Holy Cross to become 4-year institution

By TERESA FRALISH
Annex New Editor

Holy Cross College’s bachelor of arts degree program is set to debut this fall, a change that will transform the sister-founded college to a four-year academic institution.

"Holy Cross will still provide the associate of arts degree to serve students who want to transfer to other institutions, but the baccalaureate program now further our founding as a liberal arts college," said William Mangan, the College’s vice president for academic affairs. "We are now working with prospective students who are thinking about coming to Holy Cross College expressly for the baccalaureate program," he said.

The College, with a current enrollment of about 500 students, chose to initiate the new four-year program as part of its mission as a liberal arts college and hopes that the school can develop new ties with Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s College, Mangan said.

The College was founded in 1966 and previously offered students an associate degree with a focus on transferring to a four-year institution.

Mangan said the College would complete the admissions process for the new program over the summer and final admission numbers would be calculated then. Accepted students, who have already received an associate degree, have until May 1 to accept the College’s offer.

The degree program is fully seen HOLY CROSS/page 4

CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

New parietals proposal fails

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

Members of the Campus Life Council met Monday for the final time this academic year to discuss the resolution for the extension of parietal hours.

Slovak Hall Senator Rick Harris presented the resolution, which called for the extension of parietals until 1 a.m. on weekdays to provide additional time for group study.

After much debate, the resolution failed 9-7; resolutions require a 2/3 majority to pass as a recommendation. Father Jerome Meyer, Knott Hall rector, said that does not mean that spiritual life in those halls suffers, but that filling a position with clergy members in halls as rectors.

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Local hotels filling up fast for graduation

By HIMANSHU KOTHARI

With graduation only three weeks away, hotels in the South Bend and Mishawaka area are reporting full occupancy for that weekend. While this is not true for all hotels, most are optimistic that the housing the University provides on campus will not be enough.

"We still have 20 rooms available, but we usually sell out and this time, too, we will probably sell out before graduation, but we are still taking reservations," said Kathy Hoban, manager at the Holiday Inn in South Bend. "We have 11 rooms to go until graduation." The Holiday Inn is offering a rate of $159.95 plus tax for its double rooms, with a mandatory minimum of two nights stay.

Among the hotels that were already booked to capacity, the效益 at Saint Mary’s and the Jamison Inn give priority to people who have already spent a night at the hotel. If they stayed for Junior Parents Weekend (2003), then they would be placed in a lottery for rooms for the next year, said Jane Bella, manager of Jamison Inn, which is adjacent to the University campus.

While giving priority to parents who stayed during JPW is something new for the Jamison, the Inn at Saint Mary’s makes this a mandatory condition.

"In order to get a room for graduation, (the customer) must stay for JPW as well," said Ryan Holman, guest service representative. Another hotel that has reported full occupancy is the all-suite Comfort Suites. The hotel did not offer any discounts for graduation but honors A.A.R.P. discounts, said Trish Stewart, manager of the Comfort Suite.

The Merritt Inn does not offer rooms to the public during Commencement as the University gives the hotel a guest list for the weekend of graduation.

Other hotels still have vacancy for the weekend.

The Boulevard Inn and Bistro is offering family packages and has rooms starting at $145 plus tax for a "city suite" and $165 plus tax for a suite facing the harbor.

A more expensive option is the Marriott in downtown South Bend.

Rooms are $299 plus taxes and are non-refundable, non-cancelable and the rate must be fully prepaid with a credit card for the duration of stay," said Allison Merrick, manager at the Marriott.

A cheaper option is also available at the Days Inn, which has close to 30 double available and is offering a flat rate of $140 plus taxes.

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Lay rectors more prevalent in hall staff

By KEVIN ALLEN

According to the Office of Residence Life and Housing, spiritual development is one of the keystone to life in Notre Dame’s residence halls. Therefore, one would think that the Office would make a top priority of placing clergy members in halls as rectors.

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INSIDE COLUMN
Freshmen Lessons

I slope in my seat in Calculus, gazing aimlessly at the abstract streaks of dry-erase that seem easy in comparison. I spent all they all told me.

Saint Mary's Board of Governance debated the possible designs and regulations for newly approved student apartments on campus.

Saint Mary's Frosh-0 staff. My parents. My advisors. They all said the same thing — that once I made it through my first freshman year at Notre Dame, the last three years would seem easy in comparison. I spent all of first semester waiting for the hard part.

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NDSP issued University citations for liquor law violations including minor in possession, consumption of alcohol, failure to produce identification and possession of a keg in campus parking lots Saturday. A student was arrested Sunday at the Joyce Center for consuming alcohol as a minor and public intoxication.

NDSP also responded to the report of an intoxicated student in Dillon Hall Sunday morning. The student was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center by ambulance for treatment. The cases have been referred for administrative review.

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Construction projects put on hold by funding shortage

By WILL PUCKETT
News Writer

Throughout this year, construction has been steadily progressing in various areas of campus. While work halted on every project that was not already underway, according to Jim Lyphout, vice president for business operations at Notre Dame, several construction projects were completed and two will continue through the summer.

New Science and Learning Building

Lyphout said the new $70 million science and learning building is the University's top construction priority currently. While the building does not as of yet have a name, it will be situated just north of the Joyce Center. A groundbreaking was scheduled for March 2003, but Lyphout said, "Fundraising has not been as successful as we might have hoped, especially with the economy the way it is."

Lyphout estimated that ground might finally be broken sometime within the next six months to a year. Lyphout cautioned against the economy's affect on fundraising and warned that all plans are subject to revision depending on the success of fundraising efforts.

Hesburgh Library

Renovations in the Hesburgh Library are nearing completion, and final work should be completed this summer. The library is adding study space, addition storage for books and microfilms and other modern renovations. While more renovations are planned for the library, nothing is confirmed at the moment, due to funding issues, said Lyphout.

Stepan Chemistry Hall

An expansion to Stepan Chemistry Hall was completed over the 2002-03 school year, with finishing touches to be added early in 2003. The expansion provides more research and laboratory space for chemistry faculty and students.

Some minor work on the exterior and surrounding area continues, but this is primarily landscaping and restoration of the site to its original condition.

O'Shaughnessy Hall

Construction was halted in the fall semester on O'Shaughnessy Hall. There, an office suite was added for the College of Arts and Letters, and the enrollment office was given additional space as well.

Lotus Improvements

The Lotus Center is slated to receive some upgrades, including a new weight-training center and football department offices. However, the project was another casualty of tight economic times. Construction was to have begun late in the spring semester, but current plans are on hold indefinitely.

"That's certainly in our plans, but it depends on how fundraising goes, and we want to look at our higher priorities first," said Lyphout.

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whether their approval was simply to increase personal fre­

"I wonder how much there is a need for the paretiats extension simply to provide additional study time, as the 24-hour space of Pangburn was frequently filled with the same couples not engaged in academic work. Students responded by com­

menting that common spaces were not conducive to studying and that students often required the use of a dorm room with computer access to prepare presentations and projects.

Rectors also said that they feared a paretiats extension to allow greater time for group work could adversely impact the roommates not engaged in a study group, preventing him or her from an additional hour's use of their dorm room.

"My concern is that, if I'm a roommate in a study group, that means when I can get back into my room - as my roommate might not have total

room - is now one hour later. The ramifications is that it keeps me out of my dorm room [longer] if you have a study group," said Father Peter Peters, Knoth Hall rec­

tor.

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ing that scheduling arrange­ments with roommates natu­

rally involve a compromise that living together with other people.

"The dynamics of any dorm room is that there is a lot of compromise," said Erin Cushing, off-campus senator.

"The positives that this [paretiats extension] would bring would far outweigh the 1 to 2 nights before a project that a roommate might not have total quiet.

Cushing also said that as an off-campus student, midnigt paretiats deter her from visit­

ing friends, and she prefers to invite friends over to her apartment rather than visiting them on campus and being required

to leave at a certain time. She also said that paretiats extension may help elevate some of the perceived prob­

lems in gender relations on campus.

"If-off-campus students don't want to come back on campus to socialize," she said.

By Peter Jarrett, Keough Hall rec­

tor.

"Jeffy" Harris proposed the postponement of the resolution to the first CLG meeting of the spring semester for a full academic year, a proposal that failed.

The motion to extend paretiats an additional hour also failed, but could be brought up again at the next meeting. Harris will continue to conduct further research and draft another proposal.

In other Campus Life Council news:

Henry Scott briefed the GLC on the Student Union's Board report to the Board of Trustees that he and Libby Bishop, for­

mer student body president, will be making Thursday. Scott then addressed the mixed feedback received from dance hall commissioners on the new alcohol policy and the banning of in-hall dancing that students have faced this year.

Cushing presented the Rasis Taskforce report, a committee designed to conduct research and analysis for a new program regard­ing the need and feasibility of a current program through which seniors educate fresh­

men about problems relating to alcohol use and sexual assault. Cushing said that the committee instead recom­

mended the use of the Big Brother/Big Sister program used in residence halls to connect freshmen with sopho­

mores, juniors and seniors who are engaged in a mentorship role.

Cushing said that the Student Activities Office will provide funding for residence halls who have a program in place and that the program will allow for the continuation of a mentoring relationship that a senior-freshman struc­

ture would not provide.

Black noted that the Communication Taskforce's report mentioned that the University's Web site has received tens of thousands of hits and will become the official University calendar some­
time next year.

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accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, the same group that oversees Notre Dame and Saint Mary's degree programs, said Mangan.

Justin Watson, who will serve as the advisor to the bac­

calaureate student, will also direct the baccalaureate pro­

gram, Mangan added.

Overall, the program will bring important new opportu­

nities for academic and student life at Holy Cross.

"Baccalaureate students will serve as academic role models for students in the associate of arts program. It also means that student life will have new

exemplars of leadership and service," said Mangan.

"The program will itself include a broad-range of com­

ponents, focused in a core group of liberal arts courses with some electives. Additionally, the program includes an international study component, the overseas missions of Congregation of Brothers of Holy Cross, and an internship requirement. Those students interested in a graduate degree later in life will have the opportunity to see a great need for parietals

extension to increase personal time to study group," said Father Thomas Bang, Keough Hall rector.

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By Weserguson,

University of Texas- Austin

A former University of Texas-Austin student who allegedly was sexually assaulted by a University police officer has filed a civil suit against him and the University.

The criminal case against former UT officer Sellers Bailey has still not gone to trial, nearly two years after the alleged assault. The former UT student, whose name has not been released, filed the civil suit on Friday because she had "reached her limit."

"Our contentation is that in a situation where the University itself actually caused the psychological injury, it would seem to me practice to assume they have an added responsibility to take care of the emotional problems caused from that harm," Howard said.

Jone Bost, associate director for legal affairs, said the center does not counsel people for long periods of time.

Bailey's criminal case was set to go to trial Monday, but his defense attorney, Charles Craig, said it has been rescheduled for May 27. Craig would not comment further.

In April 2002, campus police reported that a UT teaching assistant assaulted a student in the student's dorm room.

Despite an open records request, the University declined to pro­

vide any documents from the incident. UTPD Police Chief Jeff Van Slyke would not com­

ment on the case, saying that it is still under investigation.

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Tests cast doubt on possible chemical weapons

Associated Press

BAJIL

A metal drum found in the northern Iraqi town of Bajil that initially tested positive for nerve and blister agents might instead contain rocket fuel, according to new tests, U.S. chemical weapons experts said today.

More tests were planned in the coming days for determining the contents of the drum, said Lt. Col. Valentin Novikov, the chief chemical weapons officer of the 4th Infantry Division, the unit which found the drum.

Novikov's comments raised the prospect that the discovery was the latest in a series of false alarms as U.S. troops try to finish the remains of Saddam Hussein's suspected programs for biological, chemical and nuclear weapons.

The suspicious barrel was among 14 drums found in an open field near the Tigris River town of Bajil, among mounds of earth that hid missiles and missile parts. U.S. troops pressed forward in initial test and found indications the barrel may contain the nerve agent cyclosarin and a blister agent that could be a precursor of mustard gas.

By design, initial test procedures favor positive readings, errors on the side of caution to protect soldiers.

Two teams of experts were brought in this weekend for additional testing.

One team conducted three tests; but the tests "were not totally conclusive," Novikov said.

The second team, a specialist Mobile Expedition Team, "suspects that it might be rocket fuel," Novikov said.

That team is expected to return to the site in the coming days for further tests.

"There is a chance that it could be chemical weapons, but we don't know for sure," Novikov said, speaking outside of the 4th Infantry headquarters, a former palace in Saddam's hometown of Tikrit, near Bajil.

Also found at the site were two unmarked vans that soldiers first suspected to be mobile chemical laboratories.

Near the site was a low, brown sandstone building that had 150 gas mask boxes that are of a higher quality that those usually used by Iraqi soldiers.

The initial tests on the barrel were conducted late Friday by U.S. Valerie Phipps and PFC Jeremy McCullough, chemical warfare experts with the 1st Squadron of the 10th Cavalry Regiment.

All three of their tests pointed to nerve or blister agents.

Afterward, Phipps and McCullough left the area and burned their chemical warfare suits for fear that they were contaminated.

There have been numerous false reports that coalition forces have turned up chemical or biological weapons.

IRAQ

Iraq factions set nation-building transition timetable

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

Delegates from inside and outside Iraq met on Monday to hold a nation-building meeting next month and fashion a temporary, post-Saddam Hussein government that the United States predicted could be in place within days after that.

Iraq's new American administrators, charting the future of the land they invaded, secured the pledge to meet again in May from a multiethnic assortment of delegates.

It represents the first specific timetable for trying to assemble the foundations of democracy in postwar Iraq and a more secure tomorrow.

"I think we have enough to come up with a road map," said U.S. envoy Zalmay Khalilzad, adding that an administration could be in place within weeks.

Monday's daylong conference coincided with a date that had been a national holiday: It was Saddam Hussein's 66th birthday.


The conference brought together Shiite and Sunni Muslim clerics in robes, Kurds from the north, tribal chiefs in Arab headdress and Westernized exiles in expensive suits. Still, some aides, who make up 60 percent of Iraq's population, were underrepresented, and delegates generally agreed on a need for wider representation in the government.

For a nation riven by a generation of autocratic rule, the notion of a broad leadership council appeared to gain ground, with many delegates endorsing it as the best path.

"We hope we can form a unified government, one that reflects the entire spectrum of Iraq," said Ahmad Jabar al-Awadi, a representative of the newly formed Iraqi Independent Democrats Movement.

Under Saddam, the all-powerful Baath Party barred dissent and effectively banned competing parties. Monday's meeting, like one in the ancient city of Ur earlier this month, pulled aside that monolithic facade to reveal a fractured land rolling with political agendas.

Partly because of that, many delegates discussed the possibility of a presidential council rather than a single leader for Iraq, according to one prominent former exile, Saad al-Ashazzar.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Two men plead innocent in bombing

Two Sikh men accused of bombing an Air India flight in 1985, killing all 329 people on board, pleaded innocent Monday as their trial began under heavy security in a specially built courtroom.

Ala Singh Bagri, 53, and Bipudaman Singh Malik, 56, sat behind bulletproof glass for the trial almost 18 years after the Boeing 747 exploded off the coast of Ireland in a suicide terrorist bombing of a commercial aircraft. Calling Bagri a "militant Sikh terrorist," prosecutor Robert Wright said in his opening statement the bombing was revenge by Sikh separatists for the 1984 raid by Indian forces on the Golden Temple at Amritsar, the Sikh religion's holiest site.

The motive was so strongly felt that they were prepared to murder hundreds of innocent people," Wright said in a manslaughter in the case would be tried.

Wright said Final missing U.S. soldier confirmed dead

The body of a soldier found the day after a convoy was ambushed in southern Iraq was identified as Army Spc. Edward John Anguiano, the last missing soldier in Iraq, the Pentagon said Monday. Officials used DNA tests to confirm that the remains were Anguiano, according to the soldier's grandfather, and military officials notified the family late Sunday.

The grandfather said he believed Anguiano was killed during the initial attack on March 23, when he disappeared. "What we heard is that he was ambushed," said Vincent Anguiano Sr., 72. "They found his truck, the one he drove, and it had been stripped — tires and everything. They found a body near the truck." Anguiano's family members gathered in this south Texas town over the Easter weekend and held out hope he would return soon. The soldier's mother, Juanita Anguiano, "is very sad. She was not expecting him to be found dead," said the soldier's aunt, Maria Anguiano.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Powell calls disarmament proposal

The United States is reviewing a North Korean proposal to give up the nation's missiles and nuclear facilities in exchange for substantial U.S. economic benefits, Secretary of State Colin Powell said Monday. The North Koreans set forth the proposal last week in talks in Beijing that were focused on U.S. concerns about North Korea's weapons programs. Powell called the meeting "quite useful" and said U.S. officials are comparing notes with South Korea, Japan, China, Russia, Australia and others.

At the Beijing talks, China, joined the United States and North Korea. The North Koreans "did put forward a plan that would ultimately deal with their nuclear capacity and their missile activities. But they, of course, expect something considerable in return," Powell said. Powell's somewhat hopeful account of the meetings contrasted with initial accounts last week by other U.S. officials.
By MEGAN O'NEIL

Board of Governance officers viewed architectural graphics and discussed design plans for future on-campus apartments at Monday's meeting.

The plans for the apartments, which have been in the works for many months, were approved by The Board of Trustees Friday.

Construction on the new complexes will begin this summer. It is expected that phase one of the building plans will be completed by June 2004, which will make the apartments available to current sophomores when they enter their senior year.

The three-story building will house 72 students, and will be composed of quad and double-room apartments. Each student will have their own bedroom and share a bathroom and kitchen. While the apartments will be assigned through the lottery pick system, it is expected that they will be mainly occupied by upperclassmen.

"I assume for the most part this will go largely to seniors," said President Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl.

Board members were particularly interested in whether the Residence Hall Association would govern the complexes and if violation hours would be maintained.

"The key thing here is that they are looking for self-governance," Jablonski-Diehl said. "The residence hall rules could be different."

A forum is planned for next year when students can learn about the new residence option and express their opinions on what the apartment rules should be.

"These things are not set in stone," said board member Sarah Mahoney. "You need to get your comments and your friends comments out there."

In Other BOG News:

♦ A new link is under construction on the Saint Mary's Web system wherein students can buy and sell books to one another.

Numa Virtual The Village

Board members have taken steps to initiate change in the annual Keenan Review. The highly popular comedic variety show, which is held at Saint Mary's, and has come under criticism for Rancho Palos Verdes stereotyping in its skits. While student government wants to keep the show at Saint Mary's, they plan on enforcing stricter guidelines, and possibly asking the producers to sign a contract to ensure its appropriate content.

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COLOMBIA

Rebel surrenders to authorities

BOGOTA

A commander from Colombia's largest rebel group surrendered and, flanked by the country's president and top generals Monday, urged his former comrades-in-arms to do the same.

Rafael Rojas, who said he was a 20-year veteran of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia and the commander of the group's 46th Front, was the highest-ranking member of the rebel army to turn himself in, authorities said. His surrender Friday was reportedly mediated by a Roman Catholic priest.

President Alvaro Uribe on Monday introduced Rojas at a nationally televised news conference at a military base in the coastal city of Cartagena.

Rojas urged other members of the 16,000-strong FARC — as the rebel group is known — to also surrender, saying the 38-year war has brought only ruin to this South American country.

"Pleasant things have not resulted," said Rojas, wearing a blue denim shirt and blue jeans. "On the contrary, the prolonged war has left only desolation and destruction."

Rebels who desert the FARC and other guerrilla armies are put up in protected housing and given the opportunity to change their identities. They also have access to health care, education and work training under the government program.

Take advantage of this as an opportunity for dialogue and to create a new society for coming generations," Rojas said.

Uribe, a hard-liner who has stepped up the war against the rebels in his seven months in office, said other rebels should also surrender or face defeat.
Regulators announce online music service

Apple launches online music service

Apple Computer Inc. launched a commercial music service Monday that will offer more than 200,000 songs at 99 cents a download, winning over music industry leaders who have long shunned online file-sharing.

The iTunes Music Store announced by CEO Steve Jobs Monday is the first online music-service provider to offer all five major labels and includes some big-name artists who previously denounced the practice.

Unlike its competitors, the service has virtually no copy-protection—a major concession to consumer demand.
**SMC holds banquet to honor student leaders**

By LAUREN O'BRIEN

Saint Mary’s annual “Celebrating a Leadership Community” honored student leaders Monday.

A Community and Leadership Banquet was available at Haggerty College Center during the day for students to recognize mentors or people in leadership roles. This tradition has been a part of the Student Government Association since 1993. Banners from previous years were also displayed.

The Student Leadership Appreciation Luncheon was held in the North Wedge Room of the Noble Family Dining Hall for students, administrators and faculty. The luncheon featured senior Mary Brown as the keynote speaker. Brown spoke about her experiences of leadership at Saint Mary’s.

The luncheon also honored two faculty members with the Student Leadership Appreciation Award, Deborah McCarthy, associate professor of communications, and Linda Ferrari, assistant professor of chemistry. The award honors faculty, administrators or staff who have made a meaningful contribution to student leadership.

“Celebrating a Leadership Community” concluded with the Student Leadership Commissioning in the Church of Loretto. Kim Jensen, a senior and the outgoing student body president, reflected on the accomplishments of the 2002-03 student government.

“Tackling the first day with a sense of optimism, we assumed the responsibilities of student leadership,” Jensen said. “Together, we made a difference.”

Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, a junior and the incoming student body president, addressed new student leaders, including student government leaders, residence hall and class officers, resident advisors, presidents of clubs and organizations and spiritual life leaders.

“One of us must take charge of our personal strengths and weaknesses,” Jablonski-Diehl said. “It is only together that we can achieve our goals.”

Each student leader was individually recognized by Linda Timm, vice president for Student Affairs, and received a copy of the College mission statement from Sister Rose Anne Schultz, vice president for Mission.

“Leadership is not just tied to positions and titles,” said Georgeann Rosenbach, director of Student Activities. “It is defined more by action, whether that be through academics, student government, volunteer service or a job. It takes all kinds of leadership to make Saint Mary’s what it is.”

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**U-WIRE**

**NYU officers question training**

By JON MUMMOLO

NEW YORK

Some New York University Protection Services officers say a lack of emergency response training has left them feeling unprepared in the event of a catastrophic emergency, according to to top officials in the Local 1 Security Officers Union.

Union officials said they wrote a letter to department superiors in early March requesting increased training and a detailed contingency plan, in response to “minimal” training in anti-terrorism and emergency response since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The complaints have shed light on a difference of opinion between management and the officers union over the precise function of Protection officers during large-scale emergencies. While department officials said they view officers as “indispensable” first responders who should be trained in crowd control and be able to efficiently report emergencies to their supervisors, some officers are asking to serve a more direct role in emergency assistance.

“We’re dealing with a different animal” after Sept. 11,” union president Mike Pidoto said. “I think it’s time to step up the training a little bit more.”

Other officers said they are worried that they might not be prepared for some emergencies.

“As far as what to do in the case of a chemical or biological attack or a mass casualty, we are woefully unprepared to respond to that,” said Mark Fischetti, an officer at 25 W. 4th St. “To me, in New York City, at the largest private university in the country, it would seem incredibly to train us in these things.”

Officials from NYU Protection Services, which oversees more than 270 officers at 79 posts, said current training is sufficient and that officers should wait for outside agencies, such as the Fire Department of New York and bomb squads, to directly handle emergencies.

“We will never give up our need to access governmental services,” said Protection Services Director Jules Martin. “They are better trained than we are, and they have the requisite materials to respond to the emergency.”

Some officers said further emergency training would allow them to alleviate situations during the time spent waiting for help to arrive. Fischetti said he fears that if another terrorist attack occurs in New York City, NYU would become a low priority for emergency responders.

“If someone lets loose something, Unit 1 will face it,” Fischetti said, “the city’s emergency teams are going to be depleted serving the city. They won’t be worried about the university.”

The city has made its own plans and provisions for dealing with terrorist attacks, although it has not arranged a specific plan with the university, according to a spokesman from the New York Police Department’s 6th Precinct.

“All buildings get treated the same whether it’s NYU or the New School, or a large apartment building,” NYPD Detective Mike Singer said.

NYU Protection officers undergo bi-weekly training for standard operations like ID checking, sign-in procedures and diversity training, officers said.

Issues specific to anti-terrorism, however, are not addressed during these sessions, according to Keishe Hamada, assistant training manager for Protection Services.

Officers have attended two seminars with an NYPD officer and have received instruction on how to spot suspicious characters and how to respond to bomb threats, Montas said.

This was the only training specific to anti-terrorism supplied by the department since Sept. 11, 2001, he said.

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Tuesday, April 29, 2003
SENIOR WEEK
REGISTRATION
TOMORROW!!

Thursday, May 1st
Stepan Center, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Tickets will be available for the following events:
- Saturday, May 10th, "Margaritaville" $5.00
- Sunday, May 11th, "Chicago Cubs Game" $35.00
- Monday, May 12th, "Golf Outing" $10.00/person
- Monday, May 12th, "Volleyball Tournament" FREE
- Tuesday, May 13th, "Senior Formal" $15.00/person
- Wednesday, May 14th, "Senior Day at the Eck Stadium and Last Tailgate" FREE

** Limited ticket qualities are available for certain events
Cubs (575), Margaritaville (1000), Golf Outing (190). Seniors seeking to attend these events are strongly encouraged to arrive promptly at 10am!

Detailed event information can be found at http://www.nd.edu/~msmithl5/srweek.htm

** All Seniors wishing to participate in Senior Week 2003 must purchase tickets during the specified registration time. Although not encouraged, if a senior is unable to attend, a friend may sign up and pay for another's tickets. Absent seniors MUST give the friend their Notre Dame student ID, a signed waiver and their form of payment. Waivers were Emailed on Monday but can also be picked up at registration.

** Seniors are encouraged to print out and sign a waiver prior to arriving to Stepan Center on Thursday, May 1st at 10:00am.

** All sales are final. Cash or checks are accepted only. NO CREDIT CARDS OR STUDENT ACCOUNTS CAN BE USED. All checks must be made payable to the "University of Notre Dame."

Any questions? Please email: class03@nd.edu
I didn't know how to say "hello" to college on that first weekend of freshmen year—my 18th birthday. Now I don't know how to say "good-bye" to it. I'm not going prettier than I do.

It's silly to be reminded that we have almost every day of this semester. After all, I'm only 21, and I'm pretty sure that as of yet, I know little about anything that really matters.

So I'm not going to dwell on imminent farewell, attempts to impart wisdom on over-classmen or speak wildly about life-changing late night discussions, football victories or adventures while intoxicated. Instead, I'd prefer to enjoy my real life right now in all its shuffle.

On Friday evening, a white stretch limousine pulled up to our apartment. Fourteen of our friends dressed in formal attire, poured out of the oversized vehicle, parked in the Solo cup-littered lot between the two rows of townhouses. They came to celebrate "prom"—our prom at our apartment—and were taking the event as seriously as we were.

At 6:45pm, my roommates and I knew that we had succeeded. Lesson learned after four years of college. We are all in this together—theme parties included.

Our prom party was complete with all of the trappings of an actual high school prom. We had purple and silver decorations, a song, a picture corner and—like any event that spanned these three days—in the feeling that the last moments have arrived. I suppose they have, but like I said, I'd rather not dwell on it.

Crowned prom king and queen were perhaps my most regal of roommates and a guy in a brown tuxedo. I'd tell you where both of the honored individuals are headed next—like they do in high school—but I can't, even though both the king and queen have plans.

Another lesson learned after four years of college: A job or a school or a service project cannot explain "where someone is going." It's only a small part of the person that we are all becoming.

I'm not sure whether celebrating prom again means that my friends and I are regressing or just coming full circle. I'd like to think that the weekend demonstrated that finally, we all have our priorities straight. Now the last days of autumn finals approaching, we weren't anxiously studying, diligently finishing papers or visiting professors for last minute advice on assignments.

Some of the stuff that we are supposed to worry about—the exams, the résumés, the projects or the applications—seems to matter anymore. We've survived the end of the semester seven or more times at this University amidst the 10,000 overachievers who experience college here every year; it's easy to lose perspective— to get what matters to you tangled in the idea of what matters to other students, professors, advisors or the campus community in general.

What matters to me right now are the people with whom I have spent the last four years. My roommates who stood beside me every day this year. My best friends from a year abroad who kept me sane as we explored the world together. Professors who gave me ideas, concepts and beliefs to latch onto and become passionate about. My family. Everyone who taught me to have faith. In a Higher Power. That I won't leave here lost. That I'll be ok. So maybe I am in danger of reminiscing, dwelling on approaching good-byes and speaking longingly about four years past. I know it's ridiculous, but maybe it's unavoidable.

Next fall I will be in Austria again, teaching grade school children English. I'll probably spend a lot of time looking back, remembering the rhythm of my life here, my year in Innsbruck, summers and beginnings and breaks and finals. I imagine that the pain, the arguments, and the announcements will all fade away, allow for a better, more profound, less nostalgic. I might even think that I have some wisdom from the experience to share, but I still won't.

On Sunday I spent all day wondering whether I should express my love and gratitude to the people who have helped me so much. When I went to Mass at 10 p.m., less than a paragraph of this column was composed. I wasn't worried; at the end of Mass, I still had 13 hours before deadline. So I did what I normally do right then, though I don't think that anyone else does: I prayed.
Let's just entertain the thought for a moment. Whenever it comes to matters touching homosexuality, it seems a strange mental paralysis overcomes students at Notre Dame and people elsewhere, myself included. That paralysis is the inability to distinguish between persons, whom we must all respect, and acts, some of which deserve our scorn. I hate people, but I love smoking, including my parents. There is no complicated moral calculus involved in this stance. If you cannot reconcile the two positions, you need help. Likewise, supporting and loving homosexuals does not mean denying that what they do is disgusting and repugnant. It does not make you a hater to express your belief that some parts were obviously not made for certain purposes.

As for Amanda Rubio and her strained continued membership in the Republican party, it seems like she feels she is doing the party a tremendous favor by remaining in it, which makes me feel it would be much better off without her. She sure seems a lot less tolerant of those with whom she disagrees than Rick Santorum is.

Amanda Rubio’s remarks in her April 28 letter “Santorum’s Words Disgraceful” demonstrate an admirable desire to encourage a more tolerant nation and inclusive Republican Party. Nevertheless, Rubio fails to recognize the actual intent and substance of Senator Santorum’s remarks.

In his recent AP interview, Santorum discussed an upcoming Supreme Court case challenging a Texas anti-sodomy law. Santorum expressed concern that if the Court extends the so-called “right to privacy” to strike down such laws, the Court would be unable to justify upholding laws which ban activity such as polygamy or incest. The latter he never directly compared or equated these activities. He simply suggested that if the “right to privacy” is extended to such topics Congress and state legislatures would be forbidden from restricting other kinds of sexual activity.

Furthermore, Santorum did not “denounce” any person based on orientation, nor does the Catholic Church. Santorum drew a distinction between persons and actions; he took issue with homosexual acts, not homosexual people. While Santorum said “I am a firm believer things, Santorum’s distinction closely mirrors Catholic teaching and is held by many Americans; it deserves examination and discussion, not automatic denunciation. Laws banning homosexual activity between consenting adults should be repealed. But the Court should not strike down laws by creating and extending a “right” which does not appear to the Constitution and which was not intended by the founders. The “right to privacy” has already forbidden legislatures of the Court from regulating in any significant way the practice of abortion on demand and may inhibit their ability to prohibit or restrict suicide, polygamy and incest. The Constitution did not believe that these activities merited constitutional protection; those who disagree should attempt amendment.

Americans hold many different views about homosexuality, and Santorum’s perspective is neither hateful nor extremist. Debate about which activity Congress or state legislatures should be able to regulate constitutes a perfectly acceptable public policy discussion in which our elected representatives should participate.

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April 28

Notre Dame Board must tackle tough questions to improve community life

I read this lead in The Observer yesterday morning. "The Board of Trustees approved the building of on-campus apartments at their meeting this past Friday" and almost fell down. Mid-swoon, I asked myself the obvious questions, "Will they be co-ed? By floor? Or by room? Or single-sex buildings?" I smirked, thinking about the tough decision-making and thoughtful reflection the Board would necessari­ly have to face when considering partial regulations for singles in apartments designed to promote "independent housing." Would they be so bold as to tell their 21 and 22 year-olds not to associate in their own common rooms after 12 a.m. on a school night?

I was almost proud to call myself a "Domer." I did not, however, ask "Is this article about Saint Mary’s?" Of course, The Observer is "The Independent Newspaper Serving Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s." I read with bias towards Notre Dame simply because I’m a student here. It was my mistake for not recognizing Melanie Engler as the spokesperson for Saint Mary’s. My mistake for assuming that promoting “interaction on campus between upperclassmen and underclassmen” was meant for the upper and underclasswomen of Saint Mary’s and not Notre Dame. (I’ve gotten used to gender-specific yet homogeneous language. After all, I am Catholic.) From now on, I’ll just memorize the Saint Mary’s University officials as well as understand that the word “men” is often intended to mean “human” and at times, women.

But perhaps the real reason I misread the article was that I am anxiously anticipating the day that the administrators and trustees decide to address the single-sex and parietals-burdened environment for their on-campus Notre Dame family. It was thrilling to think that our University was brave enough to stop using that convenient word “tradition” while ignoring real problems, stop sexualizing the word “community” and begin to want what is healthiest for its students — a cord living environment free from dangerous sexual segregation.

Let’s just entertain the thought for a moment. Here’s a new headline: "ND Board of Trustees approves new on-campus apartments." Assuming that this article is as unclear as the Saint Mary’s one, we again will be left to ask those tough questions about on-campus life and what constitutes a healthy community. What about parietals? When is a student capable of making responsible decisions about sex or even noise level? (I would argue that it is not the job of university officials to respectfully control one’s voices in kindergarten.) What about sexual segregation? Does it add a community? Or does the separation only heighten misunderstandings between women and men?

Sadly, twice in the past three days I’ve read letters by concerned (and sarcastic) Notre Dame students in which they conclude with the phrase, “No where else but Notre Dame.” In one, Brian Agganis criticizes Notre Dame for selecting students who seem distinctly homogeneous. Yesterday, Anna Nussbaum writes how Notre Dame’s image is threatened by the policies designed more for “hurty eight year olds” than adults — policies that may discourage bright students from choosing to come here.

This may seem crazy, but wouldn’t it be more appropriate for the proud declaration of “Nowhere else but Notre Dame” to come from something other than the tarnished experiences of disgruntled students? Current undergraduates like Anna, her friends and myself are the ones hurt by Notre Dame’s regressive social policies.

It is Saint Mary’s Board of Trustees that has approved an on-campus apartment arrangement. Meanwhile, our traditionally minded and status-quo saturated Board can take a deep breath. They won’t be forced to answer these hard questions for at least a few more years.

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ATTENTION SENIORS:
Viewpoint is now accepting letters for The Observer’s commencement edition.

E-mail submissions to viewpoint.1@nd.edu by May 10.
By MIKE SCHMULH and DANIEL MCSWAIN
Scene Music Editor

Rumors of a secret version of Radiohead’s sixth album, Hail to the Thief, started to circulate in early April. It appeared that someone close to the band or record company had leaked the much-anticipated album, slated to come out on June 10. Sure enough, within a few days, the 14-track collection floated from computer to computer, copied and copied on to hundreds of hard drives across the globe.

The members of the British alternative/experimental group have publicly stated that the leaked version is a copy of earlier production work, but the matter is open to debate. Regardless, the 14-track collection has an incredible and definitely worth a listen before a loyal fan purchases the official album.

For the two steps forward that OK Computer and Kid Amnesiac symbolized for the band, Hail To The Thief is their one-step back. On an artistic level, this album is on par with Radiohead’s best work of the past. But while previous efforts marked unrestrained experimentation, Hall brings back more traditional, accessible song structures. Older influences like R.E.M. and The Pixies are still in full effect, but the style of bands like Sigur Ros and Godspeed You Black Emperor! weighs heavily on the music, keeping in the tradition of more recent work.

One of Radiohead’s strengths on this album is the facility with which the band melds the amalgam of musical influences while forging a unique substance. The band’s stability as a unit and sense of cohesiveness, both on a personal and musical level, is what makes this album stand out from the rest of their catalog. Radiohead has achieved an incredible dynamic in their music, the ability to shoot the sonic gamut, often in one song, from painfully soft and plodding to anthemic moments of oblivion. “Sit Down. Stand Up” is the perfect example of this kind of range on the album. The song starts with a double helix of its DNA unraveling slowly but predictably, gradually, a surreptitious purgation begins to poke through, as contours of evolution and replication give way to mutation and splitting. Time tested genome crumble, and the mutant sound emerges, as electronic whooshes, squawks, and otherwise Galaga-noise take command. While other bands may fumble a dramatic move like this, Radiohead handles the dynamic shift with consummate skill and grace.

The longest song from the album is the pulsating “Backdrifts.” It starts with a swelling reverberation of sonic-like tones and a vibrating beat. A mixture of fuzzed drumbeats, railing sound effects and lead singer Thom Yorke’s contrasting voice, transform the track into an almost breathing, living thing. Yorke’s mastery of the vocal instrument has certainly developed from previous efforts and he takes a more calculating, confident role on this album.

Where “I End and You Begin” possesses a haunting, eerie quality. The song seems to show a direct correlation between a “traditional” sound and the influence of electronics and experimentation. Shaky drums, a heavy bass line and an open resonance lay the backdrop for a struggle between guitar and programmed machine — a struggle that is symbolic of the recent directions the band has explored and the synthesis it now enjoys. Whether or not the unreleased version of Radiohead’s current effort is close to the final copy is entirely unknown. It can be determined, however, that the album is an amazing blend of their earlier and more contemporary endeavors. At times, the album seems to get too extreme with loud, aggressive songs being followed by the simplicity and quietness of a slower song.

At any rate, Hail to the Thief is and will be a remarkable album, just be sure to watch out for the oil slick on Track 10.

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To the delight of fans, Radiohead’s newest album has been secretly leaked out on the Internet before its scheduled June release.

Photo courtesy of mtv.com

Ambiguity mystifies Evanesce music fans

By BECCA SAUNDERS Scene Music Editor

Things are not always what they appear, or maybe they are exactly as they appear. This seems to be the main theme of the new band Evanesce, and their first album, Fallen, at first glance. The gothic appearance of the lead singer, Amy Lee, on the cover of the album, one would never think that the band would carry Christian overtones in their music. Even from just overhearing the album, the heavy “Linkin Park with a chick” sound would not necessitate one to assume that the album contains Christian themes. For those reasons, it is very surprising that Fallen began to climb the Christian music charts. A deep analysis of the album, though, does seem to show blatant Christian themes and messages in the lyrics.

In a final twist, however, it turns out that the band actually as it is appears — not Christian at all. This information surprised not only the fans of the band and the Christian music industry, who very much promoted the band. It also surprised Evanesce’s label, Wind-Up records — home of the well known and Christian associated band Creed, as well as many other bands, both secular and Christian.

Wind-Up recently recalled all of the Fallen albums from Christian chains after lead guitar for Evanesce, Ben Moody said Entertainment Weekly, “We’re actually high on the Christian charts, and I’m like, ‘What... are we even doing there?’” Although the band is said to have come up through the Christian market after agreeing to be sold in that market, “amassing a loyal following of fans,” they are now “backing away from their faith background.”

So who and what are Evanesce? Their album doesn’t give any clear answer regarding the situation.

The sound of Evanesce is undeniably unique and very strong. Lead singer Amy Lee has a very powerful voice that resonates throughout the album. The music style is varied throughout the album, creating a very developed sound that is definitely unique enough to define Evanesce. The credibility of the music alone is clear. A collection of moody heavy rock songs, “My Immortal” and “Halo” shine as well as strong ballads crowned by the beautiful solo voice of Lee.

The lyrics, however, are what create the mystery that currently surrounds Evanesce. Fallen is very strong lyrically throughout the entirety of the album, but if the lyrics aren’t supposed to apply to some sort of spiritual element, then perhaps the lyrics are severely miswritten. From lines in “Tourniquet” saying, “My God my tourniquet / return to me salvation,” to lines in “Taking Over Me” that proclaim, “I believe in you / I’ll give up everything just to find you / I have to be with you to live / breathe / your taking over me,” the message that Evanesce is trying to convey seems blatant. In fact, every song on Fallen, at least in some way, is relatable to Christian themes.

Fallen is extremely well done musically, and while a bit conventional in music style, the female lead vocalist is a terrific twist that gives Evanesce a unique sound. But who do Evanesce belong to? Unwilling to bridge the secular and Christian music worlds, Evanesce may need to consider reworking their songs. The new and different band that seemed to have a very clear purpose has now landed themselves in a very murky puddle of questioning fans. Who is Evanesce — or better said who is that they think they are?

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ALBUM REVIEW

Yorn passes his sophomore test

By RYAN RAFFERTY
Scene Music Critic

For years the music industry has been plagued by awful sophomore albums. Often, artists who have an extremely popular debut album seem to have trouble creating another good one. But this is not the case with Pete Yorn. His debut album, "Eternal Saturday Morning," garnered critical acclaim and brief radio play. Yorn's debut was filled with melancholy folk rock gems and pop guitar riffs and hooks that made the album great. His second effort, "Day I Forgot," continues in the same exact musical vein.

Yorn himself says in the bonus material included on the album that, "Day I Forgot is like an extension of musicforthemosorningafter." Day I Forgot is characterized by the same melancholy sound and catchy choruses and guitar riffs, but the songs are much more energetic than Yorn's debut. While his debut album had many ballads and slower songs, Day I Forgot is filled with pop rock guitar riffs with the occasional rocker thrown in. Although there are more energetic songs, they still sound like they could have come from Yorn's debut album. In fact, Yorn could have released the two albums together and they would have sounded even better. He doesn't change his sound much at all on Day I Forgot, and that's a good thing. Many artists feel they have to recreate themselves on later releases, but Yorn does an excellent job of expanding on his already established sound.

Musically, Yorn passes his sophomore test with flying colors. Many of the songs have a country air to them, without actually being classified as country. Yorn straddles the line between rock and country perfectly, much like bands like Wilco and Son Volt have done in the past. But the songs are still very catchy, and almost every song gets stuck in your head. Any track off of this album could be a potential single on the radio. There are more rockers on Day I Forgot than on musicforthemosorningafter, such as the heavy, "Carols (Don't Let It Go To Your Head)" or the goofy, "Burrito."

The lyrics on Day I Forgot are for the most part very personal and capture a certain feeling, but on some tracks the lyrics get incredibly silly. "Burrito" for example, is about driving to 7-11 in search of a burrito. Other songs, however, find Yorn singing to be in love, "Long Way Down," or reminiscing about his life away from music, "Come Back Home." All the songs, however, are very melodic and catchy.

The best track on Day I Forgot is by far "Crystal Village." The track begins with a lightly picked acoustic guitar riff, then Yorn's thick, raspy vocals enter with strings bello wing in the distance. Soon the song explodes into an emotionally charged chorus with a heavy guitar carrying the melody. Other standout tracks include the acoustically driven, "Come Back Home," and the country ballad, "All At Once."

There aren't many negative things to be said about Yorn's excellent Day I Forgot. The only complaint a listener may have is that Yorn has not changed his sound at all on his sophomore album. He has simply recreated his debut album, which works very well. Overall, Yorn has created and emotionally charged pop rock album that is one of the best sophomore albums to date.

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ALBUM REVIEW

The next country 'It Girl'

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Country fans looking for the next "It Girl" in Nashville may have to look no further than 19-year-old Tennessee native, Jessica Andrews. Her third album, Now, shows off her powerful, sultry voice that helped her reach gold status and fame with her last album, "Who I Am."

No track exhibits her amazing singing ability more than the stirring "God, Don't Give Up On Us." With the pleading lyrics and gorgeous piano, Andrews manages what Clint Black, Toby Keith and Darryl Worley could not do — she sings a song reflecting the turmoil of war that actually is sincere.

While the three grown men, and a slew of other country stars, attempt political commentary with ignorant lyrics, ideologically irritating accusations or bitter pride, "God, Don't Give Up on Us" takes the pain and hope of war and strings it across the beautiful background of her incredible voice — without pointing fingers or taking sides.

"Forgive our dark desires, and the pain we've caused / Please don't close Your eyes, as the part of us / That's beautiful / And still beautiful."

Other highlights of the album include "Worn Out," "Cowboy Guarantee," which should speak straight to the heart of anyone susceptible to falling for music critics. "The girls at the bar watch him roll away the stone / Pieces Apple Lady, Delta Queen / He lets down his long brown hair, I wish he belonged to me / But he doesn't, he belongs to the song and the melody." The sparkling acoustic and steel guitars are leisurely and cheerful, oblivious to the wistful words of a girl who can't get the guitar-playing guy to hear her attention away from his music.

Most of the other tracks are forgettable, ordinary love songs, but even these are fun and easy listening. One of the best of these is the swaying, darker sound of "I Bring It to You," where Andrews shows her range with glossy low notes that soar impressively with the chorus: "I bring it to you / There's magic in all that you do / I bring you the scraps that make up my soul."

One of the most inspired love songs is the wonderful "Cowboy Guarantee." Even though Andrews has much less of a traditional country sound than older artists, even with the over-present fiddles and steel guitars, the lyrics of "Cowboy Guarantee" are classic country. The lonely fiddle interlude complements the sad, dreamy song, "Beneath the stars and Texas moonlight, I gave my heart away / But you can't tame a river and I wouldn't want to try."

Unfortunately, while Andrews can sing with the best of Nashville, she shows her youth and inexperience when she tries her hand at songwriting. The two songs she helps write, "There's More to Me Than You" and "Good Time," are bouncy and bright in tempo but lacking in lyrical creativity and fresh sound. However, patient listeners can hear the far superior version of the first song, which is a hidden track recorded as a ballad at the end of the album.

Even though there are weak tracks with a distinctly recycled resonance, Andrews displays versatility and depth with many of the songs on Now. With her standout vocals and immediately likable melodies, Andrews will only get better with age.

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LPGA

Wie heads to classroom

Associated Press

STOCKBRIDGE, Ga. — Time to put down the golf clubs and grab those schoolbooks. Michelle Wie has, like a math test to take.

As the eighth-grader is prone to say, that’s cool.

Wie is content to give women’s golf a handful of tantalizing glimpses each year — at least until she’s 18, even longer if she follows through on her plans to attend college.

She’s still more than six months away from her 14th birthday, holding the future of the sport in her grasp even as she pales to watch “S Club 7” (the televised adventures of a British pop group) or listen to a rap CD by 50 Cent.

Wie has played in two LPGA events this year, more than holding her own against women two, three, even four times her age. She tied for ninth at the first major of the year, the Kraft Nabisco Championship. She followed up this past weekend with a solid 3-under 213 at the Chick-fil-A Charity Championship south of Atlanta, making the cut against a strong field.

She said she just needs the tour tomorrow and probably can be one of the better players. But her no desire to speed up the learning curve, willingly settling for the LPGA’s development of six events each year.

Next up: the ShopRite Classic in New Jersey on the last weekend of June.

“I think six times is OK for me now,” Wie said. “I may get sick of it if I played every week out here.”

This way, she’s having the time of her life.

Already 6 feet tall, the young Hawaiian’s smooth, powerful swing has drawn comparisons to Ernie Els. Big Easy, meet the Big Were.

No one on the women’s tour hits the ball as far or as high as Wie, who didn’t hesitate trying to drive the green on the 306-yard seventh hole at Eagles Landing Country Club. Everyone else laid up.

“If you didn’t see who was swinging, and you saw the ball take off, you’d think a man hit it.” Hall of Famer Nancy Lopez said. “The ball is so hot coming off the face, and the flight is so high.”

Wie is definitely intrigued by the idea of following Anika Sorenstam to the PGA Tour. Sorenstam will play in the Colonial next month, a groundbreaking event that may be a precursor to Wie’s own plans.

“Sure,” she said. “Why not?”

Even now, according to her father, Wie is more comfortable seeing up with men. She’s signed to play a Canadian Tour event this summer and doesn’t hide her desire to make a run at the Masters through one of the amateur events this year.

“We watches how the men play,” Val Wie said. “She listens to the sound of the club head, the way the ball sounds. Instinctively, she tries to keep up with them. That will help Michelle get better playing with men. She plays like they play. She likes to be more aggressive. She doesn’t mind going into the rough if she’s 100 yards ahead of everyone else.”

Wie’s coach, Gary Gilebrait, said his star pupil already has a club speed that measures up to players on the PGA Tour. She’s a good 15 percent quicker than those she competed with in the Chick-fil-A.

“She has those long arms, and she can really coil the body,” Gilebrait said. “The other thing that helps is her technique is very good. She has great fundamentals. When everything is in sync, she can really hit it far.”

There’s still some things to work on. Wie doesn’t have the time — and there’s really no need at this point — to take up a strenuous training program like holiers who play for a living.

Admittedly, the youngster tired out on a bit Sunday in warm, humid temperatures.

Also, Wie needs to toughen up mentally, another natural progression as she goes through her teenage years.

“Just playing at this level will help her mentally,” Gilebrait said. “The big thing is learning to handle the bogeys and love pars.”

After the ShopRite, Wie will play in the Jamie Farr Kroger Classic Aug. 14-17, the Safeway Classic Sept. 26-28 and the C.J. Nine Bridges Classic in her parents’ native South Korea on Oct. 16-19.

Somewhere in there, she’ll find time to begin ninth grade.

“I’d like to see Michelle have as normal a childhood as she possibly can,” LPGA commissioner Ty Votaw said. “When she’s ready to become a member of the LPGA tour, we’ll welcome her with open arms.”

We come from a family that values education and she wants to attend Stanford (where her hero, a guy named Tiger Woods, once played). Of course, those plans could change over the next 4 1/2 years.

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NBA

Balanced effort gives 76ers win

Philadelphia guard Allen Iverson shoots from half court in the 76ers 96-87 win over the Hornets Monday night.

Wesley finished with 12 points for New Orleans, while Brown had 11 points and nine rebounds.

Philadelphia redeemed itself on the boards. Although Thomas’ eight rebounds were a team high, the Sixers outrebounded the Hornets as a team 43-38, two nights after being embarrassed 51-33 in that department in Game 3.

The Sixers also improved their offensive rebounding total from six to 17.

Philadelphia scored six quick points to start the game, but the 76ers settled with a 6-0 run on a jumper by Davis, who received too little help from the rest of the team to pull the Hornets even in the series.

Eric Snow had 17 points and 12 assists for Philadelphia, while Keith Van Horn scored 13 points.

Kenny Thomas, Derrick Coleman and Allen McKay each scored 11.

Iverson’s final bucket, a 3-pointer with 2:45 left, sealed the Sixers a 94-82 lead.

Iverson found McKay wide open in the corner for the basket and started yelling, “Yeah, yeah.” Before the ball had even left McKay’s hands.

Although the Hornets were within striking distance well into the fourth quarter, Philadelphia always found a way to reverse the momentum.

Iverson took over the game, giving Philadelphia its lead back to 94-82.

The Sixers opened a 51-37 lead in the second period and in the first quarter.

Davis closed the period with a pair of free throws and a two-3, giving Philadelphia a 2-point win over the Hornets.

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When the 76ers settled down, however, they couldn’t miss.

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Associated Press

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NEW ORLEANS

The Philadelphia 76ers didn’t have a heroic effort from Allen Iverson to regain command of their playoff series with the New Orleans Hornets.

Iverson’s 22 points were his lowest total in the series. But five other Sixers scored in double figures in a 96-87 victory that gave Philadelphia a 3-1 series lead, with Game 5 in Philadelphia on Wednesday night.

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**Eustachy pictures shown from campus party**

Associated Press

DESMOINES, Iowa

Iowa State University’s men’s basketball coach has told the school's athletic director he used “bad judgment” and made “bad decisions” at a party near the University of Missouri campus in late January.

Athletic Director Bruce Van De Velde said coach Larry Eustachy came to him and President Gregory Geoffroy this month after finding out that a student at the party had given photographs of Eustachy to The Des Moines Register.

According to The Register’s copyright story, 12 photos show Eustachy during the early hours of Jan. 23 with beer. In several photos he’s embracing and kissing women on the cheek or being kissed on the cheek. The Register found a few photos in its Monday edition.

Eustachy, 47, went to the party at a student apartment with Missouri men’s basketball player Josh Kroenke hours after the Cyclones lost, 64-59, to the Tigers. A Missouri spokesman said Kroenke confirmed attending the party with Eustachy.

Neither Iowa State officials nor Eustachy, through his lawyer Jerry Crawford, disputed the photos' authenticity. Van De Velde has previously confirmed the authenticity of a photo of Eustachy and a group of young adults posted on a Missouri Tigers’ fan Web site. That photo appeared days after the January game.

Eustachy, paid more than $1 million a year, is the state’s highest-paid public employee. Eustachy’s contract with Iowa State runs through 2011.

It stipulates that he must provide "positive representation of the university and the university’s athletic programs in private and public.

"In a statement issued by Eustachy, he confirmed meeting with Geoffroy and Van De Velde last week about "a variety of issues." "In the past, I have made some poor decisions that I regret," Eustachy said. "It's important to represent ISU in a manner that sheds a positive light on the university and the Cyclone men's basketball team." Van De Velde wouldn’t say if disciplinary action has been taken or was pending against Eustachy.

**QB meets to discuss race issue with coach**

Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla.

Miami Hurricanes quarter­back Derrick Crudup Jr., who claimed race played a role in the decision to give a teammate the starting job, met with coach Larry Coker to discuss the issue.

Also attending the 75­minute meeting were Crudup’s father, former NFL player Derrick Crudup Sr., and quarterbacks coach Dan Werner.

"It was an outstanding meeting," Crudup Sr. said. Asked if his son will remain at Miami for the 2003 season, Crudup Sr. said, "Absolutely." The family declined further comment, pending the Thursday afternoon statement by the Crudups and Coker.

School spokesman Doug Walker said those attending the meeting came to a satisfactory resolution. He declined to elaborate.

Crudup Jr. lost out to Brock Berlin in their battle this spring to succeed Ken Dorsey as the starting quarterback. Crudup is black and Berlin is white.

Crudup and his father said the competition was compromised by racially insensitive comments from Werner, who is white. The Crudups said Werner used terms such as "redneck" and "cracker" when referring to themselves in front of Crudup Jr. during the team’s quarterbacks meetings.

Coker issued a statement before meeting with the Crudups.

"I am concerned about the allegations made regarding Derrick Crudup Jr. and our quarterbacks coach, Dan Werner," Coker said. "These are serious allegations that demand serious consideration.

"Coker didn’t return phone calls seeking further comment. Werner declined to comment through a school spokesman.

Several Miami players said they never heard Werner make the sort of comments that Crudup complained about.

"He might have been just joking around, but I never heard anything like that," tight end Kellen Winslow said. "Coach Werner is a good guy. He’s not racist at all."

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Millwood takes step to being an ace with no-hitter

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

Kevin Millwood eschewed baseball superstition, sought out hitting coach Greg Gross, sat down and talked about his
ingning. No big deal?

This conversation took place
while the Philadelphia Phillies
were batting in the bottom of
the eighth inning and Millwood
was just three outs away from
pitching his first career no-hit-
er in a 1-0 victory over the
San Francisco Giants on Sunday.

"I kept trying to talk to him.
I'd say stuff just to get him to
talk to me," Millwood said.
"About the fifth inning, more
and more guys don't want to
talk to you."

Fearful of jinxing a pitcher
who is flirting with a no-hitter,
players, coaches and dugout
personnel traditionally ignore
the starter between innings.
None of the Phillies were about
to break the unwritten rule.

"It was really weird, because
everybody knew but nobody
was saying anything," catcher
Mike Lieberthal said. "It was
utterly, dead quiet."

Millwood wanted no part of
the silence.

He walked over to Gross and
told him he thought he missed
the mark on a pitch. "I knew he
was someone who
-who could lead the way for
our younger guys," Phillies
general manager Ed Wade
said.

"I'd love to stay on a five-day
schedule," he said.

Millwood was mentored by
one of the best pitching staffs
in baseball, the Atlanta Braves.
He learned from Greg Maddux,
Tom Glavine and John Smoltz,
a trio with seven Cy Young
awards among them and zero
no-hitters.

But the Braves needed to
reduce payroll last offseason,
so they traded Millwood to the
Phillies for minor-league catch-
er Johnny Estrada. Millwood
said. "But when I got through
Bonds, I knew I had a shot."

Millwood didn't have his best
stuff against the Giants, so he
relied on his fastball, throw-
ing 91 of his 108 pitches.

"It was one of those special
things is on the line," Millwood
said.

"I want my best pitcher out
there every fifth day," Bowa
said.

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er Johnny Estrada. Millwood
signed a $9.9 million, one-year
contract with the Phillies, and
stepped in right away as the
No. 1 starter on a team with
playoff expectations.

"I knew he was someone who
not only could pitch, but some-
one who could lead the way for
our younger guys," Phillies
general manager Ed Wade
said.

Millwood, a two-time 18-
game winner, is 79-47 with a
3.72 ERA lifetime.

A game ball and the cap
that Millwood wore will be added
to the collections of the Baseball
Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.
around the dial

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Sacramento Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich talks with Spurs' player Tony Parker during a game earlier this season. Popovich won the NBA Coach of the Year award on Monday, becoming the first Spurs coach to do so.

Popovich wins Coach of the Year award

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO

Gregg Popovich won the NBA Coach of the Year award Monday for leading the San Antonio Spurs to their third straight mid-season title under Popovich, who became coach in December 1996.

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Irish prepare for Big East championships

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

With many athletes taking the weekend off to prepare for the upcoming Big East Championships, some other Irish athletes had the chance to shine at the Drake Relays and Bolleymaker Open.

Notre Dame's 28-6 loss to North Carolina State in the Gator Bowl and not allowed to travel with the team to Jacksonville, Fla.

Curtin then decided to waive his final year of eligibility and declare for the NFL Draft, where he was drafted in the sixth round by Green Bay Packers.

Barber was joined in the 400-meter hurdles by teammate and fourth place finisher Napoleon Suarez, as he finished in 55.55. In the field, Chris Sturam cleared 2.07 meters in the high jump, good enough for fourth place. He was joined by top javelin thrower, freshman Derek Goguen, who also earned fourth place with a season best throw of 58.95 meters. Tom Gilbert wrapped up the field events with his fifth place finish in the long jump (6.67 meters).

The Irish look to build off the momentum of the weekend's events into the upcoming Big East Championship. Notre Dame should be well-rested, as many athletes took the weekend off to prepare for the conference meet, which begins Friday with the decathlon and heptathlon.

Ronald Hurd sprang to a third place finish in the 200-meter dash (21.38), however, his efforts did not end there, as Hurd also placed sixth in the 100-meter dash (11.19).

"He was being deceitful. He was being deceitful to our team," Packers offensive line coach Larry Beightol told the Journal-Sentinel.

The 6-foot-9, 305-pound Barber was selected from a pool of nine finalists, including the 10m hurdles, the 100m hurdles and the long jump.

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University, Ohio State, Miami of Ohio, Purdue, Virginia Tech, University of California Berkeley and the defending 2002 nation­al champs University of Texas. The Irish pulled off an excit­ting victory over the Longhorns by only four tenths of a point, with impressive performances from senior Emily Smith, sopho­more Mary Blazewicz, Susan Jennings and Caitlin O'Brien and freshmen Liz Maher and Anne St. Clair.

St. Clair led the Irish with a first place win on vault, also winning fifth place on floor and seventh place on the uneven parallel bars. Her standout scores led St. Clair to capture the national championship in the all-around competition.

Smith, co-president of the club, won the national champi­onship on bars with a score of 9.32. She also had a seventh place finish in the all-around, seventh on vault and ninth on the balance beam. O'Brien earned sixth place on floor and ninth on bars, while Blazewicz walked away with a top 20 vault performance. All six gymnasts contributed to the season high team score of 140.775.

Blazewicz, who was at nationals last year when the Irish took fifth place at Ohio State, said that the returning champions from Texas were in the same rotation as the Irish and had several talented upperclassmen. She said she did not think about taking the national title away from them as much as she just focused on hitting her own rou­tines and helping her team­mates hit theirs.

"It was really special to take first place, especially with our graduating senior, Emily Smith, on the team," Blazewicz said.

"She has been an irreplaceable part of the team for the past two years, and our whole team was thrilled that she was able to help us win the team compe­tition and take the individual title on uneven bars." St. Clair has won the individ­ual all-around title at every meet the Irish have competed in this year, making her a huge factor for Notre Dame gymnastics in the next three years.

"It was also very exciting for our freshmen, Anne St. Clair, who has only been here one season but whose consist­ent high performances and high level of difficulty were instrumen­tal in our victory," Blazewicz said.

O'Brien and Blazewicz both showed their ability to consis­tently perform clean, solid rou­tines with their second excellent showing at Nationals. With only six gymnasts, every competitor was important in the Irish win. "Caitlin O'Brien also had an awesome meet, qualifying for two event finals at nationals for the second year in a row," Blazewicz said.

The mens gymnastics team took home an 11th place team finish, with senior Pete Blouin, junior Todd Moffat, sophomore Dana Collins and freshmen Mike Garter, Aaron Roberts and Andrew Roberts competing for the Irish.

The team turned in season­high scores on still rings and floor, with co­president Blouin qualifying for the individual event finals on floor as the top Irish gymnast.

Since only one senior from the women's team and one from the men's will be graduating, the fairly young teams can expect to see many more big wins for Irish gymnastics in the future.

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Non-conference doubleheader test awaits

Irish want to show No. 7
DePaul last time was a fluke

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame (32-11) travels to Chicago this afternoon to face No. 7 DePaul (39-5-1) with the hopes of starting a new winning streak. On Sunday Connecticut snapped Notre Dame's 20-game winning streak, the second longest in school history. The Irish rebounded to beat the Huskies in game two of the doubleheader 6-3.

"We learned we need to make adjustments quickly and to keep winning, we need to continue to make quick adjustments," pitcher Carrie Wisen said.

Over spring break at the Klaasnic, the Irish lost to the then No. 14 Blue Demons 11-2. In that game, the Notre Dame roster was depleted due to a strep throat virus affecting the team. Two players were relieved to the bench and a number of other players fought through the symptoms.

This time, the Irish are at full strength and want to earn some respect against one of the best teams in the country.

"Anytime we get beat, we know we are better than any team out there," Wisen said. "We want to make sure it doesn't happen again."

There is no weak spot in the Blue Demons' armor with the offense batting .325 and the pitching staff boasting a 0.71 ERA. Individualy, Sarah Martz (.483) and Liz Bouck (.418) get on base for DePaul while Kathy Mykulyuk (.370, 16 RBIs) and Saskia Roberson (.342, 11 home runs, 37 RBIs) provide the power.

Lindsay Cheuindur leads the DePaul pitching staff with a 2.34 mark, 0.43 ERA and 172 strikeouts in 195 2/3 innings pitched. Sarah Martz has been almost as good, earning a 1.41 record and 1.26 ERA. This combination of offense and pitching has led the Blue Demons to be one of the top teams in the country.

"We don't really pay attention to rankings. We take each team individually," Wisen said. "It is a really important game as far as post-conference, as far as regionals, to show that we belong."

During the end of the Irish winning streak, a number of players started to heat up in the batter's box. Third baseman Andrea Loman is on a 14-game winning streak, with 23 hits, 14 RBIs, three home runs and five stolen bases during the span. Megan Ciolli is hitting .600 with 17 hits and two home runs, and first baseman Lisa Matison has driven in 15, batting .331 over the past ten contests.

Also, Heather Booth continued to pitch well, going 3-1 with two shutouts, 30 strikeouts and a 1.03 ERA over the last ten contests.

Notre Dame and DePaul's doubleheader is set to begin at 4 p.m.

That is, if it doesn't rain. The Irish have lost eight games to bad weather this season and today's forecast calls for afternoon showers and a 30 percent chance for rain.

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Freshman Meagan Rathrauff slides into home during their April 23 game against Valparaiso.

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"This season was different because there were four powerhouse teams instead of just one or two. We didn't really know what to expect, but we believed in each other,"

Cutler, the lone No. 1 seed among Saint Mary's players, coached to a championship at No.3 singles. She defeated Carlini Kelly of Kalamazoo 6-2, 6-4.

"I was confident about getting to the finals since I had a really good draw," Cutler said "I am proud of winning, since I had some really tough matches."

Other teams in the MIAA might have thought the Belles were less of a force due to their two losses, the first for Saint Mary's in two years.

However, with their tournament win the Belles feel they proved their talent.

"We didn't count ourselves out at all," Palombo said. "When the Saint Mary girls lost the first day and most of the way through, we just thought that this was ours to get. We went out and proved to be the number one team."

Cutler said the play of freshmen Palombo and No. 3 doubles player Lindsay Cook as instrumental this season. In addition, No. 7 singles player Miranda Mikulski stepped in for No. 6 Angie Sandner, who missed the whole season due to an academic conflict.

"The freshmen this season just fit in right away," Cutler said. "We're fortunate to have such a strong seventh player in Miranda to fill in and we were very confident in her."

The MIAA tournament marks the end of the season for the Belles. They finished second overall in the conference and advanced in dual match records and the tourney to first results. The Belles were 5-2 in the MIAA and 14-5 overall.

"I am proud to be a part of the Saint Mary's team because everyone is so well-respected, so polite and nice on the court," Cutler said. "We had our heads up the whole season and we gave each other the encouragement that we needed."

"It feels amazing to end on such a good note, on top at number one," Palombo added. "I said that it's over, we spent day-in and day-out together to work to achieve this goal."

The tourney win was the third in a row for the Belles, but this season's victory stands out due to the struggles the team faced over the course of their season.

"This is even more special because it was unexpected," said Cutler. "Even though we didn't win first overall, in our hearts we know we are the best team in the conference and that is better than any trophy."

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BASEBALL

Irish get ready to face Michigan on the road

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Fresh off a critical three-game sweep of Big East rival Connecticut, Notre Dame travels to Corbett Stadium, Mich., to face the Wolverines at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

The Irish have won 25 of their last 28 and sit atop the Big East standings with a 13-2 mark. Meanwhile Michigan is 21-18 with an even 9-9 record in Big Ten play.

Notre Dame won 17 straight games before seeing that streak snapped at home against Eastern Michigan, 5-3, April 15. There have been numerous contributors to the team's success this season.

Notre Dame's lineup, led by first baseman Matt Edwards and second baseman Steve Sollmann have teed off of late. The Irish lineup scored Indiana University-Purdue for 20 hits Thursday, a day after hanging out 11 hits against Cleveland State.

Sollmann leads the club with a .401 average and 29 RBIs. Edwards also has a .370 average. Although Notre Dame was set foot on campus last weekend.

West Virginia — the Irish coach — missed two games last week with a slightly injured hand, but played in all three games against Connecticut. Edwards has had a breakout year after missing all but nine games during the 2002 Irish campaign. He enters tonight's game leading the Big East conference with 53 RBIs in only 42 games. Edwards also leads the Irish with seven home runs and is second behind Sollmann with a .370 average.

Notre Dame has played seven games throughout the season, and each has made big contributions. Craig Cooper, Brennan Grogan, Greg Lopez and Steve Andres have all seen significant playing time, while classmates Matt Bransfield and Alex Nettley have played in nearly 20 games each.

But the biggest difference for the Irish this season may be their solid pitching staff. Chris Niesel, John Asdorf and Ryan Kalitta have all made big contributions as a starting rotation. The addition of injured Pete Ogilvie into that staff, Notre Dame becomes even deeper. Ogilvie is set to start against the Wolverines tonight. He won his first decision of the year against Cleveland State, going 4 1/3 innings and striking out a career-high eight Kicking batters.

The Irish have pitched exceptionally well as a group, despite the loss of ace Grant Johnson to shoulder surgery in December. The right-hander has missed the entire season.

Notre Dame's pitchers will need another solid outing tonight if they hope to down the Wolverines. Brock Loman leads the team with a .392 average. He's also drilled seven round trippers and knocked in 42 in 39 games. Teammate Jake Fox leads the club with 11 dingers and 46 RBIs. In all Michigan has six players batting above the .300 clip for the season.

Michigan's concern will likely be how their pitching staff fares against the Irish lineup. The Wolverines staff ERA hovers above 5.50 runs per game. The Irish staff has an ERA of only 3.34 for the season.

The Irish have a difficult stretch after the Michigan game. After playing Oakland Wednesday, Notre Dame has a crucial three-game series against West Virginia and Rutgers, two teams breathing down Notre Dame's neck in the Big East standings.

By JOE HETTLER
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Carter knew he would come to ND

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

When Russell Carter was young, his father, a former football player, loved watching the Irish football team play on Saturdays. And as Carter grew up, he longed for the day when he could wear a Notre Dame jersey.

But while his vision of running out of the Notre Dame Stadium tunnel disappeared long ago, his dream of wearing an Irish uniform will become a reality when he joins onto the Joyce Center.

"It's a great investment for us," Kearney said. "He's got a very good athletic body, yet can shoot the ball very well. He's a guy at that wing position who can add some depth for us."

Offseason knee surgery largely kept Carter off the recruiting radar during evaluation periods in the summer and fall, when Colin Falls and Omari Israe1 signed with Notre Dame. Only a handful of colleges showed any interest in Carter, who has a 3.8 GPA and an 1130 SAT score and was determined to pick a school based on its academic reputation.

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Russell Carter is the third member of Notre Dame's incoming freshman class to commit.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles end season on a high note

◆ 3rd straight title is sweeter than others

By LISA REJULU
Sports Writer

After losing two dual matches in the regular season, the Saint Mary's tennis team found itself in unfamiliar territory. The Belles were seeded second along with Kalamazoo College going into the MIAA conference tournament last weekend. However, revenge proved to be sweet for the Belles, as they dominated the field and took first place in the tournament.

"I think that going into it we felt like the underdog since we had lost two matches," Saint Mary's co-captain Kaitlin Cutler said. "But those matches could have gone either way and we were confident that we could beat the individuals that we had lost to before."

In the championship matches, several Saint Mary's players avenged earlier losses. Freshman Kristen Palombo won a conference title at No. 2 singles, beating Kara Hoorn of Kalamazoo 7-5, 6-2. Palombo had lost to Hoorn 2-6, 3-6 when the two teams met earlier this season in a 5-4 Kalamazoo victory April 2.

"I hadn't expected to get that far," Palombo said of her title. "It was an amazing atmosphere; everyone on our team was winning and it gave me extra motivation. The great part was how much of us beat people that we had lost to in the regular season. That definitely got us pumped up."

Saint Mary's Kris Spriggle defeated Karen Dumas of Albion to win the No. 4 singles championship, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3. The two players also went three sets April 8 when their teams faced off in a dual match. Dumas won that contest, edging Spriggle out 6-3, 6-2 in an 8-1 Albion win.

"There were so many strong players this year and it was really who was better on that day," Cutler said.

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FOOTBALL

Curtin comes clean

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Now that former Notre Dame offensive tackle Brennan Curtin has been drafted by an NFL team, he figured he could come clean about why the University suspended him for the Gator Bowl.

According to a report in Monday's Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, Curtin said he was suspended when he asked a former teammate to submit a hair sample for a drug test. Curtin was afraid that brief exposure to marijuana smoke at a party would show up on the drug test, which he was scheduled to take a week later. Because Notre Dame uses