Maintaining identity

Religious outside Congregation of Holy Cross find niche within ND community

Editor’s note: This is the third in a four-part Holy Week series focusing on the religious of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross.

By JOE TROMBELLO
Assistant News Editor

They live in small communities, in residence halls or alone. They work as teachers, scholars, rectors and in a wide variety of other ministries. They are the Dominicans, Jesuits, Franciscans and other religious orders on campus separate from the dominant community of the Congregation of Holy Cross. The members of other religious orders said they don’t feel uncomfortable or have difficulty maintaining a sense of community with such a large body of religious on campus from an order different than their own. Many members said they actually relish the opportunity to serve at a place where their order is not dominant, and all said that the Holy Cross order has made them feel accepted and welcome.

According to the Office of Institutional Research’s 2003 Fact Book, 16 full-time instructional faculty in 2002 were members of the Holy Cross order. Only three full-time instructional faculty were noted as “other Catholic clergy,” with one faculty member noted as “non-Catholic clergy.” Among hall rectors, 12 are members of Holy Cross, while not Holy Cross rectors include one Carmelite, two Franciscans, three Dominicans and two members of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Despite their relative minority status, members of other orders said they have flourished on campus. Their individual stories help to form a more composite image of the religious life diversity existing at Notre Dame.

By ANDREW THAGARD
Senior Staff Writer

Cost of electronic journals rises dramatically

By LAURA VIJIM
News Writer

Due to the inflation of rising costs of electronic journals, the University Libraries materials funding has seen a decrease in purchasing power over the past three years, forcing the library staff to cancel journal subscriptions in an effort to balance budget costs.

The Libraries have already made several major cancellations of journals over the past two years. Six hundred and nineteen titles were eliminated in the spring of 2002 and several hundred more were removed from the database in the spring of 2003 for a total of over 1,500 cancelled subscriptions.

Despite these cuts, the Libraries are still paying approximately $250,000 more for journal subscriptions than their budget allows. Hoping to manage this budget deficit, the University has allocated a one-time fund that can be used for the Libraries in the 2004-05 academic year. This fund may provide financial assistance for those students who need additional costs covered.

By LISA GALLAGHER
News Writer

As students continue registering for classes at Saint Mary’s, many wonder why the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s procedures are different — and why many juniors and seniors at the College are left with no choice but to camp out overnight in order to sign up for classes required to graduate.

Saint Mary’s maintains advanced registration in person for those students who need specific classes to complete their majors. Saint Mary’s registrar Lorraine Kitchner said that under the College’s current system, the only way for upperclassmen to ensure that underclassmen do not register for advanced classes in their places is to wait it out.

Kitchner pointed out that students can register for their general education and elective classes using PRISM, the online system at Saint Mary’s. English department chair Max Wesler explained the process of registering further:

“Seniors should have already seen their advisors,” Wesler said. “All others should be at their specific registration times, promptly to sign up for classes.”

Wesler said that students usually begin waiting in line about a half an hour before registration actually begins. Once the line starts moving, all English majors should be finished with the registration process within another 30 minutes.

Some department chairs, on the other hand, allow students to register for their classes required for their major using the Banner system. Education department chair Dale Banks was surprised to hear not all majors had switched to using online registration.

“They’ve been using Banner since it’s been around,” Banks said.

Clinical psychologist discusses compassion in medicine

By ANDREW THAGARD
Senior Staff Writer

In a presentation that included “Far Side” comics, passages from scripture and storytelling to the beat of a drum, psychologist Dominic Vachon discussed compassion in medicine.

The Tuesday presentation, the third in the 10th annual “Mini-Medical School Lecture Series,” was titled “Transcending Suffering: Spirituality and Maintaining Compassion in the Encounter with Human Pain.”

Vachon, who trains family practice residency physicians at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center and educates medical students through Indiana University School of Medicine’s Department of Family Medicine, spoke of the importance of remaining passionately concerned for a patient’s well-being without becoming emotionally drained in the process.

“When you really care about people, it’s not an easy thing,” Vachon said. “But caring is one of the most powerful forces you can have as an ally. Without it you won’t last long in health care.”

Often, Vachon said, health care professionals either care too much or too little — both of which can be detrimental to the caregiver and the patient.

By becoming over involved, Vachon explained, a person compromises the autonomy of the individual he is trying to help and suffers a “burn out.” At the same time, caring too little undermines the healing process.

“When you don’t care about [a person] on a deeper level people can tell you’re faking it,” he said. “People get better [faster] when you care about them.”

Often, however, health care providers try to disengage from their work, in effect temporarily shutting off their feelings during the day and turning them back on at home.

“It doesn’t work that well,” Vachon said. “When you turn them back on, you end up processing all you saw that day.”

The key, Vachon said, is to...
INSIDE COLUMN

Luck of the draw

Room selection is inherently flawed. A person can easily be screwed over by the mere randomness of which number in the lottery the Resident computer assigns her. It's funny, or maybe it's not, that I seem to stress over and focus so much of my energy on where luck will place me in what seems to be one of the most important aspects of college—where your room is located and what the layout of your room is.

There are a number of factors that make a room better than others. Close to the bathroom. At least for us girls, closer, the better. And if you're lucky enough to have your own bathroom, then you've hit it big. You ought to rejoice.

Stairwell. A quick exit is nice so that when you have to move in or out, carry groceries, large books or anything else that is heavy, you can do it with ease.

Square footage. Yes, the bigger, the better. Having a large room definitely helps with having friends come over to hang, particularly when deciding what furniture to put in the room. With singles, this can cause problems, but usually a resolution can be made.

Big closet. If you're anything like me, these tiny dorm room closets suck. I need a space where I can hide my clothes quickly when people come over for a surprise visit. Besides, I have a lot of clothes and other junk that needs a spot to go.

Sink. A sink is a virtual necessity. I don't know about you, but I like the idea of walking down the hall to brush my teeth or other such things. Access to water is nice and having a spot to store toiletries always helps to keep things a little neater.

Location to friends. Okay, so maybe I'm being lazy here. But it is nice to be near your friends. If you're in a bad mood, you can go vent. If you're hungry, you can run to the Dining Hall, or order-in if you're in a bad mood, you can go.

Now it's time for the fun part—choosing the floor plan. So good luck everyone, no guilt picks! I hope you end up as happy as I am.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Sarah Vubahulas at vubahulas54@students.nd.edu.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW OFTEN DO YOU FLY OUT OF SOUTH BEND REGIONAL AIRPORT?

Adrienne Allen
Senior Lyons

Carole Kennelly
Junior Walsh

Claudio Guerra
Freshman Siegfried

John Corker
Freshman Zahm

Justin Giles
Freshman St. Edward's

"Never."

"Whenever I need to get out of here."

"Who came up with this stupid question?"

"Never. Go Irish... House!"

"About once a year."

Sarah Vubahulas
Viewpoint Editor

IN BRIEF

Class registration for Fall 2004 is now open. University students are being urged to register as soon as possible to avoid being locked out of classes.

"A Nanovic Film: Lilya 4-ever (Sweden/Denmark 2002)," written and directed by Lukas Moodysson, will be shown all day in Carey Auditorium. The event is sponsored by the Nanovic Institute for European Studies: Women in European Film—Loss, Identity, Belonging.

"Building Anti-Racist Alliances for Human Rights: Women of Color Organizing on Global Terrain in the U.S. South," will be presented by Faye Harrison, department of anthropology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville today from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. in Hesburgh Center Auditorium. The talk is part of the Lecture Series on Race in the Americas.

Come to the Coleman-Morse Lounge from 10 to 11 p.m. tonight for Interfaith Christian Night Prayers.

Join coach Muffet McGraw and the athletic department in participating with "Eric's Promise," a charity event associated with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Donate any lightly used athletic wear at the truck available outside the JACC, gate 10, today from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.
SMC draws, loses transfer students

By KELLY MEEHAN

As Saint Mary’s draws transfer students from other colleges and universities, it also has to balance its student body. While many students that apply, are accepted and eventually transfer to Notre Dame, many citing the college. According to Michael Gantt, coordinator of transfer admissions at Notre Dame, of the 41 and 22 enrolled.

The average freshman to sopho­more year retention rate at Saint Mary’s is between 83 and 85 percent. Due to privacy rights, it remains confidential to where students transfer, however around 50 percent claim to have transferred from another private college. Approximately 22 percent of students transferring out of Saint Mary’s in the past reported to the college. Gantt said there has been a turnover of dedicated people from web and email. A male mentor is needed for an older woman, one mentally disabled man once a student. A companion is needed for an older woman, one mentally disabled man once a student. A companion is needed for an older woman, one mentally disabled man once a student.

According to Lelik, her office receives tutoring requests from other colleges and universities. It also has to balance the classes without transferring students. Nelson said she made the decision to transfer out of the college. Saint Mary’s draws approximately 45 to 50 incoming transfer students each year. The majority of students that apply, are accepted and eventually transfer to Notre Dame. The number of those accepted for the fall 2014 semester was determined due to a pending April 15 application deadline. The number of accepted Saint Mary’s students will likely remain unknown until June. Gantt said. He also noted the probability of the University declining business or architecture transfer students because of overcrowding in those departments.

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said.
Still, education majors meet
with their advisors prior to
accessing Banner in order to
make sure they are on track with
their requirements.
The chemistry department does
not have advanced registration.
Kitchner said, mainly because it is
not as popular of a major.
While each department at Saint
Mary's has a different process of
allowing juniors and seniors to
register for classes required for
their majors, many agree that
web registration for all classes
would be beneficial.
Westier said "like to see
online registration if the College
decided to boost this direction."
"Students would prefer [web
registration]," Spaulding said.
Notre Dame began web regis-
tration through IrishLink in the
fall of 2001. Notre Dame associ-
ate registrar, Lora Spaulding said
the main reason web registration
was created was for the conven-
ience of the students.
"We had been wanting to
switch to [web registration] for
quite some time," Spaulding said,
"but it took a long time before
the system was secured."
In the fall of 1989, Notre Dame
students were encouraged to use
a phone dial-up service or kiosk
to sign up for their spring 1990
courses. That was followed by a
one-year temporary registration
system in which students used
terminals in a department of the
Hesburgh Library before the switch to IrishLink.

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Associated Press

CRYSTAL RIVER, Fla. —
Ashley Rhodes-Courter, full of
pouls beyond her 18 years,
causes among the cardboard
boxes and piles of documents
that occupy a corner of her
adoptive family's spacious
home on Kings Bay.
"This is my life," the high
school senior said, frowning
over her in dangerous homes.
Some of the places were OK.
In others she faced neglect
and overcrowding. In one,
physical and mental abuse was
routine.
"There were times I was
ripped off the top bunk by my
hair and thrown to the ground
kicked," she said. "We
always had bruises and
marks."
Her experiences drive a des-
perate desire to make a differ-
ence now for kids left in the
system.
"Kids that come out of the
system, particularly those who
are adopted at an older age,
they don't fare very well,"
Rhodes-Courter said. "They
can't really tell about what
happened. They don't really
have any credibility. Their
grades are poor, they act out,
they end up in juvenile deten-
tion centers.
"I came out the exact oppo-
site. I think I'm pretty credible.
I can speak a coherent sen-
tence, and I can do these
things. I think it's really pow-
erful, and I think I scare a lot
of people."
Rhodes-Courter sued the
state of Florida and its
Department of Children &
Families caseworkers for plac-
ing her in dangerous homes.
The lawsuits, and another
against the former foster cou-
ple who abused her, were set-
tied out-of-court with undis-
closed payments last year,
money that she'll use for col-
lege.
The articulate honor student
also has become a sought-after
public speaker for child advo-
cate groups around the coun-
try.
Rhodes-Courter, who will
graduate from Crystal River
High School in May, is spend-
ing much of her spare time
writing, working on a book she's
writing with her
adoptive mother, Gay Courter,
and meeting with congressmen
and prestigious awards, spoken to U.S. sena-
tors and congressmen and met
President Clinton. Recently she
told her story on Montel
Williams' daytime talk show.
Last summer she won first
place among 3,000 entrants in
a New York Times Magazine
high school writing competi-
tion. Titled "Three Little
Words," her poignant essay
described the doubt and emo-
tional ambiguity she felt on
adoption day in 1998.
She described in the essay
her mistreatment in the sys-

tem and recounted seeing
other kids adopted only to be
returned to foster care
because they were damaged
goods.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Prisoners hold TV crews hostage
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A prison in New Orleans was in the news overnight for the wrong reasons as inmates who were part of a violent gun battle at the facility held TV crews hostage.

Bernice Davey, 90, and Virginia Basso, 91, both had spoken of contributing to the same cause...
Religious
dominican sisters at Saint Mary's to be "an extended community" and gather each Sunday with a group of Dominicans, as well as other religious and lay people, to attend Mass at Saint Mary's and converse over coffee.

Religious in the residence halls
In addition to scholarship and teaching, religious at Notre Dame also participate in campus life by serving as rectors in residence halls. Many of these rectors of other religious orders said they fulfill their ministry by interacting with students in a residential setting.

"We try to proclaim God's word through our presence in the hall, in the way we talk to the residents," said Sister Susan Dunn, a Dominican and a rector of Lyons Hall. "It's a wonderful privilege to be in the hall, to be a pastoral presence in a day-to-day sense, and I think my colleagues feel the same."

Dunn said she and other rectors gather every Tuesday night and take turns hosting each other in their respective halls. Since the rectors comprise religious of a variety of orders, as well as lay people, the gatherings provide an opportunity for everyone, fellow Dominicans as well as members of other orders.

"You get the sense that there are communities that are like circles that intersect at certain times," she said.

Dunn said that in addition to the rector meetings, she and other Dominicans gather together on feast days for "prayer and community." Dunn also participates in meetings with women religious who meet to "talk about leadership ... and other issues" that would be of similar interests in all congregations.

Dunn said she feels very comfortable with her Holy Cross colleagues.

"I feel that I have been welcomed and affirmed," she said. "I think we all consider it a gift to minister with Holy Cross."
IN BRIEF

Lucent fires exec for bribery

NEWARK, N.J. — Telecommunications gear maker Lucent Technologies announced Tuesday it is firing four executives at its unit in China after finding possible violations of U.S. bribery laws.

Lucent said its investigation in China was prompted by a lawsuit at its foreign operations, prompted by bribery allegations involving its Saudi Arabian unit, which the company disclosed in August.

The company said it “found incidents and internal control deficiencies” in its operations in China that potentially involve Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations. The nature and specifics of the potential violations were not disclosed in August.

The company also said it could not have known its behavior would infringe EU law and thus should not be fined at all.

EU Competition Commissioner Mario Monti “has said clearly the reason he wants a decision is to get a precedent, so clearly there isn’t one currently,” said Microsoft spokesman Tom Brookes.

Microsoft spokes­woman Amelia Torres declined to comment, say­ing Monti would address questions Wednesday at a news conference after the Commission adopts the ruling.

Sources familiar with the EU’s charges told The Associated Press Tuesday that the Commission to levy fines for antitrust violations of up to 10 percent of a company’s global revenue.

Representatives from the 15 EU governments approved the fine Monday. A source familiar with the case, but speaking on condition of anonymity, said Tuesday it was around $615 million.

Given Microsoft’s cash reserves in excess of $50 billion, experts say the fine is less significant than the changes Monti is seeking in how Microsoft sells Windows, which runs most personal computers worldwide.

The EU is expected to order Microsoft to release more of the underlying Windows code to rivals in the server market, and deliver a version of the software to users without its Windows Media Player software in Europe to help competing products reach desktops.

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Lilly gifts $6M to former patent critic

INDIANAPOLIS — A medical research foundation that settled a $118 million drug patent fight against Eli Lilly and Co. a year ago found itself on the receiving end of a $6 million gift from the drug maker Tuesday, with past harsh words replaced by mutual praise.

The money to create two endowed faculty chairs in biomedical research in Indianapolis is the largest gift in the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation’s 58-year history, said Adam Cohen, director of the nonprofit public charity.

“We view this as an incredibly generous gesture by Eli Lilly,” Cohen said.

The gift continues a partnership of more than two decades between Indianapolis-based Lilly and the non­profit foundation in research on blood and cardiovascular diseases.

But research by two foundation doc­tors into a blood poisoning treatment led the foundation more than two years ago to sue Lilly in a complaint that sought $100 million in damages. The patent­infringement lawsuit con­tended the doctors’ work helped lead to the development of Xigris, a drug Lilly introduced in November 2001 to treat life-threatening blood infections.

The foundation argued it was owed $205 million for alleged antitrust abuses.

With the EU decision due Wednesday, trans­Atlantic tensions also began to siz­en in Europe.

The ruling is yet another example of the EU acting a successful American industry and policies that support our economy’s growth,” U.S. Sen. Patty Murray, a Democrat from Washington state.

The software giant’s chair­man, Michael Spiegel, said Tuesday he wants a decision is late 2001 with the Bush administration’s EU antitrust case but settled in March 24, announcing a record­breaking $615 million fine against U.S. software giant Microsoft for breaking EU competition law.

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Associated Press

Hundreds of imperiled species around the world — from a tiny opossum to a radiant blue bird — lack protection from human encroachment despite the vast amount of land set aside for conservation, a new study warns.

Researchers said the findings are a wake-up call pointing to the need for new strategies to ensure that protected lands and forests are also the teeming with life, said Stuart L. Pimm, a professor of ecology at Duke University.

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"Even for those species that we know well, we're finding three levels of protection, of gaps. It's alarming," said Rodrigues who was the study's lead author.

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Support the best candidate, not the Catholic one

In his April 6 letter to the editor, Tom Coffey argues that American Catholics should support Catholic politicians, particularly the Republican presidential campaign of Democratic candidate John Kerry. As if pushing all American Catholics into one single voting bloc were not a stretch in and of itself, Coffey goes on to make the connection that by virtue of Kerry's nomination and a few potential Catholic running mates, the Democratic party is somehow more in line with the values of Catholic Americans. Such an assertion could not be any further from the truth. Throughout his four terms as senator from Massachusetts, Kerry has proven himself to be one of the strongest abortion rights advocates in the country. In this respect, American Catholics could not select a more un-Catholic President than Kerry.

Just a few weeks ago, Kerry took a break from the campaign trail to fly to Washington to vote against a bill that makes it a separate federal crime to harm a fetus during an assault on the mother. It is difficult to see how anyone could vote against this bill, especially considering the ongoing Scott Peterson murder trial. As it stands now, Peterson can only be tried for murdering his pregnant wife Laci and not the 3-month-old fetus living inside her who was to be named Conner.

Despite the tragedy of Laci Peterson’s death, opponents of the bill feared that its passage might later lead to erosions of reproductive rights, particularly partial-birth abortions. Whether or not partial-birth abortions eventually are banned in this country remains to be seen. But regardless of this potential outcome, there is no political, legal or moral justification for Kerry and his 37 fellow Senate democrats who voted against this bill. Thankfully, the Senate, on the heels of overwhelming Republican support, passed this legislation with President Bush officially signing it into law Friday in front of Laci Peterson’s appreciative family.

It is no surprise that the Council of American Catholic Bishops applauded President Bush for signing the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, also known as Laci and Conner’s Law. It is also no surprise that the Council has refused to endorse Kerry. And that many of them, in an article in last week’s edition of “Time” suggests, are torn on whether to even offer Kerry communion as he parades around pre-dominantly Catholic cities like Cleveland and Milwaukee, allowing the media to cover his visits to church in his attempts to curry the Catholic vote.

In truth, Kerry’s Catholicism or lack of it should not play a role at all in the minds of voters. In another article from last week’s “Time,” the Senator himself went on record in saying, “We have a strict separation of Church and state in this country. I will be a President who happens to be Catholic, not a Catholic President.” To this end, Kerry could not be more correct. For the same reason it is ridiculous to suggest that African-Americans should only vote for African-Americans or that Hispanics should only vote for Hispanics, Catholics, and all other Americans, for that matter, should not select a candidate just because he or she happens to be Catholic; not a Catholic President.

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Faith is a private matter and should be kept that way in elections. Kerry, ever the walking contradiction, has refused to adhere to the standard which he espouses. While campaigning in November in Florida, the senator attempted to woo Jewish voters by claiming he had a special bond with them on account of a Boston Globe article that discovered the candidate’s paternal grandparents were of Jewish origin but later converted to Catholicism upon immigrating to the United States.

In a reference to the atrocities of World War II, Kerry told his audience, “If had leaders seen the world differently when there was cause to see it differently, life might have been different. We understand — and I say we, because I recently learned of my own ties to the Jewish faith, a hundred years ago, which opens a whole new door, a window of connection.”

As controversial as these comments were, Kerry stood to no low few weeks ago when he made a Biblical reference in a speech at the New Westminster Baptist Church in St. Louis. “What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but doesn’t have works?” Kerry said, quoting James 2:14. “When we look at what is happening in America today, where are the works of compassion?”

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Are there really any 'catholic' politicians?

Tom Coffey's letter to the editor from April 6 reflects the sad state of American Catholicism today. John F. Kennedy, the first Catholic president and a Democrat, was elected back when the Democratic Party's main concerns were social and racial justice, views fully in line with Catholic beliefs.

Recently, John Kerry voted against a bill protecting unborn children when the person's mother is murdered, and his stance on abortion has resulted in requests, as Coffey noted, for Kerry not to take the Holy Eucharist at Mass. How any Catholic could stand behind today's "Catholic" politicians is beyond me.

On the other hand, the Republican Party has seen its support among Catholics increase. Cobb noted that "there is nothing the public will consider a 'just war' for which we might not ask a soldier to die," but also support the death penalty and tend to protect business interests at the expense of focusing on the rights of the less fortunate. And, as Coffey noted, the Republican Party has not been overly hospitable to Catholics in the past. So this puts the American Catholic in a tight spot, one she can either moral with the Republican Party or take the traditional social-oriented path of the Democratic Party.

The economic growth in 2003 and 2004 has proven Bush's critics dead wrong. What an incredibly optimistic outlook going into this year's campaign season. However, the $1,000 child credit Koprowski mentioned was distributed in the summer of 2003 as an advance. Taxpayers are quickly seeing a dramatic decrease in refunds and even find themselves owing money because they fail to report those credits as income. That means that, from August to February, only 442,000 new jobs were created. That averages a little over 60,000 jobs a month — not exactly impressive during our time of "economic growth."

While I'm at it, I don't think "economic growth" is an appropriate enough term for our latest advancements. Koprowski is proud of the fact that the Dow is approaching "pre-recession levels." To me, this is not a sign of economic growth, this is a sign of economic recovery. Growth, as far as the Bush administration is concerned, should be reaching economic levels above and beyond what they were when he took office. Should we applaud a president who dig his administration out of their own recession? With tax refunds supposedly about to reach record highs, it is no big surprise that consumer spending would increase. The anticipation of those refunds spurs anyone to go on a little spree. However, the $1,000 child credit Koprowski mentioned was distributed in the summer of 2003 as an advance. Taxpayers are quickly seeing a dramatic decrease in refunds and even find themselves owing money because they fail to report those credits as income.

"Economic growth" is a mere illusion. With an uncertain future in the Middle East (the ongoing conflict in Iraq and the economic roller coaster that occurs during any election year, I can hardly call Bush's work "impressive."
MOVIE REVIEW

‘Hellboy’: Like a bat out of hell

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Scene Movie Critic

Cthulhu, Y’ba-nthlei, Yog-Sothoth, K’n-yar. If any of those names sound familiar, then “Hellboy”, directed and written by Guillermo del Toro, may be the right up your alley. Steeped heavily in Lovecraftian lore, this is one of the better movies to come out in years partially based on the writings of the late author H. P. Lovecraft.

That doesn’t mean the average moviegoer won’t enjoy the movie, as they probably will. It’s saying that if a person who knows of H. P. Lovecraft, they probably will. It’s saying that a person who knows of H. P. Lovecraft, and has been a fan of his previous works, will get a much larger kick out of the movie. For example, it’s a little hard for the average person to picture ultimate evil as a frozen giant squid in outer space. But to a Lovecraft fan, it’s a whole new story.

“Hellboy” itself was a pretty good movie. While there were some logical holes in the story, as well as some poor editing, it was an enjoyable flick overall. One small complaint though — does it seem that Nazi’s are always behind apocolypse plots? I know they are safe villains, as they are the least likely to offend anyone when they get killed, but a little more imagination could have been used, especially in a movie like this.

And speaking of recycled villains, in “Hellboy” we are treated with Grigori Rasputin, yes, he is the famed Russian mystic who has already been treated with dozens of films and literature. While it appears Toro is trying to give the movie some historical context, it could just as easily be likely that he is just going with some standard Hollywood villian tropes.

In the way of characters, Ron Perlman brings the title character to life, and the viewer never gets the feeling that they are watching a guy in a red demon suit. The other characters are just as nice, such as the intelligent fish man voiced by David Hyde Pierce. Fans of cool swordplay will also get a let out of the movie, as one character in particular seems to excel at it.

Kroenen, played by Ludwig Beran, is a sheer joy to watch. It’s not every day that people get to watch a man with a mask lifting sword swinging Nazi at work.

One character seemed to detract from the film just a little though. Selma Blair playing the character of Liz Sherman, gives a somewhat disappointing performance. Maybe I’m being a little too hard on her, considering she has to act professionally while talking to a giant man.

Many people saw the trailers for this movie, and probably considered it to be a lame League of Extraordinary Gentlemen knockoff. That’s not a good thing, especially when LXX was less than stellar. But those people would also be missing out on a pretty good movie. If that’s the case, then simply write off “Hellboy.”

While it is certainly not a head scratcher, or the latest Hollywood masterpiece, it’s an enjoyable little flick that will certainly hold more for fans of the comics, or action fans in general. Why not shake things up a little bit this Easter with watching “Hellboy”, although some will probably enjoy watching “The Passion” again.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Stiles finds a prince, lacks a quality plot

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While one should not walk into this film with high expectations, chances are the average teenager through 20-year-old girl will not be disappointed. Cheesy? Yes. Predictable? Definitely. Does it make a girl’s stomach get butterflies? Without a doubt (and isn’t that really why anyone is at this movie any­how?).

The storyline of “The Prince & Me” is not a difficult one to follow. Paige Stiles (Stiles) is a senior at a university in Wisconsin. Paige Morgan is a dedicated and straight-laced pre-med student who is not going to let love slow her down.

She meets Prince Edward (Mably) at her night job as a waitress. Prince Edward is the crown prince of Denmark who can’t stay out of trouble.

He sees a “Girls Gone Wild” - esque film from Wisconsin and decides to go to college in America as Eddie. It must be something about that Wisconsin air, because as soon as Eddie gets to America, he leaves behind his wild ways in pursuit of Paige.

Following a very unbelievable character shift, in both the characters of Eddie and Paige, the two end up together. That is until Paige gets a big surprise — Eddie is a prince. Paige of course ends up in Denmark where she must choose between a life with Eddie as queen of Denmark or fulfilling her dreams of becoming a doctor.

The end has been advertised as surprising, it is not, but does the audience work to get there.

The plot is predictable, yet enjoyable and the acting registers in the same category. Stiles, known for her mediocre acting and annoying fake accents, seems to let her guard down in this film and, apart from one scene where she is clumsily dancing to slow music while wiping tables as Eddie falls for her, Stiles is not annoying in the slightest. The character of Paige fits Stiles well, and whether or not that is only because Stiles in reality is similar to Paige, thus making the “acting” aspect questionable, is largely irrelevant (hey, it worked for Julia Roberts).

One could not call Stiles breathtaking, or even necessarily talented, but she is most definitely satisfactory, which is not often the case for her.

Luke Mably also plays his role as Prince Edward well, providing comic relief in his characters ineptness for day-to-day tasks. Not to mention, he is cute has a British accent and is starring in a movie made for teen girls, so generally his performance will be, and deserves to be, well received. The only other standout role is the comic character of Ben Miller as the stoic and often-distraught Soren, Prince Edward’s “nanny.”

Overall, “The Prince & Me” is not a bad film to see if you enjoy this type of movie. There is nothing impressive about it, beyond the beautiful setting of the castle in Denmark, but it is also by no means disgusting in its nature. If people are looking for more than “I can live my dreams and have a boyfriend too”, don’t bother seeing it. Yet, if it is a romantic teen film that won’t require a great deal of thinking that someone is looking for, look no farther. “The Prince & Me” promises a story that the title and the advertising imply — nothing more, but nothing less.

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**Rock's solid, but 'Walking Tall' loses focus**

By BRANDON HOLLIHAN

The rock should not be an action star. Okay, he's not bad as a performer, but he's not a great actor. Let's just call him a good actor. Granted, when you're a 6-foot-5, 255-pound professional wrestler, the rock isn't exactly the most likely candidate for a leading role in a movie. However, his performance in the new film, "Walking Tall," has received mixed reviews.

In the film, the Rock stars as Buford Pusser, a Tennessee sheriff who turns to crime after the death of his brother. The movie then trips over itself by introducing a corny one-liner that seems to be the easy part of the adventure, even though there are several close calls with the law. The movie fails to deliver the same level of entertainment that the original film did.

**Good guy Hanks impresses as a bad guy**

By JACQUELINE PIMENTEL-GANNON

From the makers of "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" and "The Big Lebowski," comes the caper comedy "The Ladykillers." The movie is a remake of the 1955 comedy starring Alec Guinness. The film comes home to, how­ ever, is a corrupted town that has seen its primary source of income — the lumber mill at which Chris' father (John Beasley) worked — closed down and replaced with a casino run by Chris' high school classmate and rival, Jay Hamilton (Neal McDonough).

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From bathroom humor, to long bursts of profanity, to the use of racial terms, "Ladykillers" offers something to offend many different types of people. Even the most compassionate person will have a diff­ icult time not laughing through the barrage of fatalities late in the movie. There is no need to feel bad about cracking up through Pancake and MacSam's hilarious bouts of insults because everyone ends up getting his due by the end of the film.

The scenry occasionally leaves something to be desired. A high school pro­ duction's backdrops are more impressive than the flat, two-dimensional sheriff's office facade. Yet there is great use of a stone carving that appears in the intro­ duction of the movie and then again near the end. The music is wonderful, mixing gospel music and classical pieces with 'hippety-hop' songs, as Mrs. Munson refers to them.

As for the Rock's film future, it's defi­ nitely a bright one; he's easy to root for, he knows how to work a film text, and it seems he understands the basics of giving and taking with other actors. If he truly wants to be the next great action star, though, he may face difficulties.

As it is, "Walking Tall" will likely fade towards the video rental stores, and the rock will probably continue to have fun making his action films while doing semi­ annual appearances for the WWE on the side. Let's hope he's still having fun in the film industry a few years from now, it'd be a shame to see him bounce out.

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**Rock's solid, but 'Walking Tall' loses focus**

By BRANDON HOLLIHAN

The rock should not be an action star. Okay, he's not bad as a performer, but he's not a great actor. Let's just call him a good actor. Granted, when you're a 6-foot-5, 255-pound professional wrestler, the rock isn't exactly the most likely candidate for a leading role in a movie. However, his performance in the new film, "Walking Tall," has received mixed reviews.

In the film, the Rock stars as Buford Pusser, a Tennessee sheriff who turns to crime after the death of his brother. The movie then trips over itself by introducing a corny one-liner that seems to be the easy part of the adventure, even though there are several close calls with the law. The movie fails to deliver the same level of entertainment that the original film did.

**Review:**

Good guy Hanks impresses as a bad guy

By JACQUELINE PIMENTEL-GANNON

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Red Sox avoid falling to 0-2 for first time since 1996 with win

Associated Press

Pitching in the World Series and dozens of other important games couldn’t prevent Curt Schilling from failing to show up for his start with the right-hander got the Red Sox back on track following Sunday’s opening-night loss to Arizona.

"That was just the way I am," said Schilling, now in his 15th major league season. "It’s a different environment, a different mentality, and you want to live up to the best you can.

Schilling struck out six, struck out seven and walked one as the Red Sox fended off the Diamondbacks, 7-1, to win their second straight game since 1996.

"It’s frustrating because we have something great going on here and I want to be a part of it," said Young.

"I wish it had happened earlier," said Boston manager Terry Francona.

After throwing 109 pitches and staking the Red Sox to a 3-1 lead, Schilling was ordered to watch the remainder of the game from the dugout.

"He lobbled a little bit, but wasn’t one of his stronger lobes," Francona said. "It’s the world of baseball now. It’s about the win, it’s not about what you lose."

Young, however, is expected to miss up to six weeks.

"I guess I’m at a loss for words," said Young.

"I think we can definitely be a two-run deficit," said Schilling.

Young appeared to be in severe pain, but was able to put weight on the leg as he was helped off.

"I just kind of had a gut feeling that there’s going to be a big day for us defensively," said Young.

"He only got to the mound between innings. He didn’t pitch full strength until the fifth, sixth inning."

The team initially announced Young had a sprained ankle, but updated his status after he underwent X-rays.

His leg was placed in a removable splint.

Young had a career year last season, batting .297 with 29 home runs and 85 RBIs.

"We have to lose him. It’s a big loss," said Boston manager Terry Francona.

Marlins win, 7-1 for first time since 1986

Victor Zambrano gave up the only run for the Yankees, but the Tampa Bay Devil Rays roughed up Mussina and overcame an early four-run deficit for a victory.

"It’s one of the best pitchers of this generation," said zambrano.

"I feel good out there. I made bad pitches."

"The right-hander allowed nine runs and six runs in four innings."

Tuesday night’s re-opener drew a crew of 41,356, announced as just the second home sellout in Devil Rays history, but even though it fell well short of the 45,369 that turned out for the expansion club’s inaugural game at Tropicana Field in 1999.

Twins 7, Indians 6 - 15 innings

Jacque Jones hit a tying homer with two outs in the ninth inning, and Jesse Offerman’s bases-loaded single in the 15th gave the Minnesota Twins a victory over the Indians.

"I feel like we built momentum all day long."

"I feel like we had things going our way all day."

"I feel like the game was out of hand the whole time."

"I feel like there was a chance to win the game but we didn’t get it done."

"Good luck Dan"
After 5 years with N.Y., Clemens finally home

'The Rocket' ready to make first Astro start today vs. S.F.

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Roger Clemens climbed into his burnt-orange Hummer, headed down I-10 and drove right to work. After all those years on the road, he was truly home.

From the lone star on his hat to the train whistle coming from left field at Minute Maid Park, it looks and sounds somewhat strange to see Clemens playing for the Houston Astros.

Not that he minds a bit. "Everything's a little different," he said on opening day. "Just getting up today and coming down and doing the pep rally and going back home, and get some things together and back down here for the game, that's extremely different for me."

"It's 15 minutes instead of a four-hour flight to New York, I'm still really trying to absorb everything," he said. "It's really neat to see the excitement that it has generated from everyone now that we're getting underway. I, too, am excited."

A cartoon image of Clemens holding his glove high is plastered on billboards around the city and posted on the right-field scoreboard as part of the team's "Root For the Good Guys" campaign. A sellout crowd, including 2,000 standing-room seats that were quickly gobbled up, was expected for his National League debut.

The Rocket was set to make his Houston launch on Wednesday night, facing Barry Bonds and the San Francisco Giants. At 41, Clemens is technically making a comeback, having ended his Hall of Fame career after the New York Yankees lost the World Series to the Florida Marlins last October.

But by the standards set by Michael Jordan, Byrne Sandberg and a bunch of big-name boxers in recent years, it isn't much of a comeback at all — officially, Clemens' retirement lasted just 78 days.

Clemens made his decision after good buddy and fellow Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte decided to leave New York and sign with the hometown Astros.

Pettitte made his Houston debut on Tuesday night. During the game, a playful conversation between them was shown on the video board, drawing laughs from the fans.

"Did I believe it was possible that what happened would happen? Yes, I did," Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan said before Tuesday night's game. "I felt that Roger still had the tag to compete," said Ryan, who also extended his career by returning to his Texas roots. "But I know he also felt very strongly about being away from his family and some of the things he had missed living in Texas and playing in New York."

So now, with 310 career wins, a couple of World Series rings and all the money he'd ever need, Clemens is hoping to help Houston win its first title.

"There's a lot of people that are excited about this year, and rightfully so because some of the guys may not be back next year," he said. "I've won 20, I've won Cy Youngs and championships. I want success for them."

"Let's face the facts. I'm the elder statesman," he said.

Astros All-Star outfielder Lance Berkman is thrilled to have Clemens in the same clubhouse.

Berkman was born in Waco, grew up in Austin rooting for Clemens at the University of Texas and later played for the Rocket's college coach.

"His competitiveness and toughness, they embody what being a Texan is all about," Berkman said.

Pitcher Wade Miller is equally enthused, even though he's been a bit leery about approaching his new teammate.

"I want to respect his privacy," Miller said. "But it's gotten where every time he comes in, he taps me on the shoulder and says, 'What's up, Whitey?'"

Along with calling Miller by his nickname, Clemens has offered him some advice. In particular, a mechanical adjustment that would make it appear Miller is pointing toward a right-handed batter's shoulder when he delivers.

"He's going to do a lot of things for all of us," Miller said.

Maybe he might even show them how to get Bonds out.

Not that Clemens has done it yet.

Bonds reached base in all four of his plate appearances against Clemens — three walks, two of them intentional, and a hit by pitch. Provided the situation is right, it will be power vs. power when they face each other again.

"That's when the fans win. That's a time you don't want to make a trip to the concessions stand because I'm going to turn it loose," he said.

Former New York Yankees Roger Clemens, left, and Andy Pettitte line up during Opening Day announcements on Monday.

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Masters

Woods heavy favorite to take fourth Masters

However, the field has never been so packed with contenders

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — One green jacket and Tiger Woods already was being compared to Jack Nicklaus.

Four straight majors, and the comparisons climbed even higher — to himself.

The lofty standing facing the No. 1 player in golf was never more clear when Woods arrived at Augusta National. He is the betting favorite to win the Masters for the fourth time, and yet there is a feeling this major has never been so ripe with contenders.

He has won eight majors — none of his peers have more than three — but Woods is facing sharp scrutiny because he has gone the last six majors without winning.

"It's different for me versus any other player," Woods said Tuesday. "Some other player has a bad week, misses the cut, it's no big deal, he slips through the radar. Whereas, if I shoot one bad round, it's a little different.

"But this isn't surprising. "It's the only thing I've ever known since I've been out here," Woods said. "It was compared to Nicklaus when I first came out here, and now I'm being compared to what I did in 2000, 1999 and 2001."

It was during that time that Woods made history just about every time he played. He won nine times and $9 million in 2000, the centerpiece of a stretch when he won five out of six majors.

Expectations have taken on a new meaning.

"The people out there, spectators, if they don't see Tiger in the top five making a charge on Sunday afternoon, there's something wrong with him," Ernie Els said.

But one Woods concedes that his swing is not the same as it was in 2000, and there are inconsistencies in his game that he is trying to solve.

One week he夺得 the ball to all corners of the golf course and was spooked by good iron play.

The next week he found the fairways, but could never get it close to the hole. He hits the ball great on the practice range. There are moments of doubt on the first tee.

"It's not easy to trust your swing if your mechanics are not quite sound," Woods said.

"That's one of the things that I've been trying to work on, trying to get my fundamentals of my golf swing more sound so I can go out there and don't have to think anything except for the shot I want to hit."

That has led to questions about the state of his game, his split with swing coach Butch Harmon and the pursuit of Nicklaus' 18 majors that no longer looks as easy as it did two years ago.

Augusta National should be a good place to find some answers. No one has ever played the Masters on a course this long and this firm.

While the fast fairways should negate some of the length, the greens will accept only the best shots.

It doesn't necessarily favor the longest hitters or the sharpest short games, but simply the best players.

"A guy that feels good about himself this week, he's got a good chance to win," Els said. "But this is no surprise.

Woods already noticed some severe differences.

He could reach the par-5 second hole with a good drive and a 3-wood the last few years, but got there with a 6-iron this year.

What really got his attention was the precision required this year.

Playing the third hole on Tuesday, Woods said Mark O'Meara hit a slight draw and watched the ball run through the green. He approached it with a soft fade that landed in about the same place, only Woods' ball stayed on the green.

"If you don't hit the proper shot this week, you're really going to pay the price," Woods said.

"The landing areas are that much smaller now. It's going to become more apparent who is really hitting the ball as the week goes on, because you can't get away with having a bad-ball-striking day."

All that, Woods can't get away with in the first two days at any thing.

Going for his fifth consecutive victory in the Bay Hill Invitational, he shot over par in the final two rounds and tied for 46th, his worst result.

PGA Tour in five years.

In his final tournament before the Masters, Woods opened with a 75 at The Players Championship and was in danger of missing the cut. He extended his record streak to seven, but was never a factor on Sunday.

Never mind that he won earlier this year at the Match Play Championship, or that his last two events were his only times he has finished out of the top 10 this year.

Woods, along with his peers, tend to look at the big picture.

"I've got to go back to '99 through 2001 seasons, and probably 2002," Els said. "He played on such a level that I think Nicklaus would have had a very tough time handling him. And yes, he's cooled down a little bit. But he's still playing on a very high level. He's up there."

Vijay Singh is closing in on the No. 1 ranking Woods has held the last five years. Els has already won twice this year, one of those at Royal Melbourne in February, which might be the end of so many people of Augusta.

Adam Scott, the guy who swings like Woods, is coming off a victory at The Players Championship.

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NCAA Men's Basketball

Huskies fans celebrate national championship

Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — Thousands of boisterous fans cheered and congratulated the national champion Connecticut basketball team Tuesday, just hours before the women's team took the court for its own title bid.

The women's team was in New Orleans Tuesday where it won its third consecutive championship and gave Connecticut an unprecedented sweep of the NCAA basketball titles.

Nearly 5,500 fans decked out in Huskies apparel and waving blue and white pompoms greeted the men's team at Gampel Pavilion.

Outside, police prepared for out-of-control celebrations like the ones after the Huskies won the title Monday night that resulted in 35 arrests, overturned cars and bonfires.

Star center, Emeka Okafor, selected the most outstanding player of the Final Four, was weary from the trip, having had little sleep since the title game. He said the accomplishment was still somewhat unbelievable to him.

"We were actually in the championship game and we actually won the dang thing," Okafor said. "We made a lot of people proud."

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Fans celebrate Connecticut's national championship at Huskies Bar in Storrs, Conn. on Monday after the Huskies won their second championship by knocking off Georgia Tech, 82-73.

ECDC Registration

The Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) is currently registering children for the 2004-05 School Year and the 2004 Summer Day Camp. ECDC at Saint Mary's College enrolls children ages 5 through 5 during the school year and 3 through 9 during the summers. ECDC at Notre Dame enrolls children ages 2 through kindergarten during the school year and 2.5 through 9 during the summer. For more information and ECDC Parent Touts, please call one of the numbers below.

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NCAA Women's Basketball

Connecticut players celebrate their 70-61 win as Tennessee players walk off the court after the NCAA Championship game Tuesday in New Orleans. The win gave Connecticut their third straight national title.

Huskies complete 3-peat, win 70-61

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Make it double for Connecticut. Connecticut's women completed a championship sweep for the school by beating Tennessee 70-61 Tuesday night, one day after the men's team won their tournament.

With key contributions from everyone and the incomparable Diana Taurasi leading the way, the Huskies captured their third straight title by holding off the Lady Vols. It was further confirmation that Connecticut has supplanted Tennessee as the top program in the women's game.

So now there's a new Titletown: tiny Storrs, Conn., the Huskies' home. The victory by the women followed Connecticut's win over Georgia Tech in the men's championship game Monday night, making Connecticut the first Division I school to sweep both titles.

It was the fifth title overall for all the women and it came at the expense of the only other school that has won three straight championships. Tennessee and coach Pat Summit still lead all teams with six NCAA titles, but the Huskies and coach Geno Auriemma are closing fast. They started fast in this one, racing to a 17-point lead in the first half. Tennessee got the lead down to six at halftime, closed to three early in the second half and trailed by just two after Brittany Jackson hit a 3-pointer from three feet behind the arc with 9:50 to play.

Connecticut got the lead back to eight, but the Lady Vols kept coming. Ashley Robinson blocked Barbara Turner's turnaround shot, raced to the other end, caught a no-look pass from Shaina Zolman and made a layup, drawing the Lady Vols to 59-55.

It would get no closer. Willnett Crockett's three-point play, her only points of the night, stopped Tennessee's momentum and the Huskies finished it off with free throws. Taurasi, who has tormented Tennessee with big games against the Lady Vols throughout her career, led the Huskies with 17 points in her final college game and was named the Final Four's outstanding player for the second year in a row. And she had plenty of help.

Jessica Moore and Ann Strother each scored 14 points and Moore grabbed nine rebounds. The Huskies are 4-0 against the Lady Vols in national championship games.

In Brief

Navratilova cheered in rare singles appearance

Amelia Island, Fla. — Martina Navratilova lost her first singles appearance in the United States in more than 10 years, falling to Milagros Sequera 1-6, 6-3, 6-2 Tuesday at the Bausch & Lomb Championships.

The 47-year-old Navratilova, impressive in the first set, lost the last four games of the second, and lost her serve twice to fall behind 30-0 in the third. She rallied to 3-2 down, but was broken again in the seventh game.

"I lost it mentally," Navratilova said. "I was in and out the last two sets."

Afterward, she received a standing ovation.

"It was sweet," Navratilova said. "The people were obviously excited. It was great to be out there."

Sequera was a last minute replacement for Kristina Brandi of Puerto Rico, who withdrew because of a left foot injury. "She's a legend," Sequera said of Navratilova. "I was a bit intimidated to play her."

Navratilova, the winner of 18 singles and 31 doubles Grand Slam events, took this event this three times during the 1980s including the tournament's first title 25 years ago. She accepted a wildcard entry to help her doubles game, and to inspire others.

Thomas to face Pacers for first time as Knicks president

INDIANAPOLIS — Isiah Thomas made a familiar drive Tuesday from his family's home in Indianapolis to Conseco Fieldhouse.

This time, however, was different. The New York Knicks president was preparing to watch his first basketball game in Indianapolis since being hired in August as coach of the Pacers.

"It's definitely different," Thomas said of his commute with his wife. "I didn't feel bad or anything, it was good memories and good thoughts."

His Knicks were dominated Tuesday night, losing 107-86.

Tom coach the Pacers from 2000-03, failing to get the team out of the first round of the playoffs each time.

He was hired by the Knicks in December to replace Scott Layden and immediately shook up the moribund franchise. He traded for Nazr Mohammed, Stephen Marbury and Tim Thomas, who have helped the Knicks get right back into the playoff picture.

When longtime adversary Larry Bird was hired as Pacers president last summer, Thomas sensed his time in Indiana was over.

"It wouldn't have mattered if we made it to the Eastern Conference Finals," said Thomas.
**SMC TENNIS**

**Albion looms for the Belles**

By STEVE COVER  
Sports Writer

More than halfway through its season, Saint Mary's may face its toughest competition today in Albion.

With a 7-2 victory over Bethel Monday, the Belles (12-4) have won eight of their last nine matches and have a 3-0 record in the conference.

Albion (10-4) is the only team in the MIAA with a comparable record, having won 10 of its last 12 with a 3-0 record in the league.

Saint Mary's suffered a difficult 9-0 loss to Valparaiso last weekend but looked much stronger in recent victories against Chicago and Bethel.

Freshman Grace Gordon won both her singles and doubles matches against Bethel while Kira Spriggle and Kaitlen Cutler won their doubles match to improve to 12-1 on the year.

After two straight losses, the No. 1 doubles team of Katie Bowler and Jeannie Knish gained a victory over Bethel to bring their overall record to 7-8.

Albion has proven to be the Belles' main rival in the MIAA. Last season, the Britons defeated the Belles for the overall league title, but two years ago the situation was reversed with Saint Mary's holding Albion.

With Katie Terga and received MIAA first-team honors last year as a freshman and the strong doubles team of Emily and Karen Dumas, Albion has easily won all of its league matches this year.

Saint Mary's has only had one close league match in a 5-4 victory over Hope. The Belles won 9-0 in their two other league matches this season.

Saint Mary's faces Albion at home today at 3 p.m.

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**SMC GOLF**

**Belles take fifth at Invite**

By ANN LOUGHERY  
Sports Writer

The Belles walked off the course with a collective sense of frustration at the Quincy College Invitational.

But coach Mark Hamilton is encouraged by their impatience in regards to the meet's results.

"It shows that they have the desire to do well and play their best," Hamilton said.

Saint Mary's recorded a fifth-place finish, posting a team two-day total of 699. Indiana was the top finisher with a 649.

Junior Stefanie Simmerman led the Belles with a ninth-place finish, posting a team two-day average of 88.

Scotty Bellino and Hanlon finished with an 88. Hamilton cited Hanlon as an individual who is starting to realize her potential.

Cortney Dunham shot a 95, and Bellino walked off the course with a 95.

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**ND SOFTBALL**

**Irish split 2 games against Boilermakers**

Team wins opener before dropping second game, 4-3

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN  
Sports Editor

After playing the role of comeback kids in the first game of Tuesday's doubleheader against Purdue, Notre Dame fell short in their comeback in game two. Notre Dame took the first game against Purdue 4-2, but fell by a score of 4-3 in extra innings in the second game.

"I don't think (the team) ever thinks a game is over," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said.

The Irish (29-11) fell behind in the first inning in the game with the Boilermakers (23-13) when DaQueta Johnson hit a towering shot to centerfield. But in the bottom half of the inning, the Irish came back when Megan Ruthrauff drove in Nicole deFau with a one-run single up the middle.

In the third, Lilley hit a solo homer off the left field foul pole to put the Boilermakers ahead for good 3-2. The Irish scored after a Purdue defensive miscue, tying the game, and it stayed that way until the top of the fifth inning. It's nothing new." Gumpf said. "She's a fighter, that's why she is successful."

Booth also received some help from her offense in the first game. In the third, the Irish scored after a Purdue defensive miscue, tying the game at 2-2. Nicole Wicks tripled home Sara Schoenauer in the fourth to put the Irish ahead for good 3-2. The Irish added another run in the bottom of the sixth as well, as a result of another Purdue error.

"I didn't have any doubt we were going to come back," Gumpf said. "They've done it before. It's nothing strange."

Booth finished with seven strikeouts while earning her 15th win of the season in 20 starts.

After not getting on the board early in game one, the Irish looked to change that in game two.

Stephanie Brown lead off with a single, and on a defau bunt and Purdue threw the ball away. Allowing Brown to go to second. The Irish then executed a double steal, and defau was thrown out at second while Brown scored the first Notre Dame run.

But that was all for the Irish, who had trouble scoring against Purdue's Diana LaRizza. "She did a great job," Gumpf said. "We got behind in the count all the time, and we let her hurt us."

While LaRizza held the Irish, freshman Staci Falzon gave her pitcher support by hitting a solo shot to centerfield. This tied the game, and it stayed that way until the top of the seventh inning.

Irish pitcher Stascia Seiglein issued a leadoff walk, and two batters later, Erika Peterson hit a home run to put Purdue up 3-1. Johnson, the next batter, followed with a homer of her own, giving the Boilermakers a three-run cushion going into the bottom of the inning. Gumpf cited the lack of movement on Seiglein's pitches that hurt her in the final inning.

"But the Irish weren't done. They still had fight left going into the bottom of the eighth frame."

They still had fight left going into the bottom of the eighth frame. After Ruthrauff walked, the next two batters made an out. But Schoenauer hit a double to center, scoring Ruthrauff. Next up was Carina Jajubsh, who laced a triple to score Schoenauer. But Nicole Wicks popped out to right to end the rally, giving Purdue the 4-3 victory.

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I just felt like this team has worked too hard this year to get [him] this position," Mainieri said. "At that point, I felt like it was necessary to put our regulars in there to score some runs and play a little bit more steady defense, and it worked out well for us in the end."

The move paid off, indeed, as the Irish put five runs on the board in the bottom half of the inning to take the lead. Sanchez had a two-run single in the inning, and Edwards cleared the bases with a three-run double.

The Irish added a run in the sixth on a solo home run from Macri. They would get two more runs in the seventh on a two-run homer from designated hitter Matt Bransfield — his sixth in the last 12 games.

Chicago State cut into the Irish lead in the eighth on a second baseman Jonathan Sakurai hit for a bases loaded walk, and centerfielder Dave Walter was hit by a pitch in the next at bat. Irish reliever Dan Kapala struck out the next batter, shortstop Elliot Reyes, to end the inning and keep the Irish lead at 8-5.

But that would be as close as the Cougars would get, as the Irish scored seven runs in the bottom half of the inning, getting four straight singles from Rizzo, Macri, Sanchez and Andres, and a grand slam from Cooper.

Macri finished the game 3-for-3 at the plate, and Edwards was 2-for-2 with four RBIs. Sanchez added a 3-for-5 performance with two RBIs and a pair of runs scored.

"When I put the regulars in, I thought they played pretty well," Mainieri said. "They hit the ball hard and made the plays. Matt Macri stayed real hot, and Cooper and Bransfield had some great swings."

Freshman pitcher Rigo Bertuccii picked up the win for the Irish — his first of the year — and Kapala earned the save, as he entered the game in the eighth with the Irish up only three runs and stayed on to finish the game.

Notre Dame returns to action today hosting Valparaiso (4-17) at Frank Eck Stadium at 6 p.m.
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into the competitive world of Bookstore Basketball. The game was close, tied 11-10 at halftime, until Team Thiz pulled away with the win for the victory.

“We held our own against Team Thiz, probably because their big red print didn’t intimidate us like they had hoped,” said Something Sexy’s leading scorer, Marlin Hinpeter. She combined with Tiffney Guick for the majority of Something Sexy’s points, with small forward Katie Gaels adding the occasional unexpected basket.

Nicole Garton was a premier defensive player, and Carolyn White was dominant in the paint for Something Sexy.

“We’re looking forward to the next round,” Bott said. “We’ll show off our thizzes a little more and maybe play some basketball!”

Sex, Drugs, and House 21, Feline Taxidermists

It wasn’t curiosity that killed the cat. It was promiscuity and drug addiction.

Sex, Drugs, and House 21, Feline Taxidermists 17

Despite both teams appearing to be evenly matched by their height and athleticism, it was House who triumphed in enthusiasm, as they had matching shirts, music blaring in the background, “There’s no way Sex, Drugs, and House,” and players shouting after every point.

Heading into halftime, House held an 11-9 lead over the Taxidermists.

Although House held an advantage, their second-half woes displayed their Taxidermists’ determination to persevere.

“They’re penetrating hard,” House player Griffin Eaton said.

Beginning the second half, the Taxidermists began to break through the House defense as they closed within 17-16 towards the end of the game and took advantage of a series of turnovers.

However, House came back to go on a 4-1 run to secure the victory.

Despite a hard fought win, House did not seem too overconfident heading into the second round.

“We’re probably going to get wasted at the next game,” Eason said. “A ranked team will probably annihilate us but we just wanted to do well in the first round.”

Craig Fencing 21, Pain Train 4

This train proved to be painless as Craig Fencing dominated 21-4 in their second-round match-up.

Despite the lopsided victory, Craig, fencing guard Alex Harty was impressed with their competitor’s determination.

“We took it a little easy on them, but they made a lot of jumpers that most girls teams wouldn’t make,” Harty said. “In the second half they kept scoring, but they never gave up.”

After two match-ups against two female teams, Craig Fencing must face a ranked opponent in the third round.

“We had a great time these first two rounds, but now it is time to see how we match up against a ranked opponent,” Craig Fencing player Tommy Forrest said.

Dolly Parton, Boat Club and The Bobcats 21, Tito, Germaine, Marlon, Janet, and Another Guy That Takes A Lot of Charges 15

Their own size couldn’t stop Dolly Parton, Boat Club, and Three Other Huge Bums. Neither could their opponents.

The team dubbed Tito, Germaine, Marlon, Janet, and Another Guy That Takes A Lot of Charges succumbed to Dolly Parton’s basketball prowess 21-15.

Although Dolly Parton’s players hovered around 5-foot-7, the team overwhelmed their opponents, taking an early lead.

“Seven early 3-point shots gave Dolly Parton an early lead—one which they never relinquished. The team was ahead 11-5 at halftime and maintained a four-point lead throughout the game.”

The game grew physical as the Dolly Parton offense became more and more daunting.

“The big man got me!” screamed a Tito, Germaine, Marlon, Janet, and Another Guy That Takes A Lot of Charges player in response to Dolly Parton’s senior Mike Goosby’s rebounding.

Freshman David Duflcy’s final basket ensured the win for Dolly Parton.

“Marlon, Janet, and Another Guy that Tito, Germaine, Marlon, Janet, and Another Guy That Takes A Lot of Charges play for was a bandwagon against Dolly Parton’s senior Mike Goosby’s rebounding.”

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Ohio Baseball, Boat Club, and the DOLLY BARTON 21, Charges 15

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“We’re looking forward to the next games,” Bott said. “We’ll keep pushing forward to the next games and not focus on our rankings or what our record is.”

And that is the type of leadership that Coyne feels makes this team special and capable of achieving even more as the season progresses.

“I’ve been coaching for a long time and sometimes there’s that intangible that you recognize in a great team, and I think we have that,” she said. “We have the athleticism, the speed, the heart, but most of all we have the leadership and the desire to get it done.”

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out. It’s just basic, basic team defense.

Though Dobhie scored a game-high four goals on the day, her total accounted for half of her team’s points, as the Irish severely restricted her and the rest of the Bobcats’ offense.

The win stretches the team’s perfect record to 9-0, and the Irish have won a school record 13 consecutive games dating back to last season.

Kinnik feels that the team’s success is the fruition of confidence that has always been.

“It’s given us some confidence but I think we had that from the get-go,” she said. “Now that we’re actually winning games, it’s a tangible accomplishment for us now.”

Notre Dame was slow to get out of the gate against the Bobcats, often stuck in its defensive end. Ohio’s sustained attack kept the Irish offense at bay, but the Bobcats struggled just as well.

With the game tied at two, the floodgates opened when midfield/defender Kassen Delano put the ball in the back of the net with 17:54 left to go in the half. Notre Dame then scored four of the next five goals to extend its advantage.

After a Bobcat goal, the Irish went into halftime with a 7-4 lead. After the break, the Irish scored five of the next six goals to provide all the margin they would need. The Bobcats never got closer than three points in the second half, but coach Tracy Coyne felt like the Irish did not establish complete control.

“It’s a win, but I just don’t feel like we ever had a flow to the game,” she said. “I wish we would have controlled it a little bit more.”

Coyne’s refusal to sit on the laurels of current accomplishments is a sentiment shared by her team as well.

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back in 2002, Willingham's first season at Notre Dame, and helped the team to a 10-1 record and a No. 17 ranking. He struggled early last season, however, going 1-2 to start the season and officially being replaced by Quinn starting with Notre Dame's fourth game of the year, against Purdue.
With Quinn running the team's offense, Holiday began to contribute as a wide receiver, and received two starts at the position during the team's games against Stanford and Syracuse.
Last year, Holiday caught two passes for 13 yards, but also contributed as a blocker on numerous plays. His role with the team figures to be larger this season.
"Hopefully we can get him geared up to where he can focus and put all of his attention on being a receiver and making a major contribution to our football team in that regard," Willingham said. "Even on special teams, he could be our returner — maybe our punt returner or even kickoff returner."
The Irish coaches hope that allowing Holiday to focus primarily on the wide receiver position will allow him to put all of his attention at improving at the position.
"You kind of have to let him play the wide receiver," Irish offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said. "If you go back and split the two it's not fair because he's not going to benefit and get the full learning experience at receiver."
Holiday was primarily recruited by Davie because of his foot speed, and the wide receiver position is a position where he feels he will be most able to use those talents. Former Notre Dame player Arnaz Battle made a similar transition, starting the 2000 season at quarterback before seeing his season end due to a wrist injury in the second game of the year. He returned to the team in 2001 as a wide receiver and contributed, but it wasn't until his senior season in 2002 that Battle really showed his talent. Battle led the team in receiving that year, collecting 58 receptions for 786 yards and five touchdowns.
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Football

Dealing with change

Holiday comfortable converting to wide receiver position

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
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Changing positions is never easy for a player. For Carlyle Holiday, it's been even more difficult, having to move from being the team's starting quarterback to a receiver who hardly ever saw any passes last season.

Holiday has been practicing this spring as a full-time receiver, completely phasing out any repetitions at the quarterback position. Brady Quinn wrested control of the position away from Holiday last season, and the senior knows the team is basically Quinn's now.

"The coaches and I have discussed everything and if things go as we expect in the spring, then I think there's going to be no need for me to go back to (playing quarterback)," Holiday said. "If any situations come up things might change but right now we're just hoping everything goes to plan."

Holiday is making his second major transition of his college career. Recruited as an option quarterback to run coach Bob Davie's offense, Holiday was forced to change gears to run coach Tyrone Willingham's pro-style based offensive system.

"It's been difficult having to continuously change roles, but it's expected in college football," Holiday said. "Before I got here my high school coach told me that things can change everyday, and I just tried to be prepared when things happen and to be able to take advantage of those opportunities."

Holiday was the team's starting quarterback for a win this year," said captain Mike Kirsch. "If any situations come up things might change but right now we're just hoping everything goes to plan."

Bookstore Basketball XXXIII

Field narrowed down in early rounds

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The NBA it was not, but Tuesday's Team Thiz/Something Sexy matchup was everything one would expect from a first-round bookstore basketball game.

A sense of humor and good-natured playfulness was the mood at the McGlinn courts as five men wearing visible things ("blazers") took on five girls in green togas.

Although Team Thiz beat Something Sexy 21-15, the game was enjoyed by both sides.

"This is our third year for Team Thiz and we were hoping for a win this year," said captain Mike Boli. "The biggest thing was that we give the people what they want to see. We were a little disappointed in our halftime show but hopefully next round will be better."

Nicolas Lopez, Carlos Cabral, Mike Kirsch and Matt Lafrotta rounded out Team Thiz's deep lineup. Cabral was a force inside as center, with Lafrotta and Lopez providing quick points in transition and Kirsch solid in all areas.

The freshmen of Something Sexy celebrated their first foray in bookstore basketball with a win over the two rounds.

Irish defeat Ohio for ninth victory

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

Mix eight parts balanced offense with eight parts stingy defense, and the result is a recipe for success good for nine servings.

The third-ranked Irish (9-0) used the same formula they have employed throughout the season to beat the Ohio Bobcats (5-4) Tuesday afternoon by a 13-8 score. Eight different players tallied goals for the Irish, led by midfielder Meredith Simon's three scores. Five other players had two or more points for Notre Dame.

The defense continued its subjugation of opposing offenses — holding Ohio without a goal for over 16 minutes during one second-half stretch. Stifling yet another opposition offense, Notre Dame kept its seventh opponent under double-digit goals. Only California and Virginia Tech have managed to chalk up more than 10 points against the Irish.

However, talented Ohio freshman Dana Dobbie provided a challenge to the mighty Notre Dame defenders. Having scored 11 goals in her last two games, veteran midfield Andrea Kinnik shadowed the rookie all game.

"She's a very good player," Kinnik said, "but it was a total team effort to try and keep her quiet."

SMC SOFTBALL

Belles split two games with Calvin

Belles' four-game winning streak comes to an end

By JUSTIN STEETZ
Sports Writer

The Belles' winning streak finally came to an end Tuesday, but not before they were able to hand Calvin its first MIAA loss of the season.

The Knights came into the game with a record of 4-0 in conference play and in second place behind Alma College.

The Belles defeated Calvin 5-2 before falling 4-3 in the second game of the doubleheader. Last year, Saint Mary's dropped both games to Calvin, losing 11-2 and 5-3.

Splitting the pair lets the Belles improve to 11-13 overall with a 4-4 record in the conference. They are currently in fifth place and have one more loss than fourth place Albion.

Calvin got on the board first scoring one run in the first inning. However, the Belles came back with two runs in the bottom of the second game of the doubleheader.