By HELENA PAYNE

Police respond to calls reporting vandalism at Main Building

In the latest student demonstration against proposed alcohol policy changes, more than 100 students burned copies of the Notre Dame rule manual, du Lac, and hurled glass bottles of alcoholic beverages at the Main Building steps early this morning.

The midnight rally, which lasted for 30 minutes, ended abruptly when students quickly scattered away from the scene after Notre Dame Security/Police arrived at 12:30 a.m. NDP Sgt. Greg Pavonica said police received a call about a disturbance outside Main Building and "some vandalism along with a fire," which they are investigating.

The rally ended in no injuries or arrests. "Don't give up the fight," said O'Neill Hall President-elect Joe Muto, a sophomore who has been vocal about his contempt for the alcohol policy, which will ban hard alcohol in dorms and will allow students 21 years old or older to host tailgaters with alcohol in a designated lot.

Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman officially announced the new policy at Monday's Campus Life Council meeting, although students received an e-mail about the changes on March 18. Since the e-mail, there has been an all-campus rally sponsored by student government.

Students said they were participating in the latest rally because it was another chance to show the administration that their voices would be heard.

"I feel that Father Poorman's decisions are an invasion on our rights," said sophomore Cindy Adimari, who attended the rally with fellow Badin Hall residents.

Muto, who spoke to the crowd, said he was satisfied with the student response. "We're very powerful," he said. "I don't think students realize that.

The idea for the rally, called Give Back du Lac," came from sophomore Valerie Muto, a sophomore who has been vocal about her disappointment with University administrators after the CLC meeting.

"I was really frustrated afterwards," said Seidl, adding that she had expected more of a student response at the meeting. "I was surprised that only a small crowd of the students was being proactive."

Later Monday, Seidl, along with sophomores Gabby Sokpo, Leah Bertke and Mary Miksch decided to take action. The women made posters and began spreading messages of the du Lac demonstration word of mouth.

However, Seidl and the other planners advertised that students should bring copies of du Lac and old gifts from in-hall dances to the rally, not the bottles of Absolut, Bacardi, Jose Cuervo and lighters to burn du Lac that participants also added to the list.

"We didn't intend for people to start lighting things on fire," said Seidl. "The people who started fires went to extremes to try to see RALLY/page 4

A Notre Dame student sets paper on fire to symbolically protest the University's proposed changes to the alcohol policy. More than 100 students gathered in front of the Main Building for the rally.

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By MEGHAN MARTIN

Hahn shares stories in 'Last Lecture'

Notre Dame's Alexander Hahn may have claimed to be out of his element, but the mathematician, professor, entertained and inspired his audience with ease during Tuesday in the final installment of the student government-sponsored Last Lecture series.

"Mathematicians," he said, "always have their 'security blankets': a piece of chalk, a blackboard and logic to the flow of their studies. Here, there is no blackboard, no chalk."

To the friends, colleagues and students gathered among the couches of Welsh Family Hall's family room Tuesday night, Hahn imparted the wisdom and insight he has gained throughout his life, from his childhood in Austria to his tenure as director of the Science College Honors Program at the University.

A 37-year veteran at the University, he discussed his early experiences in a "formidable" grade school run by Benedictine monks and related the tale of his family's subsequent move to America, predicated by the disastrous Hungarian revolution.

His initial frustrations with the English language and the suggestion of a college friend led him to the study of math during his years at Loyola University in Los Angeles. He took his friend's advice to heart, and it eventually led him to graduate school at Notre Dame, an arrangement that would eventually lead to his current position as full professor of mathematics at the University.

Realizing that he was asked to speak in the Last Lecture series, a theme which itself evokes a melting of emotions, Hahn reflected on the relevance of his work, asking himself, "What has your contribution been?" and "What will your living days all have added up to?"

His own response, he says, was to initially rule out all mate...
INSIDE COLUMN

Students vs. ND

It seems apparent that the student war on Father Mark Poorman’s drinking resolutions is going to play out in the pages of the Observer. Basically, it’s not my problem anymore. I am “of age,” and I live off campus.

I do not fight, argue, and generally make people feel uncomfortable. But I am about to take on the administration of this University. If there is a student petition, I will sign it. If there is a march on the Main Building, I will show up and watch people burn the student handbook and reveal in the raucous behavior of the angry mob. But I am not going to organize my own movement in support of a student body that cares more about scholastics than drinking-oriented interests.

I believe students should have alcohol, lots of it. I think, before a student earns the right to drink beer, they should be forced to drink two shots of Everclear. For those of you who are not familiar with Everclear, it’s not the rum used on their rice in the tropics. It’s grain alcohol, and frankly, it’s the toughest shot you have ever had to do. The point is that you would rather sit yourself into a dentist’s chair and endure three hours of root canal than swallow this liquid.

In essence, drinking is part of the Notre Dame experience. I guarantee most people will remember the night they met their roommate, their student adviser, and you will see the proof for yourself. Every alum over 50 has a head of white hair, a well-defined beer gut and an erection complex. Their faces wear the markings of a drinker’s life which I bet started either in college or before. I bet they got rushed, tailgated or handcuffed for drinking at a Labyrinth St. Patrick’s Day celebration.

This is a tier-one private school, and people would kill to get in here. If you don’t like it here, the University has no problem replacing your spot with another student who could care less about the University’s policy on student drinking and who will spend their entire four years of college handcuffed to their computer, cracking out work.

I am going to get my degree, and I plan on coming back to Notre Dame next year. I will hire Poorman’s head from his top left rather than the day they received a good grade on an assignment in English.

I honestly hope undergrads retain their drinking rights. Drinking is a part of college. Just walk into the Alcove and see a room window and you will see the proof for yourself. Every alum over 50 has a head of white hair, a well-defined beer gut and an erection complex. Their faces wear the markings of a drinker’s life which I bet started either in college or before. I bet they got rushed, tailgated or handcuffed for drinking at a Labyrinth St. Patrick’s Day celebration.

The two sides of the issue present—corrected

GOODBYE COLUMN

Indiana University officials won’t cover Klan mural

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. Amid reporters, cameras, lights and concerned students, Indiana University-Bloomington Chancellor Sharon Brehm held a press conference in the Indiana Memorial Union to make public her decision on the Benton mural featuring Ku Klux Klan members in Woodburn Hall 100.

Brehm stated the mural would not be covered because of moral issues and could not be moved because the painting could suffer irreparable damage. “I am convinced that moving or covering the mural would be morally wrong,” Brehm said. “It would, in effect, do what Benton refused to do. That is, it would hide the shameful aspects of Indiana’s past.”

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With that, Brehm revealed her plan for dealing with the mural problem and also for dealing with diversity issues on the Bloomington, Ind., campus.

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DARTMOUTH UNIVERSITY

Murder suspect sees 2 trials

HANOVER, N.H. Lawyers for Robert Tulloch argued in a court filing Monday accusation he and alleged accomplice James Parker planned the killings of Half and Susanne Zantop months in advance should not be heard at the lower murder trial. The Board of Regents of the Indiana Memorial Union to make public her decision on the Benton mural featuring Ku Klux Klan members in Woodburn Hall 100.

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BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Former student dies in car crash

WACO, Texas Services for a former Baylor University student who died in an automobile accident Thursday night will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Memorial Student Center in Waco, Texas. Martin Esteban Aleman, who was a junior when he last attended Baylor in the fall, was involved in a one-car automobile accident at about 11:20 p.m. Thursday on State Highway 21 near College Station, Texas. A spokesperson at the Department of Public Safety said Aleman, who was traveling alone, apparently lost control of his 1996 Ford Explorer when he ran off the right side of the highway into the grass. The spokesperson said Aleman was pronounced dead at the scene by Ramiro Quintero, a Justice of the Peace. Aleman’s is the first overall scheme by the defendant and Parker to raise first-degree murder charges, state prosecutors have alleged the Zantop murders were only part of “an overall scheme by the defendant and Parker to raise $10,000 illegally, to eliminate witnesses and to travel to.”

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By SARAH NESTOR

Poet and writer Rigoberto González read excerpts from his upcoming memoir and poems from his first collection of poetry to an audience at Saint Mary’s in Haggar Parlor Tuesday.

Richard Yanez, an English professor and a Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership fellow, introduced González to the audience and was the main supporter in bringing the talented poet to campus. The writer read from his upcoming memoir "Butterfly Boy" and his first collection of poetry, "So Often the Pitcher Goes to Water until It Breaks."

"One of the reasons I came to CWIL was to bring different guests to campus. Because of my own literary background, I want to bring many different writers," González said. "Bigo and I have many different ties, from Arizona and beyond."

González was born in Bakersfield, Calif., but spent a majority of his childhood traveling between the United States and Mexico. As the son and grandson of migrant workers, these experiences are reflected in his work. His memoir, "Butterfly Boy," expresses these journeys.

"It is an emotional journey, going from migrant farm worker to going around to colleges and reading poetry. My memoir tries to understand this journey," González said.

The first poem that González read, "Blizzard," was about the first time he saw snow while in New Mexico. It reflected the weather he saw Tuesday in his first trip to Indiana.

While some of González’s work includes graphic details of sex and violence, he welcomed the reactions of the audience.

"It’s ok to be freaked out by my work," González said. "Part of me expects that, wants that and gets off on it. González also said that despite the graphic nature of some of his work, he is very squeamish when it comes to seeing something in real life.

González ended the session with a reading of "The Man Who Gives You Nightmares," stating that he wanted the excerpt to give the audience bad dreams.

González attended the University of California at Riverside and Arizona State University.


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SICB talk centers on U.N. contracts

By KATIE VINCER

The Student International Business Council held a campus coffee break Tuesday evening at Saint Mary’s.

"We’re trying to bring everyone together in a comfortable atmosphere to discuss issues," said senior Mary Campe, SIBC director of marketing.

Father Oliver Williams, director of the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business, provided the United Nations Global Contracts as the discussion topic.

"The U.N. Global Contracts is a set of nine principles concerning human rights, environmental issues, discrimination, and abolition of child labor," said Williams.

Kofi Annan, secretary-general of the United Nations, created and sculpted these principles. He announced these principles in January 1999 at the Davos World Economic Forum. This compact is an attempt to stabilize the world market.

Williams is organizing a conference this April addressing this contract. "The purpose of this conference is to familiarize U.S. businesses with this compact," said Williams.


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Lies becomes CSC director

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

Father William Lies, a guest scholar for the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, will become the new executive director for the Center for Social Concerns this summer.

He replaces Father Don McNeill, who is leaving for sabbatical.

Lies, who is getting his post-doctorate in political science from the University of Pittsburgh, has shown the leadership qualities that the CSC staff and Notre Dame administration were looking for in McNeill’s successor, the departing director said.

“We shared a similar passion for justice and for the social mission of the church,” said McNeill, who has been with the CSC for 19 years.

More than a year ago, University President Father Edward Malloy and Vice President for Public Affairs and Communication Lou Nanni could find someone that had the gifts and the passion of the center, that we would very much like that person,” McNeill said.

Lies, who received his master of divinity degree from the University in 1993, was also ordained on campus at the Sacred Heart Basilica in 1994.

He had worked in Chicago, Iowa, Chile and many U.S. Latino communities before returning to Notre Dame.

“This job is an exciting assignment for me — for the entire staff center, and I look forward to working with them as well as many others in the effort,” said Lies.

Lies said he looks forward to the new challenges of reaching out to more students and getting faculty involved with the CSC.

“I see the Center’s job as helping to round out the intellectual and spiritual formation of our students,” McNeill said.

“We look to enhance what Notre Dame as a university is trying to do, and we do it by collaborating with a lot of others to offer formative educational and service experiences for our students.”

The CSC has existed since 1983, when McNeill helped found the office along with students and administrators who wanted to extend the social service and experiential learning options available at Notre Dame.

“It’s been a great joy, and the joy has been to share as a Holy Cross priest with many lay women and men the common commitment to respond to the call for a more just and humane world,” said McNeill, who will begin his one-year sabbatical on July 1.

McNeill said he plans to engage in the three "Rs": relaxation, renewal, and recreation.

“It’s not retiring like many of my classmates. I’m seeing this as a transition to another type of Holy Cross ministry,” said McNeill.

During the sabbatical, McNeill said he plans to travel to Bolivia to improve his Spanish and work with the Maryknoll order there for two months.

Afterward, McNeill said he wants to work in the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago to do social outreach work with Latinos, as well as spend some time in San Antonio and Mexico.

“I feel grateful for my years at Notre Dame,” said McNeill.

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ven home “with stark finality” by the estate sale of Evelyn George, 85, who lived in the nearby Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago.

Observers of the sale agreed that the new policy bans in undergraduate residence halls.

“Nothing is sacrosanct,” Masserer, who is a 23-year-old student from Germany, said he is used to drinking beer in his country rather than the hard alcohol that the new policy bans in under­graduate residence halls.

“It’s a private University. So basically, either you like it or you transfer,” said Freshman Hanni Masserer.

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Arafat not attending Arab summit:

The Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat will not attend the Arab League summit in Beirut this week because of Israeli conditions for his departure and return, the Palestinian Cabinet said Tuesday. The Arab League summit, set for Wednesday and Thursday, is to focus on a Saudi plan under which Israel would withdraw from all the territories it captured in the 1967 war — the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and Lebanon — and the Palestinians would return.

Earthquake destroys Afghan city:

An earthquake measuring 6.1 rumbled an entire city and several villages in a remote area of northeastern Afghanistan, with initial reports saying that it killed as many as 2,000 people and left thousands homeless. The earthquake struck early Monday evening. "The whole city of Nahrin was destroyed," said an Afghan official.

National News Briefs

Wis. bus crash kills 4: A tour bus carrying residents of a retirement home collided head-on with a delivery van Tuesday, killing at least four people and injuring 18 others, authorities said. Twenty-one people were aboard the bus, authorities said. The van, which carried only the driver, burst into flames during the accident 30 miles west of Milwaukee. More than a dozen people were taken to hospitals. At least four were in critical condition.

Lawsuit filed for slave descendents:

Three federal lawsuits seeking unspecified reparations for the 35 million descendents of African slaves were filed Tuesday against the Aetna insurance company, the FleetBoston financial services group and railroad giant CSX. The lawsuits also claim that 1,000 unidentified corporations may have profited from slavery and helped it continue in the United States between 1619 and 1865.

Indiana News Briefs

Gunman's history of mental illness:

The gunman who killed four co-workers at an abortion clinic in Milwaukee Tuesday morning had a history of mental illness, authorities said. The gunman, who opened fire on the town, the newspaper said. "We are sure, 100 percent, they came in this direction," Momen said as his car lunged and lurched over a rock-strewn road through the Darang Gorge that leads to Kharwar. A fireman and parachutist plane could be heard prowling the skies. Four distinctive jet streams of B-52 bombers were seen against the blue sky.

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U.S. News for top aide to bin Laden

Associated Press

Kharwar

In the mountains and gorges of eastern Afghanistan, U.S. aircraft are hunting for al-Zawahri and Taliban fighters after local Afghan commanders reported sightings of al-Qaida's second in command.

Egyptian Ayman al-Zawahri reportedly was traveling on horseback with three senior clerics and 26 al-Qaida officials, all Arabs. U.S. officials, however, say there is no credible evidence al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden or his top aide is among the group.

Al-Zawahri, 50, spiritual advisor and personal physician to bin Laden, was last seen a week ago near the site of this month's Operation Anaconda battle between U.S. troops and al-Qaeda fugitives in neighboring Pakhta province, according to Mohammed Momen, an Afghan intelligence officer from Gardez.

From there, Momen and other Afghan authorities believe al-Zawahri headed his way to this part of eastern Afghanistan's Logar province, about 55 miles southwest of Kabul. It is a region with a long history of support for the Taliban.

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Colombia

Man arrested in archbishop slaying

Associated Press

Bogota

The head of a Cali-based gang that allegedly trains young assassins was arrested in the slaying of the city's archbishop, officials said Tuesday.

John Jairo Maturana was arrested in a joint police-army operation Monday in Cali, Colombia's third largest city. Authorities said they believed Maturana either had information on the slaying of Archbishop Isaias Duarte or took part in the killing.

Maturana's was the first major arrest in the March 17 killing. The archbishop was killed as he left a group wedding in a poor Cali neighborhood. He was the highest ranking Roman Catholic clergyman killed in this country plagued by drug violence and a 30-year civil war.

Authorities have said they suspect cocaine traffickers were behind the murder. Duarte recently denounced the use of drug money to finance candidates in legislative elections.

Army 3rd Division Gen. Francisco Pedraza said Maturana, nicknamed "Martina" and believed to be in his late 20s, is the leader of one of the city's most feared gangs.

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FRANCE

Gunman kills at least 8 near Paris suburb

Associated Press

NANTERRE

A gunman opened fire near the city hall of a Paris suburb early Wednesday, killing at least eight people and wounding 18 others, rescue officials said.

At least eight of the wounded were in serious condition. Dozens of police vehicles and more than 100 rescue officials flooded the scene in the western Paris suburb of Nanterre, said Cmdr. Christian Decolloredo of the Paris rescue squad.

He said police arrested the suspected gunman but did not provide any other detail on how the apprehension occurred. The suspect was not identified. Police said the motive was not immediately clear.

The shooting took place at around 1:15 a.m. following a call from bystanders running for cover.

"We have evidence of low turnouts where the figures show otherwise and vice versa. These figures must be explained by the relevant authorities." - David Coltart, legal affairs spokesman

Mugabe, 78, led the nation to independence from Britain in 1980 and faced little dissent until recent years, when the nation's economy collapsed and political violence erupted. Several foreign election observers have said the poll was biased to ensure a Mugabe victory.

The Commonwealth of Britain and its former colonies has suspended Zimbabwe from the organization's meetings for one year, citing the "high level of politically motivated violence" in the vote.

Tsvangirai has called for a new vote and vowed not to hold talks with Mugabe's party until authorities end political violence and reprisal attacks against his supporters.

At least 150 people have died and tens of thousands have been left homeless in the past two years of violence, which human rights groups say was part of a government plan to scare opposition voters away from the polls.

The report said a reduction in the number of urban polling stations and an increase in rural ones was intended to favor voters in Mugabe strongholds and disenfranchise urban opposition supporters.

Despite long voting lines in one Harare district, Mudede announced a 32 percent turnout, while the supervisory commission reported a 51 percent turnout.

In the rural Mugabe stronghold of Mudzi, three voters reportedly cast ballots every two minutes, while in the opposition-dominated Dzivarasekwa township, one vote was cast every three minutes, according to the report.
Hesburgh earns honorary degree

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh added to his record of honorary degrees at Ohio State University’s winter commencement exercises on March 22. The new honorary doctor of humane letters degree will bring Hesburgh’s total to 148, the most ever bestowed on an individual, according to the Guinness Book of World Records. One of the 20th century’s leading figures in higher education, Hesburgh served as Notre Dame’s president from 1952-87. His 35-year tenure included the transfer of governance from the Congregation of Holy Cross to a predominantly lay Board of Trustees in 1967, and the admission of women to the undergraduate program in 1972. Since his retirement, Hesburgh, 84, has continued to serve on the boards of national and international organizations, write articles and deliver speeches.

Highlighting a lengthy list of awards to Hesburgh are the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest honor awarded by Congress, and the Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor, bestowed on him by President Lyndon Johnson.

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Blood vessels made from stem cells

► Despite ethical debate, scientists plan to continue research

WASHINGTON

Scientists seeking new ways to repair damaged arteries and ailing hearts have coaxed stem cells from a human embryo into forming tiny blood vessels. It’s the first time human embryonic stem cells have been nurtured to the point where they will organize into blood vessels that could nourish the body, according to Robert Langer, leader of a laboratory team at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

But it isn’t likely to be the last, as scientists pursue research into uses for stem cells despite debate over the ethics of using the cells.

The new development is reported in Tuesday’s online issue of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Dr. John Gearhart of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine said the research is a “nice illustration” of how stem cells can serve as a source of various types of cells, in this case for blood vessels.

“I think this is terrific,” said Gearhart, who was not part of the research team. “It’s another good example of the isolation of an important cell type from human embryonic stem cells.”

“These are the kinds of papers we are going to see a lot of,” Gearhart added.

Langer said the work shows that endothelial cells can be made from human embryonic stem cells.

Endothelial cells line veins, arteries and lymph tissue. They are key to the structures that carry blood throughout the body. He said if the technique is refined, scientists may eventually be able to make in the laboratory blood vessels that could be used to replace diseased arteries in the body.

“There are thousands of operations a year now where doctors take vessels from one part of the body and transplant them to another,” said Langer. Eventually, he said, such vessels could be made from embryonic stem cells.

Langer said endothelial cells also might be used to restore circulation to cells damaged by heart attacks. He said the processed stem cells may be able to re-establish blood flow to hearts failing due to blocked arteries.

The research was conducted using human embryos, but Langer said the cell culture used is one of 61 worldwide that have been approved by the National Institutes of Health for federally funded research.

The use of embryonic stem cells is controversial because extracting the cells kills a living human embryo. President Bush last summer decided that federal funding would be permitted only for stem cell cultures that already existed and were made from embryos that were to be discarded by fertility clinics. The aim was to prevent further killing for research purposes of other human embryos.

Langer said lab will seek federal money to continue research using the same stem cell cultures, which were obtained from the Rambam Medical Center in Haifa, Israel.

Embryonic stem cells are the ancestral cells of every cell in the body.

In a developing embryo, they transform into cells that make up the organs, bone, skin and other tissues. Researchers hope to direct the transformation of such cells to treat ailing hearts, livers, brains and other organs.

Langer said his team cultured the cells in such a way that they were allowed to develop into the various types of cells that are precursors to mature tissue.

From this colony, the researchers extracted cells that were following a lineage that would lead to mature endothelial cells. These were further cultured and some eventually formed primitive vascular structures.

Some of the cells were injected into laboratory rodents, called SCID mice, whose immune system will not reject foreign tissue.

Langer said the cells continued to transform themselves and after 14 days they developed the tiny tubes and structures of capillaries, the small blood vessels.

He said some of the vessels contained mouse blood cells, suggesting that they had naturally incorporated themselves into the mouse circulation system.

The result, said Langer, shows that embryonic stem cells can spontaneously transform to vessels and organize themselves into a pattern like that which occurs during the formation of an embryo.

“This is the first time this has been done with human cells,” said Langer.
Only action can force change

What with all the protests and hullabaloos surrounding the new alcohol policies and everything, I was reminded of an idea I had a long time ago, before this column existed and back when drinking liquor was still A-OK with the powers that be at this University. This idea comes from that peculiar and astonishing time in all of our lives, freshman year. Strangely enough, it was a class that sparked this little nugget of theory and even more mind-boggling is the fact that it was a philosophy class and a discussion about Rene Descartes. I know, this is ridiculous. I promised never, ever, to include academic sources in my column and now I’m going and doing it. Don’t worry, though, you’ll see how quickly we’ll turn away from the actual academic theory.

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If you, like any other person who hasn’t read for class, take “I think, therefore I am” out of context, it seems plausible enough. What a person thinks is what defines them. Simple, to the point. Wow, Descartes was really great. But herein lies the problem. What a person thinks is a pretty good indication of the kind of person they are. True. But is what you think really who you are?

I don’t think so by a long shot. A person can sit around in a classroom or their dorm room and spew opinions until the cows come home and that doesn’t actually tell you anything about the person from where the theories and ideas were coming from. I know it wasn’t Descartes, but someone, Kierkegaard or Dick Van Patten probably, who said, “Easier said than done.” This is the point. Aimless talking is a waste of breath and nothing more. There’s also that saying about how opinions are like earholes. Everybody has one. What you think means nothing unless you act on those thoughts and opinions. In other words, you can’t attempt to define yourself by talking; show people who you are by the way you conduct yourself.

If you are really concerned with the homeless and underprivileged in this country, then don’t go back to your dormroom after class and play Nintendo all afternoon long. Volunteer and prove you really care. If you don’t disapprove of homosexuals, then don’t use the terms “gay,” “fag” and “homosexual” in a derogatory manner. If you say you’re a really great basketball player, then go to The Rock and dominate. If you’re meddlesome, say you are and then we won’t expect so much. The boasting and complaining has gotten changed for the better. The group very nicely made a stink, shut up? Can you imagine if 75 percent of the student population had shown up at Stonehenge that day to try and save the SYR, hard liquor and tailgating? 50 percent? Wha, something might have gotten changed for the better.

A message may have been sent to the people in charge. Maybe the students could have obtained a voice on this campus that stands for something, instead of a bratty murmur heard in the hallways and dining halls about how we’re being mistreated. But these kind of numbers didn’t show up. Instead, a smaller group of spirited protesters showed while the rest of the complainers sat around and well, complained.

The message here is clear. Descartes was wrong. Well, not really, but taken out of context. I’m saying it anyway. It’s not what you think; it’s what you do about those thoughts. So, to all the people who’ve been sitting around complaining or boasting or whatever, maybe you should try and put your money where your mouth is, and then people will listen.

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Lack of participation not a new problem

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law student
March 26, 2002

Comparisons extend too far

American policy is not perfect. However, the radical comparisons made in Colman McCarthy’s guest column on March 22 are extremely irresponsible.

Equating the deaths of starving human beings with the deaths of animals for food is absurd. I hope that beef producers do not give up alcohol entirely to attend Notre Dame. Problem thinks it will take to ensure the safety of our campus and our students, so be it. As some have said, you are free to leave; there are others who would give up alcohol entirely to attend Notre Dame. My problem is this: until the higher-ups at this University learn that Notre Dame students and alumni should have a place in the deci­sion-making processes that affect them, situations like these will continue to contribute to the sad public commentary on what is other­wise known as a bright, progressive, student-oriented university. Sadly, I am sure the cur­ rent proactive students visiting at this time are getting quite an earful from some angered freshmen.

In my years at the Student Union, I finally realized that our efforts to have a voice were futile and unfulfilled. I am beginning to realize that, in the absence of a capital campaign, the majority of alumni are overlooked as well. Father Mark Poorman, the majority of alumni and students and I respect your leadership, intelligence and good faith. Please help ensure us that you respect ours.

Kathleen Leicht
class of ’91
March 26, 2002

Matt Bramati
unemployed
Kotch Hall
March 25, 2002

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Tony Hawk completes holy trinity

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Editor

For the most part, sequels are always a letdown. Not so for the "Tony Hawk's Pro Skater" series, in which each game has been better than the last.

Neversoft and Activision O2's newest addition to the series takes advantage of the PlayStation 2's high-end processing capabilities and large storage capacity of its DVD format, while remaining true to the old addictive style. The game strikes the perfect balance between tweaking and overhaul.

One of the biggest gameplay improvements in "Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3" is the addition of the "revert" trick that allows players to string vertical ramp tricks into combos. The biggest scores in the last installment of the game were only possible during grind moves, sliding the board on an edge of a structure. By adding the connecting revert move, players will be able to explore a whole new world of combo tricks.

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The physics engine in "Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3" is very advanced, and playing the game is fairly intuitive: there's a lot to learn in the game but players aren't going to find themselves improving almost unconsciously. Game designers also took a lot of time designing the new levels and addressed anti-aliasing issues often complained about in previous editions.

One plus side of the game is its soundtrack, which features artists like KISS One, Rammstein and Alien Art Farm. The game has a large selection of music and players can utilize the playlist feature to turn off any songs they don't like.

But "Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3"'s real strength lies in its playability. This game is perfect for a study break or a marathon all-nighter with friends, with a number of different games to play both competitively and cooperatively. "Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3" is sure to please almost all game fans. In fact, even gamers with dweeby-like sports games will appreciate the beguiling gameplay. "Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3" is probably more dangerous to a student's social life than the new alcohol policies.

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Ancient's Gate' opens way for role playing games

By ADAM TURNER
Scene Video Game Critic

Role-playing games (RPG's) are the under-appreciated, often overlooked children of the gaming industry. Gaming companies spend up to a year in development, trying to create hype for a new world of combo tricks. The biggest scores in the last installment of the game were only possible during grind moves, sliding the board on an edge of a structure. By adding the connecting revert move, players will be able to explore a whole new world of combo tricks.

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The animation and voice acting, almost always looked over in the lesser RPGs, is great. The mission maps are huge and densely populated with monsters, towns and subquests. From time to time, missions are added to the journal, which help players remember what it is they are supposed to be doing. Some missions are required to finish the game, but some are optional, which really adds to the replay value.

The "Ancient's Gate" does have a lot of great features. For instance, the problem found with platform version of games (as opposed to PC versions) is that it is impossible to save the game's progress at all points. Not an issue here. The save menu is always available to save progress, eliminating annoying backtracking that is ever-present and frustrating in RPGs.

Another feature of "The Ancient's Gate" is that weapons a player buys can be broken. This makes sense because after slaughtering about 500 Togs, a scimitar should be darn near broken. This addition lends to the realism and fun, and encourages the use of weapons that a game might typically avoid. With over 50 hand-to-hand weapons and 30 spells, "The Ancient's Gate" provides a veritable arsenal with which to crush the hordes of evil.

On the other side of the playing field are the annoyance that can plague all great games. The hand-to-hand fighting system is not altogether perfect. A swing of the spiked mace can result in a miss just as likely as a hit, even though the sizes of both systems turned on.

That miss leaves just enough time for a Trog to put an unsuspecting gamer with its razor-sharp claws and a thrown controller.

Any game that encourages abuse of the hardware deserves another run-through at the bug department. The controls in "The Ancient's Gate" can also be difficult to learn. For example, Arkoh is very hard to control at first because of the degree of freedom that the programmers wished to give the gamers in flying. This results in much confusion for the gamer, wondering where he is going if this is the right way, and then starting at the map for two minutes.

Expect nothing and a bounty of good shall be received. "Drakan: The Ancient's Gate" is a good addition to the world of RPG gaming on the 128-bit console.

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PlayStation game developing powerhouse Naughty Dog Inc., author of the ultra-successful "Crash Bandicoot" series, has started what hopefully will not become a running series for the PlayStation 2 with its newest release of "Jak and Daxter: the Precursor Legacy," its first foray into the three-dimensional platform genre.

Following its convention of having purposefully light plots, "Naughty Dog" set this game in a tropical utopia whose residents have strange mystic rites centering on an energy substance known as "eco," which comes in a number of varieties. Eco can be harnessed for a number of purposes, from giving the main character, Jak, superpowers to providing mechanical energy for a whole village.

The fluffy plot follows Jak's quest to find a cure for his buddy Daxter, who has fallen into a pool of "dark eco," which has turned him into a wise-cracking, orange, ferret-type creature. The pair set off to explore their fantasy world and uncover the secrets of the mysterious Precursors, a race that left ancient machines lying around that can be activated by — you guessed it — the proper colored eco.

"Crash Bandicoot" fans will recognize the gameplay style of "Jak and Daxter" because they are almost identical. Jak even whirls Daxter around his body in a suspiciously bandicoot-like manner and can do a leaping drop kick analogous to the face plant move in the "Crash Bandicoot" series.

The striking difference between "Crash Bandicoot" and "Jak and Daxter" is the latter's 3D free-roaming platform environment. The "Crash Bandicoot" series was limited to more or less linear levels, much like the original "Mario Brothers" were, but not necessarily side-scrolling. "Jak and Daxter" features an impressive design in which gamers can move about freely. If Jak is standing high up on a lookout point, he can see levels that are very far away. Normally, these are represented by scaled down models, but in "Jak and Daxter" gamers actually see the real realms in the distance. As Jak moves through the game, the PlayStation 2 doesn't have to reload sections of the landscape back in to memory causing a pause in gaming. As a result, "Jak and Daxter" has a seamless feel.

The sound follows suit, delivering a fantastic three-dimensional quality. The down side to "Jak and Daxter" is that it's not that much fun to play. The objectives of the game mostly involve searching various areas of the world to collect "power cells," relics that open up other areas for the duo to explore. The pair also collects "precursor orbs" which can be traded to non-player characters for power cells.

There are a number of enemies in "Jak and Daxter," but gamers are given a wide berth to run around enemies, ignoring them completely. Besides, the enemies are extremely easy to defeat and there are only a few wimpy bosses to take on. The real challenge of "Jak and Daxter" is finding all the relics in an area to open up new areas to be able to find all the relics there to open up yet another area, etc.

Furthermore, the game often neglects its three-dimensional realm by creating situations with only one path to complete the objective. These are usually based on an ascending structure like a mountain or scaffolding, which means that as soon as Jak falls off, gamers will have to start over again to complete the task, which gets very frustrating.

Finally, "Jak and Daxter" wastes a lot of potential with so many search-and-retrieve type missions. Gamers will spend a lot of time running around looking for the relic they are missing. It is frustrating to have completed all the challenges in a level and then have to backtrack looking for one stupid orb. It seems that Naughty Dog has created a beautifully designed game targeted at the obsessive-compulsive market.
NBA

Jamison leads Warriors past Timberwolves

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The 1991-93 Seattle SuperSonics and 1992-94 Sonoma State University basketball teams were both a distant memory for players and coaches alike when they squared off last night.

But for a select few, those memories were of the first period.

Jason Richardson scored 25 points Tuesday night to help the Golden State Warriors send the Los Angeles Lakers to their 10-game losing streak with a 116-92 victory over the fading Minnesota Timberwolves.

Reserve Chris Mills added 18 points, and Shareef Abdur-Rahim had seven players score in double figures, leading the Hawks to their third victory in their last 29 road games.

Even with Tuesday's win, the Golden State has lost 12 of its last 13 games.

Kevin Garnett scored 31 points and Wally Szczerbiak had 24 of his 28 in the first half before halftime, but Jason Richardson gave Golden State the lead with a jumper and Gilbert Arenas added two more layups to make it 54-49 at the half.

The Wolves shot 38 percent (22 of 57) from the floor in the first two quarters.

Bulls 96, Magic 82

Raymond Felton's 3-pointer put Orlando ahead 39-37 with 9:20 left in the third quarter.

The Magic finally opened up a lead with 4:06 left in the period, the Bulls' comeback chances were sabotaged by their 6-6 foul shooting in the fourth quarter.

Wizards 103, Nets 77

Tracy McGrady had 20 points, six rebounds and seven assists in his first game back from suffering spasms last week, and Orlando Magic beat the New Jersey Nets 96-83 Tuesday night for its second win in two games after a three-game losing streak.

The Wolves played without center Kevin Garnett, who scored 23.

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Sports

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Simon's last-minute goal lifts Capitals over Sabres

Associated Press

Danius Zubrus had a goal and three assists, and Ken King and Brendan Witt also scored for the Capitals, who rallied from a 2-0 deficit in a critical game between Eastern Conference teams striving to stay in playoff contention. The victory moved the ninth-place Capitals three points ahead of the Sabres and New York Rangers. It also improved Washington's record to 4-3 on its eight-game road trip, which concludes in New Jersey on Friday.

Miroslav Satan, with two goals, and Taylor Pyatt scored for the Sabres, who dropped to 3-1-1 in their last seven games. After the Sabres controlled the play, outshooting the Capitals 10-2 over a 12-minute stretch, Simon scored courtesy of a neutral-zone turnover.

Witt poke-d the puck off the stick of Buffalo's Curtis Brown, and Zubrus pushed ahead to Simon, who was coming off the bench. Simon snapped a 25-footer that beat Martin Biron on the stick side.

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**NFL**

Spurrier gets down to business in practice

Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — Steve Spurrier is getting down to business in a big way at Redskins camp. He has three implements on his mind — no pun intended — and he's not getting sidetracked.

As expected, Spurrier spent four days with the team before the Super Bowl, and then another two days during the off season. He's been in training camp full time for more than five weeks.

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**MLB**

**MARK SHAPIRO**

Indians' general manager

The Patriots are a good lesson for everyone. They are an affirmation of everything we're trying to do here.

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The Patriots' effort inspires Indians' GM

Mark Shapiro

**NEW YORK**

Shapiro has been reshaping the Indians on and off the field.

Under orders to trim the club's payroll, he traded All-Star second baseman Roberto Alomar to the New York Mets this winter and then passed on re-signing outfielder Juan Gonzalez.

They've been replaced by Ricky Gutierrez and Matt Lawton, lesser players but better clubhouse guys and the kind the Indians want to find more of.

"When we add a player, we want to bring a person of character with strong moral values and not just a talent," Shapiro said.

Chemistry is underrated he said, and it begins with the right mix of players — just like the Patriots had.

"They made a statement with how they won, and with the type of players they had," Shapiro said.

Manuel's presention was well received by the Indians.

"He gave a good talk," Manuel said. "He said a lot of what I like to talk about."

Manuel enjoyed Pioli's film, too. Edited, not.

"The Patriots were hitting pretty hard," he said. "But they didn't show that play (quarterback Tom Brady's) against the Raiders that got them there."
NCAA Men's Basketball

Mouton finds inspiration in tragedy

▪ Maryland senior leads team after almost quitting

Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — A second straight trip to the Final Four and a showdown against the top team in the nation isn’t enough to faze Byron Mouton.

Maryland’s senior forward nearly didn’t make it this far.

Mouton considered quitting the team in December after his brother, Kevin, was shot to death in Houston.

Mouton learned of his brother’s death during a game against Connecticut.

“I wanted to be with my mom and stay whatever I was doing,” Mouton said Tuesday. “But she made me realize that the most important thing is to keep doing what I’ve been doing. She said one thing my brother always wanted me to do was to keep playing ball and get an education.

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Selig pledges not to lock out players

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig pledged Tuesday not to lock out players through the World Series. But left open the threat to impose vast economic changes as soon as the postseason ends.

In 1994, the union struck on Aug. 12, saying the move was its only recourse to fight management's plan to implement changes by cutting a salary cap. The walkout, baseball's eighth since 1972, lasted 232 days and caused the World Series to be canceled for the first time since 1903.

Union head Donald Fehr called Selig's statement "a tacit acknowledgment of the clubs' continuing intention" to make changes that would hurt the World Series.

"He thinks what we do: that the fans can be more easily fooled into thinking this pledge is a concession of sorts in his part," Fehr said.

Selig said for months that a lockout was not the "best signal," but he did refuse to rule out a lockout. His promise not to impose rules that would affect new contracts signed for 2003 and beyond.

A change in the offseason would affect new contracts signed for 2003 and beyond. Our fans deserve to know that the 2002 season will be played to completion." - Bud Selig, MLB commissioner

Injury gives Banks a shot

FORT MYERS, Fla.

In one corner of the clubhouse, Boston Red Sox pitcher John Burkett was talking about disappointment over an injury that will sideline him for the start of the season.

A few lockers down, pitcher Willie Banks was thankful to be getting a second chance because of that injury.

Manager Grady Little told Banks he had made the team Tuesday. Banks probably would have been the last pitcher released if Burkett hadn't gotten hurt.

"My hands are shaking right now," Banks said with a smile after meeting with Little.

"I've been sent down (to the minor leagues) the last day a couple times," he said. "For him to tell me he made the team, I don't know what's better, graduation day, winning the championship or making this club right now. I worked hard and I paid off.

Banks, a first-round draft pick in 1987, missed the entire 1996 season with severe nerve damage in his right shoulder that caused the muscle to deteriorate.

He came back for brief stops with the New York Yankees in 1997 and 1998 before beginning an exile that took him through the minor leagues and Japan. He landed in Boston at the end of last season.

This offseason, Banks, 33, headed for the Venezuelan winter league, hoping to pitch a lot of innings and persuade any remaining doubtfuls that his shoulder was healthy. He came to spring training strong and has a 4.20 ERA in 15 innings this spring. But it looked like he was the 12th man on Little's 11-man pitching staff.

"I woke up this morning and I was just praying to God, man," Banks said. "My knees are all bent down and dirty, right now."

Little liked Banks' aggressiveness this spring, and said the life on his fastball and curve persuaded him that Banks was as good as ever.

He said he will use Banks out of the bullpen in a variety of roles.

"I feel like a rookie all over again," Banks said.

Burkett, meanwhile, was resigning himself to a longer stay at Boston's training camp in Florida because of shoulder tendinitis that hasn't gotten better.

He was placed on the 15-day disabled list on Tuesday, retroactive to last Thursday.

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Cubs send phenom Hill to minors

Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — Chicago Cubs phenom Bobby Hill is going to have to wait a little longer to make his major league debut.

Hill was sent back to minor league camp Tuesday night, despite having a spring most major leaguers would envy. He'll stay with the Cubs through the end of the week and then report to Triple-A Iowa.

"No disappointment. It's more reality than anything," he said. "The spring training I had gave me all the confidence in the world that I know I belong. I'm going to take that with me into the world that I know I belong. I'm ready for the majors." Hill said.

Though DeShields was 444 with a pinch-hitter last season, Hendry said he's earned the right to play every day. DeShields, who is going into his 13th season, also has more experience as a leadoff hitter.

"There's no timetable. It's not going to be the right year for me," he said. "I'm going to be an everyday major league player for us for a long time," said Jim Hendry, the Cubs vice president of player personnel.

"It's a situation clearly where we want Bobby — when he's introduced here — to play every day and not just get half-time work," Hendry said. "When he comes up, we want to play him every day." Hill, who will turn 24 on April 3, hasn't even played two full seasons of professional baseball. He was drafted by the Angels in 1996 and then again by the White Sox three years later, but didn't sign with either team. Instead, he spent three years at the University of Miami, leading the Hurricanes to the College World Series title as a junior.

He played one season at New Britain of the Independent Atlantic League, where he hit .336. He also spent 57 games last season with Double-A West Tenn., where he batted .301 despite missing two months with a groin injury. He then hit .345 in the Arizona Fall League.

The Cubs wanted to see if he could duplicate those numbers in spring training, and he did. "I did all I could," Hill said. "I played the way I needed to play. I hit the ball the way I needed to hit. I got on base the way I needed to get on base. I scored the runs the way I needed to score runs for guys to hit me in.

"I showed every game that I know how to play." But the Cubs also have a veteran second baseman in Denny DeShields, which meant there wasn't a place for Hill.

"What am I going to do with him?" Cubs manager Don Baylor asked. "I've gone over every scenario you can imagine."

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"There's no timetable. It's not like, 'Oh, Bobby, you're going to be the guy next year.' That's not the case," Hendry said. "We feel he can help the ballclub in 2002. Things can change in short periods of time.

And Hill intends to be back. He doesn't know when, but he's sure he'll be back with the Cubs before too long.

There won't be any pouting in the meantime, either.

"I've got to be a grown-up about it," he said. "If I let it get too tough, then all I'll do is go down and fail and it's going to take me longer to get back to where I need to be. This is where I want to be. This is my goal, my dream."

"Someone told me you'll know when you're close. You'll know it, you'll smell it, you'll feel it. And boy, I felt it this spring."
Irish senior Nina Vaughan returns a serve during Notre Dame's recent match against Miami. The Irish host the Fighting Illini of Illinois today.

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matches at both No. 1 and No. 2, as well as two of the last four at No. 3.
"I think our team is confident, but I think we need to regale a little bit of intensity," D'Amico said. "We haven't been competing as well as we were a little bit of a downward spiral.
Against Indiana last week, the fifth-ranked doubles duo of Taborga and fellow senior Casey Smith fell to the Hoosiers' Zach Held and Ryan Recht, who were not ranked.
"Last week we've been losing the doubles point after really solidifying it for the bulk of the season," Bayliss said. "I think [Taborga and Smith] need to have their antennae up and realize they have a target on their back and people are coming after them. They have to meet that challenge. They've just lost three of their last four matches, so it's been a little bit of a downward spiral.
Taborga also was upset in his singles match at Indiana, but Bayliss is not worried about his top player.
"It's hard to get on Javier because in singles he's really carried us," Bayliss said. "He's been playing that No. 1 position. He's been really off the wins. To see him stumble a little bit, I'm not concerned. Everyone has due a bad match every now and then, and [Taborga] had one."
However, Bayliss is concerned with ensuring that the Irish are not obsessed with their ranking and instead just maintain their intensity.
"We've had a marvelous year to date, and it's difficult to keep your focus when the wins are flowing as they have been," Bayliss said. "My concern is that we not get caught up in the successes we've had and that the Irish do not fail to keep doing the little things that got us where we were. We need to be an overall powering team," he continued.
"We've been a team that scrapped hard for every match and every point. And if we lose that identity, winning becomes difficult, because sometimes all of the sudden you wake up and say, 'What happened?'

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hard on the field."
The Blue Hens had a chance to make it 8-8, but White made a key save to get the ball back in Irish hands.
"She definitely came up with some key saves, especially at the end," said Coyne.
White, however, was more praisin of her teammates than her own play.
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The combination was good enough to keep Delaware down.
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MEN'S TENNIS

Ready to feast on the Wolverines

No. 7 Irish head north to take on No. 40 Wolverines

By JOE LINDSEY
Sports Writer

The seventh-ranked Notre Dame men's tennis team, wary of a string of upcoming opponents who have the potential to upset the Irish, travels to Ann Arbor today to play No. 40 Michigan. The team will then head to Terre Haute, Ind., to take on No. 32 Indiana State Saturday.

The Irish, coming off a 6-1 win at Indiana, are confident but not complacent. "We're expecting a pretty tough match," freshman Brent D'Amico said. "(Michigan) is possibly a little under-ranked at this point. They have a lot of players that could definitely give us trouble."

Many of those players have given Notre Dame trouble in the past. The Irish shut out the Wolverines last year, but Notre Dame struggled to overpower Michigan at the Tom Fallon Invitational last fall and lost to the Wolverines two years ago.

"They have a lot of seniors on their team, much like we do, so it's pretty much the same cast of characters," Irish coach Bob Bayliss said. At the Tom Fallon Invitational, the two teams essentially squared off in a hidden dual match, with the Irish achieving the victory, but not without getting kicked off by a Wolverine squad that was missing a few of its players due to injury.

"We won, but everything was really skewed," Bayliss said of the September 2001 tournament. At that invitational, Greg Novak, Michigan's No. 5 player, upset Notre Dame's No. 1, senior Javier Taborga, who is currently ranked 116th nationally among singles players. Novak was eventually refused by Notre Dame senior Aaron Talarico. Irish senior Casey Smith was upset by Michigan's Matt Lockin.

Today, the Irish will also be looking for Henry Beam, ranked 54th in the nation, who will play Taborga at No. 1. Beam is 8-3 this season. Bayliss asserts the team rankings can be deceiving and that disparity between Notre Dame's No. 7 ranking and Michigan's No. 40 ranking is really not as advantageous or as great as it may seem. Many of the Wolverines, who are currently 9-5, have beat Irish players before and are probably keen on staging an upset. However, Michigan has yet to defeat a team in the top 30 this season and the Wolverines are 2-3 against teams that the Irish have gone 4-2 against this season.

Although the Irish own a 16-4 record and have posted only one loss to No. 2 Illinois in their last 10 matches, the past two matches have exposed a particular weakness in doubles play. The Irish have lost three of their last four doubles matches.

By COLIN BOYLAN
Sports Writer

With three tough matches against Top-25 teams on the horizon, the Notre Dame women's tennis team could be forgiven for overlooking the matchup with No. 65 Illinois today. But after coming off a two-match losing streak against a pair of inferior opponents, no one on the Irish squad expects that to happen.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish hold off Blue Hens

By CHRIS COLEMAN
Sports Writer

Behind a 10-save effort from goalkeeper Jen White Tuesday, the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team defeated Delaware 9-7.

The teams locked at 7-7 with less than three minutes to play when Eleanor Weille scored the winning goal off a pass from Natalie Loftus. Lauren Fischer added an insurance goal as the 14th-ranked Irish improved their record to 3-1.

The Irish opened the game strongly with Fischer scoring her first goal of the day on a free position shot only 39 second into the game. Fischer, who scored three on the day, has had a breakout year for the Irish. She has started every game and is fourth on the team in scoring.

Delaware fought back and scored two goals, to make it 2-1, but it would be their only lead of the game.

The Irish answered with a solid defensive effort, when Captain Kathryn Lam stole the ball and set up Natalie Loftus' eventual free-position goal.

The attack continued to bombard Delaware's net, but the effective goalkeeping of senior captain Laurie Tortorelli stopped several Irish scoring opportunities. Delaware shifted defenders to double-team Irish scoring threat Danielle Shearer, but this proved ineffective as Shearer scored the next two Irish goals and one more in the second half.

It was Notre Dame goalkeeper Jen White who stole the end of the half, however, making two spectacular point-blank saves to keep the Irish lead 4-3 into halftime.

The teams traded goals back and forth throughout the second half until Weille, from off the bench, sparked the team with her goal, making it 8-7.

"She has really come on this season," said head coach Tracy Coyne. "She really gives us another dimension, she always works hard on the field."

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Irish start tough stretch against Illini

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