The Senate decided Thursday to hold an emergency meeting on Sunday evening to pass a resolution calling for a review of the proposed ban of in-hall dances.

The primary reason behind the emergency meeting is to pass the proposed resolution before Monday's Campus Life Council meeting. If it passes, the resolution will be brought up at the same CLC meeting where Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, is expected to formally present revisions to the 18-year-old alcohol policy.

The resolution calls for students, faculty and administration to be involved in reviewing the changes to the in-hall dance policy.

"Life in the residence halls is a hallmark of the Notre Dame experience and the traditions of these residence halls bolster the Notre Dame community by bringing together the residences of a dormitory," the Senate Residence Life Committee wrote in a copy of the proposed resolution obtained by The Observer.

The resolution also refers to the potential cancellation of signature hall events and says the "direction of the proposed Alcohol Policy threatens to negatively alter traditions, some of which have lasted for over 20 years."

Stanford Senator Aldo Tesi, chairman of the Residence Life Committee, said an important part of the hall dances was its location in the halls.

"I am concerned about the smaller dorms such as Badin, where we only have 120 girls and it will be hard for us to have dances. For forms, we have to have two or three other dorms join us in order to have the dance financially and it detracts from the tradition," said Sole Galmarini, Badin senator.

Other senators raised concerns that smaller halls would be financially unable to meet the costs of their dances and that some dances might have to be cancelled in the fall because of the lack of space and available weekends due to football games.

Brian Coughlin, director of Student Activities, countered this by saying that the University has compiled a list of on-campus sites where hall dances can take place. Also, the University is looking into the possibility of reduced costs at off-campus sites.

"We have a list and there are 30 venues. Some of them are unique and unexpected. It would be irresponsible to release a list without informing the venue that their foyer might be used for a dance. These places would be ideal because they would be free to use," said Coughlin.

"Some of these places are the business school library and DeBartolo. They aren't great new places and they are definitely unique," said Pat Hallahan, Sorin Hall senator and the chief of staff for Libby Bishop, student body president-elect.

Coughlin said that hall dances would continue to represent student interests.

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INDIANAPOLIS

Notre Dame can take pride in another group of shining stars. Its restrooms.

A Web site has recognized the public restrooms in the Main Building at the University as the best in the United States.

"When I go to the john here now, I feel positively emblazoned," said Michael D. Garvey, a Notre Dame spokesman.

"I'm told, although I haven't been in there, that the women's restrooms are very nice, too," he added Wednesday.

Notre Dame won the distinction after nearly a year of online voting at www.thebestofusa.com.

Voters were enthralled by the restrooms' Victorian charm, including tiles imported from England, faucets with chrome and brass accents, and solid oak doors on the stalls.

The restrooms are cleaned three times a day, leading one voter to boast that the floors were "clean enough to eat off.""Honored as he was, Gary Shumaker, the university's director of facility operations, wouldn't go that far.

"We work hard to keep them clean, and we're very pleased that somebody thinks that highly, but I wouldn't eat off the floor," he said.

This bathroom's victorian charm and imported floors in the Main Building were just two of the factors that helped the University gain recognition as having the best bathrooms in the U.S.

By JASON McFARLEY

Saying administrators "sold students short," Libby Bishop and Trip Foley renewed Thursday their commitment to fight proposed changes to the University alcohol policy.

Still more than a week away from taking office, Bishop and Foley, the student body president and vice president-elect, said they would pick up where Wednesday's rally left off and continue to represent student interests.

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Today in Notre Dame History

University honors Cosby
March 22, 1990

Notre Dame announced that entertainer Bill Cosby and 11 others would be given honorary degrees at the 145th Commencement Exercises. Cosby was also asked to be the Commencement speaker while earlier that year he received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University.

Wetherbee talks of shuttle flight
March 22, 1990

Commander James Wetherbee, Notre Dame's first graduate in space, talked about his experiences in being in space. The 1974 graduate was the pilot of STS32, which launched from Kennedy Space Center on Jan. 3, 1990. While in space the shuttle's crew launched a Naval satellite and retrieved a large facility containing long term scientific experiments.

Beyond Campus

University of Wisconsin prepares for steep budget cuts

PLATTEVILLE, Wis.
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By MAUREEN SMITHE
Senior Staff Writer

Being yourself and following one's own desires is the best way to make a positive difference in the world, according to Derrick Ashong, a Harvard graduate and supporting actor in the motion picture "Amistad.

Ashong was born in Accra, Ghana, and moved to Brooklyn at age 3, on to Saudi Arabia at age 8, and then to New Jersey at 15 to finish high school.

Opening his lecture with the question "Can anyone tell me what it means to be cool?" Ashong said his wide range of living experiences as a youth forced him to create his own niche.

I'm an Afro-American Arab kid. Where's my category?" Ashong said. "I was gonna do my thing and break from his novelty "cute" reputation and find pride in his own identity.

This realization, he said, was a very profound moment in his life. Most of the students at his New Jersey high school had grown up together and were unfamiliar with different people. Ashong had to learn that once again he'd be put in a minority group, is there anything I can do for you?" Somehow I missed that, he said.

"Of all the people who thought I couldn't be here, who thought I was unfairly bumping them from their observed spot — how many of them are authors at Harvard?" Ashong said. "I go through this story to illustrate a very simple point: for some very strange reason people didn't see in me what I saw in myself."

Ashong's accomplishments culminated in his supporting role in "Amistad." He said working on the role pulled him back on his roots to the point where he would often take the movie's context home with him at night. One such instance revolved around a scene where he had to put chains around his wrists.

The type of mental chains that evolve when an entire society dehumanizes an entire element of itself are lasting, real and destructive," Ashong said.

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Pope speaks on U.S. sex scandals

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY

Pope John Paul II, in a letter released today, weighed in for the first time on recent pedophile scandals in his church, saying "a dark shadow of suspicion" had been cast over all priests by "some of our brothers who have betrayed the grace of ordination" and succumbed to evil.

In his annual pre-Easter message to priests around the world, the pope did not mention the American church, which many Catholics in the United States say is undergoing the worst crisis in its history while Rome remains silent.

As they comfort the victims of abuse, the pope said, priests should redouble their search for faith. He expressed no opinion on the conduct of the American bishops.

In three sentences referring to the scandals, the 81-year-old pope presented priests as among the victims "personally and profoundly afflicted" by the unnamed sins of priests who had succumbed "even to the most grievous forms of the mysterium iniquitatis — the mystery of evil — at work in the world."

"Grave scandal is caused," the letter said, "with the result that a dark shadow of suspicion is cast over all the other fine priests who perform their ministry with honesty and integrity and often with heroic self-sacrifice."

The way that the letter mentioned abuse victims is likely to disappoint those Catholics who were expecting a fuller, more pastoral response.

"As the church shows her concern for the victims and strives to respond in truth and justice to each of these painful situations," the letter said, priests must "commit ourselves more fully to the search for holiness."

At a news conference about the letter, a top Vatican official, Cardinal Dario Castrillon Hoyos,

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38 die in Colombia rebel clash: Heavy fighting in Bogota, near the Venezuelan border, killed at least 38 soldiers and leftist guerrillas. Colombia's military said Thursday the army said retreating rebels took refuge in a pumping station at a reservoir in Colombia's southern Andes, cutting the water supply to more than 500,000 people, authorities said.

Death toll tops 1,500 in Mideast: In nearly 18 months of violence, 1,221 people have been killed on the Palestinian side and 363 people on the Israeli side. The Palestinian figure includes 46 suicide bombers, several suspected informers for Israel killed by Palestinian militants. 13 Israeli Arabs killed in pro-Palestinian riots and a German resident.

U.S. restricts government Web sites: The White House has placed new controls on government information about weapons of mass destruction and is telling agencies to clear Web sites of even unclassified data that could help terrorists. Advocates for government openness say information about nuclear, biological, radiological and chemical weapons should be kept out of the hands of would-be attackers. They worry, however, that the guidelines released Wednesday could be used to withhold an array of other material as well.

Group requests morning-after pill: Sen. Mark Blade, the school district's purchasing director since 1986, resigned Thursday to pass a bill that would require hospitals receiving federal funds to ensure that sex assault victims are told about emergency contraception. The contraception, known as the "morning-after pill," is a high dose of birth control pills taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex to prevent pregnancy.

president to do so. He said he trusts that President "Two-bit terrorists aren't going to prevent me from doing what we need to do, and that is to promote our friendship in the hemisphere," Bush said. "Our neighborhood is important to us, Peru is an important country. President Toledo has been a reformist, obviously worked within the democratic System. And you bet I'm going." Bush said "we might have an idea" who set off the bomb. "They've been around before," he said.

House plans to disassemble INS

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

House Republicans and Democrats agreed Thursday to dismantle the Immigration and Naturalization Service, which has come under intense criticism since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Under their plan, the INS would be replaced by separate bureaus for enforcement of immigration law and for providing immigration services. The bureaus would report to an assistant attorney general for immigration affairs, who would be the No. 3 official in the Justice Department. "This agreement will allow Republicans and Democrats in Congress, in concert with the Bush administration, to work together on fundamentally dismantling the INS," said Rep. James Sensenbrenner, who chairs the House Judiciary Committee, which has oversight of the INS.

The plan combines two bills, one sponsored by Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., and Rep. George Gekas, R-Pa.; the other by Michigan Rep. John Conyers, the Judiciary Committee's senior Democrat, and Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas. "We want this to be a comprehensive response to the disaster of immigration affairs," Lee said.

The INS has been criticized for years because of long backlogs of applications for benefits such as naturalization or permanent residency. INS supporters and critics say the agency is burdened with conflicting missions to help immigrants enter and stay in the country and to identify and keep out those who try to enter illegally or who may pose a danger.
Conference brings Asian awareness ‘in focus’

By ANDY THAGARD
Assistant News Writer

The Coalition for Asian Awareness is hosting “In-Focus,” a conference exploring Asian-American issues and celebrating diversity, on Saturday.

The daylong event, which corresponds with Asian Awareness Month, features speakers, panel discussions, workshops and a concluding banquet with keynote speaker Carolyn Woo, dean of the Mendoza College of Business.

“We’re really, really excited,” said Monica Wisner, executive chair. “This is the first one, and we’re trying to get students from all over to participate. This is definitely not just for Asian students.”

The group has been interested in sponsoring such an event for the past few years and began official planning in November, according to sophomore Richelle Dang, co-director of public relations for the conference.

“We basically contacted every club on campus, dorms and local businesses for funding,” Dang said. “We’re also generating revenue by charging a $10 fee in order to cover costs.”

The conference kicks off with a lecture by Darren Mooko, director of the Asian-American Resource Center at Pomona College and manager of a coalition of Midwest Asian university clubs.

Mooko will address issues such as the Japanese internment during World War II, the U.S. spy plane over China in 2001 and recent hate crimes, according to Wisner. He will also give a presentation entitled “The Yellow Peril: A Thing of the Past and Current Trend.”

Throughout the day, conference participants will have the opportunity to attend 10 workshops held in Coleman-Morse Center classrooms. Clubs within the Coalition, including Korean-American, Vietnamese and Filipino-American organizations are sponsoring the workshops. The events include intellectual discussions on affirmative action, discrimination, Catholicism, Asian-American identity, the Asian media and interracial relations. Workshops also include more light-hearted activities including sessions in cooking, dancing and origami.

The conference concludes with a banquet in the Mendoza College of Business atrium and an address by Woo.

“She exemplifies a lot of what we’re trying to portray,” Dang said of Woo. “Not only is she a woman and a dean, but she is Asian. When she heard about it [the conference] she was excited to speak.”

The conference is sponsored by more than 11 campus organizations and, if successful, may become an annual event, according to Dang. Fifty students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s, Holy Cross College and Valparaiso University had registered as of Thursday.

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meeting with University officials and organizing student response to the proposed changes.

Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, announced Monday three sweeping changes to the alcohol policy.

The pair took particular issue with Notre Dame’s status as an alcohol-centered campus. He expected that University officers would approve the changes this summer and enact them in the fall. If approved, they will be the first major amendments to the policy since 1988. The University first adopted an alcohol policy in 1964.

Revisions this year are the result of a two-year study into the alcohol use and abuse on campus, Poorman said.

But Bishop and Foley disagreed with the process officials used to develop the changes, saying it almost completely bypassed student Input.

“This can never happen again,” where they work for two years in secret,” Foley said in a Wednesday interview. “Abusive drinking isn’t just a good thing, but this policy isn’t going to solve that.”

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Foley called the move “fundamental change in how policy is decided at this school,” Foley said. “Not only is it a woman and a dean, but she is Asian. When she heard about it [the conference] she was excited to speak.”

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The supposed lack of student involvement in the formation of the alcohol policy was also emphasized by several senators, although no mention of student involvement was included in the draft of the resolution obtained by The Observer.

Blake Haan, Keenan Hall senator, pointed out that only nine of the 28 focus groups' policy was also mention of by-case basis as all dances are currently handled. In an attempt to strengthen their resolution, senators discussed the addition of a clause that would be linked to the annual Fund's use of SYRs to advertise for fundraising. The Annual Fund is a University-sponsored fundraiser directed toward alumni.

The advertisement appeals to alumni to donate money so that future students could enjoy SYRs as they once had. The mailing included a picture of a couple at a dance and used the popular MasterCard advertisement to compare the SYR memory to a priceless experience.

The Senate intends to use the Annual Fund's use of SYRs to demonstrate that the University does recognize the traditions that are associated with SYRs.

In other Senate news:

A resolution to amend the lacrosse rule to include a disciplinary process flowchart was unanimously approved. This flowchart is intended to provide clarity for students and to aid them in their disciplinary hearings.

The resolution regarding an increase to club allocations will be voted on in next week's meeting.

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Madness invades at midnight at Angela

By GRACE ARREDONDO

A four-letter word that is in every college student's vocabulary will help pull in an expected 1,000 students to the Midnight Madness held in the Angela Athletic Facility tonight.

Free dances, free prizes, free games and alcohol-free fun are all factors that make this annual event the highest-attended student activity on campus, according to organizers.

Saint Mary's athletic director Lynn Kachmarik started Midnight Madness when she joined Saint Mary's three years ago and saw a community need in an independent identity.

"When I first got here [to Saint Mary's] I remember this overwhelming feeling of everything being about Notre Dame," Kachmarik said. "Our women were going across the street looking for a social life. I was glad Notre Dame was across the street, but I wanted to make life at school about Saint Mary's. I wanted the women to be excited about Saint Mary's.

Kachmarik promoted celebrating Saint Mary's and found much-needed support from College President MariLou Eldred and Vice President for Student Affairs Linda Timm.

The tradition started as an inter-class contest, rather than being athletically based so that the main idea of school pride could be promoted throughout the Saint Mary's community.

Many people would argue that the success of Midnight Madness lies heavily on the anticipation of the free giveaways throughout the night.

This year's grand prize consists of a weekend for two in Chicago, two nights in the Ritz Carlton, dinner at the John Hancock Signature Room, $500 brunch money on Sunday and $1,000 for a shopping spree.

Other prizes range from blenders to DVD players, laptop computers, gift certificates to the Inn at Saint Mary's and various restaurants in the area. Traditionally, everyone who attends will go home with a prize. Prizes are sponsored by the Vice President for Student Affairs Office and the Belles Valley Club.

Area restaurants, including Chick-Fil-A, Fazoli's, Papa John's, Wally's and Stuttgart's contributed to the event.

"I think that a lot of people will be there just for the prizes, but once they are there they will see the whole purpose — Saint Mary's pride." Class competition will take place in events such as body spelling, hula hooping, dodge ball, tug-o-war and Frisbee.

Senior Denise Langlois said students will make the most of the event.

"I won't be intimidated by any of the freshman or underclassmen when the classes compete for the grand prize," said Langlois. "I want the underclassmen to not hold back, to go crazy and savour every moment."

Transfer sophomore Amber Looney is excited about her new experience with Midnight Madness and being able to be apart of a well-known Saint Mary's tradition.

"I think it will be all about fun, friends, pride and most of all free food," said Looney. "The event begins tonight at 8 p.m. in the Angela Athletic Facility, and people must be in the building by 10 p.m. unless they have ticket stubs from the campus play "The Learned Ladies.""
New magazine aims to inform students on careers

By JOHN FANNING
News Writer

In order to better inform students of career options that fit with their passions and interests, a group of Notre Dame seniors has been working to establish a non-profit foundation called Changing Times. The project, which is unaffiliated with the University, is the end result of an idea originally conceived by Keough juniors John Cannon and John Mirshekari. But because the two founders are currently studying abroad, they have put the project into the hands of a staff of about 20 students with a variety of majors and interests. According to the foundations mission statement, students often miss opportunities to pursue their dreams because they are unaware of the possibilities available to them. College students, the staff believes, need to have a two-fold reason: better information on their career options and inspiration to use their unique skills and interests to transform society.

"Changing Times will relate the real stories of people, both profession­als and students, who have come alive to their interests and made an impact on society."

Changing Times mission statement

With contemporary career issues facing today's students. The publication is merely a starting point for the organization, staff member Kaitlyn Dudley said. "The magazine is the first tangible product of the foundation; it is going to use, but it is not the totally the foundation," she said. Changing Times staffers also hope to eventually include an interactive Web site and exper­tise from people in different types of media.

"Through a variety of media, including but not limited to a magazine and Web site, Changing Times will provide col­lege students with this informa­tion and inspiration. Changing Times will relate the real stories of people, both professionals and students, who have come alive to their interests and made an impact on society," according to the mission statement.

The group is now in the process of sub­mitting its busi­ness plan to the state of Indiana to become an offi­cial non-profit organiza­tion. That would allow the group to receive funding from other foundations, individuals and corporate spon­sors.

"Changing Times relies a lot on networking," Dudley said. The group has covered ambas­sadors planting looters.

"We hope to have a national audience if it's a story that can carry. Those who couldn't walk were carried, and the Japanese shot those who couldn't be carried.

"My mother remembers watching her father and uncle in the field for the second wave," said Dudley. As many as 700 people were killed, which is devastating for such a low population.

"We think that our mission is in line with the university's mission, and our goal is to work with the university in the future, though there is no relationship right now," she said.

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Prof talks on parents’ WWII experiences

By JILL MAXBAUER
News Writer

Until recently, Lisa Ganser, a Professional Specialist of Biology at Saint Mary's College, knew nothing about her parents experi­ence during World War II. But her uncle's discovery of family pictures in a book about the war in the Pacific inspired her parents to open up and discuss what hap­pened. Her parents and grand­mother videotaped their stories and memories and sent them to Ganser.

"The most special part of this story is that it's never been told. I didn't even know about it until two weeks ago," Ganser said. But she felt that the stories were so strong, she wanted to share them Thursday in a lecture entitled "The War: A Pacific Islander's Perspective."

Ganser's mother was five years old living in Guam when she remembers her father telling her about "something going on" in late October 1941. Her mother recalls the Guamanian's feeling desolated by America, although they were always hopeful that the Americans would come back. But American's left Guam completely defenseless for the Japanese attack Dec. 8, 1941.

Ganser's mother vividly remembers a ten-mile march that focused on concentration camps. The Guamanians were ordered out of their houses and told to build primitive huts and dig holes for food, and there was always the fear of the Japanese coming to the island.

"My grandmother was out in the fields for the second wave," said Dudley. "When the planes shot at the ground as the planes shot at the island."

"My grandmother was out in the air. That is until her friend went to look for his mother. He told him to stay inside while he went to look for his mother. He could feel the bullets hitting the playing with the planes shot at the island."

"My grandmother was six feet under­ground and ten feet wide, enough for a family of five, and it was stocked with water and canned food, and there was always the air raid sirens going off," Ganser said. "My grandmother didn't even know about it until they lived in between military bases and planes were constantly in the air. That is until her friend saw the Rising Sun on the planes and they all became worried."

After the attacks, everyone on the plantation had to dig their own bomb shelter. "My father's was six feet under­ground and ten feet wide, enough for a family of five, and it was stocked with water and canned food... and there was always the air raid sirens going off," Ganser said. "My grandmother didn't even know about it until they lived in between military bases and planes were constantly in the air. That is until her friend saw the Rising Sun on the planes and they all became worried."

"My dad's friend that he was playing with that morning, their family was forced to leave the next day, since there was such intense suspicion," she said. "He never saw his friend again. And he lived in fear that my grandfa­ther, who looked Japanese, would be taken away."
California dog owners found guilty on all counts

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO
A woman whose two huge dogs mauled a neighbor to death in their San Francisco apartment building was convicted Thursday of murder, a charge almost never carried up to four years each.

The couple acquired the dogs from a farm in 2000 after Schneider complained the animals were being turned into “wusses” there. The dogs’ former caretaker later testified she had warned Knoller that Hera was so dangerous it “should have been shot.”

After the attack on Jan. 26, 2001, Knoller and Noel defiantly blamed the victim, Noel, who was not present during the attack and was not charged with murder, suggested Whipple may have attracted the dogs’ attention with her perfume or even scents.

The jurors reached verdicts on everything but the murder count on Wednesday. They said they took up the murder charge last, realizing it was the most serious charge and the most difficult.

Juror Shawn Antonio, 27, said that the jurors played repeatedly a TV interview of Knoller in which she disavowed responsibility for Whipple’s death.

Soon word spread that the owners were lawyers who specialized in lawsuits on behalf of inmates. They were also in the business of adopting an inmate, white-supremacist gang member Paul Schneider, who officials said was trying to run a business raising Presa Canarios for use as guard dogs.

The couple practiced bestiality with their dogs. Evidence relating to that claim was barred from the trial by the judge along with most evidence about the Aryan Brotherhood.

The trial itself was grim: The jurors were shown 77 bloody photos of Whipple’s wounds, many of them blown up to wall size on a movie screen. The prosecution showed the college lacrosse coach had been bitten everywhere except the top of her head and the soles of her feet.

Experts said the 120-pound Bane delivered the fatal wounds and prosecutors said Hera tore at Whipple’s clothing during the attack. Both dogs were later destroyed.

Knoller testified for three days, crying, shouting and insisting she never suspected her beloved dogs could be killers.

“I saw a pet who had been lov­ ing, docile, friendly, good toward people, turn into a crazed, wild animal,” she sobbed, referring to Bane.

Her lawyer, Nedra Ruiz, contrib­ uted to the courtroom drama by crawling on the floor, kicking the jury box and crying during closing arguments. In closing arguments, she accused prosecu­ tors of trying to “curry favor with the homosexual and gay folks.”

Noel did not testify and con­ tinued through his lawyer that he had no warning the dogs would kill. But his letters to the couple’s adopted son were read to the jury. Two weeks before the attack, Noel wrote about an inci­ dent in which Whipple was fright­ ened by the dogs as she entered the building’s elevator.

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Leaders must confront officials

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

When Father Mark Poorman proposed major changes to the University alcohol policy Monday, Libby Bishop and Trip Foley, the student government administration started before current student leaders' term had even ended. Poorman's announcement essentially forced Bishop and Foley, the student body presidents- and vice president-elect, to begin fighting for student interests two weeks before the pair officially takes office on April 1. But Bishop and Foley took a firm stand against the policy changes, vowing at Wednesday's rally to play a significant role in the rewriting of whatever policy University officials inevitably approve.

Their words reassuringly wiped away any worries students might have had about the soon-to-be leaders' commitment to campus concerns. The pair, however, needs to immediately turn that talk into action. It's one thing for Bishop and Foley to condemn administrators in front of 600 students who helped elect them and with whom they live, study and work. It's another thing to follow through on their Wednesday promise to students to be at Residence Life official "Bill Kirk's door every day this summer" as the policy is revised.

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Searching for integrity in politics

They're pushing us around

There has been a lot of vilification of Father Mark Poormann the past couple of days and frankly I'm disturbed by it. People have been writing "Usama bin Poormann" on erase boards, putting pictures of him in the urinals for target practice and ranting about him in public until they foam at the mouth and people have to drag them out of the Waddick's line saying "Calm down, Mutt, you just weird yourself."

Actually, I can't blame the good Padre, because it's not the man's fault. For you see, he is not Father Poormann at all, but an evil clone. He's been bent on destroying all fun on campus. I have no proof of this, but that's the only explanation I can think of for this blunder of Three Stooges proportions. I spoke at the rally the other day. For the record, I did not say that "middle-aged, celibate white men" are pushing us around. I said that "middle-aged, celibate white men" are pushing us around. I hate being misquoted.

I do believe that my comment has validity. The students of Notre Dame, a diverse group that holds a variety of different viewpoints and has a wide range of values and opinions, is being controlled by a small contingent of priests who don't exactly have their fingers on the pulse of the student body. It's like Walter Kronkite over a story published this week when Senator Joseph Biden (D-Del.) conference room which the Delaware senator had just vacated. "That was the table where we did all the presidential planning." Biden, who mentioned a bid for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1987, said in confirming Lott's report. "We had all my inner circle always wondered how information from their strategy sessions was being leaked. "I was the only one to use the room."

I leaned towards the man behind me, not knowing his party affiliation, and asked, "Why don't you just shut up and play the game already?" Biden continued, "We couldn't understand how the hell people knew some of that." Biden ended the race for the Democratic presidential nomination in September 1987 under a dark cloud after he was accused of using parts of a speech from British politician Neil Kinnock. The culprit in the speech-dropping incident was never discovered.

Our "chow line debate" escalated when the Democrat likened the Iran-Contra era tactics against Biden with the current President's campaign tactics in the South Carolina primary against Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) in 2000. The Republican shot back that the NAACP pressured President Nixon to support an agreement with the Republican president. I believe that my comment has some validity. The students could gain insight into the administration they can't pull the wool over our eyes. Next year they will blindly go back to our daily tasks while we're wealthy alumni and they will pat themselves on the back, feeling that we got something for nothing.

I'm going to cut this off now, because I want to save room for others' opinions. But I'd like to address the students first.

The rally was a great start. But we can't stop there. I can see exactly what Poormann is up to. He's threatening SYB, knowing that we would conveniently protest. But he never had any intention of getting rid of SYB. My guess is we are going to get SYB back, we're going to put ourselves on the back, feeling that we got something done. Then we'll blindly go back to our daily tasks while the administration bends us over on the tailgating and hard alcohol issues. Do we not let this happen?

We need to show that we have a voice, and we will not lay idly by and get pushed around. Burning the LA Times will do nothing. We'll still be pushing pictures of him in the urinals. But if we do not let this happen, we will have a better chance. We need to show that we have a voice, and we will not lay idly by and get pushed around. Burning the LA Times will do nothing. We'll still be pushing pictures of him in the urinals. But if we do not let this happen, we will have a better chance. We need to show that we have a voice, and we will not lay idly by and get pushed around. Burning the LA Times will do nothing. We'll still be pushing pictures of him in the urinals. But if we do not let this happen, we will have a better chance. We need to show that we have a voice, and we will not lay idly by and get pushed around. Burning the LA Times will do nothing. We'll still be pushing pictures of him in the urinals. But if we do not let this happen, we will have a better chance.

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Livin' on a Prayer

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New rules show lack of respect for students

As an off-campus, 21-year-old senior next year, the new alcohol policies do not affect me in the least. In fact, I'm now better off since I can tailgate without fear of fine or harassment like so many of age-tailgaters experienced this past season.

So why am I enraged about Father Poorman's new policy? It shows an utter lack of respect for that devoted group of students who live on campus. In short, this problem is not new, and Notre Dame faculty members face similar problems, but never has this outrage been so manifest as now. Much is being said about the direct impact of the policy on campus life. I wish to add my views of the larger picture here.

I doubt that anyone would deny that the students, faculty and alumni of Notre Dame are what make a great University. Notre Dame carries a tradition of excellence in academics, but unlike other top-tier schools, we have strong social traditions that make us a family, resulting in one of the most dynamic alumni networks in the country.

Furthermore, unlike so many other universities, we have great respect for our school. We do not riot when we win national championships (or lose them), and we do not hold mass protests against policies we think are unjust. We usually respect the administration's decisions, learn to live with them and adjust our lives accordingly, like mature adults. No doubt, many were upset when the Graffiti Dance, the campus for football tickets and Sophomore Siblings' weekend were cancelled, but we eventually took these actions as a loss, moved on and embraced the new Notre Dame. Could we have protested, taken action, embarrassed this University unmercifully? Yes, we did! We! No, we were more mature than that.

What Poorman's policies tell us is that the University does not see students as adults, but as uncouth youngsters that must be monitored and controlled in every way, shape and form. Instead of approaching us as adults, seeking our input (and I'm not talking force groups possibly made up of anti-drinking, anti-social people here), the administration acted like bad parents. They waited until housing concerns were in for next year and until RA's were hired (I'm sorry, guys) to unveil their tradition-killing plans.

It was a sly move. Perhaps the students, forced to live under their new, tighter rules, will eventually vote for higher prices, lower quality, and there would be a minimum of student response. Wrong. There will be enough of us that remember when we could be social on campus to keep the fire alive.

The problem goes way beyond alcohol, parties, or even being able to fish in the lake. The lives and livelihoods of the heart and soul of the school, the students and faculty are in the hands of administrators, some of whom probably forget what it was like to be a college student. We have no voice and when we ask for one, we are refused. The saddest thing of all, however, is that no matter what the students do, no matter how much backing from all majors, ages, sexes, races, sexual persuasions or social types we have, the administration will not listen. I feel the students do, no matter how much backing from all majors, ages, sexes, races, the plain and honest truth that this policy has nearly all the makings of a great expression of solidarity at Notre Dame. Hundreds of students gathered at North Quad united with a common purpose. There were banners flying and students chanting. Television cameras panned the crowd and a few students even joined in on a spirited rendition of Kumbaya.

But there was only one thing that was missing in Wednesday's rally: a good reason to be there.

While observing the gathering, a maintenance worker stated that the steps of Lafontaine remarked, "This is the biggest thing since they had that protest over the ban on kegs about 10 years back."

It is a sorry fact, but in over a decade the two largest protests at a school filled with thousands of our nation's future leaders, have been over an issue as trivial as alcohol. (I purposely omit the particularly slapstick party that took place last spring.)

It is mind-boggling to think of how many better reasons to join together in protest have emerged over the past 10 years. If not being able to have beer in our dorm rooms is the worst thing that we have got going on, then a lot of people in a lot of different parts of the world would say we have got things pretty good.

That is not to say that the students are totally wrong. It is obvious that the new alcohol policy has instigated a large portion of the students here at Notre Dame, and, that being the case, these students should be encouraged to voice their opposition in the form of protest. But in doing so, we have to be honest about what we are protesting for. Hidden under the ambiguous language of our student leaders who called the new policy an "assault on the campus spirit" is the plain and honest truth that this policy hinders more than our ability to get drunk.

Some have argued that the policy will cause upperclassmen to leave campus. But if students are going to abandon the dorms for Turtle Creek simply because they cannot have hard alcohol we have to wonder whether those are the students we want as part of campus life in the first place.

It is true that the policy would change long-standing traditions such as the Alumni Wake, but even members of those dorms would admit that those traditions are nothing more than elaborate excuses for everyone in the dorm to get blasted. No matter how we put it, every student knows that hard alcohol does not equal campus life. But even if the protest is over our right to get drunk, is that necessarily a bad thing? Even if it is not, how important is it?

Why do we never see North Quad filled with students advocating for the right to get drunk? That is not to say that the students are totally wrong. It is obvious that the new alcohol policy has instigated a large portion of the students here at Notre Dame, and, that being the case, these students should be encouraged to voice their opposition in the form of protest. But in doing so, we have to be honest about what we are protesting for. Hidden under the ambiguous language of our student leaders who called the new policy an "assault on the campus spirit" is the plain and honest truth that this policy hinders more than our ability to get drunk. The administration is right about anti-alcohol. Binge drinking is dangerous. But the administration's answers to the problem are so far from adequate that it shocks me. As much as my alumni friends complained about ineptitude in the search for a football coach, the alcohol policy review process makes that search look stellar in comparison.

The solution must be student-based. It cannot be dictated from above. The answers to ultimate form of binge drinking will be rebellion today just as it was 18 years ago when I moved off campus in protest of an act of defiance. Today's act of trai-

I guess you can always review the policy again in another 18 years when this try fails.

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March 20, 2002
Sir Ian McKellen won an undisputed Best Supporting Actor award at the Screen Actors’ Guild awards this year. Will he have a repeat performance this weekend?

For the women, Russell Crowe is a favorite this time around, despite his strong performance in "Gosford Park," Will Smith and Denzel Washington are battling it out. Also adding to the drama, this year marks the first time three African Americans have been nominated in lead acting categories.

In the past, only Sidney Poitier has achieved the Best Actor award, while no black woman has ever earned the prize. Denzel Washington, Will Smith and Halle Berry will look to increase that total. Interestingly, Poitier will receive an Honorary Life Time Achievement Award for his career in film.

To find out the winners and check out the stars’ attire, tune into the 74th Academy Awards this Sunday hosted live on ABC by Whoopi Goldberg.

The winner will be:

Best Actor

Russell Crowe is up for a Best Actor Oscar for the third year in a row. Had he not won (inexplicably) for "Gladiator," he would be the clear-cut favorite this time around, despite his behavior at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts Awards ceremony, where he berated and muscled the show’s producer after the actor’s acceptance speech was cut off for time.

This little incident was the subject of much attention last month, and it may have hurt his chances to walk away with the Oscar for the second year in a row (in honor that the Academy may not wish to give out). But one gets the sense that voters simply don’t care about the man’s behavior. The evidence: last year Crowe was labeled a marriage-breaker due to his affair with Meg Ryan, but that obviously didn’t hurt his votes. And his win at this year’s Screen Actors Guild Awards indicates further that he’s more respected for his work than for anything else.

But Crowe has stiff competition in...
the form of D e n z e l Washington, who's com­
demanding performance in the gritty cop-
drama "Training Day" is the film's most
highly praised aspect. Voters may take
this chance to reward Washington for
years of fine acting even though the
character he portrays - a corrupt cop - isn't
exactly sympathetic. Rate as an issue in
the Oscar system cannot be ignored, and
with the nominations of Smith and Halle
Berry, the Academy is clearly looking
to award at least one African-American at this year's cere-
mony. If it's not Washington, then it'll be Berry, and vice-versa.

The other contenders for Best Actor - Penn, Smith and Wilkinson - have
the chance to upset if the vote between Crowe and Washington is split.

The winner will be:
MR: Russell Crowe
MN: Denzel Washington

Supporting Actress
Nominees: Jennifer Connelly for "A Beautiful Mind," Helen Mirren for "Gosford Park," Maggie Smith for "Gosford Park," Marius Toma for "In the Bedroom" and Kate Winslet for "Iris"

Unlike most categories this year, the Supporting Actress race has a clear favorite: Jennifer Connelly. She has emerged a fine actress in the past few years, starring in smaller independent films and winning the highly coveted part opposite Russell Crowe in "A Beautiful Mind." In terms of actual screen time, the character of Alicia Nash, John Nash's wife and main
source of support, is nearly a leading role. Academy voters recognize this and will reward her effective, moving performance with the Oscar. Helen
Mirren and Maggie Smith will split the "Gosford Park" vote, and both Marius Toma and Kate Winslet seem to lack support.

The winner will be:
MR and MN: Jennifer Connelly

Best Supporting Actor

While Broadbent and Kingsley won
raves for their performances this year,
McKellen is the likely favorite. As
Gandalf the Wizard, McKellen provided
the heart and soul of "Lord," the year's
most-nominated film. Voters who
could not muster the courage to vote for
the fantasy picture for Best Picture
will want to compensate by awarding the
film an acting award.

As for the others, "Training Day" belongs to Washington, not Hawke; and Voight did not have enough screen time (barely
13 minutes) in "All" to make him a legitimate contender.

The winner will be:
MR and MN: Ian McKellen

Screenplay - Adapted

Akiva Goldsman has written his share of trashy
genres ("The Da Vinci Code" and "Batman & Robin"), but his script for "A Beautiful Mind" more
than warrants a nomination. The film's narrative benefits greatly from the writer's choice to hold back certain facts from its
audience as John Nash becomes schizophrenic. If it weren't for the controve-
sery surrounding the accuracy of the film's

depiction, "Mind" would be a shoe-in.

Among the other nominees, "The Royal Tenenbaums," the unconventional comedy also overlooked for a best-film nomination, has a slim but unlike-
ly chance. The final two films need not
hold their breath in this category, as
"Monster's Ball" best shot lies with
Halle Berry and "Amelie" will likely win for Best Foreign Film.

The winner will be:
MR: "Memento"
MN: "Gosford Park"


The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring

"The Lord of the Rings," with its 13 nominations, may not
win as many awards as hoped, since there are still two
more movies to follow and receive acclaim.

With three African Americans nominated for lead awards at this year's ceremony, attention has been brought to the lack of nominees and winners of this race. Fittingly, Sidney Poitier, the only black man to ever win an award for best actor, will be receiving an Honorary Lifetime Achievement award this Sunday.

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2002 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament
Indiana upsets top-seeded Duke, 74-73

By COLIN BOYLAN
Sports Writer

In a year characterized by streaky play, the Notre Dame women's tennis team is finding itself losing some ground at a dangerous time.

The 22nd-ranked Irish dropped their second consecutive match Thursday afternoon, losing 5-2 to No. 51 Purdue at the Lafayette Sports Center.

The setback puts Notre Dame at 10-7 on the season and puts the team in a tight spot as they enter the toughest part of their schedule.

The Irish will return to action Wednesday against Illinois, followed by tough contests against top-25 opponents Wake Forest, Duke and North Carolina.

Senior captain Becky Varnum knows the Irish will have to play better than they have in recent matches.

"For some reason, we really haven't been prepared for our matches mentally," said Varnum. "We've lost to some teams that we know we can beat."

Against the Boilermakers, Notre Dame slipped into an early hole by losing the doubles point. Purdue picked victories over Notre Dame's top two doubles teams to secure the opening edge.

But the Boilermakers were on the ropes at No. 2, where Alissa Salas and Sarah Jane Connelly continued their impressive doubles showing by earning a 8-1 victory over the Boilermaker tandem of Melissa Iqbal and Lara Burgarella.

Their teammates were not able to build on that momentum in the singles competition as Purdue used a pair of upset victories over ranked Notre Dame players to maintain the upper hand.

Purdue's Gretchen Haynor got the hosts rolling early with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Notre Dame's Lauren Rosenthal. Senior Nina Vaughan.

Moments later, Iqbal gave the Boilermakers a match lead when she won 7-5, 6-2 over No. 75-ranked Becky Varnum and 7-5, 6-2 at No. 3 singles.

Noir Dame earned its first point when Lindsey Green rolled past Melissa Woods, 6-4, 6-3.

However, Purdue closed out its win insurance with 6-2, 6-1 victories over Nos. 1 and 2 but not before.

"We were stoked," said Varnum. "We've lost to some really good teams this year to get to this point," Jeffries said. "Duke's a very good team, they put a lot of pressure on us."

The last words from Davis to his team before they ran onto the floor: "Let's go and play."

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Irish expecting close match against Hoosiers

By JOE LINDSLEY

The last two times Notre Dame played Indiana, the Irish lost to the Hoosiers, 4-3. Saturday, when the seventh-ranked Irish travel to Bloomington, they expect some resistance but are not about to allow the 57th-ranked Hoosiers to upset them.

"I think they always give us some trouble," Notre Dame's Javier Taborga said. "The last two years they beat us, and I think the team is waiting for this for redemption.

The last two times, Notre Dame had the skill and ability to win, according to Taborga, moved from the 20th-ranked to the 11th-ranked singles player in the nation after going 4-0 at last weekend's Blue-Gray Classic.

"I think we were a lot better than they were," he said. "They caught us at a point in the season when we were not playing well. That's the opposite now. Right now we are coming out of a very good month, and we are very strong in certain positions. I think they are going to have way too much trouble beating us."

Although Notre Dame lost to then-eighth-ranked Illinois on Sunday at the Blue-Gray Classic and subsequently dropped from fourth to seventh in the rankings as the Illini rose to second, the Irish do not feel that they are in a rut as they prepare to take on Indiana.

"The circumstances are really the opposite from the last year when they beat us," Taborga said.

Against Illinois last weekend, Notre Dame was without the services of number three player Aaron Talarico, who was hospitalized during a close Irish victory against Harvard the day before. Additionally, the Blue-Gray Classic was Notre Dame's first outdoor tournament of the season, while the match at Indiana will be played indoors.

"Although we lost to Illinois, I think we know that with all the guys healthy and the way we've been playing indoors, we shouldn't have a problem," Taborga said. "I think the team is playing better indoors than outdoors."

"The Blue-Gray was the kind of tournament where everyone was gunning for us. Yeah, we were disappointed, but at the same time, we had just beat Illinois (two weeks earlier). Our team was banged up, the Illini were banged up. In the whole picture, it wasn't a huge loss," Talarico said. "I think Taborga is completely recovered now and will play Saturday. I just got extreme dehydration (last weekend). I had no water in my system." he said. "I think I drank too much sweet tea."

While the Irish seem to be confident, they are not completely discounting the Hoosiers.

"We really cannot say that we have the win guaranteed," Taborga said. "On paper if you compare the two teams, we should beat them pretty easily. But every single year they give us a fight."

"They always come up ready to play. They have a lot of fighters on their team, so they're a really tough team," Talarico said.

While Notre Dame has nationally-ranked players in No. 11 Taborga, No. 64 sophomore Matt Scott and a fifth-ranked doubles duo of Taborga and senior Casey Smith, Indiana does not have any true standouts.

"They don't have one player that is just unbelievably good. They just have a lot of solid players, a lot of fighters, a blue collar team," Talarico said. "I always expect a tough match from them."

After the Irish had the opportunity to see how they fared outdoors last weekend, they are focusing on improving in certain indoor areas indoors in hopes of becoming a stronger outdoor team.

"The one thing we're going to build on that and then bring the improvements outdoors," the team's strengths overpower its weaknesses though, as evidenced by its 15-4 record. According to Talarico, Notre Dame's greatest asset is its team chemistry, something he thinks has been complemented by Taborga's performances and leadership.

"Javier has made our team the difference between being a 20th-ranked team and a top ten ranked team," he said. "He's playing some ball, and it's helping our team a lot."

Notre Dame has some firm goals for this season, and the match against Indiana could be another step in winning home court advantage for the NCAA tournament, as well as a step towards the national championship.

"We have fun on our trips, but at the same time we really take ourselves seriously because we have a good team this year and it'll be too bad if we don't cash it in," Talarico said.

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Irish senior Javier Taborga returns a serve in a match earlier this season. Notre Dame takes on Indiana Saturday.

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**Women's Swimming**

**Nixon places seventh in 50-yard freestyle**

By Noreen Gillespie
Senior Staff Writer

In the fastest heat ever recorded in NCAA history, Irish senior Carrie Nixon placed seventh in the 50-yard freestyle finals at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships in Austin, Texas Thursday.

Nixon, who sat out last year after shoulder surgery, earned a career-best time and broke her own Notre Dame record in the event with a time of 22.53 seconds. Her finish Thursday night also topped her morning preliminary performance of 22.70 seconds.

The race ensured Nixon the second All-American honor of her career.

"To come back and go lifetime-best after being out for a year is pretty incredible," said head coach Bailey Weathers.

Although Nixon placed fourth in the event in 1999, the 2002 field of competition was record-setting. In what was the fastest 50-yard swim in United States' history, Georgia junior Mariliza Correia set a new NCAA, American and U.S. Open record by besting the "time" of 21.69. Rice junior Mandy Motaas was second in 22.39, while Auburn's Eileen Coparropa was third in 22.39.

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Red Wings defeat Blue Jackets in OT thriller

COLUMBUS, Ohio

Associated Press

With tears, silence and eventually cheers, Columbus hockey fans paid their respects to the 13-year-old girl who died after being hit by a puck. Brittanie Cecil died Monday, two days after being struck by a puck during Columbus' game against Calgary. The eighth-grader from suburban Dayton was remembered with a minute of silence prior to the start of Thursday night's game against Detroit.

By the finish, the crowd gave both teams a standing ovation as they left the ice after the Red Wings won a wild 3-2 game on Sergei Fedorov's wraparound goal 25 seconds into overtime.

Niklas Lidstrom had three assists and Brendan Shanahan had two assists for the Red Wings.

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Irish hope to take away Hofstra’s pride

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

It has been a tough year for the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team.
The Irish have lost four games against some of the stiffest competition in the

country by a combined five goals. With a 1-4 record, the good news is that the Irish still have

a lot of lacrosse left to play to turn their season around.

The bad news is that the opposition will not get any easier this Saturday when the

Irish play host to the visiting Pride of Hofstra. Hofstra has been a thorn in Notre Dame's side over

the last three years, including handing the Irish their only regular-season defeat last year.

The No. 12 Pride have defeated the Irish three straight times, each time by one goal.

Notre Dame coach Kevin Corrigan believes this game is critical for the Irish to gain some confidence as they try to return to the NCAA tournament. Hofstra is Notre Dame's last opponent before they begin Great Western Lacrosse League divisional play, which will determine the Irish post-season prospects.

"We cannot worry about what has happened in the past against Hofstra," said Corrigan. "Right now we just need to focus on the next game we play. We really need a win this week to try to get back to the NCAA Tournament."

Although Hofstra's record sits at 3-3, they enter this game coming off an impressive 11-8 victory over Fairfield. Captain Devin Ryan and the rest of his fellow seniors would love to defeat Hofstra for the first time in their careers, but they know this game will not be easy.

"Hofstra is definitely a good team," said Ryan. "They are strong every single year, and they will be no different on Saturday. They are capable of beating anyone in the country."

The key to Irish success against the Pride will be stopping senior attackman Tom Kessler. Through six games, Kessler has scored 13 goals and registered 10 assists en route to a team-leading 21 points.

Notre Dame's defense, led by senior captain A.J. Wright, performed well against third-ranked Loyola and fourth-ranked Virginia, but the Irish still came up short at the end of the games. "Our defense has played very well, but it does not matter if the other team scores more goals than you at the end of the game," said Corrigan. "Our offense is improving, but we need a total team effort against Hofstra."

The Irish offense has struggled with consistency this season because it has had to replace so many starters from last year. The youth movement on the Irish offense, led by freshmen Brian Giordano and Matt Malakoff, has improved since the beginning of the year.

"I'm very pleased with how our younger guys have been playing. They keep getting better each game," said Corrigan. "We need our veterans to step up their play. We have to do a better job of taking care of the ball on offense."

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Brian Giordano echoed the sentiments of his coach. "We're in the middle of an ongoing learning process on offense," he said. "We're starting to pick up on each other's tendencies. If we put together an offensive and defensive game plan like we did against Rutgers, we will be successful every time."

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Irish sophomore midfielder Owen Mulford looks downfield during Notre Dame's 10-9 loss to Penn State earlier this season. The Irish host Hofstra on Saturday.
The Office of Athletics has already managed to add 30 more points to the total.

Champions for the basketball finals will be a battle of the car-driving, off-campus crowd. The Super Sexy Seniors will be taking on the campus crowd. The Super Sexy Seniors, with varsity athletes such as Rachel Robinson and Mary Campione, will provide stiff competition for the Basketbelles. Following the intramural championship games, athletic activities that the whole campus can take part in will begin. There will be several drawings, class spirit contests, games and food.

But for all those involved in planning the event, it is really about school pride.

"The whole purpose of the night is really to share Saint Mary's spirit and pride."

Lynn Kachmar
Saint Mary's athletic director

Those changes include a surprise opening that the planning team has been referring to as the "Opening Spectacular." Aside from Kachmar, Miller and a few other members of the planning team, the opening will be a surprise even to those who have helped plan Midnight Madness.

"The main thing with the opening spectacular, is that the people on the planning committee know every detail of the night so nothing has been a surprise," Miller said. "This way we still have a surprise to them. (Since) only a few of us know exactly what is going to happen.

The madness gets under way tonight at 8 p.m. and all students, except those who have ticket stubs from Saint Mary's presentation of "The Learned Ladies," must be in the D333rooms by 10 p.m.

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NCAA College Basketball

Arkansas upholds coach's dismissal

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.
The University of Arkansas' top executive upheld the dismissal of basketball coach Nolan Richardson, saying Thursday that he concurred in a campus chancellor's decision to fire the basketball coach.

President B. Alan Sugg said he reviewed 80 pages of material submitted by Richardson and interviewed a number of people while doing his own research. In the end, he agreed that the coach should be replaced.

"Based on my review, I am firmly convinced that the termination of your employment agreement by (Chancellor) John White in consultation with (athletic director) Frank Broyles was legal and fair," Sugg wrote Thursday in a letter to Richardson. "I find no evidence of discriminatory conduct or motive in the making of this decision by John White and Frank Broyles.

It wasn't whether Richardson would sue. The appeal to Sugg was seen as a prerequisite for any action through the courts or government agencies.

"We're not going to move in haste. We'll consider all options carefully and in due course," said Richardson's lawyer, John Walker. "It'll be awhile before we choose to do anything. We won't make any announcement about it. We'll just do it if we do it.

For a time, and with input from several others, Richardson tried to develop a variety of conditions under which he might stay at the university, Walker said. One set of suggestions, obtained by The Associated Press, demanded that Broyles resign and that Richardson be allowed to take a year off.

"We were asked by emisaries, purportedly representing the university, what conditions would be appropriate in order to resolve this matter," Walker said.

Walker and university lawyer Fred Harrison said Richardson never presented the demands to Arkansas.

"They were never presented because our settlement discussions broke down," Walker said.

White terminated Richardson's contract March 1 and said the coach had asked privately and publicly to be bought out.

Richardson said Feb. 23 and Feb. 25 that if the university bought out his contract, he would leave. He said later, however, that he wanted to stay and asked Sugg to review White's decision.

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Irish carry win streak into Big East opener

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Editor

Following the Irish Baseball Classic in San Antonio, Texas, at the end of spring break, the Irish have started to come together, winning four straight games to push their record to 9-6.

"After losing those games we dropped out of the top 25, but at the same time, our team is just finding itself," Stanley said. "We're learning about each other and becoming a team."

Several Irish hitters have been on a roll lately, including Stanley, Naviski and Bushey, who are each hitting over .400 for the season. Stavisky has already made a powerful impact with his return to the lineup, belting three home runs and boasting a monstrous 1.048 slugging percentage.

Part of the staple of the Irish lineup this year has been the impressive contributions of several freshmen pitchers. Irish starters Chris Niesel, Grant Johnson and John Axell have combined this season for a 3.10 ERA and 57 strikeouts in nearly half the team's 134 innings pitched.

"That's something I don't think I've ever done," head coach Paul Mainieri said. "But I have complete confidence in these young guys. They've showed off so far this year that they have great ability and composure on the mound."

The Huskies got off to a much more difficult start than Notre Dame did this season, going 0-4 before winning their next five games out of six to even their record at 5-5. They are led at the plate by junior infielder Brett Barnham, who is currently batting .466 after their first ten games.

Junior leftfielder Jesse Carlson has been the staple on the mound for the Huskies, going 3-0 and pacing the team in ERA at 2.84 and strikeouts with 25.

The teams will play a double-header beginning at noon Saturday, and will wrap up the series with another noon start Sunday.

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Irish kick off conference season

By AARON RONSH EIM
Sports Writer

Two doubleheaders at home this weekend will lead off the Notre Dame softball team’s Big East schedule. The Irish (5-12) will play two games against Rutgers on Saturday, followed by two more against Villanova on Sunday.

Players are eager to spend a weekend in South Bend and play at home for the first time this year. "We are excited to be back at home," centerfielder Jenny Kriech said. "We have been traveling a lot this season. We are really pumped to play in front of a home crowd."

After the toughest pre-conference schedule in school history, in which the Irish played eight top-25 teams, they hope that the tough schedule has prepared them for Big East competition.

"I think it is going to be a huge advantage for us because we have been facing all the top teams," said third baseman Andrea Loman.

The Irish will face two teams at the opposite ends of the standings this weekend. Rutgers has a record of 1-11 and has scored only 22 runs in those 12 games. Villanova, along with Notre Dame, was picked to win the Big East conference. The Wildcats are 12-2 with the help of Theresa Hornick, the preseason Big East pitcher of the year.

Even though Rutgers has gotten off to a slow start, they are very capable of turning their season around. Under Pat Willis’ 30 years of coaching, the Scarlet Knights have only finished under .500 three times.

"Their record doesn’t show what they are made of. We saw them play, and they are a good and scrappy team," said Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf.

Brittney Neer leads the Scarlet Knights with a .414 batting average, good enough for fifth place in the Big East.

This will be the only time that Notre Dame gets the chance to play these teams, so games will be important for both teams, especially the Villanova-Notre Dame matchup.

Last season, Villanova finished with a 43-10 record under coach Maria DiBernard. The Wildcats are looking to improve on that record with their strong pitching staff. Besides Hornick (5-1), Villanova has Shannon Williams (3-0) and Kristen Hayes (2-0) who are responsible for a team earned run average of only 1.23.

On offense they are led by junior Sara Carlson, the Big East preseason Player of the Year, and Ricci Lago, who has six home runs on the year, along with a .417 avg. and 25 RBIs.

When asked about pitching around Lago or any special plans, Gumpf said, "We will go right at her. She is good, we just have to be smart."

Even through the Wildcats have gotten off to a good start, Loman is confident about Notre Dame’s chances against the Wildcats.

"We know how we measure up against them. We think we are the better team, so we just have to stick it to them and let them know who is in top in the Big East," said Loman.

The Wildcats will face a very balanced Irish team. The Irish have five players with more than five RBIs. The Irish have 11 round tripners on the year and over spring break Jarrah Myers broke the career record for home runs, with her 14th of her career against Oregon.

The Irish believe that their previous success will carry over into the weekend.

"I think it will be a really good weekend for us. We have had some really tough competition, but overall we’ve meshed over spring break, and I think we can have a great weekend," said Loman.

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Conference Schedule

**Friday, March 22**

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Registration  
Great Hall, Hesburgh Center

7:00 p.m.  
Keynote Address: Colman McCarthy  
Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza College of Business

9:00 p.m.  
Bowling Outing for Panel Presenters  
Beacon Bowl (transportation provided)

**Saturday, March 23**

(All events at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies)

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Peace Strategies Workshop  
Youth and Global Change  
Islam and an Inter-Religious Dialogue |
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Peace, Development, and Multi-Faceted Solutions |
| 5:00       | Closing Concert  
Performing Peace Through Music and Art |

... you want to see in the world
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When the Irish have a problem and no one else can help, all they have to do is find the A-Team. Just like the 1980s TV show, the Irish A-Team always delivers. And they do it with stone-cold efficiency.

Ament and Kryczalo's bouts are rarely suspenseful or even exciting. Kryczalo won eight of her 12 bouts without yielding a touch. Thompson's defenses and collective efficiency, she calmly broke down their individual weapons.

Both Kryczalo and Ament are as unflappable and polite off the strip as they are ruthlessly efficient with their weapons. They quickly dispatch each opponent with a smile and little celebration. They both point out that their individual successes are only important because they can help the team win a national title.

"I've never really come from a pool where I had a team before," Ament said. "I really cared about a team or even weapons has prevented the Irish from winning another national title. But with Ament and Kryczalo beating every fencer that dares to step on the strip with them, a poor showing by an individual can be covered up.

"I thought I could score like that because I felt a lot of pressure on me because I am one of the fencers who can win this," Kryczalo said. "I felt glad to do this because I am one of the few fencers who can win.

"I would be walking around with a smile. I would be walking around very relaxed," Thompson jumped out to a 4-1 lead before Ament mounted her comeback. With machine-like efficiency, she calmly broke down Thompson's defenses and collected a 5-4 win.

Ament's only close bout of the day came against Meta Thompson of Ohio State. Thompson jumped out to a 4-1 lead before Ament mounted her comeback. With machine-like efficiency, she calmly broke down Thompson's defenses and collected a 5-4 win.

The A-Team delivered again. "I wish we had the same two girls in epee and sabre," head coach Ves Auriol said with a smile. "I would be walking around very relaxed."

But this 2002 version of the A-Team is completely lacking Mr. T's bad attitude.

The A-Team always delivers. Just like the 1980s TV show, the Irish A-Team always delivers.
**FOURTH AND INCHES**

**Foxy Trot**

I know I sound like a broken CD, mother, but I just wish I could have a spring break like they show on TV.

**Bad News, Feel free to follow me into the basement, I mean good crazy**

**I want to go someplace warm and wet, where people go crazy**

**Spanish**

Pea r variety

Break down

**Supplementary:**

- Evidence of change (Roman vehicle)
- Not leave alone
- 2000 Michigan Fly Rods
- Elferr0l
- Inerr0r
- Rossword

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

**Thank you for all the mail.**

**Crossword**

**ACROSS**

1. Like some glasses
2. Slightly
3. Evidence of change
4. Not leave alone
5. Rules
6. Break down
7. "It's My Year!"
8. 2000 Michigan Fly Rods
9. Plant more than a scuffle
10. Door sign
11. Break down
12. Shaw - a wrinkly dog
13. Manniquin
14. Suffix with Roman
15. Some "JAG" roles: Abbr.
16. Kind of way
17. Cook in a wok
18. Part of many a manuscript
19. Bonus point or at least checking out the possibilities
20. El, F
21. Muffet
22. A CROSS
23. Scuffle
24. Common links
25. Mouths (off)
26. What's not done yet
27. Cook in a wok, maybe
28. Kind of way
29. Scuffle
30. Fancy, as a restaurant
31. Expensive fur
32. Help for a long shot
33. Break down
34. Citation opener
35. Mouths (off)
36. Help for a long shot
37. More than a scuffle
38. Extra t
39. Union label?
40. Evidence of change (Roman vehicle)
41. Some "JAG"
42. Common links
43. Mouths (off)
44. Door sign
45. Break down
46. "Me too"
47. Part of many a bus address
48. Sudden blow
49. Common links
50. Some "JAG" roles: Abbr.
51. Like final manuscripts
52. Common links
53. Loc.
54. Gazdeo framework
55. Because of the challenge
56. Cousin of baseball
57. Restrained
58. Soap maker since 1882
59. Union label?
60. Some "JAG"
61. Common links
62. Mouths (off)
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64. Door sign
65. Break down
66. "Me too"

**DOWN**

1. Craves
2. Tobacco or nicotine
3. Bored in a way
4. Carbohydrate
5. Bit for Miss Muffet
6. Becker of L.A. Law
7. Healthful food ad dam
8. Panting words
9. Once and again
10. Let
11. They: Fr.
12. Get wild
13. Is defeated by
14. Siren
15. They: Fr.
16. Let
17. Once and again
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20. Get wild
21. Bit for Miss Muffet
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**Horoscope**

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**2002 NCAA FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Starting down the road to a title

*Despite slow start, Irish on top after first day*

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

MADISON, N.J.

Concerned expressions blan­ked the faces of the Notre Dame fencing team after the women’s sabre team opened Thursday’s competition with only one victory in its first 10 matches.

By the end of the day, one thing returned the smiles to their faces.

Winning.

Notre Dame, led by its first­time national championship­team qualifiers, stands in first place with 61 points at the NCAA Championships after Thursday’s matches.

Defending champion St. John’s is in second with 57, while Penn State is third with 53.

Notre Dame’s freshman foil duo of Alicja Kryczalo and Andrea Ament won 27 of their 28 bouts on Thursday and claimed the top two places in the field.

Their combined win total puts them in first as a team and is the maximum possible since Kryczalo and Ament faced each other in their first match.

“That was as well as we hoped to do, so it’s nice that we achieved our goal,” said Ament.

“We still have some tough people to fence, but we also got through some tough people today.”

Although this meet is the first NCAA fencing championships, freshmen are supposed to lose concentration a few times and drop some silly bouts.

They are supposed to get rattled by the crowds, get intimidated by the tough competition and falter under pressure with a championship on the line.

They are certainly not supposed to combine for 27 wins and sit in first and second place after the first day.

But that’s exactly what Alicja Kryczalo and Andrea Ament have done. Kryczalo’s 14-0 record places her in first place of the women’s foil competition, while Ament’s 13-1 record sits her in second.

They’ve been as reliable as a pair of seniors — so reliable that Irish fans have taken to calling them The A-Team. When the sabre and epee fencers won just eight of their first 20 bouts, the foil team churned out nine wins out of 10 bouts.

The only loss came when Kryczalo beat Ament head-to-head.

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**FENCING**

Sophomore Kerry Walton, right, attacks St. John’s Arlene Stevens with less than 10 seconds remaining in overtime. Walton scored a touch with four seconds left to beat Stevens 4-3. Walton won 12 of her 14 bouts Thursday to place third after four rounds of competition.

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**SMC MIDNIGHT MADNESS**

Intramural season culminates tonight

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

It’s that time of year again when Angela Athletic Facility will host one of the largest crowds of the year. As students, faculty and staff emerge from their classrooms, they will enter the facility to participate in tonight’s Midnight Madness extravaganza.

The third annual culmination of the intramural season and presentation of the intramural championship will kick off at 8 p.m. tonight, with championship games in five-on-five soccer, five-on-five basketball and four-on-four volleyball.

Following the three championship games, the madness begins.

“It’s not just about athletics, it’s about pride of Saint Mary’s,” said Janel Miller, who helped organize the event. “It’s not just about the prizes. It’s about the games, having fun. I just want to see people come, give it a try.”

Heading into intramural championships, the LeMans Hall Angels have a 30-point lead on the other house.

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**TRACK**

Irish begin outdoor season

By DAVE COOK
Sports Writer

After a week of rest for the Notre Dame men’s and women’s track and field teams following an impressive showing at the NCAA Indoor Championships, the Irish are ready to begin their outdoor season.

The teams will be sending 18 athletes to Tempe, Ariz., for this weekend’s Baldy Castillo Invitational, and head coach Joe Plane is wasting no time in showcasing his talented Irish squad.

The 18 competitors who are going are primarily short-distance runners and field event athletes who hope to post NCAA qualifying times. The longest distance the Irish will be running this weekend is the 1,500-meter run in the 1,500-meter run in last year’s invitational with a time of 3 minutes, 52.68 seconds.

In the field events for the men, junior Mike Madigan is making his 2002 season debut in the javelin.

Madigan has a personal best throw of 190 feet, 10 inches, which he took first at the 2001 Notre Dame Spring Opener. He also took sixth place in the Baldy Castillo Invitational last year.

Senior Derek Dyer looks to continue his success at this invitational, where in 2001 he took fifth and third place in the shotput and discus events, respectively. In the shotput last year, his best throw was 48-9, but he has since improved that mark to 51-3 inches during the 2002 indoor season.

Senior indoor All-American Liz Grow will be leading a strong contingent of Irish sprinters this weekend.

Grow, who is seeking a fourth consecutive berth to the NCAA outdoor championships this year, hopes she can make a strong showing in the 100- and 200-meter dashes.

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**SPORTS AT A GLANCE**

- Women's Swimming at NCAA Championships, Today-Saturday
- Fencing at NCAA Championships, Today-Sunday
- Women's Lacrosse vs. Virginia Tech, Sunday, 1 p.m.