New student representatives transition into office

By HELENA PAYNE
Senior Staff Writer

Though it is April Fool’s Day, the change of guard that will occur today on the second floor of LaFortune is not a joke.

As outgoing Student Body President Libby Bishop and Vice President Trip Foley end their terms in office, incoming Student Body President Pat Hallahan and Vice President Jeremy Lao are all about business.

“We’re very confident we’re going to have a successful year, but we realize it’s going to take a lot of work on our part,” Hallahan said.

The new student government heads have met with administrators and students to seek out the best ways to serve Notre Dame students.

“Our No. 1 goal for the whole year is to increase the intellectual life on campus,” Hallahan said.

To realize that goal, the two plan to provide “better” speakers, publish teacher course evaluations and encourage more dialogue on diversity and other issues. Hallahan and Lao also plan to address in-hall dances.

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Executive Council

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By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Executive cabinet members met Monday evening at the Creek House, an off-campus house purchased by the University last year. Members dined on homemade falafels and learned about the Club Coordination Council’s new strategic plan.

The seven-page plan, presented by CCC coordinator Amy O’Connor, outlined a reorganization of the CCC, which oversees all student clubs at Notre Dame. The proposal adds a new performing arts division to the council, while including a growing number of art-related student clubs.

It also adds a vice president position, which will help the council run more smoothly. The vice president will serve as liaison to the student Senate, and “will facilitate communication with clubs,” O’Connor said.

The plan also calls for more strict enforcement of CCC regulations. Clubs will be required to hold one fundraiser a year, in order to supplement their funding allocation, which comes from student activities fees.

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SMC students’ families, friends affected by war in Iraq

By EMILY BRAMMER

Some Saint Mary’s students with friends and family in the military have strong connections to Operation Iraqi Freedom, which can make communication difficult and leave loved ones in anxiety.

Saint Mary’s sophomore Emily Pernotto has a 24-year-old brother who has been stationed outside of Iraq for six weeks. Her brother Luke is a 2nd Lieutenant infantry Marine and graduate of the Virginia Military Institute.

Prior to Luke’s departure for Iraq, he was unable to inform his family of his unit’s deployment. Pernotto and her family sensed that Luke would be sent overseas at any time though. A letter from Iraq confirmed their fears.

“The first letter that I received was really hard,” said Pernotto.

“I had never heard the things that he was saying, like that they each got 90 rounds of ammunition stepping off the plane. What he was going through suddenly became very real to me,” Pernotto said.

Luke continued to write letters to his friends and family. In a recent letter to Pernotto, Luke sincerely expressed his profound and selfless love for America. He shows conviction of mind and bravery of spirit, and his only requests are for cookies and prayers. Pernotto said.

“Don’t worry about me I’m doing fine,” he wrote. “Again like the first letter I would like a candle lit for me at your grotto. Remember I want to be here and I am happy that I have the chance to be here. Enjoy what you are doing in America and that will make my job all the worthwhile. ’I’ll be alright until I tell you otherwise.’”

Saint Mary’s junior Dawn Tuel has a friend who is also involved in the war. 20-year-old Jeff Harris serves as a Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy, and his ship is currently stationed in the Persian Gulf.

Tuel said that since Harris left for the Gulf, their hometown in Maryland has shown great support.

Last month students from Harris’ grade school alma mater, Saintes Peter and Paul Elementary, participated in the USS Anzio Valentine Project by...
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adidas representative hosts anti-sweatshop forum

By CHRISTINA CAPERO

The University's Task Force on Anti-Sweatshop Initiatives held a public forum Monday featuring Gregg Nebel, the head of Social and Environmental Affairs at adidas Salomon Americas.

Nebel discussed the process that adidas, a licensing partner of Notre Dame, takes to ensure that its products are manufactured under acceptable labor conditions. adidas' labor compliance program officially began in 1997 with 1,000 factories that adidas contracts to produce all its brands' footwear and apparel products in 165 countries. According to Nebel, the audit methodology has four main phases:

♦ Its internal monitors interview the factory's managers to determine how its management system works.
♦ The team conducts a review of the factory's documentation, including employee guidelines, payroll records, employment contracts and disciplinary policies.
♦ The internal team carries out the sensory part of the process in which it walks through the factory and physically inspects it.
♦ The monitors talk with the factory's workers about their experiences and compare them with management's responses, encouraging communication among them to effect change. The team works with local organizations to foster a relationship with workers.

The team identifies contradictions among the four phases of action, holds a summary visit with management, develops a remediation plan, and conducts follow-up visits to judge the progress of the factory.

The Social and Environmental Affairs division holds the factories to its standards of engagement, which include nine standards for labor compliance and 16 for health and environmental compliance.

Nebel said, the team also provides its factories with reference manuals that contain international and national legal precedents, case studies and recommendations regarding employee guidelines, health and safety procedures and environmental regulations.

Nebel highlighted his unit's main challenge by saying, "How do we implement a sustainable process for compliance?" Because policing factories is not a sustainable way of ensuring labor compliance, the Social and Environmental Affairs division sought to build capacity in factories through training and educating managers and workers.

Nebel said, "By internalizing, factories build a management system that keeps them in compliance."

Thus, this business model should make the compliance system sustainable and more efficient in the long term.

Before adidas contracts a factory, it must meet its audit evaluations of product, sourcing, and social and environmental issues, as well as its basic standards of engagement. adidas’ Social and Environmental Affairs releases tracking worksheets to the public and collaborates with the Fair Labor Association and competitors in working toward labor compliance in its supply chain.

Formerly a factory worker for 25 years, Nebel became the first person dedicated to labor compliance issues at adidas in 1995 as a liaison to Pakistan soccer bán factory's owner of child labor, which has been effectively eliminated. About 40 students, faculty, and staff attended the forum.

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NBC fires journalist Peter Arnett after interview with Iraqi TV

Associated Press

NEW YORK

NBC fired journalist Peter Arnett on Monday, angered that he had given an unauthorized interview with state-run Iraqi TV saying the American-led war effort initially failed because of Iraq's resistance.

Arnett apologized for his "misjudgment," but added, "I said over the weekend what we all know about this war." Meanwhile, the Pentagon was investigating whether Fox News Channel reporter Geraldo Rivera endangered troops by revealing the plans of a military unit in Baghdad. Rivera denied reports that he had been expelled from the country.

Arnett, who won a Pulitzer Prize reporting in Vietnam for The Associated Press, gained much of his prominence from covering the 1991 Gulf War for CNN. One of the few American television reporters left in Baghdad, his reports were frequently aired on NBC and its cable sisters, MSNBC and CNBC.

NBC was angered because Arnett gave the interview Sunday without permission and presented opinion as fact. The network initially backed him, but reversed position after watching a tape of his remarks. The network said it got "thousands" of e-mails and phone calls protesting Arnett's remarks — a thousand e-mails to MSNBC President Erik Sorenson alone.

"When I heard he had given an interview to Iraqi TV, I immediately thought it was about as bad as had a judgment that a reporter in the field could make," Sorenson said. "I held out hope initially that maybe he had given the interview at gunpoint or there was some extenuating circumstance."
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Making more than 1,000 Valentines for the ship's crew. They also decorated a cloth banner with the words, "God bless USS Aziz." About 25 mothers and grandmothers, who all know Harris personally, baked over 1,600 cookies and made a huge boxy goody bag with a personal message included for each member of the crew. They wrote to support the crew and remind them that they are being prayed for and thought of constantly.

"It's hard for me because I know all of his family and friends, and I know what they're going through," said Tuel. "But I'm so proud of him."

Tuel corresponds with Harris by e-mail. She said she's worried about Harris' unease, but finds some comfort in knowing that the crewmates offer each other strong support.

"He seemed scared and anxious to come home," said Tuel. "And he's definitely tired of being on the ship. But he makes it through because all of his shipmates feel the same way. They're all so close."

Tuel also hopes that Americans will support Harris and our armed forces. She said that the protests are disrespectful for those fighting.

"I don't believe that current protests against the war have any positive effect," she said. "People were protesting before the war even started, and if it would have been effective, we wouldn't be at war right now. We need to redirect our focus on supporting our friends and family over there."

Saint Mary's sophomore Katie Harthen has a boyfriend who is involved in the war. 21-year-old Kyle Miller is a Petty Officer aboard the USS Harry S. Truman, presently stationed in the Mediterranean Sea. He works on the boat's nuclear reactors.

Harthen and Miller have been involved in their relationship for almost three years, but his commitment to the Navy has separated them for all but three months.

During this time they've been corresponding by e-mail. However, due to newly implemented security measures, Miller can only receive e-mails now. He is no longer allowed to send them.

In his last e-mail to Harthen, Miller wrote, "This is the last e-mail for awhile, so just know that I've been thinking about you all the time, and I can't wait to hear from you again and see you when I get back (whenever that will be). Let's pray that it's going to be on time. Give my love to everyone and take care of yourself."

The dangers that Miller faces worry Harthen. She constantly follows the progression of the war, praying and hoping for his safe return.

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Harthen has mixed feelings about supporting the war and protesting. "I feel that people have a right to protest, but we're already at war, and so people should focus on supporting the troops now," she said. "I'm very against the protesters, but I would probably be against the war if I didn't know someone who was fighting it."

With opinions of the war aside, the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame community can support all of its friends and family involved in the war by praying and letting its troops know that they are thought of constantly.

And all can respond to Luke Pernotto's simple and most frequent request—"Light a candle in the grotto for me and the rest of the Marines over here."

Contact Beth O'Donnell as incoming CCC president. O'Donnell said he was optimistic that the new plan will help promote active student organizations.

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Leaders

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by the announcement of a new alcohol policy as then-student body president Brooke Norton and vice president Brian Moscona were phasing out of office.

"At that point, student leaders and student government didn't trust the administration because they felt that their input was not valued," Bishop said.

Entering office with a weighty issue before them, Bishop and Foley had difficulty accomplishing their original plan to expand Flex Point meal options. Another challenge that Bishop and past student body presidents have often faced is the inability to see the instant implementation of their plans.

"Change is slow to happen," Bishop said.

Student government only recently released the under­ chedeme calendar Web site, which was an idea from the Norton-Moscona administration.

"I think a lot of the fruits of our labor aren't going to be seen until next year because it takes so long to effect change here," Foley said.

With a project-oriented staff of slightly under 40 and five divisions (academic; diversity, service, spirituality, social concerns; student life; University and alumni relations), Hallahan and Lao want more immediate results.

"As long as we're making headways somewhere, we're making headway in general," Lao said. "We really want to see that student life gets better whether or not we can take credit for it."

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At least seven Iraqi civilians killed at checkpoint

According to an account by the Central Command, the van approached the U.S. Army checkpoint Monday morning after Soldiers motioned for the driver to stop but were ignored. They shot the driver after firing shots into the vehicle continued moving toward the checkpoint. Troops then shot into its engine. At a last resort, the military said, soldiers fired into the back of the van.

Two other civilians were wounded at the checkpoint on a highway near Karbala, according to a Pentagon official and Central Command. The military is investigating.

"They tried to warn the vehicle to stop, it did not stop," Marine Corps Gen. Peter Pace said on PBS-TV's "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer." "And it was unusual that that vehicle would be full of only women and that the driver was a woman. So we need to find out why it was that they were acting the way they did."

The military statement said 13 women and children were in the van. But The Washington Post, whose reporter is embedded with the 3rd Infantry, said 15 people were in the vehicle and 10 were killed, including five children who appeared to be younger than age 5. One of the wounded was a man not expected to live, the Post reported on its Web site.

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Landslide buries Bolivian mining homes: A landslide roared through a gold-mining town in Bolivia's tropical lowlands early Monday, killing at least four people and burying dozens of homes. Villagers of Chima spent the afternoon digging through a mountain of mud, rock and muck to protect themselves.

A family of Iraqi civilians take cover at a checkpoint Monday as troops provided protection to local civilians and ensured no Iraqi militiamen slipped through disguised as ordinary civilians. At least seven civilians were killed at a different checkpoint in southern Iraq Monday.

The newspaper described the vehicle as a four-wheel-drive Toyota crammed with the Iraqis' personal belongings. In its description of the shooting, the Post quoted a 3rd Infantry Division captain as saying the checkpoint crew did not fire warning shots quickly enough.

The Post describes the caption watching through binoculars and ordering the soldiers by radio to fire a warning shot first and then shoot a 7.62 mm magazine round into the vehicle's radiator. When the vehicle kept coming, the captain ordered the soldiers to "stop him!"

Iraq

Huge series of explosions resounds through Baghdad:

A communique read on Iraqi Satellite Television said members of the 11th Division, which fought in Nasiriyah, would receive medals and their families would immediately receive 2 million dinars — about $670 at the exchange rate on the eve of the war.

Saddam was last shown on Iraqi television on Saturday night. Odai had not been seen on Iraqi TV since the war began, according to Al-Arabiya television. U.S. attempts to silence Iraqi TV and radio through aerial attacks have failed, with Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhab insisting the broadcasts were unaffected.

Despite repeated bombings of the Iraqi Information Ministry and Iraqi transmitters, the local media operation was "as good as it was before" the attacks, al-Sahhab said.

He said he and several colleagues helped put out the flames in the ministry, which was struck for the second time in two days, while technicians repaired damaged transmitters. The Americans had hoped to cut off television and radio transmissions to halt propaganda. Iraqi television was off for about three hours Monday morning before broadcasts resumed.

World News Briefs

Street fighting 50 miles from Baghdad: American forces battled Iraqi defenders in fierce street fighting 50 miles south of Baghdad on Monday, pointing toward a drive on the capital. Army guards shot seven Iraqi women and children to death when their van refused orders to stop at a checkpoint, officials said. U.S. troops and tanks encountered rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire in a dawn raid against Republican Guard defenders of Hiddiya, a key city astride the Euphrates River.

Another unit fought to isolate Najaf to the south and prevent attacks on U.S. supply lines. "There are maneuvers going on (to try to destroy those divisions that stand in our way)" of Baghdad, Maj. Gen. Stanley McChrystal said at the Pentagon. He added that more than 3,000 precision-guided bombs have been dropped on Iraq in the past few days, out of 8,000 in the entire war.

Gunman kills man during church service: A man stood up during a church service and shot another man to death in what a prosecutor said was the third killing in a years-long feud stemming from a rape. At least seven people suffered minor injuries trying to flee St. Paul's Albanian Church on Sunday, some by leaping out windows, authorities said. Most of the injuries were cuts and bruises. Oakland County sheriff's Capt. Michael McCabe identified the man in custody Monday as Gjon Pepaj, 38, of Rochester Hills. Charges might not be filed until Tuesday because of the number of witnesses investigators planned to interview. McCabe said.Witness Luigi Gjokaj said the gunman stood up and yelled "Yes, I am here," then shot Gjek Sufaj, 38, in the back of the head. He shot Sufaj several more times, then fired into the air and yelled "I done what I was supposed to do," Gjokaj said. Authorities and witnesses said the shooting was the result of a six-year vendetta.

Iraq
New SMC feminist group to meet
Women's Studies links with new student club

By LAUREN O'BRIEN
News Writer

A new feminist student group will meet for the first time tonight at Saint Mary’s. Phyllis Kaminski, the former coordinator for the College’s Women’s Studies program and current chair of the Religious Studies Department, first suggested a new and more comprehensive feminist group three years ago. She proposed the idea to Heather Engstrom, now a senior at Saint Mary’s and the Student Academic Council representative for Women’s Studies.

“I feel it is very necessary because there is a need to address feminist issues on campus,” Engstrom said.

The new group, Feminists United, plans to include committees that concentrate on specific feminist issues. The focus of the group as a whole is student activism. Officially, Feminists United does not yet have the approval of Saint Mary’s. The group is hoping to gain support next year after compiling a member list and filling the necessary paperwork.

“I have had a lot of positive feedback for Feminists United so far,” Engstrom said.

Astrid Henry, the coordinator of the Women’s Studies Program, is the faculty adviser for Feminists United. She sees the connection between Feminists United and the Women’s Studies program as a vital asset because of the continuity that the association will provide.

“One of our goals is just to get women more involved and interested in women’s issues on campus, in the community and internationally,” Henry said.

Feminists United hopes to connect with other groups on campus that address women’s issues. The group’s first meeting will be held tonight at 8:30 p.m. in the Women’s Center in the basement of LeMans Hall.

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Board of Governance
’03-’04 BOG holds first meeting of term

By MEGAN O’NEIL
News Writer

New Board of Governance officers began their first meeting since taking office by reviewing basic procedures Monday, items such as co-sponsorship grants, wherein the Board helps sponsor student activities, were explained and discussed.

“It is not an all or nothing situation,” said Student Body President Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl in reference to the grants. “We can give them any amount we want.” Jablonski-Diehl also reviewed the format for the weekly meetings and outlined such procedures as how to make, and second, a motion.

To increase efficiency and communication, the new Board will implement a few changes.

Officers will now receive financial sponsorship requests a week prior to discussion on the agenda. Board members hope this will result in better informed decisions.

In Other BOG News
♦ After much discussion BOG agreed to provide $325 for materials to build a boat to be entered into the annual Fisher Regatta. While Saint Mary’s has always been invited to participate, this will be the first time the College submits an entry. The effort is being organized by Amanda Garo, who hopes to make Saint Mary’s participation an annual event.

Board members were excited that Saint Mary’s students would be represented, although they hoped that fundraising would pay for the costs in the future.

♦ Student Academic Council has organized a school-wide mass for Palm Sunday on April 13. Organizers plan to have a palm procession into the Church of Loreto.

♦ Residence Hall Association is currently in the process of electing new hall councils. Campaigning will begin April 15 and the elections will take place April 24.

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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.

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

“Implications and Morality of a Pre-Emptive War”
April 18th, 7:30 PM, Coleman Morse Lounge
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 26th, 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Presentation and Questions, Debarati 141
8:30 PM Procession to Grotto for concluding prayer for peace
A Talk by Fr. John Dear, S.J.
Poet, Activist and author/editor of 30 books on peace & justice,
Former Executive Director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation

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In Brief

US Airways survives Chapter 11

US Airways emerged from Chapter 11 bankruptcy Monday, wrapping up a swift eight-month return to financial accountability just as the war in Iraq threatens to devastate the airline industry.

Airline spokesman David Castelveter said the company has cut annual costs by $1.9 billion, mostly through wage and benefit concessions from its workers. The airline also has developed a plan to turn a profit as early as 2004.

However, Castelveter said excitement at the airline was tempered by concern over how the war will affect its restructuring. Bookings were down 20 percent the first week after the war began.

Kmart announces further job cuts

Kmart Corp. is eliminating 660 more jobs as part of the bankrupt retailer's efforts to cut costs and reduce the size of its operations.

Some 400 jobs will be cut at headquarters, 123 corporate positions will be cut around the country and another 137 vacant positions will be eliminated, the company announced Monday.

Julian Day, Kmart president and chief executive, told a news conference that the 400 headquarters jobs are mostly middle management. The company has about 170,000 employees overall, including 2,900 at its headquarters in suburban Troy, officials said.

HealthSouth fires third in scandal

HealthSouth Corp. fired Richard Scrushy as chairman and chief executive, severing ties with its founder as a third executive pleaded guilty Monday in a mushrooming accounting scandal.

The company said Scrushy, who built HealthSouth into a leading health care chain and was previously suspended as chief executive, also was asked to quit the board. In a further bid to wipe clean its slate, HealthSouth said it would fire longtime outside auditor Ernst & Young.

Airline reaches new agreement

+ American Airlines avoids bankruptcy

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NASDAQ -153.64

S&P 500 -15.32

AMEX -87.89

NYSE -827.26

TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY %CHANGE $GAIN PRICE

SIRIUS SATELLIT (SR) -8.96 0.86 8.73

NASDAQ-100 INDEX (QQQ) -3.18 0.83 75.35

MICROSOFT CORP (MSFT) 1.86 0.46 24.21

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A new study by the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA raises the issue of whether, in terms of "Catholic character," a pricey education at a Catholic college is worth it. The study tracked attitudes of students who attended Catholic colleges and universities, including Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. In 1997, HERI surveyed incoming freshmen, including 3,199 Catholics and 1,998 non-Catholics. In 2001, they surveyed those same students. The percentage of students who agreed with the following statements changed as follows from 1997 to 2001: 

- "Ethics should be taught at Catholic universities," 37 percent to 51 percent; non-Catholic, 42 percent to 71 percent.
- "If two people really love each other, it's all right for them to have sex even if they are not married," 49 percent to 69 percent; non-Catholic, 60 percent to 73 percent.

OutreachND could provide more with club status

This Saturday there is going to be a dance. It is one of the most important dances of the year for all Notre Dame students; and yet you probably won’t hear about it anywhere. The dance, known as April Follies, is sponsored by a gay and lesbian student organization called OutreachND.

OutreachND is a combination of the year celebration and social support meetings that OutreachND has been organizing for over four years. For the past several years, OutreachND has been working to support and improve the conditions of gay and lesbian students who have been through it themselves. By refusing to recognize the importance of these activities and services, the University is making a difficult situation even more difficult. Instead of being able to work on constantly improving the club, board members often must work on things other clubs take for granted. For example, OutreachND has to take a Scripture class, but mine has to teach it. "There is no right to receive from a university instruction in authentic Catholic doctrine and practice. Courses in Catholic doctrine and practice should be made available to all students." OutreachND has a Catholic presence and offers abundant spiritual resources to students who want them. But no one can rationally claim that Notre Dame conforms to the Ex Corde requirements. As one Notre Dame sophomore wrote in a news comment on the HERI study, "The required theology classes for all students don’t necessarily cover Catholic teachings. Everyone has to take a Scripture class, but mine was taught by a Protestant graduate student who knew nothing about Catholic teaching. The second theology requirement can be completed by any of a wide variety of classes that don’t normally pertain to Church teaching specifically." The system is hit-or-miss and often hostile to Catholic teaching on morality and policy. The leaders of Notre Dame and other "Catholic" universities represent a religion or church in the term of the Vicar of Christ who is the only person with ultimate authority to define such things, and this has led to decrees of the NCAA and a host of issues and problems.

The leaders of the "Catholic" universities act in what they see as the best interest of government and private regulators. The view expressed in this column is that Notre Dame is more than a Catholic university. If someone is doing something that isn’t a violation of the law, they shouldn’t be asked to stop. If someone is doing something good, they shouldn’t be asked to stop. If someone is doing something that isn’t a violation of the law, they shouldn’t be asked to stop. If someone is doing something good, they shouldn’t be asked to stop.
**ALBUM REVIEW**

**Deana Carter, more than a girl**

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN  
Assistant Scene Editor

With the release of "I'm Just a Girl," Deana Carter proves she can indeed sparkle in her native Nashville that is already full of female country stars with immense talent. Her honky vocals, infused with a charming country twang, captured hearts in 1996 when she sold 4 million copies of her debut album, Did I Shave My Legs For This?

Unfortunately, Carter has been missing on the scene after a relatively disappointing sophomore album and conflicts with her former record label, Capitol Records. But after being released from her Capitol contract and finding a new label in Arista Records, Carter's new single, "There's No Limit," is already climbing the Billboard charts. While the song is radio-friendly with its sing-a-long lyrics and catchy acoustic sound, praised by Carter herself, it pales somewhat compared to the more original tracks offered. She has more to offer her fans than ordinary tunes, and while her voice is less powerful than Martina McBride or Faith Hill, she has just as much ability to convey genuine emotions in her singing, whether with poignant ballads or buoyant tunes.

One of the best songs on the album is the gentle and sweet "You and Tequila." Just like poison in my blood / One more night might kill me, baby / One is one too many, and one more is never enough." Amazingly, she sings her yearning melodies without sounding spiteful or angry (On her wonderful duet with D'Wight Yoakam, "Waiting," the acoustic twang and sizzling drums soar and fade behind the two singers. Carter's lovely voice is complemented both by the addition of Wray and the sincerity of the lyrics. "Waiting for the thought to cross your mind that two hearts might / Be inclined to commit an act that's bold / Or even just be looking for a chance to take advantage of / One glance and live inside it one more time."

Carter doesn't spend all her time wishing and hoping though; she cuts loose like a slightly wild Southern belle on several of the fun tracks. On "Eddie," even the steel guitar sounds carefree. Bouncing along the highway of heartbreak, "Liar" provides therapy with wittily theatrical insults scattered over an assortment of horns, giving a distinct circus feeling at one point in the song. "Girls' Night" sets off at top speed to end the album with breakneck guitar tempos and lyrics that mix the fun of girlie girls, Miller Lite and lumberjacks. "I'm going downtown, I'm gonna look real nice / I'm gonna sportin' my collection, I'm gonna cause a few fights / I'm gonna find my friends / 'Cause it's girls' night," she sings.

Listening to this album, the listener can almost bear the champagne glasses in the background toasting the success of a standout country girl and her most recent musical accomplishment.

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**Masterful debut from Blouse Puppies**

By BJ STREW  
Scene Music Critic

Lester Bangs said rock is dead. Dick Riley said philosophy is dead. Harvard's Walt Gilbert said molecular biology is dead. Others have sounded the death knell of rock's newest standard-bearers. Some meetings-Phil Collins sound, it is clear the moniker to their curious, esoteric instrument was correct, to write an entire book about the group like some Celtic folklore, in ground water hydrology and so on. Clear, few have yet successfully described the band's unique sound.

The band's official debut album, Derelict My What, Capitán?, with its release delayed by Apple Corps Records until March 31 after Internet bootlegging, features most of the Blouse Puppies' founding members: ex-Merry Prankster Bones Walker on the stand-up bass, Ben Ferguson blowing a mean soprano flute, Nick Martin on electric piano and the imperturbably cool contralto of lead guitarist and vocalist Yanek. Veteran percussionist Lund Driftwood pounds sweet thunder with the meticulous artistry of Art Blakey.

Taking a page from techno group Prodigy's playbook, the Blouse Puppies feature the solo salsa dancer, Jason Caretta, tumbling and frolicking in front of the group like some Chita Rivera on PC. And the world is lucky to thank producer Mike Fanzica. Because then, after everyone thought the band had peaked, the big-wig Slician producer, in due course, had the whole band rocking dirty-blonda perks. Maybe a little over-the-top, perhaps a bit too retro, but believe it — the glimmering, called 'diss are heartrendingly in concert, as those 23 high-schoolers lucky enough to witness the Blouse Puppies last week in the basement of a Motel 6 in Minster, Ohio can confirm.

The title track opens with Yanek utilising a more like a Moroccan widower, accompanied by Bones' novel harmonies and Driftwood's monstrous rumble, questioning the existence not of God, but of bad easy-listening. Many of the songs, such as "Prince Albert's Revenge" and "But It Ain't Grey Poupon," have a bouncy bass line firmly undergirding the minor-chord melodies.

The album ends with "The Rack," a tribute to Janet Reno and her contributions not only to the country, but to country music. An avant-garde confluence of country (Appalachian, not Nashville), free jazz, Brazilian tropicalia, klezmer and of course, classic rock, their influences range from Ornette Coleman to Bob Dylan to John Tesh. Vicissous parody? Maybe. Genius? Undoubtedly.

The lyrics content span a variety of topics, including Yanek's Icelandic boyhood, the pitfalls of sobriety, Dadaism and whale liberation. It is difficult to say where the irony ends and the earnestness begins, so easy listening is Yanek's oeuvre. What is easy to say, on the other hand, is that no one would have predicted it would take a mixture of saxes flutes and golden perm to upend the Lester Bangs Weihnachtschung and finally have a shot at redeeming a music world in decline.

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Bush ousts ND Administration

President declares du Lac 'oppressive, harsh'

By KEITH MYATH

President George W. Bush forcefully removed University Vice President Father Park Youcan from his perch atop the Office of Student Affairs Monday in an effort the White House has dubbed Operation Liver Freedom.

"When [National Security Advisor] Condoleezza Rice told me about the changes to the alcohol policy at her alma mater, I realized Youcan had gone too far," Bush said, then continued to polish his pewter fork engraved with the phrase, "No Khaki Under the Lion of Me."

"Americans have a right to booze," he added.

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Peace groups hold pro-war protesters hostage in tunnels

Pro-peace groups attempt to muzzle pro-war voice on campus

By JONAH BIRKENSTOCK

Five thousand pro-war protesters were found in the underground tunnels of the Notre Dame campus during the Class of '03's tour of the passageways.

An effort to rid the campus of promoters of the war in Iraq, several peace groups on campus collaborated in order to squelch the voice of campus hawks.

The protesters were discovered by senior Katie McDougal and went to investigate.

"I smelled chalk. I recognized the scent because I used to eat chalk in kindergarten," McDougal said.

"The pro-war voice on campus was really getting too vocal. They had to be stopped," Shaun Richards said.

"I tried banning him from campus, but that didn't really work so well. Lettuce, onions, tomato?" said Father Park Youcan sandwich artist.

"It's awesome to have 'W' around," junior Hoe Jetter said. "Now we can drink on campus and visit girls' dorms after midnight! In my book, that's Touchdown Browns!"

Members of the College Democrats have loudly voiced their opposition to the president.

"Youcan's rules sucked, but at least he's not from Texas," said Aaron Vanfluff, a member of the College Democrats.

When reached for comment early Friday evening, Notre Dame Security/Policing called the takeover "a huge mistake which will have serious repercussions for the University, the entire Notre Dame community and surrounding areas."

In a related story, the charred remains of the Security building are being tested for bomb-making materials after a mysterious explosion leveled the facility early Monday morning.

"Miraculously, there were no injuries reported," NDSU spokesperson Iman E. Diet said, primarily because the entire force was occupied with "a disturbance involving multiple illegally-parked cars in the DZ North parking lot."

However, multiple student witnesses place members of the campus police force outside Finnegan's at the time of the explosion.

"They were carrying directories and checking ID's," senior Ami Hott-Noway said. "It was a really intimidating situation until they got back on their bikes and rode to campus."

Upon securing the Dome, Bush celebrated his military victory with a trip to Meijer. The president was last seen screaming, "yahoo" while riding the penny pony.

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Too dull and unattractive to hang out with the popular majors in the Mendoza College of Business, the Department of Economics has long been relegated to the College of Arts and Letters, though many hope students are largely unaware that the Economics was ever offered as a major at Notre Dame.

"We look out on this campus and see a gold mine of socially awkward bad dressers," said department chair Yourcan. (Photo courtesy Dimes Information)

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Peace groups hold pro-war protesters hostage in tunnels

By JONAH BIRKENSTOCK

Five thousand pro-war protesters were found in the underground tunnels of the Notre Dame campus during the Class of '03's tour of the passageways.

An effort to rid the campus of promoters of the war in Iraq, several peace groups on campus collaborated in order to squelch the voice of campus hawks.

The protesters were discovered by senior Katie McDougal and went to investigate.

"I smelled chalk. I recognized the scent because I used to eat chalk in kindergarten," McDougal said.

"The pro-war voice on campus was really getting too vocal. They had to be stopped," Shaun Richards said.

"I tried banning him from campus, but that didn't really work so well. Lettuce, onions, tomato?" said Father Park Youcan sandwich artist.

"It's awesome to have 'W' around," junior Hoe Jetter said. "Now we can drink on campus and visit girls' dorms after midnight! In my book, that's Touchdown Browns!"

Members of the College Democrats have loudly voiced their opposition to the president.

"Youcan's rules sucked, but at least he's not from Texas," said Aaron Vanfluff, a member of the College Democrats.

When reached for comment early Friday evening, Notre Dame Security/Policing called the takeover "a huge mistake which will have serious repercussions for the University, the entire Notre Dame community and surrounding areas."

In a related story, the charred remains of the Security building are being tested for bomb-making materials after a mysterious explosion leveled the facility early Monday morning.

"Miraculously, there were no injuries reported," NDSU spokesperson Iman E. Diet said, primarily because the entire force was occupied with "a disturbance involving multiple illegally-parked cars in the DZ North parking lot."

However, multiple student witnesses place members of the campus police force outside Finnegan's at the time of the explosion.

"They were carrying directories and checking ID's," senior Ami Hott-Noway said. "It was a really intimidating situation until they got back on their bikes and rode to campus."

Upon securing the Dome, Bush celebrated his military victory with a trip to Meijer. The president was last seen screaming, "yahoo" while riding the penny pony.

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Inside Column

Jigga what?

As if anyone really cared what Observer staffers thought about life.

Ronald McDonald

Master of the Universe

What's Inside

Campus News

Student government announces new anti-gossip policy

President Lippy Pushup told Senate Tuesday she was frickin' tired of people saying they saw her at Boat Club.

World & Nation

Bush chooses "Bombs over Baghdad" as new national anthem

U.S. President George W. Bush decided to boost the morale of troops in Iraq by choosing a popular song as the American national anthem.

Business News

The Library suffers financial distress when football team travels

The local bar, The Library, only made $15 off of underagers drinking on Thursday when the football team was away.

Viewpoint

Student responds to new alcohol policy

"I need a beer."

Sports

Fan attends women's rowing event

In an unexpected turn of events, a fan attended a womens rowing meet. When asked about it, the coach said, "We didn't know we had fans."

Correction

Yesterday's photograph of Saint Mary's Vice President of student affairs Linda Timon was mislabeled as Snoop Dog.

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

What's Happening @ ND

- Interhall greased pig catching 12 p.m. North Quad
- Pole dancing lessons 7 p.m. at the Rock
- Lecture with Howard Stern 3 p.m. anywhere but Notre Dame

What's Happening @ SMC

- Multicultural board celebrates the history of Irish Jehovah's Witnesses in information technology business 2 p.m. at LeMans Hall
- Dining Hall hosts "Children's Birthday Party" night 4:30 p.m. at Noble Family Dining Hall

What's Going Down

Sulky finishes service hours post bust

University administrator Father Sulky completed his service hour following being busted for drinking hard alcohol in a Notre Dame dorm.

Employee hits stuff

An employee of the LaFortune Subway was reported to campus security after hitting the soda machine after a customer insulted Subway spokesman Jared Fogel.

Visitor reports missing bike

A prospective student visiting the university for the first time reported his bicycle missing from outside South Dining Hall. Notre Dame Security Police reported not caring.

Football team reports finding bike

No other information provided.

2 men disrupt class

Two unidentified male students entered room 201 DeBartolo five minutes late. The teaching assistant, who was attempting to conduct a lecture on the importance of being international, reported the two men to police for throwing him off his lecture due to their lack of clothing.

Scholastic is now hiring a new illustrator...

Qualifications:

Don't draw like this.

For more information please contact the Editor in Chief. He can be reached in Scholastic's South Dining Hall office during the magazine's regular production hours:

Every eleventh Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m.
How to Lose a Guy in 10 seconds

It's the moment every girl dreams of. You're filling up your solo cup with the finest beer $40 can buy and you look across the room and see the man of your dreams. You lock eyes and he walks toward you, tells you he's pre-med and the starting forward on the Notre Dame basketball team. He's tall, dark and handsome — and he decides instantly that you're the one.

Then, reality sets in. You realize that no, this guy is not telling you that you fell from heaven, that you're the closest better-than-T-Pusheramus to another girl b) about half of the keg's content's running through his blood stream. As he sloppily puts his arm around you and drools a little while he's telling you that you fell from heaven, you're left wondering: What's a girl to do?

What follows are the six surefire ways to lose a guy, not in 10 days, but in a mere 10 seconds.

1. Just walk away. Quickly, quietly and preferably to another party.
2. Tell him about his connection to the previously mentioned ugly tree. Make sure you include the part about the branches.
3. Find the closest better-than-T-Pusheramus and begin to make out with him. This will divert the former guy's attention to a) another girl b) the keg or c) the fact that there is drool running down his face.
4. Mention, a la Janie Bueller, your scorching case of her to the hizzle o-to the tizzle. Don't be wastin' your newly filled solo cup and throw the golden liquid in his face. No words necessary here, but in a mere 10 seconds flat and you can get back to the party. Guaranteed.

Priest attempts new recruitment technique, fo sho mos def

Yo yo. I be wrizziting to you today, da dudes of da Skoo, to pray under the crucifizzle and get yo self over to the OC. Big o d a y. Chill over in OC with the true OG, his son Jesu Chrizzle toll you to check yo selfs. It be time to dizvote your life to God. This is an invitation to the priesthood at Old College here at Notre Dame. Ya, Holla attcha. Fo shizzle. It's the rizzle dizzle, baby bizzle. Git on up in da man w it da hoo-k-up at da Dome. Any G od-fearing institution should be concerned, first and foremost, with the souls of its students, and those long minutes may even be too much, but I do understand times are changing so I can make a small allowance.

Without parietals, students would be damned to Hell

I am writing in response to the University's recent decision to move parietals from 10 am to 9 am. As a practicing Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! how can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged! How can a university that claims to be Catholic, I am outraged!

Sister Perpetua Chastity
Rector of all things good and holy
Belle ballers win championship

By PAT HOSER
Sports Editor

The best-ranked Midwestern Liberal Arts All-female Institution Located Along Rt. 31 defeats field trip-depleted Albion Middle School squad

Albion squad depleted due to a class group of Vikings to ok the field at halftime of the Notre Dame game against Stanford Saturday.

Despite their inability to score many points, I was still very pleased and a game-long 5-on-3 advantage, including two by junior forward Katie McKatie, to put the game away for the Belles.

"I started getting slightly concerned when they scored those four points," Blahhhah said. "But I still was pleased with the way we were playing at that point."

But the Belles responded, hitting an astonishing three straight shots, including two by junior forward Katie McKatie, to put the game away for the Belles.

"I was impressed with Katie's performance this afternoon," Blahhhah said. "I don't know if we could have made it this far without Katie's hard work and dedication to the team.

A school-record two Belles fans camped out for tickets to the game. One of those fans was Katie's mom.

Don't even bother contacting Fat Hoser.

IRISH GUARD REPLACED

After Fr. Park Youcan suspended the Irish guard after their conduct at the Pittsburgh game, a group of Vikings took the field at halftime of the Notre Dame game against Stanford Saturday. The Irish beat the Cardinal, 23-17, before a sparse crowd.

IN BRIEF

Fencing?

An Irish team finally won a national championship. Unfortunately, students were unaware that Notre Dame had a fencing team, or worse.

"What is fencing?" one student asked upon hearing the news.

Willingham saincted

After returning the Notre Dame football team to some thing better than a national joke, Irish coach Tyrone Willingham was santed on Thursday.

The pope, a long-time Irish fan despite his polish heritage, was just as grateful as the rest of Notre Dame fans and knew it must have been a miracle to make the team that played under Bob Davie not only win, but beat Michigan State.

God status was considered, but rejected after the loss to Boston College.

Yatar suspended

The very vocal captain of the Notre Dame women's basketball team, Moesha Yatar, was sus pensd from play after giving a reporter a usable quote follow ing her team's last game. The vocal leader was reprimand ed for her bruhasness.

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CONCERT REVIEW

Guster blows away the Windy City

By RYAN RAFFERTY
Scene Music Crit.

Guster stumbled onto the music scene in 1994 when members Ryan Miller, Adam Gardner and Brian Rosenworcel met at Tufts University and recorded their first album, Parachute. Over the next several years Guster became increasingly popular through relentless touring. Then in late 2001 they "entered a cave," as percussionist Brian Rosenworcel said in a recent interview with The Observer.

When they emerged earlier this year they brought with them a brand new album and a surprise spring tour before the album’s release in June. Always known for their fun and exciting live shows, Guster did not disappoint Saturday night at the Riviera Theater in Chicago. Playing to a sold-out crowd in a show that was recorded for a local radio station did not phase Guster at all — they still played their hearts out.

Guster took the stage after opening act Blue Merle’s surprisingly outstanding performance and opened up with a revamped version of "I Spy," which displayed their fresher sound perfectly. Commenting on the band’s new sound, Rosenworcel said, "We’re much more mature after recording the new album." The main change in Guster’s sound is the switch Rosenworcel makes from playing a conga set with his hands, to playing a conventional drum kit with sticks. "I’ve played so beautifully it sent chills up the audience’s back. "Happier" also has an entirely new intro in which guitarist Ryan Miller and Adam Gardner’s guitars sound like sirens.

Rosenworcel isn’t the only member of Guster to take up a new instrument. Miller played bass on several new songs Saturday, and the band was joined by guest guitarist Joe Puig. Miller’s bass is very melodic and carries the melody in several new songs like "Homecoming King" and "Amsterdam." Adam Gardner also strayed from his guitar when he played piano during a cover of Ben Folds’ "Not the Same," that rivaled the actual version.

Guster has always been known for doing different and outrageous things during their live shows, and Saturday night was no different. Other than the fact that the entire show was recorded for a special concert on a local Chicago radio station, nothing seemed out of the ordinary.

That all changed when Miller invited the violin player from opening act Blue Merle on the stage to play a song. A screen then lowered from the ceiling as Miller read an e-mail from a fan wondering if they could show the fabled video the band recorded on Navy Pier for their song "Window." Without hesitation, Guster began to play along with the 8-year-old video playing above them. The greatest surprise of the night came during the encore, however, when percussionist Rosenworcel stepped out front to sing Simon and Garfunkel’s "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

The rest of the concert was filled with Guster classics like "Airport Song," in which Rosenworcel played an amazing conga solo while strobe lights flashed behind him. The band never missed a step playing crowd favorites like "Barrel of a Gun," "All the Way Up To Heaven." "Parachute" and "FaFa." Some of the best songs were a powerful rendition of "Two Points For Honesty" and "Demons," in which the band sandwiched a cover of Cabo’s "Julie." New songs like "Keep It Together," "Ramonita," and "Homecoming King" were perfect additions to an already amazing concert.

During his interview with The Observer, Rosenworcel talked about Guster’s newest album, which will be released in June. Amidst talk about Virus Tennis, Bonnie Raitt dreams and UPS drivers, he did find time to comment on the new sound of their album, Keep It Together.

"It’s definitely a departure for us," he said. "We’ve changed formats. We’re much more interested in the music now." When asked about his departure from playing drums with his hands, Rosenworcel said, "I’m getting old. It’s kinda like how I used to be able to dunk, now." When asked about his departure from playing drums with his hands, Rosenworcel said, "I’m getting old. It’s kinda like how I used to be able to dunk, now." When asked about his departure from playing drums with his hands, Rosenworcel said, "I’m getting old. It’s kinda like how I used to be able to dunk, now."

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The addition of the new songs gave fans the opportunity to hear the slightly newer sound of Guster.

Let’s just hope they decide to make another stop at the big golf ball in the near future.

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Years of relentless touring have provided Guster with a devoted fan base, which was obvious by the sold-out crowd for their show Saturday at Chicago’s Riviera Theater. From left, Ryan Miller, Brian Rosenworcel and Adam Gardner.
The thrill of the Tom Glavine era lasted all of one pitch for the Chicago Cubs. After that, Corey Patterson and the Chicago Cubs flattened them.

Glavine started the season with a gem, but his .243 average completely fell apart. Booed off the mound in the fourth inning, he was done for the year gone by the time Patterson finished with two home runs and seven RBIs in a 15-2 romp over the embarrassed Mets.

New manager Dusty Baker saw ace Kerry Wood win with seven effective innings on a cold, blustery afternoon and watched the NL's worst offense last season have its way with the Cincinnati pitching staff.

For new Mets manager Art Howe, his debut was an utter disaster. Glavine struggled, and New York's defense — which led the majors in errors last year in the majors in errors last year in the majors in errors last year in the majors in errors last year — completely fell apart. Booed off the mound in the fourth inning, he was done for the year gone by the time Patterson finished with two home runs and seven RBIs in a 15-2 romp over the embarrassed Mets.

Patterson and the Chicago Cubs took advantage of a tough day to pitch, as hot-dog wrappers kept blowing past him.

The four-time NL Cy Young Award winner lasted seven innings, giving up five runs — four earned — and nine hits.

"I had a couple of bad pitches, but I don't think the story is on this side of the field," Johnson said. "I think it's over on the other side. Hideo Nomo pitched extremely well. He's pitched well against us in the past, so that shouldn't come as any surprise. He picked up where he left off at the end of last year."
Mark Buehrle, 19-12 last year, became the first left-hander to make consecutive opening-day starts for the White Sox since Wilbur Wood from 1972 to 1976. Buehrle gave up two runs and six hits in seven innings. Chicago, expected to contend for the AL Central title, opened on the road for the 13th consecutive season.

Kansas City, coming off a 62-100 season, went ahead in the second. Brandon Berger, given the start in right field because half of his eight career homers have come off Buehrle, walked and took on third on a double by rookie Ken Harvey. Berroa singled and Brent Mayne followed with an RBI double — with Berroa out at the plate on a string relay throw from second baseman D'Angelo Jimenez. Mike Sweeney doubled in the eighth, took on third on a passed ball and scored on Tom Gordon's wild pitch.

Four runners were thrown out at the plate, two of them Royals. Harvey was cut down in the sixth and scored on Tom Gordon's wild pitch. Three runners were thrown out at the plate, two of them Royals. Harvey was cut down in the sixth and scored on Tom Gordon's wild pitch.

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY

Kansas City's youth movement got off to a solid start.

Rusty's Hernandez allowed two hits in six innings and rookie Angel Berroa drove in the go-ahead run as the Royals beat the Chicago White Sox — Kansas City's first opening-day win in five years.

Hernandez combined with two relievers on a three-hitter — and the first opening-day shutout in Royals' history.

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Irish legend dies

Special to The Observer

Former Notre Dame football great George Connor—a two-time consensus All-American tackle and 1946 recipient of the Outland Trophy—died today at the age of 78. Details of his death, including memorial and funeral information, will be forthcoming.

Connor enjoyed arguably the most combined success on the college and professional level of any player in Notre Dame's storied history (he was a Hall of Fame inductee on both levels), after continuing as a two-way star and five-time all-NFL selection with his hometown Chicago Bears.

Notre Dame fans recently had the chance to pay tribute to Connor during the 2000 season opener versus Texas A&M. A special ceremony that day included Connor being presented with an Outland Trophy—emblematic of the nation's top interior lineman—in recognition of an award that he had received 54 years earlier. Permanent trophies were not presented to the Outland winners until 1989, with a series of trophy presentations to former winners then beginning in 1999.

A 1963 inductee into the College Football Hall of Fame, Connor helped Notre Dame post undefeated national championship seasons in 1946 (8-0-1) and 1947 (9-0-0), the start of a four-year span that many recognize as one of the most dominating stretches in college football history.

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IN BRIEF

Monfort new Rockies owner

Charles Monfort became chairman and chief executive officer of the Colorado Rockies on Monday, replacing Jerry McMorris as the club's controlling owner.

Former President Bush throws out first pitch in Cincy

Charles Monfort became chairman of the Rockies ownership group in January that they would be part of an ownership group that expected to move a Class A minor-league team from Albany, Ga., into the stadium in 2004.

Williams says she needs to get it shape

Former President George Bush hugs Cincinnati Reds shortstop Barry Larkin after Bush threw out the first pitch at the first regular season game at Cincinnati's Great American Ball Park.

Bush throws out first pitch in Cincy

Associated Press

Former President George Bush threw the ceremonial first pitch — a strike that left him delighted — as the Cincinnati Reds dedicated their new ballpark to a patriotic theme.

The Reds invited current President Bush to open Great American Ball Park, but he declined without explanation, allowing his father to fill in.

The ceremonies were wrapped in a patriotic theme. Reds owner Carl Lindner began by paying tribute to U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf, and fans waved 6-by-9-inch flags placed up each of the 42,263 seats.

A trainer from the Cincinnati Zoo brought a bald Eagle onto the field before Daniel Rodriguez, the "Singing Policeman" from New York City — singing "The Star-Spangled Banner." Dozens of red, white and blue streamers were shot from the roof and swirled in the wind as the crowd chanted "U-S-A! U-S-A! U-S-A!"

Two transport planes from an Ohio military base flew overhead before former President Bush walked onto the field wearing a black Red jacket to throw the ceremonial first pitch.

Bush, a left-handed first baseman at Yale, stood on the grass in front of the mound and threw a strike to Reds shortstop Barry Larkin, crouched behind the plate. Bush waved his arms in delight as the on-target throw as the crowd roared.

Bush then walked to a microphone behind home plate and told the crowd it was an honor "to be off the bench substituting for another guy you know, the president of the United States of America."

As vice president, Bush threw a ceremonial pitch before the All-Star game at Riverfront Stadium in Cincinnati in 1988. He planned to throw a pitch before Game 2 of the 1990 World Series in Cincinnati, when troops were preparing for the first Gulf War, but backed out and was replaced by first lady Barbara Bush.

The ballpark mood quickly changed when Reggie Sanders, Kenny Lofton and Jason Kendall all homered for Pittsburgh in the second inning, putting the Pirates up 6-0.

Cincinnati's Ken Griffey Jr. got the first hit in the ballpark, a first-inning double.
Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. Purdue coach Kristy Curry sometimes feels nauseous watching the Boilermakers play. She starts pacing and gets fidgety. Sitting, standing, crouching. They're all uncomfortable.

It isn't the Boilermakers making Curry restless, though. It's the baby kicking inside. Curry is expecting her second child, a girl, in early June with husband and assistant coach, Kelly. The Currys already have a daughter, Kelsey, who turned two in August. She's turned Curry restless, though.

"She's very involved until it's time to change diapers or she becomes tired," Kelly Curry said. "She says that all the time," said Curry. "I think as she gets older it will be a little easier.

The Boilermakers, though, have their limits with the little one. Shoot hoops? Sure. Scoop poop? No way. "She's very involved until it's time to change diapers or she becomes tired," Kelly Curry said. "They're good, but they're still kids.

Besides her husband, and a team of babysitters, the family, Kelsey, a blonde bundle of energy, is a fixture at games and practices, and has recently started cheering her older "sisters" from the sideline.

"Her big thing now is, 'I want to go to the office and see the big girls.' She says that all the time," Kelly Curry said. "I think as she gets older it will be a little easier.

The Boilermakers consider themselves part of the family. Kelsey, a blonde bundle of energy, is a fixture at games and practices, and has recently started cheering her older "sisters" from the sideline.

Pregnancy doesn't stop Curry from coaching

NCAA

Curry is expecting her second baby, though the new baby, though the Currys haven't decided. Odds are it will start with a K.

"That way we don't have to change any of the monogramming," Kelly Curry said with a laugh.

The unnamed baby already has brought good fortune, linked Purdue's Big Ten tournament championship to the Boilermaker family.

"I wouldn't trade it for anything. To have the opportunity to coach and be a mother is the best experience in the world," says Purdue coach Kristy Curry.

"I had someone call me and leave me a message that they thought I needed Jenny Craig until they found out I was pregnant," Curry said. "I really hate that kind of comment. We're ready, like I'm sure she is, to have the baby come out.

"I'm sure she is, to have the baby come out."

The reluctance to drop the clothes fit for her normally petite frame have made her physical changes more noticeable.

"I just want to be good at both," she said. "I've tried to continue to do my job the best I could," Curry said. "I just want to be good at both.

Curry was told to stay off her feet for about six weeks following the early June birth, though that's not likely. Curry said she'll be ready for her summer basketball camps later that month.

"I wouldn't trade it for anything," Curry said. "It's the baby kicking inside.

"She's still trying to wear the clothes we wear," forward Sherrika Wright said with a laugh. "We're trying to tell her to suggest an opportunity to coach and be a mother is the best experience in the world."
**SOFTBALL**

Weather-plagued Irish face Boilers

*Notre Dame has been forced to reschedule last 4 games due to poor weather*

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

The Irish are hoping for a bit of help from the weather when they face intrastate rival Purdue in a double header in West Lafayette, Tuesday.

The Irish (10-11) are scheduled to play a double header in Pittsburgh on Saturday to open Big East play, but those games were rained out.

Notre Dame was then scheduled to travel to Blacksburg to face conference foe Virginia Tech on Sunday.

"Most teams have more games played than we do, but we can't let that affect us," Notre Dame pitcher Steffany Stenglein said. "They've not the only team being washed out. Their opponent in Tuesday's doubleheader, Purdue, was rained out of their two-game series against Ohio State on Sunday.

Finally, the loss of the two doubleheaders the past weekend has resulted in an Irish team that simply has not been on the field in game situations as much as they would like.

Luckily for the Irish, they are not the only team being washed out. Their opponent in Tuesday's doubleheader, Purdue, was rained out of their two-game series against Ohio State on Sunday.

The Boilermakers (22-13) are led offensive by a pair of big bats in sophomore Andrea Milley and freshman Tricia Lilly. Milley leads all starters with a .473 batting average, while Lilly leads the team in home runs with eight.

Stenglein said the Boilermakers hold their opponents to just a .233 batting average.

Purdue's last game against Penn State, a 6-5 loss for the Boilermakers, broke a then-12-game winning streak. The all-time series between Purdue and Notre Dame is tied at 6-6, but the Irish have a four-game winning streak against their intrastate rivals.

"They're a pretty good team," Stenglein said. "They've played and beaten some good teams. We need to go in there and get these wins to help out our season."

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**Football**

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on the same page as each other and executing and being consistent. Coach wants us to work on the fundamentals and that's going to help us get to where we want to be.

The Irish will practice the rest of the week, except for Wednesday.

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Irish greet season with confidence

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Darrell Campbell flashed a big smile after Notre Dame's first spring practice Monday. After seeing the returning defensive starters out on the field for the first time since January, the senior has every reason to be happy.

"We have a great sense of confidence and a great sense of charity because of the fact you know the guys know what to do," Campbell said.

"We're just going to be out there having fun because everybody knows the plays and nothing's changed for us. So we can just go out there and play our game.

"Unlike last year, when newly­named coach Tyron Willingham began implementing his pro-style offense for the first time, the Irish are already familiar with the coaches, plays and schemes.

"It was predictably unpre­dictable for a first day," Willingham said with a half­smile. "I think it was your classic opening. The group came out with great enthusiasm and was kind of feeling their way as they got started again.

Practice was kept simple for the first day, and Willingham said the focus of practice will be more on individuals and not so much the team unit players as the teams play with pads later this spring.

"Our focus was not as much... it's really thinned out our practices," Campbell said.

On the flipside of this game, however, the Titans enter on the losing side of the battle with Mother Nature, having had five of its last nine games postponed due to weather. The Titans are 3-11 on the season.

At this early stage in the sea­son, the Irish and Titans already have a common opponent in Purdue. The Irish defeated the Boilermakers last Wednesday, 8­5, while the Titans got crushed in their meeting with the Big Ten opponent, 14­3, March 1.

The key for the Irish in today's match will be the effort put forth by starting pitcher Tom Thornton, who will be pitching in a limited role in today's game in preparation for the upcoming weekend series at Boston College and St. John's.

On a roster already depleted with injuries, the team needs some solid innings from the core of its pitching staff.

"We're a little right now with our bullpen, and once you start playing these mid-week games, and then have the weekend series, coupled with the loss of Grant Johnson for the year and Pete Ogilvie's sore shoulder... it's really thinned out our staff," Mainieri said.

Another important factor in the match will be the return of the hitting of junior captain Steve Sollmann and sophomore Matt Edwards, the leadoff and third batters in the Irish lineup. After getting off to a slow start this season, both Sollmann and Edwards had breakout week­ends against Georgetown, with the two combining for 13 of the team's 31 RBIs from this game series. Sollmann also raised his team-leading batting average to .396, while Edwards improved to .411.

"I think Edwards is a legitimate Division 1 middle of the order hitter," Mainieri said. "He struggled a little bit with Villanova and earlier in the week, but that boy is going to hit for us. With Sollmann in the one and Edwards in the three, I feel like we solidified two very key spots that were vacated by [Steve] Stanley and [Brian] Stavisky.

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