By MIKE CONNOLLY
Senior Staff Writer

Junior Brandon Griffith was very surprised to learn the name of his Bookstore Basketball team had been censored by Student Activities.

His team's name wasn't profane.

His team's name wasn't sexually explicit.

His team's name wasn't racist, sexist or anti-homosexual.

Nevertheless, Student Activities struck Poor Man's Blanket from the list of Bookstore Basketball team names and replaced it with Team 22.

"We made the name with the intention that even Father Marki Poorman (vice president for Student Affairs) would get a laugh out of it," Griffith said.

Poor Man's Blanket was one of about 70 teams that were censored by Student Activities this year. All references to Poorman are removed from the list as well as other names deemed too sexually explicit, insulting or profane.

"There is no policy to eliminate names that had 'Father Poorman' in them."

Brian Coughlin
director of Student Activities

Clark, Kroener design memorial

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Assistant News Editor

Four hours before the deadline for the School of Architecture's Sept. 11 Memorial Design Competition, the winners had not yet decided to enter the contest.

Over Easter break, winners Kevin Clark and Meg Kroener, both fifth-year architecture students, conceived ideas to create a design only after hearing various professors' concerns that there would not be enough entries to the competition. "I am really glad that Kevin said something about entering the competition. The night before, professors had been concerned about getting enough entries. Once we decided to enter, we had two ideas in seconds. It was nice we could work together to synchronize our ideas and enter the competition," said Kroener.

A design jury consisting of six members, including Indiana Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan, chose on April 5 Clark and Kroener's submission as the best of 20 entries. Michael Harris, a fourth-year architecture student, won second place, and Aaron Cook and Eric Saul, fifth-year architecture students, won third place. Honorable mentions were awarded to Alan Ahles, Colette Arrendondo and the team of John Griffin, Neil Hoyt, Ariane Risto and Brian Zant.

"Instead of just having a pure base for the flagpole, our design creates a sort of a room on the quad, where you will be sitting two feet below the ground level and can quietly reflect."

Kevin Clark
architecture student

Imprisoned at 17 without trial for being a Catholic youth in a section of Belfast where it was an unofficial crime, Liam Maskey visited the Law School yesterday to share his experiences of living in the Northern Irish town of North Belfast, one of the most explosive and violent locales of the clash between Catholics and Protestants in that country.

Co-sponsored by the Law School's Irish Law Society and the University's Keough Center for Irish Studies, Maskey's talk centered on the current state of affairs in his native Northern Ireland, as well as his recent efforts to remedy the intense hostility in local neighborhoods through his collaborative Intercomm initiative.

While introducing the speaker, outgoing Irish Law Society president John Murphy detailed the personal tragedies that Maskey, one of seven children, endured during his years in North Belfast, confronting enmity and violence with every corner he turned. "Despite that, he chose a path of peace," Murphy said.

In response to what he saw as an escalation of the deep-seeded antagonism between Protestant and Catholic neighbors in his community, Maskey founded, in cooperation with Billy Mitchell, his Protestant counterpart, Intercomm, an inter-communality development project.

"An intercomm is a mode of dialogue," Maskey said, stressing the significance of the program's nomenclature. Established in 1995 in the context of the peace process, Intercomm is, according to Maskey, the result of an absence of grassroots community communications campaigns.

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**Entertaining angels**

Angels. They’re mentioned in our prayers. They’re mentioned in the Bible. They bring messages to about good and bad news. They help us and guide us on the road of life. They protect us and make sure that we are safe. One picture of angels that comes to mind is of two children walking across a bridge, followed by an angel, arms spread, making sure they are safe on their journey. It shows us what ever-present life they are and how they are constantly around us.

In the song “I Believe in Angels” by Newsboys, a Christian alternative group, they tell of how the angels are all around, in all the big and little things that happen, “24-7 you can see.”

Oh great, you’re probably thinking, ‘she’s going to get all religious on us, and tell us that they are everywhere all the time. Well, since angels are a religious subject, it would be hard not to bring in religion when talking about them.

Think about it. They pervade our thought, our art, our way of conceiving of the supernatural. There are statues and pictures of them in our art museums. They are in the movies we watch, for example “Michael,” “City of Angels,” “Dogma” and “The Preacher’s Wife.” There are even shows that have angels in them, like “Touched by an Angel.” They have been made a part of our culture. Why? Because they grant us power and influence. What is the influence of angels in our everyday lives?

There are many theories on how we see them, in our everyday lives. I want to show just how many angels are out there in our lives, making things better, making things work, helping us along.

I’m not trying to push religion on anyone, or make them believe in something they cannot see. Why do I bring it up? I would like to show you how there are angels that we can see, in our everyday lives. I want to show just how many angels are out there in our lives, making things better, making things work, helping us along.

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**This Week in Notre Dame History**

University refuses to comply with subpoena

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Notre Dame’s refusal to comply with a subpoena yesterday has sent the hearing concerning unfair labor practices against the University to the Federal Court. The hearing, held at the Country-City Building in South Bend, will not continue until the issue of the subpoena is resolved.

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**Beyond Campus**

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**Harvard admissions unswayed by roses, gifts**

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

Faced with the daunting task of standing out in a crowd of nearly 20,000 Harvard University applicants, some students each year resort to gimmicks—a dozen roses sent along with their application, for example—to win over admissions officials.

Over the years the admissions office has collected a “colorful set of items” from applicants, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid William Fitzsimmons said—including various desserts, a size 17 athletic shoe and a photo of one applicant’s bedroom wall, painted crimson to see over the roofline.

This year’s round of admissions, which concluded last week and saw a record 19,605 applicants, brought in equally memorable items, some verging on the ridiculous.

"Beggars never want money, but they want roses," said Courtney Wooten, sophomore and social director of the Associated Students of Harvard College. “We’ve seen everything, from roses to fake shoes. Anything goes.”

According to Fitzsimmons, there are now guide books that instruct students on how to get noticed in the application process, which is often viewed as impersonal.

"But these instruction manuals often inspire students to go over the top to catch the attention of the Harvard admissions committee," Fitzsimmons said. "Maybe people think we don’t read the folders," Fitzsimmons said.

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**University of Nebraska**

Religion holds back Nebraska coach

In early January, shortly after Miami crushed Nebraska in the Rose Bowl, Nebraska assistant football coach Ron Brown journeyed to a Los Angeles hotel to interview for the coaching job at Stanford. But he didn’t get any further than the initial interview. The reason: his religious views, among other things, were incompatible with Stanford’s liberal student body and active gay community. “His religious views were very strong,” said Alan Glenn, Stanford’s assistant athletic director of human resources. “We’re a very diverse community with a diverse alumni. Anything that would stand out that much is something that has to be looked at … It was one of many variables that was considered.”

But Stanford’s gay student leaders were more blunt in voicing their opposition. “Wow, it would be really hard for him here,” said Courtney Weston, one of the student directors of Stanford’s Queer Straight and Political Alliance. “He would be poorly received by the student body in general.”

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**University of Utah**

Budget cuts affect nursing program

Salt Lake City, Utah

A state legislative shortfall which compounded the already severe nursing shortage in Utah, ranks third in the nation behind Georgia and California in the severity of its nurse shortage. With only 592 nurses per 100,000 residents, the number of nurses in Utah has declined by 6.3 percent since 1996. Nationally, the decline has been 2 percent, to 781 nurses per 100,000 population, according to the United States Census Bureau.

At Brigham Young University, the number of nursing students is expected to drop by 20 percent. And Gordon College has been forced to cut 4.7 percent from its budget, like most other Utah State colleges and universities.

"We have plenty of qualified students who want to be nurses," said Maureen Keefe, dean of the College of Nursing, "but we don’t have enough space, faculty or funding to train them." The College of Nursing asked the state Legislature for an additional $2.2 million this year so it could expand its ability to train more nurses and nursing instructors to meet the growing need. The Legislature turned down the request, and the college was forced to cut 4.7 percent from its budget, like most other academic entities at Utah.

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By JOHN FANNING
News Writer

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**World News Briefs**

Bush meets Chinese Vice President: Chinese Vice President Hu Jintao, the heir apparent to President Jiang Zemin, will meet with President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney on May 1. Hu's trip was announced when Bush went to Beijing in February. The White House formally said Thursday that Hu will meet his counterpart, Cheney, to discuss an array of issues.

Venezuelan troops invade airport: Army troops seized key installations and the airport in Caracas late Thursday to keep President Hugo Chavez from leaving the country. Earlier in the day, National Guard troops clashed with pro-Chavez gunmen and participants in a 150,000-strong opposition march. At least 12 people were killed and as many as 110 wounded, officials said.

**National News Briefs**

L.A. police clear Calif. cardinal: Police dismissed a mentally ill woman's claim Thursday in Fresno that she was molested 32 years ago by Los Angeles Cardinal Roger Mahony. Lt. Dwayne Johnson said there was no physical evidence or witnesses to support the case, which made last month by Flora Mae Hickman, 51, of Fresno, said Mahony sexually assaulted her when she was a student at San Joaquin Memorial Catholic High School in 1969.

Chicago court asks for disclosure: A federal judge has given the Justice Department until Tuesday to explain why it must use secret evidence, so far shown only to the judge, against an Islamic charity accused of having terrorist links. The government has maintained in a similar case that revealing such evidence in open court could jeopardize national security.

**Indiana News Briefs**

Hospital opens after abuse claims: The Evansville State Hospital has reopened an internal investigation into allegations of abuse by hospital workers. Superintendent Ralph Nichols reopened the case this week and a report sent to the Vanderburgh County prosecutor's office.

**Israel**

Palestinian children rally together in support of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who has been confined in Ramallah. Fighting between Israelis and Palestinians has hurt U.S. relations with both groups in the region.

**U.S. Boycotts War Crimes Tribunal**

Despite vehement U.S. opposition, the world's first permanent war crimes tribunal will come into force on July 1, after receiving more than the 60 needed ratifications Thursday from U.S. allies and nations around the globe.

Hundreds of supporters of the court rose to their feet in a standing ovation after 10 nations deposited their ratifications of the Rome treaty, which establishes the International Criminal Court.

But the U.S. seat in the crowded chamber was empty. The United States boycotted the ceremony, just as it has not attended meetings preparing for the court's operations since last year.

"Those who commit war crimes, genocide or other crimes against humanity will no longer be beyond the reach of justice," U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in a video statement from Rome. "Humanity will be able to defend itself — responding to the worst of human nature with one of the greatest human achievements: the rule of law."

Many countries and organizations have campaigned for years for the court to fill a gap first noticed in 1948, after the Nuremberg and Tokyo trials of German and Japanese war crimes during World War II. Since then, laws and treaties have outlawed genocide, poison gas and chemical weapons, among other things — but no mechanism has held individuals criminally responsible.

The United States has been the only vocal opponent of the permanent court, fearing its citizens would be subject to frivolous or politically motivated prosecutions. Washington has campaigned unsuccessfully to exempt U.S. soldiers and officials from the court.

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Associated Press

**Jerusalem**

Israel pulled out of two dozen small West Bank towns and villages Thursday, but swept into others and rounded up more Palestinian men despite U.S. calls and international pressure to end the 2-week-old campaign to root out militants.

Israel's army says 4,185 Palestinians have been detained in the operation — nearly half of them in the past two days as fighters in the key northern West Bank cities of Jenin and Nablus, their numbers depleted in battle, ran out of ammunition and surrendered.

Among those in custody were 121 Palestinians who had been on Israel's wanted list, the army said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell arrived in Israel in the evening and was expected to meet with both Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who has been kept a virtual prisoner by Israel in his besieged compound in Ramallah.

On Thursday, Sharon acknowledged the fighting was causing the United States difficulties, but refused to call it a halt to the incursion.

In Gaza, an armed Palestinian went through the Erez crossing into Israel early Friday and opened fire, wounding four Israelis — one seriously — and three Palestinians before he was shot and killed. Israel Radio and Army Radio reported.

The military had no immediate comment.

There has been rising anti-American sentiment throughout the Arab world in response to Israel's offensive, launched two weeks ago to crush Palestinian militias after a series of deadly attacks on Israeli civilians.

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House approves pension reform bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Legislative efforts to give workers greater control over their employer-sponsored retirement plans are turning to the Democratic-controlled Senate, where broader changes in pension law are being considered.

That set up a likely battle later this year with House Republicans, who pushed through more modest protections in a bill Thursday on a 257-163 vote. Party leaders and some Democrats joined Republicans to pass the House bill that contains much of President Bush's retirement savings plan designed to prevent another Enron Corp. debacle.

"Employees need more information about their pension plans and more control over them," Bush said Thursday. "The reforms will give employees better access to investment advice, additional notice of blackouts and increased ability to diversify their assets."

About 42 million Americans hold 401(k) accounts, with $2 trillion in assets.

The Senate isn't moving as quickly as the House over pension bills, and likely won't begin full debate until summer.

Senate Democrats are pressing for tighter limits on how much company stock workers may invest in their 401(k) accounts. Thousands of workers at companies where energy trader, who were heavily invested in company stock lost their jobs when the company collapsed in December.

Labor laws to 10 percent the assets of a traditional pension plan could be held in employer stock or property. But Congress years ago exempted 401(k)s from that provision, hoping to encourage employers to offer such plans. Employers also get tax breaks for making contributions.

A bill by Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., which narrowed the Health Education, Labor and Pensions Committee last month, would limit company stock investments by requiring a choice: An employer that offers a 401(k) plan could make matching contributions in company stock or stock in the same company's investment option, but not both. Employees could tell the White House in a statement that it "is likely that they will cause companies to stop making matching contributions or close offering retirement packages altogether." 

"The administration will oppose legislation that discourages employers from sponsoring and making contributions to retirement plans for American workers and their families," the White House said in a statement late Thursday.

Business groups traditionally aligned with Republicans urged lawmakers to act with caution, especially in the Senate.

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GOP building alliances with unions

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the AFL-CIO each built their headquarters within a few blocks of the White House, but both have ousted their largest business lobby and its biggest union seemed to work miles apart politically.

Their new neighbor just might be helping them close together.

From steel tariffs to Alaskan oil drilling, Republicans and business interests are building alliances with union workers that could affect where and how organized labor provides support in the full compression of elections.

The latest example came Thursday when the Chamber and AFL-CIO, traditional rivals, joined to lobby for an overhaul of immigration laws. Both hope to win legal status for millions of illegal immigrants now working in the United States.

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"The Enron tragedy was our wake up call," said a retired auto-executive. "The one thing about labor is that they care for their members."
Women leaders promote social change

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer

Joanne Kane, CEO of McAuley Institute for Social Justice, and the Latino Studies Department at Notre Dame, spoke together Thursday in a forum about the importance of women as community leaders. The forum, "Women as Catalysts: Social Change, Women's Leadership and Community Development," allowed the women to share their ideas about how communities can work together to fulfill their needs.

A grant has allowed Pueente to work with community members, especially immigrants, so that everyone is involved in building the kind of community they would like and still be able to afford it. Pueente does this through surveys of what the community needs.

"The community can decide for itself what it needs and its assessments," Pueente said. "For the past year I have worked in Mexican immigrant communities outside Chicago. Their first priority was education, not surprisingly, as it is in most cases."

The McAuley Institute also works in developing communities by focusing on homelessness among low-income women and their families. The Institute was formed by the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas in 1944 and has since made affordable housing for 10,000 people nationwide. "We are consultants and counselors," Kane said. "We work in public policy for not only the immediate needs of the community but for the future."

The Institute has also formed a peer support group for women across America, known as The National Network of Women in Community Development. It is open to all women working in communities who share a commitment to their community's goals and missions.

"Women leaders are essential to operate outside the bounds of law," Kane said. "A lot of people say women are motivated by children and family, but that is only one entity of their identity."

Joanne Kane and Sister Jean Parkin of the McAuley Institute will be discussing opportunities for internships and how students can become involved in the new college level of the National Network for Women in Community Development today at noon in the Wedge Room of the dining hall.

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ND opts not to formally affirm workers' rights

By JUSTIN KRIVICKAS
News Writer

Notre Dame has rejected a proposal by the Progressive Student Alliance for the University to make a formal statement affirming the rights of workers in the Catholic tradition.

Since its inception, the PSA has been working on labor issues. "There was the sweatshop campaign, fair trade coffee, and taco-bell boycotts... but throughout this year, we have been talking about labor and taking in their concerns. It just seemed that the logical next step would be on campus," said Paul Graham, PSA co-president.

On March 20, the PSA sent the proposal to University President Father Edward Malloy's office and requested that the school consider the proposition and act by April 4. The letter stated that in keeping with Catholic teachings, the University should make a statement that adheres to Catholic social teaching on the rights of labor and also that it won't hinder or help the workers of economic organizing unions. Thus, the University will have a firm basis in order to respect the dignity of all labor on campus.

"If they make a statement, especially one that could be legally binding, there is a base on which the labor and those sympathetic to their conditions could start," said Graham.

On April 4 University spokesman Dennis Moore sent a letter to the PSA rejecting their request. The letter asserted that the University does recognize the dignity of each of its employees to organize and form unions and said the University did not agree with the PSA's proposal.

"If the University were to believe that organizing was in the best interest of a group of workers, why would we not seek to help in that? On the other hand, if we did not believe that such a move was in the workers' interests, why would we (the University) not say so, consistent with the law?" Moore wrote.

"The University's statement issued by Dennis Moore was reasonable. It agreed that the University's acceptance of Catholic social thought but, of course, doesn't pledge to help its workers organize or raise their pay. I think asking the University to make a public statement was not an appropri­ate tactic." Graham and other members of the PSA are not discouraged by Notre Dame's response but will seek to get clarification of the letter they received.

"We are trying to get a hold of the University to clarify their statement," said Graham. "What we need to do is work on organizing the labor on campus for support.

Currently the University requires that all its suppliers and vendors give workers the right to organize unions but it currently does not extend this right to its own workers. The PSA proposal requests that Notre Dame guarantee its employees the right to organize.

In the late 1970s, Notre Dame agreed to contract out only to organized labor. Other than licensing, Notre Dame's response but will seek to get clarification of the letter they received.

"The requirement of the right to organize, which will be added to the University's code of conduct and become part of its contractual agreement with its licensees, will require that all countries where Notre Dame licensed products are made be signatories to the relevant international labor organization treaties and/or have national laws guaranteeing the legal rights of free association and union organizing.

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International Alcohol Screening Day

DRINKING MORE AND ENJOYING IT LESS?

Today, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education (OAD) will provide brief, confidential alcohol screenings for students.

Screenings will take about 15 minutes, no appointment necessary. The office is located at 311 LaFortune Student Center.

Students may also participate in an online confidential drinking survey at www.fau.edu/student/aod. Immediate feedback provided.

SMC frosh elect vice president of Flipside

By JILL MAXBAUER
News Writer

For the first time in its history, Saint Mary's has an elected student as co-president of the alcohol-free campus club.

Saint Mary's freshman Liesl Yost and junior freshmen Margaret Doig were selected co-presidents of Flipside.

While a Saint Mary's student is not allowed to run for president of a Notre Dame club, she is allowed to run with a Notre Dame student to hold a joint leadership position.

"Thankfully, one of my friends [Doig] had already spoken to the chairperson with her, and we wanted to run as co-presidents because it worked so well this past year," Yost said.

Doig said a lot may sound unusual to have two freshmen as presidents, but everyone agrees that the younger members to get as involved as they can. It works out really well... and we now have multiple experiences, because we are both knowledgeable upper-classmen to help us.

"As for Liesl herself, she is very hard-working and intelligent. She also has the opportunity to work with her this way. We've only been in office a very short time, but we have already found various goals to tackle." The club was founded to provideFlipside with an alternative to the college alcohol scene, but students who choose not to drink are the only members.

Yost believes Flipside has more of a presence at Saint Mary's this year because of the housing of several events, including a Hollywood dance and a toga party.

"BQC [Saint Mary's student government], has also become involved in Flipside's presence known by co-sponsor­ing some of the events, which obviously play a big role," Yost said. "But that is not to underplay the role that SMC students have taken in the club itself. It makes sense that as students we get more SMC students working with Flipside that the role will be a bigger one.

"Flipside moved one of its major events to another day because it would have conflicted with our all-school format. It also gives us more SMC students to interact with and even to have have SMC students, I doubt it would have been addressed at all."

Flipside sponsors alcohol-free events every weekend. This weekend the improv group "Comedy Sportz" from Chicago will be performing.

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Cuban diplomat and his family vanish in Panama

Associated Press

PANAMA CITY

A Cuban diplomat once expelled from Canada for espionage has vanished in Panama, and Cuban Embassy officials are calling him a "terrorist." Orlando Brito Pestana, the Cuban Embassy's commercial attaché, disappeared along with his wife and family, embassy spokesman Alexis Prado said.

It wasn't clear if Brito had left Panama. Cuban officials have asked that his diplomatic status be removed.

Asked about allegations that Brito had been游戏角色, Prado replied, "Really, I don't know. Like all traitors, he is going to say things."

The Miami Herald reported Thursday that U.S. and Panamanian officials said Brito had defected and had been brought to the United States. Whether the Panamanian Foreign Ministry or Panamanian security officials would confirm that report remains unclear.

Foreign Minister Jose Miguel Almendarez said last week that Brito had disappeared. He added that there were no indications he was a crime victim.

In 1994, Canada expelled Brito, then a vice consul, for alleged espionage.

The Herald reported that U.S. officials later blocked an attempt to have him stationed at the Cuban Interests Section in Washington, which serves as a quasi-embassy. The Herald quoted a Panamanian security adviser as saying Brito approached Panamanian officials on March 27 and was flown to the United States two days later using false documents.

It quoted U.S. government officials as saying he was being debriefed by U.S. intelligence agencies.

Cuba has extensive dealings with Panama-based companies that export food, cars, machinery and other goods to the communist island.

Relations between the two governments have been strained since November 2000, when Cuban President Fidel Castro attended an inter-American summit here and announced that a Cuban exile, Luis Posada Carriles, had infiltrated the country in a plot to kill him.

Panama arrested Posada and several alleged accomplices, but it has refused Cuban demands to extradite him to the island and has said it lacks enough evidence to try him for attempted murder.

Raymond Molina, the leader of a Cuban dissident group based in Panama, Cuban Unity, said Thursday that "trustworthy sources" had reported that Brito was in Washington, D.C.

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Military uses NASA images in combat missions

Associated Press

The Navy has been using NASA satellite data to help guide ships and planes in the war in Afghanistan.

This marks the first time the military has employed the space agency’s up-to-date information in combat, Navy officials said on Thursday.

Some in Congress have expressed concerns that NASA risks overstepping its space age agency’s update plans. The military has employed the NASA satellite data to help the images they have been using are unclassified.

That information is available to “anyone and everyone,” including a host of federal agencies and foreign governments, said NASA spokesman David Steitz.

He said NASA has no qualms about the military’s use of the images, which was first reported this week in Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine.

“Our nation’s at war. We’re part of the federal government,” Steitz said. “If that helps save American lives, great.”

The military used NASA satellite images in the Gulf War, but that information was archived, not recent.

In Afghanistan, the images have been especially helpful in spotting swirling clouds of dust that cause hazardous conditions for U.S. pilots and ships involved in the battle, Navy officials said.

In October, the imagery helped commanders steer carrier battle groups out of dust storms in the Arabian Sea that had limited visibility to three feet.

The satellite data is also being used to study weather conditions that could hamper laser- or optically guided weapons.

Sean O’Keefe, NASA’s new administrator, appointed by President Bush, has called for closer ties with the Pentagon since he took over the post earlier this year.

Sen. Barbara Mikulski, a Maryland Democrat who chairs the committee that funds NASA, has expressed reservations about the growing cooperation between the military and the space agency.

“We’ve got to be very careful about the historic firewall between military space and civilian space,” she told O’Keefe during a joint visit at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland earlier this year.

She added, however, that she does not have a problem with the Pentagon’s use of NASA’s unclassified data.

Others in Congress support the project.

“All Americans and civilian agencies are being asked to do their part to help in the war effort,” said Rep. Dave Weldon, whose district includes the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

“I commend the administration in employing NASA and any and all capabilities of the federal government to win this war on terrorism.”

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Oregon teen arraigned in psychologist death

BANDON, Ore.

A 14-year-old boy was arraigned on charges of raping and clubbing to death a 52-year-old psychologist whose body was found on a beach.

The suspect lived several miles from the spot where the body of Judith Elman was discovered Sunday, said R. Paul Frasier, chief deputy district attorney for Coos County.

Raymond Perkins, 18, charged with aggravated murder, rape, sexual abuse and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. The last charge stems from a joy ride police say he took in Elman’s car after she was killed.

The boy was arraigned in juvenile court. He is too young for his case to be automatically remanded to an adult court under Oregon’s mandatory sentencing guidelines.

Outside the courtroom, the boy’s mother, Patricia Perkins, said her son “obviously needs medical care.”

“I will not accept what my son has done. Neither should anybody else. But he’s a 14-year-old child and we love him,” she said.

Elman’s body was found just north of Bandon. She had been walking or jogging on the beach.

The boy was taken into custody Wednesday after two people called police to say they had seen him and Elman on the beach, authorities said.

Elman, a clinical psychologist who specialized in the relationship between physical fitness and mental health.

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These are turbulent times on the Notre Dame campus. Students have been reacting to newly announced restrictions on alcohol consumption, dormitory functions and social gatherings. Following several protest demonstrations, student government leaders have attempted to seek a place at the table when the new policies are written in detail this summer. Thus far, it appears that University officials will offer lip service to the students and turn a deaf ear on them. Just as it seemed that the administration would wiggle away from the student wrath an examination period, the University must now circle the wagons to address a potential scandal involving student athletes. The deaf ear will soon turn to mute tongues.

Student government leaders should closely follow the schedule of University President Rev. Edward Malloy if they had, they could have foreseen that Malloy, co-chairman of a study by the national Institute of Criminal Justice and Police Science Task Force on College Drinking, was forced to institute changes on his campus before suggesting policies. In a report of a new generation at half past midnight last night, student leaders, if they have foreseen that the student government leaders want a place at the table to contribute positively to the recommendations and ask for clarification. Rather, students expect that their first review of the policy will be the final draft.

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Catholics can't condone contraception

The 19th century laws restricting contraceptives were passed by Protestant-dominated legislatures. No Christian denomination had ever held that contraception could be justified until the Anglican Lambeth Conference of 1930. The seismic effect of that rejection of millennia of moral teaching came in the 1960s with the advent of the pill. Does it make sense for the Catholic Church to insist on that formerly unbearably touchy question? Three questions are relevant:

Why is contraception wrong? First, it breaks, in the words of Pope Paul VI, “the connection — which is willed by God and would never be lawfully broken on his own initiative — between the two meanings of the conjugal act: the unitive and the procreative. Second, the contraceptive couple makes themselves the arbitrers of whether and when human life shall begin. They decide on themselves, as Pope John Paul II put it, “a power which belongs solely to God; the power to decide in a final analysis, the coming into existence of a human person.”

A third, what did John Paul II call the “total reciprocal self-giving of husband and wife,” there is a withholding: I give to myself except for fertility, I accept you only if you are altered to cancel your fertility.

In his 1994 Letter to Families, which could be read with profit by any career couple, whether Catholic or not, John Paul II explained that God, who is love, “wills” that each human person ought to come into existence through a loving act of self-gift between spouses united in a “communion of persons” modeled on the self-giving relation of the persons of the Trinity. The authentic Christian teaching on contraception does make this point:

The authentic Christian teaching on contraception does make it clear that the contraceptive makes himself the arbiter of when it shall end, in human life. He alone from the contraceptive ethic. The growth of pornography, too, does nothing to destroy the integrity of the act and they are willing to accept the responsibility for a child. The contracepting couple, by drugs or plugs, take measures to destroy the integrity of the act to prevent a child. The privilege of procreation, however, is so important that NFP can be used only for “serious motives” which may include health, financial or other reasons. “In destroying the power of giving life through contraception,” said Mother Teresa at the United Nations, “you are destroying the sacredness of the union of the divine persons in the Trinity and the marital union, (L.F, no. 8)

We, however, have free will. The contracepting couple, in effect, say to God, “For all we know, it may be your will that through this act of ours a new person, who will live forever, will come into existence. But we won’t let you do it.” In this light, we can see why John Paul II said that, “Contraception is ... so ... unlawful as never to be justified. To think ... the contrary is equal to maintaining that ... it is unlawful to recognize God as God.”

What about natural family planning (NFP)? In NFP the couple reflect on their usual relationship during the fertile period. When they engage in relations during the rest of the month they may prefer not to have a child. But they have an accepting intent, in that they do nothing to destroy the integrity of the act and they are willing to accept the responsibility for a child. The contracepting couple, by drugs or plugs, take measures to destroy the integrity of the act to prevent a child.

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Right or Wrong?

Charles Rice

Letters to the Editor

I’ll dare to disagree with Tom Haight and his April 10 Inside Column.

That child molestation, where it is actually committed, is a despicable crime, no one can deny. That certain depraved men who happened to be priests has fallen to this basest of behaviors seems to be evident. That other men who have committed similar acts in the church hierarchy made poor decisions regarding these alleged behaviors is arguable. The fact is, that many people, people even here at Notre Dame, Haie, the Catholic Church. I shall not try to venture any opinion on that. This is the case, but unfortunately it is the truth.

Now, these people, be they misguided or vindicated, believe that there is little they can do to hurt the rock of salvation that is the Church. But one thing they can do, have done and continue to do, is defame the Church through lies and false accusations. Now, in no way do I mean to discredit those few unfortunate victims who truly have been abused by someone, whether he be a priest as a man as a man of God, or not. The fact is, that people can lie. In cases of a sexual crime, where only two people are involved, it is very easy to lie. Whose story should the authorities believe? Remember, in our court system, you are innocent until proven guilty.

How many of these accusations against priests are true? Perhaps all of them, perhaps not. Perhaps the real cases of abuse were handled in an unsatisfactory manner. But even so, attacking the Roman Catholic Church does not do anything but harm. The media has exaggerated and distorted facts to such an extent that here we are, having to defend the Church at a Catholic school.

How many people have been turned away from the Catholic faith because of this uproar? Does anyone see droves of people rushing into the only ark of salvation that is the Catholic Church because of this scandal? I certainly do not.

I have seen questioning of unquestionable doctrine, and mistrust of the Church by those who serve us and a general chaos. The very terminology used by those discussing this issue leads to further untruths. The Church has not covered things up. We are all a part of the Church. The Church is comprised of the Church triumphant in heaven, the Church suffering in purgatory and the Church militant, that is, we, the laity, served by the clergy and bishops by our Holy Father, the Pope. If individuals in the hierarchy have been guilty of any mistakes, those are not mistakes of the Church.

I think it is obvious that the “covering up” of scandal is wise, as the results of this exposed scandal demonstrate. Mistakes of letting certain accused priests remain in ministry were individual errors, likely the result of a lack of knowledge or “tearing down” of the innocent, not those of the hierarchy. That new names of accused priests are being turned to in civil authorities, that others are being suspended from priestly duties, are results of this public frenzy. Many of these men are the victims of false accusations, innocent men who are now being defamed and tarnished. Is it a good thing that innocent and holy men are being ruined for life? Even if some of these men have in fact abused children, that fact should remain. But the church that is protecting the victims with a banner called by the clergy or a member of the faithful. Justice is a good thing, but in the end, God will sort this out, I assure you. As good Catholics, we should stand up for our Church. But one thing they can do, have done and continue to do, is defame the Church through lies and false accusations. Now, in no way do I mean to discredit those few unfortunate victims who truly have been abused by someone, whether he be a priest as a man as a man of God, or not. The fact is, that people can lie. In cases of a sexual crime, where only two people are involved, it is very easy to lie. Whose story should the authorities believe? Remember, in our court system, you are innocent until proven guilty.

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The 16th annual Fisher Regatta is back once again and the title is up for grabs from returning champions Carroll Hall in the men's division and Walsh Hall in the women's division.

Carroll Hall won the Regatta for the past two years and the members of crew are not about to give it up this year. Their boat "Wood 'N Caulk" is primed for the race and will be led by creator and two-year champion, senior Steven Bomeli.

Two seniors, two juniors and one sophomore will be leading the "Wood 'N Caulk." Bomeli wants to prime the underclassmen so that when he leaves next year, there will be someone to take over in his place.

"I would like someone to give us a challenge this year, but I will bet on the fact that we win," Bomeli said.

The race is broken into two separate tournaments, one from the women's dorms and the other for the men's. It is run in an NCAA style, where two teams go head-to-head with the victor proceeding to the next bracket. In the past, nearly every dorm participated, so the event tends to last five hours.

Bomeli's main pearl of advice to all those participating in the Regatta is to go out there and give it the best shot. Fisher Hall sophomore Nick Williams relays the same message, however he feels that 2001 second-place finisher Fisher Hall stands a chance.

"If we have talented rowers, Fisher Hall can win this thing. Our "Jolly Piggit" was by far the coolest boat last year. Although it tipped, we have guys working on it this year to work out the kinks, and so I think Fisher stands a chance," Williams said.

Junior Jim Flynn agreed with Williams that Fisher is in prime position to steal the title from the returning champs of Carroll Hall.

"Since Fisher is such a small dorm, this week is geared towards getting the guys fired up and showing the rest of the campus our dorm spirit."

Nick Williams
Fisher Hall sophomore

"I think that Fisher is going to be putting out a valiant effort. With all our returning rowers and our pirate ship, we should be in a position to take that trophy home," Flynn said.

Flynn, along with the creator of the "Jolly Piggit," Matt Piggit, is in charge of the actual Regatta this Saturday. According to Flynn, at least 50 hours have gone into preparing for the event, so it should be worthwhile. The chairman ordered the food, ordered T-shirts, looked into all the safety regulations and held the captains' meeting Wednesday.

Fisher Hall Assistant Director Tony DeSapio has also put a great deal of time into ensuring that the Regatta is a success.

The activities will begin around 11 a.m. Saturday when people begin to bring their boats out to the lake. Flynn, Piggit and their crew members will be out at the site around 8:30 a.m. to begin setting up. They will set up the grills for the free food and drink and set up the course for the tournament. The tournament will be sponsored by Coca-Cola and free soft drinks will be provided as well.

The tournament begins at 1 p.m. and the heats usually go until 4 p.m. Last year, there were 16 teams on each side and the heats shrank from eight teams to four teams before the two championship races. Last year, Carroll Hall defeated Fisher and Walsh Hall defeated Badin.

In years past, the "boats" raced ranged from miniature golfing ships to garbage bins taped together. Various pieces of dorm furniture and pieces of Styrofoam have also commonly been seen on the race course. According to Williams, people put whatever they want out there — just as long as it slightly floats and is handcrafted by the dorms. In addition to winning the race, one lucky boat will be awarded the honor of "best in show." This award goes to the most creative and entertaining boat that is seen in the tournament. Although the boat may not actually sail, it will at least maintain the possibility of winning a creativity award.

Williams and Greg Celio are in charge of Fred and Sally Week in Fisher Hall. The week of events, named after Fisher Hall benefactors Sally and Fred Fisher, began Saturday, April 6, and continues through April 13. The week of events has grown from merely serving food to events scheduled every night.

"In the past it hasn't been this huge, but now we are doing a lot more with the dorms. Since Fisher is such a small dorm, this week is geared towards getting the guys fired up and showing the rest of the campus our dorm spirit," Williams said.

The week began last Saturday with a trip to a Chicago Cubs game. About 50 guys took the bus trip and spent the day in Chicago and at the game. On Sunday, there was a dorm picture and free food throughout the dorm.

One of the most novel and popular events of the week took place on Monday — the Section Wars. Two-thirds of the dorm was involved in these "male-bonding" events of arm-wrestling, pie eating contests and the "roommate game."

The roommate game is focused on finding out how much you know about your roommate. It is reminiscent of the "Newlyweds Game" and the pair that scores the highest, or knows the most about one another, wins on behalf of the section.

There are heavy- and light-weight divisions and representatives from each section take part in the events.

Tuesday night, the Fisher residents attended a talk by Father Theodore Reshburgh in the Main Building, followed by a Mass in the Log Cabin Chapel. This event also had a large turnout from the members of the dorm.

Wednesday is called the "Red Mock Awards" and

By EMILY HOWALD
Assistant Scene Editor

Students filled the quads as a parade of dorm pride proceeded across campus, displaying some of the boats to be featured in Saturday's Regatta.
The "Kinky Bootbeasts" will be performing first. They are an acoustic act featuring Dave Lodewyck and Joe Andrukatitis on acoustic guitars.

Performing next is "Rex Ladado," and according to freshman Brian Cullen (Bucket), this is the premier concert of a band which promises to start a worldwide musical revolution. Bucket is on bass, Dave Lodewyck is on guitar and lead vocals, Matt Morgan is on drums and Pete Balogh is on guitar.

The headliner is the "Skamunists," a well-known campus ska band. Bucket will again be on bass, Pete Balogh is on guitar, Matt Morgan is on drums, Omar Arizpe is on the trombone, Mike Zodda and Chris Giese are on the trumpets and Sean Brooks is on the saxophone. All three bands are scheduled to play throughout the duration of the event.

Also, beginning on Thursday, the men wore their sailor caps to promote the events happening at Fisher Hall.

Today, a Fisher 3-on-3 basketball tournament will occupy the men's day and a dorm-wide party will fill the men's evening. Every section has a social gathering, and the Fishermen unite to show spirit in their dorm.

Williams sums the evening up in two words: "It's huge."

The event will be monitored by five policemen out on the water enforcing regulations and providing for the safety of the participants. Safety regulations need to be followed at all times, and the captains are responsible for their ships. The event should last all day long and admission is free. There will be free food, a DJ playing all day and Regatta T-shirts on sale for $10.

According to Williams, this is a day of entire Notre Dame unity that can't be found anywhere else.

Both male and female dorms will be represented in the race in separate divisions. Some dorms put in as many as 50 hours planning and building their vessels.
New Irish faces look to win at Tom Botta Invite

BY DAVE COOK
Sports Writer

New events are not the only changes that come along with the transition from the indoor track and field season to the outdoor season. Along with these new events comes a new group of athletes who are making a name for themselves, both in the Big East Conference and, more importantly, across the nation.

As Notre Dame continues its outdoor season, the Tom Botta Invitational in Columbia, Mo., this weekend, stands out to continue the success that they have seen. The most impressive of these stars has been sophomore Todd Mobley, who is currently ranked 18th in the nation in the 10,000-meter run. He posted a time of 29:14.11, 35th second time in the 10,000 at the Stanford Invitational two weekends ago. Mobley, whose best performance during the indoor season was a 14:14.33 5000-meter run at the Notre Dame Open in Wilton, Connecticut, has improved dramatically since the outdoor season began.

"I feel stronger," said Mobley. "I feel like I ran faster last season. If the outdoors, then the training is finally taking effect because my times are more impressive than anything I've done indoors."

The men's team has also seen an impressive performance in senior Pat Conway this outdoor season. Conway, who is currently in top form, continues his dominance in the 5,000-meter run.

"I was a little bit sick during cross country and indoor track, and that dragged me down last season. I've gotten healthier. My breath has been a lot better, so that's been a huge improvement," Conway said.

Conway is looking to defend his title at the Tom Botta Invitational and to continue the success that they have seen this outdoor season. He is looking to improve on his indoor time of 13:51.34 at the NCAA Indoor Championships.

The women's team is also looking to improve on their indoor time of 14:34.52 at the NCAA Indoor Championships. They are looking to continue the success that they have seen this season. The women's team is enjoying its best season in several years.

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Wisem (8-4) also walked two and struck out six. "I thought she did great and she wasn't perfect," Gumpf said. "She fought, and I'll take that any day."
Wisem ran into trouble in the top of the third inning. Purdue's Laura Martin hit a one-out double and stole third to place two runners at the corners. Roembke gave Wisen two outs, Angi Hartmann's single to left scored Bledsoe after an error by the third baseman.
Gumpf believes getting three runs on a wild pitch and three Purdue errors shows how Notre Dame takes advantage of its opponent's mistakes. "We have talked about that since day one. We knew we were going to have young pitching going in, and our older girls know what it takes," Gumpf said. "They have to generate runs. We have to make things happen, like heck against us and we have to play great ball to beat them."
Purdue is a surprising 4-0 on the year in the Big East. Last year they were only 6-14, but Gumpf knows this year's team reflects its good start. "Syracuse is a very young team and they're very energetic and they're just going to go after us," Gumpf said. "Both teams are very good teams and we need to play our 'A' ball to beat them."
Purdue takes right back in the top of the fifth inning when shortstop Katie Crabtree hit her 11th home run of the year to center field, making the score 3-2. Roembke singled to continue the Boilermaker rally, but Wisen got a fielder's choice and strikeout to end the threat.
This weekend, the Irish return to Big East action against Connecticut and Syracuse. The Huskies are 1-7 in the Big East, but are a traditional power in the conference. They are the defending Big East Tournament champions and have won seven titles since 1990.
"UConn's been our rival since the day we came into the Big East," Gumpf said. "On paper, we were way behind with one out, but Wisen got a fielder's choice and strikeout to end the threat."
The Irish took advantage of more Boilermaker mistakes to add an insurance run in the bottom of the inning, when Myers singled with two outs. A passed ball allowed her to take second, and she scored the fourth Notre Dame run on an error by Purdue's left fielder on Bledsoe's single.
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Women's Lacrosse

No. 7 Blue Devils will test Irish

By CHRIS COLEMAN
Sports Writer

It's tournament time for the women's lacrosse team. While it may not be the NCAA tournament that the Irish are ultimately playing to reach, this weekend's three-team round robin hosted by the Irish has some perilous powers matching up. Today the Irish face the sixth ranked Duke Blue Devils, and on Sunday challenge the 12th-ranked Yale Bulldogs. The two visiting teams play each other on Saturday.

This is the first time the Irish have hosted this yearly event. "We are excited about the home games," said captain Kathryn Lam. "They [Duke and Yale] are a both aggressive talented squads. We are ready to compete." 

Duke, who Notre Dame plays today at 4 p.m. at Moose Krause Field, is the highest ranked team the Irish have faced. They are also one of the more consistently successful programs in the country.

"These guys have been in the top five for the past four years," Irish offensive assistant Danielle Gallagher said. "They've got a couple big threats on attack, and on top of that, their goalkeepers are outstanding. That's going to pose a very big problem.

The Notre Dame-Duke game will be a match up of the stingy defense versus a potent Blue Devil attack. The Irish defense, the best in the nation in goals allowed (6.44 per game) going into this week, will need to deal with an offense that has serious scoring threats.

The offensive-defensive battle will include two high school teammates facing off against each other. Notre Dame's Kelly McCardell played four years defending behind Duke's second leading scorer, Lauren Gallagher, at W.C. Henderson in West Chester, Pa.

"We know about their key players... Lauren, she's awesome," McCarrdell said. "We are going to look more towards communication and team defense: not worrying about who is covering who, just stop the ball." 

Ken White, Notre Dame's goalkeeper, said she wouldn't be approaching this game any differently. "Her mechanics stay the same. "It's just like any other game," said White, who has won Big East Defensive Player of the Week twice. "The routine is the same. Any given day any team can be awesome, or not great."

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"We have to have a great team effort," said Gallagher. "In games like this you're looking for the players that haven't been as much of an impact to play more of a role. Somebody else has to step it up other than Dani [Shearer], Allisa [Moser], and Nats [Loftus]."

Fortunately for the Irish, Anne Riley and Meredith Simon have been contributing on offense more in the last few games, and Lauren Fischer has been scoring consistently throughout the year.

The No. 7 Blue Devils started the season ranked third, but lost games to tough ACC competition, to make their overall record 6-4. They go into this weekend knowing the importance of these out-of-conference games.

"Our kids know that every weekend, every game for us, is critical," Duke coach Kerstin Kimel said. "We are looking forward to tomorrow and Saturday." 

The 12th-ranked Yale squad comes to Notre Dame with an 8-2 record and is also looking to make a national statement before returning to Ivy League play.

Notre Dame goes into this weekend coming off an emotional one-goal loss to Ohio State. But they are not down on themselves.

"It's good we get to come back so quickly from a game like Ohio State," said head coach Tracy Coyne. "Our ultimate goal is to win the Big East and get to the tournament. If we can gain some valuable learning experiences from a loss, that's good." 

"We know we haven't been playing our best game since we won over Syracuse," McCarrdell said. "As a team we know its time to turn it around and get back on track."

The Irish get that chance today. The game starts at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday's game vs. Yale starts at 1:00 p.m.

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Dead Kennedys pound World Class Fishermen

Four teams advance in first day of tourney

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Senior Staff Writer

Five skilled anglers could not overcome the political power and basketball skills of a family from Massachusetts as Dead Kennedys beat World Class Fishermen, Master Baiters 21-11 on the first day of Bookstore Basketball XXXI on Stepan Courts.

The Dead Kennedys, made up of four law students and an engineering graduate student, controlled the game from start to finish. They jumped out to an early 8-2 lead on the World Class Fishermen, a team made up of an Alumni Hall RA and four students from his section.

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Fullback position has promising possibilities

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

While questions swirl around who will play key positions on the Notre Dame offense — quarterback and running back, for example — running backs coach Buzz Preston seems confident about who will be playing fullback for him.

Even though seniors Mike McNair and Tom Lopienski are officially in a "try-out" period for a fifth year of eligibility, Preston is hoping to make them a key part of the 2002 offense.

"I plan on them coming back," Preston said. "And Chris Yura has a chance as soon as he gets himself healthy. We've got some other young men who are working there, too.

The two seniors, who have seen significant time in the 2001 season, should get a chance to play a fourth year with the Irish. But if you ask them, they're keeping their expectations in check.

"I'm just trying to go out and get better and see where it goes from there," Mike McNair fullback.

"I don't have any pre-conceived expectations," McNair said. "I'm just trying to go out and get some reps, and see where it goes from there.

If they return in the fall, the playing time they will see could be very different from their last three years at Notre Dame. After playing a significant role blocking on the option-heavy offense last season, the fullback position will become a significant part of a versatile offense, Preston said.

Whether it involves blocking, running or receiving, Preston plans to take full advantage of his fullbacks.

"I think if you're going to be successful in college football today, you need to utilize all weapons that you can at the perimeter-type positions," Preston said. "To be one-dimensional in those positions, I think really limits you in college football because of all the things the defense can do to you.

Eliminating that one-dimensional quality will be key on Preston's list for his fullbacks right after getting them introduced to a whole new offense. In order to make real weapons at the fullback position, Preston needs his players expand their versatility.

"They have to be up and able to do all things," Preston said. "Not just block but run, catch, they have to be multi-dimensional, and they have to be flexible.

That new role will come as a bonus to the two seniors who have spent their time blocking and expect to keep blocking. According to Lopienski, a touchdown scored by a running back is just as rewarding for him as if he crossed the goal line himself.

But with this new offense, the bonus possibilities aren't hurt.

"Really, (at) the fullback position, you're basically going to be a blocker most of the time, so I'm pretty happy with that," he said. "To get a couple of passes or to get to run the ball is a little extra." "I just want to do whatever I can to help the team and go from there," McNair said.

Despite the fact that Lopienski and McNair rushed for a total of 78 yards for the Irish during the entire course of the 2001 season and Lopienski had only two receptions, Preston has no doubt that the fullbacks can step up to their new role.

"I'm not worried about that," Preston said. "That'll come and it'll all work out.

The fullbacks have a lot to deal with this spring an unidentified starter at the quarterback position, increased responsibility to receive and carry and a new coach. On the fourth day of practice, it's early to expect the fullbacks to fully comprehend their new role, but Preston sees potential. With the summer to digest their new role, the fullbacks should be ready to take part in the offensive scheme.

"They're young but coming along," Preston said. "It's all new to all of them, but after they get through this spring and get all this heaved on them, I find that in the fall after working the summer on it and getting the terminology, then they'll be all right in the fall." "I think we're all coming together," Lopienski said. "It takes time. Everything takes time.

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Sanchez. However, the Irish left two men on base in each of the third, fourth and fifth innings, heading into the decisive sixth.

In the sixth, John son seemed to tire, as he allowed leadoff single to Pittsburgh's Bryan Splane before giving up a two-run home run to third baseman Rolando Bello, which cut the Notre Dame lead in half to 4-2. The next batter, left fielder Stuart Ryaceski, singled, while the following two batters made outs.

But Johnson walked center fielder Tony ralling and allowed a base hit to right fielder Michael Bell before being pulled in favor of relief pitcher Matt Buchmeier. The first batter Buchmeier faced was Brant Colamiano, who drilled a three-run home run down the right field line, completing the six-run sixth inning to make the score 6-4.

Mainieri believes this situation should never have occurred in the first place, if the Irish had collected a few more clutch hits.

"That game should not have been a 4-0 game in the sixth inning," Mainieri said. "We should have had least another four runs if we would have rose to the occasion and come through in the clutch. So what happens is we put pressure on the freshman pitchers to go out and pitch these low run games. Grant Johnson pitched his heart out. He pitched clearly good enough to win today, it's heartbreaking for Johnson."

The Irish added another run in the bottom of the sixth, but the Panthers answered with their own run in the top of the seventh.

Mainieri felt bad for his freshman pitcher, who thought had a strong performance despite picking up the loss.

"It was really a shame, because he had made a suicide squeeze. Johnson just pitched his heart out out there," Mainieri said. "Unfortunately, he had to throw a lot of pitches to strike out as many batters as he did, and he just kind of ran out of gas there in the sixth inning."

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Irish took the early lead after center fielder Steve Stanley singled and O'Toole crushed a two-run home run in the first inning. Both Stanley and O'Toole came in with a hit of hitting for the cycle, each missing the feat by a triple and a single, respectively.

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Pittsburgh added a run of its own off of Irish starter John Axford when Joe Thaman boot a hard grounder, allowing lead off man Bello on base in the second inning. Bello scored three batters later on a Rob Beahn ground out. The Panthers tied the game in the when Bell doubled in Beahn. Axford settled down to get out of that inning and keep the game tied.

The Irish bunted the game wide open in the sixth by batting around and scoring seven runs to take a 9-2 lead. Stavisky walked to start the inning, O'Toole doubled him in, third baseman Andrew Bushey sacrificed O'Toole over to third and second baseman Steve Sollmann got him home on a fielder's choice via the suicide squeeze.

Sanchez followed with a double before designated hitter Mike Holbs ripped another double down the left line to score both Sollmann and Sanchez and give Notre Dame a 6-2 lead. Thaman then walked to put two men on base for Stanley. The All-American then deposited a three-run homer over the right field wall for his second career round-tripper to end the scoring in the inning.

The Irish went on to add three more runs before the final out and improved to 19-12 overall and 6-6 in Big East play.

Despite the impressive win, Mainieri knows his team must play better if they hope to make a run in the Big East tournament as well as the NCAA tournament.

"I just know that we are better than we're playing right now," Mainieri said. "We just need to be a better team in the clutch. Guys that have been great clutch hitters with us their whole careers just aren't rising to the occasion."

The Irish will face two more Big East games today when they take on Virginia Tech. First pitch of the first game of the doubleheader is set for 5 p.m.
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Belles sports have busy weekend ahead

By NATALIE BAILEY and DONNA LUBBERS
Sports Writers

Saint Mary’s softball hosts Alma for a doubleheader Saturday at 1 p.m. Wrapping up a week filled with rescheduled games and cancellations, the opportunity to play a game will be a welcome change, even if it is against the highest ranked team in the MIAA conference.

Senior co-captain and first baseman, Rachel Deer found the cancellation and rescheduling of their game against Calvin to be frustrating. "We haven’t played games on a consistent basis this season," she said. "We are looking forward to playing on Saturday." Returning players know the challenge that awaits them. "Every year Alma is a very skilled batting team," Deer said. Her strategy is to shut their offense down. "They are very good at manipulating their offense by bunting and slapping so our defense has to be good on Saturday," said Deer.

Junior outfielder Jill Clark agreed. "Last year Alma had very good hitters. The line shots to the outfield and hits in the gap gave them a lot of their runs," she said. Their offense is strong, Deer said. "We need to step up our play considerably from our last two conference games. Alma is not a team that can be taken lightly," Deer said.

Saint Mary’s Golf
"This Saturday, the Saint Mary’s golf team will be competing in their first meet of the Spring season at Brookwood Golf Course in Buchanan, Michigan at 10 a.m. Under head coach Theresa Pekarek, the team had an impressive third place finish in the fall conference championship, behind the first place team by only three strokes. Ten women will be competing at the tournament — six main players and four at an exhibition level. Freshman Julia Adams will be one of those contestants. "We just have two tournaments this spring," she said. "I hope we can all play as well as we can and prove to everyone that we’re a good team." Coach Pekarek believes that Saint Mary’s has definite advantages for Saturday. "We’re playing on our home course. We’ve played on this course many times, and we know it well," she said. Pekarek also has high expectations for the tournament. "Our underclassmen have tournament experience under their belts now," she said. "I expect everyone will play well."

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As its season winds down, the Notre Dame women's tennis team might be tempted to start looking ahead to the Big East Tournament in Miami, Fla. However, two tough matches remain before the Irish can focus their attention on Miami's sunny beaches.

This weekend, the Irish will head south to Williamsburg, Virginia to take on 14th-ranked William and Mary before traveling to Austin, Texas for a Monday match against the 10th-ranked Longhorns.

The two matches represent the seventh and consecutive time the Irish have had to play a top-30 opponent and will be a fitting end to a brutal late-season schedule.

"We expect both matches to be very tough," said Irish coach Jay Louderback. "William and Mary are both very good teams, but they are both beatable."

Jay Louderback
head coach

"William and Mary and Texas are both very good teams, but they are both beatable."}

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**Men's Tennis**

**Irish seek perfection**

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

The seventh-ranked Notre Dame men's tennis team is just one match away from achieving an unblemished record at home this season. A win over 16th-ranked Kentucky on Saturday would make this season's Irish squad the first to go undefeated at the Eck Tennis Pavilion since the 1992 team accomplished that same feat as they advanced to the NCAA final.

Kentucky poses a hurdle to that potentially perfect home record, though.

The Wildcats, who were ranked as high as fourth earlier in the season, own a 16-6 record and have defeated top 10 teams such as Tennessee and Mississippi.

But they have struggled recently, losing four of their past five matches.

"I have a lot of respect for them," Irish senior Javier Taborga said. "I think they have one of the best teams in the nation, they just underachieved this year big time. I think it is going to be a war because they need to win to stay in the top 16 and we need to win to host the region."

"We both need to win real bad for what we want to do," he said.

Fellow senior and doubles teammate Casey Smith agreed.

"Kentucky is a very talented team," Smith said. "They've been down a little bit lately. Whenever your back is against the wall, you're going to come out fighting."

The Irish were down a little bit earlier in the season, but after going through that brief slump, the team has come out stronger and more cognizant of their vulnerabilities.

"I think the team has been playing a lot better. I have seen the level improving, and in practice we are all aware that we cannot have any more Michigan matches," said Taborga, in reference to Notre Dame's upset loss to No. 46 Michigan.

Notre Dame's main weakness has been its doubles play, but with a new lineup on Saturday and after successful practices this week, the Irish are not worried.

"For awhile, we kind of got down," Smith said. "Practices weren't as intense as they should have been. It is tough deep in that level up competition up the entire season. We just went through a little valley and I think we're ready to peak again."

Taborga feels the Irish have the potential to exploit some key disadvantages Kentucky bears. The key for Notre Dame is to capitalize on those opportunities.

"We want to play them outdoors," he said. "We are in better shape than they are and outdoors you get more of a workout than indoors."

Additionally, Kentucky's travel schedule could aid the Irish. The Wildcats will be getting into South Bend the same day as the match and only a day after hosting Vanderbilt.

"We have to take advantage of that," Taborga said.

Notre Dame hopes that the home court advantage will play a role also.

"In the past years, we've struggled at home," Taborga said. "It's nice to know that finally we are realizing that we have to [maximize] the home court advantage. Not many people come out [to cheer on the team], but the people that do come have been great supporters."

The Irish are forcing themselves not to think about undefeated home records and rankings though.

"If we did think about it, then it might jinx us," sophomore Matt Scott said.

Taborga agreed that it is better not to think about rankings.

"It can affect you," he said.

"That's not the best thing to do right now. I think we need to keep on concentrating."

"Notre Dame's No. 1 player does not apply that advice to himself though.

"I am the only one that is really, really concerned about rankings," Taborga said. "Anyone on the team will tell you that I am a freak because I am on the computer checking out all the other schools and telling people, 'If we win this match, we will move ahead.'

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If you take a quick glance at this year's media guides for the Notre Dame men's and women's lacrosse teams, you will notice that the last names Simon and Shearer appear on each team's roster. This is no coincidence. For Eric Simon and his younger sister Meredith and for Danielle Shearer and her younger brother Will, Notre Dame lacrosse is truly a family affair.

Meet the Simons

Sophomore Meredith Simon has been following in her brother's footsteps ever since she was a kid growing up in Flemington, N.J. After excelling at softball and soccer in grade school, she wanted to add another sport to her resume in high school. "I was looking to do something different," Meredith said with a laugh. "Eric had been playing lacrosse for a few years, and he encouraged me to give it a try. We used to play in the backyard a lot. He played defense on me. I never scored." Just like his little sister, Eric Simon was also a three-sport athlete at Hunterdon Central High School. Eric's athletic talent shined the most on the lacrosse field, where he was named a second-team all-state selection in New Jersey during his senior year.

After being recruited by several colleges, Eric decided to attend Notre Dame because he wanted to help build a lacrosse tradition here. Little did he know one year later his sister would be following him to South Bend for the same reason. "After my first couple of months at Notre Dame, I knew that she would fit in here really well," Eric said. "Every time I called home, I wanted to know if she got in. Meredith is just perfect for Notre Dame." Both of the Simons have been fixtures in the starting lineups for their respective teams over the last two years. As a sophomore, Eric cranked the starting lineup as a defensiveman for the best men's lacrosse team in Notre Dame history. His strong defensive play helped the Irish advance all the way to the Final Four.

This season has been a bit more challenging for both Eric and the Irish. Eric has been out of action for the last three weeks with a broken left hand, but hopes to possibly return this Saturday against Army and help Notre Dame extend its current winning streak to four games. Although their overall record is only 4-5, the Irish look to be in excellent shape to return to the NCAA Tournament.

Notre Dame currently sits atop the Great Western Lacrosse League with an unblemished 3-0 record. The winner of the league earns an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Irish siblings Eric and Merideith Simon, left, and Will and Danielle Shearer are all current members of the Men's and Women's Lacrosse teams for the Irish.

BASEBALL

Pitt rallies for win in split

Panthers' 6-run inning sparks comeback in first game of Big East doubleheader

By JOE HEITLER
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