Fresh faces take over as new student government leaders

By MARY KATE MALONE
New Writer

Seven weeks after being nominated student body president-elect and vice president-elect for the 2005-06 school year, Dave Baron and Lizzi Shappell will finally be able to remove the 'elect' from their titles and assume their positions as the chief leaders of the student body today.

They could not be more eager. Shappell and Baron, along with chief executive assistant Lizzy Knoul, said they want their administration to restore students' faith in the power of student gov-

Mitros, McLlduff ready for transition

By NICOLE ZOOK
Assistant News Editor

After a bumpy year for Saint Mary's student government, incoming student body president Kellye Mitros and vice president Susan McLlduff are looking forward to a smooth transition to the year ahead.

"We have been very impressed by the work of student government this year, and we look forward with great anticipation to building on the success of our predecessors," Mitros said.

Former student body president Sarah Catherine White and vice president Mary Pauline Moran encountered roadblocks in the form of controversy and
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**IN BRIEF**

Latin Expressions 2005, entitled "Haiti: Roots" will take place at 7 p.m. at Palais Royale. Run transportation to the sold out event begins at Library Circle at 6 p.m.

NO Cinema will sponsor the critically acclaimed film "Hotel Rwanda" tonight at 7 p.m. in the Browning Cinema in the DelBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The 2005 Annual Student Peace Conference, "Crossing Boundaries in the Name of Peace," will take place today and Saturday at the Heshburg Center for International Peace Studies. Registration for the conference is from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Today. The keynote speech will begin at 8 p.m. tonight and the conference will continue from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday.

RecSports and Notre Dame Food Services will sponsor the annual Spring Run to benefit the Building Together/Christian Brothers trip to New Zealand. Registration for the 5k and 10k runs and 2-mile walk is $6 in advance and $10 the day of the race. Participants will receive refreshments and a T-shirt.

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Pope suffers heart failure during treatment for infection

**Pontiff's condition called 'very serious'**

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II suffered heart failure during treatment for a urinary tract infection and was in "very serious" condition on Friday, the Vatican said.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said in a statement that the pope, who was being treated at the Vatican, was given cardio-respiratory assistance after his heart stopped Thursday afternoon.

"This morning the condition of the Holy Father is very serious," the statement said.

However, it said that the pope had participated in a 6 a.m. Mass Friday and that the pope was "conscious, lucid, and serene."

The pontiff's health declined sharply after he developed a high fever Thursday brought on by the infection. His wish to remain at the Vatican was respected, Navarro-Valls said.

The pontiff was attended to by the Vatican medical team, and provided with "all the appropriate therapeutic provisions and cardio-respiratory assistance," the statement said.

The statement confirmed previous reports that the pope had received the sacrament for the sick and dying on Thursday evening.

At the edge of St. Peter's Square, hundreds of people gathered early Friday, concerned about the fragile pope. A few knelt on the cobblestones to pray, others wrapped blankets around themselves as they kept vigil through the night.

"There's nothing we can do but pray. We're all upset," said Agriculture Minister Giovanni Alemanno, who was in the crowd.

Formerly called the last rites, the sacrament is often misunderstood as signaling imminent death. It is performed, however, not only for patients at the point of death, but also for those who are very sick — and it may be repeated.

The Rome daily La Repubblica reported Friday that the sacrament was administered by John Paul's closest aide, Polish Archbishop Stanislaw Dziwisz, who serves as his private secretary. Dziwisz had given the pontiff the same sacrament on Feb. 24 just before the pope underwent a tracheotomy to insert a tube in his throat at Gemelli Polyclinic, the newspaper said.

According to its account, John Paul had attended Mass Thursday morning in his private chapel, then did paperwork from an armchair. Abruptly, at 6:45 p.m., John Paul turned ghostly pale and his blood pressure plummeted, the newspaper said.

After antibiotics were administered, the Italian news agency Apcom reported without citing any sources, John Paul's condition was "stable." ANSA, another Italian news agency, said the pope "seems to showing a first positive reaction" to antibiotic therapy.

At the Gemelli hospital, an emergency room chief said there were no plans to admit John Paul "at the moment," ANSA reported.

While the pope's condition deteriorated suddenly, the Vatican medical staff appeared confident it could handle the crisis with the sophisticated medical equipment installed for the pontiff.

As the crowd gathered to keep vigil near the pope, police kept them off St. Peter's Square, forcing them to congregate at the edges of the giant plaza.

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The pontiff was started on "an appropriate" course of antibiotics, Navarro-Valls said. "The medical situation is being strictly controlled by the Vatican medical team that is taking care of him."

Lights in the papal apartment above St. Peter's Square were on until about 11 p.m. Thursday, generally well past the papal bedtime. The light remained on in the Apostolic Palace's nursing station on the same floor as the pope's apartment.
Panel discusses political bias in mainstream media

Writers emphasize necessity for honesty

By KATIE ANTONACCI
Associate News Editor

Notre Dame faculty and distinguished guests debated bias in the media and offered suggestions to student journalists in preserving truth in journalism Thursday evening in the Eck Center Auditorium.

A panel discussion entitled "Faith, Objectivity, What Moral Norms Should Govern News Reporting?" was presented by the Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy and The Thomas J. White Center on Law & Government.

Panelists included William Donohue, president and CEO of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights; Kenneth Woodward, religion editor and senior writer for Newswear magazine; Marco Bardazzi, U.S. correspondent for ANSA, an Italian news agency; and Matt Storin of the media relations division of Notre Dame Public Relations and Information and former editor of the Boston Globe.

Robert Dunikowski, editor-in-chief of the Notre Dame Journal of Law, opened the event by describing the goal of his publication to examine public policy with Judeo-Christian values.

Paolo Carozza, panel moderator and member of the Notre Dame Law School faculty, opened by addressing the issue of bias and honesty in the news.

"There have been some very serious problems in the area of media," he said.

Carozza said problems range from personal failings of reporters to efforts of systematic attempts to fabricate entire perspectives.

Panelists described today's media and the role of balanced news coverage.

Donohue, the first speaker, opened his talk by saying although many postmodernists today disregard the concept of truth, the idea is essential in journalism.

"As far as I'm concerned, if you're a journalist and not interested in pursuing the truth, then you should leave," he said.

Donohue said today's society is almost worse than in the past in its journalistic integrity because the climate makes inconsistency and dishonesty seem acceptable.

He did say, however, that there is more accountability today and that one is "less likely to get away with it."

Donohue said consistency is crucial in reporting and cited many examples of past journalists who were "ideologically disturbed."

Donohue also addressed the issue of liberal bias in the media, citing statistics that demonstrated a strong liberal tilt.

"We have this enormous gap of perception and the reality of people in media," he said. "They think of themselves as media professionals."

Woodward then spoke about the role of different news mediums in society today.

"For better or worse, we're working with newspapers, magazines, television, radio," he said. "You can opt out of it, but how will you know what is going on?"

While he does not use the word objectivity, as it "suggests disinterestedness," he does believe in intelligent subjectivity, well-informed journalists, accuracy and finding truth and meaning in a story.

"Objectivity should mean and can mean no advocacy in the reporting," Woodward said.

Woodward also said that magazines and editors look for a story line and controlling themes.

"Journalism is not a science and not an art, but it is a craft," he said. "Morality in journalism has much to do with our commitment to the language."

Bardazzi then gave a short presentation entitled "Four Elections and a Funeral," in which he discussed four elections in the past year in which the media incorrectly predicted outcomes. He cited the Democratic primaries, the presidential election in Afghanistan, the 2004 U.S. presidential election and the Jan. 3 Iraqi presidential election as instances where foreign correspondents "failed in just twelve months to tell the story right."

Bardazzi said many in Europe expected John Kerry to win the U.S. presidential election in November.

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located in D6-South had a broken left rear passenger window. However, no items were reported missing. In Cl, another automobile was noticed with a broken passenger side window. Tools were missing from the vehicle.

Johnson said he does not think the victimized students in Thursday's episodes were related to each other. He clarified that vehicles are typically targeted by degree of opportunity.

Upon discovering the vehicles, Johnson said NDSP attempted to inform affected students. The police department left a voice mail for each victimized student.

One of the reported victims holds a high editorial position at the Observer. In early February, another highly-ranked Observer editor's car was vandalized in a similar case.

At this time, NDSP does not have a lead on possible suspects. Hurley said NDSP is conversing with the county and city police departments to further investigate the matter.

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The Aesthetics of Belief Conference for Catholic Writers April 3-5, 2005


Which of the following is not a campus landmark?

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The Office of Undergraduate Admissions is now hiring tour guides for the summer, fall, and spring. Applications are available at admissions.nd.edu/tourguide or in 220 Main Building and are due April 8th. Questions? Contact Jill or Gabe at 631-7505.
International News

Deaths decline as attacks decrease

Baghdad, Iraq — Insurgent attacks in Iraq have fallen dramatically since the Jan. 30 elections, and the number of U.S. deaths reported this month dropped to the lowest in a year.

But the news isn’t all good. Militants are focusing their attacks on Iraqi government and security officials as the new leaders of Iraq assume a greater role in their fragile nation.

Both U.S. and Iraqi officials agree that attacks overall have fallen since the Jan. 30 elections, although it is unclear if the trend will continue. A full year of daily violence saw only a marginal decline after ordering them closed by at least 25 percent since last fall, when U.S. officials launched a major offensive against the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah. Attacks then ranged from 80 to 90 a day.

First lady visits freed women

Kabul, Afghanistan — Under heavy protection in this dusty, dangerous capital, Laura Bush on Wednesday talked with Afghan women freed from Taliban repression with urging greater rights. She expressed high hopes, envisioning a day when tourists would flock here for vacations.

There were reminders of war at every turn of Mrs. Bush’s visit. U.S. soldiers in camouflage fatigues manned machine guns at both ends of four transport helicopters that took her to and from her entourage to events around Kabul.

National News

Court increases job protection

Washington — The Supreme Court expanded job protections for roughly half the nation’s work force Wednesday, ruling that employers never intended any harm.

The decision by Archbishop Sean O’Malley of Boston, who heads the forklift he was driving overturned and killed him.

The Florida woman, who suffered severe brain damage after a heart attack 15 years ago, died Thursday. DeLay condemned the judges who at the same time decided to force the use of feeding tubes that had been keeping her alive was removed with a judge’s approval on March 18.

Speaking with reporters later in Washington, DeLay said lawmakers “will look at an arrogant and out of control judiciary that thumbs its nose at Congress and the President.”

The decision is a victory for parishioners who staged an around-the-clock vigil inside the St. Albert the Great church in Weymouth, Mass. — the Roman Catholic parish that sparked a wave of protests against church closings in the Boston Archdiocese will reopen, the archbishop announced Thursday.

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The church is one of three O’Malley has closed so far.

Parishioners carrying gold and yellow balloons gathered outside the suburban Boston church entrance and hugged each other.

Local News

Forklift overturns, kills worker

Elkhart, Ind. — A delivery man died after the forklift he was driving overturned and landed on him.

Greg L. Harman, 53, was pronounced dead at the hospital, the Elkhart County deputy coroner, said. He died of massive head injuries.

On the scene after the accident Wednesday afternoon, Anthony G. Coleman, an Elkhart County deputy coroner. He died of massive head injuries.

Former Kalamazoo resident Robert Scott McMillan, 53, was pronounced dead at the hospital, the Elkhart County deputy coroner. He died of massive head injuries.

Suicide car bomber targets shrine

Baghdad — A suicide car bomber blew himself up near an Islamic shrine, killing five Iraqis in the latest attack on Shiite Muslims, a group that is a major religious target.

The blast in the Khozma neighborhood, 55 miles southeast of Kirkuk, killed three civilians, including a child, and two soldiers helping guard the shrine, police reported. Sixteen people were wounded, hospital officials said.

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The day’s biggest gathering was in the holy city of Karbala, where hundreds of thousands of pilgrims visited two shrines, marched in honor of Hussein and beat their chests with their fists in a sign of mourning.

Seeking to head off attacks, police in Karbala closed streets to vehicles, set up checkpoints and frisked people for weapons. No major incidents were reported.

Late Wednesday, gunmen ambushed a truck carrying pilgrims near Hillah, 60 miles south of Baghdad, and killed one person, and an attack earlier in the day killed a pilgrim in southern Iraq.

On Monday, two attacks on pilgrims left four dead, including two police officers.
Speaker addresses retirement

SMC grad advises students to save

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

In a presentation born out of the "Justice for All Ages" conference in the fall, Saint Mary's alumna Jane Ann Schiltz spoke at the College Thursday about the importance of planning for old age and the benefits of long-term care policies.

Schiltz works for Northwestern Mutual in Milwaukee, Wis. and is the 2004-05 Shannon Scholar. The Shannon Scholar program was established in 1993 by business professor Bill Shannon in order to bring graduates to campus to share their professional experiences.

Schiltz referred to the current middle-aged generation as the "sandwich generation" and said those who fall into this group face challenges unlike any known before. She and other members of the "sandwich generation" are having children later in life and are then finding themselves stuck between their aging parents and young children, Schiltz said.

"We have to deal with issues with our parents ... while at the same time we are dealing with issues with our children," she said.

Current middle-aged people are burdened with paying for their parents' care, Schiltz said, while saving for their children's education and contributing to their own retirement fund.

Schiltz said individuals must think long term in order to sufficiently plan for their own care once they can no longer live independently. She emphasized the importance of having a "durable power of attorney" — someone to make critical decisions for you if you are incapacitated.

Schiltz also advised those in attendance to take inventory of their estates and maintain an updated will. People need to discuss and express their wishes explicitly in order to avoid later confusion and emotional distress, she said.

The Saint Mary's alumna related a personal story in which her mother-in-law suffered a stroke. The only existing copy of her will was locked in a safety deposit box. Her children found the key, but because the will was inaccessible, they did not have legal power to open the box and retrieve it.

"Having these discussions early, rather than later, allows everyone to be more comfortable with the situation," Schiltz said.

According to Schiltz, it is never too early to begin considering who to appoint as your power of attorney and to create a written document addressing any issues that might arise in times of crisis.

Schiltz said long term care insurance has been growing in both popularity and quality in recent years as the average life span lengthens.

She also advised the audience to consider details before making an investment in long-term care insurance, such as whether you want at home care or nursing home care and how much such care costs in your area. The earlier one buys a plan, she said, the better the financial deal they will be able to acquire.

"The sooner you do this, the better off you are," Schiltz said.

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Jane Ann Schiltz speaks Thursday at Saint Mary's about the crisis her generation faces as its members near retirement age.

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protests against the Pride Week shirt and the approval of a gay-straight alliance on campus. Mitros and Mcllduff observed and realized the importance of achieving their main platform goals — especially integrating diversity awareness into student government — and said they "firmly believe" each goal can be accomplished by the end of their term.

"We have already begun to work on many of those platform issues," Mitros said. "During the selection process for [Board of Governance] we interviewed several candidates for the newly created position of Health and Wellness Commissioner and are extremely happy with our choice."

"We have also made plans for bringing a speaker on diversity to our Student Government retreat in the hopes of making all members of Student Government more aware of sensitive issues."

Mitros and Mcllduff also plan to provide stronger student representation to College Administration and to work with the new Vice President of Admissions and Enrollment Management to increase enrollment and retention.

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SMC student body president

Mitros also said she and Mcllduff hope to inspire passion for Saint Mary's among students during their term by promoting involvement, understanding and appreciation of the College's history.

"Through our work during inauguration week, Susan and I have realized the need and the interest on the part of students to learn about our history as a college and the history of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross," she said. "We have begun to plan a series of lectures throughout the coming school year to teach the Saint Mary's community about the amazing history of our college and of the women who have played an integral role in making our college what it is today."

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**In Brief**

AIG admits improper transactions

NEW YORK — Amid widening government probes into its financial practices, insurance giant American International Group Inc. acknowledged Wednesday it had improperly booked transactions with a unit of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. that artificially boosted its reserves.

The company said it had not yet completed an in-house review of its accounting and would have to delay filing its annual report until April 30. New York-based AIG earlier had said it expected to file the report on March 31.

The disclosures came as the Securities and Exchange Commission and New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer were preparing to question former senior executive officers, Maurice "Hank" Greenberg, and Berkshire Hathaway's chairman and CEO, billionaire investor Warren Buffett.

Meanwhile, the company's lagging stock price and the loss of other executives.

**Car loans exceed worth of trade-ins**

Buyers, meanwhile, are choosing increasingly to finance their vehicles.

The phenomenon, known as being "upside down," is the result of a combination of changes in the ways Americans buy and finance their vehicles.

Crude futures, already poised to move higher following a sharp recovery late Wednesday, reacted strongly to the report.

"We had a lot of bullish sentiment built into the market, and that report accentuated it," said Jim Ritterbusch, president of Ritterbusch & Associates Inc., in Galena, Ill.

Carl Baer, an analyst at Barclays Capital in New York, said the market over-reacted to the report, "It was definitely an overreaction, considering the size of crude inventories," he said. "Anytime you can stand well above their historic average levels, he said.

Still, report came at a time when concerns about tightening U.S. petroleum product supplies pushed oil prices moved to the forefront, eclipsing the bearish effects of growing crude oil inventories. With petroleum products ranging, traders said crude futures could well climb back to their record high of $32.40 a barrel reached earlier this month.

How much higher than that they can go, however, remains up in the air. While speculators continue to bid up futures on expectations of an imbalance in supply and demand, some analysts caution that rising inventories will eventually catch up with the market.

April gasoline futures rose 5.88 cents to settle at $1.6599 a gallon after setting a record high of $1.6700 a gallon. April heating oil rose 5.10 cents to $1.6767 a gallon. The contract also set a record high of $1.67 a gallon.

May natural gas rose 19.3 cents to $7.053 per million British thermal units.

Soybean futures at the Chicago Board of Trade skidded late in to the session, completely reversing sharp gains seen earlier in the day.

May soybeans slipped 13.3 cents to $6.27.30 a bushel.

Late-day speculative selling erased solid gains established earlier in the following the release of government data.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture said plantings this coming season could reach 73.910 million acres, slightly above analysts' estimates of 73.510 million. The quarterly stocks report, which details domestic and foreign demand for the crop's second quarter, showed in under expectations at 1.381 billion bushels, versus the analyst estimate of 1.320 billion. USDA marketing year begins on Sept. 1.

Although the planting figure was considered mildly bearish, the stocks data suggested demand for soybeans was higher than previously thought. That helped to lift soybeans and attracted initial buying interest.

However, analysts pointed out that with Thursday being the last day of the month and the fiscal quarters, farmers used the day to square their books and take profits on winning positions.

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Meanwhile, may soybeans prices sharply as speculators sold.

May crude futures gained $1.41 to settle at $56.40 a barrel.

In a widely publicized research note released Thursday, Goldman Sachs analysts said oil markets may have entered the early stages of a "super spike" period that could see prices rising as high as $105 a barrel due to increasing demand.

Goldman Sachs is a major player in the oil market through its Goldman Sachs Commodities index, which tracks oil and other commodity prices.

Crude futures, already poised to move higher following a sharp recovery late Wednesday, reacted strongly to the report.

"We had a lot of bullish sentiment built into the market, and that report accentuated it," said Jim Ritterbusch, president of Ritterbusch & Associates Inc., in Galena, Ill.

Carl Baer, an analyst at Barclays Capital in New York, said the market over-reacted to the report, "It was definitely an overreaction, considering the size of crude inventories," he said. "Anytime you can stand well above their historic average levels, he said.

Still, report came at a time when concerns about tightening U.S. petroleum product supplies pushed oil prices moved to the forefront, eclipsing the bearish effects of growing crude oil inventories. With petroleum products ranging, traders said crude futures could well climb back to their record high of $32.40 a barrel reached earlier this month.

How much higher than that they can go, however, remains up in the air. While speculators continue to bid up futures on expectations of an imbalance in supply and demand, some analysts caution that rising inventories will eventually catch up with the market.

April gasoline futures rose 5.88 cents to settle at $1.6599 a gallon after setting a record high of $1.6700 a gallon. April heating oil rose 5.10 cents to $1.6767 a gallon. The contract also set a record high of $1.67 a gallon.

May natural gas rose 19.3 cents to $7.053 per million British thermal units.

Soybean futures at the Chicago Board of Trade skidded late in to the session, completely reversing sharp gains seen earlier in the day.

May soybeans slipped 13.3 cents to $6.27.30 a bushel.

Late-day speculative selling erased solid gains established earlier in the following the release of government data.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture said plantings this coming season could reach 73.910 million acres, slightly above analysts' estimates of 73.510 million. The quarterly stocks report, which details domestic and foreign demand for the crop's second quarter, showed in under expectations at 1.381 billion bushels, versus the analyst estimate of 1.320 billion. USDA marketing year begins on Sept. 1.

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Evening vespers were held at Corby Hall for John Paul as Thursday night, Malloy said.

Rougeau said John Paul II's resilience — rumors of his impending death have been circulating for years — could be viewed as a manifestation of his firm belief in the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death.

"The pope has tried to get Catholics to be aware that suffering is a part of life," Rougeau said. "Life is not meaningless because we are in pain. We need to respect people at all stages."

The pope's precarious state has also sparked debate about the existence of his living will, a document that would outline preparations like the last rites, that will take place if the pope was no longer capable of making decisions.

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"For a Hispanic boy from Texas to meet Monk Malloy wearing shorts, goggles and a tank top," Limon said, "it showed me that he was a person you could touch, that was real."

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Next semester, the Keough Institute is offering courses in Anthropology, Folklore, Irish-language, Literature [in English and Irish]. History and Politics.

**ANTHROPOLOGY**

- *Irish and American Dance*, IRST 21001:01, MW 4:30-5:45, James McKenna.
  This course will teach a range of fundamental steps in addition to at least two finished tap dance pieces set to CD music. Several hard show Irish tap dances will be taught and depending on the ability of the students, several other completed dances are possible.

- *Archaeology of Ireland*, IRST 40503:01, MW 3:00-4:15, Meredith Chesson.
  This course explores the culture and heritage of Ireland through the lens of the island's rich archaeological record. Combining lectures, student presentations, discussion exercises and panel projects, students in this class will learn about the social, political, and economic developments in Irish societies from the Neolithic to the Medieval periods.

**FOLKLORE**

- *Folklore in Irish Literature*, ENGL 20528:01, TR 3:30-4:45, Julie Henigan.
  This course will examine the traditional myths, tales, songs, customs, rituals, and beliefs that have long been used by Irish historical and creative writers as material for their literary works.

**IRISH LANGUAGE**

- *Beginning Irish I*, IRST 10101:01, TR 9:30-10:45, Brian Ó Conchubhair.
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  This class follows on IRLR 10101 and 10102, with particular attention to more advanced grammatical structures, speaking and reading.

- *Introduction to Old Irish*, IRST 20105:01, TR 12:30-1:45, Peter McQuillan.
  The aim of this course is to enable students with no previous knowledge of Irish, medieval or modern, to take the first steps towards acquiring a reading knowledge of Old Irish [the language of 7th-8th Century Ireland].

**HISTORY**

  This course explores the main themes in Irish history from Elizabethan conquest (1603) to the Act of Union (1800).

  This course will focus on the cult of the Fighting Irish [the Irish at war] in history, literature, art, iconography, film and media between the reformation [1534] and the Good Friday Agreement [1995].

**POLITICS**

- *Conflict and Consensus in 20th Century Ireland*, IRST 40540:01, TR 2:00-3:15, William Kissane.
  This course examines the government and politics of the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland through the lenses of democratization, state-development, nationalism and unionism.

**LITERATURE [IN ENGLISH AND IRISH]**

- *20th Century Irish and Native American Literature*, IRST 20229:01, TR 9:30-10:45, Jessica Dougherty-McMichael.
  From the outset of colonization in both Ireland and North America's literature was employed in similar fashion to romanticize, demonize and, more often than not, silence Irish and Native American cultures. Today, with the surge in post-colonial literatures, Irish and Native American literatures have found new voices that look to the past in order to explore the present.

- *Belfast, Dublin, London and Paris from Baudelaire to Bono*, IRST 20230:01, TR 12:30-1:45, Joan Arbery.
  As one of the most dominant themes of modernity, the city figures as a poster child of trendsetters, go-getters, floozies and philanderers. This course focuses on four cities intimately connected through literature, art, music and film.

  This course will examine the role of the Anglo-Irish in the politics, in the politics and literary life of Ireland from the Act of Union (1800) to the last decades of the 20th Century.

- *Culture and Politics in Northern Ireland*, IRST 30222:01, TR 2:00-3:15, Mary Smyth.
  This course explores the politics of culture, and the cultures of politics, in the North of Ireland during the twentieth century.

- *The Hidden Ireland: Themes and Issues in Eighteenth-Century Irish Poetry*, IRST 30107:01, TR 2:00-3:15, Brendan Ó Buachalla.
  Daniel Corkery's study of the literature and society of Irish-speaking Munster in the eighteenth-century (The Hidden Ireland, first published in 1924) is an acknowledged classic of Irish literary history. This course will examine aspects of the corpus of eighteenth-century poetry in the Irish language in the light of Corkery's analysis and of subsequent reassessments of that analysis (Louise Cullen and Brendan Ó Buachalla, for example). Selections from the corpus of poetry will be taken from Ó Tuama and Kinsella An Duanaire: poems of the dispossessed (1981).

- *Poetry and Politics in Early Modern Ireland*, IRST 40304:01, W 6:00-9:00, Brendan Ó Buachalla.
  The political poetry of the period 1541-1688 will be discussed and analyzed against the tumultuous political, military, socio-economic, and cultural trauma of 16th and 17th century Ireland.

**GRADUATE COURSES**

- *Theory and Theatre*, IRST 90520:01, MW 3:00-4:15, Susan Harris.
  This course investigates the history of Western theater and its relationship to the evolution of literary theory. Although the course will focus primarily on the evolution of the English-language theater, it will also locate that tradition in a European context, including figures like Artaud, Brecht, Grotowski and Pirandello, etc.

- *20th Century Irish Literature in Translation*, IRLR 13186:01, TR 2:00-3:15, Sarah McKibben.
  This course examines Irish-language (Gaelic) literature from the Irish Revival at the turn of the twentieth century to writing from the very end of the twentieth century and beyond.

- *Introduction to Early Irish Literature*, IRLR 23101:01, TR 9:30-10:45, Peter McQuillan.
  An introduction for students to the richness and variety of literature produced in the Irish language during the medieval period (700 and 1200 A.D)

- *Poetry and Politics in Early Modern Ireland*, IRLR 60303:01, W 6:00-8:30, Brendan Ó Buachalla.
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- *Colonial Fictions*, 1880-1930, ENGL 90525, TR 6:00-9:00, Meets from 8/23 to 10/14/2005, Seamus Deane.
  Class participants will read several Irish and English novels of canonical stature from this period in the light of the questions they raise about the nature and experience of colonialism and of its linkages to modernity.
Bulls overcome heroics from James, win in OT

Pacers ride Jackson, Miller to overtime victory over Miami

In overtime, Davis and Kirk Hinrich hit jumpers. Chandler converted another three-point play. Davis hit too many three-pointers, and Nocioni sank a jumper to cap the 1:10 salt.

"LeBron hits that big shot and we respond," Davis said. "You get voting guys on the floor when you put them head down. But they put it down for a second and picked it right back up and it lights off. That was something till last year we couldn’t do."

Eddy Curry, the team’s leading scorer, remained in Charlotte for treatment of an untreated heart-beat that prevented him from playing Wednesday night as well. But Chandler and Davis, who played 48 minutes at age 36, took the slack.

"I think he will be fine and we miss him," Davis said. "We going in saying, ‘We don’t have Fiddy, we have to make up for all or brings to this team.’"

Davis took an inbound pass and hit a turnaround jumper just before the third-quarter buzzer go put the Bulls ahead 67-61. The full increased the lead to eight early in the fourth when Davis made three free throws and a bucket on the break.

Gooden hit his first six shots and scored 15 of Cleveland’s first 21 points.

James struggled with his shooting in the first half, missing six of 10 field goal attempts and three of five from the line, but his slashing drive on a bucket put the Cavs up 46-46 at the half.

Indiana 114, Miami 108 OT

Stephen Jackson was having an awful night, missing 10 consecutive shots at one point, before everything took a sharp turn for the better.

Jackson forced overtime by making a 3-pointer with 0.2 seconds left. Then he put the Pacers ahead on good for another 3 with 1:54 remaining to lead Indiana to a victory over the Miami Heat on Thursday.

"I get down on myself a lot, but my team completely tells me, ‘You have one more big one in you!’" Jackson said.

It was the third straight overtime game between the teams, and Indiana extended its winning streak over the Heat to 12 in a row.

Indiana trailed 92-96 with 1:43 remaining, but Anthony Johnson hit a jumper from the free-throw line and a 3-pointer to cut the lead to 92-91 with 29 seconds left.

Wade, who scored the Heat’s last six points of regulation, made a shot to give Miami a 94-91 lead with 10.1 seconds remaining.

After a timeout, Jackson missed a, Dale Davis grabbed an offensive rebound and Austin Croshere passed to Johnson just to the right of the top of the key. Hin 3-pointer tied it, and Wade missed an alley-oop attempt off an inbound pass on the final play of regulation.

"We had a drive and they tried, and we had to help, and they had to scramble out," Jackson said. "Me and Croshere were open on the weak side, and they throw it to Croshere. He had a wide-open shot, but the guy closed on him well, and he got a late pass to me, and I had a look from the top."

Shaquille O’Neal said the Heat needed one more rebound, but Davis grabbed it.

"I went to the corner to help against Breggie," he said. "It was a medium rebound, and it came to him (Davis). We had the game won, and we let it get away. They just wanted it more than we did."

Jackson’s 3-pointer with 1:54 left in overtime gave Indiana a 104-102 lead, and Kwame Brown missed a 6-footer for Miami. Davis made two foul shots after grabbing an offensive rebound, making it 106-102. After Wade missed a jumper, Miller knocked down a 15-footer for a six-point lead. Davis had 13 points and 11 rebounds, and Anthony Johnson had 16

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PSP game reviews from Mark and Trevor

Dynasty Warriors

“Dynasty Warriors” is one of the PlayStation 2’s most profitable franchises. Having already been seven titles on the PS2, it would seem logical for a PSP launch title. However, of all the available launch titles, it may not be the best choice.

The game plays like a weak role-playing game. The player can choose from a huge selection of historical Japanese fighters and then proceed to slaughter thousands of ancient Japanese soldiers. The characters level up as experience is gained. Compared to its predecessors, the gameplay has changed slightly. The huge maps have been eliminated and have been replaced by a playing board. When the player moves his general onto an occupied space, the game reverts to the traditional “Dynasty Warriors” style of play.

Graphically, the game is decent. It deserves some credit for displaying a lot of enemy soldiers at one time, but at the expense of some graphical slowdown. While the game is fun, a lack of depth and Wi-Fi playability keeps it from being one of the more essential titles.

Overall rating: B

Wipeout Pure

“Wipeout Pure” is definitely one of the more visually stunning titles for the PSP. The vehicles all look terrific, especially considering the fact that it’s on a portable system. The gameplay matches the splendor of the visual style.

The player gets to choose from a variety of anti-gravity racing vehicles, all of which are rendered well. The tracks range from the simple to the infinitely complex, giving the game lasting appeal. Additional tracks and vehicles can also be unlocked as the player progresses through the game.

The game also supports Wi-Fi, allowing up to eight players to play together. The game doesn’t lag when played over the internet — a positive point as lag could kill any racing game. Savvy gamers can also find a way to browse the internet using “Wipeout Pure.” Overall, this is one of the must-buys for the system.

Overall rating: A

Twisted Metal: Head-On

The classic vehicular combat game has finally become portable. “Twisted Metal” has already made a splash on the original PlayStation, as well as the PS2. With all the hype surrounding the game, the biggest question is whether it lives up to the hype. The answer is an emphatic yes.

The premise of “Twisted Metal” is simple - get into a car and blow everything up. And in this case, I literally mean everything. Anything from pillars to the Eiffel Tower can be destroyed, creating some of the most interactive environments found on a handheld console. The selection of cars is also nice, including fifteen vehicles ranging from motorcycles to construction vehicles.

The Wi-Fi up to six players, which can also be played over the internet. The game suffers from minor lag, but it hardly detracts from the gameplay. There are some minor changes when played online, but they aren’t obvious and are necessary for a smooth gameplay. Overall, a ton of unlockables and solid gameplay push this title to the top.

Overall rating: A

Versatility

The PSP is the first hand-held gaming system that serves as a multimedia platform. Aside from games, it can play MP3s, videos (either on UMD or MPEG4 format), and can hold JPEG picture files. Sony plans on releasing other additional options including the possibility of turning it into a cell phone. Is this more than we need? Most would say yes. Many people already have a portable CD player or iPod for music. The PSP would need a substantial memory increase (costing even more money) to make it worthwhile in the music department, and most joggers would find it too bulky and heavy when compared to the iPod alternative.

The United States launch of the PSP included the “Spider-Man 2” movie on UMD free with the first million units. The video was quite good, with minimal color bleeding during onscreen movement, and the sound was equally impressive. Sony plans on releasing other movie titles on UMD. However, since UMD will only work on the PSP, most people would probably prefer to pay for the DVD version that they can watch on a bigger screen. For those who invested in a larger Memory Stick Duo, they can transfer video files from their computer to watch on the PSP. However, I do not foresee any notable success with the PSP in the UMD video department.

When it comes to showing JPEGs, you can download pictures and show them to your friends. Not much else to say on that.

The PSP definitely goes above and beyond what was expected of the run-of-the-mill handheld gaming system. Is it more than we need? Probably. Do you have a choice about it if you buy one? No. The only gripe so far is the video format limited to the MPEG4 format.

Overall rating: A-

Value

With a price tag of $249.99, this is not something the average college student can easily afford. The forced bundle pack Sony has dropped on the United States audi...
Irish almost improve to 6-5

Sources say BC loss left off initial two-month old review

By ARCOT RAMATHHORN

Notre Dame’s loss to Boston College this season Oct. 23 nearly was erased from the history books, thanks to the green-shirt wearing, rah-rah cheering Solochate sports department. Notre Dame’s student magazin...
**Turn off your cell phones**

It’s bad enough cell phones have taken over the campus during the past four years. It wasn’t that long ago when people would actually talk to the person standing next to them while walking between classes instead of that person on another quad. What a novel concept.

But that’s not our problem. It goes much further than that. The problem stems from people leaving those phones on in class, and sometimes even answering them. When I hear someone answering their cellphones while other users give them dirty looks.

The problem stems from people riding bikes at Rolfs and holding conversations. Okay, you might think your life is all that important. But there’s a simple answer to that question.

Do people even consider what their professors must think when that awkward cellphone ring interrupts your Tuesday afternoon lecture. It’s amazing professors don’t throw students out of class for just being courteous.

Again, what a novel concept. When you’re at Rolfs or the Rock, the point of being there isn’t to upset whatever South Bend bar you’re going to attend on Friday night, but to actually work out! Once again, your life isn’t that important where you can’t just get away for 45 minutes.

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This is a last request from Skerd Freshman to whoever has been stalking me through Instant Messenger.

Stop IMing me. I don’t care about your problems with your mother. I don’t care if you think the government is coming after you and I don’t care about how much you miss your pet goat.

Also, I am really disturbed by your habit of sending me 82 winky faces in a row followed by a kiss face. This is not attractive. If using these stupid little faces weren’t so easy, I would never annoy friends with NEVER BOTHIM ME AGAIN.

In the past week I have blocked StalkRBoi, StilWat and anybody else I can’t fool me by talking all in caps. You can’t fool me by spelling out words instead of using stupid abbreviations like r u alone. And it does NOT make anything you say less creepy when you say “hehehe” after it.

No matter how many times you try to send me mpls of “Every Breath You Take.” I WILL NOT accept the file.

Also, stop using fake facebook names to stalk me. I know this is you - there is no one in this world named Seymour Phatty P Monkey.

**Stop stalking me**

I am writing to you on behalf of all the women at Saint Mary’s who are really upset about the Pride Week T-shirt coverage. You see, while it stayed a current topic for a long time, I feel as though it is not getting as much attention as it should be now.

Yes, the Student Activities Board apologized many times. And yes, they even held meetings so people could talk about the identity of a Saint Mary’s woman, but I still feel like it’s a really big issue that should not be dropped at Saint Mary’s.

I am asking all Saint Mary’s students to take this as a call to action. What we should do is destroy the shirts, and, in fact, make sure there are no longer any sort of Saint Mary’s images put out anywhere. We should remove all campus merchandises. We should not make any drawings of students - whether they are real or imagined. And we should definitely remove the logo embazoned soap dispensers in the bathroom, not because I do not feel they represent me, as a Saint Mary’s woman. I propose instead of focusing on new ways to improve the campus such as revealing in our new student center or seeing all the beautiful sights on campus with spring on the way, we should instead continue to focus on this priority that was the Pride Week Shirt for as long as the College is in existence. That is the only way to ensure no one
SMC students experience symptoms of tunnel withdrawal

By FRENCHY CROSS
New Writer

While the weather in South Bend is improving, many students at Saint Mary’s are still experiencing a disease which has been passed around since last semester – tunnel withdrawal.

Last December, Saint Mary’s made a decision to close the undergound tunnels that many students had used to travel around campus due to exposure to water and electrical pipes. This left many students literally out in the cold during the cold and snowy winter months, when the tunnels were most frequently used.

The nurse in Health and Wellness said she knows tunnel withdrawal to have taken its toll on a number of students this semester.

“We’ve had nearly half the on campus students into the office trying to diagnose their unexplained symptoms of feeling cold, frozen toes due to wearing flip flops in the winter and a general sentiment of feeling glum,” she said. “The tunnels may have been our sweethearts to some students, but tunnel withdrawal has been even scarier.”

Out of the corner of my eye, I spied a statue out of pure stainless steel. “I freaked out because I knew my cell phone would go up and down the stairs for exercise, hoping the snow would go away or by some miracle, the tunnels would reopen so I could go to the library.”

Other students believe they have had absolutely no symptoms of tunnel withdrawal.

One sophomore said the tunnels have shown in producing some reluctant travelers through the tunnels to Trumper Computer Center and does not miss them at all. “I had to print a midterm last semester and was walking through the tunnels when my cell phone rang,” she exclaimed. “I freaked out because I knew my cell phone got zero reception down there. Out of the corner of my eye, I swore I saw a man and he whispered, ‘Can you hear me now? Good! I’m glad they’re closed – That guy freaks me out!’”

Since the closing of the tunnels, many students have been forced to reroute their usual ways around campus. Instead of walking under LeMans Hall through the tunnels to get to the science hall, students must now walk through the building, or even around the building, to visit the other end of campus.

Luckily, students now have a tunnel option from LeMans Hall to the new student center. The tunnel, while short, is reported to be much less creepy than the other tunnels and is said to alleviate some of the symptoms of tunnel withdrawal.

“We believe the new tunnel will satisfy all those in tunnel withdrawal but are much less frightening for any students who were fearful of the other tunnels,” the spokesperson said. “It’s all the fun of the tunnels without students having to get the willies.”

SeniorNosmo King said she is thrilled with the new tunnel. “Sometimes I just walk back and forth in the tunnel because it makes me feel so much better,” King said. “I use the tunnel everyday because that is what truly is making my last semester at Saint Mary’s even better.”

The Health and Wellness nurse said she believes this tunnel will make all the difference to those in tunnel withdrawal.

“Just wait until the next big snowstorm or rain shower, throw on a pair of flip flops, and go for a walk in the tunnel, she said. ‘You’ll be over it.”

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Two Colleges make friendly transaction

Statue of man with camel and needle off to Mendoza

By FAEKY McFAKER
New Writer

The College of Arts and Letters and the Mendoza College of Business will draw one step closer together with the unveiling of a statue Saturday morning at the College of Arts and Letters Ronald P. Snodgrass. “It is a very short person/THE OBSERVER.

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Tau Beta Pi busted for hazing
Engineering honor society members Tasered at initiation

By TAZERD NERD
News Writer

South Bend police broke up an initiation ceremony last weekend for potential new members of Tau Beta Pi, the academic fraternity for engineering students, who were inducted into the honor society with aggressive acts of hazing.

Underclassmen eligible for honor society admission had been poured on them by upperclassmen who were already members, taunting them with vicious threats such as having to recite elements from the Periodic Table.

"I had to stop at Ununnilium because I forgot the chemical symbol," said sophomore Poindexter Curie, who with a 3.93 grade point average was another attempt by the honor society to be more favorable. "Algorithms ' n Alcohol" party.

With ResLife and Student Affairs keeping a close watch, the honor society has been relegated to organizing lectures about math. Other fraternities fear this will become a new normal.

"What if all Pi Sigma Alpha can do is e-mail members twice a year about officer elections?" asked president Corr Upted. "That's what the university seems to want from us, all academics and no hazing, no initiations, no throwing kids into St. Joe's lake for not knowing which president signed the Presidential Succession Act."

A look of fear came over his face. "I'm afraid that in a few years, senior honors society just won't be cool anymore."

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La Baron, left, holds the incriminating chocolates at a recent student government meeting where nothing was accomplished. Bribe

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she picked up the box. A note attached to the box said, "Something for all the late nights ahead."

"Fifteen measly pieces of inferior chocolate to buy my love, affection and journalistic ethics?" the disgruntled editor cried.

She concluded this implied she was cheap and actually became offended. However she did add that had the intruder left two pounds of Godiva truffles, or perhaps the ears off a less lothario might have been more favorable.

In response to the pitifully absurd plea-up line, the editor said she would have been interested back in the day had he joined her during her "sailing" phase. She then questioned why he didn't just deliver a bottle of chocolate sauce if he really wanted some late night fun, adding that the boy scout's advances might then have been more fulfilling.

However, the editor admitted that La Baron might very possibly have been trying tosweeten her up in hopes of more favorable student government coverage next year.

"Well it can't get much worse than last year, though there are holdovers from last year — so you never know," the editor said. It was unclear whether she was talking about her staff or his.

The note ended with: "Congrats again and good luck next year."

The editor said she accepts the congratulations, but added that given his iniquity in matters of romance among other things, the Jedi Chief should reserve the love for himself.

"Let's be honest," she said. "He's going to need it a lot more than I am."

The Absurder opted not to contact La Baron as it believed the evidence spoke for itself.

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Citing confusion surrounding the new "D.A.R.T.," the University announced its new program for student registration would be more efficient and make more sense. D.A.R.T., which stands for Darn Athletes Registration, first, will eliminate the old archaic system of registering online with a new and improved system. "We felt the old system was confusing to students," University Registrar Sister Mary Clarence said. The new system is much more simple, and should eliminate any confusion that students have about the meaning of the D.A.R.T. name.

The new D.A.R.T. interface will replace computers and large thick books of class listings with a dartboard and three or five darts—depending on how many credits the student has signed up for.

Students will stand behind a line at a certain distance from the dartboard, which will be located outside the main doors of O'Shaugnessy Hall. Athletes will be able to stand three inches from the dartboard. Each dart will toss a foot from the board. Freshmen will toss their darts from the Rockne Memorial building.

"We wanted the new system to make athletes feel like pimps and freshman like the scum of the earth, and I believe we have accomplished that," Clarence said. "In the future, we'll have to make sure that nobody walks in front of the board during the DART process.

"We don't want any unnecessary injuries."

In order to reduce the risk of accidental Dart times will only take place between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. The dartboard will be labeled with various classes, and the student will have the opportunity to toss the dart in order to select his or her desired schedule.

Fun classes like Learning About Shapes will be represented by the ball's eye, while less exciting classes like General Chemistry will be in the outer wedges. Students who miss the board entirely will be automatically signed up for CORE.

"This new system takes the guesswork out of class scheduling, and also gives our undergraduate students a reason to go out to the local bars in order to practice," Clarence said, adding: "It is just part was just a joke and is off the record."

Many students were in favor of the new system.

"I like the new system a lot," Knott senior Bigg Playa said. "It's a whole lot easier than getting that big book full of reservations about the effectiveness of a cause."

But the positive reaction was not unanimous. The new alcohol policy is effective immediately and no one knows for sure how it will limit the number of unemployable A&L majors. Some have expressed reservations about the effectiveness of the new policy. DomeREDIT says that he'll do what he always does — simply not listen.

"If they don't listen to this, I'll have our legislative liaison bite them in the butt for the class you thought you signed up for."

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"Fine, if being a liberal arts institution is so important then we'll show you what happens when everyone looks like a long-haired unemployable hippie," finance major Richie Rich said. "Way should there be fewer businesses majors or an application process to get into the college. I spent last summer at Deloitte with a fat salary and a gold Rolex at the end of my internship, and my poli sci friend bought muffins for his senator's wife in D.C. for unpaid academic credit. They can't make me one of those unemployable A&L guys."

Some have expressed reservations about the effectiveness of shaving various body parts to raise awareness for a cause. "Well, I'd like to say that laying down in front of traffic or something would effect more change, but let's be serious, it wouldn't," Monson said. "At least this way I inspired the football team to shave their legs.'"
Dome project replacing chocolate Mary statue

By I PREFER HERSHEY'S
News Writer

Students' questions about the importance of the current Dome refurbishment were finally answered Thursday afternoon.

In an unexpected press conference, University officials revealed the real reason for the construction is to replace the statue of Mary, which is actually made of chocolate, before the onset of summer heat causes it to melt. The original statue was replaced with a chocolate duplicate in an act of vandalism earlier this school year.

The replacement was first discovered when students in a freshman astronomy class spotted a Nesco logo on the bottom left side of Mary's robe through the telescope. Close investigation revealed a foil-wrapped pure milk chocolate figure in the place where the gilt statue had once stood.

"The docgogne thing looked exactly the same as the old one," university spokesperson M. T. Wallet said. "We're not really sure how they did that without a crane or a helicopter. But they sure pulled a doozie on us."

Although the replacement statue has held up in colder South Bend weather, officials are worried about how it will be affected by the spring thaw. As temperatures increase, Mary may begin to lose weight.

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As a consolation for covering up the dome during graduation, the university plans to use the melted down statue to throw a giant fondue party for the graduating seniors and their families. The party will be held on the football field, where officials will also let people wear the football team's actual gold-colored helmets.

"We figured, well swap one golden dome for another one," Wallet said. "See, that'll make for some pretty good pictures too, right?"

Notre Dame Security/Police is still looking for the old statue, which they hope might turn up during this year's dorm searches.

"It's not so easy to get a thing like that past the security gate," Wallet said. "That thing's gotta be on campus somewhere. And when it turns up, we're putting them both up there, side by side. Two Marys... that's better than all those other Catholic schools.

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Looking to add to his multitude of wives, a fan of the how-the-hell-did-we-lose-to-the Brigham Young Cougars searches for some innocent Catholic school girl.

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"The fact that Adidas is giving us $5,394 million a year for this has nothing to do with it, we're doing this because we truly care about our students," Baffled-Ways said, as he fondly admired the complimentary adidas trainers on his feet.

"We're doing this to show that we really do care about our graduating class." Sean Baffled-Ways executive vice president

adipose speculation the administration is more concerned about football season with a new head coach than the celebration of receiving a diploma as a culmination of four years of learning. allegations that he dismissed as "hogwash."

"I'm impressed with the hard work of the students," Baffled-Ways said as he casually dropped the document into a paper shredder and lit the shears with a lighter. "It just kills me that these students are so dedicated to having the freakin' dome look like it has the whole time they've been here."

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We never make mistakes. Ever. And if we do, we really don't want to hear about them. Especially from little runts like you. Call us at 1-4541 to hear Mr. Cameron from South Park say, "You go to hell. You go to hell and you die."
University plans more changes for graduation

Dome to sport adidas logo, scaffolding can be climbed for pictures

By SCRUB DOVER SENIOR

In response to the vehement student outcry about re-gilding the famed golden dome during spring graduation, university officials agreed to halt the re-gilding and announced that they will instead have a giant adidas logo fastened to the front of the dome's surface just in time for commencement. "We're doing this to show that we really care about our graduating class," said Sean Baffled-Ways, executive vice president. "It hurt me personally that students said the scaffolding was 'ugly,' or 'a hideous monstrosity of an eyesore.' We thought that having the adidas logo was a great way of showing that we do care about the aesthetic quality, but that we also want the students to be able to climb up and take pictures of the dome for memories.

Also See

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Campus drinking age increases to 23

By HOE JETTLER

In a move that made Father Spark Richman cry with joy, Father President Medhard "Duck" Corduroy changed the drinking age for all Notre Dame students to 23 years old, at a press conference Thursday.

"This campus was having too much fun," Corduroy said. "I had to put a stop to that fun immediately."

Corduroy has also overseen the SYR's being taken out of dorms and hard alcohol prohibited from campus. He said upping the drinking age to 23 is a "way of showing that we do care about the aesthetic quality, but also allow them to have more money to donate to Notre Dame."

Students, however, were quite enraged.

"How can they do this to us?" Iluv Boat said. "What will the administration do next? Put scaffolding up around the dome for graduation?"

Fellow student Corbys Isthebest agreed.

"I'd much rather drink heinously and kill my brain cells then study and get good grades," Isthebest said. "I guess I'll have to go to class and study and get good grades."
PSP game reviews from Mark and Trevor

Untold Legends: Brotherhood of the Blade

The role-playing game selection at launch was relatively weak, consisting of only one game. Considering it was role-playing games that pushed the initial PlayStation, the lack of such games is noticeable. Fortunately, "Untold Legends" is not a bad one.

"Untold Legends" is an action role-playing game, similar to "Diablo" and "Tudors' Gate." It can be played either solo or with 3 friends, giving the player a chance to test the Wi-Fi. The difficulty ramps up according to the number of players, giving the game a decent challenge.

The graphics are decent, as is the sound quality. Neither one is particularly impressive, but simultaneously not distracting. The loading times are a major drawback for this game since they are frequent and run on the long side. Nothing can interrupt a good story slushing. I have to wait almost half a minute for the next area to load.

Overall rating: B+

Darkstalkers Chronicles: The Chaos Tower

The "Darkstalkers" series is an odd choice as one of the launch titles. The series has been more of a niche title than Capcom's more popular fighters, but it still has a small, but devoted, fanbase. Hopefully this situation will change with "Darkstalkers Chronicles." The game is one of the most beautiful animated 2D fighters in the portable gaming arena. The game revolves around the Darkstalkers, who are based on the famous monsters of cinematic and written history. Frankenstein's monster is present, as are an assortment of vampires, werewolves and other mythological creatures.

The game also has a ton of unlockable game features. Cinematics, artwork and Darkstalkers tunes can all be unlocked, adding to the replay value of the game. The only downer could be based in the gameplay itself. Being a fighting game, the replay value relies on the gamers love for the genre. While the game may not convert anyone, fans of the fighting genre would be amiss to overlook this title.

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Overall rating: A

Ape Escape: On the Loose

The GameBoy DS has "Mario 64," and the PSP has "Ape Escape." While sold in its own right, the game doesn't bring anything new to the table.

A platforming game similar to Mario, the game begins with a horde of evil monkeys biding its time until the player's job to go through history and capture all the monkeys, settling things right. As more monkeys are collected, humorous descriptions are unlocked. Comedy is key throughout the game, as the cinematics, sounds and the monkeys themselves can be pretty amusing.

The game controls well, even though the original used dual analog controllers. The graphics don't quite push the PSP capabilities, but they aren't distracting. The game also uses the Wi-Fi for up to two players and multiple players can face off in the unlockable minigames. Overall, the PSP's current sole platformer is worth picking up.

Overall rating: A-

When addressing anything that has impact on the world of handheld gaming, it is only right to first acknowledge the legacy of the Nintendo GameBoy. Since 1987, Nintendo has shrugged off every competitor attempting to enter the portable gaming arena with ease. But on March 24, handheld gaming changed forever.

Enter the PSP, PlayStation Portable. It boasts 333 MHz of processing power, 4 MB of embedded DRAM, 10 MB of the 32 MB of system RAM, a 4.3 inch 169 TFT LCD widescreen, built-in stereo speakers and 1D1400 Hz 11.1 wireless communications ability. This tidy package weighs in at approximately 280 grams, 628 lbs and is the sexiest piece of electronic equipment since the Apple iPod. Essentially, the PSP sports the power of the PlayStation 2 in the palm of your hand.

Graphics

Though some critics doubt the PSP's capability to produce PlayStation2 graphics (due to smaller screen size), nobody will deny the PSP's graphics are spectacular.

When comparing them to Nintendo's recent DS portable system, it's easy to see there is almost no comparison. The PSP's launch games boast polygons that the Nintendo DS will not even touch at the end of its life cycle.

All games currently available for the PSP showcase crisp graphics, superb textures and, for the most part, silky smooth frame rates — a welcome change from the 3D-60 frame per second. While "Untold Legends" has frame rate issues when the enemies become too numerous for the processor to handle comfortably — this can also be an issue in multiplayer due to lag time — all in all, I give the graphics a solid 10 out of 10.

Overall rating: A+

Sound

The built-in stereo speakers are very capable in themselves (loud enough that I can hear my roommate in the center room of the quad brushing through "Untold Legends" while working on my paper in the next room over). But, as always, the headphones included with the value pack are necessary to gain the full experience. The PSP is also capable of playing MP3 music files, which are saved to the removable and upgradable Memory Stick Duo.

Overall rating: A

Design

The same familiar buttons — X, triangle, circle and square — make another appearance on Sony's latest creation. An analog control "nub" is located in the lower left of the hardware, but unfortunately its position can become very uncomfortable. I also am concerned about the durability in the long run.

The standard D-pad located above the analog control functions adequately, but is a little slippery to use in games requiring tight control. The 1 and 4 buttons at the top of the PSP are overwhelmingly flimsy. A line of smaller buttons that run along the bottom underneath the screen include a "home" button that returns the PSP to the OS launch screen, volume control, display brightness with four settings, music tone for MP3 playback that switches between Heavy, Pops, Jazz, Unique, and off and the all too familiar and Select buttons. Instances these buttons sticking have reported. Also, problems with square button sticking plague small percentage of the PSP's release in Japan on Dec. 12.

The power button, wire for enable/disable switch and (Universal Media Disc, format which games and videos are) ten release are all located on side of the PSP. The power button also doubles as a "bold" switch, adding all button commands, it can be used during MP3 or video playback. Also located along perimiter are the USB port, a phone port and power jack, as well as the slot that houses the Memory Stick Duo.

There is no doubt that when it comes to looks, the PSP is one of the best. However, the audio won't find that the controls cramps one's hands. The smallness of the PSP is an interesting point of concern. The door can be opened, the Memory Stick Duo is expandable, the UMD drive seems to be pixelarily vulnerable to damage with open.

Finally, the giant 4.3 inch LCD, great as it is, seems to be for smudges and scratches. But the PSP value pack comes with a protective case to help avoid possible tragedies from occurrence.

"Untold Legends: Brotherhood of the Blade" was the only role-playing game to be released at the same time as the PSP. Role-playing games helped drive the original PlayStation into the market.
An open letter to John Affleck-Graves

After reading “Seniors, administrators still divided over the dome” in the Observer on Wednesday, May 3, I was heartened by the support given by students and administrators with both your response and the University’s response to the needs of students, especially to those of the graduating seniors.

Had this been the first instance of the administration’s indifference to the student body, I would have been peeved but nowhere near as enraged as I currently find myself. I will not, however, dwell upon the few and the far between instances of outright indifference and/or concern for mere profit that I have observed through my years at the University of Notre Dame. Nevertheless, I will use the controversy over the re-gilding of the golden Dome as the symbol of the administration’s apathy and outright antagonism to the needs and desires of students.

To say, as you are quoted as saying, “We realize it’s a disappointment to the senior class,” is the ultimate understatement. While you attempt to downplay the importance of the physical symbol of the golden Dome, you neglect to mention the heavy importance that the administration places upon the completion of the enormous journey that we, the seniors, have dreamed of taking as a freshman. Now I am excited about the photo opportunity. What other photograph could better convey the administration’s complete indifference and antagonism towards students?

Perhaps your two children could have alerted you to the interference that the scaffolding would provoke and the heavy amount of work that the students have put into the completion of the enormous journey that we, the seniors, have dreamed of taking as a freshman. Now I am excited about the photo opportunity. What other photograph could better convey the administration’s complete indifference and antagonism towards students?

Next time irresponsible administrators of the Iraqi war illegally flow onto Lakeshore Drive to stop traffic and make your point (as they did in 2003), I have to wonder if your brother is not about not the physical Dome. You don’t remember standing in front of it getting your picture taken.”

Contrary to your assertion, we are aware of the truth that demands undergraduates do not set foot on the steps in front of the main building until they graduate. Throughout my four years, my fellow classmates and I have looked forward to that day where we can set foot on the steps and have our picture taken on the steps of the main building with the golden Dome glinting in the sunlight. This moment was meant to signify the completion of the enormous journey that we, the seniors, have dreamed of taking as a freshman. Now I am excited about the photo opportunity. What other photograph could better convey the administration’s complete indifference and antagonism towards students?

Unfortunately, the administration and you use the length of time necessary for the re-gilding process to justify the early start date for the process. I am left with the feeling that the Dome will form an essential part of the graduation festivities. Since you state that you have had two children of your own, you should be aware that students are not as easily moved as your two children.

Not this city

Upon reading “Sex and Ivy League isn’t an oxymoron” [Associated Press, March 30], I was surprised at the casual tone of the article and how casual the contents of the book. “Glare Does Yale,” were being treated. In a way, I was somewhat jealous.

Recently, I happened to come across Natalie Krinsky’s novel and couldn’t help but notice its premise. Krinsky was able to write a “Sex and the (Elm) City” column for the Yale Daily News and it was no big thing. It was just a column. Then I asked myself why a prestigious institution like Notre Dame did not have anything comparable to that. In fact, we have nothing remotely close. If the Ivy leagues can talk about sex, why can’t we? There is no dialogue about sex, relationships or drunken hookups. We like to call ourselves the “Harvard of the Midwest,” but even Harvard has a sex magazine. I know that many of us are awkward. But Monologues causes an overwhelming controversy here. We seem to find conversations about relationships, gender issues and gender interactions trivial and unimportant. Is this an “intellectually stimulating” conversation or debate about Conservatives or Liberals, Notre Dame students can’t be bothered. I mean, who has time to actually date someone? A random hook-up on the weekend will suffice as long as one mentions it again. No one wants to look like a floozy, so it must be better not to talk about it.

I understand that this is a Catholic institution and, of course, we, as students, strive to adhere to the Catholic teachings, but that does not mean sex and drunken hook-ups do not happen. It also does not mean we cannot talk about these issues either. I am not saying that this behavior is always moral but rather suggesting the possibility for dialogue. Maybe, a dialogue of sorts could help to relieve the quietly suffering (Mar. 30) Peter Quaranto, lamenting about how “protests have become trivial in our times,” glorifies the protest. He goes on to mock modern protesters for their all-important credo — “Civil disobedience is our right.”

The point

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Every year, this day marks a major change in one of the most well-known campus organizations — student government. April 1 is the turnover date for student administration, the day on which a new student body president, vice president and their staff take the reins and begin their term.

However, the timing of the turnover date has recently come under scrutiny. Student government groups have discussed postponing the turnover until the day after commencement to allow outgoing administrations to take advantage of the time of the new administrations would waste acclimating to their new jobs. This, certain senators argued, would provide time for the new administration to finish its projects and educate the new officers about their jobs.

But while this sounds sensible on the surface, a date change would not allow for increased productivity in student government. At its heart, government includes the continuation of work from one administration to the next. Student government really only takes on long-term projects which span more than one year. A new administration should be able to continue projects begun during the year, and the previous administration should take the month between elections and turnover to brief new officers on these projects so they can be prepared to continue them.

Furthermore, the previous administration can be a valuable resource to the new administration, a resource that would not exist if turnover doesn’t take place until after graduation.

Regardless of when turnover occurs — and no matter how much preparation is involved — there will be a period of acclimation for the new administration. It is better for this period to occur in the spring rather than in the fall, when the new administration expects its government to hit the ground running and begin major work on its projects.

Most other campus clubs and organizations have their turnovers in the spring. Because most clubs must interact with student government on some level, a later turnover date would mean these clubs’ new officers would be working with two different administrations. Potential confusion stemming from this arrangement could be avoided if student government is kept on the same schedule as the other clubs.

A later turnover date means more work for seniors who are getting ready to graduate. They should be given the last month of their college careers to spend time with friends, reclaim their lives and take in their final views of campus from the dorms and quads — not from a window in LaFortuno.

Thursday, April Fool’s Day is celebrated on the Sunday and Monday before Lent, when pranksters usually throw flour at their friends. Mexico’s counterpart of April Fool’s Day is actually observed on December 28. Originally, it was a sad remembrance of the death of the innocent children by King Herod. It eventually evolved into a lighter commemoration involving pranks and trickery.

In a recent survey of American Catholics, nearly 67 percent believed that it was time for the Church to stop the tradition of April Fool’s Day, because it was a poor imitation of the calendar change. But while this sounds sensible on the surface, a date change would not allow for increased productivity in student government. At its heart, government includes the continuation of work from one administration to the next. Student government really only takes on long-term projects which span more than one year. A new administration should be able to continue projects begun during the year, and the previous administration should take the month between elections and turnover to brief new officers on these projects so they can be prepared to continue them.

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student body president

unprecedented access to their offices on the 2nd floor of LaFortune student center.

“In April, we’ll start student government happy hour, which will take place Monday through Thursday from 5 to 6 pm,” Kozlow said. “We will open student government offices for anyone who has suggestions, concerns, or frustrations.”

They hope to encourage better interaction between Notre Dame and the South Bend community, an initiative Mishawaka native Shappell has a personal stake in.

“Lizzie is from Mishawaka. I didn’t realize the extent of the Notre Dame bubble [before now],” Kozlow said. “A big part of our campaign was to bridge the gap between Notre Dame and South Bend. This is the first time anyone has taken on this issue. The community has much to offer.”

In addition to these goals, Baron hopes to have printers, wireless access and cable television in the dorms by the time students return to campus in the fall.

Baron said his experience as chief assistant to former student body president Adam Istvan provided him with valuable insight into the most effective way to manage student government and reach the goals he has set out to accomplish.

“I learned a lot from [Istvan and former vice president Carla Bell’s] style of leadership,” Baron said. “Adam showed me the importance of having strong convictions and not always compromising on them.”

Though their platform was unprecedented, one over-arching theme defines it all, Baron said.

“Our entire focus is to unite and mobilize 8,000 people,” he said.

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**SMC GOLF**

Belles head to Columbus for Invite

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

The spring season will kick-off for the Saint Mary's golf team this weekend as the Belles travel to Capital University in Columbus, Ohio to compete in the Purple and White Invitational. Though many of the same expectations it has had the past couple of years, the Belles are looking to be selected for the third year in a row for the NCAA Championship, which will take place in early May.

This weekend's event is one of five that Saint Mary's will compete in throughout the month of April, and the team's primary goals are simple — play well enough to qualify for the tournament and peak at the right time. The outlook is definitely positive for the Belles, who have a roster composed almost entirely of juniors and seniors.

Coach Mark Hamilton is confident in his players' ability, especially since the core of the team has been together for three years. "They know the ropes," Hamilton said. "They've played in some big tournaments...they have the experience that it takes." One thing that will not be on the Belles' lid this weekend will be the weather. The Belles are playing on an unfamiliar course and have a history of giving a substandard performance when the weather is less than decent — the forecast for Columbus, Ohio calls for rain.

"One of our focuses is on learning to be better mudders, to be able to perform better than everyone else when the weather is poor," Hamilton said. Saint Mary's will certainly want to be at the top of its game this weekend, competing against some of the top programs in the nation.

The Purple and White Invitational is its fifth year and will play host to Ohio Athletic Conference champion Otterbein College, American Midwest Conference champion Walsh University and defending tournament champion Wilmington College.

This is the first year that the Belles have taken part in the Invitation, as its a good fit in the schedule and, according to Hamilton, a good test to see what the ladies would need to improve on as they move forward.

The competition begins at 10:30 a.m. with a shotgun start and will continue through Saturday.

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**SMC TENNIS**

Saint Mary's Adrian schedule sets stage

By KATE SEYAK
Sports Writer

On Saturday, younger members of the Belles tennis team will travel to Adrian College in Michigan to scrimmage the Bulldogs. While not the most meaningful, as it was a good fit in the schedule and, according to Hamilton, a good test to see what the ladies would need to improve on as they move forward.

The competition begins at 10:30 a.m. with a shotgun start and will continue through Saturday.

"All of them are really excited to play in their first college match," captain Miranda Mikulyak said. "This is a chance to give the regular players a break and allow the backup players to gain some valuable experience." The Belles' season has got to a slow start, with a match against Olivet College having been rescheduled on two different occasions. Saint Mary's match against Adrian College is its only match of the regular season so far, aside from preseason matches played over spring break.

"It's hard to say how our season is going because we've only had one match," Mikulyak said. "But we had a really good doubles performance at the University of Chicago match. "Due to an injury, we had to switch the lineup, and we played with partners that we hadn't really practiced with at all. The fact that we performed well in such a situation is awesome, and we're looking forward to the match that will dictate how our season will go."

The Belles are looking forward to better weather in coming weeks so they can start consistently practicing outside.

The cold weather has forced them inside to do conditioning training, and the team can't wait to finally hit the courts.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Thompson twins, team welcome 49ers to Eck

Irish look to rebound from disappointing loss to Wisconsin

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The No. 28 Irish (18-1-1) will compete against No. 67 Long Beach State (5-5) tomorrow in a match that will leave the victor with an overall winning record. Although the Irish have the advantage of being ranked in the top 30 as a team as well as on its home court, it is still anticipating a tough match at 10 a.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

"After losing to Wisconsin, we're not taking any match lightly," sophomore Christian Thompson said. "We're definite- ly looking at this upcoming match as a way of redeeming our- selves."

Notre Dame is looking to bounce back from its 4-3 loss to Wisconsin this week as its 4-3 loss this sea- son.

"We have had several close matches this sea- son to tough teams, so we know we can compete with the best. "

Catrina Thompson
Irish player

The team will be looking to get off to a strong start by securing the doubles point. Playing at No. 1 for the Irish will be the No. 2 dou- bles team of Christian and Catrin- na Thompson. The No. 2 team will be junior Lauren Connelly and senior co-captain Brent Bass and senior co-captain Brian D'Amico.

"We had the best fall of any- one," Bayliss said of Bass. "We have the type of team where our players are pretty close to each other in ability. There's not a great disparity. Stephen had to play some outstanding players early in the season and took some losses, and I think his con- fidence suffered a little bit."

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Bayliss played D'Amico into the top position but saw little change in the overall results of the match.

"Stephen immediately started winning at two, and Brent encourages the same problems Stephen had," Bayliss said.

Although the lineups for this weekend are not set, flux has occupied the No. 1 spot in the most recent matches.

"We've had good solid results throughout our lineup all year, especially in singles," Bayliss said.

The coach does not plan to change the doubles combina- tions, although the lineup is always subject to change. "The Irish will face the Mustangs at 1 p.m.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Saint Mary's hopes to end streak south to battle SMU

By TOM STILES
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's (5-8) look to end its current five-game losing streak this weekend when it plays in the Trinity Intercollegiate Tournament. The tournament will likely serve as a good test for the Gaels before they begin a string of games against MIAA rivals.

Most recently, the Gaels lost both ends of a double­header to Manchester College by scores of 4-2 and 1-0 on March 17. Both games saw quality pitching performances squandered by poor fielding and weak hitting.

In game one, junior Bridget Grall gave up two earned runs and nine hits — only one of which went for extra bases — but the Gaels committed three errors and could muster only one run on offense. Game two saw fresh­man McKenzie Carrigan pitch a two-hit gem, but the offense was shutout with three hits and the defense gave up another unearned run.

The season has been a roller coaster ride for the Gaels thus far, as the team won four straight earlier in the year only to drop the next five.

The Gaels have yet to put it all together, with the offense and the pitching rarely per­forming well in the same game.

As of late, both the pitching and the hitting have strug­gled, as the Gaels have been outscored 31-7 in the last five games.

The Gaels have been marred by inconsistent play, which can be expected of a young team.

Mother Nature isn't cooper­ating either, as the Belles' last two home games have been postponed. Finding a rhythm has been difficult for Saint Mary's, as the tourna­ment will be the first action they have seen since March 17.

Upon returning from the tourney, the Belles will begin a stretch of 19 games in 25 days before the MIAA Tournament in early May. The Belles will face Tri-State University on Monday and Albion College on Wednesday.

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Men's Track

Irish reschedule, travel to Purdue

Timing allows team to attend Friday classes

By NATE DYER
Sports Writer

After setting school and individual records last week in California, the Notre Dame men's track and field team will stay in-state this weekend, as a large contingent heads to the Purdue.

Though originally scheduled to compete in the Indiana Relays on the campus of the University of Indiana, in Bloomington, weather concerns and the timing of the relays caused the team to choose the campus of the University of Purdue.

"Timing allows team to reschedule, travel to Purdue," assistant coach Mike Connelly cautioned against peaking too soon. "The NCAA's are a long ways away," Connelly said. "You have to spread out the competition, and build up so that you peak for the NCAA's." As a result of already having qualified for NCAA's and the large amount of time before the NCAA's, sophomore distance sensation Kurt Benninger will not be competing this weekend.

Benninger shattered the Notre Dame school record in the 5,000-meter race last weekend at the Stanford Invitational with a time of 13:33.05, a full two seconds under the previous record. The performance was the third fastest in the world thus far.

The majority of the team will be competing, however, as the number of NCAA qualifiers looks to grow. Throwing events begin at 9 a.m. with the women's hammer throw and running events beginning at noon with the women's 5,000-meter run.

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Men's Golf

Competitive field slated for invite

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Since Jim Kubinski took over as head coach on Jan. 28, the Irish have posted low scores and earned exceptional finishes.

This weekend, though, the team will face its toughest test in the Augusta State Invitational, where 18 of the best squads in the country will square off in a mid-spring showdown.

Ten of the nation's top 25 teams will see it this weekend at Forest Hills Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., including No. 4 Georgia, No. 6 Wake Forest and No. 9 Duke.

This is Notre Dame's penultimate team tournament before hosting the Big East Championship Apr. 23-24.

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ND Women’s Lacrosse
Irish set to welcome pair of Big East foes
By MATT PUGLISI
Associate Sports Editor
Notre Dame may only have seven of 15 regular season contests under its belt, but for the Irish (2-5, 0-1 Big East), the most win games are already beginning.
After a 2004 campaign that saw the Irish drop just five contests all season — they finished 12-5 overall — the 2005 squad has already equaled last year’s loss total in its first seven games.
For the team to have any hope of making a run at the Big East title and qualifying for the NCAA tournament come May, it must begin to turn the tide.
This weekend provides a perfect opportunity when Notre Dame hosts a pair of conference foes in Connecticut (12-5, 0-1 Big East) and Rutgers (13-4, 1-1 Big East).
The Irish battle the Huskies tonight at Moose Krause Field at 7 p.m. before facing the Scarlet Knights Sunday at noon.
Notre Dame coach Tracy Coyne realizes the impact the next two games will have on the 2005 season calendar.
“It’s a huge [weekend],” Coyne said. “At this stage, every game is important, and we can’t be overlooking anyone. We’ve only started Big East play, and this is a big weekend in the conference.
“I think if we want to keep our hopes alive for winning our first conference championship and getting the automatic bid, we have to win this weekend.”
The Irish haven’t had much trouble disposing of the Huskies in recent years, taking five of the six all-time matchups between the teams, including a 14-8 victory last season.
Connecticut enters this evening’s game on the heels of a tough 12-13 loss to 15 No. 15 Syracuse on Saturday. Historically, Notre Dame has had a little more trouble with Boston College, though the Irish have still managed to win three of five all-time meetings. The Scarlet Eagles were one of four teams to beat the Irish last year, picking up a hard-fought 7-6 victory in Picayune, N.J. last April.
Rutgers was edged by Old Dominion, 9-8, in its most recent contest last Monday. The Irish take the field tonight after an overtime loss to Big East rival Boston College on March 20, falling behind 6-2 at halftime, the Irish battled back to tie the game seven minutes, 42 seconds into the second half at six and then traded goals with the Eagles for the remainder of regulation.
A quick 2-0 attack Crystie Foote was able to knot the score at nine with only 0.9 left on the clock and force overtime, it was the last time Notre Dame found the back of the net on the afternoon.
Eagle Katherine Wagone’s fourth of the day assisted beneficiary just 26 seconds into the extra period proved to be the difference.
In the end, Coyne felt it wasn’t dominating Eagle play, but instead, poor Irish execution that dropped the team to 2-5 on the season.
“We lost a situation where they were under-matched and we had to play out of our heads,” Coyne said. “I think it was more of a case of our lack of execution led to mistakes and then Boston College was able to capitalize.
According to Coyne, an inability to prepare for the fiercely competitive contest could also have contributed to the loss.
“We’re slightly a one-sided rivalry [Boston College],” Coyne said. “Notre Dame has never beaten us, and they have some girls on their team that we’ve had to go up against twice.
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According to Coyne, an inability to prepare for the fiercely competitive contest could also have contributed to the loss.
“We lost two overtime games and one game by three goals, so our record could easily be 5-2,” Coyne said. “We’re there — we’re doing some things well, we’re just not finishing the play.”
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ND Women’s Track
‘Pace’ remains key for team
By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer
Pace is a word that is used in track jargon constantly. Usually the term “pace” describes how fast someone is running in a race.
But Irish coach Tim Connely isn’t concerned with this type of pace. Instead, his team’s ability to pace itself throughout the season is the coach’s focus this week.
Following one of the most successful weekends of the year for the women’s track team — when it notched six NCAA qualifying times and proved itself to be competitive with top level teams — Connely refused to let his team get ahead of itself.
“We need to temper our enthusiasm a bit,” Connely said. “Last weekend was simply a good starting point, a first-rate goal. There’s still two months until NCAA Regionals.”
In an effort to establish this theme, the Irish will take on lesser competition this weekend but will send their entire team to the Peachtree Invitational tomorrow afternoon.
The team was originally scheduled to compete at Indiana University this weekend but chose instead to go to Purdue. The meet in West Lafayette, Ind. will have the IrishFacing Senior Karen Lotta. The competition will mark the first conference race in which to do this.
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The forecast for Saturday is sunny and 45 degrees, much cooler than St. Croix but dry and sunny.
“We’re used to the conditions,” Hayes said. “This tournament always seems to have cold weather. It won’t affect us too much.”
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ND Women’s Golf
Squad returns to action in Indiana
Cold climate expected to present problems
By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer
Three weeks after its victory in the St. Croix Collegiate Invitational in the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Notre Dame women’s golf team returns to action this weekend in a much cooler climate in Bloomington, Ind., home of the Indiana Invitational.
The competition will mark the first northern tournament for the Irish since the weather last permitted outdoor competition in early October, when the team participated in the Shoot Out at the Legends in Franklin, Ind.
Junior Sarah Jayes said the three-week layoff is common at this point in the season.
“Spring break is a great time to get practice in the heat and the sun, but then we usually have a break because of the weather,” she said. “The next three tournaments are up north.”
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with him like Matt Karweck and Brian Morrison, who's done a great job scoring goals for us. "Karweck and Walsh are good friends and have worked really hard together the last couple of years. It didn't surprise me that they have been playing so well together."

Corrigan believes the Irish can still make strides as they enter the last month of regular season competition before the NCAA tournament starts in May. "Scoring is part of it, but making good decisions and taking care of the ball is also part of it," Corrigan said. "I think we've done a good job of making plays, but I think we can still make a lot of progress in our decision making offensively."

Saturday's game will be the fourth all-time matchup between Notre Dame and Dartmouth. The Irish won last season's meeting in South Bend, Ind., 10-2.

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appeared to have sealed the victory, but a controversial call on a play at first base kept the game going. The Irish lost in an epic 19-inning battle.

"We've got a little bit of a sour taste in our mouths from that game because we thought we won the game," Mainieri said. "The game should have been over. We were running up the field to celebrate, and the umpire made a call that we thought was wrong."

"When our first baseman went back to argue the call, the runner ran home from third to tie the game. It cost us the regular season championship."

Junior Cody Rizzo is one of six players on the current Irish roster who was involved in the 5-3 loss two seasons ago that lasted almost five hours. Rizzo remembers it well and is excited to face such a quality opponent this weekend.

"It's going to be a test," Rizzo said. "We've sort of started to turn the season around a little bit, and this is going to show us how we're doing.

"It's a rivalry every year. To go out there and have their fans cheering against us gets you going every game. Rutgers is coming off an 11-2 home-opener victory over Rider. First baseman/outfielder Ryan Hill leads the Scarlet Knights with a .393 batting average in only 28 at-bats. The top every-day hitters for the Knights are infielder Cory Rodriguez (.369, 84 at-bats), outfielder Johnny Defendis (.351, 97 at-bats) and first baseman Rich Canuso (.323, 65 at-bats). Infielder Todd Frazier has six home runs.

The Knights have already knocked off No. 3 Georgia Tech and swept Big Ten power Minnesota this season.

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and earned first team All-Big East for Notre Dame this season.

"That is so important to have a good leader, you can't win without a leader," McGraw said. "I think Megan's going to run the team like she did this year, and she's improved every year."

Duffy will be joined in the backcourt by defensive stopper Breona Gray, who had a solid sophomore season, and freshman Tulyah Gaines, who gained valuable experience in a backup role this season.

Tulyah really came on at the end of the year," McGraw said. Barton's inside presence will be filled by another freshman, Melissa D'Amico. The 6-foot-5 forward/center saw limited action this season, but McGraw thinks she will be a big contributor next season, playing in the post next to returning starter junior Courtney LaVere and sophomore Crystal Erwin.

"D'Amico is going to be a dominating presence in the lane for us on both ends of the floor," McGraw said. "I think that she is talented, she works hard, and I really feel like she is going to play a major role for us inside. Not so much in scoring, but just in contributing."

And even with these three freshmen seeing increased roles next year, Notre Dame will get even younger with two top recruits coming in, McDonald's All-American Lindsay Schrader and honorable mention All-American Chandrica Smith.

Shrader will join the Irish out of Bartlett, Ill. The 2005 Illinois Ms. Basketball is a pure scorer, averaging 22.1 points per game her senior year.

"She's someone who can shoot the ball, score from the perimeter, rebound — she's got a lot of strengths on offense," McGraw said of Shrader, who scored nine points in the All-American game Wednesday night at the joy Center.

Smith will bring an athletic presence to the Irish.

"Chandrica is a great defender who can rebound, which was a huge weakness we had this year," McGraw said.

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returning Irish linebackers with sizable game experience. They will need to fill holes left by the departure of Mike Goosby and Derek Curry and also adapt to the terminology used by new Notre Dame defensive coordinator Rick Minter.

"There is some different lingo here and there, but there's a lot of carryover in everything we do," Mays said. "There will be a little change, but just like class, you have to study and get everything down. If you just spend 15 to 20 minutes of dedication every day, you can get things down pat."

Despite the inexperience of this year's linebacking corps, there is plenty of talent to compensate.

Juniors Mitchell Thomas, Joe Brockington and Nick Borsetti return and will compete for a spot in the 4-3 set. Sophomores Abdul Banda and Maurice Crum, Jr. are expected to push the veterans.

Chinedum Ndukwe, who logged minutes at safety as a sophomore last year, will play a hybrid position, mixing duties of a safety and linebacker.

"I don't think it's anything ingenious," Minter said. "I think the best thing for us to do right now is to play with [Ndukwe] on the field as a 'nickel-backer' type guy."

According to Minter, Hoyte and Mays are the frontrunners for the middle linebacker spot in the 4-3. Hoyte is taking nothing for granted.

"It's really simple," Hoyte said. "I need to prove myself. Some people would say as a fifth-year linebacker that's already been done, but I don't think so. I don't think I've played up to the possibilities I'm capable of, so in my viewpoint, I'm no different than a freshman."

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Irish forward Courtney LaVere looks for a rebound against Duke earlier this season. LaVere was the team's third leading rebounder this season.

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Happy Birthday: Take a closer at what you want to achieve this year. There will be no time to procrastinate, so don't let anyone show you down or treat you wrong. Allowing someone else to answer for you or do a job you should do is unwise. You face the greatest opportunity of the year, and a participant will be required. Your numbers are: 11, 19, 28, 34, 37, 46

ARES (March 21-April 19): If you're not moving physically today, you will be mentally. Your mind will be in overdrive, and you should be able to achieve pretty much anything you set your mind to. This will be a great day for physical activities, will improvement, dealing with strangers, and socializing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make some changes to your personal papers that will get you on a more creative path. Write something that will help you make bigger financial gains. Don't trust others to do what you should do yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Stand up and be heard, and you will make a lasting impression on someone who can help you in the future. Partnerships can turn into lucrative affairs. Romance will develop with someone who less expect.***

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Everything will depend on how well you get along with others. Having a positive attitude will get you what you want. Don't say your business because you are afraid to participate.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): There is more on your mind than your welfare out there. Others who want what you want and get it wholeheartedly. Advancement will be yours if you have done your homework and prepared for this day.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Double-check everything you do before you move along. A quick change could make all the difference in the end result. Avoid conflicts regarding personal matters.**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can count on your friends and family to lend a helping hand. Introductions will be made to individuals interested in the same thing you are. Relationships will develop, and a good arrangement can be made between you and someone who can influence your future in a positive manner.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Work should be your prime concern. Don't let anyone hold you back or stifle your dreams and aspirations. Your talent is obvious, so pursue what you can do.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Lose in the picture for you today. You can make some minor adjustments to the way you look, and you will be pleased with the results.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may not have had as many opportunities today, something will be slowing you down. Work by yourself to avoid being unduly or talked into taking on responsibilities you don't have time for. Be stern and prepared to say no,***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have everything you have going for you. Scoping second guessing yourself. You will have some unique concepts that will interest someone who interests you. Love is in a high cycle so that someone who loves you for.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your changeable mood may frighten some people off today, but for those who are an active and adventurous sort, you just may be beginning a lifetime of addictive relationships. Creative endeavors can lead to a prosperous venture.

Birthday Baby: You are extremely charming and debonair. You put yourself on the line and are always willing to help out. You are imaginative, artistic and an adventurer.

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McGraw, players reflect on season

Tourament upset brought campaign to sudden conclusion

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
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The women's college basketball season concludes this weekend in Indianapolis, but the Irish will be watching on television sets. After their season started with high hopes since the 2001 national championship, the Irish were upset by the 2001 national champion WNIT tournament and finished second in the Big East conference. But next year's season started with high hopes that game.

"It's really going to be hard to replace them because they scored and rebounded," McGraw said. "Jackie, we wanted her to have the ball in every clutch situation, so we're going to have somebody else to do that."

First in line was freshman Charel Allen, named to the Big East all-freshman team this season. However, Allen suffered a torn ACL and MCL in her left knee and will have surgery in about a month once the MCL heals, McGraw said. Allen is expected to return for practice in October.

"She should be ready for practice," McGraw said. "We don't expect her to be 100 percent, but she'll be cleared to play."

Charel was going to step up and maybe be our go-to scorer next year, even as a sophomore.

While Allen should give the Irish a scorer, junior point guard Megan Duffy will return as the team's leader and heart and soul. The gutsy guard was named honorable mention Associated Press All-American.

"It's really going to be hard to attract attention from his play alone." Mays said. "Because I believe people believe in someone who's doing more action rather than just talking. Really, I'm trying to combine taking and action to get the guys emotionally charged during practice."

Mays and fellow senior Brandon Hoyte are the only players that have in the midfield and attack this season — the Irish have already played three Inside Lacrosse top 20 teams this season, but its most difficult test might come Saturday when the No. 6 Irish travel to Hanover, N.H. to take on No. 17 Dartmouth.

The latest NCAA statistics rank Notre Dame first in the nation in scoring with 12.8 goals per game. But Dartmouth has the 12th-ranked scoring defense in the nation, and Irish coach Kevin Corrigan expects a stiff challenge.

"Defensively, they're very athletic and very aggressive," Corrigan said. "When you look at their scores on the year, they've done a really nice job."

Irish travel to take on high scoring Big Green

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Corey Mays turns heads when he walks into a room. His thick, bouncy, dreadlocked hair tends to stand out. But entering his last season in an Irish uniform, the senior linebacker hopes to attract attention from his play alone.

"I'm trying to do more this year with action," Mays said. "Because I believe people believe in someone who's doing more action rather than just talking. Really, I'm trying to combine taking and action to get the guys emotionally charged during practice."

"It's hard for me to even say the name Rutgers," coach Paul Mainieri said. "When it's the week that you play Rutgers, there's a little extra bounce in the step, a little extra fire in the heart to go play."

The last time Notre Dame traveled to Piscataway, N.J. to face the Scarlet Knights — during the 2003 season — the Irish dropped the final two games of the three-game series, dropping behind the Knights for first place in the Big East and ending any hope of contending for the top seed in the Big East tournament.

In the final game, the Irish