In the shadows

Brothers of Holy Cross are called to minister in education, not sacraments

By ANDREW THAGARD
Senior Staff Writer

Brother Thomas More Heere's story sounds almost unreal.

For over half a century, Heere, 79, has dedicated his life to educating children and promating the word of God, initially in the United States but predominately in Bangladesh.

"At that time, Bangladesh was probably the poorest country in the world," he said, remembering his time there while sitting on a couch in Columbia Hall's parlor. "I spent the first year, every day, all day long, learning the language. The syntax, the words — everything is completely different."

Heere remained in Bangladesh for 54 years, teaching at high schools, recruiting boys for vocations in religious life and later training young men at a trade school. His experiences represent a lifetime of service that few could match. It's a life that's brought him tremendous joy but also a degree of sadness, particularly in regard to the limited time he's spent with his family.

"I really enjoyed my time there," he said. "I was never home (however) for funerals or weddings. This summer I'm going to the wedding of one of my grandchildren. They said, 'You have to come, you've never been to a wedding.'"

While many of his contemporaries in the dicastery continued to work in a place where the difficulty that some faculty may have in receiving appointment was a concern, Heere has had few full professors than other peer institutions.

Religious on Campus

A Holy Week Series

By JOE TROMBELLO
Academic News Editor

Less than half of Notre Dame's faculty members have achieved the rank of full professor and the University has the lowest percentage of full professors among top twenty institutions, which may lower the rankings of individual departments.

According to statistics provided by the Office of Institutional Research, 45 percent of Notre Dame's faculty is at the rank of full professor, a statistic equal to or better than a number of Notre Dame's Catholic peer institutions but one that falls behind the top twenty peer institutions, that have 55 percent of their faculty at the full professor rank.

University administrators said that a number of factors, including the cyclical nature of hiring, the increasing difficulty of the University's promotion standards, the University's emphasis on teaching as a factor in promotion decisions and the difficulty that some faculty may have in receiving appropriate mentoring all play a role in why Notre Dame has fewer full professors than other peer institutions.

Transitional Period

Carol Monney, vice president and associate provost, said that changes to Notre Dame's standards with respect to tenure and promotion might partially explain the smaller number of full professors. Some faculty who were either hired or received tenure before the University increased its emphasis on research may not be meeting the higher expectations.

"[The University has been transitioning to a place where research is more important than it has been historically," she said. "We have some people hired (and tenured) based on research expectations who were higher and they have never performed at a level necessary to be promoted."

CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Group discusses dorm exercise equipment

By ANDREW THAGARD
Senior Staff Writer

A lack of sufficient voting members to hold an official meeting did not dissuade the Campus Life Council from discussing a perceived lack of exercise equipment in the dorms and delivering committee reports on Monday.

Wyatt Maxwell, a member of CLC and the Hall President's Council, read members a letter from HPC Athletic Chairmen Erton Rigney and Bill Bonner, outlining what they perceive to be a lack of sufficient exercise equipment in the residence halls — particularly within female dorms. The letter also noted that equipment present in the dorms is often in poor condition and that a lack of usable equipment hinders the well-being and fitness of residents.

The HPC Chairmen would like to see more invested in this," Maxwell said. "It might be something for the CLC to look at next year."

Kathy Brannock, rector of Howard Hall, and Heather Rakocy, rector of Pangborn Hall, said that residents have asked for additional exercise equipment in the past for their respective dorms but that space constraints made such requests difficult to address.

"I wouldn't mind buying the equipment but we have no room to put it," Brannock said. "In Howard Hall it's just not feasible."

The debate expanded into one focusing on gender inequalities in general within the University and the importance of noticing differences in both the opportunities and responsibilities individual students have.

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Percentage of full professors at Notre Dame

Notre Dame's percentage of faculty who are full professors trails the national average.

University of Notre Dame: 45%
Average of Top 20 Academic Institutions: 55%

The percentage of full professors at Notre Dame who are women also trails the national average.

University of Notre Dame: 11%
Average of Top 20 Academic Institutions: 16%

Panel discusses Brown case

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

Students and faculty gathered Monday night in the first of a two-part series commemorating the 50th anniversary of the historic Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court decision for a panel discussion and a documentary screening.

Educators and leaders across the nation are honoring the anniversary of Brown, which declared segregation in public schools unconstitutional.

Discussion has turned to focus on the legacy of Brown and the present condition of American public schools.

The documentary "The Road to Brown" depicted racial segregation from the birth of the nation up to the present day. It particularly focused on the life of Charles Hamilton Houston, an oft-forgotten but crucial individual to the long process of overturning racial segregation, who has been called "The Man Who Killed Jim Crow."

Jack Pratt, associate dean of the Law School, gave a brief introduction to Houston, asking the audience to keep in mind the "life-threatening" conditions in which Houston worked.

Houston, a prestigious black lawyer, traveled throughout the south in the 1930s. Equipped with a movie camera, he captured the discrepancies between black and white schools. With a tenacious group of gifted black lawyers that included his student Thurgood Marshall, Houston chipped away at segreg
The Look

Carolyn Lefert
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Eric Doversberger
Nicole Gonzoalves
Paul Chung
Vincent Lynski
Kate Gales
Junior Passaququilla East
Junior Dillon
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Sophomore Keenan

Do you ever get the Look? You know, the Look that just screams, "I can't believe someone like you got into a school like this." I get it a lot. So I'm writing this column as a sort of service project. If you've ever been a recipient of the Look, you can read it and think, "Wow, this girl is even more spaced out than I am." Or, if you can top my experiences, you can write me an e-mail. Then I can laugh at you.

Oh man, I really hope I get some stories from people. I'll be sympathetic, I promise. So top these.

They gave me the Look. Then she asked me who Xavier was. I added a "nis" in the middle of "Xavier" on the CD—

"To Ignatius, from Kate" on the front of my 9:35 with without realizing it. I shocked myself with Christmas lights. It hurt. It was not fun. I told my football coach. He gave me an e-mail. Then I can laugh at my experiences, you can write me an e-mail. Then I can laugh at my experiences, you can write me an e-mail. Then I can laugh at

They gave me the Look. Then he laughed so hard he rolled around on the floor, too. Very embarrassing, let me tell you. People were watching me. They gave me the Look. My best friend, who wore both her AcAs, gave me that test to see if I tore anything because my knee was so swollen. She also gave me the Look.

I made a CD for a guy, code name Ignatius, on Valentine's Day. I wrote, "To Ignatius, from Kate" on the front while my brother, code name Xavier, was explaining to me the fine art of CD making. The next day, his roommate asked me who Xavier was. I was confused. Very confused. Until I realized that I had been on the phone with my brother and inadvertently written "Xavier" on the CD—and given it to Ignatius. I was so upset, I screamed. My roommate asked me why I was screaming. She gave me the Look. Then she laughed. I just about died.

I set my alarm without looking at the hour. I went to and sat through the entire 8:30 calculus class instead of my 9:35 without realizing it. Where were my friends and the professor? Why did I not understand the material? For some reason, I didn't think to question it.

I tried to say Renee's Pieces. But I always say "the middle of the pieces." Say it out loud and you'll realize. My best friend said she has no idea how many there are, but the color that needed to be said.

A group of students shoot a movie for a film production class in front of South Dining Hall Monday afternoon.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Kate Gales at kygala@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

In Monday's story "Pirates sweep Tuscaloosa," University spokesman Matt Stinchcomb should have been quoted as saying that he was unaware whether Brian Kerr of the Tuscaloosa Student Alliance had been deported as University President Edward Mallory said he was aware whether Mallory knew of the letter.

In Monday's sports story "Malloy responds to criticism" that discussed the publication of a column written by Malloy in The New York Times, Mallory's quote should have read, "There was a column in the Times that didn't make the print edition here, but we felt that although you can't address a specific column with another, there were some things said about the University and its relationship to players of color that needed to be said."
COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group begins term with brief meeting

By MATT BRAMANTI
Senior Staff Writer

The new members of the Council of Representatives convened to begin the 2004-05 student government term in a brief, informal meeting Monday evening in LaFortune.

The 25-minute meeting—the shortest of the year—lacked the urgency that marked recent COR sessions, when members struggled to complete a massive constitutional overhaul by the March 31 deadline. But on Monday night no official business was conducted, no minutes were read and several members were absent.

But that relaxed atmosphere won’t last for long. Next week, COR must approve the fiscal budget for the entire Student Union, totaling roughly $600,000 in money from student activities fees and sales of “The Shirt.”

Student body president Adam Istvan led his first Council of Representatives meeting Monday. The meeting lasted 25 minutes and was informal.

Istvan laughed.

“This could be a long meeting,” he said, “Bear with us until we get the hang of things thoroughly to make sure we get the rhythm down,” student body president Sarah Catherine White said.

The group also discussed recent student reactions to “Alfred and Seymour,” a comedy duo that performed during lunch March 29 in the dining hall. Several students have written about the Student Government Association sponsored event, raising concern that the pair portrayed stereotypes about blacks.

“Students around campus have been talking about these issues,” White said. “Some took offense, some were concerned that we weren’t sensitive enough and brought this act to campus. We are addressing this issue.”

SGA will be sponsoring an open forum tonight at 6:30 p.m. in Haagar Parlor to discuss the performance. White emphasized the need for board members to keep in touch with issues on campus by attending such forums.

“As leaders here on campus, we need to be informed and have an informed perspective,” she said. In other BOG news:

• Take Back the Night will be held April 15. The event is a tri-campus walk and rally to raise awareness for violence against women. It begins at Holy Cross at 5 p.m., stopping at Saint Mary’s at 5:30 p.m., continuing on to Notre Dame and then returning back to Saint Mary’s for a pep rally at 7:30 p.m.

• Spring day on campus will be held the weekend of April 18. It will include tours led by SGA at 12:15 p.m., followed by lunch and an open house for new students at 2:30 p.m.

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Miller receives math award

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

The Mathematics Association of America awarded Saint Mary’s math professor Don Miller its Indiana Section Distinguished Service Award Friday.

This award is given to one person in the state and is awarded based on extraordinary contributions to the Mathematics Association of America and improving education in the mathematical sciences in America.

Miller has been a math professor at Saint Mary’s since 1967 and previously served for 10 years as the head of the department. He recently published work on state lotteries.

Miller is also known as a versatile teacher, an expert in statistics and operations research and a leader in mathematics curriculum development. He was awarded the College’s Spes Unica award in 1992 for outstanding service.

Miller was anonymously nominated for the Distinguished Service Award by one of his colleagues and selected by the executive committee of the MAA.

“It is very exciting to be selected to win this award,” Miller said. Miller served at the national level of the MAA as an officer of the Special Interest Group on Environmental Mathematics and is known for his widely recognized work in both the Mathematical Contest in Modeling and the Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics.

Miller currently teaches simulation, statistical applications and probability courses at Saint Mary’s and also serves as Saint Mary’s softball coach.

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Learn To Dance!

Ballroom Dance Club
Lesson This Week: West Coast Swing!
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Learn To Dance!
in order to have fewer problems with leakage of speech, concern as more women are continuing to enroll in the College.

"We do want to increase the number of female faculty because we want to have role models for students — you want to see female role models," he said.

Arts and Letters and Language professor, and Richard Roche, a professor in Language and Linguistics, said that while Notre Dame has a higher percentage of female faculty compared to their respective disciplines.

Roche described Brown as an important "lever for social change," a lever requiring individual action for implementation. Pierce called the case a "euphoric moment" in context of the greater civil rights movement.

The ensuing question-and-answer session raised several educational debates. Students and faculty discussed how the legacy of Brown manifests itself in controversies such as the No Child Left Behind Act, voucher programs and the theory of racial persecution.

The second part of the discussion will take place today from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse lounge. A panel of ESS students will speak about the legacy of Brown as it relates to their own research. The discussion will focus on two areas: the broad implications on public education and the local affect on the South Bend area.

In the event of the only campus event commemorating the anniversary in February, the Notre Dame Law School sponsored a speech by Jack Greenberg, a lawyer in the Brown case. "Universities all over the country are having these conversations," said Stuart. "We thought it was really important that Notre Dame students have this conversation as well."
**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

25 killed, dozens missing in flood

PIEDRAS NEGRAS, Mexico — Torridal rains washed away the banks of the Escondido by 25 feet early Monday, causing a flash flood that inundated a Mexican border city, killing at least 25 people and forcing hundreds more into shelters. Dozens more people were missing, the death toll was expected to rise. Mexico declared a state of emergency in the area.

In addition, the second flood in less than a week to hit the town of Bremen Corp. plant's roof collapsed, and the structure was considered a total loss, said Barb Capron, a fire dispatcher for Port-Au-Prince.

**HAIUT**

U.S. supports interim government

Powell visits U.S. troops in Port-au-Prince, predicts U.N. peacekeepers will help

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE

Secretary of State Colin Powell gave assurances Monday of full U.S. support for Haiti's interim government but said democratic campaigns with politically motivated private armies lay down their weapons.

"Without disarmament, Haiti's state will be at risk," Powell said at a news conference with Haiti's interim prime minister, Gerard Latortue. Latortue told Powell that all of Haiti's political parties agree that (municipal, legislative and presidential) elections should be held in 2005.

Powell said prospects are good for sending a U.N.-sponsored peacekeeping force to replace the U.S.-led multinational force.

Scandal rocks voucher program

MALDEN, Wash. — One school that received millions of dollars through the nation's oldest, and largest voucher program was founded by a convicted rapist. Another school reportedly entertained kids with Monopoly while cashing $330,000 in tuition checks for hundreds of no-show students.

The recent scandals have shocked politicians, angered parents and left even some voucher advocates demanding reforms. The troubles have helped lead to passage of a state law requiring voucher schools to report financial information to the state. According to recent reports, the school's Board of Directors has been informed of the financial troubles.

"I don't think any group would have been approved by this inquiry," Powell said. "Haiti was a clear case of a total security collapse."

Latortue announced Tuesday that the interim government will hold elections in 2005.

Aristide was the victim of a U.S-sponsored coup d'état.

Powell pledged to help Haiti's new government earn recognition within the 15-member Caricom Community.

Aristide initially took up residence in the Central African Republic. He went to Jamaica about three weeks ago for family reasons, the Jamaican government said. Little has been heard from Aristide since his arrival there.

U.S. officials have pressed Latortue in recent days not to give government positions to leaders of armed groups who have criminal backgrounds.

About 10 days after his appointment as prime minister, Latortue appeared in public with some insurgent leaders and hailed them as freedom fighters.

Powell said Latortue assured him Haitian government posts won't go to criminals or human rights violators.

"I'm sure, as we go forward, any names that are known to us who are involved in wrongdoing or acts of violence we will make known," Powell said.

Latortue announced Monday he would create a commission modeled after South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission to deal with past crimes and grievances. He didn't give details.

Latortue said he pleaded with Powell for more international aid.

"Haiti is in a state of total bankruptcy," Latortue said. "We're asking international partners to assist us with some of the urgent tasks at hand, particularly with creating opportunities with jobs."

Powell said $9 million will be released for a special Organization of American States mission.

**STATE NEWS**

Blaze destroys foam plant, 7 hurt

BREMEN, Wash. — An explosion and fire at a factoy that makes foam cushioning products destroyed the company's plant on Monday and injured seven workers.

The unmanned robot, marking its 90th full day on Mars, had accumulated all of the tasks NASA considers essential to declare the mission a success. Its twin rover, Opportunity, was just close to achieving the same.

"Spirit has completed its part of the bargain, and Opportunity doesn't have much left to do," said Mark Adler, manager of the $820 million mission.

The mission's key tasks included a requirement that one of the rovers travel at least 1,980 feet — a mark Spirit surpassed on Saturday.

Between the two of them, the rovers also had to take stereo and color panoramas of their surroundings, drive to at least eight locations and operate simultaneously for a minimum of 30 days.

NASA assumed technical and other problems would ground the rovers fully one-third of the time they operated on Mars.

Despite computer memory problems that left Spirit sidelined for 2 1/2 weeks, it has still spent more days at work than expected. Opportunity must function for another 20 days before meeting all its goals, Adler said.

"It's much better than we could have possibly imagined," Adler said.

NASA has extended the mission through September. If the rover continues to function, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory will apply for money to extend the project again, Adler said.

Beginning Thursday, NASA will begin updating software on the rovers. The new software should allow Spirit to travel further each day while navigating autonomously and help Opportunity conserve battery power at night.
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rariess have either passed away or are in the process of enjoying the retired lifestyle. Beere and his colleagues are still up in the morning, working, and return home at 5 p.m. for evening prayer and Mass after a day that usually involves minis-
tery of some kind.
Brothers, the men of Columba Hall are Holy Cross Brothers. Combined, they've committed just over 70 years of service to an order whose missions includes Fillmore.

The Brothers of Holy Cross have given the world Blessed Brother Joseph M. Betissee, reported miracle worker, and Brother Columba O'Nell, a man renowned for his devotion to the sacred heart of Jesus. The brothers have established elemen-
tary schools, high schools and colleges in North America, Europe, Asia and Africa. And, if you ask a member of their order, Not every brother is provided for by a group of Holy Cross broth-
ers accompanied by their "chap-
lain" of the order.

"Part of why we exist is to serve as a bridge," said Brother Robert Fillmore, the Provincial Superior for the Midwest. "I met a young man who'd given 44 years to the order to serve others but for all its accomplishments, the Brothers of Holy Cross remain largely unknown to the shadows and today — 184 years after the order was founded — a long-
term decline continues to make its future somewhat uncertain.
Looking back

The order of the Brothers of Holy Cross, originally named the Congregation of the Holy Cross, was founded in France during a period of a great need in the Church. The order, which was created to address the needs of the Catholic Church after the fall of Napoleon, was created to address the needs of the Catholic Church after the fall of Napoleon. Its founders, Brother Joseph M. Betissee, and the small group of men reestablishing schools throughout France which had largely closed down during the previous years of tur-
molts.

Our founder discovered the real need to establish schools again, and to this day, "Education was the major thrust [then]," said Brother Thomas More Beere, who was overseeing the order, "We had to combine the two things, what we con-
tinue to do today.

By 1833 Father Basil Moreau, who was overseeing the order, orchestrated the merging of the brothers with groups of priests and nuns to form the Congregation of Holy Cross. Six years later, the congregation reached the American frontier and during the century that fol-

Brother Thomas More Beere and other Brothers of Holy Cross participate in a Palm Sunday Mass at Columba Hall. Unlike priests, brothers do not celebrate Mass, although the Holy Cross

As a result, brothers, explains Fillmore, are recog-
nized by the Church as conse-
crated lay people. The Holy Cross Brothers adopt the vows of poverty, celibacy and obedience.

According to Brother Joseph McTaggart Interjers, "that's defining our mission in terms of a negative."

Indeed, most brothers hold professional jobs and their ministry in high regard but ministering the sacraments and looking after a parish isn't what brothers have been called to do.

"I thought first about becoming a priest because two of my friends from high school were in the seminary," Beere said. "[I decided] I did not want to minister the sacraments. . . I did want to be a teacher and I did want to become involved with young people. I wanted to be able to lead a religious life."

Beere said that it's a decision he's never regretted.

"My father [a carpenter] was very upset at the time. He wanted me to become a priest so that he could make me a "chalice," he remembers with a smile, "I don't want that. I want to be a different kind of religious. It's very important to get in somewhere that will motivate you for a lifetime."

Looking challenges

Motivating young men to join the order, however, is something that has challenged the brothers in recent years, despite increased opportunities to serve in the needy and attempts at mod-
ernization.

"In the decades that followed Vatican II, interest in religious life initially increased, but in recent times the flow of vocations has slowed to a trickle. In response to changes in the Church, the order has expanded the scope of its ministry. In 1966, the order outlined changes to the organization, dividing brothers into smaller communities, creating a less structured day and officially exchanging habits for layman's garb.

Despite the changes, recruitment of new brothers remains a challenge for the order.

"Everybody's saying the num-
bers will go back [up] and every-
thing will go back the way it was," Gilman said. "I think it will . . . There's definitely a role for the life of a brother . . . but from my point of view I think the Holy Spirit is saying we don't need as many.

Uncertain future

In recent times, the order released a report about vocations annually in the United States, Fillmore said. The last time a man took his final vows in

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Middlewest province, however, was 18 years of fathers in the voca-
tions in developing nations are higher, the average age of a Holy Cross brother is 55 — worldwide in 1995. This average age has decreased over the past few years, but the change is due more to the death of older broth-
ers than an influx of new vocations. Fillmore said.

Today there are 64 Holy Cross brothers worldwide but many are retired. Meeting the needs of older brothers — particularly as the order's ministry is one of the primary challenges that the order faces.

We just can't replace a man to minister . . . it's bad but it's the way it is and it's a choice one makes when one is in a life and death situation in terms of [one's future]. The tragedy is it's such a choice.

The decline in vocations, says many brothers, is due to a lack of motivated, spiritual people but to a channeling of that energy into different forms.

"Certainly the spirit is working in fields of your age. The desire to give is still there," said Brother James Newberry. The Holy Cross order had to go on to pursue service work as an example. Brother Thomas More Beere said: "Any particular denomination perceives the religious life as something they're interested in."

The situation is complex for the HCF. Still, the ord or is working hard to ensure that people are making that choice. Many brothers that statistics can't capture. It's present in the resolve of brothers who have dedicated their lives to buildingyahs around the world. It's evident in the hope that brothers like Fillmore will have a building project that will be constructed in Holy Cross land. They still seek vocations, and it's present in the tenacity of the order's eldest members who are stillологии Thaddesse Gottenboller, 92, who has spent 51 years of his life at the Holy Cross for 72 years and con-
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the dorms and led Jeremy Lao, chairman of CCL, to suggest the possibility of introducing a resolu-
tion at the next meeting requiring next year's council to form a committee on the issue.

Rectors present along with丁汗n's campus ident of Student Affairs, encouraged students to voice their opinion on these and other issues by completing the annual reevaluation forms — an opportunity that students often fall to take advantage of, they said.

"We take these [the evalua-
tions] very seriously," Moss said.

In other CCL news:

♦ In a move toward CCL's attempt to implement a man-
tential social awareness course into all class course in the future, Lao informed mem-
bers that he met with Eileen Kolman, dean of the First Year of Studies, to discuss the pro-
posed requirement.

"She gave me ideas on how we can approach this from a dif-
ter angle," he said, adding that Kolman suggested the possi-
ibility of identifying existing courses that could fulfill such a requirement.

Lao said that he plans to meet with Ara Preacher, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Letters, and Carolyn Woo, dean of the Munduza College of Business, to solicit additional advice and support. The com-
mittee plans to introduce a resolu-
tion on the issue at the next CCL meeting Lao added.

CCL will hold its final meeting of the year on April 19.

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Ridge: Private sector must pay for security

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — The federal government can't afford to pay for the increased security that many ports need to protect U.S. ports from ter-
rors, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said Monday.

"We need to talk to the pri-
ivate sector," Ridge said. "We

don't have enough public mon-
ety to do everything that needs to be done."

Ports and shipping compa-
nies are facing this year July 1 de-
line to have security pro-
grams in place for their docks and vessels or face potential fines. The programs are based on regulations developed by the Homeland Security Department and the Coast Guard under the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002.

The federal government plans to spend nearly $3 bil-
lion on security programs for the country's 360 ports this year. But Ridge said "we can't go around using public money to subsidize what every private sec-
tor needs." He noted the 360 ports pro-
nounced the Port of Nome in the Alaskan portfolio to have about $1 trillion in business every year.

This is good news for Jeff Ruda, who heads the maritime division for the Port of Portland in Oregon. Ruda said his port is likely will be needed to help pay the cost of increased security.

"I'm not really expecting that the federal government is going to shoulder the burden. Ruda said.

In good news for the Port of Portland is the major railroad freight center for most of the West and is the nation's top export center for wheat shipped from as far as the Midwest.

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**FINANCIAL SERVICES**

**Bank of America to ax 12,500**

Bank of America chief executive Ken Lewis has said he wants to achieve about $1.6 billion in cost savings by the end of 2005. The two banks don’t have a large number of overlap—"These are corporate offices that were closed, which is a major source of savings in many bank mergers," said Marc Oken, transition executive.

"They are difficult decisions..."

Instead, the bank has said it expects to get about $650 million in savings from trimming overlapping operations and processes. For example, the bank will be able to consolidate headquarter offices for combined business lines, Lewis has said.

As part of its merger agreement, the company committed to maintain over all employment levels in New England.

Bank of America said it will attempt to find new opportunities within the institution that are not affected by the eliminated positions. According to the bank, it filled more than 37,000 positions last year through a combination of internal transfers and external hires.

Bank of America shares rose 74 cents to close at $81.25, Monday on the New York Stock Exchange.

Bank of America has 100-year-old roots in California, where it financed Hollywood movies and the Golden Gate Bridge.

It was bought by NationsBank Corporation, which adopted the Bank of America name and moved it to North Carolina in 1998.

**GE executive to speak on campus**

By MATT BRAMANTI
Senior Staff Writer

As part of an increasing effort to reach out to Notre Dame students, a top executive from the General Electric Co. will speak today in the Mendoza College of Business.

"As a vice president at GE since late 1998, I will lead a discussion entitled "Insights on Careers at GE," said Mark Oken, of the Mendoza College of Business at 12:30 p.m. in the room E 115 in the Giovannini Commons in the basement of the business school.

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Voicing dissent

Last week, during the National Student Week of Action, freshman Tony Rivas went on a seven-day hunger strike to call attention to migrant worker struggles and university policies incongruent with Catholic Social Teaching. Thankfully, his brave act received the appropriate media coverage.

Yet, Notre Dame has a bad habit of ignoring the acts of its resident activists, thereby defeating attempts to build a politically engaged campus, on any issue. If people knew more about what real students are doing for justice like Rivas, integrating social concerns in Demer life would not seem so challenging. A movement of any group, especially students, needs all kinds to work successfully. Five people in particular taught me this.

Meet the professional, who in the past year has elevated her activism to her highest priority. Whether protesting FTA in Miami, attending the World Social Forum in India or giving keynote speeches at activist conferences, Cecilia Garza integrates her passion for justice into her life impressively. She works with the Poor People’s Economic Human Rights Campaign — a widespread movement to end poverty — intensely during breaks and mobilizes here on campus. This past year, I have watched her become increasingly anxious, ready to leave Notre Dame for full time organizing. While I shall be sad to see her go, I rejoice in knowing that soon she will be exactly doing what she wants — fighting for change and teaching others to do the same.

Meet the renegade, who places no limit on her concern for human dignity and social justice. While Brigitte Garza integrates her passion for justice politically through activism and social justice. While Brigitte Garza integrates her passion for justice, teaching her unique perspective to discussions on the color line, aiming for inclusiveness and social change. The University’s prestige is based on quality of human life and works to increase her knowledge of inequities.

Meet the pragmatist, who brings a sense of process and order to the color line. Kamaria Porter integrates her passion for justice fortifying by her work with the National Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice — to all Progressive Student Alliance campaigns. With every task, she proceeds with an alert precision, aiming for inclusiveness and success. She recognizes her weaknesses and works to increase her knowledge of issues by going into unfamiliar disciplines and bringing her ideas to discussion. She sees generously longs to dedicate herself to service after college to not only help people, but also to further challenge herself and to do more for causes she already cares for deeply.

Meet the artist, whose silliness and sarcasm brings needed relief to often tense and difficult situations. Kamaria Porter’s wit provides fresh perspectives to discussions and elevates our protests. His guitar playing and lyric improvising at last week’s mass protest at Taco Bell made the event extra exciting. Every time I talk to him, I end up learning something new, whether about music, history, philosophy or literature. Most of all, he is honest and unreserved in expressing his thoughts and opinions. Such an attitude delights especially in a time of so much insincerity.

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Support Catholic politicians

The New York Times ran an article on April 2, entitled "Kerry, Catholic and Candidate, Creates Uneasiness for the Church." The Times was right in that it was most noteworthy that Kerry is the first Catholic Presidential candidate on a major ticket in more than forty years. However, the New York Times barely scratched the surface of what is essentially a coup for the church with respect to the Democratic party. The Democratic's leader in the United States Senate, Tom Daschle of South Dakota, is also Catholic. So is Representative Nancy Pelosi, the Democrat's leader in the House of Representatives. And it could get better.

The New York Times piece was to examine the controversy that Kerry's nomination will most certainly cause in the coming months for Catholics. Kerry is the first Catholic Presidential candidate, not considered by many to be a "true" Catholic politician, because they all maintain a pro-choice stance into question by stating that he would refuse Kerry communion should he be at Mass in Kerry, like the rest of the Catholic Democratic leaders, are not considered by many

WHAT IS IS THROUGH CATHOLICISM WHICH MAKES BEING Catholic and being Democrat such a good fit. I know many Catholics are not pleased to see John Kerry as a presidential nominee, but concluding he is not a true Catholic is a simplistic dismissal which cannot lead to any enhanced understanding of Catholicism. What the church has always advocated is that they defend the Catholic party with any degree of intensity in light of the fact that the party as it stands right now does not exist to be led by Catholics. This also should be considered in light of the fact that President George W. Bush felt it politically necessary and strategic to visit Bob Jones University in the last election. The founder of Bob Jones University did not care what a Catholic's political views were. Ironically, Bob Jones University did not discriminate when it came to Catholics; his animosity extended to us all. I am not suggesting that the Republican party is anti-Catholic, but it is discovering to read the Observer Viewpoint columns where people defend the Republican party as the party for Catholics when the party clearly has not shown it is interested in such a title. In the end, anything I am sure Kerry's nomination will be more of a source of controversy than a matter of pride for Catholics. The whole dilemma reminds me of another article back from 1998 in "George Magazine," where a story was written about Daniel Patrick Moynihan as a "lifelong denomination." In the piece he was asked who his political hero was and he responded Al Smith. The only reason Moynihan gave was that Smith was the first Roman Catholic presidential nominee from either major political party. Such is the way Catholicism was meant to be; that there should be something good in and of itself when a fellow Catholic has potentially risen to the top of their party. Unfortunately, as I wander through some of the church's own B&B's, some sandwiches and mathematical constructs. But crawling up slippery, lichen-covered rocks in worn tennis shoes, with a fog rapidly rolling in, miles away from any other humans, I quickly remember just how fragile humans really are. After scrambling through the rocks I returned to the trail, walking for about ten more miles until at late dusk, I reached Logan's Rock, a large outcropping I noticed the trail high above and I was decided to continue my journey. I enjoyed my sandwich lunch next to an old barn near the trail, and I wandered through the trail, and I wandered through the cliffs, while birds twittered about and the sea raged below. But crawling up slippery, lichen-covered rocks in worn tennis shoes, with a fog rapidly rolling in, miles away from any other humans, I quickly remember just how fragile humans really are. After scrambling through the rocks I returned to the trail, walking for about ten more miles until at late dusk, I reached Logan's Rock, a large outcropping I noticed the trail high above and I was decided to continue my journey. I enjoyed my sandwich lunch next to an old barn near the trail, and I wandered through the cliffs, while birds twittered about and the sea raged below. But crawling up slippery, lichen-covered rocks in worn tennis shoes, with a fog rapidly rolling in, miles away from any other humans, I quickly remember just how fragile humans really are. After scrambling through the rocks I returned to the trail, walking for about ten more miles until at late dusk, I reached Logan's Rock, a large outcropping I noticed the trail high above and I was decided to continue my journey. I enjoyed my sandwich lunch next to an old barn near the trail, and I wandered through the cliffs, while birds twittered about and the sea raged below.
Some Tasty Treats for Easter

COLUMN BY MAUREEN MALLOY

After forty long days of depriving yourself from everything from sweets to soda, Easter Sunday provides the perfect opportunity to try your hand at some easy traditional recipes for your family celebration. Your mom will probably insist on preparing the ham, but maybe you can add some tasty sides and desserts to the feast. Here are some ideas for you to start cooking.

Hot Cross Buns

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Beat the sugar, oil and vanilla together in a bowl of an electric mixer fitted with a paddle attachment. Add the eggs, one at a time. In another bowl, sift together the flour, cinnamon, baking soda and salt. With the mixer on low speed, add 1/2 of the dry ingredients to the wet mixture in three batches. Add the milk and beat until smooth. When the batter is cool, stir in the grated carrots, raisins and walnuts. Pour the mixture into a greased 9 x 12 inch pan. Bake for 40 minutes. Remove from pan immediately and cool on wire rack. For the frosting: mix together confectioners’ sugar, vanilla and milk. Brush an X on each cooled bun. Recipe makes 12 buns.

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Carrot Cupcakes

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Beat the sugar, oil and vanilla together in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with a paddle attachment. Add the eggs, one at a time. In another bowl, sift together the flour, cinnamon, baking soda and salt. With the mixer on low speed, add 1/2 of the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients. Add the grated carrots, raisins and walnuts to the remaining flour mixture, mix well and add to the batter. Mix until just combined. Line muffin pans with paper liners. Scoop the batter into 22 muffin cups until each is 3/4 full. Bake at 375 degrees F for 20 minutes. For the frosting, cream the cream cheese, butter and vanilla in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with a paddle attachment. Add the sugar and beat until smooth. When the cupcakes are cool, frost them generously and serve. Makes 22 cupcakes.

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Film promotes awareness of human trafficking

The Nanovic Institute presents the film "Lilja 4 Ever," a Swedish film released in 2003 depicting the struggles of Lilja (Okshana Akhimshina), a 16-year-old girl living in an unidentified ex-Soviet republic. Her mother abandons her in the slums of the city to move to the United States, and she is forced to move into a squalid apartment with only her abused 11-year-old friend, Volodya (Artiom Bogucharskiy), for care or company. As February about Catholic laundries, Algerian playwright Alex Baybee Taoumi and Irish Studies professor Luke Gibbons were asked to introduce the two films to provide historical context for the issues involved.

This Wednesday for the last film of the series the Institute will present "Lilja 4 Ever," a Swedish film released in 2003 and inspired by the real-life story of a child prostitution victim from the Baltic states. The French film "Chaos" in January about an Algerian mother and daughter whose lives implode when the film's protagonist, played by Bob Dylan and Adriana Lima star in Victoria's Secret's most recent commercial. This odd pairing is amusing considering Dylan's reputation as an anti-establishment figure from the 1960s.
unnness about human trafficking

"Lilja 4-ever" and is holding a workshop about the issue of human trafficking

The two begin to starve. Lilja turns to prostitution as a way to support herself. When Swedish businessman Andrei (Panel Ponomaryov) appears and promises to save Lilja from the slums, her situation appears to be improving, but it is only the beginning of the problems she will face.

"Lilja 4-ever" deals with trafficking of women for prostitution, an issue which has become relevant not only in Europe, but in other parts of the world as well. In Europe women are most often transported from poorer Eastern countries to be more prosperous West, often under false pretenses as shown in this film.

The movie is the sixth release for director Lukas Moodysson, who has dealt with the issue of terrorism in his latest film known in English as "Terrorists: The Kids They Sentenced." In a discussion with Amnesty International member Becky Hess Moodysson described some of the effects he hoped his film would have on an international level.

"I hope that the film will spread in Eastern Europe and that that will lead to some young women not traveling to the West," Moodysson said. "I hope that people in the West will open their eyes and realize that this is the flipside of our rich societies, these are the people we're exploiting to sustain and expand our welfare."

In preparation for the showing the Nanovic Institute, the Department of Gender Studies and the Center for Human Rights organized a workshop on human trafficking to help students understand how the issue affects the world today.

"We reached out and pulled together different groups to work on this project because it's obviously a global problem," Daniel Matter, series organizer, said.

The workshop will include talks by European Commission official Telmo Baltazar and Human Rights Watch member Marina Pisklakova. Baltazar spent eight years working for the Task Force for Justice and Home Affairs, and has been the counselor of the EC delegation to the United States dealing with terrorism, border control, immigration and trafficking issues since 2003. Pisklakova has been recognized in her native Russia and around the world for her work as a women's rights activist, and was honored by the Human Rights Watch as one of the eight most significant human rights activists working today.

The two-hour workshop will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday in room 125 of the Center for Social Concerns. The film will be shown at 7 p.m. in the Carey Auditorium of Hesburgh Library.

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ob Dylan sick of love? Obviously not

unpredictable singer/songwriter is up to his old tricks yet again by appearing in a Victoria's Secret ad campaign

Dylan was not a hard sell when approached about the campaign, Razek said. The company had already decided to use the song when its corporate boss, Lex Wexner, suggested inviting Dylan himself.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Famer quickly agreed, although no one's quite sure why.

"I can't speculate to his reasons," Razek said. "I never talked to him about why he decided to come to the party, but he did." Razek said. "He's iconic, a living legend."

Dylan's spokesman did not return messages for comment about the campaign.

It's the first time in his 46-plus years as an international star that Dylan has appeared in an ad campaign, although his "The Times They Are a Changin'" was used in a Bank of Montreal commercial in 1996.

Back then, Dylan was ripped for selling out. His association with ladies in lingerie, as opposed to some corporate entity, failed to produce much antipathy — particularly in an era where Led Zeppelin, Peter Gabriel and Sting recently licensed songs for commercials.

But the strange mingling of Dylan and decolletage prompted plenty of comment, from a New York sports writer's Sunday column to various Internet chat rooms.

"On first glance, this is wrong on so many levels, but after viewing it I really admire Bob Dylan," wrote one Dylan fan in a chat room. "I only hope that when I reach Dylan's age someone approaches me to ask if I would like to be paid to fly to Venice and do a commercial with several supermodels."

Once you reach that level of acceptance, as Elsas observed, the Dylan spots don't seem so bad.

"What would you rather have Bob Dylan selling, ladies' under-
25 years ago, Bird-Magic made NCAA history

John Daly, shown chipping out of the sand on Monday, is hoping for a green jacket at Augusta.

Associated Press

GOLF

Daly wants his golf to be the focus of The Masters

John Daly, with his Masters in sight, walks from the clubhouse to the putting green, and getting to the line 10 times for 24 points, it was practically perfect.

He went 5-for-5 from the floor and 5-for-6 from the free-throw line.

The only miss? It came on the second of two free throws, when he looked to the bench and saw teammate Rick Raye jokingly flashing him an obscene gesture.

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"That's what magnifies the game."}

The memories that week weren't only on the basketball court. The Final Four was played in Salt Lake City, and as a special treat for the participants, the teams were given a visitation to the Mormon Tabernacle.

Michigan State's Terry Donnelly recalls walking in with the other teams and hearing the Mormon Tabernacle Choir play the Indiana State fight song. After a brief break, the choir followed up with the Michigan State fight song instead of Michigan State's.

"We might have been the only team to actually boo inside the tabernacle," Donnelly said.

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NEW ORLEANS — Everyone, it seems, has a spin on this latest national championship game between Connecticut and Tennessee. Jessica Moore's is unique.

When Connecticut goes for its third straight NCAA title in women's basketball Tuesday night, the last obstacle for the Huskies is the only school that has won three in a row. It's like if we win it (Tuesday) night, then they will be passing the crown down to someone else. It's if we win it (Tuesday) night, they will be passing the crown down to us.

Actually, that crown or torch or whatever you want to call it already has been passed. With its two straight championships and three in the past four years, Connecticut clearly has supplant ed Tennessee as the nation's pre-eminent program in the women's game.

Tennessee has won six titles, but none since 1998. Even Tennessee's Shanna Zolman said this is "Geno's era," a reference to UConn titles as a player and successful coach, Geno Auriemma. Tennessee coach Pat Summitt gives this rivalry a buzz, no matter how many times they meet in the finals. Auriemma said the top team at any point in the season the schools have played in the women's basketball championship game and the fourth such meeting since 1995. Connecticut won the last two, when the Lady Vols lost in the semifinals en route to the 2002 championship.

"So it's only fitting that if you want to win, that's who you've got to beat. And if they want to win, they've got to beat us," Auriemma said.

"The Lady Vols are looking to do just that. They've got some turf to protect. After all they like being the only program with three straight titles, which Tennessee accomplished from 1996 to 1998. We don't want UConn at all up there in the ranks with us," Zolman said. "We would love nothing more than to be able to not only get a ring ourselves, but also allow them to get three in a row. We're going to be working hard for that. I guarantee it."

Connecticut (30-4) kept its two straight championships and seven of the last eight, including an 81-67 victory in Knoxville this season.

"You would think as many times as he has beaten us, he would feel sorry for me and talk to me," Summitt said. "Auriemma seemed tired of the whole thing." he snapped. "Only thing that exists to me," Summitt said. "I don't think it was a Northeast game, it was a college basketball game."

"If we can do this thing right, we've got the players, the coaches, the fans, the whole thing. It's like we've got a chance," Summitt said.

"I'm not disappointed because I've never assumed anything in life," Summitt said. "Not having the title released by Purdue. I've never assumed I would win every race, either. You achieve those things by working hard and being surround ed by the best of the best of coaches and programs are that," Connecticut's Margo Colonel said.

But whatever the circumstances when these two teams get together, the subject of Auriemma's relationship with Tennessee coach Pat Summitt is bound to surface. That's about all that was discussed before last year's game, played after Auriemma's career, and that Tennessee was the "Evil Empire."

"I don't want to put this in perspective. I really don't have a relationship," Summitt said. "I don't want to have his number. We don't talk very often. We don't talk about the games. That's it."

Summitt finds it all the more puzzling because Connecticut has dominated her team recently. The Huskies have won five straight and seven of the last eight, including an 81-67 victory in Knoxville this season.

"This is magical." Summitt said. "I don't know why it went south, but that's the way it is."

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MLB

Cubs, Tigers wins highlight Opening Day

Houston pitchers Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte, at left, are introduced before Houston's opening day game. At middle, Mark Grudzielanek is tagged out at home in the ninth inning against Cincinnati, but the Cubs still won 7-4. And in his first official at-bat of 2004, Barry Bonds lines a double to left field in the Giants' opening day game.

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Sammy Sosa couldn't get a hit. Kerry Wood couldn't get past the fifth inning.

Big problems? Not for these newly confident Cubs.

Corey Patterson homered and Moises Alou doubled with the bases loaded Monday, leading the defending NL Central champions to a 7-4 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

After winning their first division title in 14 years, the Cubs got a good start on their next quest: back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1971-72.

"Last year, we were not really sure how good we were," said Patterson, who tore knee ligaments on July 6 and missed the rest of the season. "Since we did well last year, it builds more confidence. We know everyone is gunning for us.

The Reds had another disappointing debut in Great American Ball Park, where 42,122 fans watched a lineup missing Ken Griffey Jr. stumble out of the gate once again.

Griffey reluctantly took a few more days to rest a strained calf in injuries to rest a strained calf that he has had for years. He was unable to hit.

"We play some spring training games without him and we did all right, but you always want a stud like that in your lineup," shortstop Barry Larkin said.

Instead, the day belonged to the Cubs, who got little from their top starter and best run producer, but won anyway.

"This is a new year, a new opportunity to go all the way," said Alou, who doubled home three runs in the third. "We feel we have the team to do it. We just need a little luck. We feel we're going to win a lot of games."

Associated Press

DETROIT, Tampa, 0

Ivan Rodriguez, Bondevil White and Jason Johnson made sure the Detroit Tigers had a different start in 2004.

Rodriguez and White homered in their Detroit debuts Monday, backing Johnson to a season-opening 7-0 win over the Toronto Blue Jays.

This is a completely different team. Everybody is happy, and everybody is hungry to win," Rodriguez said.

Johnson (6-2) gave up one run in seven innings. The Tigers, who didn't win an opening game since 1993 and were trying to rebuild a franchise that hasn't finished with a winning record since 1991.

"We have a big, fat chip on our shoulder. We're not going to be the laughingstock. That's a new thing of the past. They ain't going to laugh tomorrow or the day after. We were confident, borderline cocky out there today," said Rodriguez, who hit a two-run home run in the first innig.

Associated Press

Pittsburgh, Philadelphia 1

Kip Wells showed the Pittsburgh Pirates what a No. 3 starter is supposed to look like on opening day. The finish by Jose Mesa was just as good.

Wells, a former CCU star who shown overpowering in working out of two big jams and inducing Kevin Millwood, and the Pirates rode Craig Wilson's homer and Tike Redman's tie-breaking double to a 2-1 victory Monday over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Associated Press

The Phillies' seven consecutive seasons of 90-plus losses is over. They won two straight games for the first time since 1991.

Wellington Abreu, a former CCU star who had a rough week in spring training, got the win, giving up just one run in five innings.

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — President Bush is getting the hang of throwing out first pitches. At Busch Stadium on Monday, the catcher hardly had to move his mitt.

Bush said, in advance, "My wing isn't what it used to be."

But when he reared back and threw, the pitch was right on the mark. He also had said he planned to throw a "hopping fastball" to open the Brewers-Cardinals game, but it looked more like an off-speed pitch. The Cardinals' Mike Matheny caught it easily.

"It just goes to show you a guy can get lucky occasionally," Bush said.

Three years ago, Bush's opening-day pitch at Milwaukee's Miller Park ended up in the dirt. Ever since, he has joked about being nervous when he approaches the mound. Bush is a former managing partner of the Texas Rangers.

No one calls him then, but Bush's first pitches at Game 3 of the 2001 World Series and at the 2001 College World Series were both dejected strikes.

Monday, Bush marched to the mound and with no windup threw the ball home. He wore a red Cardinals jacket. Fans chanted "U-S-A! U-S-A!"

The president chose the fiercely contested electoral state of Missouri to throw out this year's first pitch... in St. Louis. Bush chose to throw out the first pitch in St. Louis. He also chose to throw out the first pitch in St. Louis.

Associated Press

Vice President Dick Cheney throws out the first pitch in Cincinnati.

ST. LOUIS — Vice President Dick Cheney threw out the first ceremonial pitches.

"This is a completely different team. Everybody is happy, and everybody is hungry to win," Rodriguez said. "We're kind of glad this day's over, and we're really especially glad we started off with a win.

Ben Grieve hit a two-run homer and Posednuk had four RBIs, including a tiebreaking, three-run shot off Matt Morris in the sixth inning for the Cardinals, who gained last season with six straight losses and never recovered in a 68-94 season.

Associated Press

Bush, Cheney throw out ceremonial pitches

President Bush throws out the first pitch in St. Louis.
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WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Connecticut at Tennessee, 7 p.m., ESPN

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Connecticut claims national title

Connecticut guard Taliek Brown drives to the basket in front of Georgia Tech forward Theodis Tarver. Connecticut won the championship title with a 82-73 victory over Georgia Tech.

All-American Okafor leads Connecticut

ed this team, it's hard to imagine why. He coached UConn to its second championship in six seasons, and joined Mike Krzyzewski and Bob Knight as the only active coaches with multiple titles.

On Tuesday, tiny Storrs, Conn. — the home of the Huskies — could become the undisputed capital of the basketball universe.

The women's team takes on Tennessee in the title game in New Orleans, and with a win, Connecticut would become the first school to sweep both championships.

Some say the Huskies' success starts with Okafor, the Final Four's most outstanding player. He also had 15 rebounds for his 24th double-double of the season, which was marked by persistent injuries. Prowling the lane on both ends, using his lanky 6-foot-10 frame to block two shots and after dozens more, he dominated on offense and negated Tech's Austin center, Luke Schenscher.

Of course, UConn has more — much more — than Okafor, and every element was working. Gordon, a junior who led the team in scoring, hit all three of his 3-pointers during the first 20 minutes to help the Huskies take a 15-point lead at halftime. His backcourt mate, Taliek Brown, bumped back from a rough game in UConn's semifinal win over Duke to finish with nine points.

All-American Okafor leads Connecticut

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Undefeated Irish will look to improve against Ohio, OSU

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

 Armed with long sticks, the Irish have begun an uprising and the state of Ohio is not immune to this new trend. Or at least that's what it looks like to the rest of the collegiate women's lacrosse world.

With their next two games against Ohio (3-1) and No. 5 (6-0) Stanford, Notre Dame's women's lacrosse team (8-0) continues its undefeated season today at home against the Buckeyes. Freshman midfielder Maggie Murguia goes for the ball against a team Canada opponent in February.

"When the Buckeyes win, it is a good thing that they are now in the upper echelon of collegiate lacrosse teams," Delano said. "We used to be one of the teams that were the team anymore," Delano said. "We used to be one of the teams that were the state of Ohio is not immune to this new trend."

"Their zone surprised us, but we got them to a 3-2 deficit to walk off the courts with an 8-4 victory. Their defense has indeed been solid this year," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "I feel very proud defensively how we can match up against her."

"We know that people are going to bring their best game, and that's fine," Coyne said. "I feel that any time we're put into a situation like this, we're tested and it's just gonna make us that much better.

"We have many opportunities for such 'competitive situations' as the season draws to a close. After the two non-conference games against the Ohio schools, the Irish will resume Big East competition when they travel to the nation's capital for a showdown with No. 2 Georgetown. The Hoyas will be the first in a string of brutal season-ending opponents for the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team. Our next game against five of the top 15 teams, including Big East foe and 10th-ranked Syracuse."

"We haven't [even] talked about it. We haven't prepared for the Buckeyes yet. Our only focus is on [the Buckeyes] and getting ready for them."

"The Buckeyes are having an incredible year," Coyne said. "They are having an incredible year."
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pitcher Stefanny Steinleig. Steinleig earned her second straight Big East Pitcher of the Week award Monday after winning three games last week, including two in Big East play. The junior gave up just one earned run in 19 innings last week, good for a 0.37 ERA. In Big East play, she struck out 13 in 12 innings, walking just one batter.

Also pitching well for Notre Dame has been Heather Booth. Booth is second in the Big East with a 1.13 ERA. "Steinleig and Booth are very key because April is huge and having two pitchers that strong and having two relievers that's very key for our team," Hartmann said. "Going into the post-season having both those very well is very key for our team.

Offensively, Hartmann has been joined by Meagan Ruthrauff, who leads the Big East in on-base percentage (.468). Ruthrauff also has led the Irish in RBIs over the last ten games, with 16. She batted .379 in that period as well.

For the Irish, their success has been built on consistency. "The key is the complete game," Hartmann said. "The hitting, the pitching, the defense," Hartmann said. "We've just been consistent, the most is consistency."

When Purdue comes to town, they will be without Andrea Hillyes (280, 18 RBI).

Purdue has a winning record at Ivy Field, where they are 3-2. Two years ago, they came to Notre Dame and lost 4-2, but the Irish hope that this year will be different. "We learned from a lot of our mistakes in the pre-season," Hartmann said.

Today's doubleheader is set to start at 4 p.m. Contact Marc Puglisi at mpuglisi@nd.edu

Club Sports

Water polo defeats top-ranked teams

Special to The Observer

Behind the stellar goalkeeping of Brigette Alge, Notre Dame women's water polo club had a very strong showing at the Miami Invitational this weekend. Notre Dame splashed Northwestern 16-5 in the opener as Kristy Bulhões exploded for five goals and Bridget O'Neill and Allison Giensk rifled in three goals each.

In the first of two marquee matchups, the tenth-ranked Irish gave No. 1 and defending national champion Cal-Poly all it could handle in a tense 5-3 loss. O'Neill scored twice and Giensk once in the defensive struggle.

The Irish rebounded to upend No. 7 Florida in their next game 9-5. Katie Larcos, Kimmy Moore and Bulhões made the big contributions that secured the victory.

With Janna Stewart continuing to spell Alge in goal with quality minutes, the Irish defeated Illinois in their final game by a 9-5 count. O'Neill and Bulhões again led the club in scoring.

Cycling

The cycling club traveled to Purdue for a road race and a circuit race this weekend.

The pack of 60 stayed together for 35 miles until it was cut into four groups by the strong crosswinds. The Irish' Mike Lavery found himself in the second group and went on to take 21st place in the sprint finish. Grant Kleiber and John Kuzma ended up in the third group, placing 35th and 36th, respectively. In the 30-mile novice race, third-year Geoff Gisler placed a strong 17th out of 42 racers.

Sunday's race was 35 laps on a 0.7-mile course with six sharp turns. The fast, crash-marred race was split into two groups midway through, with all of the Irish racers trapped in the second group. Kuzma was tapped by the leaders and removed from the race, while Lavery narrowly held off being lapped until the end, when he placed 34th out of 58 riders. In the 25-lap novice race, Gisler took 20th out of 35 racers.

Ultimate Frisbee

An injury-depleted Notre Dame squad was missing three key senior starters at the Illinois Invitational this weekend as the club dropped five of six contests.

After defeating Wheaton College 15-12 in their opener, the Irish lost to Indiana, 14-7; Illinois, 15-3; St. Cloud State, 15-5; and Purdue, 14-12. Team player of the tournament honors went to sophomore Ryan Butler for his steady offense, solid throws and downfield passes while playing the monster position.

Matthew Sullivan and Jake Ament kept the offense alive with their lay-out grabs. The club was able to work on its defense in preparation for the upcoming sectional tournament.

Tuesday, April 6, 2004

Baseball vs. Chicago State @ 5:05PM

Women's Lacrosse vs. Ohio @ 3:00PM

First 100 fans will receive a Notre Dame Athletics T-shirt sponsored by Drive and Shine

First 100 fans will receive a Jimmy John's sandwich

Softball vs. Purdue @ 4:00 and 6:00PM

First 250 fans will receive a Notre Dame Athletics T-shirt sponsored by Drive and Shine

Wednesday, April 7, 2004

Baseball vs. Valparaiso @ 6:05PM
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"I think we both learned a lot from each other bouncing things off each other. He did a great job last year and was a great back," Grant said. "I was glad to be able to learn from him and I am glad to have him. ... I was glad to be able to play with him.

Grant learned from watching James what he needed to do to become the back fans, the coaching staff and Grant know he can. He has to be patient to let the offensive line open, but once those holes open, the running back has to hit the hole at top speed.

That's something he didn't do last season. Grant would either plunge straight into the offensive line or try and not be aggressive enough to burst through the hole once it opened. Improving that decision-making was a major goal in the winter and is a focus this spring.

"The main thing was his acceleration after the cut," Notre Dame running backs coach Buzz Preston said. "He had to get in (during the off-season) and look at the film. You can look at the things they did well and didn't do well. It gives them a chance to get a little more mentally sharp.

In the hole, Grant knows he has to break that first tackle and pick up the extra yards to maintain drives. Grant worked hard in the off-season doing drills to increase his agility, and ran track to increase his speed.

But not only are the coaches looking to Grant to improve his production, but also to become a leader for the 2004 team. The dedication Grant has shown since the end of the 2003 season is an indication he's ready to accept that role as one of the few seniors on the offense.

I think with Ryan being a senior, with two years of experience, we are going to ask and demand a lot out of a young man like that," Notre Dame offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said. "You really ask him to be a leader by example both on and off the field, which I think Ryan has done a really good job in the off-season. He is trying extremely hard to be on the leader on the field."

Grant can show that leadership on the field by bouncing back from a disappointing 2003 season and taking his game to a level beyond what he showed in 2003.

With an entire offense that has gained invaluable experience last year, the opportunity is there for Grant not to watch from the sidelines and have a year like Jones.

"In spring ball everyone is going to make mistakes, but we are going to get better as spring ball goes on," Grant said. "We can just look after is for guys to get after it."

Ryan Grant Irish running back

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closest teammate is John Torres, who is batting .243 on the year. The Cougars have been shutout in eight games this season, while the Irish have gone 109 consecutive games without suffering a shutdown by comparison.

On the mound, the Cougars have experienced more of the same futility.

The Chicago State pitchers have put up a team ERA of 14.59 while its opponents' ERA is 2.16.

Meanwhile, the Irish (22-3, 6-0) are beginning to click on all cylinders after their second straight three-game sweep in Big East Play.

The Irish are batting .319 as a team and are led at the plate by shortstop Greg Lopez with a .372 batting average.

Senior Matt Macri, who was named Big East Player of the Week for his 6-for-12 performance last week, is hitting .416. Lopez, who has put up a team ERA of 14.59 while its opponents' ERA is 2.16.

The Belles are playing well into the postseason.

The Bells are looking to sweep Calvin in conference play, looks forward to postseason

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If these courts could talk...

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His celebration was no joke as the Cougars, while a player from Mulka’s Girlfriend is trapped by a Cocoa Butter opponent. T en ) comes to town to take on the 5-3 Bobcats.

Tourney locations see heartbreak and hope in preliminaries

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