**PSA descends on Office of the President**

*Students speak with administrators about Taco Bell contract*

**By CLAIRE HEININGER**
News Writer

Hunger-striking students who approached the office of University President Father Edward Malloy Wednesday afternoon seeking comment about Notre Dame’s contract with Taco Bell were told that it is not Malloy’s “style” to issue a spontaneous statement, but were invited to speak with Counselor to the President Father Peter Jarret on Malloy’s behalf.

About 30 members of the Progressive Student Alliance arrived at Malloy’s office to deliver several copies of a letter asking the administration to issue a public statement against renewing its current marketing relationship with the restaurant, on the grounds of alleged unfair wages and labor standards held by Taco Bell’s tomato providers. After speaking initially with administrative assistant Susan Barnett, who informed them that Malloy was unavailable, several of the students remained outside the office door.

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Johnson said later that although the students could not speak with the President directly, their concerns were seen.

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**ROTC holds Pass and Review**

**By MATT BRAMANTI**
Senior Staff Writer

Members of Notre Dame’s ROTC units gathered in the Loftus Sports Center Wednesday afternoon for the annual Presidential Pass in Review. The event centers on a ceremonial parade, in which cadets and midshipmen present themselves to University President Father Edward Malloy.

Nearly 400 members of the Army battalion, the Navy battalion and the Air Force wing stood at attention in rank and file, as a color guard marched up to the reviewing platform. As the Great Lakes Navy Band struck up the first notes of “The Star-Spangled Banner,” the color guard dipped the flags of the four armed services in salute to the American flag.

Malloy then conferred several awards — consisting of officers’ sabers — on the top cadets from each unit.

Following the awards presentation, Malloy addressed the cadets. The university president — a native of the Washington, D.C. area —

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**Pollard receives Hesburgh award**

**By KATIE LAIRD**
News Writer

C. William Pollard, the chairman emeritus of ServiceMaster Company, received the Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for Ethics in Business Wednesday at the Jordan Auditorium.

The award was given as part of the Cahill Lecture Series, which recognizes commitment to ethical behavior and integrity.

“I cannot think of two men I admire more than C. William Pollard and Father Hesburgh,” said Joseph Maciariello, a Horion Professor of Management at Claremont Graduate University, who was the guest speaker at the series.

Maciariello encouraged students and other audience members to create companies that are “not only economically sound, but morally just.”

He praised the work of Pollard, who set up four objectives to define ServiceMaster and its practices and stressed the importance of recognizing the dignity of every worker.

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**‘Best class ever’ adjusts, excels at Notre Dame**

**By JEN ROWLING**
News Writer

The current freshman class earned the title of the “best class ever” after it statistically surpassed all previous classes with a SAT score of 1359 and an average ACT of 31.1. Nearly two semesters later — and with a new “best class ever” on its heels — the Class of 2007 has lived up to the expectations of many but still faced some challenges in adjusting to Notre Dame, according to members of First Year of Studies and freshmen.

In addition to academic achievements, the class of 2007 also entered Notre Dame accomplished in a lot of activities. Their achievements also included non-academic endeavors: 84 percent were athletes, 71 percent played a varsity sport, 36 percent remained outside the office door.

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**Cecilia Garza, left, and Melody Gonzalez, center, talk with administrative assistant Susan Barnett in the Office of the President Wednesday.**

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**Father Edward Malloy, right, addresses ROTC students, top, during the Pass and Review.**

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INSIDE COLUMN

Interesting roommates

The end of the semester is rapidly approaching and I know y'all are thinking this is going to be a snappy reflection back on the year. However, to the dedicated readers of the Inside Column, I have decided to share my experiences as the roommate of two scene-shop gnomes and a music major. I believe that I shall start with my very own music major. I myself am not a music major — never have been, never will be. With this in mind, I find it hard to understand why any one in their right mind would ever want to be a music major. I've learned that if you walk up to any music major and say "music theory," you get bit or pierced with killer eyes, or the music major faints at the thought.

Like all typical musician people — a word invented by us to describe bark0916@saintmarys.edu — there are always several) and eating leftover cake and cookies. The disasters of the production (and all the scene shop women gather in the little black gnomes that scurry back and forth moving heavy sets. The gnomes don't look right. The night of the set designers and production manager, I — you guys are awesome. Moreau — you guys are awesome. You'd not be the same without her. The night of the upcoming productions. Here is a reflection back on the year. Thinking this is going to be a sappy story, I decided to share.

In Brief

An information session on Burma's Forgotten War will take place today at 12:30 p.m. in LaFortune. The event is part of Asian American Heritage Week and is sponsored by the Free Burma Coalition.

James Weberbee, an astronaut and Notre Dame graduate, will discuss high reliability organizations and the role of leadership and responsibility in creating and maintaining the conditions necessary to sustain a culture of high reliability. The lecture takes place this afternoon at 1:45 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

The Class of 2004 will host a dinner for seniors tonight at 6 p.m. at K's.

A march for Sexual Assault Awareness Week will take place tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the Hesburgh Library reflecting pool. The event is sponsored by CARE.

The Not So Royal Shakespeare Company will present "King Lear" tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

James Keener will deliver a lecture titled "Diffusion" tonight at 8 p.m. in Hayes-Heney room 127.

A recitation of the rosary will take place tonight in the Coleman Morse chapel at 9:30 p.m.

Notre Dame alumnus Danielle Rose will deliver a concert tonight at 10 p.m. at Legends.

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

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE ANNUAL PASS AND REVIEW?

Barbara Sloan
Freshman
Pasquerilla West
"I think it should've been outside because the snappy uniforms would have been blinding."

Joe Sinnott
Junior
Siegfried
"I thought it was one of those 'punt, pass and kick' conventions, but it wouldn't be as cool anyway."

John Skorski
Senior
Sophomore
"It's pretty sweet."

Nick Match
Sophomore
"It was 'uber sharp."

Phil Moss
Freshman
Stanford
"I think we should march on South Quad."

Students join together in song during the Interfaith Christian Night of Prayer. The prayer session took place Wednesday night in the Coleman Morse lounge and was sponsored by Campus Ministry.

OFFBEAT

Flasher attacked by schoolgirls sentenced

PHILADELPHIA — A man who was tackled and beaten by a group of Roman Catholic schoolgirls after he flashed them outside their high school was sentenced Wednesday to 10 months to two years in prison.

Rudy Susando, 25, also sentenced to 5 years probation after his release, was arrested Oct. 30 when more than a dozen girls from St. Maria Goretti High School for Girls, with the help of a bystander, chased him and wrestled him to the ground and held him for police. When he resisted, they kicked him repeatedly. He was taken to a hospital and treated for minor injuries to his mouth.

World's oldest worker quits at 104

GRANTHAM, Pa. — A man billed as the world's oldest worker has quit.

Ray Cris, a retired scientist who started teaching at Messiah College near Harrisburg in 1970, put down his pointer Tuesday at age 104. Cris, though, has no plans to rest on his laurels.

Instead, he'll keep up with his research and academic papers.

"When you have a mission, you go after it," said Cris, who worked on the Manhattan Project.

Two years ago, at age 102, Cris was named America's oldest worker by the nonprofit training group Experience Works.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

CORRECTIONS

In Wednesday's article titled "Software hopes he can return," the name of campus software Dean was misprinted. Additionally, the photo for the article "Tough breaks can cause little tumbling" was from Notre Dame's 2-1 loss to St. John's. The Observer regrets the errors.

TODAY TONIGHT FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY MONDAY
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Senators appoint, elect new officers to posts

Chairperson position for Oversight Committee remains vacant

By ANDREW THAGARD
Associate News Editor

Senators approved student body president Adam Istvan’s nominations for Senate standing committee chairs and elected members to various committees during their Wednesday meeting.

The Senate unanimously approved Istvan’s nominations for chairman of the Standing Committees on Gender Relations, Diversity, Academic Affairs, University Affairs and Residence Life.

Elizabeth Shappell, a freshman from Radin, was appointed to lead the Gender Relations Committee. Fisher junior Russell Morton will chair the Diversity Committee. Alumni sophomore Vijay Pelligra will serve as the liaison for the Judicial Council and Faculty Senate and representatives for the Financial Management Board, Campus Life Council, Council of Representatives and the Advisory Committee on Academic and Student Life.

Liz Kozlow, a freshman from Pasquerilla West, was unanimously elected as the alternate representative from within the Senate to serve as liaison for the Judicial Council Liaison and Chris Harris, a freshman from Carroll, and Jeff Mullin, a sophomore from Stanford, were unanimously elected to serve on the Financial Management Board. All three ran unopposed.

The Senate elected Cavanaugh senator Jordan Bongiovanni and Siegfried senator James Leito to serve on the Campus Life Council. O’Neill senator Alex French was elected as the alternate member.

“Thank you very much for electing me to the CLC,” Bongiovanni said. “I’ll work really hard.”

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Adam Istvan
Student body president

Istvan said Istvan chose not to designate an outside nomination for the Oversight Committee.

“We left Oversight out so the Senate could elect their own chairman because that committee was really in tune to the Senate working within itself,” he said.

Senators also elected representatives from within the Senate to serve as liaisons for the Judicial Council Committee and Faculty Senate.

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In other Senate news:

• Senators will resume the debate on the reorganization of programming within student government during their next meeting.

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The Keough Institute for Irish Studies is pleased to announce that Angela Bourke will be the Naughton Fellow for 2004-2005. A Senior Lecturer in Modern Irish in University College Dublin, Angela has published widely on oral culture and literature, including two books Casinnaic na dTri Muire (1983), a study of the Crucifixion in oral religious poetry and The Burning of Bridget Cleary: A True Story (1999), a critically acclaimed cultural history of how a young Tipperary woman came to be burned to death by her relatives in 1895. Her next book Maeve Brennan: Homesick will be published in London by Jonathan Cape in June 2004 and by Counterpoint, New York in October. A highly regarded teacher, she has previously been a visiting professor at Harvard University and the University of Minnesota; she was appointed a member of Royal Irish Academy in spring 2004.

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Women in Irish Oral Tradition

Oral storytelling, traditional singing and other verbal arts can offer ways of thinking and knowing that are independent of the linear modes of writing and print.

Moreover, like other kinds of art, oral tradition offers individuals and communities ways of constructing and maintaining identity, often against considerable external pressure. This course will explore oral verbal art in Irish and English, through transcribed texts, sound recordings and film, paying particular attention to depictions of and performances by women, and offering gendered readings of the material studied. We will examine and discuss a number of genres of oral verbal art, including the International Folktale, Legends of the Supernatural and Lament Poetry, and will also pay attention to the use of this material by twentieth-century writers. Translations of Irish-language texts will be available, so no prior knowledge of Irish is required.
ILS offers volunteer, internship positions

By MERYL GUYER
News Writer

Students interested in law school or preparing for a career in the public sector may be able to take advantage of internships for college credit during the school year. Opportunities for students to volunteer and intern at Indiana Legal Services (ILS) in downtown South Bend are increasing as a result of cuts in services previously manned by Americorps volunteers.

Providing the educational certificate and housing expenses for the volunteers proved too costly for ILS, especially during a difficult economic period where nonprofit organizations, have recently suffered. Instead, ILS will look to supplement its force with volunteers and interns from the Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, and IUSB, according to Heather Dick, the volunteer coordinator for ILS.

ILS is a nonprofit law firm that provides legal counsel for low-income citizens involved in civil cases. These cases may range from eviction to domestic violence, to access to health care and government benefits.

According to Dicks, the role of interns and volunteers is vital to the organization because they handle the majority of first contacts with clients. The volunteer spends time gathering information over the winter, according to checklists appropriate to each type of case to ensure that ILS can serve the client according to federal guidelines, she said.

ILS is partially funded by the government, as well as through private donations, and is therefore committed to serving individuals who fall within 125 percent of the federal poverty line.

After the interview, the intern writes a report for an attorney from the firm to review. The attorneys are able to take every case they see because of their limited services, but ILS handles roughly 2,000 cases a year. Interns and volunteers, therefore, serve as the first connection between the client and the attorney.

It's a detail-oriented position that requires good writing, listening, and interviewing skills, as well as empathy for people in some very distressing situations," Dicks said.

David Stevens, a Notre Dame senior who has worked with ILS since Jan. 2001, will continue to work at the office when he begins his Notre Dame Law School next year.

Stevens cited his experience with ILS through an internship in the political science department as one motivation for going to law school. Beyond the influence ILS has had on his plans for law school, Stevens recommends it as an internship for students from all majors.

"It's worthwhile because you can see that the organization does make an impact on people's lives and there are people out there who need the services they provide," he said.

Public information sessions for individuals interested in volunteering or interning with ILS are scheduled for April 20 at 2:00 p.m. and April 23 at 10:00 a.m.

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recalled serving as an altar boy during military funerals at nearby Arlington National Cemetery. Malloy said the experiences impacted his thinking about the American military.

"There was a profound sense of both peace and appreciation," he said. He praised the cadets for their dedication to military service.

"The profession that you're preparing to enter is about very fundamental things," he said. "It's about life and death; it's about devotion to family, to country and to humanity."

Malloy said the students, who will be commissioned as officers upon graduation, will face difficult and dangerous situations, much as their predecessors have.

"Many who stand before you... are now in the front lines," he said.

He said that the role of the military has expanded in recent history beyond its traditional role of fighting wars. The modern American soldier helps rebuild communities after natural disasters, conducts international peace-keeping operations, prevents ethnic conflicts and fights terrorism.

Malloy then turned his remarks to the importance of cadets and citizenship.

"We hope that [your] time here among us has helped you grow in every possible way," he said. "We're confident that we can be proud of you— that you will be worthy people of integrity in the military profession."

After Malloy's remarks, Capt. Jim Shelton gave the order: "Pass in review."

The units then marched with well-rehearsed precision past the reviewing platform. As they passed, company commanders turned to salute Malloy and their officers.

Several cadets, like Army junior John Dickinson, said that the ceremony was an opportunity to reflect on Notre Dame's support of the military.

"It's a great chance to celebrate the end of the year," Dickinson said. "Marching before the school is a great honor."

Shelton, the Navy unit's commanding officer, agreed, saying the event honors both the cadets and Notre Dame.

"It's an opportunity for them to show off what they've learned," he said. "It's a neat ceremony and a chance to say 'thank you' to the University."

The event was well attended, despite construction projects which made it difficult to access Loftus directly. More than 200 students, faculty members and area residents turned out for the ceremony in the cavernous facility, which serves as a practice field for Irish athletics.

Among the students in attendance was senior Ed Stocks, who gave a very simple reason for his presence.

"I'm here to support my friends," he said.

At the same time, Stocks said he has wrestled with the juxtaposition between military training and Catholic doctrine.

"Sometimes it's hard for me to understand," Stocks said. "Regardless, it's a very positive thing to support one's country and to be of service."

Senior Andrej Sykst said Notre Dame adds a unique dimension to the Rotc experience. Most cadets receive in their ROTC courses.

"It's important that our military leaders have a good education in morality and faith," Sykst said.

Although the event was not marked by the protests that have occurred in years past, the controversy still dogged the pass in Review.

Last fall, the Student Senate gathered more than 1,000 signatures on a petition to move the event to South Quad, where it had been until 2001. Despite the petition and a request from ROTC officials for an outdoor location, university administrators directed that the ceremony be held on Loftus' artificial turf.

University spokesman Matt Storrin said concerns about inclement weather were the impetus for the move.

The primary reason that the request for an outdoor ceremony was turned down was weather," he said. "It can be very rare this time of year."

Some cadets and non-ROTC students privately suggested that administrators deliberately put the ceremony in an out-of-the-way location, hoping to avoid criticism of the military's role in a Catholic university.

Storrin dismissed those concerns, noting that one-year University administrators were in attendance, including Bill Kirk, associate vice president for residence life, and Father Patrick Warner, director of campus ministry. Storrin said Notre Dame administrators believe in the ROTC program.

"By no means is there a loss of faith in ROTC," he said.

But senior Army cadet Sean Malloy said the event was "decent attendance, considering the fact that it was all the way in construction-filled Loftus."

Williams said the students were happy with the weather, which was good for having it outside. "

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**International News**

Fallujah shaken by more fighting

WASHINGTON — U.S. warplanes strafed gunmen in Fallujah on Wednesday and more than 100 guerrillas with rocket-propelled grenades pounded a U.S.-armored vehicle lost in the streets — a sign of heavy battles ahead if Marines resume a full offensive in this besieged city.

With a truce crumbling and President Bush calling for broad U.N. role to keep the country's political transition moving amid the violence, a top U.N. envoy proposed an Iraqi cease-fire between the government and guerrillas in a formula that abandoning a U.S.-favored plan.

Arafat's militants executed one of four Italian hostages, Italy confirmed. The captives issued demands including the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq and threatened to kill the three others, according to the Arab TV network Al-Jazeera, which said it reviewed a tape of the ultimatum.

Cheney tells Taiwan to be wary

SHANGHAI, China — Vice President Dick Cheney on Wednesday suggested a link between Chinese efforts to exert self-governing influence in Hong Kong and China's tense dealings with Taiwan. He also defended U.S. plans to sell Taiwan.

"I didn't come to alter Chinese policy," he said. "I came with the mission of making clear what our views were. I think we achieved that," Cheney told reporters after meetings with Chinese leaders in Beijing.

The vice president was ending the China leg of his week-long Asia tour with a foreign-policy speech Thursday at Shandong University. He next goes to South Korea.

In his Beijing meetings, Cheney suggested to Chinese leaders that people in Taiwan might view current activity in Hong Kong.

**National News**

Years needed to correct CIA flaws

WASHINGTON — The CIA intelligence-gathering flaws exposed by the Sept. 11 attacks will take five years to correct, agency Director George Tenet said Wednesday. The agency ruled out the return of Palestinian refugees to Israel.

Tenet, appearing before the commission Thursday, said it was unrealistic to expect a "return to the borders it held before capturing the territories," Qureia said of Bush. "The Palestinian leaders have rejected that. We cannot accept that. We reject it and we refuse it." Arafat — strongly criticized by Bush before.

"He is the first president who has legitimized the settlements in Palestinian territories," Qureia said of Bush. "But he never rejected that. We cannot accept that. We reject it and we refuse it." Arafat, a "model student, a model citizen."

Sharon decided to retain settlements, will not allow Palestinian refugees to Israel

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a historic policy break, President Bush on Wednesday endorsed Israel's plans to retain West Bank settlements in any peace accord with the Palestinians. Bush also ruled out the return of Palestinian refugees to Israel.

An elated Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said his plan to pull back from parts of the West Bank and Gaza, helped by Bush, would create "a new and better security for the state of Israel."

But Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas said with whom the Bush administration dealt while boycotting the leader of Hamas, Arafat — strongly criticized by Bush before.

"He is the first president who has legitimized the settlements in Palestinian territories," Qureia said of Bush. "But he never rejected that. We cannot accept that. We reject it and we refuse it."

Palestinian leaders had previously said they had been assured by the Bush administration they would be consulted before any endorsement of Sharon's plan. No Palestinians were present during the announcement by Sharon and Bush — in what was sure to be seen by the Arab world as a strong favoring of Sharon and a slight to the Palestinians.

Previous administration statements have described Jewish settlements as obstacles to peace. The Bush administration's predecessors, Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton and George H.W. Bush, opposed further and called them illegal.

Sharon, in gaining Bush's backing of his unilateral withdrawal was willing to make large Jewish settlements in the West Bank — or to return to the borders it held before capturing the territories in the 1967 Mideast war — in any final peace deal.

Behind the scenes, administration officials tried to cast the day's events as Bush gaining concessions from Sharon.

A senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Palestinian statements were viewed as simply reflecting anxiety that would ease once they read Bush's and Sharon's statements on the issue.

Released separately. But Bush, in a news conference with Sharon at his side, said it was unrealistic to expect a "return to the borders it held before capturing the territories." Qureia said of Bush. "But he never rejected that. We cannot accept that. We reject it and we refuse it."

Ahmad Qureia, prime minister of Palestine, speaks to reporters on Wednesday regarding his rejection of U.S. statements about a West Bank peace agreement.

**Driver steals car, hits pedestrians**

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Reed Skelton was charged Tuesday with ramming a stolen van into five pedestrians, killing a dying man pinned under the vehicle, and leaving $120,000 in damage, said police Sgt. Mike R. Gamblin.

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**Student faked own kidnapping**

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — A college student accused of faking her own kidnapping last month was charged Wednesday with lying to police in what was a desperate attempt to get her boyfriend's attention.

Audrey Seiler, a 20-year-old sophomore at the University of Wisconsin, was charged with two misdemeanor counts of making False reports. Each charge carries up to nine months in jail and a $10,000 fine.

Seiler disappeared from her off-campus apartment March 27 without her clothes or money. Police discovered curled in a fetal position in a marsh four days later, and told police that she had been kidnapped.

"I set up everything. I'm just so messed up. I'm sorry," they quoted her as saying when they spoke on condition of anonymity, the day's events as Bush gaining concessions from Sharon.

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In his break from long-standing U.S. policy, Bush said it was unrealistic to expect a "return to the borders it held before capturing the territories." Qureia said of Bush. "But he never rejected that. We cannot accept that. We reject it and we refuse it."

Ahmad Qureia, prime minister of Palestine, speaks to reporters on Wednesday regarding his rejection of U.S. statements about a West Bank peace agreement.

Friends said the two had been fighting, and Seiler's roommate, Heather Thus, told officers that Fisher did not pay as much attention to Seiler as she wanted. Seiler's mother told police her daughter had not been herself lately and was "extremely needy and dependent." She was always on her phone, Fisher said.

Three days before she disappeared, her laptop was used to log onto Fisher's e-mail account and read messages with "romantic overtones" between him and another woman, according to the complaint.

A message left at Seiler's home in Rockford, Minn., was not immediately returned. There was no answer at the campus telephone number for Fisher, Seiler's boyfriend.

Hopper said Seiler was home with her parents and receiving "medical care and the care and support that she needs from her family." Seiler had also reported an unexplained attack in February, saying she was stricken from behind and left unconscious.
preformed well academically, Rooney said that on an individual level these students do not differ significantly from the average Notre Dame class.

"Every year there is a new group, I haven't noticed a great difference," he said. "As people, the freshmen are the same as other ND students." Rooney said that he believes the true test of success will occur when the freshmen are entering their junior and senior years. Since statistics cannot measure the success of a person, the freshman class will be evaluated by the degree in which they immerse themselves into their majors, as opposed to merely completing requirements, he said.

First Year Studies advisor Kenneth Deboer acknowledged the higher grades of the class of 2007, but he added this is a nationwide trend. While Deboer has not observed a dramatic difference in the freshman class from the previous year, he said that over the past few years Notre Dame has seen its student portray "a heightened seriousness." 

"I have students who want to do more than one degree, they also ask what it takes to graduate with high honors," he said. "I know students go to parties, get wild on weekends, but I think they work extremely hard and want their education to mean something." And what do students think? While some of the members of the "best class ever" have dominated the classroom, others said that they felt a little overwhelmed.

"I don't think high school prepared me for the academics at ND." Meghan Ryder, freshman

"I don't think the workload has been any harder, I just think it has been harder to figure out how to manage my time and be organized because there is less structure and a lot more independence," freshman Julie Pearce said.

Follow freshman Jamie Denning said his adjustment to Notre Dame has been relatively smooth.

"I don't think that the academic workload is as challenging as I had predicted upon entering Notre Dame," he said. "I did not put forth much effort in the majority of my classes, yet I still managed to do relatively well in all of them first semester." Some freshmen, however, said the transition from high school to college has been slightly more difficult than they anticipated.

"Academically it is harder then high school because you have to take responsibility on your own to keep up with your classes. There are fewer grades," freshman Lauren Hoffman said.

Freshman Meghan Ryder agreed. "I don't think high school prepared me for the academics at ND. I was really surprised when I came here." She said. "My GPA is still pretty good but not as high as high school."

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Consumer Spending

Gasoline, air travel and clothing prices force costs rose 0.5 percent in March

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rising prices of gasoline, air travel and clothing propelled consumer costs 0.5 percent higher in March, raising the possibility that the Federal Reserve might raise interest rates this summer.

Wednesday's reading on the Consumer Price Index, the government's most closely watched measure, reviled concerns about the prospects of an inflation flare-up now that the economy is rebounding, economists said.

The report by the Labor Department "confirms my worst fear: Inflation is rising," said Stephen Cecchetti, economics professor at Brandeis University. "Details confirm that the inflation increase isn't in some isolated place, or the consequence of some special factor."

The 0.5 percent increase compares with February's 0.3 percent increase and matched January's figure.

Especially jolting was the 0.4 percent increase in core consumer prices, excluding energy and food costs. The increase was 0.2 percent in both January and February. The latest snapshot of the inflation climate showed consumer prices moving up more quickly than expected. It "solidifies the path toward a Fed tightening move this summer," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com.

On Wall Street, stocks slipped. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 3.33 points to close at 10,377.95. In other economic news, the U.S. trade gap narrowed to $42.1 billion in February, a 3.2 percent decline from January's record deficit, the Commerce Department reported. The improvement came as U.S. exports of goods and services grew strongly and outsprinted the rise in imports.

With the economy rebounding, some managers are beginning to have a greater ability to raise product prices, economists said. Rising energy costs in some cases are being passed along to consumers in the form of higher prices, analysts added.

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Identity Theft

Banks to help identity theft victims

Associated Press

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There's no question that ID theft is a growing threat to American consumers.

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The FTC maintains a registry and provides guidance for victims at its Web site www.consumer.govidth. Still, the government can do little to reduce the time and expense that consumers must invest to try to undo the damage, estimated to cost consumers some $5 billion a year, and businesses and financial institutions nearly $50 billion, according to the FTC study.

Ronni Burns, director of business practices for Citi Cards, a division of New York-based Citigroup, said Citi credit and debit card holders who fall victim to identity thieves will be referred to a specialist who will serve "like a case worker" in dealing with their problems.

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Incident

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acknowledged. "What they wanted was a comment or statement from Father Malloy and only Father Malloy can speak for Father Malloy," she said. "But between myself and Father Jarret, I wanted them to have someone to talk to."

On Malloy's request, Jarret met with representatives from the group to discuss the letter's conditions for stopping the 3-day, 44-person hunger strike — at public cost. She suggested that the University will not enter into further contracts with Taco Bell and its promise to make Fair Trade coffee available in both dining halls by the fall semester. In total, 150 students will participate in fasts of varying length.

Jarret said Malloy is aware of the group's plan to continue fasting until the University takes a public stance, but also cautioned the students about the possibility of a delayed statement or no statement at all.

"I was just trying to be truthful," he said, adding that while the administration is interested in the students' information and concerns, it must await a response from Taco Bell before making any judgment.

"Out of fairness and prudence we at least need Taco Bell's side of the situation before we make a statement," he said.

Taco Bell's side of the situation should be forthcoming, said vice president and general counsel Carol Kasebier, who has held meetings with PSA members since the fall 2003 semester and sent a letter to the corporation on March 5.

Kasebier said students provided her with written materials indicating their correspondence with both Taco Bell and the Coalition of Immokalee Workers — the group involved in the tomato-pickers dispute — and that the general counsel's letter came as a result.

When she sent the letter, Kasebier said she explained to the students that the University would be happy to indicate that we're reviewing the situation but wouldn't say we wouldn't do business with [Taco Bell]" she said. "That suggests that Taco Bell is wrong, and we didn't have all of the information.

On the students' request, Kasebier also placed a call Wednesday to the letter's intended recipient, but was unable to reach Taco Bell. Kasebier said she anticipated a response today about when the University should expect an answer, but stressed there has been no indication by either Notre Dame or Taco Bell of intent to renew the contract, which is up at the end of this semester.

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California to revamp workers’ comp

Schwarzenegger, legislators make deal

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — California’s workers’ compensation system, the most expensive in the nation, would get a broad overhaul in a deal reached Wednesday between legislators and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Many details were to be worked out in a legislative committee Wednesday night, but officials said Schwarzenegger succeeded in pushing through two key elements: The bill will not regulate insurance rates, and will allow insurers and employers to select pools of doctors injured workers must use.

Schwarzenegger made workers’ comp a centerpiece of his campaign for governor, and final approval of the bill would represent a fresh political victory for the Republican governor. If passed by the committee, the bill will face votes in the Legislature on Friday.

For months, Schwarzenegger has prodded lawmakers to overhaul a system with the nation’s highest bills to employers and some of its lowest benefits to injured workers. While working to reach a deal with lawmakers, he has simultaneously threatened them with a proposed initiative that would ask voters to change the workers’ comp system.

Though the legislation appears to have momentum Wednesday, the governor’s staff still held out the threat that Schwarzenegger would suspend the bill and take his reform plan directly to voters if lawmakers did not meet his bottom line.

Contractor’s wife prays for his return

MACON, Miss. — Kellie Hamill said Wednesday her family is struggling with the silence that has followed the capture of her civilian husband in Iraq, maintaining their courage through prayer and the support of others.

“He’s been so hard,” she said. “You want him home. You want to hear from him. You want to hear him.”

Thomas Hamill, 43, a fuel tanker driver for Halliburton Co. subsidiary Kellog, Brown & Root, was abducted Friday when gunmen attacked his convoy of fuel trucks.

Now, Hamill’s family must deal with reports that four bodies have been found in Iraq, possibly the remains of private contractors who are missing.

Kellie Hamill said she had not seen her husband’s picture since the weekend, when the Arabic news network Al-Jazeera aired tapes of the former dairy farmer. In the segment, Hamill’s captors threatened to kill him unless U.S. troops ended their assault on the city of Fallujah.

A deadline imposed by his abductors came and went Sunday with no word of his fate.

“It’s nerve-racking, not knowing what’s going on,” said Hamill’s mother, Phyllis Wendy Hall, a Halliburton spokeswoman, said Wednesday the company has no new information regarding the missing workers and whether the four bodies that were reported found Tuesday have been identified as some of those workers.

“I would just like to thank everybody for their prayers,” Kellie Hamill said, adding she last spoke to her hus-

Meet the author

George Weigel

Letters to a Young Catholic

Weigel is Pope John Paul’s biographer and a best-selling author.

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- An invitation to a talk by an author who has written a book on Pope John Paul II

This newsletter is designed to be a resource for those interested in Celtic culture, Irish music, and religious studies, particularly with a focus on Pope John Paul II.
Campus Ministry

Prayer during the Easter Season

God of life, ground of our faith, with Jesus you have raised us up in the waters of baptism and given us life that endures.

Day by day refine our faith, and remove every trace of unbelief, that we may confess Jesus as our Lord and God, and share more fully in his risen life.

Amen.

what’s happening

friday 04.16
Mass for Peace
5:15 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

saturday 04.17
Holy Cross Ordinations
11:30 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Rebuilding Together
(Christmas in April)

sunday 04.18
RCIA-Morning of Reflection
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Coleman-Morse Lounge

Ordination to the Priesthood
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Rejoice! Mass
10:00 p.m.
Coleman-Morse Chapel

Find the latest on upcoming retreat signups, mass schedules and special campus events at campusministry.nd.edu

considerations...

Easter

The Art of Waiting

by Keara Coughlin
Intern, Campus Ministry

Waiting: something we all face at times, but some are better at it than the rest of us. Each of us faces the challenges of waiting differently: some - with anticipation, some - with frustration, some - with nervous anxiety. There are even some of us who approach it with bitterness or anger. And then there are those of us who somehow try to avoid periods of waiting by convincing ourselves that we 'don't really care what happens anyway' and therefore can just ignore the issue all together.

Over the past eight months, a group of 28 people have demonstrated to me the art of waiting. Until meeting these people, I didn't think I had ever really grasped what it means to take this task and doing so with intentionality means recognizing the purpose and the call of waiting. With anticipation and eagerness, these men and women displayed a true effort to use this time as an opportunity to grow, strengthen, and - with joy and hope - prepare for what was to come.

For these past 8 months, I have been allowed the blessed opportunity to walk with 17 candidates and 11 catechumens as they took the next steps along their faith journeys by preparing to enter into the Catholic Church through the RCIA process: uniting with us in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. They had been waiting for Easter with an anticipation that many of us "cradle-Catholics" don't ever have for this or any holy celebration. For Amy, Justin, Jenna, Heather, Dave, Brandon, Kari, Richie, Melinda, Carolyn, and Xiao Juan (and the rest of the nearly 150,000 new Catholics around the world), Easter meant "new life" in a way more powerful and more perfect than any chocolate bunny or colored egg ever could. Their new life is a life in and with Christ - the Risen Christ who calls all of us to a life of faith and a life of love.

It is truly amazing to me that for 22 years (alright - I should probably only be held accountable for the last 14 or so), I have been presented with an opportunity each and every springtime to better understand and enter into the art of waiting: yet it is only now that my eyes are finally open enough to gain greater insight into what the Church has been doing for nearly 1800 years. With the season of Lent, the Church has set aside a special time during which we - the Body of Christ - are invited to enter into a paschal fast - a time in which we are too accountable for the last 14 or so), I have been presented with an opportunity each and every springtime to better understand and enter into the art of waiting: yet it is only now that my eyes are finally open enough to gain greater insight into what the Church has been doing for nearly 1800 years. With the season of Lent, the Church has set apart a special time during which we - the Body of Christ - are invited to enter into a period of intentional waiting and preparation for the greatest and largest celebration of the Paschal Mystery of the year. With prayer and almsgiving, we rededicate ourselves and our lives to Christ - making His mission our own. And as Easter approaches, as I have begun to understand, we enter into a 'paschal fast' - a time in which we are too excited to be thinking about and preparing big meals and snacks.

In their faith journeys, the candidate and catechumens - like many of us - faced questions, frustrations and the struggle of not being able to fully grasp all that they had heard and read. But each one knew that what they were doing - taking the steps to claim the Catholic faith as their own - was right and it was right at this very time and place in their lives. They were being called and they were responding. Their witness has been a gift and a blessing to me - giving me strength for my own journey in a way I could never have imagined. Inspired by each of them, I am overjoyed to renew my own baptismal vow this Easter season and reclaim my faith as my own.

Every Friday until there is Peace

Basilica of the Sacred Heart
5:15 p.m. • Fridays

mass schedule

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Saturday Vigil Mass
5:00 p.m.
Rev. James Foster, c.s.c.

Sunday
10:00 a.m.
Rev. James Foster, c.s.c.
11:45 p.m.
Rev. Lou Del Fra, c.s.c.

Sunday’s Scripture Readings
Human Rights Watch director to speak

**Award**

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The first objective of the company is "to honor God in all we do."

"It's one thing to note the four objectives...it's another thing to understand them," Maciarelli said. "I believe the four objectives of ServiceMaster have been the cause and effect of a deep understanding of work and relationships.

Pollard, author of "Soul of a Firm," wrote that when the purpose of the firm is linked to the growth and development of a person in God's image, it unleashes powerful forces in the mind and the spirit of the worker.

Maciarelli explained that the name ServiceMaster can be reworded as "Master of Servants." This idea has transformed thousands of people, Maciarelli said.

"Because we bear God's image, we possess inherent dignity," Maciarelli said. "Our institutions often deny this."

Pollard served as CEO and Chairman for more than 20 years. He worked to help pursue the other objectives of ServiceMaster, which include the development of people, the pursuit of excellence and growth of profits.

Maciarelli said that Pollard's Judeo-Christian values and approach to work ethics have given him a great support.

"Pollard and ServiceMaster has been a source of encouragement for me...If a CEO wants to implement these values, there are many examples to follow that prove this," Maciarelli said.

Pollard received the award from Hesburgh, and gave a brief speech thanking Hesburgh for his advice that he gave to him a 15 years ago.

"Pollard, a graduate of Wharton College and Northwestern University School of Law, is co-chair and a director of UnumProvident Corporation and a director of Herman Miller Incorporated.

Since 1947, ServiceMaster has provided various services to residences such as lawn care, house cleaning and landscaping maintenance and employs 40,000 workers. The company provides outsourcings to more than 10.5 million customers in the U.S. and 41 countries across the globe and was recognized as the number one service firm in the Fortune 500, making over $3.5 million in revenues.

The Cahill lecture series was established in 1959 in memory of Frank Cahill, an alumnus and benefactor who was committed to business ethics.

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8 pm, Sacred Heart Basilica

Brandon Hollihan, tenor
Kathy Keasey, piano
Thursday, April 15, 2004
5 pm, Auditorium, Hesburgh Library

Stephen Lancaster, baritone
Kui Min, piano
Friday, April 16, 2004
7 pm, Auditorium, Hesburgh Library

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**Students, Faculty, and Staff:**

The Club Coordination Council is accepting nominations for outstanding club and individual achievement awards for the 2003–2004 academic year. Nominations are being accepted for Outstanding Club, Club Officer, Advisor, and Event/Program. To nominate, simply go to www.nd.edu/~ccc/docs and download the nomination form. After filling it out, email it to ccc@nd.edu by 5 PM Monday, April 19th with "Club Awards Nomination" as the subject. Winners will be selected in each category not only at the division level (Academic, Athletic, Cultural, Performing Arts, Social Service, and Special Interest) but also overall. If you have had a good experience with a club, a specific club-sponsored event, or continuing program, you are encouraged to take part in the nomination process whether you are a member of a club or not.

Thank you,

Club Coordination Council
What alumni miss about Notre Dame

Work hard, play hard, pray hard. This is a fitting mantra for students in our community. The years here are intense, and we can find ourselves nearing graduation far too quickly. Wise counsel from alumni can put our experiences here in better perspective. What do alumni miss most about this place? What advice can they pass on to students? I asked alumni who graduated one, five and 10 years ago these questions. Their full answers are at www.nd.edu/~adeberry/alumni.html. These are a few of the insights they want to pass on.

Friendships

We are surrounded here by the most passionate, caring and talented group of peers that we may ever meet. The community spirit is unparalleled. It gives people the constant energy to work, pray, laugh and party. Many friends are together in one small place, and people bump into friends on campus no matter where they go. Several alumni noted that leaving Notre Dame is an environment is a change that many don't anticipate. Alumni miss the open doors in the hallway. They miss their roommates. They miss random college humor, occasional debates and late-night conversations with people their own age. They tell students to firmly hold on to their friends. These friendships may be the most important things we'll take from college to keep for life.

Faith

Grads from all years advised against taking the faith community for granted. Tony Haggie '03, a software engineer, said the thing he missed most was dorm mass, "hands down." Other alumni describe the difficulty of keeping the faith alive beyond campus. David Woo '03, an English teacher in Hong Kong, says "I miss that faith community as I'm looking for a new church in this exotic wilderness of Hong Kong — it's a lot trickier to find people who profess Christ here." Another alum, Derek Betcher '99, is interested in religion more than ever now that he and his wife are building a family. He, like other grads, wishes he'd spent more time exploring his faith at Notre Dame because "it's such a fertile place for that kind of learning."

Service

The faith cultivated here often fosters an ethic of lifelong service. Tara Holcomb '99 and Kathy Motyka '99 both eventually chose teaching professions after service experiences like the Summer Service Project and the Holy Cross Associates. Michael Sweikar '93, a law student, also recognizes that few schools have so many domestic and international service opportunities like Notre Dame. The ethic formed from his experiences will guide him in his professional career: "The most important thing I learned is put God first and always making time to help people and any activity you do will be that much better." This attitude is the hallmark of the Notre Dame graduate.

Career

Alums suggested studying what one enjoyed while also taking the job search seriously. Some recommend doing graduate school before getting married. Ricky Sadowski '03 encourages pre-med students in particular to think seriously before committing to medical school: "I've seen many people waste a year of their lives and money before dropping out. If you need time to decide, take it, everything will still be there when you get back."

Steph Burum '03 demonstrated this thought-out search process. By volunteering in South Bend hospitals during college, she realized that she should pursue health administration in law school instead of medical school. While one may find a profession that sounds interesting, the actual work may be much different than expected. The alums noted that several "dream jobs" aren't glamorous at all. Others said they still don't know what they want to do in the first place. Some have blazed their own trails to find their answers, which has taken them in and out of the corporate, public and non-profit sectors. All alums encouraged students to do the hard work needed to find a job they can be passionate about.

Alumni connection

The Notre Dame family and its global reach can support alumni no matter what their professional path. Local alumni clubs are a great way to develop new friendships and find community, whether one's interest is in athletics, service, faith or academics. Frank McKenzie '94, the President of the San Jose Alumni Club, wants students to be proud of Notre Dame: "Take care of your fellow Domers and work toward the better good of society."

The alumni tell us over and over about how special this place is. As we make our way towards graduation, the senior class in particular begins to understand their appreciation. At Notre Dame, we party too much, work too late and pray harder than we knew we could. And in the end, all we can say is thank you.

Andrew DeBerry is a fifth-year senior and has found much passion writing columns. He is glad to put his columnist pen into retirement now and encourages underclassmen to consider writing next year. He can be contacted at adeberry@nd.edu. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
We all take our electrically powered lifestyle for granted. We walk into a room and flip the switch and expect there to be light. When there's an outage, we feel wronged. Electricity is a God given right, but power plants are Satan Incarnate.

Michael Subialka's April 14 letter against nuclear energy generation is just another shortsighted attack on an integral part of an intelligent, diverse energy policy.

The letter is replete with uninformed statements and flawed arguments. While it is true that fission products from commercial reactors are highly toxic, they remain sequestered and under control, unlike the waste products from a coal plant, also radioactive, which we all breathe daily. "Acceptable" waste disposal methods do in fact exist and are used by the French, who generate over 70 percent of their electricity using nuclear reactors, in comparison to our 19 percent.

Continuing, Subialka states that, "90 percent of fission products are inertable." and that we should "limit our exposure to radioactive sources," but fails to provide evidence that nuclear power generation actually results in any radiation dose to citizens. The truth is that a two-hour airline flight results in a radiation dose 110 times greater than a whole year of living within 50 miles of a nuclear power plant, and both are negligible doses.

Of course, what anti-nuclear argument would be complete without mentioning Chernobyl? Chernobyl was a haphazardly constructed power station at best. It did not have the impregnable concrete containment building that is required around all reactors in this country. This, combined with the actual construction of the reactor, precludes this type of accident from ever occurring in the United States. The letter also mentioned Three Mile Island, but that accident resulted in no injuries, and new reactor designs and operational practices have eliminated the chance of a repetition.

Finally, we must consider the alternatives. Fossil fuels are cheap and plentiful for the time being, but conventional wisdom says that they are changing our climate. If this is correct and if we keep it up, we're talking melted ice caps, flooded farmland and hundreds of millions of people starving. That sounds worse to me than any imaginary nuclear scenario.

Solar and wind are clean, but they supply paltry amounts of intermittent power. Hydroelectric dams are clean and powerful, but geography limits possible locations.

So, what is the answer? As with almost anything, moderation and diversification are key. No one source is the magic bullet, but rather our country must rely on a balanced energy policy, including nuclear, to sustain our increasing demand.

Jordan Ryan
April 14
Ben Kweller is 'On his way' with release

By REBECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Music Critic

It is doubtful that a great deal of students has heard of Ben Kweller, but much less would know any of his songs, for this lack of attention is undeserved. The former lead singer of the band Itadakich released his second solo album, "On My Way." After the moderately successful "Sha Sha," Kweller fans have been waiting a long time for "On My Way" and they will generally not be disappointed by this second album. "On My Way" is a bit more developed and mature than "Sha Sha" and maintains the flair that makes a Kweller album a Kweller album: funky rhythms, at times just plain strange lyrics and generally some decent melodies.

Following the recent rise of the 60s garage band sound, Kweller's "On My Way" sounds very similar to the vintage sound of bands like The Kings of Leon and The Thrills. Kweller's Web site describes the unique process used in recording explaining: "The motif put forward from the beginning of the session was 'performance first.' With that in mind, Kweller and his bandmates recorded with all instruments together in one room and minimal separation between amplifiers and drums. The band played mostly without head- phone to ensure that each member could hear and react to the whole sound being produced in the room, instead of focusing on what each individual had in his headphones. These underrated yet effective techniques ultimately gave the vocal and instrumental delivery a more impromptu feel. The sound of "On My Way" is definitely unique and is reminiscent of "Sha Sha," yet very different and separate. The recording emphasizes the themes of the songs, making the album very cohesive as an entire work.

Kweller began playing the piano at age five, and is simply a true musician at heart. Growing up in Texas, he originally played the piano. Kweller has been a musician from the beginning. "Someone taught me how to play 'Heart and Soul,'" Kweller says, "and I saw the chord pattern and thought 'Ok, what if I play the first key, skip the second one, go straight to the third then back to the second key and then the fourth key?" His "On My Way" song 1-2-3-4 instead of 1-2-3-4! I did it and it sounded completely different from 'Heart and Soul.'"

Kweller's croons, "I want to feel you / Touch my body, baby / I guarantee you won't regret it / Let me set it out like you never had it." The latter begins the title question throughout the track and is meant for an adult audience.

By now, most are familiar with the club-banging hit "Yeah." Usher, Lil John and Ludacris team up to create what has claimed the rights to the no.1 spot on Billboards Hot 100 for several weeks. However, taken together "Confessions" has far more to offer than the occasional party mix. The grown-up Usher finally accepts the challenge that accompanies soulful ballads. It is this masterful combination of soft and sweet singing skillfully with mid and fast tempo hip-hop tracks that has rocketed Usher to a world stage.

Usher's highly-anticipated fifth album exceeds expectations and has already gained airplay.

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The underground rap duo Madvillain consists of rapper MF Doom and producer/producer Madlib.

Although you will find the tracks on "Madvillainy" too short to be included on your latest rap mix, you will also find that it does not matter. Unlike most rap albums that contain lengthy skits and filler tracks, "Madvillainy" is one of those rare albums that can be listened to from start to finish without any skips. It may take a few listeners to get used to, and you may not be able to bump to it like a 50 Cent record, but it is still a quality album that shows the vast possibilities of hip-hop.

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The Vines' latest release lacks cohesion, it is a solid effort from the Australian band.

Although The Vines' latest release combines many styles

By MICHAEL T. TENNANT
Scene Music Critic

MF Doom, Madlib break boundaries

The Vines’ latest release combines many styles. Although the album bounces back and forth between in-your-face guitar rock and moody melodies, listeners find themselves in an angry crowd of teenage protesters one minute and in a black-lit room filled with large and overly comfy couches the next.

Although this apparent lack of cohesion is a problem, the quality of the songs is individually strong enough to carry the album. The opening track 'Ride' is representative of the last hit 'Get Free', 'Highly Evolved' and draws you in immediately with one of the catchiest guitar riffs since Nirvana taught us what Scott Snyder smelled like. The simple chorus proves that something less really is more.

The energy from 'Ride' is carried through similarly rocking tracks 'Animal Machine' and 'She's Got Something To Say To Me' before peaking with 'F.T.W.' Each of these tracks features light riffs and a garage-style that is just unique enough to get everyone to listen. Unfortunatley, the energy is interrupted by numerous acoustic-based tracks that feature lead singer and songwriter Craig Nicholls’ poetic and often spacey lyrics. Songs like 'Sun Child' and an apparent sequel from their first album, "Autumn Shade II" show a more melodic side to the band while giving Nicholls a chance to drift off to a nature-filled world where he can “forget about the engine of the rain,” and ponder the “colors of her dream.”

Although these tracks hold their own, they sit the listener down in a recliner and light a few candles, making it near impossible to get back up once they kick on the distortion again.

What helps these songs along is the great guitar playing of Nicholls and Ryan Griffiths, both well versed in the '90s grunge guitar riffs since Nirvana taught us what Teen Spirit smelled like. The simplistic, almost simplistic "Ride" carries a post-90s edge that leaves you pondering all your musing and melodies. But maybe the listener just has to put himself in Nicholls’ shoes “to see the colors through [his] loaded mind.”

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Colorado's Dan Hinote hits Dallas' Brenden Morrow in the Avalanche's 3-2 win Wednesday night.

Robert Esche has brought a calming influence to the talented Philadelphia Flyers and helped push Brodeur and the defending champion New Jersey Devils even closer to the brink of a first-round playoff elimination.

Esche made 35 saves in stealing Game 3 in Philadelphia, leading the Flyers to a 3-1 and 1-0 lead in the best-of-seven series.

"For whatever reason, I am calm with him in the net," Flyers captain Mark Recchi said. "There is no nervousness when shots are up, even when goals are scored. I don't worry about how he's going to stop the next shot. It's a settling feeling for the players."

The low-key Esche has given up eight goals in the series on 132 shots. The playoff shutdown was the first of his career.

"I felt very focused in all four games," Esche said. "I haven't had a problem getting up for the games. I've had a real good confidence level."

Defenseman Kim Johnson gave Esche an early lead with a goal that atoned for a game-winning goal two nights earlier. Esche stopped 24 shots, while Belfour stopped 35.

Alexei Zhamnov and Primeau added third-period goals for the Flyers, who can end the Devils' hopes of winning a fourth championship in six best-of-seven series with victories Saturday and Sunday. The Devils have won the first two games of the series, when the teams split at the Prudential Center.

Nashville Predators goalie David legue's last second, game-winning goal by Marian Hossa thrust his arm s sky­

Mike Yeo stepped down after the second round for the Lightning. New York defense­

"It helps mentally that we know it can happen, that we can come back and win the series," said Devils forward Patrik Elias, a member of the 2000 team. "But it doesn't happen that often."

The way Esche is playing this series, the Devils can be tough.

Esche was outstanding in the first two periods. He stopped two shots by Brian Gionta from close range in the first period and good chances in close by Sergei Brylin and Jeff Friesen.

"It's not like they were out­playing us," Brodeur said. "The game was back and forth, and it was because of Esche today. We were all over them.

Tampa Bay 3, New York 0

Avalanche 43-21 for the game. Svatos and the Colorado Stars will have to win Saturday left in regulation.

Avalanche 4-3 overtime loss

Svatos, who had assists in the first two games, skated into the zone with puck, got around defense­

Avalanche received a stellar effort from goaltender David

Aebischer. Aebischer made 41 saves, including 27 after the second period.

Milan Heyduk scored Colorado's first goal on a power play into a 1-0 lead for the Lightning.

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Kevin Brown delivers a pitch during a 5-1 New York win over Tampa Bay Wednesday. The win was the 200th of Brown's career.

**MLB Brown notches 200th victory in Yankee win**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Well on the way to his 200th career victory, tough guy Kevin Brown got a bit misty.

"Blame it on the weather, rather than emotion," said Brown, who reached the milestone a game after fellow Yankees ace Mike Mussina did and again led New York over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 5-1 Wednesday.

"The mound was definitely slick. It was tough keeping your spikes," Brown said. Still, the setting made it special as Brown became the 101st pitcher in major league history to win No. 200. Brown and Mussina are the first teammates to accomplish the feat in the same season.

"It's great to be here and get it here," Brown said. "It was a wonderful atmosphere, a great backdrop for it to happen."

Brown beat the Devil Rays for the third time this season, defeating them at the Tokyo Dome, Tropicana Field and Yankee Stadium. In all three outings, he gave up one run in seven innings.

Brown (3-0) is 200-131 in a career that started in 1986 with Texas. The 39-year-old righty also played for Baltimore, Florida, San Diego and Los Angeles before an off season trade that sent Jeff Weaver to the Dodgers.

"A lot of pitchers have come and gone and not won 200 games or gotten close," said Mussina, 35. "I know what it means to him and what it meant to me."

**Detroit 5, Toronto 3**

Carlos Pena hit a two-run double in a four-run first inning, and the Detroit Tigers held on to beat the Toronto Blue Jays.

The Tigers have won six of their first eight games, one season after beginning 0-9 and finishing with an AL-record 119 losses.

Detroit, off to its best start since 1985, has scored at least five runs in each of its opening eight games for the first time, eclipsing the six in a row at the start of the 1961 season.

Brent Wells singled off Esteban Yan and scored on an error as Toronto tied it 2-2 in the eighth. Jamie Walker relieved and gave up a single and a wild pitch before getting out of the inning by striking out Kevin Cash and getting Orlando Hudson to ground out.

Danny Patterson pitched the ninth for his first save. Tampa Bay threatened in the ninth, getting a singles from pinch-hitter Greg Myers and Frank Catalanotto before Wells grounded into a game-ending double play.

**SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS WEEK**

**Schedule of Events**

**Tuesday:** Mass celebrated by Fr. Paul Kollman to commemorate those people affected by sexual assault at 8pm in the Dillon Hall Chapel.

**Wednesday & Thursday:** Look for our information table from 11am to 3pm in Lafortune near the elevator. Free Take Back the Night t-shirts will be available as well as teal ribbons to show your commitment to end sexual violence.

**Wednesday:** Panel Discussion with members of Notre Dame's Sexual Assault Advisory Committee focusing on why rape occurs and the policies surrounding sexual assault on Notre Dame's campus at 7:30pm in Walsh Hall's South Lounge. Refreshments will be served.

**Thursday:** **TAKE BACK THE NIGHT MARATHON** in conjunction with SMC and HCC, beginning at the Library Reflecting Pool at 6:30pm, concluding at Dalloway's on SMC's campus. There will refreshments at Dalloway's during the speak-out, and transportation will be provided back to Notre Dame at the end.

If you would like more information about any of these events, please contact care@nd.edu

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**Joseph McMinn**


A popular teacher, McMinn will offer a course in Fall 2004 on Gothic fiction in Britain and Ireland from the mid-eighteenth to late nineteenth century. The emphasis will be on the distinctive features and forms of the Gothic novel — "the tale of terror" — its early association with female authors and readers, and its later role in the emergence of Romanticism. Authors and texts to be studied include Austen's Northanger Abbey (1818), Shelley's Frankenstein (1818), Maturin's Melmoth the Wanderer (1820), Le Fanu's The House by the Churchyard (1863), and Stoker's Dracula (1897). While the course’s content about a very distinctive and popular form of the novel, it will also have an interdisciplinary dimension, touching upon related and later versions of Gothic in art, architecture and cinema.
James ends rookie season with win over Knicks

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fittingly, LeBron James finished his rookie season on a positive note.

The most hyped player to enter the NBA straight out of high school scored his final two points of 2003-04 on a crowd-pleasing dunk with 30 seconds remaining in a 100-90 victory Wednesday night over the New York Knicks.

"I think overall I had a very successful season, but not because of my statistical categories," James said. "I look at the team, and we doubled plus one our wins from last year. And we got better from Day 1 until now." Some might dispute that final statement, as Cleveland's late-season swoon kept the Cavs out of the playoffs in the underwhelming Eastern Conference.

But there was no denying the improvement they made, going from 17 to 35 victories while playing in front of sellout crowds all around the NBA.

Their finale was a quality win, given that the Knicks used their starters throughout the fourth quarter, but were outplayed by a lottery-bound team that had lost 12 of its previous 15 games.

After James scored the last of his 17 points and the final buzzer sounded, he exchanged hugs with players from both teams.

"I don't want to say it's good to be done," James said. "I think I really need to rest, but if there was any opportunity for us to keep going I would love to play."

James finished the season with averages of 20.9 points, 5.9 rebounds and 5.5 assists.

"He is not the future. He is the present," Knicks guard Penny Hardaway said.

James now moves on to his first summer vacation as an NBA veteran, while the Knicks will head into a first-round playoff series against the New Jersey Nets beginning Saturday afternoon.

New York had a chance to move up to sixth place in the conference, but needed a victory and a loss by New Orleans, which defeated Washington 94-78.

The result of the Hornets-Wizards game was known by the time the fourth quarter got underway, but it was clear much earlier that New Orleans was on its way to a victory.

"I thought that we didn't have the same intensity we had the past couple of games, and I think a lot of it was as much as it was them," Knicks coach Lenny Wilkens said. "We can do a much better job than that. We'll start the focus on that tomorrow."

Wednesday, April 15, 2004
This past Easter Vigil, 11 members of our Notre Dame community were fully initiated into the Catholic Church. At this liturgy, the 11 received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Please join us in congratulating them and welcoming them into our faith community.

- Heather Berry
  Badin Hall, Junior
  Keara Coughlin, godparent

- Justin Brandon
  Dillon Hall, Senior
  Dave Yoeger, godparent

- Kari Dai
  Farley Hall, Senior
  Joe Zizzo, godparent

- Melinda Leonard
  Lewis Hall, Freshman
  Maureen Malloy, godparent

- Brandon Phillips
  Fisher Hall, Senior
  Bev Brunnel, godparent

- Carolyn LaFaye
  Off-Campus, Senior
  Sarah Shaheen, godparent

- David Taffany
  Dillon Hall, Sophomore
  Jason Linster, godparent

- Amy Tremel
  South Bend
  Jim Tremel, godparent

- Jenna Wilkins
  Brown-Phillips Hall, Sophomore
  Moira Moidlen, godparent

- Xiao Juan Xie
  South Bend, Grad Student
  Priscilla Wong, godparent

We would also like to thank the RCA Team for their wonderful work this year: Keara Coughlin, Kaitlyn Dudley, Courtney Eschbach, John Glynn, Gerry Ollinger, Joe Reimer, Tam Schmitz, Megan Thomas, Brendan Wilson, Jan Gallagher, CSC, Fr. Peter Rocco, CSC, Kevin Sandberg, CSC, and Fr. J. Steele, CSC.
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Connecticut’s Ben Gordon shoots in the second half against Alabama in the NCAA Regional in Phoenix March 27. Gordon scored 36 points in the Huskies’ 87-73 win.

Connecticut's Gordon will leave early for NBA

STORRS, Conn. — Ben Gordon always expected to be in the NBA next season. The national title he helped Connecticut win made his decision even easier.

"I knew I wanted this to be my last year," Gordon said Wednesday at a news conference to announce he’s leaving the Huskies early. "I wanted to win the championship and had all these goals set.

It’s hard to imagine a college career ending on a higher note.

Gordon averaged a team-leading 18.5 points for the Huskies, who beat Georgia Tech 82-73 last week for the title. He is projected as a top 10 pick in the draft.

When Mek got injured, Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said Wednesday night at the U.S. Men’s Clay Court championships.

"He’s leaving the Huskies with his record-tying sixth Big East title, breaking Allen Iverson’s scoring record in a tournament.

when he would return and finish his degree in business administration. "I’ve very supportive of what Ben has decided to do," she said. "because he will continue to do his education."

Roddick makes quick work of Kendrick

HOUSTON — Top-seeded Andy Roddick was happy he needed only 58 minutes to defeat Robert Kendrick in a second-round match Wednesday night at the U.S. Men’s Clay Court championships.

"I don’t want to play any long matches," Roddick said after a 6-2, 6-3 victory moved him into the quarterfinals.

Roddick broke Kendrick in the third game of the opening set on Kendrick’s double fault at game point, and the two-time tournament champion dominated the match throughout.

By midway in the second set, both players were getting playful. Roddick hit a return into the stands and jokingly suggested someone check the mark. On an overhead winner by Roddick that bounced into the crowd, Kendrick frigned leaping into the stands in an effort to make a return.

"I felt pretty good out there," Roddick said. "I was fortunate to get off to a pretty good start and I feel I’m hitting the ball pretty well right now. I’m doing what I want with it so that’s good."

Roddick broke Kendrick in the third and ninth games of the second set. Kendrick fell behind love-40 in the final game. He fought off the first match point by serving an ace, but Roddick won his 10th straight match on Kendrick’s forehand error into the net at the second match point.

Roddick, going for his third title of the year, has a 30-5 match record this season. He led the United States’ Davis Cup team to a 4-1 victory over Sweden last week, and now he’s ready for a day off Thursday.

Rochus defeats Costa at Valencia Open

VALENCIA, Spain — Fourth-seeded Albert Costa was upset by Christophe Rochus of Belgium 6-4, 6-3 at the Valencia Open on Wednesday.

Rochus, who was the runner-up here last year, faces six-seeded Alberto Martin of Spain in the quarterfinals. Martin defeated Fernando Vicente 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

"I’m very pleased with the victory today. I knew I had the game to beat him, because I already beat him before," Rochus said. "I played a very solid match, I didn’t miss many balls. He was playing his best tennis, obviously, but I am very pleased with this victory."

In another match, Spanish veteran and former world No. 2 Albert Corretja was upset by countryman Marc Lopez 6-4, 6-4.

Also Wednesday, Albert Montanes came back to defeat second-seeded Feliciano Lopez 6-4, 6-2, 6-4, while seventh-seeded David Ferrer advanced to the second round with a 6-4, 6-3 win over Giovanni Lapentini.

On Thursday, top-seeded Juan Carlos Ferrero faces Jan Vacek, while Ivan Ljubicic plays Fernando Verdasco.
By PAT LEONARD  
Associate Sports Editor

The tide has begun to turn for the Irish. Now all the team has to do is ride this wave into the postseason.

After a disappointing three-game early-season losing streak, that included defeats to North Carolina, Loyola and Hofstra, No. 14 Notre Dame (5-4, 2-1 GWLL) has won three straight contests and two straight conference games.

The Irish travel to Indianapolis today to take on Butler, seeking a fourth straight victory in its quest to overtake Ohio State for first place in the Great Western Lacrosse League.

The Buckeyes defeated the Irish 9-8 at Moose Krause Stadium on March 31, and Ohio State sits atop the conference with a 2-0 record.

Notre Dame is on a roll of late, winning games against Dartmouth and Air Force by a combined score of 22-5. After a victory over the Falcons, the No. 18 Irish overcame a 9-6 deficit to defeat No. 17 Denver, another Colorado team, on Sunday by a score of 14-12.

That victory moved the Irish past the Pioneers in the polls, with Notre Dame at No. 14 and Denver dropping to No. 16. Pat Walsh tied a career-high with four goals and seven total points against the Pioneers.

Last year, Walsh also plagued the Butler Bulldogs, notching two goals and four assists as a freshman in a 9-2 Irish victory. Attackman Dan Berger scored a hat trick, as well, as Notre Dame scored the first eight goals of the game and out shot Butler 38-24.

Notre Dame leads the all-time series with Butler, 10-1, and the Bulldogs lost four of last season's starters to graduation.

Butler also will have to deal with goalie Stewart Crosland, who over the last three games is 3-0 with a 5.12 goals-against average and a .727 save percentage.

The Bulldogs, coached by Craig Kahoun in his sixth season, have a 5-5 record with losses to Maryland and Fairfield, the two teams remaining on Notre Dame's schedule after today's game. Butler lost to Ohio State, as well, by a score of 12-5 — a much wider margin than the Irish defeat. Butler is currently 0-2 in league play.

The Bulldogs finished last season with an overall record of 5-8 and a 1-4 conference record.

Notre Dame and Butler square off at 4 p.m.

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Irish disappointed with invite

By ANNE BRUSKY
Sports Writer

In all honesty, the Irish had hoped to do better.

After finishing the Boilermaker Invitational in 15th place, the Irish left the tour event disappointed with their performance.

"We were hoping to finish a little better in the field even though there were some pretty good teams there," sophomore Scott Gustafson said. "It's kind of make-or-break time in these last few weeks. If we don't show up for the next tournament, our season is done.

The Irish compiled a final score of +908 (303-302-303), 53 strokes behind tournament champion and host Purdue. The 14-gate 72 Kampen Course will host the NCAA Central Regional next month, should Notre Dame advance that far.

"We're definitely not playing near where we should be," freshman Cole Iiban said. "We're still a young team, but we're really very talented. If we could just find that, we'd be very competitive. I mean, talent never really goes away, we've just lost some of it right now."

Gustafson showed once again why he is the Irish leader, as he remained consistent throughout the weekend and turned in several solid rounds.

He ended the tournament tied for 27th place in 5-over par 221 (73-76-72).

Iiban and sophomore Tommy Baldwin were bothstruggled to make putts as they finished 60th and 69th, respectively.

Sophomore Eric Deutsch, in the No. 5 position, opened with rounds of 74 and 74 before struggling to finish an 80 during his final round, leaving him tied with Baldwin at 16-over 232.

 Fellow classmate Mark Balderston also struggled to make putts as he finished 60th and 69th, respectively.

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Top nine golfers: 1. Kane Webber (Colorado) 206 (70-69-67); 2. Jeff Sheehan (Virginia) 207 (70-69-68); 3. (tie) John Holmes (Kentucky) 212 (72-71-69-70); 5. (tie) Kyle Kurkoski (Purdue) 212 (69-70-71-72); 6. (tie) Peter Richardson (Purdue) 213 (71-69-70-72); 7. (tie) Tyler McCord (Notre Dame) 214 (69-73-72); 8. Cole Isban (Michigan State) 216 (70-70-76-70).

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Barnett says he knew of problems

By SETH WRIGHT
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BROOMBFIELD, Colo. — Suspended University of Colorado football coach Gary Barnett acknowledged there was misbehavior at a 2001 party at the center of a rape scandal. He also says everyone at the off-campus gathering is blameless.

Barnett, questioned for nearly five hours Tuesday by a panel investigating recruiting pacts at Colorado, said there were 10 people at the party, including four football players. The four later lost their scholarships and were charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor for providing alcohol.

"There is no question in my mind that inappropriate behavior occurred," Barnett said. "There is no question that the behavior of the 10 young people involved was the result of their own poor decisions and under the influence of alcohol."

Two women have alleged they were raped at the party by players or recruits. A third said she was assaulted in a dorm room shortly afterward. They are suing in federal court, seeking unspecified damages for what they say was the school's failure to restrain in athletes and provide equal protection to women.

At least eight women since 1997 have accused Colorado football athletes of rape or other charges. Barnett's four have been dropped.

Separate probes are under way into the state attorney general and university.

Barnett's testimony was the most dramatic yet before the Board of Regents' panel investigating whether Colorado uses sex and alcohol to entice recruits. The panel voted to ask for more time to complete its work, meaning a report wouldn't come out until the end of May.

Dressed in a suit and tie and occasionally raising his voice, Barnett said he feels responsible for his players' performance.
ND Softball

Irish hope to extinguish the Flames

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
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For the first time this season, Notre Dame (32-12) will face an opponent in a single-game match at Ivy Field when they face the Illinois-Chicago Flames (19-18) today at 5 p.m.

The Irish were scheduled to play a one-game match against Loyola March 25, but that game was cancelled due to inclement weather.

"I love one-game series because you have to bring your best," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "You have to attack early and get that early momentum because there's no second game to come back in. You can't hold anything back out there."

Notre Dame is coming off a 2-0 victory on the road against No. 18 Nebraska and looks to continue its winning ways over its next three games, all of which are at home.

"We have to build momentum while we're at home," Gumpf said. Despite picking up the win, the Irish struggled at the plate against the Cornhuskers, collecting just four hits and scoring against the Flames, Gumpf said. "You have to overcome their pitching woes lately, and have put together an eight-game winning streak coming into today's game."

In the last conference double-header against Butler Monday, the Flames out-hit the Irish by a combined score of 25-8. "[Illinois-Chicago] can really hit, and that's why they've won so much," Gumpf said. "They have good timely hits and also have a lot of power. Our pitchers have to be able to shut them down."

Illinois-Chicago's Cameron Astiazaran leads the Horizon League with a .421 batting average, with teammate Amanda Rivera not far behind with a .345 average. Rivera also leads the team with 30 home runs.

Four different pitchers have seen the mound for the Flames, with no single pitcher making fewer than 10 appearances this season in the team's 37 games. Brittany McIntyre, Allison Aguilar, Alycia Greese and Chebey Barlay have combined for a team ERA of 2.97.

Notre Dame remains at home Sunday to face Providence in a Big East double-header at Ivy Field, after which the Irish will go on a seven-game road trip.

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ND Women's Tennis

Rivalry renewed with Wildcats

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Everyone loves a good rivalry — especially the women's tennis team.

The Irish will renew their intense rivalry with No. 11 Northwestern (15-4) this afternoon when they host the Wildcats at 3:45 p.m. at the Courtney Tennis Center.

"There was a lot of energy today at practice because we're really excited to play Northwestern," sophomore Lauren Connelly said. "We all know how much we want to beat them. They're obviously a talented team."

Coach Jay Louderback attributes the rivalry to the proximity of the two schools and their competitive natures. In addition, a number of the players challenged each other in the junior leagues.

"I'm hoping it will be a tight match," Louderback said. "The tighter the match, the better of a chance we have to win."

"They know we'll be excited to play and our coach is going to let them know it's going to be a good match. I think our kids are very capable of playing at that level."

Last year, the Wildcats claimed a 7-0 win against the Irish, sweeping both the singles and doubles portions of the meet. The victory put the Wildcats at 16-6 all-time against the Irish. Louderback recalled that Northwestern brought an especially talented team to the courts last year.

"They killed us last year," Louderback said. "They're a very, very good team."

Notre Dame seems to be off to a strong start again this year, adding a pair of impressive wins against Minnesota and No. 32 Iowa last weekend. Northwestern is currently tied for second-place in the Big Ten with Indiana.

Louderback anticipates the Irish will encounter challenges at every position, especially at No.1 singles. No. 11 senior Alicia Salas will face No. 3 Christine Grier, who is expected to contend for the NCAA individual title. Salas has a career 1-3 record against Grier. (Salas) has been doing really well this year. She's just lost a lot of close matches," Louderback said. "This is a great opportunity for her to get a win."

Also stepping on the courts will be No. 55 singles player Jessica Rush and the No. 2 doubles team of Grier and Rush. While the Wildcats bring intimidating rankings to the meet, the Irish bring their own advantages.

"We're much more comfortable playing at home, too," Connelly said. "It's nice staying at home because traveling is really tiring, and the fans are amazing."

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up 1-0. Matt Bransfield fol-
lowed with an RBI fielder's
choice and Edwards advanced
to second on an Oakland error.
Sanchez had a two-run base hit
before Cooper ended the scor-
ing with another BFI fielder's
choice. Three of the four runs
were unearned for the Irish.

Notre Dame let Oakland back
in the game in the top of third
when, with two outs and a run
already plated, Irish left fielder
Andres dropped a fly ball that
would have ended the inning.

The Golden Grizzlies took
advantage with the next batter
getting hit by a pitch followed
by two straight singles that tied
the game at 4-4.

But the Irish answered in the
dominating and won all
three of their matches. On
No. 1 doubles spot and lost
everything we asked on a
daily basis," Brey said.

The Notre Dame Club of St.
Joseph Valley awarded its
Rookie-Student Athlete Award
to sophomore guard Chris
Quinn.

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SMC TENNIS
Belles hold first in MIAA

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will continue
league play today against
Kalamazoo after returning
from a challenging weekend
at the Midwest Invitational.

The Belles placed 10th in
the tournament that consist-
ed of the top 12 teams in the
Midwest. While fellow league
opponent Albion finished
fourth overall, Kalamazoo
lost all three matches at the
Invitational.

In its first match, Saint
Mary's (14-6) was defeated
6-3 by DePauw but then
recovered with a 5-4 victory
over Kalamazoo. Carleton
College recorded a 5-2 victo-
ry against the Belles in their
third match.

After a critical win last
week in her match against
Albion, Jeannie Knish stung
rallied in the Invitational and
lost all three matches bring-
ing her singles record on the
year to 6-12.

Kristin Palombo continued
her hot streak at No. 2 sin-
gles with three wins over the
weekend. Palombo has won
ten of her last ten matches and
is 10-7 in singles play this
season.

Jeannie Knish and Kate
Bowler had difficulty in the
league and is tied for second
place with Albion.

While Albion placed better
than any other MIAA team in
the Midwest Invitational, the
Belles remain the only team
with a 4-0 record in the
League. Kalamazoo (10-11)
has a 4-1 record in the
league and is tied for second
place with Albion.

Last season Saint Mary's
only lost two games in the
MIAA one of which was
against Kalamazoo.

Saint Mary's will face
Kalamazoo in a home match
today at 3 p.m.

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Seniors

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Kristen Gaudreau and Mia Northside, senior leaders on the Fighting Irish, have been sidelined for much of this year with tears and disappointment. With so many upperclassmen filling the roster, Simon knows that she, as a senior, has an obligation to set an example for her younger teammates even on bad days.

"Even if I'm tired or sometimes you have those days you don't feel like practicing, but you [have] to, you can never slack off," she said.

Now in their fourth and final year, the seniors realize their college careers have not always been a relaxing pleasure cruise, especially after enduring a very successful 2002 season in which the Irish finished 13-5 and reached the NCAA quarterfinals, the team faltered in 2003. A disappointing 8-7 record and failure to qualify for the NCAA tournament threatened to leave the seniors one more year of disappointment before disenchanted entering their final season. But their response to that season was coach Tracy Coyne's first indication that, in her seniors, she had a special group of born leaders.

"At the start of the year, they all came in to see me and they individually gave me their reasons why they were going to be different as seniors and why the program was going to go back to where it had been in 2002," Coyne said.

Kinnik vowed not to sit idle and watch her team disintegrate into disappointment. Having tasted success earlier in her career, she was not about to let one year of disappointment get in her way.

"Our team is very good this year getting through adversity," she said. "By the underclassmen seeing that we keep pushing through it, we don't stop, that keeps them going too."

Dealing with hardship has helped the Irish battle through the times when they are not at their best. The season opener against the California, a 12-11 overtime win, sticks out as particularly significant, especially to Kinnik.

"That was a game we should have won very easily," she said. "We told ourselves that you just have to win that game."

Even if Notre Dame hasn't completed everything perfectly just yet, they all agree on one thing— they are farther than they were last year at this time.

"It's so much different, because a year ago at this time, you were looking for 11 guys you could put out there and term as your starters," Diedrick said. "What you're looking for this year is consistent play, guys that are going to jump and be the starter, and you're also looking for what roles guys are going to play."

Grant also recognized the difference.

"We're doing more as an offense, and we're getting the backs involved more," Grant said. "We're doing more in the passing game, we're more versatile. Every year I think you're going to see that more and more as more guys become more comfortable with [the offense]."

McKnight, who had 47 receptions for 600 yards and three touchdowns last season, said even he felt better now than last spring.

"As time goes on, you get more comfortable and more knowledgeable about what you're doing out there on the field," he said. "I feel real confident about what we're doing right now. We will improve on what we did last year. Everybody's feeling real confident."

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Offense

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Last year's leading receiver Rhema McKnight agreed that everyone is finally becoming comfortable with the offense after two seasons.

"Things are a lot easier," McKnight said. "I don't have to worry so much about where I'm going to be, because I know where I'm going to be. I'm just out there being an athlete and trying to make big plays."

The offense will have to improve if the Irish want to build on last year's 5-7 campaign. They averaged 336.3 yards per game, and scored 23 touchdowns — 13 on the ground and 10 via the air.

But the Irish aren't looking back, as they see bright things for their offense in the fall if they keep working this spring.

"I think the difference from this spring to last spring is that we're a lot more experienced," offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said. "I think from an overall standpoint, we're so much farther ahead than we have been from the spring previous. I think our execution is getting better. But as a coach, you always are looking for the little things that make the difference between you guys being a consistent play after play type team, and we will still have a ways to go before we're there."

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Happy Birthday: This is your year to move into fast forward. Don't let any little trivial matters slow you down or lead you astray. The more you focus, the more you'll accomplish. You will not have much time to take it easy or spend time with loved ones, so you need to be prepared to use your time to the fullest. Your numbers: 1, 6, 14, 22, 34, 45

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Problems will continue if you don't sit down and have a heart-to-heart talk with the one you love. You have probably neglected your family or in order to get ahead professionally. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You are likely to become mesmerized by someone else's or your own philosophies or opinions. You must come up with your own beliefs. If you follow someone else, you'll lose respect for yourself. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): It's time to do a little home fixing. Get the whole family together to do it and prepare your house and property for the warmer seasons or perhaps to put it up for a very profitable sale. ****

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Your business partners may not be telling you the whole truth regarding new clients or investments. You need to check out all the angles yourself. Don't sign any papers based on trust. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Bold changes regarding co-workers may be disturbing. You must keep your personal feelings to yourself if you want to preserve your own position. Do your job and mind your own business. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do things with children. Help them with their physical needs. Get into fitness programs or hobbies you've been longing to pursue. You're highly creative today. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may be getting tired of the nagging and criticism you've been putting up with. It's time to take a look at yourself and decide if you feel the need to put up with it. It's time to take a look at yourself and decide if you feel the need to put up with it. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your favorable manner will be enticing to potential love interests. Do not hesitate to put your plans into motion or be afraid to look around. Your interest in the lover's seat or take action. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You should try to put up house ends at work early and start preparing for your weekend activities. Don't be too easy on your good mood with continuous nagging. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Emotionally, you are facing a very unsure period. The more you discover the more confident you'll become. Don't be too easy on your mood with continuous nagging. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): There are deals to be made and profits to enjoy. Find out all you can about a recent investment you may get your finger into. You can enjoy the comforts of home if you concentrate on your family's needs. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Make changes regarding your friendships. Those who have been too demanding should be put in their place. Kid yourself of the fool company you've been keeping. **

Birthday Baby: You will make your parents proud with your ability to pick up information so quickly. You are not lazy, and you always want to help everyone you are friendly and generous, and this will result in opportunities to do things with others throughout life.

Irish come up big at home

Wednesday night at Frank Eck Stadium, Notre Dame came out and crushed Oakland 17-5 back-to-back doubleheaders in a seven-on-seven drill.

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By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
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After a disappointing season on offense, the Irish are confident this fall will foster bigger and better things.

The Irish return eight starters, including four on the offensive line that will protect second-year quarterback Brady Quinn. With one year of college football and nine starts under his belt, Quinn looks to lead an offense that hopes to improve on its 20.2 points per game average in 2003 in the second year running Tyrone Willingham's pro-style offense.

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Meredith Simon has played a key role for the Irish this season. She is one of the team's top hitters and has contributed to the Irish's success through her consistent performance. Simon's ability to hit at home and away has been crucial for the team. Her contributions have helped the Irish maintain a strong offensive presence throughout the season. With her exceptional hitting skills and steady approach, Simon has been a valuable asset to the Irish. Her dedication and commitment to the team have been evident both on and off the field. As the season progresses, Simon's impact is likely to continue, further solidifying her role as a key player for the Irish. Overall, Meredith Simon's contributions have been vital to the Irish's success, and she continues to play an instrumental role in driving the team's offensive efforts. Her determination and focus on improvement are commendable, and her performance serves as an inspiration to her teammates. Meredith Simon's contributions continue to be a testament to her talent and work ethic, making her an integral part of the Irish's team.