Student leaders prepare to leave office

Lao, Chin express satisfaction with accomplishments

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Assistant News Editor

The past year has been one of many changes for Notre Dame’s student government. However, through these changes, student body president Jeremy Lao and members of his office have tried to keep focused on their main goal: to serve the student body.

Student body vice president Emily Chin echoed this goal when speaking on the accomplishments of student government.

“I think that we have addressed some of the major student issues and interests on campus,” she said.

Lao commented on his office’s accomplishments.

“I would have to say that four greatest accomplishments would be Alco Baptism Awareness Week,” he said. “The Board of Trustees applauded the event, and it showed that the Student Union is willing to work with the administration.”

The women have demonstrated leadership in a number of ways over the past year, affecting both policy changes and the everyday lives of students. Jablonski-Diehl, however, gives all credit to those who served alongside her on BOG.

“No student body president acts alone,” she said. “Student government accomplished its goals because we were able to act together, even when we disagreed. The remarkable women who worked hard and creatively deserve the credit for a successful year.”

Platform goals such as informing students about student government and improving communication were met, making the year a success, Jablonski-Diehl said. She emphasizes the vitality of communication between students and their representatives, and believes she and Brown have successfully accomplished that goal throughout the course of their term.

“We sought to improve relations between The Observer and student government. Improved communications was one reason we resurrected the tradition of a State of the School Address,” Jablonski-Diehl said. “We worked hard to let students know about the activities that we were planning. We worked even harder to listen to students so that we could really act as their representatives.”

Jablonski-Diehl and Brown headed a board that not only listened to students’ needs, but also worked to have those needs met. As a result, programs such as VISA, Friends With Sisters and \textit{f}irst class ‘thanks to a stable job market, said Lee Svete, director of Notre Dame’s Career Center.

Svete believes companies are realizing they may have underestimated their need for recruits. Consequently, Irish job postings are up 23 percent from last year. In addition, Hewlett-Packard recently notified the Career Center of its need to fill 104 positions.

“I don’t want to be overly optimistic,” Svete said. “It has been a competitive year, yet I have seen more activity than last year.”

Typically, within six months of graduation, 41 percent of seniors find full-time employment. 35 percent attend graduate school. 13 percent engage in volunteer work, four percent take military jobs and one percent take time off.

The University will not know the percentages for this year until a survey is conducted after April.

Male students dominate Mendoza College of Business

By KATE GALES
Associate News Editor

Though nearly a third of Notre Dame’s undergraduate students are enrolled in the Mendoza College of Business, the gender gap in this college is seen only to the College of Engineering.

At the end of the fall semester, 64 percent of the 3,010 juniors and seniors with declared majors in the College of Business were men, according to the Office of Institutional Research. While students enrolled in Mendoza do not declare their specific major within the college until the end of their sophomore year, the trend continued with 62 percent of the 542 sophomores being men.

“We accept anyone that wants to be a business major,” said William Nichols, associate dean of the college. “We don’t actively recruit anyone to come here.”

Notably, sex discrepancies varied considerably among the five business majors: finance, accounting, management, management information studies and marketing.

Finance majors and accounting majors, the largest and third-largest majors in the college, enroll 76 and 63 percent male students respectively. The gender gap seems larger for management and MIS majors, both of which have 78 percent male students. However, these numbers can be more misleading, as 108 students only declared management as of last fall. MIS is even smaller, with only 94 students enrolled.

Marketing — the college’s second-most popular major — directly opposes the other four, with 57 percent of the 279 marketing majors being women.

Nichols, who also teaches in the accounting department, said it is difficult to say why women are such a minority in all but one of Mendoza’s majors.

“We’re looking at Notre Dame students here. They’re all really bright,” Nichols said. “You can’t just say ‘I assume that men are more quantitative than women’ — looking at students’ SAT scores, you can’t get into Notre Dame without being quantitative.”

Especially within the college, students seem to choose majors according to personal interests and talents, not because of traditional sex roles.

Matt Frey, a sophomore in the
INSIDE COLUMN

Corby's or bust

As I write this column, it's a Tuesday evening and I don't want to be in the basement of South Dining Hall. I don't want to write about student government. I don't want to lay out the business page. I don't want to crop photos.

I have a few bucks in my pocket, a spring in my step and a thirst that only a $3 pitcher can quench. That's right. I'm talking about Corby's Irish Pub, my favorite bar in the bustling metropolis that is South Bend.

Don't get me wrong, I don't mean to slight the other fine bars in the area. Boat Club is great, the Backer is a hell of a place and Fiddler's Hearth is a fun time. But Corby's has a special place in my heart.

This delightful little establishment on the corner of LaSalle and Niles is a treasure trove of good times. Drinks are reasonably priced and pretty good. The aforementioned $3 pitcher can be had in Miller Genuine Draft, Miller Lite or Coors Light. If that's too little too high class for you, a buck will buy the coldest can of Pabst Blue Ribbon you ever had. And the always attractive ladies behind the bar make the best gin and tonics in the state of Indiana.

But the drinks aren't the only thing to love—there's just so much to do. Take your pick from among five pool tables, all of which are occupied all the time. Toss darts at any of the five electronic machines, complete with taunting noises. Watch ESPN on the big screen TV. Dodge townies. Or just plain drink until you fall down, like a certain friend of mine did on her 21st birthday last week.

I've even heard a rumor they have food.

I just love the place. I love weaving my way to the bar through a couple hundred of my closest friends, locked in a staring contest on the pool tables. I love the fenced-in patio behind the bar, even though it's 35 degrees every single day of the year. I love the hundreds of dollar bills stapled above the bar, bearing the signatures of delighted patrons. I even love the graffiti in the men's room: "Please don't drop toothpicks into the urinals. The crabs have learned how to pole vault."

And it's Notre Dame through and through.

The bar scenes in Rudy were filmed there. The place has blue and gold sweatshirts for sale. Neon leprechaun and monogram ND are mounted prominently on the walls. It's packed with Domers, shoulder to shoulder. And I'm on my way to join 'em.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Matt Bramanti at braman- ti.19@nd.edu.

IN BRIEF

Angela Glover Blackwell, founder and president of Policy Link and former senior vice president of the Rockefeller Foundation, will give a lecture entitled "Search for the Uncommon Common Ground: New Dimensions on Race in America." It will take place today from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center.

James Wallis, editor of Sojourners Magazine, will lecture today on "How will you Vote: Politics and Values in 2004." Sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns, the Office of Campus Ministry and Lyons Hall, the lecture will take place at 12:30 p.m. in the Coleman Morse Lounge. Lunch will be provided.

Notre Dame favorites Gavin and Parker will perform on Saint Mary's campus tonight at 8 p.m. Take a break from studying and come to Dalloway's to enjoy their music.

“Catholic Perspectives on Economic Justice” will be presented by Teresa Ghilarducci of the Higgins Labor Research Center and Roberto Gutierrez, vice president of Public Relations and Communications, tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. The lecture will be held in the Coleman Morse Lounge and cover living as a Catholic in response to economic and social justice through different professions.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnew@nd.edu.
Doctor discusses risks, benefits of controversial treatment
IU professor lectures on hormone replacement therapy for menopausal women

By ANDREW THAGARD
Associate News Editor

Dr. Marguerite Shepard, professor emerita of obstetrics and gynecology at Indiana University School of Medicine and a nationally renowned expert in reproductive endocrinology, lectured Tuesday on the risks and benefits of hormone replacement therapy.

The talk marked the second in the 10th annual "Mini Medical School Lecture Series" presented by the South Bend Center for Medical Education and sponsored by the Medical Education Foundation.

Shepard, who received her medical degree from Johns Hopkins University, said that hormone replacement therapy has the ability to relieve many of the symptoms that menopausal women experience but may also have some deleterious effects.

Hormone replacement therapy involves administering estrogen or a combination of estrogen and progesterone to ease symptoms of Menopausal Syndrome including hot flashes, night sweats, weakness, memory loss, anxiety, depression, joint pain and decreased sexual desire.

The menopausal transition age range is 35 to 60 and the severity of the symptoms varies between individuals.

"This (menopause) is not a sudden thing," Shepard said. "It is a gradual process and it is more prominent in some than in others."

Although about 20 percent of women will have only mild symptoms, others will experience more extreme hot flashes, which hormone replacement therapy can help alleviate, Shepard said.

She emphasized the importance of communicating with health care providers and seeking early treatment.

"Early treatment is important," Shepard said. "One shouldn't wait until things get beyond the point of no return."

The options of managing menopausal symptoms, Shepard said, include 'toughing it out,' estrogen or estrogen and progesterone therapy, alternative medicine and lifestyle modifications.

While 'toughing it out' may only be an option for those who have mild symptoms, Shepard said, making minor adjustments to a person's lifestyle, including eating a healthy diet, exercising moderately and taking calcium and vitamin D supplements to combat osteoporosis, is something that everyone should consider.

"The choice that you're going to make may be situational," she said. "The woman who is working might have a shorter fuse than someone who is retired. It's a choice that has to be made by you."

Shepard said, estrogen therapy has the potential to alleviate vasomotor symptoms, reduce vaginal atrophy and genitourinary symptoms and prevent osteoporosis.

Some studies, Shepard said, also show a reduction in the risk of primary coronary artery disease, colorectal cancer and overall mortality.

At the same time, however, hormone replacement therapy can also increase the risk of developing endometrial cancer if estrogen is administered in the absence of progesterone and strokes and, to a lesser extent, breast cancer.

"The increased risk of breast cancer is there regardless of whether you take hormones, though there may be a slight increase with hormones," Shepard said.

She criticized the media's coverage of a World Health Initiative study which led many women to abruptly discontinue their therapies without consulting a physician — a potentially dangerous decision, she said.

"There was just this panic," Shepard said. "This is an example of how data can be manipulated in the popular press."

The WHI discontinued a study involving conjugated equine estrogen in 2002 because of fears that it causes adverse cardiovascular effects, particularly strokes.

"The stroke risk was not one such that people should stop immediately," Shepard said. "Much of the results were not statistically significant."

She criticized the studies for only using one form of estrogen and progesterone to be cost effective and the use of women with a median age of 63 — none of whom had menopausal symptoms. The study was conducted in this manner to prevent certain groups from realizing they received the placebo after their hot flashes remained.

"The criticism is if you're trying to prevent something you need to start (prior to when) all the damage occurs," Shepard said.

The current recommendations for hormone replacement therapy are that it should be used for the relief of moderate to severe vasomotor symptoms, including hot flashes and night sweats, and not as a first choice to treat vaginal atrophy and osteoporosis.

"Treating the symptoms individually, as they occur may be a viable option for some. Alternative medicine, including acupuncture, muscle relaxation techniques and relaxation responses, may also prove effective," Shepard said.

She warned, however, against the use of over-the-counter, non-FDA approved products which may lack appropriate concentrations, be inappropriately prepared or not achieve what they promise.

"Your skin cannot extract progesterone from wild yam cream," Shepard said, adding that it must be altered in a laboratory first.

The "Mini Medical School Lecture Series" will continue next Tuesday with a presentation by Psychologist Dominic Vachon titled "Transcending Suffering: Spirituality and Maintaining Compassion in the Encounter with Human Pain."

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Center aids SMC seniors in job hunt

By TERESA NOWAKOWSKI
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As graduation rapidly approaches for Saint Mary's class of 2004, seniors anticipate donning their caps and gowns and taking one final walk down the Avenue into the future that lies before them. Many are looking forward to a variety of positions ranging from service opportunities to full-time careers. Jeffrey Roberts, associate director for career opportunities in the Counseling and Career Development Center, says the CCDC exists for students who "just want to come in to create a plan that is unique to them." The center does not help with specific advising in class, but does answer questions students may have about their degree or how to pursue a job.

Roberts only works with juniors and seniors, while other staff members cater their services to freshmen and sophomores. According to Roberts, 50 to 60 percent of Saint Mary's graduates typically decide to move on to full-time positions, 25 percent go to graduate school, and 10 to 15 percent consider one year of voluntary service and a small group chooses occupations in the military or decide to take a year abroad.

This year's seniors fall within many of the groups Roberts describes.

Marianne Orfanos, a history major, is applying to work at the Mercy Home for Boys and Girls in Chicago. Orfanos says she continues to await a response, but that isn't stopping her from pursuing what she wants to do. "I want to work with kids and I'm happy doing that," she said. If the Mercy Home does not work out, Orfanos hopes to set her sights on other service opportunities.

Chemistry major Stephanie Cunningham plans to continue her education to obtain a master's and possibly Ph.D. in industry and research development. Cunningham attributes getting into graduate school to personal recommendations from Saint Mary's professors. "They are more than just, 'Oh, she turned in her homework, I don't know who she is,'" she said.

Mary Beth BreVIak, an English writing major, does not have a job following graduation. She is looking for a career in publishing or public relations, but acknowledges that neither field tends to hire in advance. She plans to maintain her job at Victoria's Secret, relocate to a different city and, once there, find a job in the area of her choice.

Jeanne Berger, a marketing and international business major, has had several job offers including a position in banking management and sales at National City and an offer to teach in Japan. "Business is really competitive, but the market has improved a lot," she said. Most of these women agree that Saint Mary's prepared them well for what lies ahead.

"Having a Saint Mary's degree behind my name is meaningful," said psychology major Yvonne Benson, who is pursuing graduate work at Fairfield University in Connecticut.

"There are a lot of companies that like to hire SMC women," Broviak said. However, Berger feels that while a Saint Mary's degree may be an asset in surrounding states, it may not have the same mark of recognition in others.

While many seniors said they utilized the CCDC for purposes such as proofreading resumes, finding jobs and locating internships, some suggest improvements for next year.

"They need someone specifically for the sciences," Cunningham said. "I don't think they know what [the industry is] looking for."

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Bush now says Rice will testify

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush agreed Tuesday to do what he had insisted for weeks he would not: allow National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice to testify publicly and under oath before an independent panel investigating the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The White House also agreed that Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney would answer questions — together, in private — before the entire commission.

The turnabout reflected administration concern that the president’s strongest point with voters — his leadership in the war on terror — could be jeopardized if the high-publicity dispute over Rice’s testimony were to go forward.

“Terror was never more than an abstraction until now and it is a visceral reality,” Bush said.

“Our nation must never forget the loss or the lessons of September 11 and we must never assume that the terrorist threat is somehow passed,” he said in short remarks in the White House briefing room.

He took no questions.

The commission’s Republican chairman, former New Jersey Gov. Thomas Kean, welcomed the decision and said the White House shouldn’t be concerned that the testimony would violate the principles of executive privilege or separation of powers.

But Kean recognized the fact that this is an extraordinary event,” Kean said.

This does not set a precedent,” he added.

He said there was still no time set — either for Rice’s public testimony or for Bush and Cheney’s private appearance. Administration officials said her appearance probably would come at the end of next week.

Bush is stacking much of his re-election bid on his performance as president after the 2001 attacks.

But former Bush counterterrorism adviser Richard Clarke — in a bestselling book and testimony before the Sept. 11 commission last week — contended the president had been slow to act against al-Qaida before the attacks and compromised the anti-terror battle afterward by going to war in Iraq.

Opinion polls suggest support for Bush’s handling of the war on terror has declined. Two surveys this week show the president’s approval ratings on that issue are now in the high 50 percent range after being in the mid-60s for months.

Although the erosion has not hurt Bush in one-on-one polling against Democratic rival John Kerry, the White House saw a brewing problem.

It waged a vigorous counterattack on Clarke’s credibility. But the many hours Rice spent rebutting Clarke in the news media only raised anew the criticism of the White House refusal to let her testify publicly.

Even Republicans began saying the administration’s argument on separation of powers should be tossed aside.

Commissioner Slade Gorton, a former Republican senator from Washington state, said he was delighted at Bush’s change of heart.

NEWS

Police arresteight, seize explosives

Associated Press

LONDON — Police arrested eight men and seized half a ton of ammonium nitrate, a fertilizer compound used in the Oklahoma City bombing, in raids by hundreds of officers — one of the biggest anti-terror operations in Britain since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Home Secretary David Blunkett, who has warned for months that London is a prime terrorist target, said the arrests Tuesday were a “timely reminder” of the threat from al-Qaida leaders. But a police spokesman warned that the headline-grabbing dawn raids risked demonizing the whole Muslim community.

Press Association, the British news agency, said all eight were of Pakistani descent, but police would not comment.

In a sweep involving 700 officers, eight suspects were picked up in London and towns to the south and west on suspicion of involvement in the "commission, preparation or instigation" of acts of terrorism, British Metropolitan Police said.

Authorities recovered the ammonium nitrate — often used in terrorist bombings — from a self-storage facility in west London, police said.

It was the largest seizure of potential bomb-making material in England since the Irish Republican Army suspended its campaign of violence in 1997.

"Part of the investigation will focus on the purchase, storage and intended use of that material," said Deputy Assistant Commissioner Peter Clarke, head of the force’s anti-terrorist branch.

Clarke said the suspects were British, aged 17 to 32, and were arrested as part of an operation targeting alleged international terrorist activity. He said the operation, which involved five police forces, was not linked to any specific event or bombings this month or to Irish terrorism.

Clarke gave no details of the suspects’ background or religious affiliation, but he told reporters that "we in the police service know that the overwhelming majority of the Muslim community are law abiding and completely reject all forms of violence."

Three of the arrests were in Uxbridge and Slough, near Heathrow Airport west of London, and four in Crawley and Horley, near Gatwick to the south.
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Coleman-Morse Lounge (1st Floor)
Panel discussion led by Notre Dame students: "Desegregation and the South Bend Schools"
Frankie Beecroft, Christian McNamara, Mary Murphy, Shandia Sharp and Sarah Wear

Transition

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will be willing to work with the administration in tackling the important issues on campus.

He said that Alcohol Awareness Week will be continued in the future, partly due to the high praise the student government received.

"Some people have said that they've never seen that type of response come out of the [Board of Trustees]," he added.

Lao also cited other advances on issues made during the past year, including approval for a gender resource center, renewal of services for students with temporary disabilities, the creation of the Sustained Dialogue program on campus and the organizing of a task force on the Campus Life Council to look into a mandatory course on diversity and social issues.

The issue of TCE publication was also present within the administration, but it has hit some roadblocks throughout the year.

A subcommittee was created within the CGL to look into TCE publication, but Lao said there have been additional questions and concerns raised by this committee. However, Lao added that he will continue to act on this issue.

"We're going to have a TCE resolution today showing student support," Lao said. "I'm going to continue meeting with administrators, and I will include additionally...a TCE section in my [Board of Trustees] report."

There are some issues, Lao said, on which he wished student government had given more consideration.

"I think in general, we could have worked on better relationships with other offices of the University and built stronger contacts with the Office of the Provost and University Relations," he said. "I think we've done a great job building relationships with Student Activities and the Board of Trustees, but we could have done a better job with everyone else."

Chin also mentioned relationship building as something this administration could have worked on more.

"I think the office could have worked on collaboration with other student government organizations," Chin said.

Some of this relationship building could have fallen to the wayside with the transition of the student body presidency from former student body president Pat Hallahan to Lao, although both Lao and Chin applauded the way their office handled the transition.

"I think our transition has been quite smooth," Lao said. "It gave us fresh perspective for the rest of the semester. I don't think we ever slowed down in regard to the April attitude that happens in the office because of that perspective."

Chin praised the staff for making the transition a smooth one.

"We have an amazing staff that pulled through the transition and knew their goals and accomplished them," she said. "We didn't have any problems within our office."

With the next transition - to student body president-elect Adam Irsivan and vice president-elect Karla Bell - only a day away, concerns still remain regarding the unfinished Student Union Constitution. The Council of Representatives will meet tonight in order to approve the final changes, according to Lao.

"We would like the Constitution to be done," Lao said, "but the way I view the Constitution in general is that it's a continuous process...The Student Union will never be done, and we'll continue to improve."

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## Corporate Scandal

**Jury still out in Tyco fraud case**

**IN BRIEF**

**Consumer confidence unchanged**

NEW YORK — Consumer confidence was stagnant in March amid lingering worries about the job market. The Conference Board reported Tuesday that its consumer confidence index slipped to 83.3 this month from a revised 83.5 in February. The February reading was down sharply from 97.7 in January.

The March reading — the lowest since October, when it reached 81.7 — was slightly better than analysts had expected, in light of the terrorist bombings in Madrid and the subsequent sell-off on Wall Street.

The Present Situations index, which measures consumers’ assessment of current conditions, fell to 83.3 this month from 83.5 in February. The expectations index, which gauges their outlook for six months from now, fell to 91.9 from 92.1.

"While consumers claimed business conditions were more favorable in March than last month, they also claimed jobs were less readily available," said Lynn Franco, director of the Conference Board’s Consumer Research Center.

**Treasury official discusses jobs**

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary John Snow rejected the political argument over U.S. companies shipping jobs overseas in Tuesday comments that "outsourcing" was an integral part of a global trading system.

Snow’s comments in economically hard-hit Ohio, where he published as President Bush was delivering a speech defending his free trade policies in Wisconsin, a state that has lost 100,000 manufacturing jobs.

Democrat John Kerry is hoping to capitalize on Americans’ concerns about an economic recovery in which job growth has lagged badly and the country’s manufacturers have suffered more than 3 million lost jobs since mid-2000.

"As in a newspaper interview whether he thought outsourcing of jobs to other countries made the U.S. economy strong, Snow replied, ‘it’s one aspect of trade and there can’t be any doubt about the fact that trade makes ... America strong.’"
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and graduate school attendance appear to be the norm, Svete said.

Throughout the year, the Career Center has provided guidance for seniors with career fairs and personal counseling. In all, 1,230 seniors have utilized individual guidance sessions and were provided an online contact system. Svete, serving as director for the program, confirmed that many students found skills they learned in the club to be beneficial. Next year, he predicts the group will grow to 100 or more members.

The Career Center also ensures that Notre Dame remains part of the largest online virtual career fair. The Big East Conference E-Fair offers names of companies and jobs available to students of member schools in the Big East Conference. This E-Fair can be accessed through the Career Center home page and offers information on employment with companies such as AT&T Wireless, Morgan Stanley and Bloomberg.

On April 15, the Career Center will initiate City Tour, a new program designed to assist seniors in finding jobs and relocating. The program and other seniors plan to utilize the Career Center in discovering their job at McKinsey Company, a management consultant firm located in Pittsburgh.

"In my four years at Notre Dame [two] things have prepared me for the real world — accessible, exceptional professors and close friends."

John Kennedy

senior

has a unique web site providing list serves capable of finding jobs for a student's particular field within a specific location. The program also helps students locate alumni in their area. Senior Caitlin Willard plans on giving a year of health service to either Providence Volunteer Ministry or Redeemer Ministry Corp. She said the service fair assisted her in finding this position.

"I feel pretty confident in my ability to face challenges, but I feel I will not have an idea of whether or not I am prepared until I am put in the real world," she said. Jackie Barrett also received assistance from the Career Center in discovering her job at McKinsey Company, a management consultant firm located in Pittsburgh.

"I was contacted by someone from McKinsey who looked at online profiles provided by the Career Center," she said.

Senior John Kennedy will attend civil engineering graduate school at Marquette University or Tufts University.

"In my four years at Notre Dame [two] things have prepared me for the real world — accessible, exceptional professors and close friends," he said.

Other seniors plan to utilize time after graduation to pursue various interests.

"I am going to move to the middle of Wisconsin, I am going to drive in my VW bus cross country to California where I am going to surf and bartend until I have enough money to start my own record label," Joe Schmiedlin said.

While Schmiedlin's plans don't classify as the norm, Gino Signoracci looks at the education gained in four years at Notre Dame as something to prepare a graduating senior for anything.

"I believe Notre Dame prepares you for the real world as long as you choose a path that makes things interesting for you," Signoracci said. "It is also vulnerable to people who come in with narrow minds that can easily go through four years without changing."

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the Alumni Shadowing Program flourished. The student body also held a celebration for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception to honor the school’s patrons. They celebrated again at Midnight. Madness when the fight song — with lyrics and music written entirely by students and voted on by the student body — was sung for the first time in school history.

Perhaps the most noticeable change, however, was the first ever Reading Day held on Dec. 12. The concept was first debated in 1992 and formally proposed in 2002 after 89 percent of students polled were in favor. The day reserved for

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All the best,

Yolanda Lizardi Marino, Director
Academic Affairs, ILS
The Observer

Wednesday, March 31, 2004

The (dis)United Nations

The United Nations needs another real check. Eleven of the 196 members of the U.N. Security Council voted in favor of a Palestinian-backed, Algerian-proposed resolution Thursday, con­demning Israel's assassination of Hamza "spirit­ual" leader Ahmed Yassin. Three abstained, while the lone veto came, of course, from the United States, who, as one of the five permanent members on the Security Council, effectively blocked this nonsensical resolution from passing.

If one first glance, the resolution might not seem so absurd because extra-judicial executions are in violation of international law. But in this case, when the language of the resolution conveniently laid in any way to demon Hamzas and the countless "extra­judicial executions," or better-termed mani­fested terrorism, the organization carries out every day, it is impossible for any member of the U.N. Security Council to have justified voting for such an egregiously slanted measure years before the Yassin assassination, a suicide bomber in Ashdod killed 10 innocent Israelis. Where were the peace-loving Algerians then? Well, they certainly weren't drafting a resolution mentioning that the Palestinian Authority's less-than-con­certed effort to stop Hamas terror­ists from considering their work. Could America and the nations who voted with them tell an evil terrorist organization like Hamas as a political body equivalent to the nation of Israel? How could they even begin to take a man like Hamas political leader Mohammad Ghazal seriously, who, according to a Reuters article Friday, referred to the United States as "the chairman of the axis of evil in the world" and said the U.N. Security Council veto was "Israel's green light to carry out terrorist acts." Talk about the pot calling the kettle black.

On the very same day that these comments were made, Israeli soldiers gunned down two would-be Hamas extremists during the Mediterranean attempting to launch a sneak attack on the Jewish community of Tel Kefara. But I guess Mr. Ghazal doesn't classify terrorist attacks like these committed against Jews and Americans as assassinations or crimes.

Here's something those countries who voted for the resolution to consider: assassinating a terrorist without so much as touching a hair on an innocent bystander's head is not the same as blowing up a bus full of school children. Yassin, one of the master­minds of the 1993 U.S. Trade Center bombing, was a man responsible for the deaths of hundreds of innocent people, including his own. Israel has every right to defend itself against animals like this. There was nothing tragic about Yassin's death; it was a calculated and justifiable body blow to the world community.

According to an Associated Press article published Thursdays last week, Ahmed Kidwa, the Palestinian representative to the United Nations, had the gall to vote against the vote. "Israeli policies are not part of the battle against interna­tional terrorism; it's part of the prob­lem of creating terrorism. Israel's actions have escalated tensions in Gaza and the West Bank. If we attack the United Nations' resolution, then the Palestinian Authority will not stop Hamas and other radical terrorist organizations, while it is not the battle against interna­tional terrorism. Israel's actions have escalated tensions in Gaza and the West Bank. If we attack the United Nations' resolution, then the Palestinian Authority will not stop Hamas and other radical terrorist organizations, while it is not the battle against interna­tional terrorism. Israel's actions have escalated tensions in Gaza and the West Bank. If we attack the United Nations' resolution, then the Palestinian Authority will not stop Hamas and other radical terrorist organizations, while it is not the battle against interna­tional terrorism. Israel's actions have escalated tensions in Gaza and the West Bank. If we attack the United Nations' resolution, then the Palestinian Authority will not stop Hamas and other radical terrorist organizations, while it is not the battle against interna­tional terrorism.

As a U.N. observer, we have the right to interfere with the公正役 society's right to self-defense. But that would be gross­ly unfair to other states, which are not part of the battle against international terrorism. It is just unfortunate Australia is not at the permanent member of the Security Council. They certainly should be. After losing 88 citizens among the 202 innocent people who died in the horrific Bali bombing on Oct. 12, 2002, Australia understands what the war on terror is all about.

Joe Licandro is a senior political science major. His column appears every other Wednesday. He can be contacted at jlicand@nd.edu.

The views expressed in this column are solely those of the Observer.
A different kind of ‘Madness’

Joey Falco

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The Observer, Wednesday, March 31, 2004

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Growing numbers of women in engineering

The article on women in engineering published on March 29 wonderfully conveyed many of the positive things the College of Engineering is doing to increase our numbers of women students and faculty. Drawing on what I think are well-chosen sources, the article indicated that the College has only five female faculty in the three departments mentioned. Moreover, we will add at least two female faculty this fall in another two departments, one in electrical engineering and a senior female faculty member in aerospace and mechanical engineering who will leave a chaired position at Cal-Berkeley to pursue research interests here. Several other offers have also been extended to outstanding female candidates, and we hope to continue to increase the proportion of women in our program.

I am proud of the leadership and initiative shown by our dean, Frank Incropera, and by every department in the College of Engineering on the issue of hiring female faculty. We are now at the national average for female engineering students (around 10 percent) and we continue to work hard to bring more women into our ranks.

Cathy Pieronek
Director, Women’s Engineering Program
March 30

EDITORIAL CARTOON

Hope Springs Eternal

SEEN YOU AT THE WORLD SERIES!

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Mark: Finally, a game made by old school gamers for old school gamers. Games nowadays are getting easier than they were in the past. Am I the only one that remembers games that gave you three continues, marginal lives and expected you to defeat an army of super cyborg/ninja/zombie/squirrels? If one died, it was back to the start. Now, people tend to respawn in the same place with only a marginal penalty, or they can quick load their last save.

"Ninja Gaiden" uses the checkpoint system of saves with the checkpoints spaced far apart. This forces gamers to move with caution, and actually contemplate their actions carefully. A quick warning — this game is not for those easily frustrated. Many of the levels are designed without the survival of a lone ninja in mind. One particular area early in the game stands out as an example. After moving with less than ninja stealth through an army of soldiers armed with guns and rocket launchers, our hero encounters a tank. This tank is not of the ordinary kind. It's fast paced sheer lunacy disguised as a football game. Never before seen in a football game, there are walls on a field that introduce a new element into the gameplay. If I could have only five games this year, "Ninja Gaiden" would be one of them.

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Ninja Gaiden

available for xBox and Nintendo NES

Mark's Rating: A
Trevor's Rating: A

Trevor: Beautiful graphics and tight gameplay accentuate this X-Box exclusive platform in the sea of mediocre knockoffs of the popular "Devil May Cry" series for the Playstation 2. The controls are quick to learn, but difficult to master. After watching stunning acrobatics and ninja quick reflexes destroy soldiers and tanks, I jumped into the game only to be destroyed by the computer within 10 minutes. Though the path of a ninja may look fantastically fun and dangerous, complete mastery of the many moves and weapons is necessary to make any forward progress.

Strategy is key and a must if you want to see the end of the game. Simple button mashing and good luck is not enough to overcome a dark army. This being true, precision and timing are key. Even as any ninja can attest, The weary gamer should tread lightly, for "Gaiden" is not for the faint of heart. This third-person ninja action draws on the strengths of its predecessors. The famed gameplay of "Devil May Cry" is brought to an entirely new level, with a combat system comparable to "Soul Calibur II," and mind bending environmental puzzles reminiscent of those found in "The Legend of Zelda" series. "Ninja Gaiden" is a must have for the hardcore gamer, and something to be strongly be considered by anyone else looking for impressive and challenging gameplay. If I could have only five games this year, "Ninja Gaiden" would be one of them.

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NFL Street

Available for xBox, PlayStation2 and GameCube

Mark's Rating: B
Trevor's Rating: B

Trevor: Definitely a game to challenge your friends with. Not only can you run a pass for a 70-yard touchdown, but with the unique style points feature, your can rub it in their face by initiating one of several player taunts (my favorite is the "Figure Hate") while racking up credit to the unlock the infamous "Gamebreaker" option (swapping up your players until there is a turn over or a touchdown).

Customizing every individual player on your roster is half the game's challenge. From names to apparel to height and offensive and defensive skills, you affect your playing ability with each change. Upgrading your player's skills is done through defeating opposing teams while satisfying certain requirements and gaining development points. Then comes the dilemma as to either making your receiver taller to better his chances of grabbing a high pass, or increasing the quarterback's weight to make his run power more effective. With all the customizing, the team you start off with is something you can truly call your own, which makes stomping your best friend that much more satisfying.

As a single player game, "Street" can be insanely difficult with cheap artificial intelligence, but is rewarding in the end. As a party game, this is a must for any football fan.
that some of the hottest new games of 2004

Breakdown

James Bond 007: Everything or Nothing

Trevor: Before you start breakin' it down with this innovative first-person shooter/fighter for the X-Box, you will want to break out an industrial size bottle of Dramamine. Not only does the action throw you through burning sky-scrappers and across alien planets, but you might find that your travels will send you to the bathroom as well due to the nauseating camera motion. The "Breakdown" storyline is fast-paced, and though it is nothing we haven't seen before — you play as an amnesiac on a quest to save the planet and discover your identity — it manages to remain engrossing. This makes up for the repetitive play through the first half of the game. It may be intentional to allow gamers time to become accustomed to the realistic viewpoint's disorientating gameplay and for them to nail down the numerous alien crushing melee combos that are an integral part of the game given that it is insanely hard.

A downfall in "Breakdown" comes from the target system that automatically locks on enemies. This is made into even more of a chore given the camera becomes fixed on the enemy, so don't be surprised when you find yourself caught up on asteroids outside of your view. The combat mechanics could have been more polished as well. You will find that the main weapons in the game are neither effective nor accurate, and that many of your hand-to-hand combos will end up short of their mark. The fighting itself is repetitive and can quickly turn into a tedious game of block and strike. When you break it all down, "Breakdown" is a solid title worth looking into. Rent before buying.


"Breakdown" is exactly what every gamer has been waiting for. Finally, here is a game that truly simulates the sensation of deep-sea fishing in stormy weather. Too bad it actually has nothing to do with fishing. On a positive note, due to the nausea breaks that people will be forced to take while playing this game, it will last awhile and gamers may feel like they got their money's worth.

Mentioned earlier were those environments, from alien worlds to tall buildings. It's a shame all of these environments are plain and almost ugly when compared to the other games out there. The corridors in the burning building, pre- and post-explosion, are almost all identical with the only indication of where to go being the doors with green access plates as opposed to red. For a game as innovative as this is supposed to be, not much is actually new.

The story, although cool, feels recycled. The human bad guys feel lifted out of the superior "Half-Life," while the aliens seem to have traces of the Borg from Star Trek. The only thing truly innovative is the fact that it is a first-person fighter. However, that alone could have redeemed the game slightly if Namco had spent a little more time revising it. Too much motion and routine actions further diminish what may have been a revolutionary title. I know it's supposed to be immersive, but why must I bend over and manually pick up, examine, and pocket every single item I come across?

James Bond 007: Everything or Nothing

Bond as a multiplayer game shines as well, with its cooperative option throwing you and your best friend into a supplementary storyline that requires direct cooperation between players. If you own a PlayStation 2, you will be able to engage in online gameplay. Since communication is necessary, a headset is essential to relay information.

Gameplay wise, "Everything or Nothing" is in essence, a duck and shoot game. The lock on aiming system isn't perfect when the computer refuses to target the desired enemy or throws the camera around into awkward angles, which can be problematic in tight hallways or hazardous areas. Shooting the enemy consists of holding one button to aim and the other to fire, something very reminiscent to Koel's Winback or Namco's kill switch.

"Everything or Nothing" is a game worthy of the James Bond name. It delivers in the action and storyline elements and graphically, Bond has never looked better. Since "Everything or Nothing" is on all three major gaming systems, there is no excuse for any respectable gamer to not own a copy.

Mark: Bond certainly likes to throw a lot at the average gamer. Possibly the best Bond since "GoldenEye," "Everything or Nothing" is certainly the most differentiated game out on the market right now. From driving to flying to free-falling off the face of a cliff, there are not many things that have ever been in a Bond movie that does not occur in this game.

However, even though it does make a good job imitating various genres, each one feels rather shallow in its own right. All the segments excluding the third-person shooting feel kind of shallow, as if they ran out of time while designing them. The car, nor the bike control quite right, and the cliff diving segment was an exercise in frustration. The multiplayer was great, well, the co-op part was. A lesser third-person arena based fighter has replaced the multiplayer first-person fighter. Fans of "Powerstone" for the Sega Dreamcast will know what I mean by that. Odd Job also makes a return as a playable death match character, but due to the new nature of the multiplayer death match, his diminutive stature is no longer a benefit.

It was awesome to see the likeness and voices of famous actors used in the game, particularly that of the exceptional Willem Dafoe. It's too bad this was just a game with no movie backing it. It would have been great to see Dafoe as a Bond villain.

James Bond 007: Everything or Nothing

Available for Xbox
PlayStation2 and GameCube
Mark's Rating: B-
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The seventh-seeded Golden Gophers got 27 points from Whalen and 20 points and 18 rebounds from Janell McCawilie to oust the top-seeded Blue Devils 82-75 in the Midwest Regional final Tuesday night.

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DOORS-9:45PM
Two more women accuse CU football players of rape

Rapes allegedly took place during initial reports of scandal

Associated Press

BROOMFIELD, Colo. — The head of a rape crisis center said Tuesday that two women have come forward to say they were sexually assaulted by University of Colorado football players in the past three months.

If the allegations are true, it would mean football players were assaulting women even as the school’s recruiting scandal was making national headlines and university officials were vowing to crack down.

Eight women since 1997 have accused Colorado football players or recruits of rape. No assault charges have been filed in any of the cases. Three of the women have sued the school, saying they were raped at or just after an off-campus party attended by football players and recruits in 2001.

Janine D’Anniballe made the allegation during a public meeting of a panel investigating whether the football team used alcohol and sex to entice recruits.

D’Anniballe, executive director of Moving to End Sexual Assault in Boulder, said confidentiality rules barred her from disclosing details, including whether the players are still on the team.

A spokesman for Attorney General Ken Salazar, who is leading a separate criminal investigation into the scandal, declined to comment when asked whether new cases had been reported. Campus and Boulder police both referred calls to Salazar’s office.

University spokeswoman Michele Ames said the new information underscores the importance of the ongoing investigations. She declined further comment when reached by telephone.

Luis Rovira, commissioner of the eight-member panel investigating the team’s practices, wouldn’t comment on D’Anniballe’s statement Tuesday.

“I have no reason to believe her and no reason to acknowledge it’s incorrect,” he said. “I just don’t know.”

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Cardinal Nursing Center needs a male student to visit a mentally handicapped man once a week. Contact Megan Waller at 287-6501.
An elderly couple is looking for help with cleaning their garage on a Monday afternoon. Contact Idera Thompson at 234-0300.
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Throughout the week of March 29, a committee of seniors will display the "Notre Dame Class of 2004 Pledge of Social Responsibility" on a large canvas in classroom buildings, dining halls and LaFortune for seniors to sign. Those who sign the canvas will receive a wallet-sized card with the pledge on it. As a culmination of the week of signing, there will be a celebration with hors d'oeuvres served and speakers from various departments of the University.
Where: Legends
When: Thursday, April 1 from 8:30-9:30 pm

Students will spend the night on South Quad to raise money for the St. Peter Claver Catholic Worker. The night will include mass, speakers, the movie Entertaining Angels, free breakfast, and more. Sign-ups will be Monday, March 15, Tuesday, March 17 from 11-1 at LaFortune and 5-7 at the dining halls. There is a $5 registration fee and all proceeds will go the Catholic Worker. For more information, email jclark2@nd.edu or mmccart3@nd.edu.

Where: South Quad
When: April 2 at 8:00 pm to April 3 at 6:00 am

The ELC is an organization that fosters and develops experiential learning on behalf of the students at Notre Dame and St. Mary's. The ELC is a developing organization that serves over 700 students a year. Highlighting its importance, the ELC currently receives the largest fiscal allocation of any student-run organization. One area of focus for the 2004-2005 year is service networking with aims to expand ND service-learning opportunities. Other priorities include action for justice and development of new resources.

Week of Action Events
The following events, sponsored by Amnesty International and Progressive Student Alliance, will happen next week.

Catholic Perspectives on Economic Justice:

Catholic Perspectives on Economic Justice: Panel featuring Teresa Ghilarducci of the Higgins Labor Research Center and J. Roberto Gutierrez, Vice President of Communications and Public Relations. They will discuss the Church's social teachings on economic justice and issues of labor rights.
Where: Coleman-Morse lounge.
When: Wednesday, March 31 at 7:00 pm

"Poverty Outlaw"

KWRU Documentary "Poverty Outlaw": a story of hard choices posed by living in poverty without a safety net.
When: Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 pm

Migrant Seminar Presentation

Migrant Presentation with students from Migrant Seminar showing photos and discussing their experience.
Where: Coleman-Morse lounge.
When: Friday, April 2 at 11:30 am

Taco Bell Protest

Students will demonstrate in front of Taco Bell for the Coalition of Immokalee Workers.
Where: Meet at Main Circle at 4:45 for a ride.
When: Friday, April 2 at 5:00 pm

Bread and Roses Film

Screening of Bread and Roses, a film that chronicles the organizing drive for Los Angeles high-rise janitors.
Where: Hesburgh Center auditorium.
When: Monday, April 5 at 4:00 pm
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Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

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| PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia 76ers All-Star Allen Iverson will miss the rest of the regular season because of persistent pain in his right knee. The team announced Tuesday night that an MRI on Iverson showed no meniscal or ligament damage to his knee, but he has a small lesion under the knee cap.

The injury was diagnosed Monday by New York Giants team doctor Russell Warren. "It was better now to sit him down so it doesn't linger a lot longer," said team president Billy King. "It's probably best to get it where his knee is 100 percent. It's not a situation where Allen doesn't want to play. His knee just keeps swelling up."

Messages left for Iverson and his agent, Leon Rose, were not immediately returned.

The Sixers had eight regular-season games left heading into Tuesday night's game against Golden State. Philadelphia is 10th in the Eastern Conference, three games behind eighth-place Boston.

King said Iverson's health would be re-evaluated if the Sixers make the playoffs. "Worse case scenario, surgery would be an option if it does not calm down," King said. "Rest and rehabilitation hopefully will do it."
been shooting the ball well recently. Following goals by midfielders Brian Hubschmann and Steve Caggert to open the game against the Pride, the junior netted his first two goals of the game to open a 4-0 Notre Dame lead early in the first quarter. His next shot attempt snuck by the Hofstra goaltender at the 6:41 mark of the second quarter to make the score 10-2. Two quick goals in the fourth quarter gave Giordano five goals, while his teammate Hubschmann finished with four.

Giordano’s effectiveness at the midfield position has been rewarded in the past. The GWLL made him a first-team all-league honoree last season. In high school, Giordano received Player of the Year honors in New Jersey from the Trenton Times after becoming the career scoring leader at the Hun School with 262 points. Still, his talent and effectiveness were visible again against Hofstra. Giordano seems confident that the once foreign position now fits him.

“I think coach just figured he could use my strength best at the midfield when he switched me,” Giordano said. “We already have great attacking in [senior Matt] Howell and [senior Dan] Berger.”

Giordano played in all 13 games his freshman year and started in 12 of them. The Princeton, N.J. native scored nine goals and notched 10 assists as an attacker. After the switch to midfield, Giordano’s production hardly went down. As a sophomore, he scored 13 goals and had five assists, earning him first-team all-league honors.

His goals, however, remain team-oriented. Leage play begins today against Ohio State, and Giordano realizes that nothing is bigger than maintaining team chemistry.

“Coming off our last game against Hofstra, if we bring that same energy and enthusiasm we can play with the best teams in the country,” he said.

Giordano said the Irish lost to Loyola, a team that defeated Hofstra this season due to a lack of effort against Hofstra, the attitude was different.

“We were really fired up,” Giordano said. “We beat them on ground balls. It was more of an emotional effort. We know we are a team capable of being a top-five team in the country.”

“Against Ohio State) we’ll have to out work them and we’re hoping we can continue that for the rest of the season.”

The junior does not seem to care where he is playing on the field, as long as the team is winning.

“I think things are working out, for me and for the team.”

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Women’s Lacrosse
ND’s Simon, Kinnik earn Big East honors

The awards and honors just keep on coming for the red-hot Notre Dame women’s lacrosse team.

Senior midfielder Meredith Simon was named the Big East offensive player of the week for her play in No. 3 Notre Dame’s wins over Virginia Tech (18-11) and Boston College (17-7) last week.

Senior defensive standout Andrea Kinnik was chosen the league's co-defensive player of the week for the week ending March 28.

For Simon, this marks the second time in the month of March that she has been honored by the conference, as she was co-offensive player of the week on March 8.

What Simon is to scoring for the Irish, Andrea Kinnik is to stopping opponents from scoring. The senior defender helped the Irish extend their record to 7-0 on the year and 2-0 in the Big East last week as she recorded six ground balls, had three draw controls and caused three turnovers in the two victories.

She also set up Notre Dame’s first goal in the 17-11 win over Boston College when she forced a turnover, raced the length of the field and fed Crystal Poste for a goal just 3:55 into Sunday’s win.

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.277 as a team in the three categories, including batting average (.411), hits (30), doubles (eight), total bases (44) and slugging percentage (.603). He has also hit a pair of home runs on the season.

Third baseman Matt Macri is currently the Irish leader in RBIs with 22, and Sollmann leads the Irish in runs scored with 21.

The Broncos have stumbled out of the gate this year, going 1-4 to start the season, but come into today’s game against the Irish having beaten Notre Dame in three of their last four meetings.

Over the weekend in West Lafayette, Ind., the Broncos split a pair with Purdue and took two games from Cleveland State.

Western Michigan boasts just a 259 team batting average and has only four players hitting .300 or better on the season, led by first baseman Justin Carter (.315) and infielder Matt Holton (.312). Carter is also the team leader in RBIs with 18 and home runs with two.

The Bronco pitching staff has posted a 5.04 ERA on the season, with opponents batting .289 against them.

The first pitch is scheduled for 3 p.m. today at Frank Eck Stadium.

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asured 336 yards and 20 points per game last season and took much of the criticism for the team's poor performance throughout the year.

But this season, the Irish seem optimistic that the offensive woes of the last few years will change for the better.

"We feel like we have a sense of urgency this year," rising junior receiver Maurice Stovall said. "We know we had a real bad season last year, not the type that Notre Dame should have. We just want to bring Notre Dame back on top and strive toward a national championship every year."

The players at spring practice this season were all at least one year playing under Diedrick's pro-style offense. Stovall said this experience will help the offense become more productive.

"It is definitely important to have experience in the offense," Stovall said. "There are a lot of guys that feel more comfortable and a lot of guys that (know) their plays more. I think as a whole offense, we're coming together."

The biggest concern for Notre Dame during spring practice this season was the offensive line. But this year, Diedrick said getting each individual player to perform better is the greatest obstacle for the offense.

"Your concern is — especially when you have an experienced group — that everybody raises their game up a notch," he said. "Through the off-season conditioning and the ability to come in and not only play better but play more consistent. With the experience across the board at all positions, what you're looking at now are rules where guys are going to fight."

One of the biggest voids on offense this season could be replacing Jones, who rushed for 1,268 yards and 10 touchdowns in 2003 and had three 200-yard rushing games. Ryan Grant, who rushed for over 1,000 during his sophomore season, is the No. 1 back with rising junior Marcus Wilson and rising sophomore Travis Thomas close behind.

Diedrick said replacing Jones will be difficult, but certainly not impossible.

"Yes, you can replace Julius Jones," Diedrick said. "You've got good competition back there ... You may not replace (Jones) with one guy, but you may replace him with a couple and I don't mind having it be by committee."

The Irish line should be improved from last year's squad, which struggled throughout the season before evolving into a solid unit. Center Bob Morton said the group is simply trying to improve during spring and come together.

"It sounds easy sometimes (because) we are older," Morton said. "We've come a long way from where we were but we have a long, long way to go." Despite just two practices into spring ball, Diedrick said he's excited about the possibilities of this season's offense.

"You've got experience at receivers, you've got experience at the tight end position, you've got experience at the offensive line and you've got experience at running back," Diedrick said. "I'm very excited about that. We feel that is one of the pluses going in."

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Irish open GWL league play against ranked Ohio State

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

At today’s game, the Irish will be trying to get the most bang for their buck. The hard-nosed Buckeyes of Ohio State (5-2) are expected to be a challenge for No. 13 Notre Dame (2-3). Last season, both teams were among the conference teams ranked 19th (1.71). Other top scorers include midfield Shaun Lyons, attack Kyle Usisk and midfielder Tom Randisi. Greg Rice leads the team with 25 ground balls. Ohio State is currently 15th in the nation for scoring. Additionally, the team is ranked third nationally in goals allowed per game (6.29) — an aspect of the game which has been their strength early on this season. However, the Irish lead the series 18-8, and seem poised to pull out a victory since their win against Hofstra. Attack Pat Walsh said he has noted a change in the team’s confidence level at practice and feels the team is prepared for the match.

“When we were playing hard against Hofstra, we knew we were that talented,” Walsh said. “That is our goal for this week against Ohio State and Dartmouth. Just go out hard and the results will be similar.”

Key players for the Irish include Walsh, the fourth-leading scorer in the nation (4.60), Steve Clagett and Chris Ritchie. Clagetti and Ritchie both had five ground balls against Hofstra to help achieve a season high 47-32 advantage for Notre Dame. Matt Ryan also had a notable performance last week after setting career highs by scoring three points and registering four assists.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles look to extend win streak at Albion

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

The Belles will look to continue their winning streak today against Albion College at 3 p.m. Coming off two big wins against Tri-State on Monday, Saint Mary’s will pack up its momentum traveling to Michigan.

“Winning the last two games helps prepare us for Albion, without a doubt,” Katrina Tebbe said. “We came ready to play, and we played aggressively from the first pitch to the last out and that is how we need to bring every game day, especially against conference teams. Two wins were a great preparation as it boosted our confidence and put all aspects of the game together.” Agressive play is exactly what they will need against Albion. The Britons (9-5) are currently tied with Alma for first place in the MIAA after winning two games against Oliver earlier this month. Last season, Saint Mary’s split a doubleheader with Albion. In their victory, the Belles tallied 10 hits and got two RBIs from Marnie Walsh and Jackie Zurcher.

walsh has been on a tear lately. She went 6-for-6 Monday and added three RBIs. On the season she has an average of .377, only second on the team behind Laura Helme. Albion, who finished second in the MIAA a year ago is led by Megan Russel and Bithi Stuller and should present a very good test for the Belles.

Winning both games against Albion would give Saint Mary’s a big boost as they prepare to play four more conference rivals over the next two weeks. Already tied for last in the conference, the Belles (7-11 overall, 0-2 in the MIAA) must avoid losing any more if they plan on being a threat in their conference.

“The next doubleheader is very important, as one of our team goals is making the conference tournament,” Tebbe said. “It would also be nice to get two wins early in conference competition.”

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Happy Birthday (March 31): You're in charge of your own destiny. You can lead the way for others, or you can follow the lead of others. It's up to you. You may find that you have more control over your life than you thought you did.

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Happy Birthday: Don't be so hard on yourself and your loved ones this year. You need to give everyone, including yourself, a break. Although things aren't always going as smoothly as you would like, they will be accomplished in the end. Accept the inevitable and don't be afraid to give in once in awhile — you will do much better.
**FOOTBALL**

**No more offensive offense**

Irish hope 8 returning starters will help erase 2003 woes

By JOE HETTLER

SPORTS Writer

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn takes a snap during the first day of spring practice Monday. Offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said currently, Quinn is the only offensive player who knows he is going to be starting Notre Dame’s season opener in the fall.

**See Also**

“Experience helps Wilks land Irish job” page 20

The trio of freshmen will see limited action this season.

“The freshmen will be the difference,” McGraw said. “Brown, Susie and Crystal all have a lot to contribute next season. They will all play a bigger role in what we are going to do.”

The trio of freshmen will have to step up to replace the three seniors — Monique Hernandez, Jeneka Joyce and LeTania Severe. Each had her own role and excelled in it. Hernandez was in for defense, Joyce was the shooter and Severe was the scrap-py hustler and slasher that the Irish counted on for a spark.

But while McGraw tries to replace these players next season, he sees the Irish counting on their returning seniors to elevate their game,

**MEN’S LACROSSE**

Switch not so hard for ND’s Giordano

By PAT LEONARD

Assistant Sports Editor

When Brian Giordano made the switch from playing attackman to manning the midfield after his freshman season, he had no problem with the change. He trusted his coaches knew what was best for the team. He understood he would have to adjust.

But that doesn’t mean the transition was easy.

“I had never played defense in my life before I got to college,” Giordano said. “Now I was playing midfield, and I had to learn to play offense and defense. So it was a big transition, but I think it has been a positive move.”

The Great Western Lacrosse League would agree — or at least it did last week.

The league named Giordano Player of the Week after the junior tied a career high with five goals in a 19-11 Irish upset of No. 13 Hofstra March 24.

Giordano’s other five-goal performance came during a 13-4 victory over Air Force on April 12 of last season. While potent weapon on Notre Dame’s attack, Giordano attributes his recent success to the abundance of talent on the Irish front lines.

“We just have a lot of great offensive players,” he said. “I’m just finding some passing lanes and my teammates are putting the ball on my stick. I didn’t do anything spectacular (against Hofstra), but I’ve just seen the Irish front lines.

**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

Future bright for next year

Promising Sweet 16 run reveals Irish talent

By HEATHER VAN

HOEGDEN

Sports Editor

When the final horn sounded Saturday afternoon at the Hartford Civic Center in Notre Dame’s 55-49 loss to Penn State in the third round of the NCAA Tournament, there were looks of disappointment across the faces of the Irish. But deep down, these women know the best is yet to come.

“We’ve got a good returning group,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

The group McGraw refers to is headed by physical presence Crystal Erwin and defensive stopper Breona Gray. Adding to the mix is shooter Susie Powers, who

**BASEBALL**

Broncos gallop into Eck

By CHRIST FEDERICO

Senior Staff Writer

Following a three game sweep at West Virginia to open Big East play, the Irish (17-3, 3-0 in the Big East) return home today to take on Western Michigan at Frank Eck Stadium.

With the three victories against the Mountaineers, Notre Dame finished the week, 4-1 and moved up to No. 5 in the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper poll. The Irish are also ranked No. 6 by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association poll, No. 9 by the Sports Weekly/ESPNU coaches poll and No. 12 by the Baseball America poll.

Notre Dame should be wary hosting the Broncos (8-11) today, as the Irish saw first-hand last week how dangerous mid-week games can be when they lost 4-1 to Central Michigan.

But the Irish offense started to get back on track over the weekend, as Notre Dame hit