Eldred speaks about retirement

By SARAH NESTOR

Saint Mary's President Marilou Eldred publicly addressed the com­ mittee of the Academic Council Thursday afternoon in O’Laughlin Auditorium for the first time since announcing her retirement earlier this month.

Eldred explained that she wanted to hold the forum to respond to questions about her retirement and relay what will be happening in the coming year.

Eldred announced her retirement this spring, but at the request of the Board of Trustees, will continue to serve as president until a replacement is found.

Eldred said that she had been thinking about retirement for several months and that the “time is right” for her to retire from Saint Mary’s.

She added that being president had been a “fairly high stress job.”

Eldred also said that the average tenure for a college president is six years and that upon completion of the 2003-04 academic year, she will have served as president for seven years and five months.

“She’s been jokingly that she might oversaw her welcome,” Eldred said.

Eldred said that this is a transition point for the Economics Department, especially as Saint Mary’s will be working to renew its accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission, an organization formerly known as North Central Accreditation.

“I felt I needed to make a commitment for the next three or four years, or to leave a bit early,” Eldred said.

Eldred declined to say that she did not plan to leave during the accreditation process.

Eldred also said that she wanted to spend more time with her hus­ band, Don, who has been commuting from St. Paul, Minn, to Saint Mary’s almost every weekend for the past six years.

Eldred plans to join her husband in Minnesota after leaving the presidency, but said that she does not have any definite plans on what she will do.

However, Eldred said she plans to take piano lessons, participate in volunteer work and do some reflective writ­ing.

Eldred said business would continue as usual for the College and that she would continue to work toward her goals to finance the master and strategic plans.

“It is important to have the work already under way,” Eldred said of “Saint Mary’s College,” a goal to which, as she all know, and it will be business as usual.

Undergraduates will take a different time at Saint Mary’s Eldred plans to continue to work towards raising funds for the Master Plan, especially funds for the new academic building.

Eldred said that the estimated cost of the academic building is $13 million, but that $7 million had already been raised.

She also added that $16 million of the needed $17 million for the student center has been raised and that she fully expects the student center to open in December 2004.

By her own admission, Eldred said that enrollment is the College’s biggest challenge. While projected enrollment for next year’s freshman class is low, that enrollment has increased by 150 students, from 1,412 in the fall of 1997 to 1,571 in the fall of 2002.

Eldred also said that she would begin to prepare the College for the re-accreditation process.

Students react to Economics Department split

By TERESA FRALISH

After learning of changes that will affect the Economics Department next year, students responded to how the changes might alter their field of study and the quality of the University’s economics program.

Students differed in their opinions as to how the changes would affect the study of economics at the University.

“I think it’s said that the program went forward,” said Daniel Lawson, a graduate student and president of Economics, the graduate student organization for economics.

According to the proposal, passed by the Academic Council Thursday, the current economics faculty will be separated into two new departments, Economics and Policy Study and Economics and Econometrics.

The split reflects the different schools of thought that exist in the study of economics.

Orthodox economics focuses on a more mathematical approach while heterodox economics considers less quantitative issues. Traditionally, Notre Dame’s department has focused on heterodox economics, although the program ranks low nationally.

Undergraduates still will be offered one major, but other changes, such as class requirements, were made to the grad­ uate economics program.

The proposal passed Thursday differed from the original proposal, which would have established two separate majors and made further changes to the graduate program.

While Lawson felt that the proposal passed by the Council was a small improvement over the original one, he still had many questions about how the changes would affect his department.

“I’m glad that they took faculty concerns into account,” he said.

“I wish that graduate students had been involved in the process,” Lawson said.

Lawson, who focuses on a more orthodox approach to economics, said he felt the changes would negatively affect both schools of thought in the depart­ ment.

“It’s going to hurt the study of both heterodox and orthodox economics at this University,” said Lawson.

Specifically, Lawson was concerned about how the changes would affect faculty hiring for both depart­ ments.

Junior Erin Daly said she agreed with the decision not to establish two separate under­ graduate economics majors.

“Tm definitely very pleased to find out that the undergraduate department is going to remain as one,” she said. “By maintaining it as one [major] it’s going to keep the focus on moral economics.”

Daly said she felt that the cur­ rent Economics Department’s approach to heterodox econom­ ics made it unique among other universities’ economics pro­ grams.

“You can get a pretty good economics major at most schools of this caliber, but that’s what separates it from other programs in my opinion,” said Daly.

Graduate student Sharon Carr was also concerned about the actual changes that will be implemented as well as how the process of change had been car­ ried out.

“I don’t think this is how Notre Dame does things,” Carr said.

Trigiani to speak at SMC commencement

By ANNELISE WOOLFORD

Following months of anticipation, Saint Mary’s announced Monday that author, screen­ writer and director Adriana Trigiani will speak at the College’s 2003 Commencement ceremony on May 17.

Trigiani, a 1981 Saint Mary’s graduate, was chosen based on her popularity among students and their requests.

“I met her last year at the Sophomore Literary Festival,” said senior Emily Blaha. “I thought she was very charismatic and was impressed at how she reflected on her time at Saint Mary’s and how it helped form her as a person. I think she’ll be a great speaker.”


In addition to her work as an author, Trigiani’s background includes work as a television writer/producer, playwright, comedian and documentary filmmaker. She has been involved with such television shows as “A Different World,” “The Cosby Show” and “Good Sports.”

She served as executive producer and head writer for the critically acclaimed film show “City Kids” and comedy special “Growing Up Funny,” which earned an Emmy nomination for Lily Tomlin and Lifetime television.

Trigiani wrote, produced and directed “Queens of the Bigtime” in 1996, a document­ ary film about her family in Roseto, Penna. The
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The 'Backer

Do you know what I really like on a Saturday night?

I like being crowded in a room that is far too small for the hundreds of people that are in it and being bumped into and spilled on by the intoxicated person standing to my left. It's important to come across smelling like the inside of an ashtray and it's even more important to wear tall shoes to avoid getting yesterday's beer on the bottom of my jeans.

Saturday night is not about getting dressed up in your best black pants and the shirt you have that is made of the least amount of material. It's about wearing your favorite T-shirt and coming home looking like you have run a marathon in that shirt.

Saturday is made for laughing at the number of people surrounding me who have mullets.

On Saturday nights I like to dance to Bruce Springsteen, sing Bon Jovi at the top of my lungs and cheer really loudly when the famous third verse that starts "I was drunk the day my mom got out of prison" comes on.

I like crowding into my friend Amy's Attic with six of my closest friends, with Breeze in the front because she has the longest legs and Lauren asking someone to please play "Fifs."

Saturday nights were meant for pushing your way through the crowd to get to the desigay booth to make the unnecessary request that DJ Dan play "Like a Prayer" and "Goodbye Earl."

In the winter, Saturday's are made for running from Edison, on the icy roads, all the way back to campus, and trying unsuccessfully to ice skate in your shoes halfway there.

In the spring, it's important to wink at Silent Eagle Swallow on the way out the door to catch a breath of fresh air (or to escape when Nellie's "Hot in Here" comes on).

On Saturday nights, I like to use a little colored piece of paper to get a free long island iced tea, which otherwise would have cost me $4 and then follow it up with the world's biggest draft beers.

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By MATT BRAMANTI

Executive Cabinet meets for last time

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Executive Cabinet members met in LaFortune Monday evening after their last regular meeting before the new batch of student leaders takes over.

Members discussed an appeal for funding by free Sharpeens from the interdenominational Christian spiritual group. It had requested $1,470 to help finance its 2nd annual "Faith Rocks" event, which will feature a Christian rock con­cert on South Quad. The concert, which will be free of charge, is "an annual event in which we publicly proclaim our faith and demonstr­ate our excitement about Jesus Christ," according to the appeal.

The event is co-sponsored by the Class of 2004 and will also feature a speech by Notre Dame starting linebacker Derekurry.

"Last year, it was awesome," said junior class president Meghan Christ. Executive cabinet members unanimously approved the appeal. Outgoing Student Body President Libby Bishop led a feedback ses­ sion among student leaders.

Her administration began the strategic planning initiative, in which all student government organizations assembled plans outlining their respective long­term visions.

Senior Class President Matt Smith stressed the importance of making student government activi­ties open and transparent to stu­dents.

"Saint Mary's Board of Governance has a pretty good public presence, and I think we could learn from them," Smith said. Several members suggested increasing Executive Cabinet's overall role in campus governance. The group currently serves "as an intermediary body between the Student Senate and the Student President," according to the stu­dent government constitution.

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O'Donnell encouraged juniors to

BOG ushers in new 2003-'04 officers

By MEGAN O'NEIL

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GET READY FOR OPENING NIGHT!

Tuesday, 3/25 5pm Eck Stadium

Wednesday, 3/26 5pm and 7pm Ivy Field

The first 250 fans to each game receive a FREE 2003 Opening Night baseball/softball t-shirt!!
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As of now the Board of Trustees has not reached a conclusion and discussing different search methods, but a nationwide search is not expected to start until next fall. Eldred said that the Board has been holding frequent meetings by conference call and discussing the search methods for a new president.

"Selecting a president is considered the most important responsibility for a Board of Trustees," Eldred said. According to Eldred, the Board is also reviewing the organization of the College, but added that the search for a new president is their highest priority and they are giving careful consideration to how many internal positions are open. However, it will not be until a new president is chosen that the Board will begin searches for a permanent vice president/defender of faculty and vice president of finance.

Eldred said that the challenges facing the new president will be the changing role of the position, noting that most of what the president does deals with external responsibilities. Eldred added that because 70 percent of what she does deals with external College responsibilities, it is important to have a strong internal administration. Eldred also said that it is important that a president have strong alumni relationships and endowment support.

"The president is a terrific job to have," Eldred said. "Probably the most rewarding thing is to hand out those degrees at commencement... seeing the results of the work of everyone here [at the College] in the form of those graduates."

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The film won the Audience Award for Best Documentary Feature at the 1996 Hamptons International Film Festival and at the 1997 Palm Springs International Film Festival. Despite her fame, Trigiani continues to keep the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame community close at heart. She included Saint Mary's in "Big Stone Gap," and visited the campus for a book signing after it was published in 2000.

She returned in 2002 to speak at Notre Dame's annual Sophomore Literary Festival.

"It's been exciting to have Adri around the last two visits," said Max Westler, English department chair and Trigiani's former professor. "She's just an electrical charge and insists on everyone livening up themselves."

Westler and Trigiani remain close friends today. "Adri will bring her great wit and wisdom to a commencement that is usually burdened by earnestness," Westler said.

Gift endows performing arts directorship

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame has received a $3-million gift, through the generosity of South Bend civic leader and philanthropist Judd Leighton, to establish a new endowed directorship for the performing arts.

"Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of Judd Leighton, Notre Dame will continue to build its commitment to and reputation in the performing arts," said University President Father Edward Malloy. "This gift also will enable the University to strengthen its bond with the South Bend community through the arts, by creating and enhancing opportunities for residents to share in campus performances and events."

The first Judd and Mary Lou Leighton Director for the Performing Arts is John A. Haynes, who was appointed executive director of Notre Dame's new Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts last year.

"For as long as I hold this directorship, the names of Judd and Mary Lou Leighton in my official title will be a daily reminder to me of the standard of service they have set for my special obligation to forge stronger bonds between the University and the community," Haynes said. "I'm doubly honored by Mr. Leighton's generous expression of faith in me personally and by his magnificent investment in the future of the performing arts at Notre Dame."

Haynes came to Notre Dame after serving since 1999 as chief executive of the California Center for the Arts, where he managed a six-building complex in Escondido with a 1,500-plus-seat concert hall, 408-seat theater; 9,000-square-foot museum of contemporary art; extensive arts education programs; art and dance studios; a conference center with meeting and banquet facilities; a staff of 170 and an annual operating budget of $7.5 million. He previously served from 1992-98 as executive director of The Children's 1atre Company & School in Minneapolis.

"She'll have something to say to this graduating class that they're going to want to hear. She's absolutely thrilled to be coming."

The students agree. "I think it's such a privilege to have a renowned author here to commemorate our class," said senior Renee Donovan. "She's been an inspiration not only to writers, but to alumnae using her Saint Mary's education in pursuit of her dreams."

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Dame should carry out their business. I think it's really unethical," she said.

Carr said she felt that the new Policy Study department would be minimized and not receive necessary funding and consideration when hiring future professors.

Like Lawson, Carr noted that administrators had not involved graduate students in the debate over the split.

"I felt the students were sort of blind-sided by it," she said.

Sophomore Daniel Scannicce, who does not intend to focus on either type of economics, said he preferred the revised proposal because he will not have to choose between two different undergraduate majors.

"I'm really not that upset," he said. "[The administrators] should know what they're doing."

Scannicce said he wanted the new changes to contribute to improving the study of economics at Notre Dame.

"I just hope it boosts the economic progress at the school," said Scannicce.

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Iraq
Captured POW pilots appear on Iraqi television

Associated Press

BAGHDAD
Iraqi state television on Monday showed two men said to have been the U.S. crew of an Apache helicopter forced down last week in the hills near Baghdad.

Gen. Tommy Franks, the U.S. war commander, confirmed that one helicopter did not survive the Sunday night battle and that its two-man crew was missing. The men were identified as Chief Warrant Officer Ronald D. Young Jr., 26, of Lithia, Fla., and Chief Warrant Officer David S. Williams, 32 of Orlando, Fla.

If confirmed, the airmen would be the second set of POWs displayed by the Iraqis in as many days. On Sunday, the Arab satellite station Al Jazeera carried Iraqi television footage of five U.S. soldiers, who were captured near An Nasiriyah, a crossing point over the Euphrates River.

Unlike those soldiers, the men shown Monday did not appear to be injured.

The two wore cream-colored uniforms and did not speak to the camera but appeared confused. They turned their heads and looked in different directions while being filmed. One of the men vipped from a glass of water, looking wary but not owed.

The contents of one man’s wallet were displayed across a table, including a Texas driver’s license, a card from the Fort Hood National Bank, phone cards and credit cards.

A spokesman at the U.S. Army Post in Fort Hood, Texas, said that a helicopter from 1st Battalion of the 227th Aviation Regiment was missing in action in Iraq.

“The unit was deployed in February,” spokesman Dan J. Hassett told CNN. “That’s all I can really say right now.”

Military officials said Williams has been in the service for 12 years, and has a wife and two children who live on Fort Hood. Young, an Army man for three years, is single. He felt good about what they were doing, that they were going to get out there and it was going to be a quick situation,” his father, Ronald Young Sr., told CNN.

The footage was shown after Iraq claimed it shot down two Apache helicopters and held the pilots.

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Iraqi state television showed pictures of one Apache helicopter in a grassy field. Men in Arab head-dressings holding Kalashnikov automatic rifles

Iraqis celebrate near an Apache military helicopter in the Hindiyah district, southwest of Baghdad. Iraqi officials said on Monday that Iraqi hawks had shot down two U.S. helicopters and televised footage of the second crew, showing identification papers of the two men, the same as documents and other papers lying on the ground.

The station also aired pictures of two helmets apparently belonging to members of the helicopter’s crew, as well as

French President Jacques Chirac, furious that he could not stop the war, has said permitting the United States and Britain to oversee creation of a new Iraqi government would reward them for starting a war that flouted world opinion.

Chirac has threatened to veto any attempt at the United Nations to "legi­mitize the military intervention" and "give the belligerents the power to administer Iraq.

Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said Russia would "certainly reject" any resolution that would "legit­imize the military action and a postwar settlement in Iraq."

Bush, Blair plan two-day strategy meeting in the United States

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
British Prime Minister Tony Blair will arrive Wednesday and the two leaders will go to Bush’s presidential retreat at Camp David to continue their talks in a tense relationship.

Blair favors a strong U.N. role in disarming Iraq, as has Bush’s as U.S. and British forces execute an extensive operation against Baghdad.

The president and the prime minister joined forces against a strong anti-war bloc in the United Nations, led by France and including Russia and Germany. The United States and the United Nations and NATO, a topic likely to be on the two leaders’ agenda.

For both Iraq, a likely topic, Blair favors a strong U.N. role in autho­rizing a post-Saddam government in Baghdad. But France and Russia appear determined to block the move.

President Bush raised the issue in a tense telephone call with Russian President Vladimir Putin, who in turn charged that the United States was creating a "humanitarian catastrophe" in Iraq. It was the latest flare-up in a rurning bal relationship between Washington and Moscow.

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Astrid Henry, coordinator and assistant professor of Women Studies, presented her paper, "Orgasms and Empowerment: Sex and the City and Third Wave Feminism," to open a three-day symposium on Third Wave Feminism celebrating National Women's History Month Monday afternoon.

Third Wave Feminism, the movement of feminism beyond the sexual revolution of the 1960s, is focused on young women and men perpetuating and improving upon those rights gained in the past. The Third Wave is characterized by individualism and a lack of desire to conform to a definition. "This is a new feminism in the United States," Henry said. "Third Wavers have never lived in a world without the women's movement." Henry focused on the Third Wave's role in popular culture as seen in primetime television. Henry noted shows like "Rosanne" and "Murphy Brown" offered a liberated woman's perspective, but also had anti-feminist characters. "Sex and the City" offers four characters as a representation of the archetypal modern woman. "The show offers a variety of choices and characters without saying this is the right one or this is the wrong one," Henry said. These four characters make up a close network of friends central to the show. The four women, with varying personalities and sexualities, end must shows sitting, laughing and talking. Henry sees this as a statement about the importance of such friendships. "The platonic relationships (on 'Sex and the City') are more important than the sexual relations with men," Henry said. "Critics do not normally focus on this, they tend to focus more on the sexual content of the show."

The Third Wave has moved away from the belief that sexuality is dangerous for women, into the belief that sexuality is a source of power, Henry said. The idea that sexual assertiveness is praised in "Sex and the City" and that there is no sense that the characters are doomed or punished because of their sexual experiences is very different from the way most feminine sexual acts are traditionally treated in television and film. While the show offers a view of Third Wave Feminism in the activities and relationships of the independent, successful characters, Henry noted the limited view. "The view of female empowerment is limited in that the four characters are white, similar in age, thin, conventionally beautiful and financially well-off," Henry said. "In this way, 'Sex and the City' lacks a political agenda, but is still concerned with the effects of individual choices on personal lives."

The concern with the individual and choice is what makes the show intrinsically Third Wave, according to Henry. "Sex and the City" has created a world where women can be both feminine and sexu-al," Henry said.

Graduate theses explore Third Wave Feminism

By NATALIE BAILEY

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Fears of long war cause slide

NEW YORK
War euphoria waned on Wall Street Monday as investors realized that Operation Iraqi Freedom might not be so quick after all. The Dow Jones industrial average gave back more than 300 points, following a stunning eight-day rally by the Dow and Standard & Poor's 500 index.

"Going into the weekend, investors had that anticipation that there was a good chance that Saddam Hussein was killed and war might be ended," said Doug Sandler, chief equity strategist at Wachovia Securities. "The reality was that war is never clear and it's always worse than people expect."

"It's also just as much natural profit-taking," he added. "We had a huge runup so you would expect you would get a retracement."

The Dow closed down 307.29, or 3 percent, at 8,214.68, having gained 8.4 percent last week, its biggest weekly gain since October 1982. The blue chips advanced in the previous eight sessions, their longest streak since December 1999.

Monday's decline was the biggest first-day fall since Sept. 3, when the blue chips closed 355 points lower. It erased nearly one-third of the Dow's 979-point gain from the previous eight sessions.

The broader market also finished sharply lower Monday. The S&P 500 index dropped 31.56, or 3.5 percent, to 864.23, after a weekly gain of 7.5 percent. The index also has posted eight straight days of gains, its best performance since June 1997.

The Nasdaq composite index lost 52.06, or 3.7 percent, to 1,369.78, having advanced 6.1 percent last week. It rose in six of the previous eight sessions.

On Monday, U.S.-led forces pushed toward Baghdad, meeting resistance from sandstorm and Saddam's troops. Iraq claimed to have shot down two U.S. helicopters and taken two pilots prisoner, a day after more than 20 Americans were killed or captured.

Saddam, meanwhile, sought to rally his people with a televised speech that proclaimed "victory will be ours soon." Over the weekend, Iraqi television showed five captured U.S. soldiers.

Stocks surged in the past two weeks on growing investor confidence in a brief and victorious war, but analysts have said that would quickly change should the conflict become prolonged. They also say trading will likely be choppy as investors focus on the latest war developments.

"This is going to be a very hard market in the coming days," said Russ Kesterich, U.S. equity strategist at State Street Corp. in Boston.

Bush: $74.7 billion for war efforts

WASHINGTON
President Bush is expected to ask Congress for $74.7 billion to pay for the war with Iraq, assuming a month of combat, and for strengthening counterterrorism efforts at home, lawmakers and aides said Monday.

The money, which the president planned to describe to congressional leaders invited to the White House, was dominated by $62.6 billion for the Department of Defense. It presumed the military effort to oust Iraqi President Saddam Hussein would take 30 days, aides said.

The request was also expected to include $4.2 billion for domestic security, chiefly for police and other so-called first responders. And it was to contain $7.8 billion for aid to Israel, Afghanistan and other U.S. allies, a down payment on humanitarian aid for Iraq and for rebuilding the country, and money to increase security for American diplomats.

At Monday's meeting, Bush was expected to ask congressional leaders to send him a completed version of the bill by April 11, when lawmakers are to begin their Easter recess. He is expected to send his recommendations to Capitol Hill as early as Tuesday.

Though lawmakers are eager to demonstrate their support for U.S. troops, Democrats and many Republicans are expected to have problems with parts of the proposal. Of the $62.6 billion for the Defense Department, the administration is proposing setting aside $39 billion in an emergency reserve fund that the Pentagon could largely spend with limited input from Congress, said Democrats who said they were familiar with a preliminary version of the proposal.

"We need to provide every single dime the troops need, but I do think we need to know where it's going and for what purpose," said Rep. David Obey of Wisconsin, top Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee.

Obey said that Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld "wasn't apprised" to be the U.S. Congress with the power of the purse. "We're supposed to know what we're doing before we open the purse strings."

Democrats were also expected to complain that Bush's request had only $543 million in humanitarian aid for Iraq, $1.7 billion to rebuild the country and nothing for a peacekeeping effort after the war. Prior congressional and private estimates suggested the long-range expenses for those efforts would be many billions of dollars, though administration officials are hoping nations will help with the financing.

IN BRIEF

U.S. Tech. CEO charged in scheme

A federal grand jury brought new charges Monday against the chief executive of U.S. Technologies, who is accused of misusing $15 million entrusted to him by investors.

A federal grand jury handed up a 22-count indictment charging Edward Earls, 58, with multiple counts of securities, mail and wire fraud.

The indictment says Earls controlled an investment company called USV Partners and was to invest the money in an Internet company but pocketing the money for himself.

It also says Earls stole $1.3 million from investors, claiming he would finance an Internet scheme.

Earls and to repay investors from other business dealings.

Mortgage difficulties approaching

Fewer homeowners were paying their mortgages in the final quarter of 2002, but economists worry that a worsening job market could be making that more difficult now.

The seasonally adjusted percentage of mortgage payments 30 or more days past due for all home loans dipped to 4.53 percent in the fourth quarter of last year, down from 4.66 percent in the third quarter, the Mortgage Bankers Association of America reported Monday.

The delinquency rate does not include foreclosures.

Deceasing mortgage rates are helping homeowners handle their mortgage debt, economists say. The dip in the fourth quarter's delinquency rate came as personal bankruptcies hit a record high in 2002.

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Letters to the Editor

An appreciation brought from war

I see The Grotto tonight, gleaming in the midnight darkness, but I can't stop. I run right past it onto a trail around St. Mary's lake. Not being an avid runner, I know I will probably only make it once around the lake before I get woke up. But that doesn't matter much at this time; it is time enough for what I need.

I have furthered left our house in Panama City, Florida, the night before. He would fly to Memphis, then across the Atlantic to Copenhagen and then from there on a series of short flights into Kuwait. As I am writing this very letter, he is waking up on what is very likely his first day in the Middle East. The lake is quiet as I run along its bank, though I disturb some ducks and geese, fearful of my heavy, loping gait. I notice no other runners, and only a few young couples walking or sitting on the trail, sharing their thoughts in the fresh night breeze. My pulse pounds in my ears, the wind rushes in and out of my lungs, and my footsteps add tempo of their own. I listen to what the couples talk about, and I listen to how serious their discussions are. I feel that none of the people they are speaking about carry nearly the gravity of the topic I have been unable to shake since I received the news.

I don't write Observer Viewpoint articles with great frequency, nor do I recommend that anyone do so. The last time I wrote one was a little over two years ago, on another dark night after mass had held the night before the death of former Notre Dame student Connor McCarthy. I wrote that it is only in times of tragedy that we stop to consider our lives, our frailty and our purpose.

I pass Carroll Hall wondering what my father will look like when I next see him in October. I ponder quietly how my mother, now alone in our Florida home, will spend the somber nights ahead. I ask myself how our sisters are doing, and how long has it been since I last talked to them. I curse myself for not being home to bear my father's goodbye before he left the U.S.

Tonight, I don't want to instruct all of the readers to drop what they're doing and question their purpose in life. We all know that 99 percent of our lives are wasted. Rather, I want everyone who reads this to consider what it means to live one lifetime. I want you to think about how your life is not wasted, then all else is worth it. I just want everyone here at Notre Dame to appreciate the life of the gift we have been given. I know I walk, I run and I climb the steps of the Grotto tonight, gleaming in the midnight darkness, but I can't stop.
Address the roots of terrorism without violence.

I am writing in response to Jessica Needles's March 21st letter. I am a Notre Dame grad and a First Lieutenant in the United States Air Force currently serving in Saudi Arabia. As you might expect, my opinions differ from Ms. Needles's, and I'd like to share them.

First, I will address the topic of terrorism, which means "love for or devotion to one's country." Protesting this war does not necessarily qualify. I will not tell you that you are wrong to protest this war because you are entitled to your opinion — that is one of your freedoms as an American citizen. Nor will I tell you that you should not protest this war, because you are entitled to do just that — another of your freedoms. The decision now is not one of politics, but one of your own morality. Having said that, please don't insult me by suggesting that I'm not entitled to do just that, another of the freedoms that you and many others enjoy.

Our greatest weapon in this war then, is our moral conviction. We must offer an alternative to the despotism of Saddam Hussein. We must stand against terrorism as a major enemy we must engage the poverty and despair upon which his citadels are built. In this war, I want to encourage the hope of liberation. Our military is frighteningly powerful, and I have hopeful confidence that this war will end quickly. I am confident that in its aftermath we will find much of the evidence others did not — proof of torture and massacre, and biological weapons. We will declare victory for Iraq and for the world, and we will again tout democracy, congratulating ourselves for the efficiency of our war and promise vast assistance and aid to the millions of hungry, wounded, homeless refugees left behind. We will retire into complacency, but our war is not yet finished. Two months or years from now, some hopelessly terrorist full of bitterness and rage will wound our cities and our psyche once again. After Sept. 11, we must realize that our empire is no longer a simple, single entity, a particular Osama or Saddam. The enemy is the anguish of despairs arising from poverty and the prospects of early death. This face is shared by two-thirds of the world's population, whether it is real or imagined, perceived or true, America is blamed for the suffering of too many in this world. Our young men and women must be credited for the generosity and concern — our capacity to feel and care about the suffering of some of the world's suffering. To truly engage the enemy we must engage the poverty and despair upon which their citadels are built.

I must address an alternative to the despotism of Saddam Hussein. Do you really think these people enjoy being led by Hussein? Trust me, as our forces move north and begin to provide some freedom for the people of Iraq, we will see more and more of these images. It is hard to publicly speak out against a regime that employs chemical and biological weapons against its own citizens at a moment's notice. It's hard, that is, unless you enjoy such rights as freedom of speech — rights that you and many other Americans take for granted every day. Finally, I'd like to address your claim that an inept President is leading us. When he decided to forcibly remove Hussein from power, President Bush not only made the right decision, he made the decision that an inept UN Security Council should have made more than a decade ago. Unfortunately, the UN has been plagued by corruption, indecision and a complete lack of resolve. It is worth noting that the three countries profiting most from present-day "Iraq"; France, China and Russia — were the most vocally opposed to any military action. I find it unbelievable that so many people have mistaken this ultimatum for genuine concern for the Iraqi people. If you want to accuse a government of making decisions based on economics, look first at one of these nations.

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**ALBUM REVIEW**

## The rocket has come for Mraz

By RYAN RAFFERTY
Scene Music Critic

The rocket is back! Mraz is finally ready to take off after his acoustic-tinged 2001 debut Waiting For My Rocket to Come. Mraz's listeners are in a state of excitement as they await the release of his major label debut, Rocket to Come. The album is expected to be even more iffy with Kelly that his fans are used to, sounding very much like Chicago. The foundation, however, of all of Mraz's songs is the acoustic guitar. Before signing with Elektra Records to record Waiting For My Rocket to Come, it sounds much more polished and flows better. The vocals, at times, sound very similar to Wings era Paul McCartney. "On Love and Sadness" features one of the best choruses of the album with an incredibly catchy verse. Waiting For My Rocket to Come is an outstanding debut album. Mraz's fun, witty lyrics and his easy-going bluesy musical style combine for one of the best singer/songwriter releases this year. While he has drawn comparisons to Dave Matthews and Jack Johnson, Mraz's music is strong enough to stand on its own. This album is one of the most energetic releases of the year and will be the perfect summer soundtrack.

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**ALBUM REVIEW**

## Kelly is as sweet as he sounds

By SHAWTINA FERGUSON
Scene Music Critic

Although R. Kelly's reputation has been muddied as his legal issues continue to swell, many fans and critics agree that he is still a force to be reckoned with in the R&B world. His latest LP, the follow up album to multi-platinum selling TP-2, promises to be more of the same, smooth, soulful tunes that were well thought out. Fans can expect to listen to the often repetitive genre of singer/songwriters out today is desirable. Soulful tracks like "Curbside Hip Hop" and "Sleep All Day," for their support during his latest troubles and their commitment to relationships pleading. "Your mind versus / Your soul versus / Your body versus / Our bulls — / Our ego / Our pride / That's why I love the word woman."

"Showdown," the final sparring match between Kelly and Mr. Biggs, boasts a soft piano-influenced melody and is best described as a seven and a half-minute mini face-off between the two. The reggae-influenced track, "Snake," featuring Big Tigger is definitely prime time for most club atmospheres. Showcasing a hypnotizing flute, light drums and occasional guitars, "Snake" should appeal to most audiences. For those wondering, Kelly has not toned down his sensual side. While Chocolate Factory is not reminiscent of his early '90s release, 12 Play, tracks like "Ignition" (the original and the remix) and "Forever More," "Never Leave," "Forever" and "Heart of a Woman" all express admiration and love for women. In the last track Kelly sings, "I promised to love y'all with all of my might yeah / I'll even burn a candle light / because we are here cause y'all pay the price / and that's why I love the world woman." He then goes on to apologize for the common mistakes that many men make in relationships pleading, "Your mind versus / Your heart versus / Your soul versus / Your body versus / Our bulls — / Our ego / Our pride / That's why I love the word woman."

Other tracks, including "Forever," "Never Leave," "Forever," and "Heart of a Woman," are also excellent. The foundation, however, of all of Mraz's songs is the acoustic guitar. Before signing with Elektra Records to record Waiting For My Rocket to Come, it sounds much more polished and flows better. The vocals, at times, sound very similar to Wings era Paul McCartney. "On Love and Sadness" features one of the best choruses of the album with an incredibly catchy verse. Waiting For My Rocket to Come is an outstanding debut album. Mraz's fun, witty lyrics and his easy-going bluesy musical style combine for one of the best singer/songwriter releases this year. While he has drawn comparisons to Dave Matthews and Jack Johnson, Mraz's music is strong enough to stand on its own. This album is one of the most energetic releases of the year and will be the perfect summer soundtrack.

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Jive Records

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Waiting for My Rocket to Come

By Jason Mraz
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**American Hi-Fi loses out**

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**American Hi-Fi loses out**

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Music Critic

The Art of Losing, American Hi-Fi’s newest album is just that — a loss. Try as they might, the Boston based punk-rock band, American Hi-Fi, best known for their past hit "Flavor of the Weak," simply can’t do it all. Beginning with "This is the Sound," a slow and spunky nature of punk rock, the new album is a mixture of catchy hooks and teenage angst. One can easily imagine this being played as the soundtrack to an emo scene music video. However, the songs possess little of the same band’s strengths of a band, this is simply not the case with American Hi-Fi. Instead of being around for her childhood because of what it is, the songs possess both honesty and depth, but the clear punk-rock beat carries the light of some sort of definition to the record. The lyrical choices of these songs are strong enough to get stuck in the heads of a few tracks on the album, many of the songs begin to sound alike. The Ataris hardly stray at all from the repetitive formula begun on their previous releases.

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By EMILY TUMBRINK
Scene Music Critic

The Ataris have managed to make the shift from an independent label to a major label while staying true to their punk/emo sound. Recently signed with Columbia Records and released their much-anticipated major label debut, So Long, Astoria, the first full-length album they have released in nearly two years. Although it is sometimes difficult for bands, especially bands of the punk persuasion, to make the transition from an independent label to a major one without in some way selling out, The Ataris' trade sound remains intact on So Long, Astoria. The album is sure to satisfy not only long-term fans of The Ataris, but also attract many new listeners. In fact, the first single, "In His Diary," is already receiving massive amounts of airplay. A perfect album for summer, So Long, Astoria possesses plenty of catchy hooks and teen anthems. One can easily imagine this being played as the soundtrack to an emo scene music video. The lyrical choices of these songs are strong enough to get stuck in the heads of a few tracks on the album, many of the songs begin to sound alike. The Ataris hardly stray at all from the repetitive formula begun on their previous releases.

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ND TENNIS

Irish hope for win over Wolverines

By JOE LINDSLEY
Space Writer

After a close Sunday defeat at the hands of No. 13 William and Mary, the 27th ranked Irish will try to keep the Wolverines of Michigan at bay today at the Ede Tennis Pavilion.

Michigan is coming off a commanding 6-1 victory against Marquette Saturday, which extended their home winning streak to 12 matches.

"It should be a good match, Irish assistant coach Dan Balanis said. "It will definitely be a competitive match. We always seem to have a close one with [Michigan]."

Last year Notre Dame defeated Michigan 5-2 at Ann Arbor, but this year’s Irish squad is relatively younger and less experienced.

Despite that, the team is gaining confidence, especially after coming off their first win over Iowa and what was a decisive victory over one of the country’s top teams, William and Mary," Balanis said.

We played very well against William and Mary," Balanis said. "Their doubles went well, and we continued that very well in the singles. We just had a couple matches we didn’t pull out."

Despite being a close match, the Iowa victory was also a confidence builder for the Irish.

"It ended up being a close match," Balanis said. "It was good to pull that one out."

The team saw a sign of improvement on Sunday when freshman Kristina Stanly pro-

vided the clinching win to secure victory against the Hawkeyes.

"That was great," Balanis said. "She was very excited. That’s a great feeling for a freshman."

According to Balanis, the Irish have shown they can play well, and they just need to continue what they have been doing in order to have a strong second half of the season heading into the Big East tournament.

"Overall, if we play like we played Sunday, we’ll do well this year," Balanis said.

Unlike the Irish, the Wolverines were able to defeat Kentucky earlier in the season, but both squads were defeated by powerhouse Duke.

After Tuesday’s bout with Michigan, Notre Dame will face Purdue only 24 hours later for its last home match of the season.

“We had two matches over the weekend, we too [with] the next two days, and Ben Friday we leave to go to Ohio State," Balanis said. "We have a lot of matches coming up.

The Irish are looking forward to the remainder of their season, which includes contests against Illinois, in-state rival Indiana, and Big East foe Miami.

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The Observer file photo

Irish win over SMC in 3 sets

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SMC TENNIS

SMC wins big over Tri-State

By LISA REIJULA
Space Writer

The Saint Mary’s tennis team continued their winning ways last Saturday with a dominant 9-0 performance against Tri-State University.

The Belles, the defending MIAA champions, won every singles and doubles match and brought their record to 5-1 on the season.

“We did good practice over spring break just playing actual matches,” said junior Jeanine Knish, who won at No. 1 singles. “That was a good warm-up match for the season.”

Five winners for the Belles included freshman Kristen Palombo at No. 2 singles, junior Ashley Bowers at No. 3 singles, junior Kris Spriggle at No. 4 singles, and seniors Elisa Ryan at No. 5 and Angela Sandner at the No. 6 spot.

In doubles action, the No. 1 pair of Knish and Palombo earned a victory, as did No. 2 Cutler and Ryan. Spriggle and Frongillo also won in the No. 3 doubles spot.

“We played with confidence and bad fun,” Knish said. “We hadn’t been playing too much outside here, so it’s good to get used to different weather conditions.”

The Belles’ match against Valparaiso scheduled for Wednesday, March 19 was postponed due to poor weather. It was cancelled when rain began to fall during warm-ups. That match will take place at Valparaiso March 21 at 3:30.

“We have good feelings about this team,” said Knish. “We should do well, the team is really looking to be that tough. We have new additions to the team and everyone is getting to know each other and their jobs and doing a good job.”

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SMC wins big over Tri-State

By LISA REIJULA
Space Writer

The Saint Mary’s tennis team continued their winning ways last Saturday with a dominant 9-0 performance against Tri-State University.

The Belles, the defending MIAA champions, won every singles and doubles match and brought their record to 5-1 on the season.

“We did good practice over spring break just playing actual matches,” said junior Jeanine Knish, who won at No. 1 singles. “That was a good warm-up match for the season.”

Five winners for the Belles included freshman Kristen Palombo at No. 2 singles, junior Ashley Bowers at No. 3 singles, junior Kris Spriggle at No. 4 singles, and seniors Elisa Ryan at No. 5 and Angela Sandner at the No. 6 spot.

In doubles action, the No. 1 pair of Knish and Palombo earned a victory, as did No. 2 Cutler and Ryan. Spriggle and Frongillo also won in the No. 3 doubles spot.

“We played with confidence and bad fun,” Knish said. “We hadn’t been playing too much outside here, so it’s good to get used to different weather conditions.”

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The CSC is offering a Mini-Grant in the amount of $5000, awarded in two phases, to support a joint faculty-student-community research partnership addressing a social challenge articulated by a community organization. It may support the planning and development of a new project, the expansion of an existing one, the assessment of a project, or the dissemination of findings from a project that is ongoing or in its final stages.

The purposes of the award are to foster faculty-student-community partnerships that:
- result in measurable, positive impact in the South Bend area;
- reflect the investment of faculty expertise in the local community; and
- offer students community-based learning opportunities that promote civic responsibility.

The proposal should be submitted by Monday, April 7, 2003. Please go to our website at centerforsocialconcerns.nd.edu for more information about applying.

What Does It Have To Do With Me?: Perspectives on War in Iraq

Come join other students, faculty and staff in exploring issues of war and peace

“Coffee House for Peace”
March 26th, 8:00 - 10:00 PM, Coleman Morse Lounge
Featuring Emmeline Schoen (ND, ‘03, a student musician and songwriter) & Poetry Readings

A Student Dialogue on War with Iraq
April 9th, 7:00 PM, Coleman Morse Lounge
With perspectives from ROTC, Peace Action Groups and others

“Implications and Morality of a Pre-Emptive War”
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A Talk by Fr. Bryan Hehir
President and CEO, Catholic Charities U.S.A., Former Chair of the Executive Committee at Harvard Divinity School

“The Prophetic Voice of Peace”
April 24th, 7:00 - 8:30 PM Presentation and Questions, DeBartolo 141
8:30 PM Procession to Grotto for concluding prayer for peace
A Talk by Fr. John Dear, S.J.
Peace Activist and author/editor of 20 books on peace & justice, Former Executive Director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation

“When Did I See You Hungry?”
Film Viewing and Presentation by Filmmaker Gerry Straub
Wednesday, April 2, 7:00 PM
Hesburgh Center Auditorium
Reception and book signing following

Current Volunteer Opportunity
A mother is in need of relief care for her premature twins (they are 3 months old, but were born 2 months premature). Care would consist of sitting with and holding the babies as well as occasionally helping to feed them for only one hour, one evening a week. Please contact: Heidi Eckstein @ 246-9883

Candlelight Vigils for Peace

Every Weeknight, at 11:00 PM, a candlelight vigil for peace will be held at the Grotto.

Tomorrow night, Wednesday, March 26th, at 10:00 PM, a candlelight vigil around campus, beginning at South Quad flagpole, will be held.

Please come join in praying for peace.
**MLB**

Last year, Johnson became the first major lea­guer since Boston’s Pedro Martinez in 1999 and the first NL player since the New York Mets’ Dwight Gooden in 1985 to win a pitching triple crown. Johnson was 24-5 with a 2.37 ERA and 334 strike­outs, leading the major leagues in strike­outs for the ninth time.

Johnson’s extension will pay him $16 million in each of the 2004 and 2005 seasons, and contains a $1 million personal­services contract at the end of the deal.

**In Brief**

**French teen qualifier next for Serena Williams**

In charming fractured English, 18­year-old Marion Bartoli nearly summed up the challenge of playing against Serena Williams.

“She win everybody,” Bartoli said. That’s why the path to a title at the Nasdaq­100 Open is about to become a whole lot tougher for Bartoli, who has led a charmed life since arriving in America compatriot Sarah Taylor, 18, has led a charmed life since arriving in the United States. Bartoli is the second­highest seed and was expected to prove a true test of Williams’s un­errated talent.

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**MEN'S LACROSSE**

Notre Dame falls to No. 13 after split road trip

By PAT LEONARD

The Irish (4-3) took a step back and a step forward this weekend.

Notre Dame dropped to No. 13 at home, 9-8, in a come-from-behind victory.

"We've got an ability to make plays that will serve us well, but that will not make up for fundamentals," Corrigan said.

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By ANDY TROEGER

Irish face Buckeyes in first home match

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After starting the season with four consecutive road games, the women's lacrosse team finally gets to play at home, Tuesday, March 25.

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**Volkmer sets school record in pole vault**

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN

Despite competing in an invitational that didn’t give team scores, the Notre Dame women’s track team had fun in the sun this weekend in the Baldy Castillo Invitational at Arizona State University, at their first outdoor meet of the season.

The Irish had strong performances from many individuals, as four athletes claimed individual wins, highlighted by pole vaulter Jaime Volkmer. The senior set a school record with an effort of 3.9 meters.

With the vault, Volkmer broke her own school record of 3.81 meters, set one year ago. Volkmer also qualified for the NCAA Regional meet, which is new to the collegiate schedule this year.

The NCAA Regional meet gives all competitors a chance at qualifying with lower standards than the NCAA Championship meet. From the Regional meets, some athletes will move on to the NCAA Championships a week later, depending on performance.

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While the women’s team was busy making waves, the men had some success of their own.

Sophomore Selim Nurudeen and Ryan Mineburg led the way for the men, as they both took third-place in their respective events.

Nurudeen flew in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 14.31 seconds. Not only was it good enough for third-place, but it also qualified Nurudeen for the NCAA Regional.

Nurudeen also took 11th in the 200 meters, by finishing with a time of 21.94 seconds. Mineburg cleared 2.07 meters on his way to another NCAA Regional qualification.

Slightly missing a top 3 finish was the men’s 4x400 relay, which finished fourth in a time of 3:22.41. Notre Dame track and field travels all over this weekend, as they compete at the Florida Relays in Gainesville, Florida, the Stanford Invitational in Palo Alto, California, and likewise had a strong performance in its regatta with the Irish women’s rowing.

Though Notre Dame faces the most difficult schedule it has seen in its five-year existence, the rowers are ready to take on its challenges and are enthusiastic about the upcoming Indiana Classic, which takes place on March 30th in West Lafayette.

"I think that three of the best programs in Indiana coming together will be great competition," McCaffrey said. 

"Having been at the line of competition multiple times already this year, I feel our crews will not only be physically prepared, but also mentally."
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WOMENS BASKETBALL

Trying to cage another cat

† 11-seed Irish looking for a little magic in round two

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After Sunday's upset victory over Arizona, Alicia Ratay said she played as hard as she did because the Irish didn't want to go home early.

But now it's going to take more than 11 seeds for the Irish to play one more game in the NCAA tournament. It's going to take some magic.

The Irish take on No. 3-seed Kansas State at Kansas State tonight.

It's bad enough to face another set of Wildcats — especially when they have Kansas State's statistics. The Wildcats shoot over 48 percent from the floor while hitting more than 38 percent of their shots from outside the arc, on their way to a 29-4 record.

The Wildcats boast four players who score in double digits on average and four players who shoot better than 35 percent from behind the arc, on their way to a new pole vaulting record. Above, Le'Tania Severe struggles with an Arizona player for the ball Sunday. At right, Alicia Ratay drives past an Arizona defender.

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BASEBALL

Irish lose 13-inning opener; rebound in double-header

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After sloppy playing conditions pushed back No. 22 Notre Dame's conference opening series against Villanova, the Irish finally took the field Sunday for the first of three games followed by a morning double-header Monday.

Playing seven games over a span of eight days during Spring Break, the extra-long break from game action left the Irish bats a little rusty in a 3-2, 13-inning loss to the Wildcats in the first game of the series.

The Irish retaliated Monday with a pair of solid pitching performances from John Axford and Ryan Kalita to sweep the doubleheader 3-2 and 5-1.

In the opener, Notre Dame sophomore Chris Niesel had another dominating performance for the Irish on the mound. The right-hander went 1 2/3 innings, allowing only two earned runs and striking out 11 Wildcat batters in the no decision.

Senior J.P. Gagne was also effective in relief for the Irish, pitching 5 1/3 scoreless innings before allowing the game-winner in the bottom of the 13th on an RBI single from Wildcat infielder Danny Podsenians.

The Irish had 10 hits in the opening game but were only able to drive in two runs as they left 15 runners stranded on base. Freshmen accounted for both Irish runs, as left fielder Brennan Grogan twice drove in designated hitter Cody Rizzo.

Villanova had a chance to take the victory in the 11th inning as shortstop Brian Troppa led off the inning with a single to right. With two outs, Poydenis smacked a single to left, but Troppa was thrown out at the plate by Grogan to end the inning.

In the top of the next inning, Notre Dame loaded the bases with two outs, but Rizzo grounded out to shortstop to end the threat.

The Irish had their best chance to win in the top of the 13th, as first baseman Joe Thaman led off the inning with a triple. However, the next batter, Notre Dame's leading hitter Steve Sollmann, would strike out. Grogan then lined out to the shortstop and Thaman was picked off third for the inning-ending double play.

In the first half of the twin-bill Monday, Notre Dame would use some more good freshman hitting and solid pitching from the sophomore Axford to secure a 3-2 win.

The tall right-hander worked five innings and allowed only one run on two hits while getting seven strikeouts to improve to 4-0 on the season. Senior reliever Brandon Villoria worked the last two innings, allowing only one run for the save.

Notre Dame tied the game at 1-1 in the third on Grogan's RBI triple and then took the lead 2-1 when right fielder Kris Billmayer got a single through the infield to bring Grogan home.

The Irish got an important insurance run in the sixth with a two-out RBI single from left fielder Craig Cooper, who went 3-for-3 at the plate in the first game.

In the second half of the doubleheader, Notre Dame got a dominating pitching performance from the senior Kalita, who remained undefeated in his Notre Dame career (8-0) after a strong eight innings of work, allowing one run on five hits with seven strikeouts to improve to 2-0 on the year.

Grogan provided the offensive spark in the game for the Irish, hitting 3-for-5 in the nightcap with two RBIs and a run scored.

Notre Dame opens its home season tonight at Frank Eck Stadium against Toledo at 5 p.m. The Rockets are 3-8 on the season and are led at the plate by a pair of 400-plus hitters in catcher Mitch Maier (.460) and outfielder Jay Juras (.404). As a team, the Rockets bat an impressive .328, but they have had some trouble on the mound.

Toledo sports a staff ERA of 6.51, while opponents bat .356 against the Rockets.

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