Craig Montoya, Art Alexakis and Greg Eckland make up Everclear, who plays tonight at Stepan.

"What creates success for Everclear," said The Observer's art critic, "is a strong guitar presence and a varied tone with their other works."

C D on its current U.S. tour, "Motion Daydream," shares a similar sound with their other works.

The album, entitled "Slow Zero and the Exies," will perform at the 1,500-person Stepan Center. Encore to reach the top capacity of 1,500.

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Laptops stolen from student apartments

By KATE NAGENCAST
Senior Staff Writer

An employee of Castle Point Apartments will receive a polygraph test as part of an active investigation into the theft of two laptop computers from student apartments last month.

According to police reports, one laptop was taken March 19 from the upstairs bedroom of a Notre Dame student's apartment in Enchanted Forest. The second, a laptop was taken March 19 from the opposite bedroom of a Notre Dame student's apartment in Royal Huntsman Court March 21.

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INSIDE COLUMN

What side is God on?

Recently, a message scrawled in yellow chalk appeared on the sidewalk near Lafayette. "Who would Jesus bomb?" it demanded in large letters. Later that day, a response appeared under it in blue. "Who would Jesus rape, murder, pil­lage and execute?" it countered, refer­ring to the atrocious practices of Saddam Hussein.

While these questions address the heart of the debate concerning the moral justifications of this war in Iraq, they also address the fact that through­out history, there have been wars in which people of various religions were exter­toed to go out and kill each other in the name of God.

As many sides of the debate about the justification for this war invoke God's name, I can't help but wonder, "Whose side is God on?"

I am especially troubled when I hear people who commit atrocious acts invoke religion, like when Osama bin Laden declared a holy war against the United States in his disturbing video or when Hussein talked about Allah in his interview with Dan Rather. But last year, Bush's reference to "a crusade" against terrorism also worried people around the world because they thought this language meant the United States was moving toward a religious war between Christians and Muslims.

If Bush is referring to religion and God in his speeches, is Bush trying to tell us that God is on America's side? In 1963, Bob Dylan addressed this issue when he wrote "With God on Our Side," a song that traces conflicts from the Spanish-American War to the Civil War, both World Wars and Vietnam, describing how each war­ring nation believed that God was on its side.

Dylan concludes: "God's on our side, help the next war." Perhaps some in the peace movement would believe that God is on the side of those who are suffering as a result of this war in Iraq. Others who support the war for ethical reasons would say that God would want us to remove Saddam Hussein from his position of power. But does recognition of injustice mean that we also have the insight to know how God would want us to respond?

In Mark Twain's "The War Prayer," which was published after his death, Twain gives his own interpretation of what people are really praying for when they ask God to help them: "To wage their bitter and hopeless war."

He imagines a prayer asking God to help them to "lay waste their humble homes with a hurricane of fire; help us to wring the hearts of their unfeeling widows with unsavaging grief; help us to turn them out root and soil with their little children to wander unfed and the wastes of their desolated land in rags and filth and despair." To wage war while invoking God's name certainly raises many important questions.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Claire Kelley at kelley20@ndu.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

Laetare Conference, "Leadership, Ethics and Culture" All day at McKechna Hall

Fifth Annual Alumni Design Conference 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at 200 Riley Hall

Everclear concert 7:30 p.m. at Stepan Center

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

Alumni Board Spring 2003 meeting 8 a.m. at 16th Psalm Hall and President's Dining Room

Junior Moms’ Wine and Cheese Reception 5 p.m. at LeMans Hall-Stampleton Lounge

"The Un-Usual Suspects" Senior Comprehensives 5 p.m. at Moreau Art Galleries

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall

Today’s Lunch: Eggplant parmesan, oil and garlic sauce, cheese French bread pizza, seafood supreme pizza, seafood crotilla, plain rice, whipped potatoes, apple cobbler, baked redfish, bar­ley risotto, cut corn, capri-blend vegetables, grits, blueberry pancakes, potato pancakes, hot, chunky applesauce, salmon and cranberry burgers, seasoned fries, breaded mushrooms, onion rings, vegetable to name.

Today's Dinner: Lobster bisque, Manhattan clam chowder, pasta a la nena, pasta stir-fry, assorted pizza, seafood supreme pizza, vegetarian sushi, sushi determination, battered-fried cod, pool and eat shrimp, sourdough rolls.

South Dining Hall

Today’s Lunch: Stuffed shells, mushroom marinara, tomato pizza, pizza, vegetable calzone, maracotti and cheese, cajun-baked orange roughy, sauteed mushrooms with seafood clams and saffron rice pilaf, bagel bar, smoked salmon, sauteed chicken, caribbean pineapple shrimp, pearl couscous, fresh steamed broccoli, cheese pizza, hummus, roasted veg­etable loafer, grilled vegetable sauce, tomato basil soup, cream of mushroom soup, cilantro rice salad.

Today’s Dinner: Black olive marinara, mushroom marinara, tomato pizza, black olive pizza, vegetable calzone, grilled vegetable platter, Seminole red snap­per, fishwich, battered fried chicken, onion rings, seafood stir-fry, broccoli quesadillas, cut corn, tuna casserole.

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Student transported to hospital

A student was transported to the St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a laceration sus­pected at the LaFortune Student Center Thursday.

Student loses wallet

A student reported losing his unattended wallet at the Rolfs Sports and Recreation Center between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday. There are no sus­pects.

Solicitors escorted off campus

Two individuals were reported to Notre Dame Security and Police for selling magazine subscrip­tions Thursday at Fisher Graduate Housing. They were stopped and issued non-contractual interest forms, and escorted off campus.

Students cited for alcohol possession

Two minors were issued citations for possession of alcohol in Knott Hall Thursday. The case is being referred for administrative review.

WHAT'S WEATHER

LOCAL WEATHER

TODAY  TONIGHT  SATURDAY  SUNDAY  MONDAY  TUESDAY

HIGH 58 50 50 58 50

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ATLANTA 62 / 55 56 / 42 53 / 33 58 / 36 61 / 44

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iStore opening this summer

By ANNE LE WOOLFORD
Saint Mary's Editor

A new addition to Saint Mary's campus will better accommodate students returning next fall for the 2003-2004 school year.
The College's Administrative Council has recently approved The Campus Store, scheduled to open this summer.
Keith Fowlkes, Saint Mary's director of Information Technology, developed the Store's business plan and design last November.
The on-campus computer store will sell Omni Tech, Toshiba, Apple and Dell computers, standard software packages, cellular phones and various accessories at what Fowlkes said will be economical prices.

"The Store is primarily to serve the needs of our students and to give them the best computer equipment for the college experience," Fowlkes said.
The Store, which is set to be located permanently in the Information Technology office, will also be found on a mobile kiosk, which will move among various campus locations during promotions throughout the year.
The kiosk will hold six computers, allowing students to try each and choose the hardware they prefer.

Beginning next year, the Saint Mary's campus will progressively transfer from Dell computers to Omni Tech. The Store hopes to aid in that transition by selling the company's all-in-one and standard mini tower computers, along with flat panel monitors.
Other colleges aside from Saint Mary's have made the switch to Omni Tech computers.
Bethel College in Mishawaka has recently brought Omni Tech onto its campus and, Fowlkes said, neighboring Holy Cross is looking into it.

Saint Mary's technicians have spent the past three months testing Omni Tech machines and Fowlkes said they have been pleased with the performance and durability. By next year, they will be fully trained to work on and with all Omni Tech computers.

"We believe that [Omni Tech] serves the educational market better," Fowlkes said. "They have a real focus on educational institutions and their needs. They're less expensive than Dell and still keep to the highest reliability standards."

The Omni Tech machines will come pre-configured and ready to connect to the Saint Mary's network, which will help minimize the time it takes for students to connect to ResNet at the beginning of the year, Fowlkes said.

In addition to computers and software, the Store will also sell Nextel cellular phones and service.

"Our students will get a good discount and personalized service from Nextel specifically for our campus," Fowlkes said.

Preliminary costs will be 10 percent less than that of normal Nextel service rates and 27 percent off of Nextel cellular phone prices.
Items sold at the Store will be available to students, parents, alumni, faculty and staff for on- or off-campus use.

"We're hoping people will buy from the Store so they can get the best equipment for their money," Fowlkes said.

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Jordan prince gets ND service award

By CHRISTINA CEPERO
News Writer

Prince El Hassan bin Talal of Jordan has been announced as this year's recipient of the Notre Dame Award for International Humanitarian Service.

This award was to be presented to the late Members of the Royal Family who were assassinated in Jordan in 1999. However, the event has been postponed indefinitely because the Prince is not able to travel due to the war in Iraq.

Prince El Hassan was born in Amman, Jordan in 1947 and graduated from Oxford University with Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Oriental Studies. In 1965, he began his role as the political advisor of his older brother King Hussein, who passed away in 1999.


The Prince has organized a systematized dialogue, consisting of ongoing consultations with the Orthodox Centre of the Ecumenical Patriarchate at Chambesy, Switzerland, the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue at the Vatican, and the Independent Commission on Christian-Muslim Relations.

In 1994, he founded the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies in Jordan. In 1999, he helped found and acted as Vice Chairman of the Foundation for Interreligious and Intercultural Research and Dialogue in Amman, Jordan. He has been serving as moderator at the World Conference on Religion and Peace in Jordan. He is also a member of the UNESCO International Interreligious Advisory Committee and Hashemite Aid and Relief Agency.

Prince El Hassan has acted as Chairman of the Policy Advisory Commission of the World Intellectual Property Organization, a Member of the General Advisory Committee to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and Co-Chair of the Independent Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, Executive Committee Member of the International Crisis Group, International Committee of the Red Cross, among other offices.

The Prince has also participated in various educational and scientific institutions in Jordan, internationally and has written several books over the past 34 years.

A committee of several faculty and staff members met periodically throughout the year to evaluate the strengths of various candidates that it, or anyone in the University, nominate for the award. The group then selects one candidate and then the president approves this recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

"Prince El Hassan bin Talal is known worldwide for his deep commitment to the religious peace in the Arab world and for his deep commitment to the advancement of universal human rights. A devout son of Islam, he also exemplifies the spirit of universal Islamic intellectual," Malloy said in a press release.

The University established the Notre Dame Award for International Humanitarian Service in 1992 on its 150th anniversary as a vehicle to honor Catholic, Muslim and Jewish individuals from other nations.

The final decision statement of the award attests that it seeks to promote understanding and without the Catholic Church, citizens of every nation, whose religious faith has quickened learning, whose learning has engendered deeds, and whose deeds give witness to God's kingdom among us.

The award has still very much a spiritual element but is not confined to people whose spiritual faith is Catholic," said University spokesperson Dennis Moore.

At a time when Islam has received extensive negative press in this country, Moore said the University felt it would be appropriate to honor someone of the Muslim faith to exhibit the solidarity of various faiths.

"The first factor in determining candidates is the totality of the person's career and life work, but the University was specifically looking for an exemplary person from the faith of Islam," said Moore. "It demonstrates the fact that there are wonderful adherents of Islam in the world."

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The sky was still dark Sunday morning as the weary members of Bravo Company assembled for breakfast outside the chow hall. "One! Two! Motivated! Hoo-hah, Bravo!" the cadets bellowed as they fell in line to receive a hot meal of scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy.

During the day, cadets dined on MREs — Meals Ready to Eat — the Army’s standard combat-ready rations. The food included entrees such as meatloaf with gravy, chicken and salsa and beef stroganoff.

Another key activity during the weekend was the Field Leader’s Reaction Course. The course challenged squads, typically made up of six cadets, to negotiate difficult obstacles using critical thinking skills.

One such scenario found cadets stranded behind enemy lines. The students had to move themselves and an unwieldy crate of ammunition over a large wooden platform using only a length of rope. The cadets took turns leading their squad to conquer the various challenges, then met eagerly afterwards to be evaluated by their superiors. "No more booze! No more sex! We just want F-T-X!" cadets bellowed, in a reference to the Field Training Exercise, as they assembled to discuss the results of the FLRC.

Sunday night, cadets conducted land navigation drills and tests, using a map and compass to find their way through the branches and brambles in the Michigan woods. The navigation course, which lasted late into the night, tried the students’ patience and stamina, as light snow fell on the chilly evening.

The future officers also discussed the nature of military conflict and the international laws governing war. Junior Leon Gil said a key element of ROTC life at Notre Dame is the ethical aspect of military service. "Our cadre (officers) really do try to make us superior, not only in tactics, but morally cognizant as well," Gil said.

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The Notre Dame student whose computer was taken had locked herself out of her apartment upon returning from spring break March 16. A member of the Castle Point maintenance staff unlocked her apartment for her three days before her computer was stolen.

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Coalition seizes Baghdad airport amid blackout

Associated Press

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IRAQ

Coalition forces bombed Baghdad Friday morning, one of many air assaults on the capital as U.S. ground troops pressed closer from the south.

Blasts before dawn from the south and southwest shook buildings in the heart of the capital, and explosions grew louder and more frequent as day broke. Al-Jazeera television reported presidential palaces had been hit.

Using satellite-guided bombs, allied troops hit buildings of Air Force headquarters west of the Tigris River at about 9:45 a.m. U.S. Central Command said in a statement. The strike hurt Iraqi ability to control its air assets, the statement said, though complete damage was not yet clear.

The attacks came after the first widespread power outage of the war plunged Baghdad into darkness Thursday night. Bombs rocked the city before the blackout, but U.S. military officials said they had not targeted Baghdad’s power grid. The reason for the outage was not known.

Explosions rang out for nearly 15 minutes before the lights went out in large parts of Baghdad, and soon it appeared the entire city had lost electricity. Less than an hour after the outage began, virtually the only sound that could be heard in the city was the hum of power generators.

A sustained power outage to the city of 5 million people would mean the disruption of water supply and sewage, which could spread disease at a time when temperatures are rising.

The electricity went out as U.S. forces launched their attack on Saddam Hussein’s airport. Gunshots were heard from inside, however, and it was unclear how many Iraqi troops remained there.

On Thursday, a televised statement attributed to Saddam Hussein exhorted the Iraqi people to “fight them with your hands.”

The statement was read by Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf, Saddam’s highest-profile official to talk since March 24, and it is unclear when that address was recorded.

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Moscow promises cash to maintain space station orbit

Russia pledged extra money Thursday for building the only spacecraft to service the International Space Station (ISS) after U.S. shuttle flights were grounded following the Columbia disaster.

President Vladimir Putin, speaking six days after the explosion, said it could not fund such construction on its own. The Cabinet on Tuesday agreed to raise $38 million ahead of schedule to reflect growing doubts that the United States will provide extra assistance.

Aerospace Agency Director Yuri Koptev said the alternative to building more spacecraft was leaving the station temporarily unoccupied, which was dangerous because the station could drift out of its prescribed orbit.

"We need to keep the station (manned) so that it does not become a piece of wreckage that threatens to become the damnation of mankind," Koptev said.

The $38 million in space funds originally budgeted for the second half of the year were released early to speed up construction of extra ships, he said.

"We will undoubtedly have to carry the main workload, having to perform additional launches and flights to the station," Prime Minister Mikhail Kasьяnov said. "We can't postpone this decision."

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The station also promised tentatively to bolster the space station’s budget from about $130 million this year to about $240 million next year, Koptev said.

Potentially American funding is hamstrung by U.S. legislation barring additional payments to Russia’s space agency until Washington confirms Moscow has not transferred banned weapons or military technology to Iran.

With U.S.-Russian ties cooled over the war in Iraq, a U.S. congressional waiver of the bill appeared unlikely. Some American officials also have complained that Russia failed to meet many of its obligations to service the station.

Koptev acknowledged that the cash-strapped Russian space program failed to accomplish some of its functions on the station and that U.S. shuttles had taken up the slack.

"Now it’s coming back to us and it’s hard to complain about that,” he said.

In the past, U.S. space shuttles rotated the International Space Station’s long-term crew. Soyuz capsules served as lifeboats for the crew and were changed every six months, while Progress ships ferried fuel, water and other supplies.

Associated Press

Spanish doctor goes on stabbing spree

The professor described as mentally unbalanced stabbed several people at a Madrid hospital Thursday, killing a colleague and a patient and wounding six others, police said.

The 31-year-old woman, who was only identified by her first name Noelia, suddenly lashed out with a 6-inch knife at groups of people talking in a hospital corridor, said Manuel de laoya, the director general of the Fundacion Jimenez Diez hospital.

Hijacked boat returns to Cuban waters

A small ferry boat hijacked in Havana Bay and forced to sail toward Florida returned to Cuba on Thursday in search of fuel after island authorities chased it some 30 miles into international waters.

The International waters last Wednesday under Cuban government escort, a U.S. Coast Guard official in Miami said on condition of anonymity. He declined further comment.

CDC: spraying trucks safe to humans

A mosquito spraying method that health officials say is central to fighting West Nile virus does not increase pesticide levels in humans, federal officials said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention examined the potential health dangers of exposure to mosquito spray from fogger trucks after a request by Mississippi state health officials in September.

Lawmakers reject Philip Morris plan

An Illinois Senate committee rejected a plan Thursday to excuse cigarette-maker Philip Morris from paying a $12 billion bond before it can appeal a court judgment.

Other states have questioned the high bond, saying it could jeopardize payments in a 1998 settlement between the tobacco industry and 46 states, including Illinois.
SIBC to host annual forum Saturday

By KATE DOOLEY  News Writer

The Student International Business Council will host its annual forum at noon Saturday in the Hesburgh Auditorium.

Steve Taulletta, sports and event marketing director of Miller Brewing Co.; Dennis Flannery, executive vice president of the Inter-American Development Bank; Father John Riley, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish; and Ian Moore, executive vice president of human resources for News Corporation, will be speaking at the forum.

This year’s topic is “Perspectives in Peace through Commerce” and panelists will discuss the perspectives in terms of their careers and the greater context of international business.

Courtney Zeph, a Notre Dame sophomore and coordinator of the event, said that the topic was chosen partially because it reflects the SIBC’s motto, but also as a reflection of current events.

“With everything that is going on in the world today, we wanted to see if peace through commerce is something that holds up in difficult times,” Zeph said.

Members of SIBC said the annual forum is a unique exchange between the speakers and the students. Daniela Sir, a junior business major at Saint Mary’s and chief operating officer of SIBC, said she appreciates the interaction with panelists that the forum provides.

“It’s exciting to see successful people devote their time to us. We feel we are in the company of prestigious people, but I think the speakers take something away from us as well,” Urs said.

Last year, Dick Ebersol, chairman of NBC Sports and NBC Olympics, left a lasting impression on those at the event, said Katie Sandford, a Saint Mary’s senior and member of the Global Development division of SIBC.

“It was mind-blowing to hear a man like Dick Ebersol saying that what the SIBC does is important and that it benefits the business community,” she said.

The SIBC is a student organization that prepares its members for the professional world. It is run much like a business and has over 250 members from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross.

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This Weekend in the Department of Music

Saturday, April 5, 2003
A Senior Recital
Kristen Moskow, soprano
w/ Brenda Weaver, piano
1:00 pm, Annenberg Auditorium, Snite Museum of Art
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Ryan Berndt, trumpet
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**IMF warns on U.S. housing bubble**

One more threat for the fragile economy—the possibility that America's booming housing market could be headed for a bust.

In a survey of global economic dangers, the International Monetary Fund warned on Thursday that the U.S. housing market, after two years of record sales over and strong increases in home prices, could be headed for a fall.

The study said that based on past experience, a housing bubble in an industrial country has a 40 percent chance of being followed by a sharp drop in prices.

HealthSouth cuts 165 HQ workers

HealthSouth Corp. cut 20 percent of its headquarters staff Thursday as five more executives agreed to plead guilty in a huge accounting fraud that has the health care giant teetering on bankruptcy.

The layoff of 165 people was HealthSouth's first mass personnel cut since the government accused it of overstating earnings by at least $1.4 billion since 1999 to make it appear the company was meeting Wall Street forecasts.

The company said the workers were being laid off from marketing and other departments that do not deal with patients. HealthSouth eliminated about 1,000 of its 50,000 employees last year.

The refinancing rate helps determine the cost of short-term central bank credits to commercial banks and serves as a benchmark for other rates. The decision was widely expected after reports by bank officials strongly suggested there wouldn't be another quick cut.

**Companies' 401(k) funding falls**

Associated Press

A growing number of companies, searching for ways to cut costs, are suspending their matching contributions to workers' 401(k) retirement accounts.

Such a move by broker Charles Schwab & Co. won wide attention in March because the company has been outspoken in its support of the investment vehicle. But Schwab is not alone.

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**IMF warns on U.S. housing bubble**

One more threat for the fragile economy—the possibility that America's booming housing market could be headed for a bust.

In a survey of global economic dangers, the International Monetary Fund warned on Thursday that the U.S. housing market, after two years of record sales over and strong increases in home prices, could be headed for a fall.

The study said that based on past experience, a housing bubble in an industrial country has a 40 percent chance of being followed by a sharp drop in prices.

HealthSouth cuts 165 HQ workers

HealthSouth Corp. cut 20 percent of its headquarters staff Thursday as five more executives agreed to plead guilty in a huge accounting fraud that has the health care giant teetering on bankruptcy.

The layoff of 165 people was HealthSouth's first mass personnel cut since the government accused it of overstating earnings by at least $1.4 billion since 1999 to make it appear the company was meeting Wall Street forecasts.

The company said the workers were being laid off from marketing and other departments that do not deal with patients. HealthSouth eliminated about 1,000 of its 50,000 employees last year.

The refinancing rate helps determine the cost of short-term central bank credits to commercial banks and serves as a benchmark for other rates. The decision was widely expected after reports by bank officials strongly suggested there wouldn't be another quick cut.

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Associated Press

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*Ceiling fans
*24hr on-site laundry facility
*Blinds and carpet included
*You need to see what we have that "they" don't have
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*Spacious floor plans to accommodate all your guests
*A great management and friendly maintenance staff
*Close to the toll road and major shopping areas
*Only 3 blocks form campus
*Awesome management
*Pool with over 40,000 gallons of water for you to cool off in
**Campus Ministry**

**what’s happening**

**Friday, April 4, 2003**

**Friday 4.04**
- Freshman Retreat #47
  - 9:00 a.m.
  - Rev. Charles Gordon, C.S.C.
  - Sacred Heart Parish Center
- Traveling Rosary for Peace
  - 10:00 p.m.
  - Mary’s Solitude
- Mass for Peace and Justice
  - 11:45 a.m.
  - Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- Traveling Rosary for Peace
  - 10:00 p.m.
  - Coleman-Morse Student Lounge
- Traveling Rosary for Peace
  - 11:45 p.m.
  - Wilson Commons

**Monday 4.07**
- Mass for Peace and Justice
  - 5:15 p.m.
  - Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- Traveling Rosary for Peace
  - 9:00 p.m.
  - Alumni Hall

**Tuesday 4.08**
- Campus Bible Study
  - 8:00 p.m.
  - Wilson Commons
- Traveling Rosary for Peace
  - 9:00 p.m.
  - Keough Hall

**Wednesday 4.09**
- Graduate Student Christian Fellowship
  - 8:00 p.m.
  - O’Neill Hall
- Interfaith Christian Night Prayer
  - 10:00 p.m.
  - Monastery Hall Chapel
- Traveling Rosary for Peace
  - 9:00 p.m.
  - Basilica of the Sacred Heart

**Sunday 4.06**
- RCIA Session
  - 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
  - Coleman-Morse Student Lounge
- Rite of Reception into Full Communion
  - 11:45 p.m.
  - Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- Rejoice! Mass
  - 10:00 p.m.
  - Coleman-Morse Center Chapel

**Opening a New Door to Catholicism**

**Becoming Catholic**

**Discovering the Gift of Eucharist**

*by Megan Thomas*

*Junior, Lewis Hall*

This Sunday at the Basilica, eleven people will be received into the Catholic Church in the Rite of Full Communion. I am one of these eleven, and while this Sunday marks the completion of Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults, or RCIA for me, it is not the end of my spiritual journey. Throughout the RCIA process, I have come to understand the blessing of the Eucharist. Growing up in a Protestant church, that celebrated communion only as a sign of representation of Christ, has given me a different respect for the Eucharist. It is such a blessing and I can’t wait to be able to share in this relationship with God.

Throughout my journey I have witnessed the nourishment that comes from the Eucharist, but more importantly in taking the Eucharist with us and giving it to others in all aspects of our lives. Because while I haven’t received the actual Eucharist, I am blessed every time I go to mass with being in the presence of it and sharing the sacrament with those around me. As I wait in line with others, I feel the love and respect present. Even though they end with receiving the Eucharist and I just receive a blessing from a priest, I know that I have shared in the sacrament as well. I can feel the nourishment. I understand that I too am called to take this blessing of Christ out into the world.

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This RCIA process has been a strengthening journey. I have never once questioned the decision I made, which is an amazing grace, but also a frustration. It’s difficult for me to feel so called to this, but still have to wait for the Eucharist. But looking back I can see the blessing in this struggle. I was limiting the sacrament of Communion to only receiving the actual body of Christ, when in reality it is so much more than that. I had to discover the fullness of the sacrament before I could come to understand what it means for Jesus to be completely present in the bread and wine. It seems like such a small acceptance on our part - we just have to believe- and we receive this gift. Not only do we receive strength, healing and love in the form of a meal, but also we get to share it with other Catholics in Communion. What a powerful challenge enveloped in an amazing gift. The challenge comes in taking the blessing and sharing it with others: becoming Christ for others. We cannot receive the Eucharist and let it end with us. This is what the nourishment of the Eucharist brings into our lives. It strengthens us to become more Christ-like in our actions and words outside of mass.

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**807 Friday Night Mass in the COMO 8 PM**

**Mass Schedule**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Around Campus (Every Sunday)**
- 1:00 p.m.
  - Spanish Mass
  - Zahm Hall Chapel
- 5:00 p.m.
  - Law School Mass
  - Law School Chapel
- 7:00 p.m.
  - MBA Mass
  - Mendoza COB
  - Faculty Lounge

**Sunday’s Scripture Readings**

A message for student government

Pat Hallahan and Elizabeth Jabloncki-Diehl, the student body presidents for 2003-04 at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, both played key roles in previous administrations. But as their administrations establish their own identities, they must do more than continue the policies set in motion by their predecessors. For in order for these leaders to show their commitment to students, they must produce tangible results. Students on both campuses tend to think that student government cannot help students. Now is the time to prove the critics wrong.

Hallahan and Jabloncki-Diehl must use the last weeks of the academic year to lay the foundation and set the level of expectation high for their respective administrations. Hallahan often disagreed with former student body president Libby Bishop; he should now translate that criticism into action by showing the student body how student government should be run differently, while still fulfilling the campaign promises Jabloncki-Diehl may have run unsupported, but this does not excuse her from making significant changes and developing new policies.

Hallahan and Jabloncki-Diehl must concentrate on what students really want. While proposing a calendar and additional lectures are adequate, if unwelcoming, ideas, improving student life is one of the chief challenges facing both administrations. Students will not become enthusiastic or supportive of student government until they can show loyally campaign promises that directly benefit students can be achieved. This requires coordination with other student organizations and must be undertaken with a spirit of cooperation and compromise, not one of competition and bruised egos. The latter only harms students, as is evidenced by the struggle between Notre Dame's Office of the Student Body President and Student Senate over the content of the Board of Trustees report.

While seeking to fulfill their grand campaign promises, student leaders at the same time need to seize opportunities to implement less ambitious goals. Forming relationships of mutual respect with administrators is an essential component of this process, as is pursuing strategies appropriate to the division of the hierarchy of their school.

When a problem seems too difficult to tackle, this is not an excuse to avoid working for students — it merely means that the strategy must be modified. Notre Dame's student government could learn a lot by looking at Saint Mary's dedicated effort to see their reading day, once a seemingly thankless task, become a reality. Such diligence and creativity in responding to an important student-life issue should be the rule rather than the exception for student governments on both campuses.

As they take office this spring, the incoming administrations must take the initiative to pursue policies that matter to students and remain faithful to the promises they made before their election. If they succeed, they will also be able to claim a restoration of student faith in student government as one of their many achievements.

Letter to the Editor

Awareness promotes understanding

"It's hard being American these days, but then again, it's always been hard. In kindergarten, I needed to give myself an English middle name because what six-year-old wanted a Chinese name no one could pronounce? I chose "Victoria" — it sounded elegant enough and when I spelled out my name, "V-C-T-R-A-Y" across my penmanship pad, I always knew it was me. I was ill-prepared for school to public school. There were more white students than I was ill-prepared for school to public school. There were more white students and then there was me. I was ill-prepared for the time a friend asked innocently whether I was black or white. After some consideration, I decided, by default, that I was black.

My misjudgments now provide my friends with good laughs. But the confusion that followed shows the references in the schools as a matter of fact, not of identity. As long as a name like "Long Dick Dong" makes us giggle or we secretly think some Americans should "go back to where they came from," we need an Asian Heritage Week.

Some grumble and roll their eyes at an Asian Heritage Week or month that celebrates some ethnic/multicultural/minority group. The purpose is not to provide a forum for complaints nor is it unfair to have Asian Heritage Week instead of a British Heritage Week. Simply, this is our reality, yours and mine.

Asian Americans find themselves suspended between a black and white world without the luxury of carving out individual identities. As long as a name like "Long Dick Dong" makes us giggle or we secretly think some Americans should "go back to where they came from," we need an Asian Heritage Week.

Anne Lim
Class of '92
April 3
Confessing sins of the past

Thirty years ago this month, my Notre Dame class was concluding its senior year of college in anticipation of graduation. It was a time similar to the present. Our classmates had marched against the Vietnam war while young American lives were brought back in coffins. The economy was flat, and most seniors felt a sense of gloom at the prospect of finding a job after graduation. Yet, with the energy and idealism typical of college-aged people, we plotted ahead with our lives and let "senioritis" set into our psyches. We allowed ourselves to turn from the distractions of the real world and remain in the secure cocoon of Notre Dame for one final month. For many in my graduating class, the year 2003 is our emancipation from a little-known campus statute of limitations buried deep in the Notre Dame archives.

Few among those outside the campus hierarchy are privy to the "Thirty-year Statute" that Notre Dame imposes on its graduates. I learned of it quite by accident when my public speaking professor one day ... well, actually every day ... would threaten us. He would flip us the middle finger and say, "If you give me two feet square and required a person to twist in several directions around hot pipes and then drop down a three-foot step. Several of us had entered and then dropped ourselves from its hiding place behind a small window. One Friday in early December she mentioned in passing that she would like to place a tree in the office waiting area. I told her I’d look and see what might be available. That weekend I found the perfect tree just outside Carroll Hall. On Sunday evening, I dressed in black and began sawing the tree later that day. The following day when I stuck my head into the office, she said, “Everyone has admired the tree, including a police officer who said it looked very familiar. I told him in my present gift, so he said he wasn’t going to fingerprint it and sent back his middle finger and said, “I think I’ll get my own tree.”

My transcription occurred prior to my birthday in February of my senior year. I decided to host a party in our dorm, Lyons Hall. A ROTC marin in me saw the potential for exploring the campus under-ground steam tunnels, had discovered a way into the South Dining Hall area. I left the saw halfway in the trunk and dove under a larger tree while the car approached next to “my” tree. I spent five minutes holding my breath, which seemed like five years, while the officer smoked a cigarette before he drove back to the main campus.

On Monday morning I retrieved the cut tree from its hiding place behind a small tool shed and dragged it past Lyons Hall across the quad back to LaFortune. The surprised secretary decorated the tree later that day. The following day when I stuck my head into the office, she said, “You’re the man who cut down the tree.”

My college career was over. I have not written this story to boast of just exiting through a window. The marine knew where the dining staff kept their dishes in the premises storage rooms. With precision, we executed a refund on our meal tickets for the breakfasts we never attended throughout our four years on campus by systematically moving about the dining hall and basement areas. We retrieved two large bricks of cheese, industrial sized containers of peanuts and crackers, a twenty-pound uncut meat, industrial sized cans of strawberry jam, along with paper products. Our excursion ended within an hour, and we only needed to buy a keg of beer for the enormous successful birthday bash that filled the entire third floor of LaFortune.

In many ways the simplicity of life on campus in 1973 was just as pressure-filled as the complexities of life on campus today. The college pranks of the 1950s paled in scope compared to one of the largest military bodies of the Vietnam war generation. We in turn, are among the ghosts of campus past. While each generation faces personal, campus and global problems in its own way, history will ultimately judge both the campus and society, overall, reacted. If it were not for the statute of limitations, we alumni may not be as readily eager to share our weaknesses as examples of how young men and women of another day survived.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

A call for peace among ourselves

Over the past few weeks since the war on Iraq has begun, I have come to notice division and among many Notre Dame students on campus. There are the students who have supported this war all along and who continue to rally behind the government. On the other side, there are the students who have objected to the war and continue to take anti-war stances. Since the day the war became a reality, feelings have intensified and voices have seemed to grow louder. There are the students who have chosen to break down the walls that have been constructed.

Confessing sins of the past...
Two of Jake’s women interact with each other. As the play progresses, reality and imagination become more blurred. The audience is quickly drawn into his life. Jake is a widower, and his second wife is on her way out the door for a six-month separation so that they step back and re-examine things.

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However, when Jake’s wife leaves him, he falls into despair and begins to lose control of his thoughts. The women come and go as they please in his mind. One cleverly done scene has Jake calling his real therapist to ask how to get rid of his imaginary therapist who won’t stop harping at him about the quality of his life. The story is an interesting idea, a solid attempt at looking at the different levels of the human, not just the male psyche. There are a few moments where Simon’s script is awkward and somewhat lacking, but he balances it out with moments of genius as his grasp of Jake’s dilemma really comes out. The show has its ups and downs with both emotion and mood; you’re able to laugh at Jake’s predicament almost as quickly as you can feel strong sympathy for the turmoil in his life.

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The first act is a little more passive and once or twice Dolson seems to be questioning the depth at which he should allow himself to fall into the character, coming out of it briefly, but then slipping right back in. However, as Jake’s madness grows in the second act, so does Dolson’s passion for the role. He batters back and forth with several women at once, imaginary and real, blending both worlds and almost tricking the audience into his neurosis, pulling them in and making it that much more believable. One of the difficult aspects of the women’s roles is the fact that they are playing thoughts and therefore are subject to changes in words, character and emotion as Jake’s thought writer who has begun to blend his life and his thoughts into one confusing mess. To put it bluntly, the stresses in his life have caused him to start to lose it.

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Jake (Mike Dolson) holds an imaginary conversation with his former wife Julie (Devon Candura).
Jake converses with another of his imaginary women, creating not only her words but also what she wears. At times his creations protest he is being unrealistic.

Jake's first (now separated) wife Maggie (Molly Topper) trigger Jake's breakdown.

Problems with Jake's current wife Maggie (Molly Topper) trigger Jake's breakdown.

The best of student art

The Snite Museum displays art students' thesis projects

By MARIA SMITH

This Sunday, an exhibition of the senior projects of the University's graduating Bachelor of Fine Arts and Master of Fine Arts candidates will open at the Snite Museum of Art.

The BFA and MFA thesis candidates are one of the Snite Museum's most popular exhibits, attracting over 800 visitors to the awards ceremony last spring. The Snite Museum's display is unusual compared to many university museums which refuse to display student art.

"It's really unique," said Austin Collins, chair of the art department. "The Snite and the art department have an excellent relationship."

This year's exhibition features a wide variety of exhibits from a larger than life representation of Jesus constructed from insulation foam and automotive body filler to an edited video of an artist dancing with a heartbeat as background accompaniment. Some exhibits have political messages, while others address issues such as body image, preservation of the environment and spiritual experience.

"We get a wide variety of projects, which is really good," said Gina Costa, marketing and public affairs specialist of the environment and spiritual experience.

"Murmurs Through Time: The Eternal Heartbeat."

"The mindspace I enter when I dance is enough to show me that there is something greater to this world," said artist Gerry Sheahan, explaining his piece "Murmurs Through Time: The Eternal Heartbeat."

The exhibit includes four pieces by MFA students and nine by BFA students. Students have worked on their projects over the past year, with juries for the BFA candidates in December. The projects are the culmination of a three-year study program for the MFA students and a four- to five-year program for the BFA students. BFA students take an additional 30 credit hours in addition to the normal 36 art student earn for a BA degree and some stay an extra year to finish the requirements. Around 38 of the school's 182 art majors attempt to earn a BFA degree.

The MFA program often leads to job placement for talented artists, including some artists such as Shore whose work is already known outside the University. The graduate program horn needs to be touted louder," said "Students do well being placed in teaching."

"This is a very strong show," said Collins. "It's a very professional space, being placed in teaching."

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Though there are times when it may seem as if Jake's Women" does a good job of drawing the audience into Jake's life, Farley Hall is offering this show in a related setting, serving "wine" and cheese before the show. It creates a good atmosphere to sit back, relax and enjoy the fact that someone out there is crazier than you are.

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**BASEBALL**

Eagles, Red Storm add up to huge road test for Irish

By BRYAN KRONK
Senior Sports Writer

On March 24, the Notre Dame baseball team returned from its last of 17 consecutive road games with an 11-6 record.

Seven home games and 10 days later, the Irish hit the road as No. 6 (15-1 in the Big East) poised to make a move in the conference with double-headers against Boston College (14-10 overall, 3-2 in the Big East) and St. John’s (13-12, 3-0) today and Sunday, respectively.

Down in Florida, the Boston College on-campus field, the two games against the Eagles were moved to Campanelli Stadium in Brockton, Mass., about an hour south of Boston.

The two teams will square off first today at 2 p.m., with sophomores Chris Niesel and John Axford facing off against Eagles hurlers Chris Lambert and Jackie Sheppard.

The two pitching duos could not be more similar — while Niesel and Axford combined for a 7-1 record with 3.12 and 2.13 earned run averages, respectivly, Lambert and Sheppard are 6-1 and have 3.11 and 2.30 ERAs, respectively.

The Eagles and Irish share many common opponents — Purdue, which the Irish defeated 5-3 March 26 and the Eagles lost 1-0 March 1, as well as Valparaiso, which the Irish beat 13-4 and the Eagles swept 13-11 and 10-2.

In addition, Notre Dame swept Georgetown in a three-game series while the Eagles lost to two-gam e set starting at 11 a.m. Sunday with one of only two teams that is still undefeated over the course of the season.

Contrary to the Irish and Eagles, the Irish and Red Storm have played no common opponents so far this season.

The Red Storm’s season storyline has run very similarly in that of Notre Dame’s — after beginning the season 4-11, St. John’s has won nine of its last ten, including four in a row.

In order to continue their current nine-game winning streak, the Irish will need to step up their defense and offense, which has steadily improved over the course of the season.

Against the last seven opponents, the Irish offense has produced 75 runs and a .371 batting average — while holding its opponents to a .233 average with Irish pitchers holding a .260 ERA — over the last 10 games.

This weekend will be an excellent gauge for where this youthful Irish squad — which typically starts four freshmen — stands as they prepare for the Big East Conference this season.

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**MENS GOLF**

Team heads for better weather

◆ Team captain Lunke brings home-course advantage to San Antonio

By ERIC POWERS
Sports Writer

Last weekend was unkind to the Irish men’s golf team when they struggled through freezing temperatures, precipitation and an injury to freshman Tommy Lunke.

The result was an 11th place finish out of 15 teams. But the Irish should be inspired by a course for most of his life and has played on the region’s best courses.

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The Irish should be energized by the weather as well. Last weekend’s tournament, golfer had to battle biting winds and freezing cold. Temperatures could reach the teens in Laredo, Texas.

Unlike last weekend, Notre Dame will play at a much friendlier week this week. Balderston rejoints the team, meaning Notre Dame will see its fifth golfer return to the second oldest collegiate tournament in the country.

Balderston finished second, Boston College finished second. Balderston among Irish golfers at the last tournament he competed in, and he has the fourth-best 18-hole average among Irish golfers this season.

Freshman Scott Gustafson’s game is peaking at the right time for the Irish. Gustafson is coming off of his best finish of the season and has led the team for three straight tournaments.

Freshman Gustafson’s sixth-place finish dropped his 18-hole average to a team-best 74.87. His emergence as a leader has not been lost on his teammates.

“Scott has a complete game and is a hard worker,” Lunke said. “There’s not much locker room talk in golf, but his game is close to where it needs to be to be competitive.”

Arkansas, Baylor, Brigham Young, Kansas State, Rice and Washington State are among the 20 teams in the tournament. Texas A&M hosts the Border Olympics, which celebrates its 52nd year of existence.

Some of the past champions of this historical tournament include Tom Kite and Ben Crenshaw.

After last weekend’s challenges, the teams look toward improving in their preparation for the Big East Tournament.

“Last weekend’s outing was tough on all of us. There were some harsh conditions,” Lunke said. “The team is looking forward to a nice weather and some good golf.”

The first 36 holes of the Border Olympics will be played Wednesday. The final 18 holes in Laredo conclude Saturday.

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The Belles certainly are capable of scoring a lot of runs. The team has been shutout once this sea- son and has produced over 16 runs in nine of their games so far. Freshman Kate Sajewich and senior Susan Kutz are two reliable hitters which Irish head coach Paul Welsh would have.

The Belles played Adrian in their first conference double-header last weekend and lost both games, 5-1 and 5-3. Last year’s 0-2 start for Saint Mary’s is indicative of the type of season the Belles would have.

Saint Mary’s stole two extra innings games from Kalamazoo on Wednesday to open 2-0 in the MIAA and increase its overall record to 6-1-2, 2-0-1 in the conference.

This year, coach Anna Welsh emphasizes coming out ready to play and make a lasting impression. Welsh said she wants her team to come out firing and intimidating conference opponents.

“We won both games on Wednesday, but we didn’t make the statement we are capable of making,” Welsh said. “If we can make that kind of statement against Adrian, we’ll be on our way.”

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The Belles have won nine of its last 10 games and the Eagles swept 13-31 in the Big East and 13-31 overall.

When they face the Eagles this weekend, which Irish head coach Paul Welsh described as the “most challenging” team is ready for, it will be a true test of just how much the Irish have improved since the beginning of the season.

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MENS TENNIS

Captain guarantees victory after Miami wake-up call

By JOE LINDSEY
Sports Writer

After suffering a 6-1 loss to conference rival Miami Sunday, the Irish are looking to use that disappointing event to make the rest of their season successful. A team that began the season 0-4 is now striving to go 4-0 in its final matches as the postseason begins. That stretch begins Sunday when Notre Dame travels to Southern Methodist in Dallas. "We're going to win," junior tri-captain Matt Scott said. "I don't think we expect [just] to fight hard or to give them a good match — we expect to win." While the Irish struggled early in the season, their early record hides the fact that many of those matches were fairly close. Even against the Hurricane squad that beat them 6-1, Notre Dame had some misfortunes that turned the tide against their favor. Additionally, the Irish have shown they can beat top teams — evidenced by their 5-2 defeat of Virginia Tech, another Big East foe, just a week before the Miami loss. The Hokies defeated the Hurricanes 5-2 earlier in the season. Nevertheless, last Sunday was disappointing for the Irish. "We were really down after that match," Scott said, who took some of the blame for the loss. "I can't but feel to personally responsible for that match," he continued. "When we come off a big [win] over Virginia Tech, and then [lose] at Miami, I'm left thinking, 'What could I have done more to maybe have secured that win." Perhaps the important victory over the Hokies made the Irish somewhat complacent when they duelled with the Hurricanes. "Maybe we were, believe it or not, a little bit overconfident," Scott said. "I don't really know, but I know that we're not going to make that same mistake twice." Just as the Irish were able to maintain their morale even after beginning the 2003 season with the worst start in program history, they hope to use the lessons learned from the loss in Miami so they might be a more effective team in the remaining four matches, as well as the postseason. "Hopefully [Sunday's loss] will serve as a little bit of firepower for the guys in the upcoming matches and especially in the Big East, to kind of redeem ourselves," Scott said. "The end of the season means we've played a bunch of matches and we have a fair amount of experience. We've learned a lot from all the matches, so I think we'll be able to use that in the matches that we have next." After Southern Methodist, Notre Dame hosts Ball State, travels to Kentucky, and then returns home for the finale against Indiana State. The Irish are committed to adding only wins from this point on. "Our goal now is to close out the end of the season by winning all four of these matches, and to take that momentum into the Big East," Scott said. For now though, Notre Dame is learning from the past and putting blinders on so as not to worry about the future while the victory-seeking Mustangs are at hand.

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ROWING
Irish rowing debuts at No. 21 in rankings
By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
Sports Writer

After a strong performance at the Indiana Classic last weekend, the Irish, who won all four varsity races against Purdue and Indiana, are ranked No. 21 in the first US Rowing CRA Poll of the season.

Many of Notre Dame’s past competitors are also ranked in the poll, including No. 5 Michigan, No. 23 Tennessee and No. 26 Clemson.

At the Indiana Classic, Notre Dame’s varsity eight crew of Cassie Markstahler, Kati Sedun, Natalie Ladine, Alice Bartek, Meghan Boyle, Casey Buckstaff, Rachel Polinski, Erica Drensen and Danielle Protasiewich finished in 6:37.64, beating Purdue by 8.17 seconds. Notre Dame triumphed for a second time when the second varsity eight crew of Kathryn Long, Devon Hegeman, Christy Mizzi, Sarah Keefel, Antoinette Duck and Megan Sanders was right behind Purdue and finished the race in 7:44.72.

The Irish are slated to see some stiff competition from nine more ranked teams this season, including No. 1 Washington at the Windermere Cup on May 3, No. 9 Michigan State on April 12, No. 13 Syracuse on April 27 at the Big East Rowing Challenge and No. 17 Texas, No. 22 Minnesota, No. 24 Duke, No. 29 Louisville and No. 31 Central/South Regions in May.

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Win at Indiana extends hot streak
By JOE LINDSEY
Sports Writer

In what was the last match of a tightly packed two-week period, the Irish extended their winning streak to five against four teams they dominated yet another Big Ten team.

Playing less than 24 hours after they scored 6-1 road victory over No. 24 Illinois, No. 27 ranked Notre Dame executed another 6-1 win Thursday when they topped unranked Indiana.

Notre Dame, 13-7 on the season, has now won nine of its last 10 matches. In the past two weeks, the Irish have scored five victories over Big Ten teams, which should help increase the team’s confidence as they prepare for their last regular season match this weekend.

Notre Dame got out early against the Hoosiers, who have struggled of late. Junior Captain Leslie and freshman Jennifer Smith, playing at No. 3 doubles, won 8-4 over Jessica Groth and Sophie Rychkik. Then senior captain Kasey Cumba and freshman Lauren Connelly defeated Sarah Batty and Martina Grimm, 8-4, to earn the doubles point to Notre Dame for the seventh consecutive match.

After quickly gaining the doubles point, the Irish quickly grabbed the necessary three singles matches to secure the victory over the unranked Hoosiers.

Smith, after beating Groth in doubles play, once again dominated her—this time in singles. The Irish freshman, who was moved into the lineup by coach Jay Louderback to give junior Alicia Salas a day off, triumped unseeded 6-1, 6-1 over Groth.

Lauren Connelly then claimed a win at No. 5 over Gruth’s doubles partner, Rychkik. Connelly’s 6-1, 6-1 straight set win put the Irish within a point of victory, and Leslie, ranked No. 33 nationally, answered the call as she subdued Linda Tran, also in straight sets, 6-1, 6-0.

Once the Irish had claimed the win, sophomore Sarah Jane Connolly continued a personal trend and once again rallied after losing the first set to come out on top over the Hoosiers’ Dominika Walterova, 3-6, 3-6, 10-6 (10-5).

Freshman Kristina Stastny then made the day a little grittier for Indiana when she put the Irish up by another point in the unseeded 6-1, 6-1 victory over the Hoosiers.

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Fortunately for the Irish, the high concentration of matches within a small time period has come to an end, for now. The Irish will have some rest before their final regular season competition April 12 in Coral Gables, Fla. Two weeks later, the Irish will return to the Miami area for the Big East Championships.

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WOMEN’S TENNIS
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Growing at Indiana extends hot streak
By JOE LINDSEY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame women’s tennis freshman Jennifer Smith returns the ball in a match against Iowa March 21. The 6-1 win Thursday over Indiana extended Notre Dame’s winning streak to five, with her defeat of Martina Grimm, 6-1, 5-7, 1-0 (10-4).

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Phelps wins big at Nationals

Michael Phelps defeated an Olympic medalist for the second straight night and was still looking to improve.

Phelps, the 17-year-old standout from Baltimore, won the 200-meter freestyle in Thursday's U.S. National Spring Swimming Championships.

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The three-day tournament began Wednesday with a 2-2 draw between Mexico and Canada. Notre Dame and Michigan join the internationals for play tonight and Saturday at Alumni Field. Michigan faces Canada at 5:30 Friday with Notre Dame and Mexico to follow. Michigan battles Mexico Saturday, after which the Irish take on Canada.

In Wednesday's game, Mexico's Desiree Flint opened the scoring in the 13th minute, but Thorlakson evened the game for the Canadians six minutes later. After the 1-1 halftime tie, Canada took the second half lead when Josee Belanger scored on a corner kick-head-.er from Brittany Timko. The lead lasted to the final minutes, when Mexico tied it on a penalty kick after Canada was whistled for a foul in the box.

Canada held a large lead in shots, 19-8, but Mexican goalkeeper Pamela Alonso made 10 saves. Canada's Taryn Swiatek made two key saves on breakaways for Canada. Thorlakson will play for Notre Dame when the Irish face Canada.

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By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's tennis team has a busy weekend ahead. The Belles will play three matches in two days, opening with a contest against Adrian College on the road on Saturday. After that, the team will travel to Chicago for matches with Carthage College and the University of Chicago Sunday.

The Belles are looking to get back in the win column after a tough 5-4 loss to Kalamazoo College Tuesday. With a strong 9-2 record, the team is motivated to perform well during this difficult stretch.

"There will be good matches [this weekend], maybe not quite as competitive as Kalamazoo," junior Kaitlin Cutler said. "But it seems like the whole conference has improved this year."

First up will be a match up against Adrian, a MIAA conference foe. The Bulldogs are 1-0 in conference and 5-2 overall. Adrian and Saint Mary's have faced several common opponents this year. Both teams defeated Olivet and Tri-State University. Adrian lost 7-2 to Aquinas, a team the Belles shut out 9-0.

The Belles' first opponent in Chicago will be Carthage College, a team with a 4-1 record this season. Carthage looks to be a strong opponent, as they defeated Kalamazoo 6-3.

"It's kind of an overwhelming weekend," said junior Kaitlin Cutler. "But we're excited to travel to Chicago."

The host University of Chicago team has a record of 0-1 for the spring and hasn't played nearly as many matches as the Belles. Saint Mary's faces Adrian Saturday at 1 p.m. The Belles play matches against Carthage and University of Chicago Sunday at 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

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Womens Lacrosse

Simon's three goals not enough to get past No. 8 Syracuse

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Despite another late game rally, the Notre Dame womens lacrosse team dropped a 9-6 decision at No. 8 Syracuse. The Irish competed strongly, but could not do quite enough to get the win for the third straight time against a ranked opponent.

The Irish were plagued again by a tough start as Syracuse jumped out to a 5-0 lead.

"We just were a little tentative on offense in the first half," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "They are a very high-powered offensive team, so we weren't surprised they were scoring, but we just couldn't match them."

Despite a 5-1 deficit at halftime, the Irish turned up the intensity in the second half. By the end of the game, the Irish had earned most of the statistics, including ground balls and draw controls and outshot Syracuse 28-26, but they could not break through on the scoreboard enough to catch the Orange women.

"We put a ton of pressure on them in the second half," Coyne said. "We had a lot of opportunities and came out real strong. We controlled time of possession and forced turnovers well, but we needed to score more than five goals."

Danielle Shearer, who scored the lone Irish first half goal, scored on two free-position chances to cut the lead to 6-3 before three more Syracuse goals pushed the lead back to six. The Irish continued battling as Meredith Simon scored three goals to get the Irish back within three.

The Irish hit the post three times in the final minutes as they fired 22 shots in the second half. "We're playing very hard, and that shows a lot about our character," Coyne said. "We went all out, so it's disappointing to lose. We've been right there though, and we've come a long way."

The Irish fell to 3-4 (2-1 in the Big East) on the season with the loss. Syracuse moved to 7-2 (4-1).

Next up for the Irish is Big East foe Connecticut Saturday at the Loftus Sports Center, where the Irish will look to even its season record.

"Conn is a huge game for us," Coyne said. "They're having a breakthrough season. Connecticut best Vanderbilt, a ranked win, and had a lead on Syracuse at the half."

Despite the losses, Coyne believes her team is responding well and putting themselves in position to win.

"We've had a lot of solid performances at different times. We haven't given up. We're playing hard and we've had opportunities to win. That's a positive."

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Track

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and Eric Morrison, who qualified in the 1,500 meters for the men.

It is a new format this year, and everyone is getting used to it," said Somok who is taking the weekend off. "It is good to get the experience taken care of, because now some of us can afford to take time off and get rested.

Finally, Tameisha King, Kristen Dodd, Tiffany Gunn and Kymia Love ran their best time this year, as they qualified for the NCAA Regional in the 400-meter relay at the Florida Relays.

However, last weekend was not the only time the Irish saw their athletes qualify, as Sedim Narudeen (110-meter hurdles), Love (400 meters), Dodd (400-meters), Gunn (400-meters and 400-meter hurdles), Stacey Cowan (high jump and triple jump) and Jaime Volker (pole vault) have all qualified for the NCAA Regional meet.

The Irish have three more chances to qualify for the Big East and NCAA Regional meets. Saturday looks to be a great opportunity.

"We are all excited, especially the guys who didn't get to go to Stanford last weekend," Somok said. "We don't have just awful weather and are hoping to get some good performances here at home."

One runner proposed the 10,000-meter run be run on Friday night so the wind will be minimal. The Irish will do this in hopes of qualifying the most athletes possible in this event for the Big East meet.

Saturday's meet starts at 10 a.m. with the jumps and the running events start at 11:15 a.m. The meet, held on the Monogram Track, concludes with the 1,600-meter men's relay at approximately 2:30 p.m.

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WOMENS GOLF
Six golfers qualify for Indiana tournament
By ANDY TROEGER Sports Writer

Looking to improve on an 11th place finish last year, the women's golf team will head to Bloomington for the Indiana Invitational this weekend at the Indiana University Golf Course. It will be the first action in about ten days for the Irish, who finished sixth at the Baylor Tapito Springs Shootout in Texas. With the opportunity to work on their games, the Irish have taken to the practice area and the Warren Golf Course to prepare for this weekend's event. "We've been doing a lot of short game work," Irish coach Debby King said. "We've also been working on putting." For the event, a field of 33 teams and 168 golfers will be taking six golfers to Bloomington, led by senior Terri Tafel and junior Shantion Byrse. After qualifying, freshman Sarah Bassett, Karen Lotta and Suzie Hayes will round out the Irish contingent. This will be one of the strongest fields the Irish have faced this season, and it is also their last preparation for the Big Ten Championships, which will be held at the Warren Golf Course.

"This is one of our strongest events," King said. "There are many Big Ten teams participating." The Irish will focus on their own goals instead of worrying about the competition. "We need to shoot for 312 as our own personal goal," King said. "Whether it puts us in first place or last place, that's what we have to shoot for." Contact Andy Troeger at atroege@nd.edu

MENS LACROSSE
Irish playing without Howell
By PAT LEONARD Sports Writer

With starting attackman and leading point-man Matt Howell sidelined after having his appendix removed last Friday, the No. 15 Notre Dame men's lacrosse team will travel to Columbus, Ohio, to take on No. 20 Ohio State (4-2, 0-0 in the GWLL) on Sunday at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium. Howell, who leads the Irish with 12 goals and 19 assists and did not feel well last Thursday following practice and did not play in the match against Denver last Saturday. Without him, Notre Dame needs to step up their game in every area. "I just think we've got to do the things we need to do to put us in a position to win," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "They're a very good team in transition and in unsettled situations. We have to keep them from doing what they are good at doing. We have to clear balls and identify roles at the defensive end of field." The Buckeyes will be the Irish's second GWLL opponent of the season. Notre Dame (5-3, 1-0) won its first league game on Saturday, 9-8, at home against unranked Denver. As with its history with Denver, Notre Dame has dominated in the all-time series with Ohio State. The Irish have won nine of the last 10 games between the two and Corrigan has a 12-2 all-time record against the Buckeyes. In a 7-3 win at Meuse Kruse Stadium last season, Notre Dame broke a 3-3 half-time tie with two goals in both the third and fourth quarters to beat Ohio State and end the Buckeyes' season. The last time the Irish traveled to Columbus in 2001, Corrigan's squad got the win in a 13-4 rout. Still, Ohio State is ranked and will challenge the Irish just as Denver did. With Howell out of the lineup, there will be even more pressure on precocious freshman Pat Walsh (12 goals, 16 assists) and junior attackman Dan Berger (29 goals) to spread the ball around and score on offense. Against Denver, Walsh and Berger did just that. The freshman recorded two goals and five assists, and Berger added three goals. Still, Corrigan thinks there are other players who have not played to their full potential. "On the other end, we must execute offensively," Corrigan said. "We haven't had that breakout game offensively. We've got a lot of guys who haven't gotten over the hump yet, a lot of guys who haven't scored the way they're capable of scoring. But I would love to see [a breakout game] this weekend, because we've got guys working really hard to do it." Contact Pat Leonard at plenard@nd.edu

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Loman drove home Ciolli in the ninth to provide the third and final run.

Throughout both games, Notre Dame pitchers worked both sides of the plate and effectively changed speeds to keep Loyola's batters off balance. All four Irish pitchers saw work and held the Ramblers to one run on five hits. "I think they are getting it," coach Kevin Corrigan said of his squad. "I think they are getting more comfortable with their own goals instead of worrying about the competition." "We need to shoot for 312 as our own personal goal," King said. "Whether it puts us in first place or last place, that's what we have to shoot for." Contact Andy Troege at atroege@nd.edu

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Hitting on all cylinders

Third baseman Andrea Loman hits a solo home run in the sixth inning of Notre Dame's 7-1 victory over Loyola (Chicago) Thursday afternoon at Ivy Field.

By MATT LOZAR
Assoc. Sports Editor

It looked like it was going to rain the entire afternoon, but it didn't, and the Irish were happy, very happy.

Building off the offensive momentum from Tuesday's doubleheader, sweep at Purdue, Notre Dame defeated Loyola (Chicago) 7-1 and 3-0 Thursday at Ivy Field to extend their win streak to four games.

"I am happy no matter what the temperature is, as long as there is no precipitation.," Notre Dame coach Deanna Gumpf said. "It was great, we needed today."

In game one, the Irish pounded out 10 hits, including five doubles and three home runs. Shortstop Andria Bedos hit her second home run in as many games and went a combined 2-for-6 with three RBIs and two runs scored. Third baseman Andrea Loman and catcher Mallorie Lenn each also knocked one out.

"They have come alive. I think that Northwestern game bit them hard and they don't like that and don't want it to happen again." Gumpf said about the offense. "Hopefully this momentum will help us on the weekend. You can't really tell what's going to happen, but I like the way we are hitting the ball."

The Irish (14-11) jumped on the Ramblers in the bottom of the first when centerfielder Meghan Golli and second baseman Alexis Madrid led off with back-to-back doubles. Golli scored on Madrid's two-bagger to give the Irish the early 1-0 lead.

Lenn put the Irish up 2-0 in the second with her first collegiate home run. Bedos got her home run out in the bottom of the third and gave the Irish a 4-0 lead.

After the Ramblers got one back in the top of the fifth, the Irish got two insurance runs in the fifth on RBI doubles from Bedos and freshman Kellie Przynski and senior catcher Mallorie Lenn each also knocked one out.

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ND Mens Soccer

Women host international teams

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

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By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
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With many Irish athletes already qualified for the NCAA Regional meet on May 30 and 31 in Columbus, Ohio, Saturday's meet provides a chance for the Irish to compete in front of a home crowd.

Notre Dame faces Central Michigan and Western Michigan in their only home meet of the season, the traditional Spring Opener.

Last weekend saw many Irish athletes qualify for the regional meet, as numerous athletes had success in their respective events at meets three meets around the country. Juan Alba qualified for the NCAA regional meet in both the hammer throw and discus. Both marks were also good enough to qualify him for the Big East outdoor championship on May 2-4.

Also at the Western Michigan Open, Chris Staron qualified for the regional with his effort in the high jump. Ryan Mineburg had already qualified from the Baldy Castello meet.

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Both the Canadians and Mexicans come in with strong accomplishments. The Canadian under-19 team finished second to the United States last summer at the under-19 World Cup and had a huge representation by Irish players, Katie Thorlakson and Candace Chapman played for Canada, while freshman Annie Schefter was on the U.S. squad. The Mexicans are one of only one more win away from qualifying for the World Cup that will take place later this year.

Waldrum described how the teams play very different styles of soccer.

"Canada is athletic and technical, they are very direct. Mexico is smaller but very technical and skillful," he said. "They are creative and play a very high quality of soccer."

For the Irish, the Showcase gives some players who missed large portions of the season because of injury, including Schefter, senior Vanessa Przynsky and sophomore Gudrun...