Partner discusses corporate governance

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Larry Rieger, a partner with South Bend-based accounting firm Crowe Chizek, spoke Tuesday in the Mendoza College of Business' Giovannini Commons on "Good Corporate Governance: Making Compliance.")

Rieger said the subject of his talk reflected the post-Enron corporate environment. "(Governance) is a topic that's gone from the boardroom to the breakfast table," he said.

Rieger said that during his experience with major accounting firms, he's been privy to the whole gamut of ethical situations. "In 29 years at Arthur Andersen, I have one 1,000 audit committee meetings," Rieger left Andersen after its collapse in 2002, when the firm was found guilty of obstructing justice in the Enron case by shredding documents related to the case. He then joined Crowe Chizek, the nation's eighth-largest accounting firm, where he heads the corporate governance and risk management department.

In his presentation, Rieger said the idea of corporate governance should be explicitly defined in order to be studied. "It's the systems and processes an organization has in place to see ETHICS/page 4

Students discuss racial environment at ND

By CLAIRE HEININGER
Assistant News Editor

In what started out as a forum to debate affirmative action and became a free-flowing discussion of race at Notre Dame, approximately 70 students and faculty met in the Coleman-Morse Center Tuesday night to air their beliefs about diversity — but often wondered if they were preaching to the choir.

Several times throughout the debate, students who chose to speak expressed concern that while the dialogue was extremely valuable, it was being conducted mostly by minorities and, therefore, was not reaching the audience that they felt needed to hear it most.

Junior Katrina Picón said that she had encouraged several of her Caucasian friends to attend the discussion, but that most

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Student wins design competition

By JOE TREMBLERO
Assistant News Editor

A reluctance to take out his trash led to a $3,000 payoff for junior art design major Brad Jolitz.

Jolitz was recently awarded first place in the International Housewares Association Student Design Competition, a contest that Notre Dame students had frequently entered in the past, but never won. His design — Re-Bag — is an easy-to-load, compact trashcan.com — a service that allows faculty members to check student papers for Internet plagiarism — faculty and students say the policy has been relatively effective at both deterring plagiarism and catching its occurrence.

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Flint said that approximately 200 papers have been submitted in the service in each of the three semesters, for over 1,000 cases total. As of Jan. 23, 17 Honor Code cases had been reported this academic year. Flint said 21 students had been found in violation of the Honor Code, with 12 "major" violations and nine "minor" ones. Flint said that many of the Honor Code violations were because of essays plagiarism from Internet sources.

Flint also said that only two of the 10 Internet-based plagiarism

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Legends hosts beer informational event

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

It was the course every college student dreams of: Beer 101. Tuesday night at Legends, brew guru Jim Herter had two-dozen students at rapt attention as he discussed the popular beverage that generated $45 billion in U.S. sales in 2002.

The event was an effort to teach students that the world of beer is more than watered-down pitchers at the ball club, Herter said. "I can just sit at a table and talk about beer with people for hours," he said.

Herter's official title is business manager with Notre Dame Food Services, but he's also a self-proclaimed "beer geek."

Herter showed students a PowerPoint presentation about the brewing of beer throughout history. One slide featured a photo of ancient Babylonian stone tablets dating back to 4300 BC — the earliest recorded beer recipe.

The presentation was punctuated with "beer factoids." For example, the famous Budweiser Clydesdale horses each weigh nearly 2,300 pounds and stand six feet tall at the shoulder.

The event also featured free samples of beer from area microbreweries. Charles Krcilek, president of Back Road Brewery in LaPorte, said he was excited to participate in the event. "We're a local craft brewer."

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Faculty, students laud turnitin.com

By JOE TREMBLERO
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Students and faculty discuss affirmative action in the Coleman-Morse Center lounge Tuesday night.

A student completes Internet research at the Coleman-Morse Center computer cluster.

Professors have the option to have students work for plagiarism at turnitin.com.
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Just get over it**

I'm sick and tired of hearing about all of the "political gossip" in the 2004 Notre Dame Student Body Presidential Elections. First of all, this opinion only really seems to be voiced by Charlie Ebersol's camp and a few members of various campus media outlets. Unfortunately, this group has been very vocal recently. I'd like to take this space to voice a dissenting opinion.

Sports Writer

**How in an election where 1,000 votes swung from the primary to the runoff elections, can you say voters were apathetic?**

If anything they were determined to see a candidate take this space voiced by Charlie seems to be swung from the primary to the runoff elections.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY:**

*What are the men's basketball team's chances of making the NCAA tournament?*

- Brian Hughes
- Chris Forther
- Elizabeth Chilton
- Jeannie Foley
- Sean Rose
- Steve Mahur

**Chris Federico**

**Father John Phalen, President of Holy Cross Family Ministries, lectured in Carey Auditorium Tuesday. Phalen's talk was a component of the Blessed Mother Lecture Series and focused on "Living the Mysteries of the Rosary."**

**OFFBEAT**

**Flasher interrupts classes at Iowa State**

AMES, Iowa — Three classes at Iowa State University — two of them in the past two weeks — have been interrupted by a man who flashed students and then ran.

A man wearing nothing but a trench coat, a Richard Nixon mask and tennis shoes entered a class auditorium Friday just as a meteorology exam began, said freshman Erik Triggs. The man opened his trench coat, danced around and ran from one door to the other while yelling, Triggs said.

The previous incident happened Feb. 10 when a man fitting the same description interrupted a sociology class, said Brent Bruton, a sociology professor. The man ran from the north side of the stage to the south end, with his trench coat open to roughly 400 students, Bruton said. The incident lasted less than 10 seconds.

**Cow drags farmer to safety in New Zealand**

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — A New Zealand farmer escaped from a flooded river by hanging on to one of his cows as it struggled through the raging waters, local newspapers reported.

Kim Riley was swept off her feet as she tried to turn a group of cows away from the rising river as her farm in Woodville, 80 miles north of Wellington.

Before I knew it, I was pushed along with the cows," she said, adding that several swam over her as they struggled in the water.

**IN BRIEF**

Professor Claude Ellers of McMaster University will deliver a lecture entitled "The Origins of Rome's Jewish Community" today at 4:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Department of Classics and will be held in 320 Malloy Hall.

Theology on Tap will be held tonight from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Legends. This week's theme is "Giving to Christ—Giving to Caregivers."

Students may attend an information meeting on a study abroad program in Seville, Spain, a new option for Notre Dame students in fall 2004 and spring 2005. The session will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in DeBartolo 177.

The second part of the Strangers No Longer: Catholic Responses to Migration series will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. Two Scalabrinian missionaries from Tijuana, Mexico, and Albert Brown, Goes of the Institute for Latino Studies, will be speaking on boarder policy and the migrant experience.

BeSports, University Health Services and IrisHealth are sponsoring a Blood Drive for the South Bend Medical Foundation Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please call 1-6100 to reserve a donation time. The drive will take place in the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observen@nd.edu.
S M C students react to results of Opus apartment lottery

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER
News Writer

While many soon-to-be seniors find themselves weighing the advantages of on-campus versus off-campus housing, those at Saint Mary's were recently given one additional option to consider for next fall. They could apply for an on-campus apartment in Opus Hall, the new residence facility currently under construction and slated for occupation in August.

Many students were attracted to this opportunity because it provides them the chance to move out of the dorms; yet still live on-campus. This would alleviate such problems as daily transportation to classes, among other issues that are faced when moving off-campus.

All students interested in living in the apartments next year were given the opportunity to fill out an application, and those who turned in applications were then assigned a number. The numbers selected for apartments were randomly chosen in a lottery held earlier this month. The Office of Residential Life received 35 applications for the 12 available two person apartments and 21 applications for the 12 four person apartments. According to office data, all students who were offered apartments accepted them.

"Before hearing about the opportunity to live in the apartments we were planning to live on campus," said junior Katie Turner who will be living in a quad apartment next year. "And if we hadn't been chosen in the lottery, we would have remained here.

Many students who did not secure apartments are now looking for alternative housing options aside from the dorms. Junior Stefanie Simmerman is one such student.

"I was disappointed in the fact that athletes were not given some type of priority in the lottery because having athletes on campus provides role models for other students," Simmerman said. "Since my fellow golfer Chrissy Durnham and I were unable to get apartments, we are now looking at renting at Castle Point which is still exciting, yet slightly more inconvenient."

Despite the frustration of not receiving the new housing, all students were notified of the results with ample time to find other housing arrangements for next fall.

For those students that did receive apartments, however, excitement is starting to build at the opportunity to experience living arrangements similar to off-campus life while remaining on-campus.

"I am really excited and looking forward to it," Turner said. "I think it will be a great experience and nice to have a little more independence."

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Kroc program aims to increase discussion of current events

By MERYL GUYER
News Writer

Political Science professor Dan Lindley met with students for lunch on Friday to discuss and debate on current events. Lindley is mediator of the lunch program, sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. Talk during Friday's session was dominated by issues concerning the war in Iraq, but discussion is not normally limited to wartime issues.

"I want students to bring their own interests and talk about any old thing," Lindley said. "I don't have any set agenda."

Lindley also made reference to students bringing issues they encountered during study abroad experiences or summer internships. The series of lunches is still in its early stages of development, but Lindley said he hopes it will foster more academic involvement among students in a casual setting.

"Ideally ... [it will] get people from different points of view together, liberals having one view and conservatives having another and turn it into a sort of mini debate between people," he said.

Students who have participated in the discussions agree.

"[The table] encourages students to consider and discuss current events, which is really important no matter what major someone is," said junior Melissa DeLeon. "Especially with the upcoming elections, the school needs to encourage dialogue like this so students will be more informed."

This sort of open discussion is also designed to help students think on their feet and perform in a scholarly debate. Though the lunch series was not developed in response to the report of students' limited academic involvement published in The Observer last fall, Lindley said he does agree that it is in the same intellectual context, one that has been supported by the Dean.

Expansion is also a goal of the current events table, though Lindley looks past increasing publicity with posters or all campus e-mails.

"It should just be fun, so ideally word of mouth would be enough," he said. "My suspicion is that people who will come to this lunch are people who are interested and interesting. This is one of those times, as a professor, you just sit there feeling humbled by your students just because they have such neat experiences and are so smart ... I really enjoy that."

Lindley is also presenting a panel on issues involving the war in Iraq scheduled for March 2, to be followed on March 3 by a showing of Stanley Kubrick's "Dr. Strangelove."

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LEGENDS OF NORTH DAME

February 19

ND Humor Arts
Student improv and sketch comedy 10pm

February 20

Bryan McCree
10pm

You may have seen this comic on Mad TV or Comedy Central. Now's your chance to watch his hilarious act.

February 21

The Singles
Large scale student talent show from Demons and Sinners and friends.

Be sure to be there and bring your own drinks.
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protect the interests of its diverse stakeholders," he said.

He emphasized that in situations of serious ethical failure, not only the shareholders suffer. "How many employees at Arthur Andersen lost their jobs? About 88,000," Rieger said. "Governance failures don’t just affect the shareholders of a company; they affect the employees, customers, suppliers, retirees and the communities they’re in."

He went on to cite studies by the University of Michigan, Columbia Law Review, the Journal of Economics, Business Week and McKinsey & Company, saying that strong governance structures improve returns on investment.

"At the end of the day, the studies concluded the same thing: companies that fall in the same category of controls, departures from the company’s code of conduct — a conflict of interest that just doesn’t work."

As an example, Rieger cited instances in which the Enron board of directors issued waivers, specifically allowing for departures from the company’s code of conduct by Andrew Fastow, the company’s former CFO.

Fusilow, engaged in the buying and selling of corporate assets in the name of partnerships he controlled — a conflict of interest under the Enron code of conduct. However, board members permitted the transactions, which allowed the Houston energy-trading giant to keep billions of dollars in debt off its books, while reporting artificially high profits.

Rieger said that when he joined Andersen in 1973, accountability structures were in place. In one instance, Andersen decided to require stringent accounting rules for savings & loan institutions. Andersen’s interpretation was more conservative and strict than major competitors. However, Andersen didn’t budge, even at the insistence of big clients.

Rieger said that instead, Andersen had been destroyed.

"What happened over time is that Arthur Andersen converted from professionalism to commercialism. We used to only do what was right, even if that means we lost a counter-attack."

He encouraged students to remain vigilant so that today’s brilliant executives don’t become tomorrow’s perp walks. Rieger alluded to scandals at HealthSouth, Parmalat and Martha Stewart Omnimedia, saying many corporations have unfortunately become solely self-serving operations.

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sharing the spirit of making good beer," Krcilek said. "He offered patrons samples of his wares, including Maple City Gold and Millennium Lager. Krcilek is no stranger to Legs. His previous gig at the Peddy Barley Wine has been offered at the pub since its opening last year.

Lee Richardson, who operates the Gay Guy Distributing in Elkhart, said the event gave him an opportunity to introduce specialty beers to the college market. "It lets me bring a variety of beers that aren’t sold here yet," Richardson said.

Students praised the event, saying it was well worth the $20 admission. "We ordered a lot, but they kept it funny," said senior Annie Starks.

Senior Kevin Dulán said Beer 101 was educational as well as entertaining. "It was the right amount of history, technical information and light-hearted stuff," he said. "You get a lot for your money!"

Hetler said that for the month of March, Legends will feature a variety of stouts, an Irish-style beer, in honor of St. Patrick’s Day.

"We’ll have several new beers, including several Celtic beers," he said.

Beer 101 marks the first of a three-part series of events at Legends, said student worker Courtney Schuster. On March 30, the pub will sponsor Wine 101, with the aim of teaching students the intricacies of selecting the right wine. In April, Legends will host an event about the etiquette of drinking in business situations.

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Announcing the Year 2004 Annual Awards of the Albert Baravino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Baravino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2004 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed $3,000, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The course work will normally be in Italian; it will involve the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student’s degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Boston University in Paadia, UCLA in Pisa, Miami University in Urbino, Columbia University in Scandiano. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O'Shaughnessy Hall.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:
1) an explanation of how the proposed research or foreign study will enhance their degree program at Notre Dame
2) a personal statement indicating their background, interests, and long-term goals
3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow
4) a budget indicating the costs involved
5) the names of two references.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

India, Pakistan hold peace talks
ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — India and Pakistan agreed Tuesday to a moratorium on peace talks both sides hope will end a bitter history of enmity and mistrust, striking the deal at a closed-door meeting of diplomats at a mountain retreat not far from their disputed border region.

The breakthrough signaled optimism that change was both realistic and possible, just two years after the neighbors nearly went to war.

"Things are moving in a positive direction," India’s Foreign Secretary Shashank, who uses one name, said Tuesday after arriving in the Pakistani capital, Islamabad.

The agreement, announced in a Pakistan Foreign Ministry statement, will be finalized Wednesday during a meeting between Shashank and his Pakistani counterpart, Hina Khokhar.

Russian missile unable to launch
MOSCOW — A technical glitch thwarted the launch of Russian ballistic missiles in thearenta Sea on Tuesday during naval maneuvers overseen by Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, who watched the massive exercise which used vast in naval officer’s garb aboard a nuclear submarine.

The failed launch — part of an exercise described as the largest show of Russian military might in more than 20 years — marred an event apparently aimed at displaying the might of a leader attempting to restore the country’s military power and global clout.

Putin, who is expected to easily win the presidential election March 14, went to thearenta Sea on board the giant Arkhangelsk submarine to observe maneuvers.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush visits military at Fort Polk
FORT POLK, La. — President Bush sought to back up troop morale at a base that has supplied more than 10,000 soldiers to the war on terrorism — and lost a dozen in Iraq — vowing Tuesday that “the enemy will be defeated.”

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Kerry wins Wisconsin primary

Senator John Kerry embraces supporter Jeanne DeRose in Wisconsin Tuesday. Kerry won the primary and is the front-runner for the Democratic nomination.

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Kerry took two days off last week and ignored his rivals in Wisconsin while focusing on Bush in hopes of per­suading voters the nominat­ing fight was over.

“Not so fast, John Kerry,” Edwards said in Sunday’s debate, five words that may best sum up the impact of Tuesday’s results.

Exit polls showed that half of the voters made their selection in the last week, most in the last few days — and Edwards led among late-breakers. Taking advantage of Wisconsin’s open primary rules, one in 10 voters were Republicans and about 30 percent were independents.
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project designs, once completed, be submitted into the competition. Re-Bag was named best design by ten judges from companies such as Whirlpool and Hamilton Beach.

Paul Dow, associate professor of art design, was among the judges.

"Jolitz was competing against the best design schools in the country, so it means a great deal to Notre Dame," he said. "[He] was extraordinary ... diligent in research ... thorough, organized. We are really proud of the guy and think he did a great job."

Dow said that other judges praised the product, calling it "very elegant in its simplicity." Jolitz said that his project, which consisted of numerous drafts, revisions and sketches, could not have been completed without the assistance of the art faculty.

"This product would never have gotten where it is without their advice and help. They were definitely pivotal," he said. In addition to the cash prize, Jolitz, along with the two second-place winners and three third-place recipients, will display their products during the International Home and Housewares Show March 20-22 in Chicago's McCormick Place. Approximately 60,000 visitors from over 100 countries will attend the show, and Jolitz will have the potential to sell his concept to prospective buyers and receive employment offers from interested companies.

Although he is personally excited by the award and has already received several employment offers, Jolitz also realizes the impact that his design will have on the Notre Dame art design program: "It's a big opportunity because Notre Dame is going to get a lot of press," he said. "I'm happy for the design department."

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cases this year were actually detected using turnitin.com. He said the others were discovered easily through the use of Internet search engines like Google. Flint says that this fact does not point to the failure of the service, but rather its effectiveness as a deterrent.

"I don't think this points to turnitin's being a failure ... my guess is that availability for faculty has to some extent served as a deterrent to students tempting to cheat. That was surely our hope," he said.

Faculty members such as Dan Lindley, assistant professor of political science, say that they strongly believe in deterrence and my policy of strongly believe in deterrence with respect to cheating. Lindley said he has not yet faced a case of student engage in future cheating. In his column, Flint noted that the number of cases at Pennsylvania State University rose from six to 400 the year after this policy was implemented.

Flint said that although he sees several disadvantages with the "Let's Make a Deal" policy, he believes its implementation may prove more beneficial than the current system.

"On the whole, I'm inclined towards making the change, but I think further discussion is still needed, and it's vital that students be engaged in this discussion."

Flint said that the University Code of Honor Committee is currently considering recommending extending the policy to University officials, but said he is unsure if the Committee will ultimately make the recommendation and when the new policy would be implemented, should the decision occur.

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Brad Jolitz' design project, the Re-Bag, won the prestigious International Home and Housewares Association Student Design Competition.

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Sophomore Class Office Candidates

The tickets of candidates running for sophomore class office are listed below. Elections will be held on Monday, February 23, 2004.

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ATLANTA — Cingular Wireless agreed to pay nearly $41 billion in cash to buy AT&T Wireless Services to create the nation's largest wireless company, raising concern among consumer advocates that the competition and impede lower prices.

The deal announced Tuesday between the second- and third-largest U.S. wireless companies would create a cellular giant with 46 million subscribers and 70,000 employees. Current market leader Verizon Wireless has 37.5 million customers.

The deal — subject to approval by AT&T Wireless shareholders and federal regulators — would be a boon for Atlanta-based Cingular, with its network costs, fill service gaps and expand its spectrum or radio frequency, in several key U.S. markets, thus enabling it to offer wireless Internet access at broadband speed.

"This combination is expected to create customer benefits and growth prospects neither company could have achieved on its own and will mean better coverage, improved reliability, enhanced call quality and a wide array of new and innovative services," said Stan Sigman, president and chief executive of Cingular, who will continue to head the company.

Some fear the merger could face the same kind of competition that has driven down prices in the U.S. cellular market, trimming profit margins and squeezing revenues for the two big play ers, "said Mark Cooper, director of research at the Washington-based Consumer Federation of America. "It's not five and six that's merging. It's two and three, and that's a much bigger impact on competition."

Guzman and Co. analyst Patrick Comack said he doesn't expect prices to go up if the deal is approved: "You still have some very aggressive competitors out there."

Cingular, a joint venture between BellSouth Corp. of Atlanta and SBC Communications Inc. of San Antonio and BellSouth Corp. of Atlanta, said it will pay $15 cash per share, valuing Redmond, Wash.-based AT&T Wireless at $40.7 billion. Cingular also will assume $6 billion of AT&T Wireless debt.

The combined company will carry the Cingular name. Once a deal is approved, billing and other operational functions will be merged, though there will be no immediate effect on customers, said Ralph de la Vega, Cingular's chief operating officer.

Federal regulators may ask the combined company to divest certain assets if they think they overlap, he said. But he said the companies believe that shouldn't be necessary.

"Even in areas of overlap, there is sufficient competition to warrant it," he said.

As for possible job cuts or management changes, de la Vega indicated there could be some, though he would not elaborate.

"We don't need the AT&T Wireless employees at all. They might save some salaries, but everything is redundant," Comack said. "Cingular doubled their customer base and doubled their spectrum, but they can run that with the same amount of employees."
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offered her excuses instead — a response she viewed as a reluctance to share in the responsibility for creating change.

“You can’t baby-sit these kids, you can’t drag them by the hand every time,” Piccin said. “It takes an assertive, mature person to pay attention to these issues and to engage in them too.”

She challenged white students to test themselves by becoming exposed to discussions about topics they find uncomfortable. College senior, also a junior, agreed that the power of “suggestion” was not enough to combat the apathy that the majority of the student body has shown toward discussions of race.

While the diverse racial backgrounds represented in the audience made some of their points less influential, most students agreed that the need to address perceptions about race on campus is glaring.

“My problem is walking down the quad and seeing people who look like me wondering if I only got in because of the color of my skin,” she said. Gabriel Torres, a junior.

Other students agreed that regardless of the legacy, athletes, women and other beneficiaries that often get thrown into the mix, any discussion of affirmative action will inevitably be intertwined with race.

“You try to tiptoe around it like it’s a policy issue,” Ukachi Okoronkwo, a sophomore, said. “But it is a racial issue. Racism exists... it’s not something you can turn your back on.”

“We do need this crutch,” she continued, referring to a metaphor that has been associated with using affirmative action as a tool for minority empowerment. “This country has broken our legs.”

Joyce Randall, a sophomore, also insisted that “you can’t eliminate racial preference from the argument,” and reminded listeners that the initial purpose of affirmative action, when proposed by President Lyndon Johnson in 1965, was to create a level playing field.

“All I really want is my opportunity,” she said. “I want to come from your poor Chicago neighborhood to go to Notre Dame — even if I need special help to get there.”

However, other speakers disagreed that minorities needed an extra boost, leading into the theme of fairness in applicants’ qualifications.

“The application process is the entire process — the whole person, not ‘you’re black, you get in’,” said junior Demetrius Hall. “It’s your IQ, it’s your SAT, it’s your GPA, your SAT is 1160 but that’s because your mom is a choice, not ‘you’re black, you’re salutatorian, you’re black, you’re a self-described affirmative action applicant as a 38-year-old black female in 1992 who is now an assistant to University president Edward Malloy — praised students in attendance for engaging in an intellectual discussion instead of an angry one.

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Case reinforced deVries’ argument, praising minority students who are hall presidents and exceptional student leaders. She warned the audience, whites and minorities alike, not to fall into the trap of thinking about admittance to Notre Dame as an entitlement.

“Being at Notre Dame is a privilege, not a right,” Case said. “No one has a right to be here — you earn it, you prove that you belong here.”

Two faculty members with exceptional perspectives on race at Notre Dame also weighed in. Chandra Johnson — a self-described affirmative action applicant as a 38-year-old black female in 1992 who is now an assistant to University president Edward Malloy — praised students in attendance for engaging in an intellectual discussion instead of an angry one.

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Everyone here is privileged by a choice,” he continued. “We need more ability to choose, to make the mix look like the world that’s out there and the world from which you came.”

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Dialogue can improve diversity

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It's late and you can't sleep because this recurring feeling of apprehensive nervousness inside you cries for you to do something more. But what, if anything, more can be done?

But the obsessive computer part of you still needs to check it and make sure that there's not something you can tweak or improve.

So you turn on the lights in the workroom and walk into the middle of the cold cement floor with bare feet and a slight stiff wobble from tossing in bed for so long. You sit on the bench facing the work table and the small cracks in the cement floor. You're still in a daze and squinting because of the sudden rush of light to your dilated eyes. You turn your head to keep away from the glaring light and see rows and rows of pictures taped to the wall of the different stages in the project's existence. God, it's beautiful.

Even if no one else on earth could recognize its marvelous uniqueness and unparalleled beauty, you wouldn't care. It's yours and you molded it, shaped it and formed it — from nothing.

A sudden wave of nostalgia envelops you and this memories come flooding back to you like a tidal wave during a hurricane. The project started as little more than just raw materials and a dream of perfection, at least in your eyes, and now it has evolved into a work of art that's consumed your life. It created rifts between you and your spouse and loved ones because they each had their own opinions on where the project should go. But you held fast, as much for the sake of your pride as it was for the project itself. You had a destination in mind for it all along and it was just a matter of time until your dream would come true, too.

The sacrifices have been many and often. There have been times when the whole project seemed doomed to fail and that most logical explanation was to start from scratch.

There was that job in New York that you passed up on because it would have been the perfect setting and the rest was history. But then that trip to Europe that you were planning to take but couldn't afford because of the monetary responsibility of paying for materials. It sure would have been nice to go, you think to yourself. But it is only Europe. It could wait. The work of the final product stayed firmly planted in your mind so that no matter how bad it got, you never relinquished hope. Because the dream of the final product stayed firmly planted in your mind so that no matter how bad it got, you never relinquished hope.

Putting on the reading glasses that have gotten progressively stronger over the years, your hands search for the tools needed to accentuate, enhance and detail your work. Your hands work expertly and with ease, the many years of work having calloused and trained them into muscle memory.

But when you focus you realize that everything you do is truly true. You must be more tired than you thought because the work of art is gone; the clay you have sculpted for so many years has been gone for going on three years now.

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DVD REVIEW

Season Three of 'South Park' delivers

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Some DVD Cruze

To watch South Park is to enter into a twisted, profanity-laced universe made of construction paper where strange things happen on a daily basis. The show follows the wacky misadventures of four third-graders — Cartman, Stan, Kyle and Kenny, in South Park, Colo. — and has become something of a cultural phenomenon. Since its debut in 1997, South Park has been a bane to parents, a subject of protest and an issue constantly debated on nightly news shows for corrupting the youth of the nation. It has also created major ratings for Comedy Central, a merchandising empire and a theatrically released movie. So, like most controversial shows, it inspires both love and hate with few viewers remaining neutral. The show is offensive and at times borders on sacrilegious, but it is also a funny and biting critique of topical issues and of society itself.

Season Three of South Park proved that the show had enough creative force and popularity to survive the second season that normally kills fade shows. Some of the episodes seem a bit dated (Bill Clinton and Pokemon are subjects) because the show deals primarily with poking fun at current events, but the humor survives in spite of the lapse in time. Most of the shows just imitate the voices of celebrities (as is stated in the disclaimer before each show), but through its growing popularity, it sometimes manages to attract celebrity guest stars. Season Three includes guest voices such as Jennifer Aniston as a high-strung children's choir leader ("Rainforest, Shimanoforest") and the band Korn as themselves ("Cartman's Groovy Pirate Ghost Mystery").

Aside from the actual episodes, the DVD set doesn't include a lot of extras, but it has enough to make the discs watchable and attractive to fans. The interactive menus are easy to use, there is a "play all" feature, and there are access to individual scenes and the menus are easy to use. The set includes 17 episodes on three discs and each episode has a lot of commentary by creators/writers/voice artists Matt Parker and Trey Stone. The commentary runs through the first few minutes of each episode, and this provides a kind of introduction and background to each show. This approach to commenting works, because the viewer gets the creator's views on the show without having to deal with long pauses or not being able to hear most of the episode. The commentary is also available for every episode, which is rare on most DVD sets for television shows. Parker and Stone's comments are humorous and avoid being too serious or pretentious, which seems fitting for a show as satirical as South Park. Watching the episodes with commentary is nice, but you do come to realize that almost a full eight minutes of broadcast South Park episodes are commercials.

The picture quality is good, and the colors of the animation remain appropriate and bright and clear for an animated cartoon. The shows are in Dolby Digital sound, and they can be watched in English, Spanish and French. The special features are not extravagant, but they get the job done and there are few problems to be had while watching the DVDs.

Season Three of South Park proves to be a very funny and interesting season, and it is presented in a manner that is simple to use and easy to watch. If you're not a fan of the show, this won't be for you, but those who love it will appreciate this set as a fitting package for a unique show.

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South Park
Complete Third Season
Paramount

MOVIE REVIEW

Cruise fails to convince in epic

By JACK WATKINS
Some Movie Cruze

It's hard to appreciate a good epic — like Return of the King or Master and Commander — with no corresponding bad epic to compare it to. Fortunately Tom Cruise and director Edward Zwick have contrived to solve this problem by providing us with The Last Samurai.

Cruise is Nathan Algren, a Civil War veteran who went on to serve with General George Custer in wiping out Native American tribes. He is hired by the Emperor of Japan to train his soldiers in modern warfare so they can defeat a traditionalist uprising. Cruise is captured in a battle and meets the leader of the rebels, the noble Katsumoto (Ken Watanabe). Inevitably, Cruise becomes enchanted with this samurai culture and agrees to help Watanabe in his rebellion against the Emperor, a fight that can only end in a glorious, death-defying, hopefully Oscar-winning charge.

If this all seems a little paint-by-numbers, that's because it is. Katsumoto is little more than the stereotype of a noble samurai, the plot is just another riff on the theme of evil, encroaching modernity, and Cruise is the man of 29th-century PC values trapped inexplicably in the 19th century.

"Cruise, in fact, is miscast. Simply put, he lacks the ability to rise above his own well-known persona, making him completely unconvincing as either a blithesome Civil War veteran or a convert to the samurai code. This makes scenes that would have otherwise been merely weak or clichéd ridiculous, such as the samurai gaining respect for Cruise because he refuses to quit when clearly beaten in a mock combat, or, most notably, Cruise's laughable audition-style speech in which he describes the horrors of war."

For all the movie's flaws, it still packs a certain emotional punch. One is forced to admire and respect the warriors in their fight against the Emperor. At some point, one thinks, "You know, this movie won't be that bad, as long as the ending isn't some absurd, anti-climactic betrayal of the themes of the story." Sigh. Without giving too much away, it's safe to say that such an optimistic thought is misguided. The ending to this film left this reviewer trembling with rage.

Just one final note — often, screenwriters are able to defend their sappy and gutless films by using the phrase "based on a true story." The Last Samurai is not based on a true story, and it's not even particularly well researched. The supposed "issues" driving the rebellion are all fictional, probably because the real motive for samurai rebellions in 1877 (imperial refusal to invade Korea) was not particularly sympathetic. In other words, addition to being bad drama, The Last Samurai is also bad history. It's actually pretty bad at every thing, except for filling this critic with a burning desire to see a better movie.

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More than your average Valentine movie

By JACQUELINE PIMENTEL-GANNON

If you are searching for a romantic comedy that is actually funny, look no farther than 50 First Dates. It can hardly be described as a chick flick and will be enjoyed by girls and guys alike. Drew Barrymore and Adam Sandler, together for the first time since 1998's The Wedding Singer, star in 50 First Dates. Fans of either star will not be disappoint­ed by this hilarious movie.

Sandler plays Henry Roth, a veterinarian in Maui who enjoys many short-term flings with vacationing women. He is completely satisfied with this lifestyle until he meets Lucy Whitmore (Barrymore) in a dinner one night. The two hit it off and Henry cannot stop thinking about Lucy. He goes to the following morning and sees Lucy again but is confused when he goes to talk to her and finds that she has no idea who he is.

Henry learns that Lucy had been in a car accident the previous year, sustaining brain damage that left her with no short-term memory. Every morning she awakes and thinks that it is the day before her accident. Her condition. He makes a video that explains everything about the accident and her memory loss. She watches the movie in the morning, has time to react to it and then spends the rest of the day with Henry.

A relationship between the two develops even though it has to start from scratch each day. They are forced to deal with the fact that Lucy cannot remember him from day to day, and this results in a comical scene in which Lucy awakens a man she doesn't recognize in her bed.

Though this film is highly refreshing in its storyline, it does not stray so far from the norm as to defy filmgoers the happy ending they have come to expect. It just comes about differently than one might initially think.

In 50 First Dates, the comedy is superb: Barrymore matches Sandler's comedic talent and there is a wonderful supporting cast that includes Dan Aykroyd as Lucy's doctor and Sean Astin (little character in Rudy and now best known as Samwise in Lord of the Rings trilogy) as Doug. Some of the funniest lines come from Rob Schneider as Henry's best friend, a stoner named Lila.

As in most Sandler movies, expect some crude jokes. There is some over-the-top sexual humor, but it still manages to come off as funny. Director Peter Segal (Tommy Boy and My Fellow Americans) has done a number of movies over the years, but 50 First Dates is the latest foray into the realm of romantic comedy. Sandler has been in for some mainstream he has been in for some time, if ever. Also look for his name to be mentioned in the upcoming Oscars for his role in Pirates.

Beyond Captain Jack Sparrow, the DVD which you'll find the movie is of the utmost quality. Packaged as one of Disney's collector's sets, the video and sound are of superb quality. The black tones are dark as they should be, with no washing of the colors. The special effects look good, as there is only a slight obvious distortion when computer generated images are used. There is a problem with the DVD which comes on a dual layered DVD.

DVD REVIEW

Pirates' DVD a bloody good time

By MARK BEMENDERFER

The Observer

Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl

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Captain Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) and Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) commandeer a ship in "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl."
DENVER — Carmelo Anthony scored nine of his 28 points in a pivotal third quarter, and the Nuggets noseled past the Philadelphia 76ers on Tuesday night.

Nene added 18 points and 11 rebounds for the Nuggets, who spoiled the 76ers' 49-31 in the second half.

Allen Iverson, who missed Monday's practice and was held out of the starting lineup by interim head coach Chris Ford, led the 76ers with 27 points and 10 assists. Philadelphia shot 71 percent en route to a 32-19 lead.

Denver, which had lost 10 of its last 11 games, won for the first time in franchise history and gave Hubie Brown his 400th win as an NBA coach.

Philadelphia scored the last nine points of the quarter, including Iverson's three-point play, to cut the halftime deficit to 57-54.

Anthony scored nine of Denver's first 17 points in the quarter, capped by a fastbreak slam dunk, as the Nuggets took a 74-63 lead midway through the period.

Anthony's back-to-back rebound baskets in the fourth quarter gave Denver a 91-74 lead, and Philadelphia got no closer than 13 points after that.

Nene added 18 points and 11 rebounds and Eddy Curry added 15 points and 12 rebounds.

The Nuggets finished with 15 assists, while the 76ers had eight points in the first quarter and Denver outshot Philadelphia 65 percent to 38 percent.

The Nuggets improved to 22-24, while the 76ers fell to 31-13.

Former UNLV coach Charlie Spoonhour looks on earlier this year.

**Spoonhour resigns from UNLV because of poor health**

LAS VEGAS — UNLV coach Charlie Spoonhour resigned Tuesday, citing health reasons.

"I am physically unable to do this right now," Spoonhour, 64, said in a statement. "Because of my health it is in my interest to step away. It has nothing to do with basketball or anything surrounding the program."

He was unavailable for interviews and gave no other details.

The Runnin' Rebels (12-9) have lost three straight games, including a 94-60 rout at Arizona State on Sunday.

Jay Spoonhour, an assistant on his father's staff at UNLV for the past three seasons, will serve as the interim head coach starting with Tuesday night's home game against San Diego State.

A search for the new head coach will begin immediately, athletic department officials said.

Spoohour is the second coach to resign for health reasons in the last month.

On Jan. 28, Rick Majerus took a leave of absence at Utah, citing heart problems. He later said he would not return to Utah.

Spoohour, who was hired March 29, 2001, leaves UNLV with a 54-31 record. He led the team in NIT appearances in 2002 and 2003.

Spoohour ended a two-year retirement to become UNLV's 12th head coach.

He was head coach at Saint Louis from 1992-1999 and coached Southwest Missouri State from 1983-1992.

In 19 years as a Division I head coach, he compiled a career record of 373-202. His teams made it to the postseason 13 times, including eight trips to the NCAA tournament.

UNLV athletic director Mike Hamrick said Spoonhour leaves a solid program behind him.

"He added a lot of stability to the program the last three years and we wish him nothing but the best in the future and hope he can take care of these health issues quickly," Hamrick said.
Source says Maddux will sign with the Cubs

Associated Press

It's official: Greg Maddux will play for the Chicago Cubs next season.

Maddux's new team was announced Friday at a news conference in Chicago. Maddux was a free agent after finishing the 2003 season with the Toronto Blue Jays.

"We're very excited to have Greg Maddux," Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said. "He is one of the greatest pitchers in the history of baseball, and he's as good as ever as he heads into his age 38 season."

Maddux is expected to pitch in the rotation behind tired lefty Mark Prior.

"We've been looking for a lot of things," Hendry said. "I think a pitcher is one we wanted."
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

Syracuse suffering from inconsistency

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim's postgame press conference Monday night was the shortest of the season. The frustration was all too evident after the Orangemen had lost again at home.

"We didn't play well offensively despite coming off our best offensive game all year," Boeheim said after Notre Dame's first victory in the Carrier Dome in seven years. "We have to play a lot better offensively than we did tonight. We're just not going to stop people all the time."

Syracuse is 16-6 overall and 6-5 in the Big East with five games left before the Big East tournament begins March 10. The Orangemen play Georgetown, No. 5 Pittsburgh and West Virginia on the road and at the Carrier Dome have Villanova and No. 8 Connecticut, in the season finale.

Which means that if the defending national champions win the three games they should win and don't pull off at least one upset, they won't finish the regular season with 20 wins and could be in jeopardy of not making the NCAA tournament if they rank in the conference tournament at Madison Square Garden.

On Saturday, making the post-season season again had looked like a certainty, given their points and 16 rebounds against No. 8 Connecticut, in the season finale.

"We have to turn it around," Warrick said. "Hopefully, we can make a run and find the season off with some strong wins."

Notre Dame won by hitting 11-of-23 3-pointers and allowing Gerry McNamara and Warrick to get their points. McNamara finished with 20, but his other teammate finished in double figures and the Orangemen's high-scoring duo, who played every minute of the game, were combined 16-for-43.

That's 37.2 percent shooting. Not a recipe for success.

"We can absorb those guys," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said. "No one else hurt us. McNamara and Warrick did, but nobody else went off.

And that's one of the biggest problems.

Starting center Craig Forth was an impressive 16-for-23 for 33 points in the previous three games to become a force in the middle. He took one shot in 21 minutes against the Irish and missed it.

Swingman Josh Pace was 12-of-25 with 23 points in victories last week over Rutgers and Miami. Against the Irish, he scored four points in 35 minutes.

Perhaps the most important factor is the absence of point guard Billy Edelin. He's missed five of the last six games for personal reasons and remains out indefinitely. His ability to penetrate and either score or set up the Orangemen into their tail-end game, was a combined 16-for-43 in the previous three.

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No players were identified in the documents and it was unclear whether the trainer, Greg Anderson, gave specific names to the federal agents.

Anderson was one of four men charged last week in a steroid-distribution ring that allegedly supplied athletes with banned substances.

All four pleaded innocent. No athletes have been charged.

Federal officials released two affidavits Tuesday that supported search warrants used in raids on Anderson's home in September.

"Inside Anderson's residence, agents found steroids, syringes and other paraphernalia associated with steroid distribution activities," the documents said.

"In addition, agents found files identifying specific athletes. These files contained calendars, which appear to contain references to daily doses of steroids and growth hormones."

The indictment announced last week said federal agents found about $65,920 in cash in a locked safe at Anderson's residence during the first raid.

"Some of the money was broken up into separate envelopes with the first names of known athletes printed on them," the documents released Tuesday say.

The new documents say Anderson initially denied distributing steroids in discussions with federal agents but later said he sometimes "gave" steroids to people he knew.

"Upon further questioning, Anderson admitted that he had given steroids to several professional baseball players," the documents say.

Federal agents followed Anderson on Sept. 11, 2002, as he made a quick visit to the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative — the nutritional supplements lab allegedly at the center of the steroid-distribution ring.

"Anderson returned to his vehicle and proceeded to drive directly, without stopping, to Pacific Bell Park, a professional baseball stadium," the documents say.

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struggling Cardinals 71-46. team," Dougherty said. "It was good to see that. It was good for me to see how they enjoyed competing with that team."

But the Horned Frogs didn't just beat No. 10 Louisville on Tuesday night. They embarrassed coach Rick Pitino's struggling Cardinals 71-46. Corey Santee scored 20 points, including his 3-pointer on the game's opening shot, for the Horned Frogs (10-12, 6-5 Conference USA).

TCU's last win over a ranked team was 102-88 over No. 20 Fresno State two years ago at home when Billy Tubbs was still the coach. The last win over a Top Ten team was 14 years ago against No. 8 Arkansas. It's at the top. This is the best win so far for our team," said senior guard Nucleus Smith, who had 17 points. The Cardinals (17-5, 7-4), with their lowest point total in three seasons under Pitino, lost for the fourth time in five games since a 16-game winning streak.

"It's a product of losing close ones, getting a little discouraged rather than encouraged," Pitino said. "All of the credit has to go to TCU. We have to regroup, get better and start to improve."

Louisville made its first trip to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex since 1986, when the Cardinals won their last NCAA championship in Dallas. TCU had gone 0-9 against Top 25 teams under Dougherty, a former assistant to Roy Williams at Kansas. They were outscored by an average margin of 27 points in their other three games this season against ranked teams: Kansas, Vanderbilt and Cincinnati.

Chudi Chinwezie added 13 points and 13 rebounds for the Frogs. Louisville shot a season-low 33 percent from the floor and made only one-of-eight shots in the first half, but opened the second half with a 7-2 run that included Luke Whitehead's layup for his only basket and a layup by Dartez. Santee then had a reverse one-handed layup to end that burst.

Michigan State 62, Purdue 55
Paul Davis scored 21 points and grabbed a career-high 12 rebounds and Michigan State almost didn't miss at the free throw line in a win over Purdue. The Spartans made 24 of 26 free throws — missing only one in each half — and connected on 10 straight during the final 3:33.

Michigan State (14-10, 9-3 Big Ten) moved into a first-place tie with the Wisconsin Badgers with its ninth victory in 11 games.

Brandon McKnight scored 16 and Brett Buscher had 11 for the Boilermakers (16-9, 6-6). Purdue's top two scorers — Kenneth Lowe and David Teague — struggled. They both made only one-of-eight shots and combined for just seven points, nearly 19 below their average.

Each time the Spartans tried to pull away, Purdue wouldn't let them. Michigan State went ahead 52-42 with just under five minutes left, but the Boilermakers cut their deficit to three.

After Kelvin Torbert, who scored 16, made two free throws to give the Spartans a five-point lead, McKnight's two free throws pulled Purdue within three with 23.1 seconds left. Davis, who was 11-of-11 at the line, made two free throws with 2.9 seconds left. Lowe missed a 3-pointer and Buscher could not convert a putback just before the buzzer.

The Spartans are 44-2 in the Big Ten at home since the 1998-99 season. Both teams may not have been pleased that a national television audience watched the game, especially in the first half. It took 5:19 for Michigan State to make a basket. Purdue needed almost four minutes to connect on a field goal.

And it didn't get much better after the sluggish start. The Spartans had almost as many turnovers (nine) and fouls (12) as points (12), but only trailed 16-12 because Purdue was 5-of-16 with nine fouls and six turnovers.

Michigan State led 28-23 at halftime. The Spartans finished shooting 40.9 percent and limited Purdue to 34 percent shooting. The teams combined for 30 turnovers and 48 fouls.
Barber has competed in the 4x100 meters and the 4x800 relay team along with finishing sixth in the conference last year in the 1,000 meters. The women's side has experienced too as Dodd qualified for last year's meet in the 60 meters and the 400 meters along with winning the 4x100 relay at the 2001 and 2002 Big East outdoor Championships. Van Weelden was fourth in the conference pole vault her sophomore year. As the Big East will essentially break apart after this year, Alba wants to go out a winner. "Knowing this is my last year and the last year of the conference it would mean a lot to go out a winner," he said.

Boyd feels the same as she approaches her final indoor conference meet. "Every year the chemistry on our team has grown, and it would mean a lot to go out as a senior," she said. "But even if we don't win, I will still be proud."

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four assists in 2002 and was second last season to Walsh with 32 goals and two assists. Last season, Walsh became the first freshman to lead the team in scoring since Randy Colley in 1992.

Walsh scored 20 goals and notched 32 assists. This summer, Walsh also helped the United States win the under-19 men’s lacrosse World Championship, scoring 13 goals and eight assists in six games.

Walsh led the United States with four goals and three assists in a 19-10 win over Canada in the championship game.

Other significant returning players include senior attacker Matt Howell, senior midfielders Steve Claggett and Owen Mulford, junior midfielders Chris Richet and Brian Giordano, sophomore defenseman D.J. Driscoll and senior goalie Stewart Croland.

Howell scored 15 goals last season despite playing in only nine games due to an injury. Mulford finished with ten goals and three assists. Driscoll led the team in ground balls with 61 last season and was one of just 12 players to play in every game.

The maturity and experience of this year’s team has been evident in the exhibition games. The Irish are careful to take the exhibition games for what they are worth, using them as practice for the season.

“One thing we play, no matter who it is or what type of game, we are just concerned with getting better each time we step on the field,” Walsh said.

Notre Dame will play one more exhibition this Sunday at home against Denison and open the regular season against Penn State at home Feb. 29.

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Tennis

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Moreover, Notre Dame swept the doubles portion of each match after focusing on that aspect of its game in the practices before the weekend’s matches.

“Our coach is always telling us that it’s so important to win the doubles point because it’s difficult to win four singles matches against any team,” Thompson said. “The doubles point is so crucial, and we basically killed them this weekend in doubles.”

Sophomore Lauren Connelly was victorious all weekend in both singles and doubles, kicking off the weekend with doubles partner senior Alicia Salas with a win at the No. 2 position over Virginia Commonwealth’s Cristina Gago and Cristina Arribas 6-1, 6-4.

The duo is 12-2 this season and has recorded victories in eight of their last nine matches. This was the first of several wins for Lauren Connelly, who remains undefeated in both singles and doubles this season.

“She has an extremely strong backhand,” assistant coach Michele Dasso said. “She’s been solid so far this season.”

Freshman Catrina Thompson also saw success this weekend with a win over Gago from 6-3, 6-2.

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Christian Thompson
Irish freshman

“Catrina’s not feeling well this weekend, but she really buckled down and showed how tough she could be,” Dasso said.

Sophomore Kristina Stastny was victorious all weekend in singles, winning a singles win over Lam 6-3, 6-2.

“Catrina wasn’t feeling well this weekend, but she really buckled down and showed how tough she could be,” Dasso said.

Stastny, a doubles player, did not participate in doubles this weekend.

“Her coach is always telling us that it’s so important to win the doubles point because it’s difficult to win four singles...”

Christian Thompson
Irish freshman

“We have one of our hardest workers and it really showed this weekend,” Dasso said of Stastny. "Getting a shutout is especially hard in college tennis.”

Both Thompson and Dasso described the weekend’s win as confidence-building experiences.

“We have a deep team,” Thompson said. “There’s no doubt in my mind that we can beat a top ten team if we keep playing like this.”

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Belles try to end 4-game losing streak

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

At this point, the Belles are playing for pride. After dropping the last four games since their victory over Olivet Feb. 2, the Belles have fallen to 6-17, and 1-11 in the MIAA and are hoping to finish the season on a positive note. The Belles have not played well in their last four games, being outscored by nearly 18 points per contest.

Kalamazoo (13-10, 5-7) has had a strong season, including a big overtime win against Albion on Jan. 7. In their only meeting of the year, Kalamazoo defeated Saint Mary's 65-61. This meeting should provide the Belles with some confidence Wednesday night, seeing that they only lost by four points, on the road.

Kalamazoo has been led all season by Ashley Riley who averages 13.1 points per game and 8.2 rebounds per game, and Mary Brown who averages 12.5 points per game and 6.7 rebounds per game. Brown also leads the team in assists, averaging nearly four per game. Brown scored 16 points and grabbed eight rebounds in the meeting between these two teams earlier in the season.

Brown and Riley have each earned MIAA Player of the Week honors this season. Riley's come in the second week of the season, while Brown took the award in the fourth week. Emily Creachbaum has led the Belles all season. Although she has struggled for consistency all year, Creachbaum's 12.8 points and 5.4 rebounds a game have provided a sense of stability for Saint Mary's.

In the first meeting against Kalamazoo, Creachbaum scored 13 points on 6-of-12 shooting. Creachbaum is coming off a huge week, where she scored 17 points on 8-of-15 shooting against Adrian.

She then followed it up with an impressive 26 points and seven rebounds in the loss to Alma.

Saint Mary's has one more game following Wednesday night's contest with Kalamazoo before the MIAA tournament. The Belles take on Olivet on Saturday afternoon.

Saint Mary's and Kalamazoo will tip off tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Saint Mary's.

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St. John's

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in the second half after being down 36-33 after the first 20 minutes and were up 48-47 with 7:08 to play in the game. Then Jacqueline Batteast (eight points, eight rebounds, five assists) got her own rebound time and time again until she finally put it in to start a 10-2 Irish run.

"I thought Jackie's three-point play was a real momentum shifter," McGraw said. "I think that persistence by her really got everybody excited. I thought that was a real turning point in the game."

Joyce added her fifth 3-pointer from the right corner with 4:40 to go and the shot clock winding down, giving the Irish a 53-47 lead. Batteast hit a jumper, and the Irish made three straight free throws to go ahead 58-49. St. John's hit a 3-pointer, but they didn't score again until 36 seconds left in the game.

The Irish hit 14-of-16 free throws in the final 3:01 to seal the game.

Duffy was 8-for-10, and Le'Tania Severe was 6-for-6. Duffy finished 11-of-13 from the line, good for 17 points. The Irish outscored the Red Storm 45-34, including 23 offensive rebounds.

Teresa Borton had a game-high 11 rebounds to go with eight points. Severe grabbed 10 rebounds, five on the offensive end and scored 10 points, good for her first career double double. "She just did a great job of working hard in 25 minutes," McGraw said. "It was obviously so critical and that was really important for us. Joyce has scored in double figures the past two games, both being career highs. "It's been the difference in both games," McGraw said of Joyce's back-to-back double digit performances.

With the win, the Irish jumped to second place in the Big East, as Villanova beat West Virginia, dropping the Mountaineers to 9-4 in conference play.

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Diversity is a catch-all word administrators, faculty and students use to describe something that many believe doesn’t exist on Notre Dame’s predominantly white, upper-middle class, Catholic, heterosexual campus. The present landscape is the most diverse in history, and Notre Dame has reached a crucial point in evolution as an academic institution.

Too frequently, discussion about diversity-related issues revolves around numbers and quotas, stereotypes and doctrines. Often ignored are the tangible examples of those who try to carve a niche in Notre Dame’s largely homogeneous culture.

In this three-part series, which begins today and continues through Friday, The Observer illuminates the experiences of a few who struggle daily to assert themselves in the face of actual and theoretical obstacles.

Today, The Observer profiles students and faculty whose actions years ago broke down barriers that are virtually non-existent today and the administrators who helped ensure those hurdles disappeared.
I n 1934, when a first-year student fresh out of Syracuse, N.Y. stepped onto Notre Dame's campus, he wasn’t looking ahead to the day when he would become University President. He wasn’t looking ahead to the time when he would travel the globe, visiting everywhere from China to the South Pole. He wasn’t looking ahead to the ceremonies in which he would be awarded the Congressional Gold Medal or the Medal of Freedom.

Theodore Hesburgh was simply looking around him. And a conspicuous absence in the University community became glaringly obvious.

“I asked one of the administrators why we didn’t have any black students,” Hesburgh said. “He said, ‘All the white ones… so many of them are from the South, they’d all leave.’”

There wasn’t a single black on campus—not in the student body, not in the faculty, not in the Main Building, not even working on the grounds, Hesburgh said.

“It was a totally white society,” he said.

But 18 years later, when Hesburgh had returned to Notre Dame as the rector of Farley Hall, that homogeneity was beginning to change—albeit slowly. And the administrator’s prophecy was quickly proven wrong.

“I had only one problem,” Hesburgh said. “I was just taking over Farley Hall as rector, and I got a call the first day before school began from a lady in New Orleans with a French name.”

The woman, whose white son lived in Farley, told Hesburgh she had heard that a black student was also residing in the dormitory. Hesburgh confirmed that information.

“She said, ‘Well, if he’s still there tomorrow morning, you send my son home,’” Hesburgh said.

“I said, ‘We’ll miss him.’”

The white student left, and the issue was resolved.

Ten years later, Hesburgh met that student—who had become a doctor after attending Tulane—who said his mother’s decision was the “dumbest” thing she had ever done.

Very few people, however, made such a “dumb” mistake, Hesburgh said, regarding issues of civil rights at the University.

“The students were on the side of the angels, as far as civil rights,” Hesburgh said.

They had a strong and influential role model in Hesburgh. He served as chairman of the United States Commission on Civil Rights during Lyndon B. Johnson’s presidency and played an integral role in pressing progressive equal rights legislation.

At the time, Hesburgh said, Notre Dame was a “pretty lousy place,” with bordello, rallies and huge support of social change across the faculty and students.

“I got off all right because they knew I was the civil rights commissioner—that I was pressing for all the things that could be done,” Hesburgh said.

And despite his very vocal and prominent position on civil rights issues, Hesburgh said he never really faced opposition from more conservative factions, whether they be alumni, parents or students, themselves.

“I’m sure there may have been some, but they didn’t come to me because they knew it wouldn’t have done much good,” Hesburgh said.

He stood firm on the issue of coeducation, as well, handling it in much the same way. Just as there were no black students on campus when Hesburgh first arrived, there were no females—at least during the academic year.

“They used to lose up a little bit in the summer-time and let nuns come in and do a little summer school,” Hesburgh said.

To him, though, that was simply not good enough. When he assumed the presidency, he decided to do something about it, first attempting a merger with Saint Mary’s College, and when that didn’t work, opening Notre Dame up to women. He ignored objections and pushed ahead.

“The place was so macho, a lot of people thought it was going to pot,” Hesburgh said.

The transition proceeded fairly smoothly, however, and Hesburgh said any opposing sentiment gradually eroded.

“Some had their sons turned down and their daughters accepted, so that took care of that problem,” Hesburgh said.

The male chauvinism that had long pervaded the University lasted a few more years, Hesburgh said, but that, too, soon deteriorated.

“There were so few women that the women that survived those first four or five years, until they got more numbers here, were able to survive at any male chauvinistic place in the world,” Hesburgh said.

“They were used to it being one woman and 35 guys.”

And now the almost equal representation on campus, Hesburgh said, is one of the most significant changes in the University community.

“Now, I think that everybody just takes it for granted,” he said of the co-educational environment.

He also said that, if males even tried to express a discriminatory attitude at this point in time at the University, they would be far from successful.

“I don’t think they’d get away with it,” Hesburgh said. “You girls would stand up and cuff them.”

Despite such momentous strides, however, Hesburgh said there is still more that can be done to further gender equality at Notre Dame. He said battles continue to be fought, and progress is an ever-evolving phenomenon at the University.

“I pushed behind the scenes as hard as I could until we had a woman student body president,” Hesburgh said. “I think we’re where we ought to be, but that doesn’t mean we can’t get better.

In a way, women could have more influence around here than they do.”

That same opinion, he said, applies to minority students. He said the challenge is to now elect both black and Hispanic student body presidents.

“You only have to win that battle once,” Hesburgh said.

Other, more subtle, challenges, however, continue to face the Notre Dame community on a daily basis, he said. While minority percentages have increased and the face of the student body is changing, Hesburgh said the new test will be to institute actual and full integration. All ethnic groups and minorities must mingle and interact, bolstering true diversity through a visible commitment to equality.

“I think there ought to be more intercultural relationships here,” Hesburgh said, citing the benefits of cross-cultural learning gained from sharing a room with a person from a different culture, race or country.

“Coming to Notre Dame ought to teach everybody that they’re living in a very mixed-up world, and that we have to know how to live in such a world to live peacefully,” he said. “It’d be wonderful if people could leave here with friends from other cultures and other religions and other nationalities.”

The Catholic religion, however, should be the foundation for this entire integration and equality, Hesburgh said.

“We believe in equal rights for human beings, not because of their color, nationality or their sex, but because they’re human beings,” Hesburgh said.

“And on that basis, I think we’re bound to come out on the right side of these questions. And I think we do.”
Wayne Edmonds

STORY BY ANDREW SOUKUP

Wayne Edmonds doesn’t have much trouble remembering his first football practice in an Irish uniform, even though that day was more than a half-century ago.

Edmonds, who is black, was lined up at defensive end on a play when the team’s quarterback, Ralph Guglielmi, tried to sprint away from a ferocious pass rush. But Edmonds chased down Guglielmi and delivered a punishing hit to the white quarterback.

“Everything,” said Edmonds, “got real quiet.”

The next play, three blockers flattened Edmonds. But Frank Leahy, then the Irish coach, chewed out his team. In that moment, Edmonds knew that if he never set foot on the playing field in a game, it wouldn’t be because he was black.

“I felt protected. I knew the rules,” he said. “I knew that as long as I did my job right, I was going to be taken care of.”

Edmonds must have done his job well enough. In 1953, he helped Notre Dame win a national title and became the first black football player to earn a monogram at Notre Dame.

But that didn’t mean that he didn’t endure his fair share of abuse both at Notre Dame and on the road. Edmonds likes to tell the story of a time that he got caught by a priest while he was off-campus. The priest asked Edmonds, “What are you doing out here? You’re not allowed out here.” The young football player replied, “I went to get a haircut. I can’t get a haircut at Notre Dame” — because the on-campus barbershop allowed only whites.

On the football field, however, Edmonds’ teammates largely supported his play — something Edmonds now attributes to the intense pressure placed upon all the players. “The big thing was that everyone was so put under the telescope, you had to do well for yourself,” he said. “With all the pressure on you, you didn’t have time for any of that other stuff.”

While a handful of other blacks had played before Edmonds arrived, none had seen enough playing time to earn a monogram. Even Edmonds’ family in western Pennsylvania was wary of sending him to South Bend because they believed he would be taken advantage of. But Leahy and the rest of the coaching staff promised Edmonds, the most talented black player to wear an Irish uniform to date, that they would look after him. That was enough to convince him to go to Notre Dame.

“I liked the possibilities of being first,” he said. “It was important that if I did that, and I was successful at Notre Dame, which was a white institution, it would be important in my life later on.”

The coaches weren’t the only ones watching after him. On a flight to an away game, a dozing Edmonds was roused from his slumber by a tug on his arm. Next to him was Father Theodore Hesburgh, wondering how Notre Dame was treating Edmonds.

“From an administrative point of view, they wanted to make sure things were OK,” Edmonds said. “But from a football point of view, they promised that other people couldn’t harm me.”

That didn’t stop people from trying, though. On away games in Southern states, hostile fans hurled racial epithets at Edmonds. Hotels and restaurants refused to host the Irish as long as Edmonds was a member of the traveling party, and teams routinely threatened not to play the Irish if Notre Dame brought its black players.

“Finally, those other teams realized that if they wanted to win, you had to take whoever was going to be the best for you. And I take real pride in being a part of that.”

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Edward Manier

Edward Manier, professor of philosophy, is not your typical first-year student. In fact, the 1953 graduate of the University of Notre Dame stopped practiong Catholicism — and organized religion all together — for 30 years. He returned to the Church in 1999, after the marriage to his second wife and the discovery of a local parish that resonates with him.

Manier said that despite intellectual objections to some Church teachings, his problems with the Catholic Church stemmed from personal hardships that led to his eventual withdrawal in 1968.

"I left the Church for personal reasons having to do with personal weaknesses," he said. "Life had handed me a cross I couldn't handle."

A Notre Dame professor since 1959, Manier said that disagreements with the Notre Dame administration, as well as financial and family difficulties, contributed to his decision to leave the Church. "Thirty years ago, life was teaching me that I was going to be just a run of the mill Notre Dame faculty member, and I found that lesson pretty hard to swallow," he said. "We were supporting seven children on about $12,000 per year and I discovered I was also a pretty miserable excuse as a husband and father. I just going to church and became a rather hostile, anti-clerical, bitter non-Catholic." Manier also said that was often at-odds with a Notre Dame administration that proved resistant to changes that would promote more academic freedom and greater faculty governance and was unwilling to adopt a more accepting view of homosexuality.

"Notre Dame seemed more interested in inter-faith ecumenism and dialogue than in consideration of liberal reform within Catholicism itself," he said.

Despite his vast differences with some aspects of Catholicism, Manier said that the influence of his second wife, whom he married in late 1999, caused him to begin practicing again and they began to attend the Little Flower Church.

"Little Flower Parish is a powerful force in the lives of me and my wife," he said. "[Homilies] are very scripture-based, from the heart, and discuss issues I really believe in."

Bill Hurd

When Bill Hurd enrolled at Notre Dame in the fall of 1963, he entered a world far different from his hometown.

"I was one of few African-American students. Having come from an all-black high-school... it was a little different," he said.

The class of 1968 included only about eight black students — and no more than 20 in the entire student body. But after visiting the campus his senior year in high school, Hurd decided Notre Dame offered a special blend of academic excellence and athletic tradition that couldn't be found anywhere else.

"I choose Notre Dame over Southern Cal, West Point and MIT. I wanted to do both academics and athletics," he said.

But Hurd soon realized the University was far from the ideal educational environment; he was the only black student in most of his classes. He and other black students banded together to form the African-American Student Union, despite opposition from the University administration.

"We needed to fight just to exist," Hurd said. "But we needed to be together."

Once granted recognition, the group served as a support network for students. And when Notre Dame invited Sen. Strom Thurmond to speak on campus, members of the African-American Student Union decided to express their views about Thurmond's speech, walking out before the talk began.

During his years at the University, Hurd was named All-American and Notre Dame's 1968 Athlete of the Year, and he became captain of the track team that stood by him when others couldn't see past his skin color.

"We had a meet down in Virginia — we traveled on the bus from South Bend, [and] we stopped in a small town on the way there. The owner of the hotel said he didn't allow black people to stay there," Hurd said. "I was the only black person on the team. Our coach, Alex Wilson, told him, 'If he can't stay here, then we won't stay here either.'"

Overall, Hurd credits Notre Dame's very first black students for contributing positively to the University's advancement, and believes the University has come a long way since the late '60s.

"I think we and Notre Dame both learned a lot," he said. "Notre Dame has grown through their diversity experiences and so have I."

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AN EARLY MINORITY STUDENT

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AN EARLY FEMALE PROFESSOR

"Some of the men said, 'You're a woman, you can't know theology,' as if somehow biology played a part."

Josephine Ford

STORY BY ANDREW THAGARD

It's hard to believe that Josephine Ford's five-acre snow-covered farm is less than two miles from the center of Notre Dame's campus. It's even more astonishing that this petite, gray-haired lady is the person she describes in her stories with a quiet British accent as she warms herself by an old fashioned stove in her living room.

Then again, Ford wasn't the woman whom her colleagues anticipated when she was hired by then theology department chair Father Albert Schlitzer in 1965 as one of the first women to join Notre Dame's teaching faculty.

The Holy Cross priests who dominated the University's theology department at the time expected an overly assertive woman with short hair wearing a tweed suit, she recalls with a chuckle.

Trailblazers, it seems, come in different shapes and sizes.

Ford made University history when she was hired in 1965 and then again three years later when she became the first female Notre Dame faculty member to receive tenure. She captured the limelight again in 1978 — this time for suing the University alleging sexual discrimination in its promotion practices.

Ford relates all of this and more with surprising calm as only someone who is accustomed to adventure can.

The woman who says she's been too busy to marry and "settle down" spent the first part of her life in England, training first to be a nurse and later a theologian. The idea of a woman teaching college level theology was unheard of in England during those years, according to Ford, so she moved to Africa to teach.

When the school where Ford taught experienced financial trouble, she began to look for a new job. Both a British bishop and a professor at Oxford University whom she knew wrote to Notre Dame on her behalf.

Although most of her colleagues in the theology department were supportive, a few questioned her ability in a field dominated by priests.

"Some of the men said, 'You're a woman, you can't know theology,' as if somehow biology played a part," she said.

Despite such comments, Ford received tenure after three years. She languished, however, in the position of assistant professor while she watched colleagues whom she perceived to be less qualified get promoted over her from her position on the University's appointment and promotions committee.

"I had seen other people's dossiers and I knew that I had more qualifications than many of the priests," she said.

Meanwhile, Ford banded with other women members of the faculty to discuss issues they faced. The informal group called themselves "Committee W" and it was there that she decided to file a sexual discrimination suit against the University.

Ford believed then and now that Notre Dame's actions were not intentional and she doesn't recall officials or colleagues treating her badly before or after the lawsuit.

The University reached a settlement with Ford and the other plaintiffs out of court on March 16, 1981, agreeing to promote Ford to a full professor and renew Notre Dame's commitment to promote and grant tenure to female faculty members at the same rate as their male counterparts. The settlement also established an appeals committee to assess the files of faculty who were denied tenure.

In a letter distributed to all members of the faculty on Dec. 11, 1981 then-Provost Timothy O'Meara said that the University's decision to settle was motivated in part by a desire to minimize disruption to academic life that the suit could potentially cause and fear of dissuading women from applying to faculty positions.

Ford couldn't have been happier with the decision. She accepted the promotion and remained at Notre Dame until her retirement three years ago after 33 years of teaching.

"I think the fact that they settled out of court suggests that they realized they were wrong."

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"Being asked for your opinion in a classroom to represent the whole female race... that struck me as very strange."

Donna Campbell

STORY BY CLAIRE HEININGER

As the first females to attend Notre Dame in 1972, Donna Campbell and her peers expected skepticism from their professors and friction from their male classmates. They didn’t expect a beauty contest in the dining hall.

“I’ll never forget it — when we were in the cafeteria line, the boys used to have rating systems,” Campbell said. “They’d put up cards, 9.0, 10.0, 8.5, as we walked by.”

Mealtime appraisals were only one predicament that the women had to adjust to. A more significant challenge, Campbell said, was the widespread expectation of her male classmates that because she spoke as a female, she spoke as every female.

"Being asked for your opinion in a classroom to represent the whole female race — as if there’s not 20,000 different opinions, just one female opinion — that struck me as very strange," she said.

Yet it was this chance to speak up, both for herself and for others, and to contribute to the academic discourse at an institution as prominent as Notre Dame that drew Campbell and her identical twin sister Denise to apply in the first place.

Coming from the Chicago area, Campbell aimed for a top-level university in the Midwest.

"It’s not like today, when you see kids applying all over the country," she said. And with a full background of Catholic education from grade school on up, she added, Notre Dame’s Catholicism was another advantage. It seemed like the only college that fit the regional, academic and religious profile she aspired to. But there was a catch: the decision to admit women had not yet been finalized.

“At the time we were applying, it was still not sure,” she said. As soon as it was, though, so was Campbell.

“I’ll never forget the Chicago Tribune front page saying ‘Notre Dame going co-ed,”’ she said. "I thought, ‘Ah, this is it! I’m supposed to go here!’"

Once Campbell arrived, she found herself among a diverse group of women enrolled in various majors and hailing from all over the country. "We had lots of Arts and Letters, some archies, a biology, a business," she said of her close friends. However, they all had one thing in common: they were confident that they belonged here just as much as the male students did.

“We knew that we were all in this together,” Campbell said of the bond she felt with the other members of the first female class. "We did face male dominance throughout the university, and stereotyping females did occur."

She added that while those looking back may focus on the discrimination and barriers that the women were up against, she chooses to remember the time as a revolutionary step for a conservative institution. "We were very excited to be given the opportunity to become part of a great decision," Campbell said. "I always look at the positive side.

Campbell, who lived in Walsh Hall as a freshman and moved to Farley Hall for her final three years, added that the women’s intellectual contributions — "we were such a small group of females, so we were seen as the eggheads" she said — became even more valuable when combined with what they brought to the social scene.

“All of the sudden there were hall parties, there were girls’ dorms sponsoring formal dances,” she said. She explained that the dynamic of a slightly uptight, entirely male culture began to shift to reflect the atmosphere that existed at other universities across the country.

“Socially, it became a little more of the norm of what was going on on co-ed campuses elsewhere,” Campbell said.

She added that while males at Notre Dame already interacted with females in an academic setting by taking classes with Saint Mary’s students, their adjustment to social interaction was harder to make. It was also more of a shock for some than for others.

“The freshmen boys weren’t quite as put off as the upperclassmen,” she said. "But they all got used to it. They learned."

They learned that the sense of belonging was mutual. And they learned that co-education at Notre Dame was an idea worthy of a perfect 10.
THE HOMOSEXUAL EX-PRIEST

"I could not teach people in the Church about gay people if I didn't come out myself. I had to back it up. I could not lead a double life."

He had remained silent for decades, but in April 1996, he wrote the letter.

An outcry replaced the silence, and David Garrick's life, as he knew it, began to unravel. Eight years later, he is no longer at Notre Dame, is no longer a priest and has disappeared from the spotlight. The last major interview with Garrick was printed in the National Catholic Reporter in 2001, and The Observer was unable to contact him for this story. But many still remember his role in shaping Notre Dame history.

Garrick was a member of the Congregation of Holy Cross. He had been a rector of Keenan Hall. He was an assistant professor of theater and communications, he wore his hair a little long, and he wrote poetry.

He was also gay, and he admitted his homosexuality to the entire Notre Dame community in a letter printed in The Observer Viewpoint section on April 9, 1996. "I could not teach people in the Church about gay people if I didn't come out myself," Garrick told The Observer in a 1998 interview. "I had to back it up. I could not lead a double life."

The letter came against a backdrop of controversy about homosexuals at Notre Dame. The early 1990s were filled with protests and rallies. In 1993, GLND/SMC was told to leave its designated space in the Counseling Center. After that decision, Garrick said, he knew he had to publicize his homosexuality.

He wanted to be a role model for young Catholic homosexual students — because he had never had one. Throughout his adolescence, teen years and college experience (Garrick graduated from Notre Dame in 1966) he had never come into contact with anyone to whom he could look for advice and examples about how to live a both gay and Catholic life. And he wanted to be that person for struggling students.

"Without good role models, young people fall into despair. I want them to know that other futures are available to them," he told The Observer.

In his letter, Garrick maintained that he had honored the priestly vow of celibacy, and he outlined a personal theology that discussed living with homosexuality.

Soon, though, he said his life at the University changed. "I haven't had any priestly duties on this campus as of April 1996," Garrick said in 1998. "No men's dorms have asked me to say Mass, and only two women's dorms have — that's devastating for a priest."

Holy Cross officials, however, denied that Garrick had been relieved from any responsibilities based on his sexual orientation.

But Garrick said the ostracization became so bad that he felt compelled to announce his resignation from the University in March 1998. He also described his resignation as a protest of the University's failure to implement a non-discrimination clause against homosexuals. Garrick's departure spurred an explosion of protest, petitions and rallies, but the administration continued to uphold its stance against the inclusion clause — a which still does not exist.

The Holy Cross order agreed to send Garrick to Los Angeles to work in the AIDS ministry, but Garrick decided to leave the Holy Cross order, he will receive no pension at 65. His decision to be open about his life destroyed it, as he knew it, and alienated him from the Notre Dame community he loved.

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So Garrick took a job, which paid $6.60 an hour, as a Pinkerton security guard for "The Tonight Show." He finished the play, "A Difficult Patient," and enlisted the sponsorship of the local chapter of Dignity, an organization for gay and lesbian Catholics. Because the play was non-profit, the actors' union provided equity actors and managers, who worked on the production for $7 a night in exchange for the opportunity to showcase their talents, NCR reported.

"A Difficult Patient" follows the story of a young homosexual man in the early 1970s and his anti-gay, oppressive psychiatrist. The play opened in November 2000 and was scheduled to run for 10 nights but closed early due to lack of attendance, NCR reported.

The failure left Garrick $15,000 in debt, and without employment — again. Because he left the Holy Cross order, he will receive no pension at 65. His decision to be open about his life destroyed it, as he knew it, and alienated him from the Notre Dame community he loved.

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"They say Notre Dame is a family," Vore said. "If you're my parents, you've got to take care of me. If I come to Notre Dame not knowing I'm gay and discover it while I'm there, I don't want to be silenced."

Vore said his first reports of the abuse, as well as his subsequent efforts to gain acknowledgment of gays on campus, were quieted by an administration that was more concerned with its image than with the values it pledged to promote and the students it promised to respect.

However, Notre Dame spokesman Matt Storin said that while he could not comment on Vore's case in particular, the University took immediate action in response to all sexual abuse allegations. He added that he believed all people involved in the abuse incidents were of graduate student age.

Vore focused on the University's attitude towards gay students, saying that it was careful not to publicize the existence of a group that might cause controversy among donors.

"Notre Dame has to play a game with its donors to survive," Vore said. "They're making sure none of the donors feel uncomfortable."

Vore believes that this money-for-image exchange factors highly into the University's reaction to students in his situation.

"They're very conservative because they don't want to offend people who give them money, don't want to interfere with the cash cow," he said. "So they ostracize things that go against the 'Notre Dame family' and the university's Catholic character."

Gay students do not fit into this ideal character, and, Vore says, Notre Dame doesn't do much to mask their exclusion. He believes that by catering to the priorities of Catholicism over the priorities of individualism and intellectual curiosity, the University not only hurts students like himself but also betrays its purpose.

"A Catholic university is a contradiction in terms," Vore said. "There is a conservative Pope and pressure to meet Catholic priorities. But at a university you are taught to think for yourself — to question everything, to question the question where you end up."

Vore's own questioning persisted throughout his undergraduate and graduate time at the University, when he consistently tried to bring alternative, liberal and progressive views to campus. His masters' thesis, "Gay Man in Catholic Disneyland," which was published in 2002 as an introduction to his memoir "Tell Me What Home Is Like," summarized his feelings about Notre Dame's profit-driven decision making. He compared the University's image-conscious approach to a corporation trying to maintain "a theme park for Catholics."

In addition to his thesis, Vore was involved with GALA (Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College), contributed consultation to the University's antidiscrimination clause and suggested that a permanent standing committee on gay and lesbian issues be created at Notre Dame.

Vore insists that these students deserve a committee because "they have unique issues and unique concerns."

"They are uniquely vulnerable because they are essentially theological minorities. They lie outside the traditional Catholic thinking."

Although Vore has since stepped outside Notre Dame, publishing "Moving Into History: Lookout Liberals, Psychological Correctness and Victim Cultures" in 2003, he continues to urge others who have been ignored, abused or both to step back into the dialogue.

He said that for many who have been abused, the pain is so great that they "can't even step back on campus," but stressed that "you don't get through it by hiding — you get through it by creating a network of people to help."

Such a network was missing from the University's own stance on the sexual abuse crisis, Vore said. He said that spokesmen and administrators have focused too much on congratulating Notre Dame's response to the scandals without acknowledging that events on its own campus were a contributing force in the first place.

"It all comes down to how Notre Dame is sold," he said. "It goes back to the Catholic Disneyland concept. Notre Dame has a lot of first-hand experience with the sex abuse scandal, but [these reactions] are evidence that the University is still taking care of itself first and foremost — and that's sad."

A self-serving and exclusive community, Vore reiterated, is not worthy of the "family" title. "If you care too much about image," he said, "you're going to lose what you're all about."

STORY BY CLAIRE HEININGER

Coming out to his own family was gut-wrenching. Coming out to the Notre Dame family proved to be another challenge entirely.

John Michael Vore learned the distinction the hard way when, as an undergraduate struggling to place his identity, he realized he was gay and sought out a priest for counseling. Instead of that might cause controversy among donors.

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THE IRISH GUARDSWOMAN

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Molly Kinder

STORY BY AMANDA MICHAELS

Before Molly Kinder left home for her freshman year at Notre Dame, her mother alerted her to the presence of a group of extremely tall men on campus called the Irish Guard — clearly steering her 6-foot-2 daughter to a pool of suitable SYR dates. Weeks later, when Kinder watched the kilted Guardsmen march proudly across the field at her first football game as a student, it was love at first sight — but not the kind her mother expected.

In that moment, unaware of the incredible struggle her decision would bring, she realized she did not want to date a Guardsman. She wanted to become one.

Three years later, with many hurdles behind her and more ahead, she marched out onto the field as the first and only female member of the Guard.

Her long journey started at the beginning of her junior year when, after a summer of rigorous physical preparation, she did not make the final cut for the 1999 Guard. She did, however, manage to integrate herself into a group originally "shocked" by her appearance, and, not dissuaded in the least, Kinder vowed to earn a spot on the Guard the following year.

While working in Santiago, Chile the following summer, Kinder practiced her high-knee marching through the busy streets — creating "quite a scene," as she recalls — and kept a picture of the Guard in her backpack to remind her of her goal.

The second audition, Kinder said, was far more comfortable than the first. She "felt a great deal of camaraderie with the aspiring and current Guardsmen." She was confident that, had she performed to the best of her ability, new band director Ken Dye would not overlook her because of her gender.

However, not all were as open-minded as he; as she would learn the night before results were posted. The captain of the Guard, who was told in advance that Kinder was to be chosen, made an unannounced visit to her room to discuss the possibility of her making the group.

"In our nearly two-hour conversation, he firmly laid out the many challenges I might face if I were to be a member of the Irish Guard," she said. "I would later learn from another Guardsman that the talk was motivated by a desire to persuade me not to join the squad."

This situation was just an indication of what she would face over the next year. Amid a media frenzy, she tried to balance the traditional secrecy of the Guard with the public's interest in her experience. This created a tension that she said contributed to her difficulty integrating into the group.

Though her friends, family and fans were not shy in expressing their support, the once welcoming Guardsmen now seemed to be closing her out of the group. Despite compromises aimed at making the transition as smooth as possible — including the concession that she would not perform the Victory Clog, acknowledging the uncomfortable physical dynamic when the Guardsmen "brushed chests" during the celebratory dance — the nine men treated her "with a standard policy of segregation and disregard" she said.

"I think the guys didn't even think I was going to make it," Kinder said. "I was taken aback by the instantaneous change in the manner in which they interacted with me [and] their rebuff intensified as the days progressed — particularly after that first weekend, during which I later learned that the group of nine had gone on an 'initiation' excursion [which excluded Kinder]."

Though Student Affairs warned her of integration issues when she was first accepted into the group, Kinder was offered no further support and, in accordance to the promise to "keep Guard talk under wraps," was left alone during this challenge.

Kinder said the most intense moment came during the inspection before the first home game, when former Irish Guardsmen are invited to come up and do their own inspection after the captain completes his. Kinder considered these former Guardsmen to be her biggest opponents. Because of concerns over how the men would react, extra security was brought in but was never used.

"I was basically ignored," she said. "But while I was standing there at attention, this guy came up with his daughter and he says, "Molly, this is my daughter. She hopes to be in the Irish Guard someday. I will forever be grateful to him. He broke the ice, and after that, the guys toned it down."

Though that first game was the "best thing [she's] ever experienced," the exclusion by Kinder's fellow Guardsmen never got easier.

"I thought there was no way they would keep on excluding me," she said. "I showed up every day with a smile on my face. I showed I was willing to compromise by respecting traditions, I showed I could march as well as them."

It was during an away game at Pittsburgh when, after being left alone while the rest of the Guard went to dinner, Kinder decided that she had dealt with enough.

"I sort of made myself an honorary trumpet," she said. "I loved that marching band more than anything. They made sure I was included. In the end, I didn't take the bus home with the Guard. I was sending the message that I refused to put up with that, but it never got better."

Despite the hardship, Kinder does not regret joining the Irish Guard. She said the experience made her stronger and she is proud of the legacy she has left behind. She also said that she would encourage any other young woman looking to try out for the Guard, but thinks the University itself still has a ways to go before it is truly a comfortable, equal setting for females. "Being let in is first step to integration," Kinder said. "The second is women accomplishing things, proving themselves. But the third step to real integration is getting the culture and traditions and attitudes of the University up to speed with fact that the campus is split between male and female."

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THE FIRST WOMAN STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

"I think there is social paradigm, especially where a woman is first to do something, for a woman to have to work harder to do something than a man would."

Brooke Norton

STORY BY MEGHANNE DOWNES

Brooke Norton moved into her Walsh dorm room in August 1996 and was shocked to learn that there had never been a female student body president.

Two and a half years later she was elected the first female student body president.

"I was not the type of person who went to Notre Dame thinking I would be president," Norton said. "It just kind of evolved. There was just something that told me I needed to do it."

In high school, Norton focused on grades and sports, but at Notre Dame she searched for another outlet. She said she was surprised to win her dorm's freshman class council position. From there she rose up the student government ranks.

Brown

STORY BY BETH ERICKSON

Famous for his contagious spirit and uncontrolable exuberance at Notre Dame football games, leprechaun Mike Brown remains at the forefront of fans' memories more than seasons after his graduation.

Although he is remembered for his enthusiasm and performance, there was a day when Brown's fame was sparked by his skin color.

"When I first became leprechaun, there was so much media attention drawn to it because of my race," he said. "There was a lot of buzz around campus, around South Bend, in my hometown, and I guess across the nation, too."

"I don't think any of that would have happened if I hadn't been the first black leprechaun," he said.

When the leprechaun was announced for the 2000 football season, the spotlight shone immediately on Brown.

Seizing the opportunity, he didn't miss the opportunity to impress. As cameras snapped and telephones rang, he good-naturedly agreed to photos and interviews, quickly working his way into the hearts of fans everywhere.

"I tried not to focus on it too much," he said. "I tried to focus on being the 22nd leprechaun, not the first black leprechaun."

While he heard a good number of light-hearted jokes, Brown said that, in his entire career as leprechaun, he never felt anyone stare and never heard one negative comment.

Despite the positive reception he earned, Brown rejects the convention that he broke any barriers by becoming the first black leprechaun at Notre Dame.

"A lot of people thought I broke barriers and did something so spectacular, but I just don't think anyone else [other blacks] had ever tried out," he said. "It wasn't really a barrier thing."

He and the cheerleaders went out on the field every game to cheer the team to victory, regardless of skin color, he said.

"I had a great time, no matter what," he said. "I got to meet so many people as a result, and I got to do so many things I would not have been able to do."
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Horoscope

EUGENIA LAST


Happy Birthday: Patience will be needed this year, but you will accomplish far more if you don't depend on others to work as quickly. This will be the year to finish projects and to start new ones. Changes and hard work will be necessary. If you accept whatever comes your way, you will move forward much faster.

Your numbers: 10, 17, 24, 28, 30, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Obediace may cause you to drop behind in important duties. Travel will not be in your best interest. Conversations may lead you to the wrong direction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Travel will promote new friendships and partnerships. You will be able to expand your awareness through philosophic classes. Spend time talking to those who contribute to your objectives. Focus on your goals, and success will follow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your tempo will get the better of you if you discover that your finances have been tampered with. Look over your personal papers and ask questions if something looks funny.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Problems at home are festering. Don't overlook the possibility that someone you care about may be hiding something. You must try to communicate if you wish to help. We've read your mind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Gear up for social events. You will do well at games of strategy. Creative hobbies will allow you to express yourself. Spend time interacting with others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You need a release. Do something that will be relaxing yet enjoyable. Activities that involve children will be satisfying. Your creative talent needs a new outlet.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't argue with loved ones. Chasten your energy into home-improvement projects that will benefit everyone. Your emotions may be hard to control if you get caught in a love triangle.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will need to look into new ways to pass idle time. New friends and love relationships will develop if you are willing to pass on your skills.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You should be looking into making adjustments to your financial investments. You may need to take care of the personal affairs of a close friend or relative. Be cautious.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't jump the gun. You'll make your loved one the target of your passion if you don't have any proof of your suspicions. You must be accommodating and refrain from making hasty emotional decisions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You need to become involved in group activities that will get you out of the house and moving in new circles. It's time to spread your wings and move on.

PIECES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't become emotionally involved with colleagues. There will be plenty of fish in the sea, and it really isn't necessary to create a situation that could lead to involvement. Get out with friends, and you are likely to meet someone interesting.

Birthday Baby: You will take your work by storm. Independence and fantasy will lead you down some interesting avenues. You are determined to follow your own dreams and will start to move in that direction from a young age.


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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

Answer: WHEN SHE BOUGHT HER CRUISE WEAR, SHE MADE SURE IT WAS SEE WORTHY.
The excitement and winning attitude visible even in exhibition play is due to the return of a solid supporting cast. "With returning guys you have guys who have a year or more of experience under their belt," sophomore attacker Pat Walsh said. "You have guys who have been in game situations and who know how to do the stuff that you just can't coach."

The heading duo returning to the Irish starting lineup is senior attacker Dan Berger and Walsh. Both players were named honorable mention preseason All-Americans by Inside Lacrosse in early January. Berger has played in all 27 Irish games the past two seasons, scoring in all but three of those games. He led the team in points with 25-121 goals.

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

When most people think of track, they don't picture a physical altercation. But most people never asked Juan Alba. "It's always a big dog fight in there," Alba said of the Big East indoor track and field Championships. "I just want to take out the guy in front of me."

While Alba won't actually be beating anyone up this weekend, his words aptly describe the caractère success of this year's group of seniors. The men are the defending conference champs and are primed for a repeat title this weekend in Syracuse, N.Y. behind the efforts of seniors like distance runners Mark Barber and Kevin Somak, triple jumper Godwin Mbogwu and Alba. The women's team is ranked No. 17 by Trackwire.com. In addition to senior sprinters Ayesha Boyd and Kristen Dodd, senior pole-vaulter Jill Van Woedden also helps lead the team. Boyd is ecstatic just to be competing in her last season in track.

By HEATHER VAN HOGAARDEN
Sports Writer

St. John's decided to focus on controlling Notre Dame's leading scorers Megan Duffy and Jacqueline Batteast in a triangle-and-two defense Tuesday night, but that was fine with Jeneka Joyce. Joyce hit her first four 3-pointers in Tuesday's 69-56 victory. Joyce cut the Irish defense with three open spots and did a great job shooting," Irish coach Muffett McGraw said. For Notre Dame (16-6, 9-3 in the Big East), it was only its fourth win in 12 attempts in true road games this season. But it wasn't an easy win by any means. St. John's (9-14, 3-9) came out red-hot in the first half, shooting 53.6 percent from the field. The Irish's box-and-one was not working as well as they hoped, so they switched to man-to-man in the second half and were able to pull away in the end.

"Defensively, no question that made a difference," McGraw said. "I felt we played our better defenders in the second half a little bit more." Notre Dame came out strong in the Big East.

"I guess you could call it a home-court advantage," freshman Christian Thompson said. "We got used to it once we started playing, but it was just really hard to adjust to at first."

Despite having to face such challenging match environments all weekend — Friday's opponent Virginia Commonwealth's courts were overheated — the Irish overcame those challenges to register three victories. The Irish defeated No. 14 Virginia Commonwealth 4-3, Boston College 6-1 Saturday and No. 69 Virginia Tech 5-2 Sunday. The NCAA blames the University of Washington for the situation that led to the firing of former football coach Rick Neuheisel.

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By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

All teams know exhibitions mean little more than practice, but that does not mean the Irish are not confident about the upcoming season.

Notre Dame has eight starters and 20 players overall returning from last year's team, which has lead to a No. 11 preseason ranking. Last year the Irish finished 9-5, splitting its fifth straight Great Western Lacrosse League title and finishing No. 18 in the nation.

To warm up for the 2004 season, the Irish had two convincing wins in exhibition games. Notre Dame beat Mercyhurst (22-4) and the Boston Cannons (14-11), respectively. The Irish dominated the first game, smothering the opponent with their offensive attack.

The second game, played Saturday at Loftus Sports Center, was more of a challenge. Down 7-2 to the Cannons in the second period, Notre Dame opened a ten-goal barrage that gave them a 12-7 lead en route to a second consecutive exhibition victory. The excitement and winning attitude visible even in exhibition play is due to the return of a solid supporting cast.

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The heading duo returning to the Irish starting lineup is senior attacker Dan Berger and Walsh. Both players were named honorable mention preseason All-Americans by Inside Lacrosse in early January. Berger has played in all 27 Irish games the past two seasons, scoring in all but three of those games. He led the team in points with 25-121 goals.

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