Week to address sexual violence

Task force tries to raise male awareness of issue

By KAITLYNN RIELY

The members of a new task force, Men Against Violence (MAV) have decided the male population of Notre Dame can no longer ignore passively criticism from women about rape and sexual assault — and to address this concern, they are leading an initiative to encourage men to take a proactive stance against sexual violence.

The MAV, a task force that originated within the Gender Relations

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SMC tuition increase to grow for 2006-07

Students express dissatisfaction with rising tuition bill; College credits inflation

LAURA BAUMGARTNER

As costs and inflation continue to rise, tuition increases will once again lighten Saint Mary’s students’ pockets next year.

The March 21 announcement of a planned five percent increase in tuition and which three percent increase in room and board at the College has raised concern among students across campus.

The Board of Trustees considered the proposed increase at meetings on Feb. 23 and 24, and voted to approve a greater change in tuition than it originally planned. The average cost of attendance for a resident student will rise from $32,538 this year to $34,005 next year.

“A three-percent increase in the room and board rate is the amount used in the multi-year projections we utilize as part of our planning process,” Vice President of Finance and Administration Laurie Stickelmair said. “We had originally projected a four percent increase in tuition, but substantial increases in utilities and benefits costs last year moved the Board to approve an increase of five percent.”

Though some students are concerned about the increasing cost of attending Saint Mary’s, Stickelmair said rising inflation rates and expenses incurred by the College have rendered the increase inevitable.

“Saint Mary’s, like colleges and universities across the country, raises tuition and fees in an effort to keep pace with inflation and stay operationally strong,” Stickelmair said.

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Professor lectures on moral disagreement, Natural Law

By BECKY HOGAN

Renowned Notre Dame philosophy professor Alasdair MacIntyre lectured Monday as part of the “Scholar in the Classroom” series.

MacIntyre is recognized internationally for his contributions to moral philosophy. His published books include “After Virtue,” “Whose Justice? Which Rationality?,” “Three Rival Versions of Moral Inquiry,” and “Dependent Rational Animals.” He has also taught at Oxford, Princeton, Duke and Vanderbilt.

The lecture — “Moral Disagreement” — was part of the Scholastic Foundations of Christianity lecture series sponsored by the Kanel Center for Teaching and Learning.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Potty Training 101

You can stop searching through your course schedule; this is not a class that is being offered next semester as an easy "A." Not yet at least. In case some of you failed to realize, I would like to point something out.

Laura Baumgartner
Wire Editor

GET OUT THERE and use your newfound self control. This is not necessarily those of The Observer. We aren't going to clear this situation up early. Yes, some of you will seat.

Remember the key concepts and then class will be tested later so if you feel it is necessary please take notes.

Lesson One: Keeping Your Business Where Your Business Belongs. Now, you might think that since we are college students that by this stage of our lives we would fully understand the purpose of toilets and urinals. The evidence we leave behind however, could lead people to believe otherwise.

This lesson is a simple one, but you will be tested later so feel it is necessary please take notes.

First, there is only one place to go number two — this does not seem like common sense, but believe me for some people this concept is still a mystery — and that place is in the toilet. That's right, I said IN the toilet, not near the toilet on the floor, or on the toilet seat, but actually IN the toilet. And after that you flush. But, let's not get ahead of ourselves here — flushing is a later lesson.

Second, number one also belongs in the toilet. Little dribbles on the seat will result in a lowering of your grade. Thirdly, in the bathroom for a reason, cramp some up (unless you're a folder, then by all means fold it and put it to good use. No one likes a wet seat.

Lesson Two: These Aren't Bedpans, They Do Actually Flush. There has been some confusion around campus about this subject, so we are going to clear this situation up early. Yes, some of these things are old and given the power of a Flush-o-matic 2006, but that shiny silver handle-like object on the toilet wall is not a bedpan. The handle has a purpose. It's not just there to make the toilet look good. Without it, we may require more than one push, the little guys can get the job done and remove any unsightly material that might be occupying the bowl.

Well, we're running short on time here and I don't want to overwhelm anyone on the first day. Quick review of the key concepts and then class will be dismissed. Remember the key concepts here are "in the toilet" and "flushed.

Practice makes perfect, people, so get out there and use your newfound knowledge.

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, the headline "Changes to CRW" policy spark student reaction" in the March 24 sidebar of "The Observer" was inaccurate. The policy has not changed this year. Due to a reporting error, the same article states student did not receive grant for a sum of $50 percent of the proposed budget without mentioning this error. 10 high and high mean proposals were awarded 72 percent of their proposed budget. The Observer regrets the error.

IN BRIEF

Harvard University professor Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "A Midwife's Tale" will be giving a lecture on why "Well-Behaved Women Seldom Make History." The event is 4:30 p.m. in room 232 of the Moreau Center for the Arts.

O'Neill Hall will host the "O'Neill Spotlight" — a faceoff with McGlinn — Thursday at 8 p.m. The event will feature singers, comedians and dancers from O'Neill as well as karaoke and free food.

Saint Mary's seniors Emily Fannon, Samantha Wolfe, Amanda Caddy and Amber Painter will host a senior comprehe nsion art gallery opening Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 in the Moreau Art Galleries in the Moreau Center for the Arts. The event is free and the public is welcome to attend.

Famed Notre Dame head football coach Lou Holtz will give a lecture on "Catholicism and Competition" Friday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 in the Sisgan Center. The event is sponsored by Student Government as part of the Catholic Think Tank of America Lecture Series. Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students must present student ID at the door for admittance.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about event to obnews@slmd.edu.
NEW OFFICERS TAKE OVER

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Student government officers said goodbye to senior leaders and welcomed fresh faces at the Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) meeting Monday night at the second floor of the Student Center. The transition meeting took place with all members of the old BOG board present so the new board could get a better understanding for how the meetings operate. student body president Kelly Miros said: "This is a little bit different than normal, but you guys get the idea," Miros said. Student body president-elect and current student body vice president Susan McElcaff introduced the new board members who will officially take their position at next week's meeting. McElcaff and vice president-elect Maggie Sfertit have appointed 16 of the 23 board members, seven of whom they introduced at the meeting. These board members will be presiding along with Sfertit over the BOG meetings during the 2006-07 school year. After introducing the new board members, current Residence Hall Association president Patrick Cahill was introduced. He then opened the floor to suggestions as to how the Baron administration could have done a better job running student government. Representatives praised the administration's progress and offered suggestions to improve relations with the entire student body in the face of increasing apathy. Topics of discussion included ideas for improved campus stencil notes, a general student homepage with links to all aspects of student government and programming and more open student government meetings in order to increase student input.

GROUP CONCENTRATES ON TRANSITION

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL
News Writer

At the final Council of Representatives (COR) run by the current student government administration Monday night on the second floor of LaFortune, members discussed the year's operations and approved a number of key council members for next year's term. The meeting focused on transition, as COR members evaluated this year's progress and planned for the student government turnover April 1. Student body president Dave Baron thanked council members for their time and effort, and cited the difference COR has made this year in student government, particularly in the area of community relations. He then opened the floor to suggestions as to how the Baron administration could have done a better job running student government. Representatives praised the administration's progress and offered suggestions to improve relations with the entire student body in the face of increasing apathy. Topics of discussion included ideas for improved campus stencil notes, a general student homepage with links to all aspects of student government and programming and more open student government meetings in order to increase student input. President-elect Lizzi Shappell said increasing student participation by holding posted student government meetings is a central part of her platform. She said students could expect to see this in the upcoming year. The group made administrative progress by approving nominees and discussing their plans for the upcoming administration. Patrick Vassell, confirmed as Student Union Board (SUSB) Marketing Manager, plans to increase the participation of the hall representatives who are a relatively recent addition to SUSB. Beth Melia, Agus Calmarini and BethAnn Vinceloga were confirmed as co-director of programming, director of operations and director of publicity, respectively, for SUSB executive board 2006-2007. In a prepared statement, Judicial Council president-elect Liz Kozlow said she intends to improve the peer advocacy program and initiate a get-out-the-vote campaign. Campus voter participation is approximately 50 percent, she said, and she proposed a number of initiatives with the goal of 67 percent participation in the next election.

Chris Harris was approved as an academic delegate. He said he plans to continue work on teacher course evaluations. Harris said the committee has worked with the administration for a portion of the evaluations to be available for all Notre Dame students to view. "Basically, there will be about six multiple choice questions sometime in the next academic year added to the teacher course evaluations," Harris said. "All students will be able to access the results online." In addition, Catherine Martinez was confirmed as Student Union Secretary, and Chris Muller and Kadeja Gaines will be assistant Student Union Treasurers for the upcoming year.

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occurred in a Notre Dame resi­
dence hall early Saturday morn­
ing. But he could not confirm
whether this case was the same as
or related to the one reported by
the Saint Mary’s student.
When asked whether the cases

could be related, Johnson said
NDSP did not use school affili­
ations as classifications in police
reports.
He said only one alleged sexual
assault was reported to NDSP last
weekend.
In the case under investigation
by NDSP, Johnson said the alleged
victim knew the alleged perpetra­
tor.
Johnson said he could not pro­
vide any further information and
said the case was undergoing fur­
ther investigation.
On the March 25 NDSP crime
blotter, an entry was made at 6:10
p.m. regarding a “sex offense” inci­
dent involving “deviate con­
duct” that occurred in Zahm Hall
between 2:30 a.m. and 9 a.m.
Saturday morning.
Johnson could not confirm
whether this was either the
alleged sexual assault case under
investigation or the alleged inci­
dent reported by the Saint Mary’s
student, but again said NDSP
received only one report of an
alleged sexual assault last week­
end.
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About Dating and Other Stuff” is an
educational play

Real Life, Funny, Sort-of Improv

first event to take place in
Hall. The second will take place
Thursday, March 30 in various
residence halls.
The videos uses childhood tele­
vision shows to “assess how we
may have been exposed to gen­
der stereotypes and sexual
assault in our favorite pro­
grams,” Shappell said.
Shappell said those interested
in watching the video should
talk to their hall president for
more information about show­
ings.
In addition to specific events,
Sexual Assault Awareness Week
is related to the launch of the
newly created Men Against
Violence (MAV) group, a Gender
Relations Committee (GRC) task
force composed of men commit­
ted to ending sexual violence and
domestic abuse.
“Student Government Sexual
Assault Awareness Week has
brought together the Student
Senate Gender Relations
Committee and the Gender
Relations Center (GRC), in addi­
tion to many generous sponsors,
to offer programs and aware­
ness campaigns,” Shappell said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Raid stifles Iraqi government talks

BEIRUT — Iraqi political leaders in the United States and halted negotiations on a new government Monday after a military assault killed 13 people in what they claim was a mosque. Fresh violence erupted in the north, with 40 killed in a suicide bombing.

The first strike against Shiites since Wednesday's raid in northeast Baghdad will likely make it harder for Shiite politicians to keep a lid on their more angry followers as sectarian violence boils over, with at least 130 dead since Sunday.

A unity government involving Shitites, Sunnis and Kurds is a benchmark for American hopes of staunching the insurgency.

The U.S. military said in a statement that "no mosques were entered or damaged during this operation." It said the raid targeted a building which "may have been a replacement for a new body, ending a 60-year history in which one of the world's worst offenders was removed in a campaign to prevent another from condemnation.

Pervez Ahmed, a Pakistani-American Muslim, was shot dead outside his home in the Washington suburb of Bethesda, Maryland.

Afghan convert evades death penalty

Afghanistan convert evades death penalty for converting from Islam to Christianity has appealed for asylum in another country.

The convert was found guilty of apostasy, or departing from his Muslim faith, in December. Under Afghan law, apostasy is punishable by death.

The man, who said he was being freed, said he was being held in a prison cell in the northeastern province of Jizzakh. The government said he was being held in a mental hospital.

Disguised mother abducts children

A mother, disguised as a man, was arrested in Roanoke Rapids, N.C., after escaping with her son from a locked car.

Shellie White, 30, said it was all a misunderstanding, claiming in a jail interview with The Associated Press that she never tried to hide her identity or change her appearance.

White was arrested in Roanoke Rapids, Friday, more than two years after she allegedly took her children from Arizona when they were 3 and 5. Investigators said she and another woman were living together as the children's father and mother.

LOCAL NEWS

Survey finds sex education lacking

WASHINGTON — A national survey commissioned by the Get Real, Indiana! and the National Education Association found that sex education is lacking in America's schools.

Some 400 high school students were surveyed by researchers who found that only 15% of the students had heard of any form of sex education.

The survey, conducted by the National School Board Association, found that 60% of the students believed that they were not receiving adequate sex education.

One exception was Saudi Arabia, speaking for the Asian group of countries, which vowed to continue the "campaign against foreign occupation and its implications in the occupied Palestinian territories, the Syrian Golan and south Lebanon."

Israel's ambassador in Geneva told the Associated Press his country would support the new council, even though it had voted against the U.S. with its creation two weeks ago.

Many advocacy groups, however, were uncertain if they left a forum where they condemned great attention, sometimes for issues largely ignored in their home countries.

Moissaou reveals failed 9/11 plans

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Al-Qaeda conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui testified Monday that he and would-be shoe bomber Richard Reid were supposed to hijack a fifth airplane on Sept. 11, 2001, and fly it into the White House.

Moussaoui's testimony, which on its own behalf stunned the courtroom. His account was in stark contrast to his previous testimony, in which he said the White House attack was to come later in the day. Reid was among 194 Americans shot to nearly preserve terrorist convictions.

On Dec. 22, 2001, Reid was subdued by passengers when he attempted to detonate a bomb in his shoe aboard American Airlines Flight 63 from Paris to Miami. The plane was diverted to Boston, where it landed safely.

Moussaoui told the court he knew the World Trade Center attack was coming and he lied to investigators when arrested in August 2001 because he wanted it to happen.

"You lied because you wanted to conceal that you were a member of al-Qaeda?" prosecutor Rob Spencer asked.

"That's correct," Moussaoui said. Spencer: You lied so the plan could go forward?" Moussaoui: "That's correct."

The exchange could be to the government's case that the attacks might have been averted if Moussaoui had been more cooperative following his arrest.

Moussaoui told the court he knew the attacks were to take place some time after August 2001 and bought a radio so he could hear them unfold.

Specifically, he said he knew the World Trade Center was going to be attacked, but he asserted he was not involved in that part of the plot and didn't know the details.

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Despite the logic behind the increase, online campus forums have been flooded with unsatisfied student reactions spurring debates about the reasons for and necessity of the decision.

"It can be understood, to a degree, why increases are made," sophomore Mary Catanesi said. "But it is faulty policy given the economic climate, for students to hear the brunt of increased administrative expenditures, some of which may be questionable in validity."

While students recognize the influence of economic changes on the cost of attending college, sophomore Erin Scott said the reality of student loans and the incurred debt many students face after graduation has created a negative perception of rising costs.

"Scott doesn't understand why the tuition increase is so large each year," he said. "I am faced with the very real prospect of quite a bit of debt," Scott said. "The current issue of rising tuition costs does absolutely nothing to ease my worries."

Questions have also been raised about the effect the increase will have on enrollment and the diversity of students who will consider Saint Mary's an option — something the College has struggled with in recent years.

Senior Stephanie Mason said tuition increases are nothing foreign to her, as they have occurred annually since her freshman year. She expressed concern, however, that the most recent change will be taking it too far.

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"Based on a recent analysis, the average tuition increase for selected private institutions last year was 6.2 to 6.4 percent. The Saint Mary's tuition increase is also significantly below the rate of increase at many public colleges across the country, which can reach the double digits."

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Rakoczy, director of the Gender Relations Center; student body president Dave Baron; student body vice president Lizzi Shappell in April.

Men are often uncomfortable talking about violence against women in the manner in which it is usually presented, Chapeaux said.

"The issues have always been approached from a woman's approach — women telling men what's right and what's wrong," he said.

Rakoczy said the use of male leadership could be instrumental in decreasing the incidence of rape and sexual assault.

"Women have been doing this work ... since the women's movement in the '70s ... but when it comes down to it, men are the ones who hold the special power in this culture," she said. "In order for the violence to actually end, it requires men and women collaborating together."

Chapeaux said men need to take the initiative to prevent assault.

"Some of what society has accepted of them, has told them what it means to be a man, isn't truly what it means to be a man," he said.

Baron, who played an active role in founding MAV, said he hopes the group can facilitate future discussion about what it means to be a man at Notre Dame.

"It is readily apparent that there is a ... Notre Dame male identity," he said. "There are very good things about it but also very destructive things."

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Center has put posters up around campus that show campus leaders committed to ending violence for Sexual Assault Awareness Week. Graduate student Alex Chapeaux, founding member and co-advicer of MAV, sat outside South Dining Hall Sunday night to encourage men to sign the pledge against rape and other violence.

The pledge campaign will continue at both dining halls through Tuesday night.

"Our main goal is to ... educate men and to redefine masculinity in a positive way," he said.

The idea to organize a task force featuring men talking to other men about sexual assault grew out of a conference at DePaul University attended by Heather

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**Market Recap**

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**Business**

**In Brief**

**Biomet CEO resigns, stays consultant**

CHICAGO — Biomet Inc. said Monday that Dan Miller, 60, will remain a Biomet director and will serve as a consultant. He is one of Biomet's four founders and has been president, CEO and a director since the company's formation in 1977. Hahn, 50, has been with Biomet since 1989 as an officer and director.

**Metals soar amid silver trade rumors**

NEW YORK—Silver rose to a new 19-year high Monday, prompting a rise in other precious metals as buyers pored amid a co mmission of anticipated final approval for a silver exchange-traded fund.

**The Observer**

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**Techs build rural data centers**

Microsoft and Yahoo to move into farmlands for increased online storage space

**Associated Press**

"Quincy, Wash. — In the heart of potato country, a high-tech boom is taking place. Technologies giants Microsoft Corp. and Yahoo Inc. are planning large, massive data storage centers amid the open fields and farmland of rural central Washington."

**Curt Morris, Port of Quincy board president, stands on a bluff overlooking a new residential development on the banks of the Columbia River west of Quincy, Wash.**

**Zurich American settles fraud suit**

ALBANY, N.Y. — Thousands of companies and governments nationwide that bought railway equipment through a broker expecting the lowest prices will share in the proceeds from a $135 million settlement over bid-rigging and price-fixing, a scheme involving Zurich American Insurance Co.

**Associated Press**

"Zurich will also disclose more about its transactions. "With our significantly enhanced compliance structure, and our companywide commitment to ethical behavior and outstanding service, we have in place standards that promote the best interests of our customers, agents, brokers and Zurich," said Zurich Financial CEO James Schiro."

"Zurich will also adopt reforms. Among them, will be an end to "contingent commissions" in excess casualty insurance, the line of business that Spitzer said.Producers who failed to stop paying contingent commissions on other products if 65 percent of the industry drops the fees that Spitzer said can cause conflicts of interest that hurt consumers. Zurich will also disclose more about its transactions."

"Zurich's willingness to acknowledge problems, adopt reforms and provide appropriate compensation to customers will help the company move forward to help promote full and fair competition in the insurance industry," Spitzer said.

"Zurich was one of the companies involved in insurance bid-rigging scheme that used phony bids to fool customers into choosing a pre-determined company within the scheme. The scheme eventually produced all participants with stored contracts and prices not determined by a free market."

"Zurich and the other companies involved in insurance bid-rigging and price fixing as well as hidden commissions."

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Jim Hendrix's stunning and unorthodox version of 'The Star Spangled Banner' is rife with truth and beauty concerning the nature of existence. It is particularly poignant for the times in which we live, and indeed offers much knowledge about statecraft and power for any age. Hendrix's version, although made famous by his Aug. 18, 1969 Woodstock performance, was a concert staple as far back as the fall of 1960 and was played into the summer of 1970. The song was symbolic of the entire spirit of the age and generation. Jimi's 'Star Spangled Banner' is a maelstrom of sonic power that instantly grips the listener with shrilly-sustained notes, wailing feedback, and loud distortion. The terrible sounds of war are reproduced by Hendrix's guitar, and his genius. One can hear Jimi's Stratocaster belting out the simulated sounds of guns and bombs whistling through the air — indeed a skill Hendrix would later perfect in the song 'Machine Gun.' As I once heard a Jimi Hendrix described, it seems to be a hulking behemoth that appears to be collapsing under its own burden.

The state of American society was reflected in Hendrix's song. The nation was torn apart by civil unrest and the Vietnam War, America, like the great dying beast that is Jimi's rendition, seemed to be falling apart at the seams due to her own exertions. This was a quite apt critique of the times and indeed, had change not occurred, America very well might have fallen into chaos. What makes Jimi's song a more apt criticism is that he did not intend for it to be a political statement. During his appearance on the Dick Cavett Show, Jimi responded to being pressed about the nature of his song by stating, "I thought it was beautiful."

The song was a manifestation and interpretation of the spirit flowing through the air. It was spontaneous and real, as such, it contains an honest interpretation of this spirit, whether Jimi intended it or not.

America changed so that the spirit embodied in the apocalyptic version was not born out, and society stabilized. It would do Americans well to listen carefully to Jimi's version now, as America is heading down a similar path of discord and unrest. The state of affairs has not yet plunged Americans into the same level of discontent that was present in the late-1960s, but things are clearly progressing towards that end. American foreign policy has become increasingly aggressive and arrogant. The religious right is making an attack upon the secular nature of our government, which our Deist founders determined to be an essential part of the republic. Civil liberties are being eroded in the name of national security, and we are growing for many. Many others buy into our government's policy, which makes a culture clash more than imminent.

The essential problem that confronts us is power. America is the strongest nation in the world, and this has begun to play with our leaders. We understand that we can vent our strength more effectively than any of the other powers in order to achieve what we will. Sometimes this is for the betterment of mankind, and other times it is our advantage. This arbitrariness has created resentment domestic and abroad. The government has decided to rule in such a manner as to increase the prosperity of America as an institution, and the nation is conceived of as an abstract concept, rather than a collection of unique individuals. It is in their conception of this abstract idea and the desire for its promulgation that has led to politicians' current fealty for foreign adventure.

Power is the same problem for Jimi's 'Star Spangled Banner.' His guitar screams and wails to point of breaking. The sheer sonic explosion can no longer contain itself and the song becomes literally too strong to sustain its sharply violent trajectory. The song descends into discordance and chaos. As stated above this is the same problem that contemporary America is facing. More the nation firmly imposes itself upon the individual and upon the world at large, the more backlash it creates. America puts pressure upon the common bonds that link all people and nations together; this is a tension that cannot last. The solution can be found in the life and music of Jimi Hendrix. He was a man who based his life upon love. This quotation of his best explains his outlook on life: "When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace."

That is the answer; individuals need to make a personal change so that they look upon the world as what it is and affirm the beauty and love found within it. This leads to an appreciation for the common bond all people share. Everything and everyone is beautiful, because they are all contained within the same existence. Jimi Hendrix understood the power of all-compassing love. When more people can feel this, they will make political change, just as the 1960s generation did. Jimi's life was tragic and short and many fear the world cannot endure men like him, but I sure hope it can.

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The Observer
Power of love

Tuesday, March 28, 2006
I wanted to follow up on Gary Carlson’s March 24 article, “Examining the decline of President Bush.” I am the Notre Dame ’96 alum who was referenced in it. Having filed a lawsuit in federal court against the U.S. Army because they would not honor my contract, I signed a ROTC contract at Notre Dame in August of 1992 while I was 18 years old. In return for a partial scholarship, I was to serve eight years in the Army or Army Reserve. 

The time I spent in the Army Reserve, but quickly realized that it wasn’t going to be a career for me. After my eight-year service obligation was completed, I resigned my commission. My resignation request was denied. I have resigned five times in the last two years and am approaching 16 years of service on an eight-year contract. I am now 32 years old and the contract that I signed as an 18-year-old at Notre Dame still affects my daily life. I have been told by Army reserve personnel that I can be retained until I am 50! A month after I filed a federal lawsuit, I was transferred to a reserve unit in North Carolina (I am not deceased) for the sole purpose of involuntary mobilization to Iraq. I am to be mobilized on April 28 if my motion for a preliminary injunction fails in federal court. I am confident that I will prevail in my federal suit, as four other officers who previously filed lawsuits were successful. After the cases were filed and motions were made, the officers were granted the immediate relief charges before going to trial. Unfortunately, these cases cannot have a positive effect on recruiting. I don’t know of many 18-year-olds who want to make what they think is an eight-year decision, but is slanted so that it directs the rest of their lives. I just hope that my suit results in a Fifth Honorable Discharge.

On Sept. 6, after my second resignation was denied, I contacted both Father Edward Malloy and Father John Jenkins asking them for help in dealing with the Army, as the eight-year ROTC contracts being signed on Notre Dame’s campus didn’t appear to be really eight-year contracts according to the Army or the Department of Defense. Since Notre Dame provides the Department of Defense with hundreds of new officers annually and since the Secretary of the Army is also an ND alum, I thought that Notre Dame would try to protect its students and alumni against these deceitful practices that I described to the then-President and President-elect. I received no response from then-President Malloy. I called his office and faxed a copy of my letter to him since he wasn’t receiving e-mails. I did receive a response from Jenkins, who explained as President-elect, he didn’t feel he had the authority to intervene in this situation and this was a contract that I entered into with the Army. At the time, I thought Jenkins’ explanation was fair as he hadn’t been elevated to President. However, my opinion changed on Nov. 30, 2004 when I found out that Jenkins, not yet the university president, was a cathechist in the friary of Tyrone Willingham, another contract controversy. I felt that his lack of authority explanation was insincere.

At the very least, Malloy or Jenkins could have asked someone on the Notre Dame legal team or law school to review the contracts being signed on campus to ascertain whether I was correct or to point out that in accordance with Paragraph Z of the contract, the Army could actually keep me until I was 50. If I was correct, the University could have initiated a dialogue with the Department of Defense demanding that the terms on ROTC contracts be honored. Otherwise, the University could threaten to reconsider its relationship with all of its ROTC programs. As Jenkins promotes “Catholic character,” should he not look out for the 18-year-old students who might not realize that their signatures could bind them until they are 50?

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Are you a music snob? Music snobs are the kind of party-going kids who saunter daily around our campus, noses held high, as they are supremely smug in their knowledge of the Humes blaring through their headphones are “good music.”

What, gray telf, makes some music good and some music bad? The word “trash” is crap, as it is sometimes suggested? Does good music have to have a guitar? Isוצע to try to be reserved for wanes, funerals and masterpiece theater? Or is it possible that different music can be suitable for different locations, and that we can all join together using a universal splitter and ming Cambuya?

Gratnd, Shania Twain has a better chance of joining G-Unit than everyone agreeing on a common taste in tunes. But can’t we all live and let live, or at least live and let die? Hey, it worked with the Spice Girls, right?

Let’s start with the most common of all musical biases—rap is crap. How appropriately white, middle-to-upper class American suburbia. Honestly, have you ever tried getting your freak on to “Dashboard Confessional.” You can probably get a less criminally inclined music affinity with the genre, everyone loves strolling down old memory lane with their headphones on. For example, was Matt Marona a part of the Underground or was he a part of the mainstream? Not a question they would ask a rebel rocker would be, “their old stuff was better,” in reference to a band’s bacchanal early days before they were tainted by success.

Unfortunately, herein lies the conundrum: if the masses were to convert to this path of pure, unadulterated fresh music, these novelists would lose their novelty and become the very objects they too would be “sell-outs” who have fallen victim to mainstream marketing.

However, despite the many differences in this musical taste, there’s one thing that everyone agrees on: music have to have a guitar. And in some way, music is intrinsically connected to the guitar.

The Don Savoie Band. While the name is not related to any of the Notre Dame student, its musical talent and presence is quite notable on this campus.

Made up of members of the Notre Dame community, the band plays a variety of contemporary songs, ranging from the famous in the obscure. Its sound is a mixture of blues, bass and rock and roll—creating an enjoyable experience for listeners.

The group’s latest performance was Saturday night at the Bookmaker’s Pub. Playing to a packed audience consisting primarily of Notre Dame students, Frankton Front Savoie and his band easily kept the crowd entertained with a variety of rock-and roll abilities. They played songs by famous musicians, such as Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, as well as original songs written by Savoie. The audience was enthralled by the guitar and the great effect, and showed his ability throughout the night in a variety of complex songs. Playing the guitar was commendably was Urli Pitts, who provided back-up vocals in several songs to Savoie. Providing the rhythm for the band was Erinn Collins on the drums, who entertained the audience with his extended solo midway through the night.

In the end, the audience was impressed by the members of the band had a moment to shine as the night progressed, as the music they played kept space for improvisation and soloing. The band obviously enjoyed performing together, and the enthusiasm proved infectious, spreading to the crowd and boosting their performance.

The performing broke down into several segments. During the rests, Savoie and the rest of the band would mingle with the crowd, chanting and having a good time. They were personable and friendly, creating a “Appalachian” atmosphere.

Audience participation was obviously high, to the point that one of Savoie’s students was so moved by the band’s performance abilities with the guitar midway through the performance on a couple of songs. Matt Marona even joined in with a second guitar for a set of songs for the band, as students often play contributing roles in the band.

Overall, the performance was a success.
Miserable ‘Date’ fails to deliver

Grant, played by Adam Campbell, will do, or say anything to win the heart of Julia Jones, played by Alyson Hannigan, in the abysmal “Date Movie.”

By CASSIE BELEK
Scene Critic

“Date Movie” miserably and awkwardly clawed its way through 83 minutes to become the worst and least funny movie of the year.

Co-writer Aaron Seltzer makes his directorial debut, and with any luck, he won’t get behind the camera again. The dialogue for the movie exclaims, “From Two of the Six Writers of ‘Scary Movie’” Clearly the other four writers are desperately needed to craft a funny script. And the absence of the Wayans brothers (Damon and Marlon) makes “Scary Movie” appear like a Picasso painting and “Date Movie” look like the scribbling of a three-year-old.

The plot combines elements from various romantic comedies — so many romantic comedies in fact, that the audience misses many of the references. Julia Jones (Alyson Hannigan) is an obse­ sive waitress at her family’s Greek restaurant. It’s love at first sight when she spots Grant Funkyendorf (Adam Campbell), a suave Hugh Grant­ like character who sees the true beauty in her. But Julia thinks the only way she can win the man is with a complete beauty makeover (Miss Congeniality) and hook-ups (Hitch). At the end of the day, Julia is 200 pounds lighter and ready to win Grant’s heart on a reality game show.

The two fall in love, decide to get married, meet the parents, meet the best friend who is still in love with Grant and break off their engagement, among a series of other predictable occurrences. The ending is no surprise given the movie’s title. But just because we know what will happen doesn’t excuse the movie from offering us at least one surprise — at least one gag that makes us laugh at loud.

Instead, the funny moments can be counted on one hand.

Gags are taken too far and it depends so much on recycled lines from its spoofed movies that it leaves little room for original jokes or witty dialogue. The most painful gag comes when Julia and Grant go to couples’ therapy (Mr. and Mrs. Smith) slowing down any moment the movie had.

Equally painful to watch was the “My Best Friends Wedding”-like song at dinner. Instead of singing a classic, the characters sang an original song — or unoriginal considering the lack of humor — and had the sound quality of a high school film project.

Everything in the movie reeked of poor quality, from the script to the cutting to the sound editing. A film produc­tion student could have better crafted this movie. The movie also underplayed the resources it had, especially Fred Willard and Jennifer Coolidge who portrayed Grant’s parents — Bernie and Roz. Both were very funny and could have been better utilized over the course of the film.

Hannigan’s performance was nothing special and the actress should not have taken this role. She proved her comedic talent in the “American Pie” movies and currently in CBS’s “How I Met Your Mother.” She should be beyond appearing in grossly sub-par movies whose star cameo is Carmen Electra in a leopard print bikini.

Bottom line? This movie should have never been made. It’s not even “Dude, Where’s My Car?” For a parody to succeed it must be funny and it must not undermine its audience’s intelligence. Viewers don’t go into “Date Movie” expecting cinematic excellence, but they also don’t go in expecting the 12-year-olds in the front row will be the only ones laughing by the end. And chances are, those 12-year-olds haven’t even seen half the movies referenced.

The concept of this movie had tremendous potential, but two untal­ented writers — one of whom is an un­talented director — killed any chance the project had.

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Heat eke out victory as Haslem ejected for altercation

Nets hold Suns to their lowest point total of the season

Associated Press

MIAMI — Temps flared during the game and more fighting broke out after Miami Heat guard Jamale Tinsley scored 10 for Miami's third quarter, before Shaquille O'Neal, who led Miami's rally, scored 11 points in the period. When the Heat center returned the game with 33 seconds left, Miami had clawed back in its grip.

"In the first half, Tinsley and Anthony Johnson were sagging, obviously, especially when we had Dwyane with him," Williams said. "The whole team just wanted to come out and be aggressive.

With 7 minutes left, the Heat led by 10 when the second quarter on a spectacular play by Wade. After Jermaine O'Neal and Wayne Simien's shot, Wade scooped up the loose ball, drove on and was fouled; the three-point play was over Miami 79, and the Heat couldn't trail again.

"Only three people thought the foul was on me," Wade said.

Udonis Haslem forward

"He made a couple of great plays at the end," Indiana coach Rick Carlisle said. "Great players are going to make the grand scheme of the game, the third quarter was our undoing."

Stojakovic, who scored back-to-back twice in the 83-99 lead with 4:49 left, but another three-point play from Wade and two clutch baskets from Simien helped build the lead back to 92-85 with 1.7 left. "We just let a game slip we could have had," Tinsley said.

Jackson hit five of his first six shots — including all three of his 3-point tries — in the first 7 minutes, helping the Pacers take a 29-28 lead after the first quarter.

Midway through the second quarter, things got heated with the Haslem-O'Neal exchange. And Miami did not respond well, ending the half in an 0-11 drought. All five points the Heat managed in the final 5 minutes of the half were fouls on the foul line, and Indiana built a 53-42 lead at the break.

"We came really unglued after the altercation," Heat coach Pat Riley said. As a team, when the emotional winds get ruffled up somewhat, you have to maintain what I call 'it,' a real high competitive level but keep it together. We didn't but we gathered ourselves really well in the third quarter."

The Heat made 12 of their first 16 shots in the opening 11:01, then missed their final try of the first quarter and 24 of 28 shots in the second quarter. Haslem was the only Miami starter who made a field goal in the period. The Pacers held the other four Miami starters to an average of 1.4 points.

No Miami player was disruptive. Wade, who was 4-for-5 from the floor in the first 7:51, but needed 12 attempts from 3-point range, a reverse layup with 9:19 left that led the game at 72. "We played them, it's a rough game," Wade said.

Nets 130, Suns 72

New Jersey's dominance of Phoenix was so stunning that Nets coach Lawrence Frank had trouble keeping track of it.

Nenad Krstic had 21 points and 10 rebounds, and the Nets used a five-point lead in the third quarter, holding the Suns to their lowest point total of the season in a 149-120 romp Monday.

Midway through the third quarter, the Nets had five players with 10 or more points, and the Nets had five or more assists. Frank said: "I talked to one of the assistants. We've played about 80 games and didn't figure out what it was. No one could have."

Vince Carter added 20 points for the Nets (31-21), trimming their magic number to clinch the Atlantic Division to five points to the number to clinch an Eastern Conference playoff berth to two.

"Every game margin of victory was the biggest of the season for the Nets, whose previous best was a 28-point victory over Golden State on Dec. 18. That came during the Nets' seven-game high-10-game winning streak from Jan. 16 through Jan. 8.

The Suns shot a franchise-worst 26.3 percent (26-for-97) in the second half, including a 14-0 run in the third quarter while improving to 33-37—passing the slumping Hornets (32-37) in the Western Conference standings.

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NCAA Basketball

**Associated Press**

J.J. Redick of Duke and Adam Morrison of Gonzaga spent all season locked in a bicoidal scoring race. Fittingly, they ended it as the only unanimous selections for the Associated Press' All-America men's basketball team.

Redick, the most prolific 3-point scorer in college history, was a repeat choice. He and Morrison were joined on the first team Monday by Redick's teammate Sheldon Williams, Rudy Foye of Villanova and Brandon Roy, Washington's first All-American in 53 years.

**Golfstat NCAA Women's Golf Top 20**

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**In Brief**

Roddick ready for Greul

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Andy Roddick heads into the fourth round of the Nasdaq-100 Open with only sketchy information about his next opponent.

"I know what he looks like," Roddick said.

Qualifier Simon Greul is a 24-year-old German ranked 130th. He came to Key Biscayne with a career record of 1-5 on the ATP Tour. Unnerved playing on the stadium court Monday, he won a total of four points in the first set against Tim Henman.

But the upset from Stuttgart rallied to beat Henman 6-4, 6-1, 7-5, and he'll face Roddick on Tuesday.

"I'm going to ask around and try to get more of an in-depth scouting report," Roddick said.

It's an improbable pairing in a section of the draw that included Grand Slam champions Marat Safin and Lleyton Hewitt. Greul outlasted both and eliminated three top-60 players.

Man convic ted of assault for punching Ron Artest

ROCHESTER HILLS, Mich. — The man accused of sparking the brawl between players and fans at the Palace of Auburn Hills in 2004 was convicted of assault Monday for punching Ron Artest.

John Green was acquitted, however, of throwing a cup at Artest — who was playing for the Pacers at the time — before the forward charged into the stands and began fighting with Detroit Pistons fans.

Green was the last person with a case pending after the brawl, one of the worst in U.S. sports history. He faces up to 93 days in jail and a $500 fine. Sentencing was scheduled for May 1.

The 41-year-old contractor showed no emotion as the verdicts were read. Green and his attorney, Shawn Patrick Smith, said afterward that they would appeal on grounds that Artest was not present for the trial.

NFI announces portion of its 2006 Schedule

ORLANDO, Fla. — A Thursday night season opener featuring Miami at Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh, and a Thanksgiving night game at Kansas City highlight a portion of the NFL scheduled announced Monday.

The league's new tradition of opening on a Thursday night moves to NBC, which has taken over one of the prime-time television packages. The Dolphins, who finished 9-7 last season, will play at the Steelers on Sept. 7 at 8:30 p.m. EST.

NBC's first Sunday night match up will be a brotherly quarterback feud between the Manning's as Peyton brings his Indianapolis Colts to the Meadowlands to play Eli and the Giants at 8:15 p.m. EST.

The main national TV doubleheader game for the full opening day Sept. 10 has Dallas at Jacksonville at 4:15 p.m. EST.
Men's and women's volleyball reaches tournament semis

Weyerbacher competed with Rider and Menendez in the D Division, and finished among the top-10, with Menendez not far behind.

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Club Sports

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**SMC Golf**

Belles finish 11th at Northern Kentucky

By BECKI DORNER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s turned in an overall score of 674 and finished 11th out of 17 teams last weekend at the Northern Kentucky Spring Invitational. The Belles turned in a solid team performance on the 5,983 yard, par-72 course, despite dealing with cold weather and snow during their rounds on Saturday.

Saint Mary’s senior Megan Mattia led the Belles with a two-day 161 (71-over par). She shot an 82 on the first day and a 79 on the second day — good enough for 30th place in a field of 91 golfers.

“We played well this weekend,” Mattia said. “We beat a couple division two teams and a division one team, which is always fun.”

Saint Mary’s displayed its depth with contributions from sophomore Katie O’Brien and freshman Alex Sei, in addition to strong performances by three seniors that allowed them to finish higher than several Division I teams, including Dayton.

“Irrvy’s Tonya Cheate was the medalist of the weekend. She was the only player in the field who finished under par (143, one-under par). Bolstered by Cheate’s score, Drury finished with a first-place 626, 40-over par. Second place Ferris State trailed Drury by four strokes.

The other Belles’ tallies this weekend were O’Brien’s 169 (49th place), Nicole Bellino’s 171 (56th), Kirsten Fantom’s 175 (63rd place) and Sei’s 177 (66th place).

O’Brien said the team has been putting in a lot of hard work that is starting to pay dividends.

“I am very proud of the team and look forward to what our future as a team holds,” O’Brien said.

The Belles have a chance to improve their season when they travel to Capital University in Lockbourne, Ohio for a two-day tournament Friday and Saturday.

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**MLB**

Bonds hoping to ‘stay sane’ as season begins

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Seven home runs shy of passing Babe Ruth, this should be a time of unbridled joy and excitement for Barry Bonds.

Not so, he says.

“My life is in shambles. It is crazy,” Bonds said Monday in an interview with The Associated Press. "It couldn't get any crazier. I'm just trying to stay sane.”

Then, clearly joking, he went for shock value.

"Go to the Empire State Building and jump off, commit suicide and people can say, 'Barry Bonds is finally dead.'"

Except for in San Francisco," he said. "I'll leave something for them."

Despite those pronouncements, the 41-year-old Bonds has been upbeat and approachable — by his standards — this spring despite the recent release of “Game of Shadows,” the book detailing his alleged long-time regimen for taking performance-enhancing drugs.

He appears unfazed at the plate. He’s 10-for-16 with four home runs in exhibition play despite being held out of San Francisco’s lineup for the third straight day, because of a tender left elbow.

Bonds starts the season next Monday at San Diego with 708 homers, close to Ruth and 48 from breaking Hank Aaron’s mark of 755.

Asked how he blocks out distractions, he says:

“What’s my job description? That’s what I’m doing at that time,” Bonds said. “No, I don’t forget (what is said). I will never forget. I forgive you but I don’t forget. I forgive everybody.”

Bonds teased about starting the season on the disabled list, — saying “it could happen” — then changed his stance completely and said he “will” play in one of the Giants’ exhibition games back in the Bay Area later this week.

Bonds certainly looks healthy and vibrant, though still a little smaller than usual.

He spent the morning slurping a smoothie while sitting in his corner locker and wrestling with his personal videographer in the clubhouse. He stopped by the card table to socialize with teammates, too. Later, he had a lengthy visit with players’ union head Donald Fehr.

Bonds is scheduled to return to California on Tuesday — one day before the Giants officially break camp in Arizona — and work out Wednesday in San Francisco.

Bonds played in only 14 games last season, all in September, following three operations on his troublesome right knee. An exam over the weekend on his elbow revealed inflammation.

“It’s fine,” Bonds said. “The knee is good. I’ve just got to get my strength back. My legs are fine. I just took a couple weeks off from training.”

Bonds joked that he is ready for the season to start because then “it’s closer to being over.”

He is in the final year of a $90 million, five-year contract and will be eligible for free agency after the World Series.

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ranks Notre Dame 15th in the Central region.

Before the season began, Irish head coach Debby King said one of her team's long-term goals was to secure a spot in the NCAA tournament. King said the goal is still very much within reach but the Irish have not played as well as the coach would have liked.

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berth. The team placed 11th in a field of 14 teams at the Central District in Parrish, Fla. Two weeks later at the 'Mo' Morial, Notre Dame finished last place in a field of 18. In both events, the Irish played many of their Central Region rivals.

"After the first two tournaments, we were obviously very disappointed with our overall play," King said.

But last week in the Dr. Dennis Thompson Invitational in Honolulu, Notre Dame found redemption with a fourth-place finish against solid competition.

"I talked to the team before the tournament in Hawaii and told them that they had to play very well in order to have a shot of hope (for an NCAA appearance)," King said. It was important for Notre Dame to beat UTEP and Kansas State and the golfers executed with an impressive 54-hole total of 906 - good enough to win those important head-to-head battles.

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"We've gone to the tournament the past two years so it would definitely be a letdown if we didn't get in," senior co-captain Katie Brophy said. At the same time, Notre Dame understands how few teams make the tournament and how difficult it is to secure an invite. Unlike some other major conferences, the Big East champion does not receive an automatic berth so the Irish have to rely on an at-large bid.

"The NCAA tournament is so prestigious so it would definitely be a huge honor to be chosen again," Brophy said. "Hopefully, we can finish strong and get rewarded for it."

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on the quarterback just to perform at a high level," Sharpley said. "To add another sport on that — and the academics — is a high task."

"After 'shadowing' starter Brady Quinn for most of last season in practices, Sharpley said this is his time to make a statement in the competition with sophomore quarterback David Wolke for the second-string position.

"Right now, it's my opportunity," Sharpley said. "I think it in a crossroad, as I make or break what I'm going to be.

He said he wants to make the most of spring practices before highly touted incoming freshmen quarterbacks Zach Frazer and Demetrious Jones arrive at Notre Dame this fall.

Before committing to football full-time for the spring, Sharpley played in five games — with one start — for the baseball team, going 1-for-4 with four strikeouts, a walk and one RBI.

"I had first been recruited to play baseball here," Sharpley said. "It really helped attract me to Notre Dame (to be able to play both)."

Weis said Sharpley's limited role in baseball contributed to the decision to have him concentrate solely on football during spring practice.

"If (two-sport athletes) are a major factor for the other team and we are handling what they do academically, then they can play the other sport," Weis said at Notre Dame's spring media day March 21. "If Sharpley were going to start at first base hitting 25 home runs, I think he might be over there with the baseball team. But he's not.

"Notre Dame's other current baseball football athlete, rising senior receiver Jeff Samardzija, will stick with baseball while attending six of Notre Dame's 15 spring practices. Weis said as a starting pitcher for Maineri's squad, Samardzija went 8-1 in 2005 with a 3.89 ERA. This season, Samardzija is 2-1 in five appearances with a 3.72 ERA. Samardzija then set school records with 15 touchdown catches and 1,249 receiving yards last season for Weis.

"Jeff's already established himself on the football field as well as the baseball field, so that's why he gets all the time on the baseball field right now," Sharpley said. "I haven't established myself at either spot, but I'm here to play football right now.'"

Sharpley said leaving the baseball team just a dozen games into his first season was difficult.

"I definitely would like to play (baseball)," Sharpley said. "It was fun to get to go on a couple of the trips with the team. I'm still going to be around those guys and support them at some of the games, especially the home ones."

Sharpley said once spring football ends he will rejoin the baseball team full-time.

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The Irish look to beat in-state rival Valparaiso as the Crusaders battle a seven-game slump

By KYLIE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Valparaiso will take a short ride east along the I-80 toll road today to play Notre Dame in a 5:05 p.m. game at Frank Eck Stadium.

The Irish (12-8) catch the Crusaders (2-12) in a seven-game slump, including four losses in two days in South Dakota State.

Valparaiso has struggled in its non-conference schedule, having picked up only one-run victories over Austin Peay and Bowling Green.

However, Notre Dame and head coach Paul Mainieri refuse to overlook the team from the Mid-Continent Conference.

"Baseball is the kind of game where you have to take your opponents one at a time, or else a team will come up and bite you," Mainieri said.

Mainieri referenced Notre Dame's 5:05 p.m. game today at Frank Eck Stadium.

An Irish batter swings against Central Michigan during Notre Dame's 11-9 win over the Chippewas March 22. The Irish face Valparaiso in a 5:05 p.m. game today at Frank Eck Stadium.

BELLIES BATTERS LOOK TO RING UP ROBERT MORRIS

The Belles will look to add another two wins to their season as they travel to Orland Park, Ill. to face off with Robert Morris College today at 4 p.m. The Belles (9-3) are coming off a strong regular season opener, sweeping Rose-Hulman in a doubleheader Friday.

Robert Morris (9-7) is ranked second in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC). They last faced Calumet March 23 in a doubleheader—taking both 4-2 and 6-0.

Saint Mary's has been a strong offensive team this season. The squad has already driven in 87 runs in its 12 games. The Belles power behind the plate has also been met by outstanding defensive performances as they have allowed only 18 runs this season.

Freshman pitcher Kristin Amram has aided in the defensive dominance, displaying force from the mound. She has already garnered four wins and thrown a no-hitter in her career.

HUBSCHMANN NO LONGER SIDELINED

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Scoring three goals is just another day at the office for Notre Dame senior attack Brian Hubschmann.

Hubschmann's three goals last Saturday against Hofstra brought his season total to 13—giving him at least five more goals than any other Irish player. The Hofstra game was the fifth contest in a row he led the Irish in scoring.

Hubschmann has shown his versatility this season and leads Notre Dame with seven assists. His 20 points are seven more than his closest teammate, senior attacker Pat Walsh (13).

Hubschmann established himself on the field during his first two seasons for Notre Dame.

Indian keep postseason hopes alive

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After the first three tournaments of the spring season, Notre Dame is far from attaining an NCAA regional bid.

But with one event remaining before the Big East Championship, the Irish still have a chance to reach the NCAA Central Regional competition. The top 21 teams in each region are admitted to the tournament. Golfstat.com