ADMINISTRATORS: Greek organizations unnecessary due to current four-year dorm system

By KATIE PERRY
Assistant News Editor

Editor's Note: This is the second of a three-part series examining the absence of fraternities and sororities at Notre Dame.

GreekPages.com — the original, definitive fraternity and sorority Web site — boasts listings of 1,689 distinct social organizations at 1,291 campuses nationwide. Not surprisingly, Notre Dame is not included in this database. Why?

The immediate reason is clear. Fraternities and sororities are explicitly prohibited in the University's rule book, thus, under its "Student Activities Policies." The establishment of, or membership in, social fraternities or sororities is considered contrary to the educational and residential mission of the University and is consequently prohibited.

Though surface rationale behind the University's lack of a Greek system — it's against the rules — is widely understood by students, the deeper reasoning behind the policy is less clear. Is the principle solely grounded in tradition, or are there additional factors at work?

Secrets, secrets are no fun
The Catholic Church has denounced secret societies, or exclusive social groups with rituals involving an oath of allegiance and private ceremonies, or events, for more than 260 years. Pope Clement XII first condemned freemasonry in 1738 — a sentiment that was later echoed and applied to colleges and other scholastic academies by Pius VIII in 1829.

The Church has no official doctrine outlawing the presence of fraternities and sororities at Catholic universities. And by virtue of the 1967 "Land O' Lakes" statement — created at a conference held between top leaders from Catholic colleges and universities — individual institutions enjoy sovereignty in shaping Catholic character.

Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Bill Kirk said while the Church's stance on fraternities and sororities is explicit in the University's rule book, the rules — as applied to colleges and other scholastic academies by Pius VIII in 1829 — are not included in this data base. Not surprisingly, Notre Dame boasts listings of 1,680 fraternities and sororities on the Internet's Student Union Board Web site — the definitive fraternity and sorority Web site. The Student Union Board Web site is considered a part of the University's "Programs and Community." In 1999, the Student Union Board Web site was named to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois by Ronald Reagan in 1985, making him the first African American woman to sit on the bench and one of the youngest federal appointees at the time.

Williams also became the first African American woman to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit when President Bill Clinton appointed her to the position in 1999.

As the third African American woman to serve on any appeals court in the country, Williams originally began her career in education. She worked as an elementary school teacher in her hometown of Detroit before graduating from the University of Notre Dame Law School in 1975. Although Williams did not graduate from Saint Mary's, senior Kathleen Mc Morrow said she believes Williams' ties to Notre Dame indicate her knowledge of the College's high reputation.

Country superstar to play concert on campus

By BRIDGET KEATING
News Writer

Students who proudly don "Don't mess with Texas" T-shirts or are corralled by the sound of country music can purchase tickets today for the April 7 Pat Green concert at Stepan Center, co-sponsored by the Student Union Board (SUB) and Texas Club.

A major country act and Grammy nominee, singer-songwriter Pat Green has sold out large-scale venues including the Houston Astrodome, and is currently on tour with fellow country music superstar Keith Urban. Green's hit singles include "Wave on Wave" and "College." SUB invited Pat Green to campus as a response to student demand for a country show — part of the group's continued commitment to bring headlining entertainment to the Notre Dame community.

"Programmers and committee members have been dedicated to reach our goals, and Country music star Pat Green will perform at the Stepan Center on April 7. Tickets are on sale for $10 at LaFortune.

FACULTY AND STUDENT SENATE

Groups pass resolutions on controversial freedom issue

Members meticulous in writing statement

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Editor

For the last regularly scheduled meeting of the 2005-06 Faculty Senate, the group spent just over two hours Wednesday night dissecting and debating the language of academic freedom at a Wednesday meeting. At right, Student Senate members tackle the same topic.

Senators vote to allow amended document

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

Members of the Student Senate passed a amended version of a hotly-contested resolution expressing strong support for controversial campus programs at their meeting Monday.
QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOUR SUMMER PLANS?

Connie Adams
Regina South sophomore

“Summer school at SMC.”

Carol Schlaberg
Le Mass sophmore

“Working at a grocery store.”

Becky Feathau
Regina North sophomore

“Working at Saint Mary’s Hospital.”

Kate Habicht
Holy Cross sophomore

“Volunteering at a not-for-profit doctor’s office.”

Jessica Porter
Holy Cross freshman

“Working at Hooters.”

Heather Bane
off-campus junior

“I’m driving a fork lift.”

OFFBEAT

Wily coyote captured in Big Apple’s Central Park

NEW YORK - It’s one tourist city officials hope won’t be coming back.

A wily coyote paid a visit to the big city, leading dozens of police officers on foot and in a helicopter on a loping chase through Central Park before being captured Wednesday.

“[For a coyote to get to midtown, he has to be] a very adventurous coyote,” city Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe said.

Officials said the animal may have wandered into the city from suburban Westchester County, or perhaps crossed the Hudson River from New Jersey via a bridge, a railroad trestle or a passing truck.

Porn star hits it big as wine-maker

NEW YORK - It seemed like the perfect gimmick: a celebrity porn star would launch her own wine, with her alluring picture on the label.

Savannah Samson did just that, but when it received a score of 90 to 91 out of 100 by wine guru Robert Parker, the project became serious.

It turns out Samson, the star of “The New Devil in Miss Jones,” has produced an exceptional wine, becoming the toast of two industries: wine-making and pornography.

“I never wanted to just do gimmick. That would just happen with me being a porn star, me having a photographer shoot the label, how risque could I get on the label — all those things,” Samson, the stage name for 21-year-old Natalie Oliveros, said in an interview.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The film “The Rocky Road to Dublin,” which documents daily life in Ireland, will be shown at 10 p.m. today in 129 DeBartolo Hall.

A discussion led by English professor Luke Gibbons will follow.

“Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire” will be shown today at 10 p.m. in 101 DeBartolo Hall.

The Notre Dame Accountancy Department will host a Recruiting Workshop for faculty from 3-4:30 p.m. today in room 319 of the Mendoza College of Business.

The Chicago-based country band, Strait Southern, will perform at 10 p.m. Friday in Legends. Admission is free with a ND, SC or HUC student ID.

The No. 11 Irish men’s lacrosse team will face off with Dartmouth 12 p.m. Sunday at Moose Kenohe Stadium at Notre Dame.

The Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair will take place Saturday at Stepan Center. The show is open to the public at 1:30 p.m. and parking is available in the D-2 lot on the north side of campus.

The Notre Dame Ultimate Club will host its annual tournament this Saturday and Sunday. Games on both days start at 9 a.m. Saturday games will be played on Memorial and Stepan fields. Sunday games will be held at Stepan fields.

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

Wednesday. At one point of the performance, SMC students jointed Beres on stage.
Notre Dame ranks 4th among dream schools

Survey puts ND with Princeton, Harvard

Special to The Observer

If it's true that "Mom and Dad know best," the University of Notre Dame is a top choice for college applicants, according to a new survey of prospective students and their parents by the Princeton Review.

Notre Dame ranks fourth in a survey of some 4,900 students and parents who were asked the question, "What 'dream college' would you most like to attend (or see your child attend) if acceptance or cost weren't issues?" Also included in the top five, in order, were Princeton, Stanford, Harvard and Duke Universities. The institutions most named by students were the top five in the national rankings of selective universities, Notre Dame tied for 10th.

One of the nation's most selective universities, Notre Dame is the nation's highest rated Catholic university and among the top 20 overall. Princeton Review is a New York-based company that sells its services and books to assist college applicants in improving their standardized tests and in navigating the admissions process. It is not affiliated with Princeton University.

African mission book published

Historical work by assistant professor examines missionary strategies

Special to The Observer


The missionary priests of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost, or Spiritans, who came to the East African coast during the last half of the 19th century found themselves working in a society heavily influenced by the Islamic sultanate of Zanzibar and decided to concentrate their efforts on making Christian converts among the societies in the African interior. They set about ransom ing the slaves brought from the interior regions to the coast, attempted to mold coherent Christian communities from these mostly young and culturally diverse people, and met with mixed success and predictably controversial results.

"I try to take seriously the historical specificity of the Spiritan missionaries who founded the Church in eastern Africa," Father Kollman said. "I focus on their backgrounds in the seminary and in social service in a 19thcentury France that had new forms of social disciplining emerging. I also studied as closely as possible the available records of the Africans' responses to missionary practices."

"The shape of Christianity in Africa today looks very different from that anticipated by missionaries." Paul Kollman author

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Tourist bus in Chile crashes, 12 dead

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Iraqui forces foil attack on prison

BAGHDAD — Emboldened a day after a successful U.S. assault, President Bush announced Wednesday that U.S. and coalition forces had thwarted an attack on a high-security prison in downtown Baghdad.

Bush called the incident a "major defeat for the terrorists." An American citizen and three other foreigners were killed and 12 others were wounded.

Bush said the plan to attack the prison was "similar to the attacks on the American embassy in Paris and the French Aubervilliers prison in Paris," and he said the country should be, trying to get the political leaders in Iraq to work together.

American forces arrived. Among the 50 captured, they believed the pair had "religious motives." They said Bush had plans to bomb the Iraqi embassy in Washington, D.C., capital, killing two people and injuring at least seven.

Poli said the driver reported that he lost control of the bus while swerving to avoid a truck approaching on a collision course. Poli said. The bus went off the narrow highway and tumbled down a steep mountainside.

American arrested in bombings

Officials discount terrorism as a motive; New Orleans suspect may be mentally ill

LA PAZ — An American man and his Uruguayan girlfriend were arrested Wednesday after bombs severely damaged two low-budget hotels in Bolivia's capital, killing two people and injuring at least seven.

Police told them the pair had "religious motives." For three days, they said Bush had plans to bomb the Cuban consulate in La Paz on Saturday, according to Israeli Prime Minister, the national police chief.

Police initially said the blasts were "typical of terrorist attacks," said the president's security chief.

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Silva said the overweight, pony-tailed American and his girlfriend appeared to use downtown La Paz as a base for their travels, leaving for Lake Titicaca and returning before the bombs exploded.

And in hindsight, Silva said, there was one thing the woman said that seemed curious. She wanted Silva to keep her young niece close to her and not let her go outside.

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The hotel, an old colonial building with iron balconies, is frequented by foreign tourists, but police said the victims, a woman and a man, were not Bolivians.

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The two met when Thomas Hess, 48, worked as a security guard at a school where Koch was a student. It was not immediately clear how she ended up at the home.

She was discovered Tuesday when she approached a convenience store owner and told him that she wasn't Nikki Evans, the name the owner knew her by. She said she was being kept locked in a bedroom, said the owner, Joseph Sparico.

When she told him her real name, he said, she was upset and shaking. "I was so scared that nobody would believe me," Koch told WTPA-TV from her father's home Wednesday.

Sparico's son, a retired McKeesport police officer, recognized Koch's name, and Sparico contacted authorities.

Murphy County Police Superintendent Charles Moffatt said Koch had been staying at the home. He had shared with his parents since 1996, and was not allowed to leave for the first four years she was there. When others came over, Koch had to stay in a bedroom, Moffatt said.

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the statement about academic freedom presented in draft form at the March 3 meeting.

The four-page statement is "not just a reaction but as a direct response or rebuttal" to University President Father John Jenkins' Jan. 23 letter on academic freedom and the Catholic character, according to Senate chair Seth Brown. Rather, said Brown, it recognizes the existence of academic freedom within reasonable limits and reaffirms academic freedom as a value essential to the fulfillment of the University's mission statement.

After Brown introduced the statement, which was projected on a large screen throughout the meeting so changes would be immediately visible — members began the slow process of amending the intricacies of the document's language to ensure that it best represented the position of the faculty.

Changes included the deletion of a sentence that read, "A principal function of a Catholic University is to encourage exploration of apparently settled doctrine, so that strong beliefs can be both strong and well-supported," as well as a weakening of a word, "inhibitory," to one that is more to raise questions than to serve as an artistic expression. Art tends more to raise questions than to provide answers; to forbid the asking of particular questions curtails the range of possible artistic expression and eviscerates art's intellectual force, reducing it to the status of mere entertainment.

Another pattern of the meeting — after a period of debate about the adjective "chilling" as up to "inhibitory" — civil engineering and geological studies professor Jeff Talley said he felt the language of the entire document was "too pointed" and failed to address any specific cases.

"What the statement is so dramatic, it's like reading a play... If you want the administration to take this seriously, perhaps adjective less dramatic than 'chilling' and 'inhibitory' would be more favorably received," Talley said.

Salma Suddawi, professional specialist of chemical engineering, said she thought, "like many of those involved in the sciences," the language should be simple and clear.

Gail Bederman, professor of history, disagreed, noting she had received many responses from within her department that said the statement's wording was not strong enough.

The issue was then raised that the statement was redundant in support of the University's mission statement, and failed to address any specific cases.

"Now do we state that we support 'The Vagina Monologues', " physics professor Colin Jessop said.

Other members argued that the document was meant more as a general statement of principles than a response to specific, current events.

"If we have something written that is general, we won't have to come up with a new statement every year when a new controversy comes up," physics professor John Colson said.

"Taking up the issue of redundancy is missing the point of the document, Bederman added. "You may say that we're just repeating and affirming the University's mission statement, but a lot of people read the mission statement a different way than we are."

Barry Keating, professor of finance, then suggested the statement condemned so broad a spectrum of actions that it condemned almost any University action to disallow an event.

"With the statement as it reads now, if the board wanted to put together a halftime show promoting lesbian seduction, the only thing the University could do is run a tagline on the TV that they do not endorse," Keating said.

He later added, "This is four pages of pedantic statements that will be relegated to the dustbin along with the rest of the statements like this that come out of Faculty Senate."

Many members commented on the validity of Keating's hypothetical case, and Brown said that reading of the statement was not a fair interpretation of the intent of the document.

"The intent of the document is to say that if you have a responsible academic event that is identified and objected to only because of content, then that's pretty serious," Brown said. "We have no power over the (University) event, but what we're saying here isn't law."

Professor of music Peter Smith agreed.

"Of course the (University) President is going to do what the President is going to do, but there is something to be said for making a statement," Smith said.

Associate Dean of the Law School John Robinson offered an amendment by which a necessary sponsor or endorsing body would help bring the group into agreement, he said.

The amendment, which was approved by all members except for Bederman, reads, "Note that this discussion properly centers on how to present a conference, or speech, or play, or work of art in such a way as to avoid the appearance of official endorsement; it would not ordinarily center on whether an event should take place. This is not to say that extreme scenarios cannot be imagined that might appear to call for stronger presidential action that was sketched here. Our point is that such stronger action would in very case put at risk the academic freedom upon which the University insists in its mission statement."

The group moved into a final vote soon after this amendment was passed. The statement was solidly approved, with only one member — professor of German language and literature Vera Proffer — dissenting.

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**Exxon exec testifies against ex CEO**

**HOUSTON** — Enron Corp. founder Kenneth Lay won’t be found guilty of criminal fraud in a securities fraud trial of him and his former top executives, a federal judge said Wednesday. Lay was fired as Enron’s chief executive officer in December 2001, almost two years before the energy trader declared bankruptcy after a series of accounting and ethical missteps. The judge said the decision was “based on the preponderance of the evidence presented at trial,” and that the government had failed to prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt. Lay, who was 55 when he was fired, now lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and is free on bail pending appeal of the verdict. He faces up to 5 years in prison and a $5 million fine if convicted of conspiracy to commit securities fraud and obstruction of justice.

**GM, Delphi offer buyouts to workers**

**Detroit** — In one of the largest buyout programs ever, more than 125,000 hourly workers of General Motors Corp. and auto supplier Delphi Corp. are being offered up to $40,000 to give up their jobs to help cut the companies’ overall labor costs. GM said it pays how many workers it expected to accept the offer, but it is aiming to slash 30,000 hourly jobs by 2008. Some workers wasted no time in declaring the deal “fake” and starting calculating what they would get, based on years of service, if they were to accept the offer.

**GM and Delphi** have said that if enough workers sign up for buyouts or early retirement, their operating costs would drop significantly. Analysts warned that it still might not be enough to restore the companies’ financial health or avoid a paralyzing strike. Under the program, about 113,000 GM workers will be eligible for early-retirement incentives or buyouts of between $35,000 and $140,000 depending on how long they were employed and whether they want to keep health care and other benefits. At Delphi, GM’s former parts division and largest supplier, 12,000 U.S. hourly workers will be eligible for a lump sum payment of $35,000 to retire. Also, up to 5,000 Delphi workers will be eligible to return to GM. The deal comes at a critical time for GM, which increased by $2 billion its reported 2005 loss to $10.6 billion last week. The world’s largest automaker has been losing U.S. market share to Asian automakers and is saddled with labor agreements that make it difficult to close plants or cut workers. The plan also is crucial for Delphi, the largest U.S. auto parts supplier, which is reorganizing in bankruptcy court after filing for Chapter 11 protection in October. The companies made no predictions of how many employees might accept the offers or exactly how much they would save in operating costs.

**GM executive Jeffrey B. Kindler discusses the economic impact of the new drug, Exubera, at a conference in Terre Haute, Ind., Wednesday.**

**TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Pfizer Inc., the world’s largest drugmaker, plans to hire more than 500 workers and invest $170 million at a western Indiana plant where it manufactures the nation’s first inhalable version of insulin.**

**Pfizer said Wednesday it will hire the workers over the next two to three years to boost its output to about 650 the number of employees as at its Exubera inhaler production line. It also plans to invest $170 million at the 120,000-square-foot Terre Haute plant by 2009. Pfizer financial terms for the deal were not disclosed. New York-based Pfizer received federal approval in late January to market the Exubera to patients with Type 2 diabetes in adults. The device offers the first new way of delivering insulin since the discovery of the hormone in the 1920s. Some stock analysts predict Exubera will be popular, with annual sales topping $1 billion within three years. The inhaler would allow millions of adult diabetics an alternative to some of the injections they now endure. Although Exubera sales will not start until midsummer, production began at the plant soon after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the company’s marketing plans.

**The inhaler, about the size of an eyelash case, produces a cloud of insulin powder in its chamber that passes rapidly into the bloodstream to regulate blood-sugar levels and control Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes in adults. Jeff Kindler, Pfizer’s vice chairman, said nearly 21 million Americans — including more than 350,000 Indiana residents — suffer from diabetes and its many complications. “Among all our hopes is that Exubera will encourage those who are reluctant to seek treatment for diabetics to come forward and take better care of their health,” Kindler said. Gov. Mitch Daniels said Pfizer’s hiring plans are another sign Indiana is making progress attracting life sciences-related industries — and their high-pay­ing jobs — to the state.**

**The plant currently employs about 350 people, 200 of whom work on the Exubera production line. Pfizer also manufactures antibodies in a separate building at the site. To manufacture the drug, the Exubera inhaler, workers take the original, crys­talline form of insulin and use specialized equipment to turn it into a dry pow­dered form that is then packaged in precisely measured amounts for the inhaler.**
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The resolution calls for the University to "never compromise itself by disallowing certain stu­dent programming, even pro­gramming which may disagree or be perceived to disagree, with certain elements of Catholicism." Before voting on the resolution, some senators expressed concern with the use of a footnote from an American Association of University Professors document that clarifies the types of events that should not be restricted on college campuses.

Some senators said they did not think the inclusion of the AAUP's guidelines in the resolution was appropriate, since the University is not technically a member of the association.

O'Neill senator Steve Tortorello said the resolution should not contain "any message of the AAUP." "I see this as a huge stretch of logic... trying to associate us with the footnote that enumer­ates what we want to say in a fuzzy set of logic," Tortorello said. But Zahn senator Pat Knapp defended the Committee's resolu­tion — and said the University subscribes to AAUP guidelines when setting policy. "The AAUP is an oversight organization that largely oversees many policies relating to issues pertinent to academic freedom and what professors can and can't do," Knapp said. "The policy bearings they publish ... have sig­nificant bearing and weight that Notre Dame and other institu­tions adopt. To not mention this would leave out a significant influencing factor on Notre Dame policy."

Siegfried senator Ben Gunty said the incorporation of AAUP policy in the resolution was justi­fied. "If we are a member of the organization that upholds the pol­icy then the logic is clear ... we follow AAUP policy too," Gunty said. "We subscribe to a subordi­nate group that the AAUP over­sees, I think the logic is clear." Farley senator Carol Hendrickson said the use of the AAUP "disallow" in the resolution could open a "loophole" since it fails to mention events that would be restricted every other year, for example.

"Can we sit here and talk about language all day ... not everyone is going to be happy with the exact language ... we're not try­ing to be very specific," Walsh said. "We're trying to be broad and proactive instead of reactive. We're not trying to be reactive to certain events that already hap­pened."

Echoing concerns voiced by senators at last week's meeting, Carroll senator Jim Grace reminded senators that the reso­lution is not guaranteed to influ­ence Jenkins' final policy. "What do we do if it gets ignored by the administration?" Bowen said. "This body doesn't set policy for University and hopefully they'll heed or in­put... in the end I think it's important that it doesn't look like Student Senate is powerless if they don't listen to us," Grace said.

The resolution was passed with three senators opposed and one senator abstaining. Members also passed a resolu­tion to add a permanent commit­tee to the Senate charged with focusing on community relations. The resolution includes chang­ing the constitution to include the responsibilities of the now-per­manent Committee on Community Relations, which will "address the relations between the student body and the resi­dents of the South Bend area as it works to build a lasting relation­ship between the two groups."

Members approved a resolution put forth by judicial council presi­dent James Leito that makes changes to the election section of the Student Union Constitution. "Basically the main thing is if you did approve this, there would be no changes in the way elec­tions are run," Leito said before senators voted on his resolution. "It's not any procedural change, it's mostly cosmetic." Leito's resolution clarifies pro­cedures that are already in prac­tice regarding student govern­ment elections, he said.

Among other additions, the reso­lution gives the Judicial Council the right to specify dates for hall elections "pending the approval of the Hall President's Council."

Members defeated a resolution calling for an amendment to the Senate Section of the Constitution. Dillon senator Dan Bowen presented the resolution, which called for senators repre­senting higher population dorms to have more voting power than those from smaller dorms.

Bowen said his resolution helped to eliminate the "tyranny of the minority." "My resolution brings a more democratic balance to the fold," Bowen said. "There is a hypothet­ical situation when it's possible for two-thirds of the Senate to vote or vote against something and it barely represents half of the student population."

Knapp sharply shot down Bowen's resolution. "Did you read the discussion when this constitution was being drafted? ... Our first and fore­most purpose was to be a union, not a representative democracy ... we're a union." In other Senate news • Travis Arnold from the Office of the Indiana Secretary of State spoke to senators about the effect in Indiana of 2002's Help America Vote Act, which he said has helped usher in "a new era in the technology of voting."

He encouraged members to tell their constituents who are from the state of Indiana about some of the new regulations associated with the new legislation. For example, Arnold said, a student identification card from a private university like Notre Dame is not a valid form of identification for voting. However, ID cards from public universities are accepted.

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Talking politics

There comes a time in every pundit's life when he seeks to rise above ephemeral motives and engage in what the Czech novelist Milan Kundera called "political kitsch." It makes it harder to recognize legitimate grounds for disagreement ("Are you saying you're against diversity and raising awareness?").

Almost fifty years ago, Saul Bellow wrote "Everything is what it is to liberty, not equality or fairness or justice or culture, or human happiness or a quiet conscience." His point was that politics is about difficult choices between different and sometimes competing goods. If, for example, you are faced with a trade-off between priva­

Here are your. Fine. Never have two more barbed phrases been uttered in the same sentence. They can't possibly mean the same thing. On the one hand, we politicians are about difficult choices between different and sometimes competing goods. If, for example, you are faced with a trade-off between priva­

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Small talk for dummies

Wicks' Law: Whatever you believe, some dumb fool will agree with you. Wicks's Law has an important corollary, which is that you can influence a person's belief just by showing that someone else who holds the same belief is a damn fool. That too may seem elementary, but it's a point that is nonetheless frequently ignored.

of that committee was sterilized of meaning is an altogether safer flight to lofty abstractions makes it easier to suade ourselves that it is not a difficult and tententious issue it is always tempting to per­
Now that we have returned from a restful spring break and a chance to be with family and friends, it is important for us to refocus our minds to the Lenten season. Lenten resolutions are not like New Year’s resolutions, which we might make and break seriously and quickly set aside. It is easier for all of us to be mindful of Lent when we are on campus, and the role it plays in our lives is beautifully expressed:

"You give us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the pascal mystery with mind and heart renewed."

It goes on to make this powerful statement and promise: "As we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ, you bring the image of your son to perfection within us."

The reason for our lives as Christians is to know and love God and to love and serve our neighbor. The Gospel is filled with exhortations from the life of Christ as to how we can do this. Our love for God grows stronger and becomes real when we spend time with God in prayer, whether at Mass, at the Grotto, by praying the rosary, by reading the Mass texts for the day or the Bible, through a few moments before the Blessed Sacrament, by a reflective walk around the lake, through a conversation with a friend, by spiritual reading or in many other avenues which are available to us. All of these ways have been used by generations of faithful believers who have gone before us and who have become holy men and women as their love for God deepened and became a more central part of their day and of their lives. To deepen our love for God, we increase the amount of time we spend in prayer to the extent that we can and in ways that we find helpful. We love and serve our neighbor through sharing of time with those in need through service and by sharing our material possessions with the poor. Jesus never turned his back on anyone who was poor or came to him in need. During Lent, we try to be more aware of others so that we can be friends to the poor even as Jesus was. By making additional small sacrifices — the things we give up for Lent — we share our resources with those neighbors of ours who are most in need of our help. But there is an additional challenge during Lent. As we try to increase our love for God, it is important for us to become as aware as we can of God’s love for us. This love is deeply personal, it is present to us in all the circumstances of our lives no matter where our lives lead us or what joys, sorrows and challenges we have to face. When we achieve even a little insight into God’s love for us we experience the deep peace that only a person who is redeemed and forgiven can feel. It is much easier to speak of God’s love for us than it is to really believe it. We are constantly surrounded by the air we breathe and rarely advert to it. In much the same way, we are always surrounded by God’s intense love for us whether we think about it or not. To paraphrase the Scriptures, God sees and loves in us what God sees and loves in His own Jesus. And so as we continue our Lenten journeys during this season of grace, let us be grateful for this image of Jesus which is being brought about within us."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Allow God to bring the image of Jesus to you

Richard V. Warner, CSC FaithPoint

Let us be grateful for this image of Jesus which is being brought about within us.

Proud to be a ‘fighter’

Shawn Ahmed

No doubt, there will be many alumni, students and Irish fans who will be up in arms over Paul L. Richards’ letter to the editor on March 22. In that letter, Mr. Richards “serves notice” to both the NCAA and Notre Dame students and Notre Dame using the moniker “Fighting Irish” as well. No, I am not arguing for or against Notre Dame using the moniker Notre Dame’s mascot. It is my opinion that an institution that remains. It is for that reason that many — including myself (full disclosure — I am not Irish, nor Catholic, nor even American) — take pride in being a part of The Fighting Irish.

EDITORIAL CARTOON

Before I take questions, excuse me for a second.

Kendall Hannon

Veep

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Leave our mascot alone

This letter is in response to Paul Richards’ letter to the editor in the March 22 edition of The Observer about Notre Dame’s mascot.

It is my opinion that an individual who writes in against Notre Dame using the moniker “Fighting Irish” misses the significance of our mascot.

Further, he leaves out an important aspect of the NCAA’s position regarding mascots that could be perceived as damaging or perpetuating stereotypes about racial, ethnic or cultural groups.

First and foremost, I find Notre Dame’s mascot to be a celebration of the resilience and strength of the Irish people. As the writer indicated, the Irish have suffered through numerous hardships in their history — occupation by a foreign power, religious discrimination, famine and overt racism here in the United States have all been faced by the Irish people, and yet they persevered to become one of the most influential peoples in history.

I would ask the writer if he feels the same way as I do about the role Michael Collins, fighters for Irish independence in the beginning of the 20th century, would object to the attack on people perceived to be Irish. Would Father Corby, C.S.C., who was the chaplain of the famed Irish Brigade during the Civil War and has been immortalized in the famous “Absolution at Gettysburg” statue object? Was the man in the United States army he led into battle and for whom he was a spiritual leader object? Finally, would the thoughts of Irish men and women (including my ancestor Patrick Hannon) who struggled against poverty and discrimination in the cities and towns of America to make a better life for their family object? My answer to the above question is a resounding no. The history of the Irish people is one of a constant fight — a fight against occupation, a fight for equal rights, a fight for respect. It is a fight that the country of Ireland and the Irish people have won, and the majority of the Irish see Notre Dame as an institution that respects and celebrates their vaunted tradition.

To a much lesser extent, it is important to remember that the NCAA, in investigating suspect mascots, takes into consideration the feelings of the affected groups. It is for this reason that Florida State is still allowed to use the “Seminole” as a mascot — the Seminole Tribe of Florida gave its support to the school. The writer of the Letter to the Editor makes it sound as though the overwhelming majority of students are up in arms against our school’s mascot. If this is true, someone had better tell President Mary McAleese, quick! Though one wonders why the President of Ireland would support a school with such a racist mascot... Unless of course it is because the mascot is not, in fact, racist.
**CD Reviews**

**Unique sound improves with every listen**

*By MOLLY GRIFFIN  
Associate Scene Editor*

Named after a children's book character and creating its own dreamy, meandering music, Trespassers William is a unique force in the music world today. The band's third album "Having" reveals the complex blend of genres and atmospheric sound that has won up their distinctive sound. Trespassers William is made up of Ross Simonini (guitar and keyboards), Anna-Lynne Williams (vocals and guitar), Jamie Williams (vocals and keyboard) and Matt Brown (drums). The band started as a writing team in 1997 in Los Angeles with Anna-Lynne Williams and Brown, and the band released its first album two years later after adding Simonini to the lineup. "Having" is the third full album released by Trespassers William. Their first album was 1999's "Anchor," which was followed up by the U.K. release of 2002's "Different Stars."

**Having**

Trespassers William
Netwerk Records

Recommended tracks: 'What of Me', 'I Don't Mind', 'We Lean In', 'Safe, Sound' and 'Ledge'

Their second album was re-released in 2004 in North America, and this established the band as a new power in music.

While the ambient, folk-tinged music made by Trespassers William may not be immediately recognized by some listeners, it has been featured in numerous films and television shows. Programs like "The O.C." and "Alias" feature the band's music, as have films like "A Love Song for Bobby Long" and "Annapolis." The band's unique name actually comes from a Wimbley the Pugh story called "Piglet and Piglet Go Hunting and Nearly Catch a Wookie." The story reveals that Trespassers William is the name of Piglet's grandfather.

Trespassers William's sound has elements of groups like Mazzy Star and others like Ani DiFranco, to forge their own unique space in the pop landscape. Unlike many albums today that have one identifiable single — and usually little to offer beyond that — "Having" emerges as an album that almost requires being listened to as a whole. Individual songs on the record, while strong, lose something when not part of the album as a whole.

"Having" is a gorgeous, atmospheric album that doesn't immediately impress on first listen, but only grows better with each press of the play button. The meandering quality of the music, along with its hybrid of pop, electronic and folk, separates it from most pop music today. Most of the songs on the album start out slowly and simply, but gradually swell into deeply engaging songs.

But it's not a negative or depressing record. Rather, the album begins with a sense of emptiness and wanting on "Don't Go Tellin' The Whole World" and by it's conclusion on the album's hidden song (a pleasant surprise) the listener feels refreshed.

Gus Black has recorded a true album here — something that wouldn't sound as good on an i-tunes play list. It has nuances between songs adjacent to each other that are only appreciated upon a second listen. The segue between "Fire Escape" and "So Very Young" is a perfect transition between bland arena rock and a mellower acoustic melody. "Fire Escape" has engaging swaths of chords and percussion similar to Blind Melon's "No Rain." The song features a bright chorus that you could picture Dave Matthews jumping for joy to in his free time. But then the listener is given "So Very Young," a song that Black might have carved out while late one night after a club gig in Europe wishing to be home. The outlier among the fifteen tracks is the album's first single "Certain Kind of Light" which is reminiscent of Black's rock roots. It hurts forward with a catchy riff. An obvious lyrical letter to a past lover; the song is a welcome jolt of musical caffeine on an album that murmers and sways at many intervals. "Autumn Days" features performances by longtime Black band members Rocco Billodv and Gianzi Nevisler, as well as Dave Palmer (Fiona Apple) and Sarah Watkins of Nickel Creek. The majority of the folksy acoustic songs clock in at less than three minutes.

In Europe playing gigs around Germany and in the Netherlands.

**Black breaths new life into acoustic community**

*By BOB COSTA  
Scene Critic*

Forget for a moment that there is a plethora of singer-songwriters on the current music scene. From James Blunt to John Mayer and Michael Buble, there seem to be more than enough sensitive guys on long-string's to go around. But amidst the pop sensibilities of the aforementioned solo artists who occupy the upper echelons of the pop-rock charts, larks an artist playing unadorned, and current music scene. From James Blunt to John Mayer and Michael Tolcher, there is an artist, the album plays as a cohesive collection of songs that would be comfortable on an episode of "The O.C.," or in a dim South Bend basement strewn with swaths of chords and percussion with a profound deftness, evoking melancholy at every turn.

But it's not a negative or depressing record. Rather, the album begins with a sense of emptiness and wanting on "Don't Go Tellin' The Whole World" and by it's conclusion on the album's hidden song (a pleasant surprise) the listener feels refreshed. Black breaths new life into acoustic community

**Autumn Days**

Gus Black
Cheap Lullaby

Recommended tracks: 'No Rain', 'Fire Escape', 'So Very Young' and 'Don't Go Tellin' the Whole World'

Gus Black's fourth album "Autumn Days" was recorded in his own apartment. It features his most intimate tracks, and has already gained popularity in Europe.

In and out of consciousness. The inclusion of a strong rhythm section on the album's strongest track "Traffic and Sound" gives the song a Coldplay-like grandeur, soaring from a simple folk song into an epic that Bono probably wishes he wrote.

Black's cover of "Don't Fear the Reaper" was on the soundtrack for the original Scream movie. His songs have been featured in television shows, including Alias, Smallville and One Tree Hill. He played at the South by Southwest Music Festival and spent most of 2005 in Europe playing gigs around Germany and in the Netherlands.

Based on this history, Gus Black seems to be going places.

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Pomerium creates memorable a cappella experience

By SEAN SWEANY
Scene Critic

The Leighton Concert Hall at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts stage set the stage for the melodious evening that was to follow.

After several songs featuring only one of the fourteen member group, all of Pomerium reunited to perform a five part Mass composed by Johannes Ockeghem. Ockeghem was a Belgian composer who is regarded as one of the most important composers of the 15th century. The Mass, entitled “Mass on l’homme armé” combines parts of a Latin Mass with a French song whose name translates to “The man at arms is here.” This unique combination was harmonic and displayed the full vocal range of Pomerium.

Immediately following the sung Mass on l’homme armé, Pomerium sings a sorrowful and haunting song written on the death of the composer Ockeghem. Written by Ockeghem’s pupil, this song served as a plainsong memorial to the passing of the great composer. Pomerium succeeded in expressing the sorrow of the song to their audience through a language barrier.

The second set of the night explored music from the late Renaissance, a time when Botticelli and Leonardo da Vinci were influencing some of the best vocal talent in the country. Composed of soprano, a mezzo-soprano, tenor, counter-tenor and basses, Pomerium can sing a wide variety of songs and has the ability to fill any space with rich, full sound that floats through the air with an almost magical quality.

Pomerium began the concert Tuesday night with works from the early Renaissance, a time when Botticelli and Leonardo da Vinci were influential. The first song was "The man at arms is here,” a song transformed into a also the night’s best, a beautiful “Ave Maria” sung in Latin. The energy and emotion captured in the “Ave” set the stage for the melodious evening that was to follow.

Just like the Easter season, the madrigals and motets involved the events surrounding the upcoming death and resurrection of Jesus.

First, the group sang a set of madrigals, songs usually reserved for two or three voices. The effect of all 14 singers contributing caused the songs to sound more powerful and were richer and fuller than the song usually is.

At the end of the program, the images of European cathedrals began to leave the minds of the audience, but the sound of Pomerium seemed to hang in the air. The Renaissance music proved to be as fresh and enjoyable now as when it was written 500 years ago. The talented a cappella group used this music to serenade the audience and create a truly memorable experience.

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Unlikely duo produces diverse range of musical intrigue

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Associate Scene Editor

Hearing that a band is an organ and drums combo might put most listeners off, but Mates of State manage to take what could be a potentially disastrous combination and create a truly legendary sound.

Mates of State is the husband and wife team of Kori Gardner (organ, singer) and Jason Hammel (drums, singer). While the band started in the Midwest, they eventually moved to San Francisco, Calif., and started playing various venues on the west coast. The band officially started in 2001 when the band members quit their day jobs — a teacher and a cancer researcher respectively — got married, and began touring more heavily.

"Bring It Back" is Mates of State’s fourth full album, following 2003’s "My Solo Project," 2002’s "Our Constant Concern" and 2000’s "Team Fun."

The band’s label, Barsuk Records, is the home of indie rock heavy-weights Built to Spill, Death Cab for Cutie and Nada Surf. The band has toured venues ranging from small clubs to larger festivals like Coachella, which took them to the United States, Europe and Japan.

Mates of State sound is difficult to define. While they are a two-instrument duo, the band manages to vary the sound of their music significantly. Their vocal harmonies are complemented by the drums and the organ, and their music has a generally upbeat feeling.

"Bring It Back" is an undeniably catchy album, but unlike many appealing albums, it becomes more intriguing rather than tiresome with multiple listenings. The album opens with “Thing Long,” which is actually duller and more repetitive than most of the songs on the album, but the songs get better from there. “Fraid in the ‘80s” blends and "Nature and the Wreck” provide a slightly more solemn side to the record as a whole. While the rest of the album is great, Mates of State really leave the best songs on the album for last. The swell of music and voices, coupled with great lyrics, makes "So Many Ways” one of the album’s strongest tracks. "So Many Ways” is followed by "Punchlines,” which defies changes between different melodies and harmonies and builds power that leads to the final track on the album.

"Running Out,” the final song on "Bring It Back,” is by far the album’s strongest piece. The song is longer at nearly seven minutes long, but it exemplifies the sound Mates of State has created. It starts out slowly with a single voice and gradually builds over the length of the track to showcase the harmonies and musical abilities of the band. It is a track that begs for repeated listens, and it manages to be both catchy and complicated simultaneously.

"Bring It Back” emerges as an upbeat album with a host of undeniably appealing songs, and it may just change the way music lovers think about drum and organ duos in the music world.

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NBA

James' triple-deck Bobcats in OT

Magic defeat Knicks; Bulls lose to Pacers

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James hit the first-game-winning shot of his career with 0.9 seconds left in overtime, scoring with 37 points and his ninth career triple-double in the Cleveland Cavaliers' 120-118 victory over the Charlotte Bobcats. The 16th-ranked Cavaliers defeated the 15th-ranked Bobcats 102-90 behind a 35-point output from LeBron James. The match took place in the Quicken Loans Arena on February 20.

Meanwhile, in the NBA, the Chicago Bulls defeated the Milwaukee Bucks 113-107, with LeBron James scoring a career-high 42 points in the game. The match was held on the Bulls' home court, the United Center, in Chicago.

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In Brief

Alford has no plans for job interviews

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Iowa basketball coach Steve Alford said Wednesday he loves the Hawkeyes and has no immediate plans to interview for other coaching jobs.

Earlier this month, Alford was linked in media reports to the top job at Indiana, where he was an All-American and led the Hoosiers to the national title in 1987. Mike Davis announced last month that he would resign at the end of the season, and the job opened after the Hoosiers were eliminated from the NCAA tournament Saturday.

"I'm the head coach at Iowa," Alford said in a statement. "I'm flattered with the interest and the recognition of the outstanding season we had this year. With that success, comes attention and speculation I cannot control. I have not scheduled any interviews with any other institutions."

NFL to reevaluate penalty rules at league meetings

NEW YORK — The NFL is satisfied with its officiating but concerned that high-profile errors in the playoffs and Super Bowl left a bad impression.

So beginning next week at league meetings in Orlando, Fla., it will tweak a few rules, dealing mostly with player safety, offensive holding and false starts.

"Because of the magnitude of the games, there's an indictment of the system," Atlanta general manager Rich McKay, co-chairman of the league's competition committee, said Wednesday during a conference call. "The committee also includes Indianapolis Colts president Bill Polian.

The main topic will be the first steps in choosing a successor to Paul Tagliabue. The commissioner will appoint a committee Monday to begin the process.

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Associated Press

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Around the Dial

MLB Spring Training

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NBA

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Philadelphia, which earned its third consecutive road win over the Rangers this season, remains. New York will play 13 more.

"We have to make sure we're playing our best hockey," Forberg said. "Every game is big now. We've just got to make sure we get better and better."

Jagr, the NHL leader with 49 goals and 104 points, scored twice in the first period to give the Rangers two leads. His second-period goal cut the deficit to 4-3 and gave him 15 career hat tricks, three this season.

Hurricanes 4, Sabres 3

Justin Williams hardly celebrated when he scored Carolina's fourth goal in a game that seemed destined to become a rout against Buffalo.

"It was definitely a big momentum changer," he said.

The Flyers beat the last-place Sabres, courtesy of the same player's game-winning goal in the first period Wednesday in a 4-2 win over Minnesota.

Dallas won 13-2-1 in Minnesota this year, including a five-game winning streak.

"I don't get in that situation very often," Klemm said. "I was happy being the first to get the game-winner, but I guess we needed it." Williams, who also played in the meeting between two of the Eastern Conference's elite teams. "It was two points and we'll get the heck out of here."

Brian Lasho's power-play goal had given Minnesota a 2-1 lead at 15:53 of the second period.

But Lasho's goal drew Dallas even at 3-3 at 5:26 of the final period while the Stars skated 5-on-3, matching their club record for comebacks.

And so was the damage Dallas inflicted on the long power play. Turco made 37 saves to lead Florida to its first four-game winning streak of the season.

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**Soccer**

**Germans beat US 4-1 in exhibition**

**American team plays without half of starters**

Associated Press

DORTMUND, Germany — When German players left the field at halftime, their game against the United States scoreless, fans booed and whistled.

Then Germany scored 21 seconds into the second half and romped to a 4-1 victory that relieved some of the pressure on the World Cup hosts, and did little to inspire confidence in the U.S. team.

"What this game proves is who can play at this level and who can't," U.S. goalkeeper Kasey Keller said.

The Americans were missing about half their projected World Cup starting lineup because of injuries and club commitments, and they dropped to 0-9 in Europe against the major soccer powers of Germany, England, Italy, France and Spain. They've been outscored 26-4 in those games.

For the United States, which allowed four goals for the first time since a 4-2 loss at Germany four years ago, it was the last warmup against a World Cup qualifier before their tournament opener June 12 against the Czech Republic.

The Americans' remaining exhibition games are at home against Jamaica, Morocco, Venezuela and Latvia.

"I don't think too many players played themselves onto our World Cup roster tonight, to be honest with you," coach Bruce Arena said.

**MLB**

**Book confirms Bonds' steroid ties**

Giambi, Sheffield also named in allegation

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds tried to keep his name out of the BALCO scandal, sending his lawyer to meetings with company representatives to ask for protection, according to a new book.

"Game of Shadows" also details how Jason Giambi turned to performance-enhancing drugs because the Yankee first baseman felt pressured to please his perfectionist father, and made contact with Bonds' trainer to inquire what he was doing "to keep Bonds playing at such a high level."

And Gary Sheffield, Giambi's Yankee teammate who admitted he took steroids but did so unknowingly, had developed a relationship with Bonds' trainer and continued to use him as a source for other performance-enhancers — such as injectable testosterone and a human growth hormone — the authors wrote.

Bonds used a vast array of performance-enhancing drugs — steroids, human growth hormone, insulin — for at least five seasons beginning in 1998, according to the book, written by two San Francisco Chronicle reporters. Excerpts from the book, scheduled for release Thursday, were released earlier this month.

The book quotes Bay Area Laboratory Co-operative defense lawyer Troy Ellerman as saying Bonds tried to shield himself from the unfolding BALCO scandal. Ellerman said attorneys from the supplement company met "three or four times" with Michael Rains, an attorney for Bonds.

"There wasn't any payment involved, there weren't any threats, there wasn't any quid pro quo, but he made it very clear that Barry would appreciate it if we kept him out of it. And we had several discussions about how Mike Rains knew what the score was — and that is that he knew Barry was using," Ellerman said in the book.

"Shadows" also claims that BALCO founder Victor Conte encouraged clients to keep quiet and claim they were taking flaxseed oil if asked by authorities about their use of a designer steroid known as "the clear," among the designer steroids distributed by BALCO that were said to be undetectable.

Bonds reportedly told a grand jury investigating BALCO in 2003 that he never knowingly used steroids, claiming his trainer had given him what he thought was flaxseed oil and arthritis balm. Bonds didn't acknowledge reporters while getting dressed for the Giants' exhibition game against the Los Angeles Angels on Wednesday night.

The book claims BALCO's performance-enhancing drugs were used by several other athletes, including track stars Marion Jones and Tim Montgomery; NFL players including Bill Romanowski, and Sheffield.

The authors say Bonds' trainer, "Greg Anderson, put Sheffield on injectable testosterone and a human growth hormone in 2002, and also sold him the "cream" and the "clear." Sheffield has admitted that he used a cream two years ago but said he did not know that it contained illegal steroids.

According to the book, Sheffield — who started training with Rains following the 2001 season — wanted to keep getting designer steroids from Anderson, even after the two sluggers had a falling out.

On Wednesday in Tampa, Sheffield denied using the drugs mentioned in the book.

"What can I do? I'm not going to defend myself my whole life," he said. "It doesn't matter to me. I don't have anything to say. No need to. It is what it is."

Giambi, the 2000 American League MVP when he played with Oakland, developed a relationship with Anderson during a baseball exhibition trip to Japan in 2002, by which time he had signed with the Yankees, according to the book.

The book said Giambi wanted to learn "what was Anderson doing to keep Bonds playing at such a high level. Could Anderson help Giambi, too?"

It said Giambi wanted to succeed at baseball in part because of a perfectionist father who loved the sport.

"I have nothing to say. I haven't seen it," Giambi said at a New York Yankees camp in Tampa, Fla., last month.

The book alleges that Giambi later flew to Bay Area and met Anderson at a gym, and that the pair went to the hospital to have Giambi's blood drawn and take a "blood and urine sample to BALCO."

The book said Giambi tested positive for Deca-Durabolin, and that Anderson advised the slugger he would fail baseball's new drug test, which was starting in the upcoming season.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Offense leads to early success

Team looks to improve with new head coach

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's hopes to erase the memories of a poor 2005 campaign on the shoulders of its freshmen and seniors, as well as a new head coach.

And early in the season, the team has succeeded. The team welcomes seven new players, while also returning seven experienced upperclassmen.

Belles first-year coach Elizabeth Sullivan has worked Saint Mary's into a formidable team. The squad trained hard in the preseason, especially at the plate, and went 7-3 at a five-day tournament in Fort Myers, Fla. during spring break.

"We've really worked on our hitting," Sullivan said. "We want to be a force at the plate. I want teams to worry about throwing us any pitch near the strike zone because we will drive whatever they throw at us."

Sullivan said the Belles will count on seniors Audrey Gajor, Bridget Grail and Meghan Marenkovic to lead the Belles back to their 2004 MIAA championship form. All three seniors were present when the Belles captured their first ever conference title two years ago.

Grail said the seniors took the responsibility of helping the rest of the squad through the coaching change.

"We took it upon ourselves to make the rest of the team adjusted [to Sullivan]," Grail said.

Sullivan said these three know what it takes to win a tournament championship and will contribute greatly to Saint Mary's success this season.

The freshman class has also contributed to the Belles' hot start. Freshman pitchers Kristin Amram and Calli Davison threw back-to-back no-hitters on the fourth day of the tournament last week.

"We have a great freshman class," Grail said. "They blend right in with the team. You really can't see a class difference any more."

But perhaps the strongest feature of the freshman class is its versatility. With three players capable of playing two different positions—Martha Smid at both catcher and outfield, Davison at pitcher and outfield and Ashley Fusaro at catcher and third-base—the Belles possess the flexibility to change as Sullivan sees fit.

Davison has thrived at the plate and on the mound, blasting a home run during her no-hitter game.

"What's so great about this freshman group is the variety they bring to our team," Sullivan said.

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KELLY HIGGINS

Saint Mary's outfielder Audrey Gajor catches a fly ball in a 12-4 loss to Olivet April 26, 2005.

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Do I have to believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist to be Catholic?

The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist is one of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith and is essential to a true and full understanding of the Sacrament of the Eucharist, or Holy Communion. Divine Revelation, as contained within Scripture and Tradition, has always testified to the belief in Christ's real, literal, physical presence in the Eucharist. Bread and wine are no more; Body and Blood are all that exist. The synoptic Gospels record Jesus' words at the Last Supper: "This is my body...this is my blood" (Matt 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20). For over 1500 years, all of Christendom believed Christ was speaking literally here, having mystically transformed the bread and wine before Him into His very Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, and then commanding all who followed after to do likewise "in remembrance of me" (1 Cor 11:24-25). Aramaic, Jesus' native language, included over 30 different words that could have been used to mean "represents" or "symbolizes," so Jesus could have easily used one of these to explain himself if He had intended any interpretation other than the literal. However, He did not do so.

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### Hawaii

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way we played this week." King said. "It would have been nice to finish ahead of a team that was ranked higher than us, like LSU, but overall I think we did very well." The Irish headed into Wednesday's third and final round leading LSU by nine strokes. But the Tigers shot a 293 — beating Notre Dame's 303 — giving LSU the third place finish. Despite Notre Dame's inability to maintain its lead, the strong overall performance was very important for a squad that had been struggling. "We played a heck of a lot better than we had been playing," said King. King said of the Hawaii event. King wanted Notre Dame to record a round under 301.5, the team average during the fall season. The Irish finished the first round with a 299. The team then continued the steady play with a 304 and a 303 in the final two days on the course. Notre Dame junior Noriko Nakazaki placed seventh overall with an eight-over 223 in her fifth top-ten finish of the season. Irish senior Suzie Hayes tied for the team high with a 304 and a 303 in the top five overall scores were recorded by Lady Vols golfers. Despite Notre Dame's inability to maintain its lead, the strong overall performance was very important for a squad that had been struggling. "We played a heck of a lot better than we had been playing," said head coach Joe Piane. Sprinting coach John Millar stressed the significance of attaining qualifying scores early in the season. "We don't want to have to be chasing certain marks every week. If we qualify now, we can concentrate on individual goals for the rest of the season," the assistant coach stated. Millar also said this meet will be more conducive to good performances by the Irish than Cal Poly. "The weather should be a lot better than it was last week and the competition will definitely be stronger," he said. Arizona, Kansas State, New Mexico, San Diego State, and Wyoming will be competing in Tuscon. Among those looking to post qualifying marks in Arizona are the three Notre Dame throwers that will be competing. Senior discus thrower Meghan Hora, junior discus thrower Garet Koxlien, and sophomore hammer thrower Kyle Allen are all hoping to pick up distances worthy of NCAA Mideast Regional berths. Overall, everyone performed very good last week. "I'm hopeful that those three can get it done this week," throwers coach B.J. Linnebrink said. Millar said he felt the team competed well at the Cal Poly Invitational, but he added that the team should not simply be content with its initial output. "We're always looking to improve," Millar said. "Across the board, everyone should be trying to get better." Contact Fran Tolan at ftolan@nd.edu

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year.
"Right now it's kind of where we were towards the end or the middle of spring ball last year," Irish wide receiver Jeff Samardzija said. "We're coming out, we're starting fresh with installation and stuff. But right now we're out there playing as a group and I think everyone has that concept down, every one's putting it on each other to do their part."

Samardzija, who will attend six of the spring's 15 practices as he splits time on the baseball team, emphasized the effect of ending the season with a loss.

"You can look at the bowl game where we went out and lost our last game of the season which is, I bet you what, the guys in the locker room were looking at," Samardzija said. "They're not looking at how many catches or how many pancakes blocks they had out on the field, they're looking at that last game we lost."

Walker said spring workouts offer players an opportunity to improve their games on an individual basis.

"You've got to understand that you've got to get stronger and faster for the season," Walker said. "I think that's the main goal of the offseason, getting better at what you do ... doing the necessary things that will help you."

The first day of practice was held without pads as players became used to being on the field once again.

"We're starting to form together," Irish quarterback Brady Quinn said. "But at the same time, we looked kind of rusty, plus it's kind of hard to tell without pads on, to be honest."

Quinn said one problem with spring practice was the limited number of reps, especially for experienced players. Spring football allows coaches to get a better look at players who saw limited time during the fall.

Although he is also in the middle of Notre Dame's baseball season, Samardzija was excited to be back on the football field.

"I thought we looked good," Samardzija said. "I thought our defense was flying around out there making it tough on the offense the first day. You know the defensive guys are going to come out, it doesn't matter what kind of pads you have on, they're going to do what they do."

His career as a dual-sport athlete means he receives more scrutiny as far as preparation for the season. But Samardzija said he "surprised himself" as far as cuts and other offensive drills.

Another player under scrutiny is Rhema McKnight, who received a medial red-shirt after sustaining an injury against Michigan Sept. 10, and hopes to play a fifth year. In his first practice, he said he was not yet 100 percent but was excited to get back on the field.

"I've still got to get that mental aspect out of the way," McKnight said of his injury. "As soon as we start hitting, hopefully I'll come a long way."

The team is looking to build on its team success as well as the spring. Although the first game isn't until Sept. 2, Quinn said he has high expectations for the team already.

"With the guys we have coming back and obviously our coaching staff and kind of the foundation we've laid last year for ourselves, our goal is to do it big, win every one," Quinn said.

Notes:
- While Weis named eight players looking to return after graduation at his press conference Tuesday, none of have yet applied for a fifth year. Their eligibility will be determined by the Faculty Board of Athletics.
- Derek Landri, Chris Frome, Mike Richardson, Dan Santucci, Bobby Burton, Brian Mattes, Rhema McKnight and Marcus Freeman are the eight players who are hoping to return for their fifth years.

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FOOTBALL

Opening hits

Irish open second spring under head coach Charlie Weis with Wednesday practice at Loftus

By KATE GALES
American Sports Editor

After a Fiesta Bowl loss and a long off-season of strength and conditioning workouts, Notre Dame returned to the practice field for the first time yesterday to begin spring camp.

"Naturally, coming out on the first day, you’re going to be a little rusty," Irish running back Darius Walker said. "You’ve got to get the butterflies and the kinks and things out, but I think as a team our morale is up. We’re definitely excited about coming in.

The team spent much of spring 2005 adjusting to a new coaching staff and learning the style and schemes of their new head coach Charlie Weis after the firing of former coach Tyrone Willingham. This year, however, players found motivation in the loss to Ohio State on Jan. 2 and in higher expectations for next NCAA meet today

Bulfin becomes second Irish diver to qualify for national finals

By TIM KAISER
Sports Writer

Freshman to compete in NCAA meet today

Bulfin, who is just the third Notre Dame athlete all-time to earn a spot at the NCAA Combined Events meet today and tomorrow at Georgia Tech University, is looking to compete in the one-meter dive today and the three-meter dive tomorrow. The two other Irish athletes to make national finals were swimmer Tim Kegelman in 2005, and diver Bob Ebel in 1975.

While Bulfin was named All-Big East in the one-meter dive, based on his third place conference finish, it was his performance in the three-meter dive that got him a trip to Atlanta.

Bulfin finished an unexpect ed fourth at the Zone C NCAA Regional meets March 10 with 634.40 points to qualify for the NCAA National Championships.

"We were surprised and delighted. He was outstanding," head swimming coach Tim Welsh said. "We were really happy, it was a complete surprise. We expected him to do well, but we didn’t expect to qualify."

Welsh said that Bulfin’s performance this year has been impressive, but what makes it all the more outstanding is that it is his first year on the team.

"His improvement this year was very dramatic."