said in the heat of battle. We are sensitive to these issues. There is not going to be any further action taken."

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PHILADELPHIA

Eddie House came off the bench to score a season-high 20 points and lead the Miami Heat to a 82-77 win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Wednesday night.

House hit a pair of foul shots with 8.3 seconds remaining to clinch the game after a tight fourth quarter that featured seven ties.

The Sixers missed three off-balance shots on their final possession with under 30 seconds to play, including a 3-point attempt by Eric Snow that would have tied the game.

Five players were in double digits for the Heat. Alonzo Mourning had 16 and Rod Strickland 14. House’s previous season-high was 17.

Allen Iverson finished with 36 points for Philadelphia.

Miami needed the win to stay within striking distance of the Charlotte Hornets for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

The Sixers fell two games behind the Heat. Philadelphia tied the series against the Cavaliers.

The Sixers fell two games behind Orlando for the fifth playoff spot in the East.

The game was the second half of a back-to-back series between the teams. The 76ers won the first matchup Tuesday night in Miami, 91-79. Miami scored 20 points playing on the injury improvement its record against the Sixers again on Tuesday night in Miami, 91-79. Miami scored 20 points playing on the injury improvement its record against the Sixers again on Tuesday night.

Antoine Walker had 17 points, seven rebounds and nine assists for the team, which last swept the Sixers in 1984-85.

Kevin Anderson added 13 points, nine rebounds and six assists before setting up Pierce to make his first point of the second period. But Tim Jackson hit a 3 from the corner as time expired to put Miami up by two at the end of three quarters.

Celtics 94, Cavaliers 70

Paul Pierce had 22 points and 10 rebounds, scoring 11 during a 14-0 fourth-quarter run as the Boston Celtics beat Cleveland to sweep the season series against the Cavaliers.

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Pierce made 13 of 15 field goals, scoring all 14 of his points during the run after Boston missed its first 11.

Cavaliers coach Mike Brown called timeout to set up Davis’ shot. He kept the ball the entire time, looking for his opportunity.

It came when both defenders shifted to Davis, leaving a wide-open window.

Kevin O’Neal led Boston with 22 points and 10 rebounds. Austin Croshere scored 16, Jonathan Bender 14, Reggie Miller 12 and Ron Artest 11.

The Hornets were clinging to a 92-88 lead with 3:26 left. Wesley to toss it up for the basket.

Wesley to toss it up for the basket, but the buzzer after he caught an inbounds pass, squared himself and shot — all within five-tenths of a second.

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- 330 Coleman-Morse Center

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**Friday, March 22**

**Mal Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

**RCIA Morning of Reflection**
10:30 a.m.
- 330 Coleman-Morse Center

**Monday, March 25**

**Confirmation-Chrism Mass**
7:30 p.m.
- St. Matthew’s Cathedral

**The Way Bible Study**
6:30 p.m.
- 331 Coleman-Morse Center

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**A first-hand reflection on the day of Prayer for World Peace in Assisi, Italy**

**Voices of Peace**

**by Anthony Pagliarini ‘02**

[On January 24th John Paul II gathered leaders from all of the worlds major religions in Assisi to host a prayer for peace. Six Notre Dame students were among the few thousand pilgrims in attendance.]

"Fratelli!... Fratelli! Per favore!" quips the old man in back of us. (Brothers! Please!) The monks are standing on their chairs again, tip-toed in brown sandals, beneath brown robes. "There. There's the patriarch of Moscow," points Paolo. A tall black figure slides through the picket fence of friars. "Fratelli!" The brothers smile and turn, apologizing with a shrug of the shoulders. "Look," Paola shouts again, "There's Gusatto from Africa, from Benin." In walks a man with the darkest of skin, wrapped in layers of the brightest white cloth - the head of traditional Vodou. He passes and is gone, following the Orthodox towards the stage. We stretch to gather a look, and, stretching harder, stand on our chairs. "Americani!" shouts the old man. Shoulders shrug.

Standing tall with necks craned, we can see over the crowd. Out before us in the cobble stone streets pushing inward is to the courtyard is a whole parade of cloths and cloth, troubadours of peace, all of them: the dark Armenian hoods in silent procession. Turbans, yellow and purple and orange, sauntering past. ("Where people have learned to be hostile and suspicious...) The sandaled feet of the Buddhist monk, walking mindfully (it will take much...) Bright blue Shinro robes through aisles, like water, passing, (to build friendship and trust...!) Hindus and Rabbis. Cardinals and Canterbury's bishop. The Greek Orthodox and Lutherans, and imam from Iran, a few thousand pilgrims. (We are called to persevere in hope, and to not to lose heart.) And finally, him, with quiet longevity the pilgrims greeting. "Ma piu violenti! Mai piu guerria! Mai piu terrorismo!" prays John Paul. (Violence never again! War never again! Terrorism never again!) Assisi falls silent. We and the brothers take our seats. The witnesses begin.

"This is a day in which we turn to God," says the Lutheran Dr. Noko. "The question before us is this: where is our ultimate loyalty? How can we bear witness to a God who loves the whole world, rather than to one who is bound to certain national, cultural, or political allegiances?" I pause and wonder, 'God bless the U.S.A...? well, yes, but he is right, God bless Afghanistan too, and Israel, Iraq, North Korea, Yemen..."

One by one, I watch the leaders of the world's religions take the podium to echo their cries for peace. A Tibetan monk sings to us. A rabbi reads from the Midrash. A Hindu woman offers a humble reflection; each to his or her own tradition faithful, and towards the other welcoming. This, I start to believe, is where peace begins: friendship. "In coming to Assisi," we show that genuine religious belief is an inexhaustible wellspring of mutual respect and harmony among peoples; indeed it is the chief antidote to violent conflict.

-Pope John Paul II

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**CONSIDERATIONS**

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**
Saturday, March 23
- 5:00 p.m.
- Rev. Peter D. Rocca, c.s.c

**Around Campus**

**Spanish Mass**
- 1:30 p.m., Zahm Hall Chapel

**Law School Mass**
- 5:00 p.m., Law School Chapel

**MBA Mass**
- 7:00 p.m., Mendoza COB Chapel

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**UCLA MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**UCLA ready for Missouri**

**Lavin leads Bruins into Sweet Sixteen of tourney**

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Down, decide and the threat of dismissal has hovered over Steve Lavin for six seasons — yet it has never seemed to bother the UCLA coach as he prepares the second weekend of the NCAA tournament.

In the shadow of John Wooden and in the face of impossible expectations, Lavin has become one of college basketball's most remarkable survivors. An upset of top-seeded Cincinnati on Sunday propelled the Bruins (21-11) into their fifth regional semifinal under Lavin.

So how does a coach keep his head when boosters and media are constantly calling for his firing? By not worrying when fans and the media ignore his achievements, but criticize everything from his recruiting to his hairstyle.

"It gets a little bit silly," Lavin said as he prepared UCLA for its meeting with Missouri on Sunday. "We've been here so long, and ever since we've been here, we're the worst team in UCLA history."

"We don't even listen to it. Our goal is just to put it together in the tournament."

In relaxing in San Jose on Wednesday, the San Francisco native could only smile and shake his head over his inability to please anyone but his players. He also empathized with Snyder, whose Tigers fell from a No. 2 national ranking down to a 12th seed this season.

"We're two young coaches who are constantly going to be scrutinized or roasted because of our age," Lavin said. "He's been under fire, but he's done a great job of keeping his kids upbeat, keeping them positive and aggressive and confident. Now they're playing well at the right time of the year."

Instead of receiving praise for his team's achievements, Lavin only seems to garner criticism for their shortcomings. He's been booed by boosters who long for a higher-profile coach, and criticized by columnists who question his ability even to run a practice.

Last year was just to put it together, Hines, whose brother Kareem Rush, whose brother Kareem Rush would have been a senior at UCLA this season had he not left school early.

Lavin is the only UCLA coach to reach consecutive regional semifinals since Wooden retired in 1975. Only Duke can match Kansas' run of five regional semifinals in six years.

But the credit, it seems, never goes to Lavin.

"We don't even worry about it," Lavin said of the seniors who play such a significant role.

"We've been here so long, and we've never been here. Coach Levin is about to get fired, and we're the worst team in UCLA history."

"We don't even listen to it. Our goal is just to put it together in the tournament."

It would have been fun to play against him, because we always used to talk about getting in the NCAA tournament together," Kareem Rush said. "It's too bad."

Lavin, Snyder struggled to protect his team from unrealistic expectations — and then worked to build his players back up when they failed to reach those expectations.

"It's a balancing act, but it's part of coaching," Snyder said. "You try to keep your team focused on the court and not on the distractions. It's very hard, but every coach has to find a way to deal with it."

In Arkansas' meeting with Oklahoma, the Wildcats' young roster will get its biggest test in weeks against the veteran Sooners, whose stifling defense makes them many observers' picks to advance from San Jose to the Final Four.

The graceful Wildcats, led by Luke Walton, muscled their way into the regional semifinals with a victory over Wyoming, but Oklahoma players have physical style not often seen in the Pac-10.

"We're not worried too much about Arizona or the success they've had," Oklahoma forward Aaron McGhee said. "We're just concentrating on our own game, because we think we're good enough to go to Atlanta."

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Can anyone beat Connecticut?

Associated Press

Gene Auriemma has been peppered with questions.

"Everybody wants to be remembered as something," the coach said Wednesday. "We just want to go out and win games."

Connecticut has dominated the competition throughout the season, beating opponents by an average of 47 points. The starting squad boasts five All-Americans, including Nails Smith Player of the Year Sue Bird.

Auriemma balks at calling it the best team ever, but will compare it to his other squads.

"This team is balanced as physically as any team we've ever had," Auriemma said. "Our guard play is as good as our ever been, but for me to tell you Sue and (Diana Taurasi) are a better backcourt than Nykesha Sales and Tamika Williams have made short work of most teams' post games. They combine for an average of 44 points and 22 rebounds.

"You almost feel like you're wasting your time watching film because they get out by 20 and the other team is just trying to go two at a time to cut down a 20-point lead and it's in the first half," Portland said.

Iowa's Lisa Bluder had that sinking feeling early in the second half Monday. The Huskies outscored the Hawkeyes 34-4 in the first 15 minutes of the second half in their second-round game.

So, is there a team out there than can beat the Huskies?

"I haven't seen them yet. Certainly none that we've played that can compete with them," Bluder said.

Connecticut's closest game of the season was a nine-point win at Virginia Tech Jan. 29. The rematch two weeks later was a 35-point Connecticut blowout. After Auriemma's 2000 team dominated Tennessee in the NCAA title game, there was talk was that the best team ever. His unbeaten 1995 squad beat Tennessee behind the post play of Rebecca Lobo and Kara Wolters and guard Jennifer Rizzotti.

"We've had some pretty good teams in the past. The big factor in getting to the final four and winning a national championship is staying injury free. So far, so good," Auriemma said. "To win a national championship, you have to be really, really good and have a little bit of luck."
Belles tennis player Jeannie Knish returns a shot during a recent practice. St. Mary’s defeat of Tri-State College 6-3 despite cold weather Wednesday.

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Spriggle won their No. 3 doubles player, Milulyuk and Knish is the normal No. 1 singles
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match to Vauderbach while freshman Miranda Milulyuk and Katie Harrison fell to their Tri-State opponents. While Knish is the normal No. 1 singles players, Milulyuk and Harrison at No. 4 and No. 6 singles were treading on slightly unknown ground.

“They definitely gave us a good warm up for the season,” Jeannie Knish said. “The girls who usually don’t get to play that often played and did really well.”

Joanie Knish, Sandner and freshman Courtney Watson won their singles matches at No. 2, No. 3 and No. 5 singles respectively. Knish won her match 2-0 (6-0, 6-2) against Jamie Hufnagel. Sandner and Watson also took home 2-0 victories (6-3, 6-4 and 6-2, 6-4) against the Thunder’s Nicki Post and Crystal Hardory.

“Our first match was a success. We worked well as a team.”

The Belles will serve up their first MIAA opponent on Saturday as they face off against the Albion Britons.

Contact writer Katie McVoy at mcvo5695@saintmarys.edu

Belles tennis player Jeannie Knish returns a shot during a recent practice. St. Mary’s defeat of Tri-State College 6-3 despite cold weather Wednesday.

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NFL
Reservation wants Cardinals stadium

Associated Press

PHOENIX

The Gila River Indian Community hopes an Arizona Cardinals' stadium will be part of a casino and resort development taking shape on its reservation south of Phoenix.

Gila River has emerged from the long-running stadium sweepstakes race as one of two finalists. But some observers still question how an NFL stadium could operate on a sovereign Indian reservation that depends financially on gambling.

"It's hard to fathom people's worries, in some respects, given the amount of economic activity already on the reservation," said Gila River attorney Steve Helby.

"We've had to overcome antiquated views of tribal ways and tribal government during this process. And we've had to go extra steps to prove to the public that we are doing business ethically."

Gila River has the advantage of money, supplied by its three casinos, and a wealth of space at its reservation about 15 miles from downtown Phoenix. The stadium will be financed by a $331 million plan approved by Maricopa County voters in November 2000. Under that plan, the Cardinals and the Fiesta Bowl would pay part of the cost of building a 73,000-seat domed stadium with a partially retractable roof and a slide-in grass field.

The rest of the money would come from increased taxes on rental cars and hotel rooms, stadium-related sales taxes and income taxes on professional football players and Cardinals employees.

Gila River officials said they have more than enough money to cover the estimated $45 million in stadium infrastructure costs. They also believe their proposed site offers a good fit.

The new Sheraton at Wild Horse Pass resort scheduled to open in October boasts 50,000 square feet of convention space, a casino and two championship golf courses. Plans call for a series of canals and water taxis to link the resort with the stadium, less than half a mile away.

The resort also gives the tribe an existing utility, sewer and telecommunication infrastructure to accommodate the stadium, said Gary Bohnee, a Gila River spokesman.

Dear Lisa

Lecture by Tom Santoro

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Tennis

Notre Dame and Purdue have played four common opponents so far this season — Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Brigham Young and Iowa. The Irish are 2-3 against this quintet, logging 5-2 wins over BYU and Iowa, while the Boilermakers are 1-4 against the common group, registering a victory over Iowa. Purdue’s biggest strength lies in its doubles play, where it has compiled a 21-19 record this spring. The team of Lynsey Fick and Melissa Woods has set the pace with a 9-7 record at the No. 2 flight. In singles competition, Shawn Zuarezin has split time between the lower three flights, posting a 7-5 record. Meanwhile, Melissa Iqbal has taken the reins at No. 1 singles, compiling a 5-6 mark this year.

Notre Dame and the Boilermakers will meet for the 19th consecutive season and 21st time overall in a season that dates back to the 1982-83 campaign. The Irish hold a 16-4 advantage, including an active 12-match winning streak. The Irish are 4-2 against Purdue in West Lafayette, Ind., and will be playing there for the second time in three seasons. Notre Dame has lost just two points in its last four matches with the Boilermakers, including 9-0 shutouts in 1999 and 2000. Last season, the Irish downed Purdue, 6-1, sweeping the doubles action and claiming five singles bouts, four in straight sets. The Boilermakers avoided their third consecutive shutout at the hands of Notre Dame when Gretchen Haynor outdueled No. 100 Nina Vaughan, 18-16, in an epic third-set tiebreak that saw Vaughan save seven match points and Haynor fight off three potential match winners.

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Happy Birthday! You're always in pursuit of making things happen this year. You will have the driving force to achieve whatever you set your mind to. You may face some obstacles along the way but nothing you can't handle. Stay calm and act reasonably. Your name could be in lights.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will enjoy some personal play this week, and fun to be with. You can make new friends. You will have a great time with the ones you already have. Plan to get out and do things. Sticking around the house will lead to trouble.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may want to put some of your career plans in motion today. Your determined attitude, dedication, and discipline should be more than enough to help you achieve a positive direction.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may have difficulty seeing things clearly at an emotional level. If you feel you must make changes today, avoid doing it. You may find that you want to change your mind later on.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You should be doing what you can to secure your home and property investments. Investments made today will help you secure your financial future. Focus on concrete, tangible results you have been putting on the back burner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will get the travel bug. Short or long trips will lead to adventure and romance. Let the positive energy you have carry you on a journey you won't soon forget.


LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will meet some interesting people if you attend a seminar or sign up for an interesting course. You have a lot to offer as well as a lot to learn through this type of interaction.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You're expanding your horizons and you're open to new ideas. While you may want to check something out that would be normal for you, you must use your head and only do what will make you happy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone is trying to get you to commit to something. Maybe a score or the music and took care of their personal issues more often than not. Ask yourself then, what would make you happy? Start.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your heart and soul will be in your work today. The sooner you are, the better. If you have too much idle time on your hands you will end up getting anxious and upset.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You've got the travel bug. Short or long trips will lead to adventure and romance. Let the positive energy you have carry you on a journey you won't soon forget.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): A new group in your life is stimulating you. Bring out your best and show that you don't want to do those things that have much too much potential for you. Knowing how you can have unexpected bills.
No stopping Stanley

SMC TENNIS

Belles win home opener 6-3

By KATIE McVOY  Associate Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's tennis team was looking to burst up the season with the team's opening match against Tri-State, but the Belles had trouble even staying warm.

But with winter still hanging on in South Bend, the Belles took home their first regular season victory with a 6-3 win against the Thunder.

"The weather was a challenge. It was windy and freezing," said sophomore Jeannie Knish. "It's hard to play in conditions like that. We had to keep jumping around and putting our hands in our pockets to warm them up. It was a big change from Daytona."

Despite the dark clouds and strong winds hanging around the tennis courts at Angela Athletic facility on Wednesday, the Belles did manage to make a few sparks. All three Saint Mary's doubles teams took home victories, led by the No. 1 doubles sister team of Knish and Knish.

"Annie and I were able to win our doubles match though," Jeannie Knish said of she and her senior sister. "We really worked together well today. The wind was causing a lot of short balls to be hit, and we were able to attack the net."

The Knish sisters took home an 8-5 victory against Kate Vaudorback and Emily Shulak of Tri-State. Junior Elisa Ryan and sophomore Katharine Goddard added an 8-2 win at No. 2 doubles and junior Angie Sandner and sophomore Kris Green added an 8-1. The Belles are 1-2 in the MSC standings after a loss to the University of Evansville and a win over John Carroll.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish battle No. 51 Purdue on road

By JOE HETTLER  Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame co-captain and centerfielder Steve Stanley takes a pitch during a game last season. Stanley has the opportunity to break several Notre Dame baseball records this season, including two this weekend when the Irish travel to Connecticut.

Four years after starting out at Notre Dame baseball career 0-17, co-captain and centerfielder Steve Stanley finds himself approaching two Irish baseball records with possibly more to come as this season continues.

Not bad for a guy that just wanted to make the travel team as a freshman. But Stanley has always been able to overcome odds, especially baseball. Standing only 5'10 and weighing 155 lbs, Stanley has been overlooked and written off more than a few times in his career. Yet he has always found a way to prove his critics wrong. Just ask the people around him.

"Stanley is a tremendous player," said Notre Dame head baseball coach Paul Mainieri. "To be honest with you, I think he's the best player in college baseball. What he does for our team offensively and defensively, I can't think of a player I've coached that's meant more to our team than Steve Stanley. If he's not a first team All-American, I've never seen one."

Part of the reason behind Stanley's success is his motivation. Instead of viewing his size as a handicap, he's made it an advantage by using it as a motivational tool throughout his career. "From day one, I was always a small kid," said Stanley. "So I've gotten used to playing that role, but also I've used that as a motivation to let people know that, definitively in baseball, you can play no matter what size you are as long as you can bring things to the team to help the team win."

Stanley, who was the co-Big East Player of the Year last season, has been helping his team in more ways than one during his tenure with the Irish.

All his hard work has helped put him in position to break several Notre Dame baseball records, including two this weekend at Connecticut. Stanley has played in 203 consecutive games, one short of the Irish record set by Pat Pesavento. Amazingly, in his first three years at Notre Dame, Stanley played in 1,593 out a possible 1,607 innings. He is also within two hits of tying Pesavento's career hits record of 296.

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