College pianist playing for charity

By KELLY MEEHAN

When Saint Mary's senior Jill Vlasek takes the stage next Wednesday for her final piano recital at the College, she will not only be gracing the audience with her musical skills, but will also be working to improve the lives of many.

"Last year, when I was in the middle of my sophomore year, I met the director of the Office of Student Services, and he introduced me to the Committee on Social Concerns," Vlasek said. "I found out that they were planning to host a recital, and I thought that would be a great way to connect with the community.""...

University preparing for Easter

Religious services to highlight holiday break

By MARCELA BERRIOS

Notre Dame will suspend academic pursuits this weekend in favor of the celebration of Christ's passion and resurrection.

Many students will travel home for the four-day break from classes, while others will join their parents to attend the various liturgies and services at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Senior Madeleine Fleck will stay on campus to work on her thesis, but also to be part of the Raja baptsms while serving as a sponsor.

"The girl I am sponsoring already received her sacraments, but we are both staying here for the rest of the group, and to attend the liturgies at the Basilica together," Heck said.

Sophomore Ali Donovan is looking forward to using the break to spend time with her family.

"I participated in an Appalachia service project over spring break, so I didn't have an opportunity to see my parents then," Donovan said. "I'm just really excited about having a few days off and spending them with my family."

Donovan and her parents will be traveling together to California to visit family during the holiday.

Despite the departure of

senior takes proactive immigration approach

Dingeman confronts issues with local effor

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER

At a time when immigration is a hotly-debated topic around the country, Saint Mary's senior Katie Dingeman is taking a more constructive, hands-on approach to addressing the issues by coordinating an effort to help local immigrants deal with the challenges they face today.

The South Bend community is home to Meskhetian

Turk immigrants from Russia and Liberian immigrants, with whom Dingeman said she first came in contact through her work at the Refugees and Immigration Services of South Bend.

While writing her senior comprehensive project — which focused on the integration of immigrant students as part of the South Bend community, she realized there was a "disconnect" between what immigrants expected of American life and what they experienced once they were settled.

"As a case manager at..."
Pushing the envelope

I've been told, on multiple occasions, that a monster is more intimidating than me.

I'm not sure whether that's compliment or a character flaw but perhaps it explains my strong need to Mary Kate Malone seem like a rule-breaking rebel.

On occasion, News Editor I'll decide to stop being goody-goody MK and push the envelope. You know, show people that I can break rules and get away with it.

Not surprisingly, I generally fail at doing this. But hey, at least I try.

Case in point:

A few weeks ago my roommate's sis­Meg, was visiting Notre Dame. We were all going to dinner on a Thursday night and decided it was ridiculous to make Meg, who had no ID card, pay $10 for her meal. Inspired to take charge and solve the problem, I told Meg to use my ID and I would sneak in. "No one will catch me, I promise," I said. "You're on your own, guys, I can totally do it without getting caught, I'm good at this kind of thing, okay?"

I convinced everyone easily though (I'm not sure how).

We walked to North Dining Hall planning our scheme. I'd walk in with a crowd and bury myself inside it. Then I'd stealthily sneak into the back room before anyone could notice. When we arrived, I headed straight to my friends, avoiding eye contact with the food serv­ice worker. My friends swept up behind me and we scurried into the back hot food area. Pride swept over me. I did it!

"So sorry! So sorry!" I forgot my ID card and didn't want to go back to my dorm! I'll leave right now. I'm sorry! It won't happen again!"

I wasn't intimidating. I wasn't rebel­lious. So I walked to the other end of North with my head hung low, and paid $10 for my meal. You think that would have taught me a lesson. It didn't.

Tuesday night my section in Farley had a "making my mark" section meeting. I'm not sure why, but I decided I wasn't going to go. My Monter­ry Section. So I went to Becker's instead. No big deal, right? Wrong.

I think I talked about skipping the meeting more than anything else all night. I started at the clock, worried. What if they kick me out of Farley? What if I move to the bottom of room picks? What if my roommates don't cover for me?

I never got in trouble but my own guilt was enough to convince me that I've got a long way to go before I prove my fearless record to others.

Okay, maybe it's taken 20 years to realize I'm not an intimidating, rule-breaking rebel.

But practice makes perfect.

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

IN BRIEF

A Tenen­rae Service will take place today at 11 a.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

"Ben Hur," the 1959 film starring Charlton Heston, will be shown at 7 p.m. today in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Our Dame softball will play a doubleheader against DePaul today starting at 4 p.m. at Ivy Field.

Our Dame men's tennis will face Louisville today at 3:30 p.m. at the Courtney Tennis Center.

Our Dame baseball will take on St. John's at 12:02 p.m. Saturday at Frank Eck Stadium.

The third annual Spring Cut-A-Thon will be held at Salon 201 Spa, Michael and Co. 2 Salon and Spa and Hair Connection Salon and Day Spa April 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For a $15 donation participants can get a haircut, manicure or massage. Proceeds benefit Sex Offense Services, the rape crisis cen­ter for St. Joseph County.

Our Dame alum and author Tony D'Souza will give a reading from "Whiteman," his first novel based loosely on his experi­ences as a Peace Corps volun­teer April 25. The free read­ing will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Room of South Dining Hall.

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

By ADRIENNE RUFFNER
News Writer

Blooming flowers, Easter celebration, Opening Day — it's the season for beginnings.

At Notre Dame, candidates and catechumens are starting a new journey of their own, into the full practice of Catholicism.

On Sunday April 2, 13 candidates became full members of the Catholic Church. They received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

"The whole number of people involved, this has been one of the biggest years in my time here," said Tami Schmitz, who leads the initiation programs. "For the Easter Vigil Mass, it's the most ever.

Schmitz said about two-thirds of candidates and catechumens find their own sponsors. Others, like sophomore candidate Katie Keyser, choose sponsors from within Campus Ministry.

"The RCIA directors actually chose (my sponsor) for me, and it worked out great. She is amazing, and I am so glad I got to know her," she said.

In addition to teaching students about Catholicism, RCIA creates a community where candidates and catechumens can ask questions, face challenges and grow in faith together.

"The whole community aspect in RCIA is one of the most rewarding features of the entire process," Keyser said.

Candidates said some of the greatest challenges in becoming Catholic were staying patient with themselves, and explaining their decision to others.

"I was nervous because I remained loyal to my home church for almost ten years, and I disliked the thought of abandoning that to which I am loyal," said Schmitz. "Yet, I did not feel I was fully nourished in my church, whereas I felt my faith nourished and challenged in the Catholic Church.

As they began their new paths this Easter, the RCIA students — now Catholics — all have an added reason to celebrate.

"If you ever get a chance to be a part of this beautiful process, don't hesitate," said Keyser. "It's wonderful."

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GRADUATE STUDENT UNION

Red Rose Gala put at forefront of meeting

Group approves $375 donation for subsidy

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

The Red Rose Gala, an amendment to the constitution and officer elections were the main concerns at Wednesday's Graduate Student Union meeting.

After a request for a ticket subsidy by Kaitlyn Redfield, President of the Feminist Voice and CARE, a $375 donation was approved unanimously by the GSU council for the "Red Rose Gala: A Benefit to Aid Local Survivors of Violence Against Women." The donation is to be used as a $5 per ticket subsidy for the event that are purchased by graduate students.

"Though discussions have often been heard, one point exists on which everyone can agree — violence against women is intolerable, and as a community, we unconditionally stand united to end it," Redfield wrote in a letter addressed to the council.

"Together we stand to demonstrate that violence against women is intolerable," she wrote. "Please help us support those in our community who most need our assistance."

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many students, campus will be kept busy as the Basilica, the choirs and South Dining Hall eagerly prepare for the final Easter Holy Week.

"There are many different choral groups participating in this weekend's services, and they have all dedicated an extraordinary amount of time and effort to their respective repertoire," Director of Campus Ministry Steven Warner said.

Warner said the combined membership of these choirs — which include the Liturgical Choir, the Folk Choir, the Handbell Choir and the Basilica Schola, among others — is approximately 150 musicians, all of whom have been rehearsing on a daily basis this week in anticipation of Easter. However, these and other preparations for the Easter services, such as flower decorations and flower arrangements, to name a few — began months ago, Warner added.

Their final efforts will be seen and heard in the liturgies the Basilica has prepared, which include the Lord's Supper Thursday, April 13, 2006.

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The celebration of the Lord's Passover on Friday, the Paschal Vigil Mass on Saturday and Easter Sunday Mass, among others.

In previous years, attendance at these services has surpassed 1,000 — a figure composed of students, faculty and members of the South Bend community, said the Office of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

South Dining Hall, which will remain open during the weekend, also expects large crowds. General Manager Marc Poklinkowski said approximately 2,600 people are likely to come to the traditional Easter buffet on Sunday.

The buffet will offer popular menu items, as well as more intricately prepared dishes.

For example, the ham that will be served on Easter Sunday is in fact prepared in both dining halls, as the oven time required is greater than that of any other meal a single dining hall usually handles.

Visitors can also expect to be greeted by ice sculptures, fruit displays and Easter baskets on every table Sunday.

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meal, typically the father figure in a household, was instead a Catholic priest, Father Michael Driscoll — who teaches a graduate level course on the Eucharist and has led Seder meals in the past — was available to provide a broader perspective through the liturgy with his knowledge of Hebrew songs and Jewish customs.

For sophomore Lisa Zirkazar, Wednesday was her first Seder and she said she was pleasantly surprised by the joyful atmosphere of the celebration.

"I've always been into the Jewish religion and I saw this as a good opportunity to get involved, to get a better understanding of the traditions and maybe participate in them," Zirkazar said.

Rabbi Michael Signer, an Abrams Professor of Jewish Thought and Culture, described the experience of being Jewish at a Catholic university as a chance to share his religion's customs with members of a different faith.

"We focus on very different events,' but both Passover and Easter disclose a similar focus on remembering the poor and less fortunate, the need to empathize with those who are oppressed and provide occasions for hope in a very dark and cruel world," Signer said.

The structure of the Haggadah reflects the Seder meal as a family-oriented event. The liturgy opens between parents and their children in the form of question and answer sequences in pass on the symbolism within the meal. In the liturgy, children question their parents about the meaning behind the different foods and drink served during the meal.

"Parents are having their children eat their history," Driscoll said.

Monica Zigmans, the president of the Jewish Student Club, is staying at school this year during Passover week and will observe the two Seder meals of Passover without her family.

"You're used to the type of Seder meal your family has and being around your family," Zigmans said. "Going to other Sedarim, it's just different customs.

Zigmans said it is sometimes difficult for her to live out her faith at Notre Dame, not because of the Catholic nature of the University, but because of the lack of a Jewish community. Even in the Jewish Student Club, Zigmans said, only three or four out of the 15 members are Jewish.

"Hopefully, through the Jewish club growing in popularity, there will be a more active Jewish community," Zigmans said.

"Through the Seder, we attempt to bring alive for us today that Exodus experience," Bartky said. "We are supposed to feel as though we were slaves in Egypt and we are liberated, because for Jews, history is not a dead thing. It is a very living thing.

Bartky said though the influence of Notre Dame and its Catholic traditions sometimes clash, the Jewish community has lived and survived as a minority population for thousands of years.

"The minority experience is something that's very familiar, I think for the most part people go about their business," Bartky said. "We live with Christmas all the time ... It's part of being in America."

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The Snite Museum of Art and the Department of Art, Art History, and Design congratulate the following Student Show award recipients

The Emil Jacques Gold Medal of Fine Arts
The Emil Jacques Silver Medal of Fine Arts
Radwan and Allian Riley Prize in Art History
Undergraduate Level 1st prize
Radwan and Allian Riley Prize in Studio Art
Radwan and Allian Riley Prize in Design
Eugene M. Riley Photography Prize
Mabel Mountain Memorial Award
Fr. Leach Award (Best of BA Show)
Studio
Snite Museum's Walter R. Beardsley Award
Undergraduate
Graduate

WIlliam & Connie Groff Award
Julia Burke
Kathryn Lanco
Julie Lewis
Dennis Mason
Mary (Molly) McAuley
Alexandra Moore

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ITALY

Prodi to modify U.S. relations

New Premier wants an early withdrawal of American forces. The issue is one of the most pressing on his agenda.

Associated Press

ROME — For most Americans, July 4 is a day of national pride and a celebration of the country's independence. But for a couple from Connecticut, the holiday was not so joyous. They were on their way home from a visit to Italy when they were tricked into handing over $20,000 worth of sensitive military data.

Prosecutors said Wednesday they would no longer seek to extradite a Connecticut man accused of giving away too much critical information.

The man, who was arrested last year in Italy, was charged with providing information to foreign officials that could help the Iraq war effort. He is suspected of passing along sensitive data to the Italian military, including information about U.S.-led coalition headquarters in Iraq.

But the man's lawyers have argued that the charges are politically motivated and that he should not be extradited to the United States. They say his activities were legal and that he was simply trying to help his government make better decisions.

Prosecutors said they had decided not to seek extradition because they no longer believe the information was passed illegally. They added that they would continue to monitor the man's activities and that if he were to repeat his behavior in the future, they would take action.

The man's lawyers praised the decision, saying it was a victory for due process and the rule of law. They added that their client had always been fully cooperative with investigators and had never tried to hide his activities.

The case has drawn attention to the challenges faced by the U.S. government in handling national security information. It has also raised questions about the extent to which officials may be able to share sensitive data with foreign governments without facing criminal charges.

At a press conference on Wednesday, the man's lawyer said that his client was disappointed with the decision but understood it. He added that they would continue to fight the charges in court and that their client was looking forward to being able to return home to his family.
How committee at the beginning of the fall semester, confusion emerged about the role of the Committee on Diversity Affairs, which previously had been responsible for addressing issues of multiculturalism and diversity. Senator Chris Beesley, the new chair of the Committee on Social Concerns, fully endorsed the amendment of her committee's name and mission.

"The committee's mission statement truly encompasses everything we are and everything we want to accomplish this year," she said.

Refining the committee names was a major element of the amendment.

Chief executive assistant Liz Brown, charged with overseeing both committees, spoke with Director of Multicultural Student Programs and Services Iris Outlaw about the amendment and its precise wording.

Brown said Outlaw advised her to strip the committee's title of the term “minority,” which Outlaw said can be seen as derogatory.

Multicultural Affairs committee chair Destinee DeLemos praised the choice of the new name, which avoids the confusion some senators said existed between committees designed to address "minority" and "diversity" issues.

"This is an effective name not just because it is less ambiguous and less offensive, but also because of its institutional relevance," DeLemos said.

The use of "social concerns" is appropriate at Notre Dame, she said, as it parallels the Center for Social Concerns, which addresses similar issues as the committee.

At the full Board of Trustees meetings, DeLemos said the former Minority Affairs committee received the full support of the Trustees after presenting a statement of purpose very similar to that in the new amendment.

The Committee on Multicultural Affairs has specific goals of working on the recruitment and tenure of minority faculty, improving the experiences of residence hall life for minority students and addressing issues of cultural competencies in the curriculum, DeLemos said.

Brown worked to revise the amendment with former student body president Dave Vlasek, student body president Lizzi Shappell, and DeLemos, Plamotitl, former Minority Affairs committee chair Ilana Boyd and former Diversity Affairs committee chair Sarah Liu. The group decided to form a focus group of students with varying levels of student government experience interested in the issue to advise them on revisions to the amendment.

"A lot of work has gone into this amendment," Brown said. "We've worked at it from every angle possible, I can pretty much guarantee." Discussion on the amendment was brief and focused on the wording of the Multicultural Affairs committee description. Morrissey senator Patrick Brown proposed an amendment removing the word "social" so students would "feel more comfortable with the choice of the new name, which in the new amendment. During the first half of her career, Vlasek said she is "very strict routine, and some you can never plan what is going to happen because it gives you a great opportunity you have to go with them and take "You have to listen to them." The non-profit foundation holds lessons in instructional and Memorial Hospital. Instructors receive a salary, requiring students to play for their lessons — which is precisely where Vlasek's vision comes into play. She said she hopes audience members in attendance at her April 19 senior recital at 7:30 p.m. in Leitner Theater will make a donation to help fund scholarships for students who cannot afford lessons.

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Skilling testimony continues
Ex-Enron executive denies knowledge of illegal activity at former company

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The industry veteran also said GM "is on the opening and expressed faith in GM Chief Executive Rick Waggoner. Waggoner has faced criticism for GM's continued market-share declines.

Delphi, not General Motors," GM, which owned Delphi until a 1999 spinoff, is the supplier's largest customer.

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New York—Stocks ended a quiet session Wednesday on strong earnings news and a decline in the trade deficit.

Wall Street rebounded from Tuesday's losses after Circuit City Stores Inc. reported its earnings.

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"We just absolutely refuse to believe that there's going to be a strike," Jurotske told jurors. "I think that the trial will bring down the Enron's standards."

Jurotske said he would have called the FBL, adding quickly, "I might have a little hesitation now.

"A little angry at the government," Jurotske said. "You've been fairly accused?" the attorney asked. "Yes," Jurotske said.

Before proceedings began, Jurotske prefaced his third motion asking a judge for permission to go along with it. "They can't answer your question," Peterson said.

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service, I kept hearing the same questions and problems over and over again from the immigrants, and I thought there had to be a more effective way of addressing them," Dingeman said.

Dingeman said she saw the need for a program where adult immigrants participate in a series of eight discussion workshops and volunteer to "take an active role in their learning." She said she feels the workshops — which cover topics ranging from the laws and rights of the United States, employment, green card forms, history and culture — better address the problems immigrants face when first arriving in the U.S. than the three-hour orientation session provided by refugee services.

"The immigrants are teaching me just as much as I'm teaching them," Dingeman said. "I grow a lot more from the interaction in the workshops during skills and other activities than I do from driving them to appointments or helping them at the welfare office."

Dingeman said currently the program has 15 Liberian and about eight Meskhetian Turk adult participants, as well as around 15 Liberian and four Meskhetian Turk children.

When Dingeman created the program she said she requested the assistance of her fellow refugee services employee junior Rachael Stone with the organization of activities for the immigrants' children.

Dingeman and Stone worked together to select Saint Mary's student volunteers to assist with the care of the children, and according to Stone they have been able to plan many activities. "During the adult workshops, myself and several volunteers generally do various activities with the children. We have had a craft day, a movie day in Vander Veen and a game day outside on Library Green," said Dingeman.

Rachael Stone, refugee services employee

Refugee services employee

As an adult participant, Dingeman had a craft day, a movie day in Vander Veen and a game day outside on Library Green," she said.

Dingeman said that she was "very excited" to be involved with the program because it provides "refugees with a place to come together and discuss issues they are facing" and gives "them an opportunity to reflect on American culture — both in contrast and similarity to their own — and become part of their new culture in the United States."

After Dingeman graduated this spring, Stone will be taking over as the driving force behind the program, which she says she will only slightly change if funding is approved again.

"My goals for next year will develop from feedback of the people currently in the program on what they thought was especially good or difficult," Stone said. "But the only considerable change I can imagine is making the program yearlong instead of only a semester."

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MEXICO

Many migrants rush to border

Anticipation of guest worker plan spurrs major northern movement

Susanna Pena

NOGALES — At a shelter overflowing with migrants airing their blistered feet, Francisco Ramirez nursed muscles sore from trekking through the Arizona desert — a trip he failed when his wife did not have the strength to go on.

He said the couple would rest for a few days, then try again, a plan echoing by dozen recounting on rickety bunk beds and cars tossed on the floor after risking violent bandits and the harsh desert in unsuccessful attempts to get into the United States.

The shelter's manager, Francisco Loureiro, said he has not seen such a rush of migrants since 1986, when the United States allowed 2.6 million illegal residents to get American citizenship.

This time, the draw is a bill before the U.S. Senate that could legalize some of the 11 million people now illegally in the United States.

"Every time there is talk in the north of legalizing migrants, people get their hopes up, but they don't realize how hard it will be to cross," Loureiro said.

South-central Arizona is the busiest migrant-smuggling area, and detentions by the U.S. Border Patrol there are up more than 26 percent this fiscal year — 105,803 since Oct. 1, compared with 84,024 for the same period last year. Along the entire border, arrests are up 9 percent.

Marla Valencia, a spokes­woman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, said the rise in detentions did not necessarily mean more people were crossing. She attributed at least some of the additional detentions to an increase in the number of Border Patrol agents.

"We've sent more technology and agents there, and I think that's had an impact," she said.

But Loureiro, who has managed the shelter for 24 years, said the debate in the U.S. Congress has triggered a surge in migrants. In March, 2,000 migrants stayed at the shelter — 300 more than last year.

"Very few migrants were encouraged to come now by relatives living in the United States. One of them is Ramirez, a 30-year-old who earned about $80 a week at a refractory factory in Mexico's central state of Michoacan.

He spent an entire night walking through the Arizona desert with his wife, Edith Mondragon, in 29. When her legs cramped, they rested while they turned themselves into U.S. authorities. They were deported.

But they said they would try again when they regained their strength.

"We want to try our luck up there," Mondragon said. "We can't go back to Michoacan because there is no future there.

Ramirez said the draw was not only the prospect of work in Minnesota, where two of his brothers milk cows on a ranch. He was also excited about the idea he might be able to do it legally.

"My brothers said there is plenty of work there, and that it looks like they will start giving work permits," he said.

Many of the migrants also are being driven by a desire to get into the United States before the likelihood that lawmakers further fortify the border.

Since the United States tightened security at the main crossing points in Texas and California in the 1990s, hundreds of thousands of migrants have turned to the hard-to-patrol, mesquite-covered Arizona desert, risking rape, robbery and murder at the hands of gangs and now facing armed U.S. civilian groups.

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Analysts gather at war symposium
Gathering evaluates average American's level of interest in Iraq war

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CABSILLE, Pa. — What are the implications if a nation goes to war and its people barely pay attention?

Roughly 150 military leaders, policy analysts and academics gathered at the Army War College on Wednesday to address that question, with the U.S. beginning its fourth year of a conflict that has counted more than 2,300 American troops.

A main concern, analysts say, is that Americans may lose patience with the fight against terrorism in Iraq and elsewhere, and ultimately decide that the fight is costing too much in money and lives. Despite the two fronts in Iraq and Afghanistan, President Bush has not asked for personal sacrifices on the scale of those made in World War II, when Americans bought war bonds and rationed sugar and other goods.

Also, because the U.S. has an all-volunteer military, fewer people have a personal connection to a service member than was the case, for example, during the Vietnam War, when many soldiers were drafted.

"It's extremely important then to ensure that the population itself both recognizes the necessity of the action, but is willing to accept and bear some of the burden," said Army Lt. Col. Nathan Christensen, director of national security affairs at the college's Strategic Studies Institute.

Opposition to the war in Iraq has been much subtler than it was during the Vietnam War. Attendance at demonstrations last month marking the third year anniversary of the Iraq war was far short of the millions who protested the 2003 invasion and the first anniversary in 2004.

The public's interest in Iraq has dipped since the 2003 invasions, and polls show the war is not widely followed news.

"The notion that somehow a nation is only at war if everyone is growing a victory garden is silly," said James Carafano, co-author of the book "Winning the Long War." "In a long war such as the current effort, Carafano said, "you are as concerned about maintaining the productive capacity of the state as you are about getting the terrorists, of course. That means that you have to give equal weight to ensuring the state is healthy and competitive over the long term."

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Bausch & Lomb: Eye infections a mystery

Company scrambles to reassure investors

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Bausch & Lomb Inc. scrambled to reassure investors Wednesday after the New York Stock Exchange halted trading of the company's stock on the morning that it reported a sharp rise in infections surfacing in Asia that the company attributed to a link with an antibiotic used in its contact lens solution.

"We haven't begun to estimate the effect that all this negative publicity will have on other ReNu products or other geographical markets," Ron Zarrella, the company's chief executive, said Wednesday.

Bausch & Lomb Inc. halted U.S. shipments of its contact lens solution Monday while the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention investigates 109 reports of infection in patients wearing the solution as of June 5. The company had already cut off shipments from a factory in Greenville, S.C., plant to the Far East in February after dozens of infections and reported infections surfaced in Singapore, Hong Kong and Malaysia.

Company and government scientists have looked at more than 100 possible factors, from chemical ingredients, batch tanks and production lines to packaging and shipping procedures, and through all of the data, we haven't found a correlation with anything so far," Zarrella told analysts during a conference call.

"There's been a lot of industry and government effort and consumer effort, and we think we've found a root cause of the infections. That's the reason we've been able to get the problem solved."

"But even though we've identified the root cause, I'm just worried we're going to get complacent," Zarrella said.

Fusarium is commonly found in plant material and soil in tropical and subtropical regions. Without eye drop treatment, which can last two to three months, the infection can scar the cornea and blind patients. Symptoms can include blurry vision, pain or redness, excessive discharge and increased sensitivity to light.

Federal health officials have made no direct link between ReNu and the infections, but the evidence in the case of the affected people had used the cleaner, which contained a new-generation moisturizing and conditioning agent.

Bausch & Lomb began selling the brand in late 2004 and generated $45 million in sales last year — a small portion of its more than $2 billion in annual revenues.

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Politicians also deserve blame

"This country has lost control of its borders," President Reagan said that, a 1986 amnesty covered 2.7 million "illegals" amid promises of border control. Two decades later, "illegals" have quadrupled to 11 or 13 million. Let's look at this issue in light of Catholic teaching.

The "original gift of the earth to the whole of mankind" entails a "universal destination of goods" which applies to the earth itself—Catechism, No. 2463. This gives rise to the right of a person, in the words of Pope John XXII, "to enter a country in which he hopes to...provide more finely for himself and his dependents." That right is not absolute. "[Properous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner.]" For the "common good," they may condition "the right to immigrate." And "immigrants are obliged to respect...the heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws and to assist in carrying civic burdens."—Catechism, No. 2241. We can note here three points:

1. The United States has a right and a duty in regim constraint of its borders, north and south, so that persons can enter only with permission. "Illegal immigration," said Pope John Paul II, "should be prevented land it is essential to combat...criminal activities which exploit illegal immigrants.

2. Governments, "should have a chance for permanent residence. They should have a chance for permanent residence. They should have a chance for permanent residence. They should have a chance for permanent residence. They should have a chance for permanent residence. They should have a chance for permanent residence. They should have a chance for permanent residence. They should have a chance for permanent residence. They should have a chance for permanent residence. They should have a chance for permanent residence. They should have a chance for permanent residence.

3. What about the "illegals" now in this country? Whenever you see a problem that cries out for a government solution, look for the government program that caused the problem. For two decades and more, presidents, congresses, and parliaments and representatives of both parties have abolished their duty to control the borders. Enforcement personnel are too few to protect the borders and to detect illegals within the states. When they are detected, too often nothing happens. Some members of Congress have pressured officials to overlook violations by influential constituents who employ illegals.

In tort law, if you knowingly allow persons to use your land, you may confer a license, or even an invitation, on them, especially if you dismantle the fence that formerly prevented their entry and if you stand by and watch them enter. The politicians' refusal to enforce the border is at least in major part, for the benefit of employers who want cheap labor and who support the politicians who enable them to get it. This is the flip side of outsourcing jobs to foreign countries. You can't readily outsource an onion field, a construction or restaurant job or poultry processing. Non-enforcement of the border brings the cheap labor to the employers, with the medical and other needs of those "illegals" possibly shifted to the taxpayers. This is "neoliberalism" which, as John Paul II described it, "considers profit and the law of the market as its only parameters, to the detriment of the dignity of and respect due to individuals and peoples.

The politicians' refusal to enforce the border has implied, invited not only honest aliens seeking better pay but also criminals, security risks and committed terrorists. Such persons, on detection, should be deported if not imprisoned. But otherwise law-abiding "illegals," who were implicitly invited by our own official derelictions of duty, should be allowed to remain as long as they otherwise obey the laws. They should have a chance for permanent residence and citizenship, but only at the end of the line after those who came here legally.

The Catholic Bishops urge immediate family members, including at least parents, spouses and minor children, should be allowed to join them. Popular wrath, on talk shows and elsewhere, should be directed, not at those otherwise law-abiding "illegals," but at the politicians who subordinate the common good to their own and to the bottom line interests of influential employers. The politicians and those they serve are the real "illegals."

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Immigration serves as a diverisional issue

Immigration in the news. Oh, help, evolu­
tion, the two-party system and immigration. Oh, help, everyone is engaged in something of more intelligence. If perception serves, immigration is not an issue of importance, at least no more than it was a year ago or 10 years ago. It seems, then, that immigration has become an issue because the politicians wanted one, and the cable networks loved it. We are apparently to believe that immi­
guration is not the way to solve the problems they may be.

Having spent much time in New Mexico it does not concern me that New Mexico had immigration as an ill. Spanish is spoken when a teacher is teaching history (although Spanish-speakers do not seem to mind that I speak English). There are the stories you get to exactly what they think you would expect to find in Maine, Alaska or Saskatchewan.

The idea that immigration is a burden is new to them. Congress, though, has obvi­
ously been waiting for a long time.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill in December that would define “illegal aliens” as felons and mandate the construc­
tion of a 700-mile fence along the Mexican border to stop illegal immigration. Have these­
ous any group of reality at all?

Perhaps it should be guarded by uni­
cessories, or maybe taking cabbages to Fantasyland solutions should not be half­­
aided, after all.

Another “guest-worker” program song is logical, with the caveat that bureau­
ary problems bureaucracy creates.

No one, though, has ventured a guess as to where this labor shortage will end. In recent news, the Irac war, souther­
economic declines, corruption run wild, water through our nation’s capital, our presiden­
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Immigration serves as a diverisional issue

In an April 12 Viewpoint letter, the Saint Mary’s Board of Governance defines a joke as “something that is funny and makes others laugh” and then goes on to implicitly character­
ize the infamous Jockular “parasite joke” as an un­
necessary. But there is no longer an explanation of what does, in fact, make a joke funny and laughable. In my experience, a rea­sonably popular description of a successfully funny joke is one that employs a small percentage of truth and a large percentage of exaggeration.

Conveniently, this idea applies to the two comic strips also published on April 12. Jockular suggests that Count Chocula Cereal “may cause heated affirmative action debate” and CrossanWorld says that class registration will be replaced by a “punch the monkey” system. I do not consult the comics as a source of daily news and, therefore, do not believe that people are actually choosing classes by whacking mon­
keys or getting into arguments about the color of their cereal. Just as I do not believe that Saint Mary’s students are parasites.

I do, however, recognize that our class registration system is flawed and our campus’s tendency to erupt into debate over almost any issue, and that is why the jokes are funny. The point then is that from my Saint Mary’s student perspective there is a small amount of truth behind the exaggeration of the par­
asite joke.

People have recently defended the relationship between the schools as being characterized by equal opportu­

ities, but in some cases that does not ring true. In my experience, there is no opportunity at Saint Mary’s equivalent to attending Notre Dame football game or a nationally-televised Big East basket­
ball game. I think that equal opportunities are available to Saint Mary’s students in a problem unless it infringes upon the ability of Notre Dame students to take advan­
tage of the same opportunities, as was the case in years past when Saint Mary’s received an allotment of basketball season tickets despite the fact that there were not enough to meet the demand of Notre Dame students.

While it may not be an issue of critical importance it is, nonetheless, one reason why students at Notre Dame feel that the relation­ship with Saint Mary’s is slightly unequal. The affiliation between the two schools is not parasitic and it is, in many ways, mutually beneficial, but it is not completely equal either. That observation is not an attack on the character of Saint Mary’s, it is simply the truth about the nature of our connection. But for some rea­

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Since the release of their first CD in 2000, Jay DeMarcus, left, Gary Levox, center, and Joe Don Rooney have won multiple awards for their pop-country tinged music.

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'Sing-A-Longs' a curious touch of feel-good nostalgia

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CD REVIEWS

'Me and My Gang' consistent pop-country

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Religious movies find niche in Easter season

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Scene Writer

There was a time when movie pictures were considered the work of the devil. The 1920s was an abundant period of American religious intolerance, and the church was not far behind in its criticism. Yet there have been points in film history where religion has become the focus of a film. People have their own opinions of how religion should be treated on film and these opinions range from the respectful to the artistic. The musical, a plethora of religious films are available this Easter season to anyone with $3 and a Blockbuster card.

The Ten Commandments (1956)

Directed by the prolific Cecil B. DeMille and starring Charlton Heston as Moses and Yul Brynner as the obstinate Ramses, this film brought the story of Exodus to the silver screens in epic proportions. This film clocks in at 3 hours and 40 minutes so this would be the ideal film for relaxing after that big Easter dinner.

It is notable for the gargantuan cast used in the making of the film, which included 14,000 extras and 15,000 animals. The special effects were also cutting-edge. to create the sandstorm in the film, DeMille's production team packed 120 tons of sand from the Egyptian Air Force. The parting of the Red Sea, one of the most memorable scenes in the film, was an amazing accomplishment in 1956.

The Passion of the Christ (2004)

Mel Gibson's controversial film about the last hours of Jesus was one of the most widely discussed films of 2004. Many Jewish groups condemned it for racism, alleging a questionable depiction of the Jews, while many Christian groups hailed it as an accurate representation of the Gospels. But if viewers are looking for the last hours of Jesus螫s portrayal, this film is an amalgamation of the Gospels. The plot of Jesus' crucifixion is not all inclusive. Whatever one may think, this is not a film for the faint of heart. The scourging at the pillar and the crucifixion are displayed in full detail down to a close-up of Jesus' hand. Jim Caviezel and Monica Bellucci put in excellent performances as Jesus and Mary Magdalene, respectively. Jim Caviezel also performs marvelously as Satan.

The Last Temptation of Christ (1988)

Based on the controversial novel by Peter Weir stage musical, this film is an amalgamation of the Gospels and hippos. With its music and visual message, it was hailed by some as a way to bring Jesus' message and criticized by others for associating Jesus with hippos. Judas is chased by tanks and the cast arrives at and leaves the set in a Volkswagen bus.

This may not be for everyone, especially those with a more traditional view of the Gospels. But if viewers are looking for a completely divergent take on the Gospel from the Passion plays performed at churches, this may be the one to check out.

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By LIZ BYRUM
Assistant Scene Editor

There's nothing like a song called "Bad Day" to put someone in a good mood. But exactly what Daniel Powter's first single did throughout Europe in 2005. That mood has now spread to the United States with the release of Powter's self-titled debut April 18.

Powter, born in British Columbia, Canada in 1971, began to hone his musical talents when he began playing the violin at age four. With the influence of his pianist mother, his main instrument became the piano by the time he was a teenager.

Powter studied music at Grant McEwan College for two years before dropping out due to difficulties with his mother. Between his time in college and the release of his debut album, Powter moved to Vancouver, British Columbia, and became entangled in drug use. After almost a decade of cocaine abuse, Powter entered a rehabilitation center where he dealt with his addiction for almost two years. Although on the first listen the non-famous song "Bad Day" may seem like a carefree tune, it was partly written about those two horrible years.Powter spent pulling his life back together. He considers it his way of helping prevent young people from arriving at the same place he was.

Today, "Bad Day" has become a sensation on radio stations all over the world because of its smooth vocals and bouncy beat. The song has even gained commercial success as the theme song for a European Coca-Cola campaign, and as a heavily played song on the fifth season of American Idol.

"Bad Day" currently holds the No. 1 position on Billboard's Hot 100 List, and has been present on the chart for the eight consecutive weeks since its debut.

After recovering from his addiction, Powter took his act on the road in 2005, where he toured Europe and played in the Berlin Live 8 benefit concert, which raised awareness for poverty stricken communities of Africa.

Powter's music is most definitely characterized as "pop," however he creates a unique sound that can't be heard from other artists today. Piano melodies wind through almost every song on the album, but each one remains distinctive and recognizable. The slower songs on the album, including "Styrofoam" especially highlight Powter's vocal and piano playing skills.

The faster paced songs take listeners on a trip to a '70s dance floor. One of the best includes "Hollywood," a scathing tune about the artificial world of stardom in the city. With lyrics that include, "You could be my star for weekend / Do you like your Hollywood?" it's easy to see how Powter feels about the subject.

The only song on the album that appears questionable is "Jimmy Gets High." The song seems to be another reflection of Powter's time as a drug addict, with lyrics like "Jimmy you know / Everybody hates you when you're living off your rock 'n' roll / So you get high tonight." Although the song begins with a simple but efffective sound, it takes a downward turn as Powter's voice continues to climb higher and higher.

As is evident in "Jimmy Gets High," the only thing that keeps this CD from getting a higher rating is the slight screech that echoes out of a few of Powter's songs. Like nails on a chalkboard, it's downright disturbing. With all of the pop music crowding radio stations all over the world, Powter is a refreshing move away from the norm.

His form of pop gives new meaning to the word, and takes listeners back to another time. If nothing else, "Daniel Powter" will put a little bounce in your day.

Daniel Powter, signed under the Warner Bros/WEA label, first achieved success in Europe in 2005 but is gaining recognition in the United States with his hit "Bad Day."

Recommended tracks: 'Bad Day,' 'Hollywood,' 'Styrofoam,' 'Song 6' and 'Free Loop'

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CD Reviews

Powter’s distinctive, melodic sound crosses Atlantic

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles hope to stay mentally sharp

Five-day rest offers chance to work on game before taking on Tri-State

By DEIRDRE KRASULA

After an eight-game run in which they swept defending MIAA champions Alma, split with Rockford and swept both Bethel and Calvin, Saint Mary’s has five days off before taking on Tri-State Monday at St. Mary’s Field at 3:30 p.m.

Head coach Erin Sullivan said the Belles’ goal was to win .500 over the eight games, which were played over a four-day stretch.

The team exceeded her expectations, going 7-1 to extend its record to 21-7 overall and 7-1 in the MIAA, good for first place.

Sullivan said the Belles will try to build off that place at the top of the conference standings.

“If you obtain your goal, you’re okay, a little bit happier,” Sullivan said.

A fresh-faced right-hander Kristin Amrak has helped Bell to the top. Amrak was named MIAA pitcher of the week last week for the second consecutive week.

Amrak earned three wins over the week to slip past her sister, striking out 30 batters in 21 innings. She allowed four runs and walked only six.

Tri-State is ranked fourth in the MIAA with a 3-1 record league play and 15-13 overall.

The Thunder are led offensively by sophomore center fielder Karly Hooker. Hooker has batted .422 driving in 33 runs and doubling two triples. She has also scored eight runs, had seven RBIs and five stolen bases.

Hooker is also a defensive force for Tri-State, making only one error in 13 fielding chances this season.

Saint Mary’s hopes to be able to carry the momentum it gained from the past eight games over to Monday’s contest against Tri-State.

“We are going to take it how we have learned and tweak it to make ourselves better,” Amrak said. “We don’t want to be complacent.”

Sullivan says her team is going to use the short break to work on the mental part of its game. She feels the Belles are already physically ready.

“We are going to take this time to relax,” Sullivan. “We are going to get mentally ready for Tri-State.”

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SOCCER

French soccer fans ridicule footballer

PARIS — Warming up on the sideline, a black player jogs toward fans at the Parc des Princes soccer stadium. As he gets closer, a barrage of monkey chants explodes — “OOOO!! OOOOO!! OOOOO!!” — and racist insults fill the air.

Such scenes are increasingly common at the home stadium of Paris Saint-Germain, France’s top soccer teams.

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**DUKE LACROSSE**

**Associated Press**

**DURHAM, N.C. —** A small group of boosters and others close to the Duke University lacrosse team have hired President Clinton's former lawyer as part of an aggressive public relations effort to argue that the players did not rape a woman at an off-campus party.

Bob Bennett, a former federal prosecutor and Washington attorney who represented Clinton in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case, is serving as a spokesperson for a group calling itself the Committee for Fairness to Duke Families. He is not expected to represent any players, but he has joined the chorus of those who fear for the reputation of the team and the university.

"It is unfortunate that members of the Duke community, players and families are being judged before all the facts are in," Bennett said in a statement. "A lot of innocent young people and the families are being hurt, and unfortunately this situation is being abused by people with separate agendas. It is grossly unfair, and cool heads must prevail."

The group has asked to meet with Duke President Richard Brodhead. Neither Brodhead nor Bennett returned calls for comment.

No charges have been filed while District Attorney Mike Nifong presses on with his investigation of allegations that a stripper was gang-raped at a team party March 13. Earlier this week, lawyers for the players said that DNA tests failed to connect any members of the 47-man team to the alleged attack.

"The players’ parents — initially silent — have also started to speak out," Brian Lofus, who has two sons on the team, wondered Wednesday why Nifong was continuing to press ahead with the case.

"I don’t understand it," said Lofus, of Syosset, N.Y. Nifong has refused requests for an interview. He is running for another term in May and took part in a candidate forum Wednesday evening, in which he reiterated that he believes a medical exam of the alleged victim indicates a crime occurred.

"The fact is, I didn’t pick the crime. I didn’t pick the time," Nifong said at the forum. "But I’m going to do the case right."

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**In Brief**

Ward ready to defend her title at Takefji Classic

LAS VEGAS — Wendy Ward knows what it takes to win the traditionally low-scoring Takefji Classic.

"You have to be more aggressive, for sure. I also think a three-day tournament kind of lends itself to that; you have to get off to a fast start out of the gate," she said.

Ward got off to a fast start last year, shooting an opening 7-under 65 over the Las Vegas Country Club layout. Then she kept it up, with all three rounds in the 60s and a 1-under 200 to win the 54-hole event. Loren Ochoa finished second at 202, followed by Paula Creamer and Shi Hyun Ahn another shot back in a tie for third.

The 6,530-yard, par-72 Las Vegas layout presents a different kind of challenge for the LPGA players, said Ward, who had 18 birdies and only two bogeys in the 2005 tournament.

Lewis remembered on his 25th anniversary

ARLINGTON, Va. — With the laying of a wreath and the playing of taps, Joe Louis was remembered at Arlington National Ceremony on Wednesday on the 25th anniversary of the boxing great's death.

Family and friends gathered at Louis' grave, beneath the long branches of a splendid oak tree not far from the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. "The Brown Bomber," the nickname etched on his tombstone, was remembered as a black sports hero who transcended the divisions of race in the segregated 1930s and 1940s.

Louis was heavyweight champion from 1937 to 1949. His most memorable victory came on June 22, 1938, when he avenged a loss to Germany's Max Schmeling with a first-round knockout at Yankee Stadium, a blow to Adolf Hitler's campaign for Aryan supremacy.

Dechay advances in Family Circle Cup

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Nathalie Dechy of France won for only the second time in eight matches this season, defeating Anna Tatishvili 7-6, 6-4 Tuesday to advance in the third round of the Family Circle Cup.

Dechy, ranked No. 24, injured her knee in December and has struggled to regain confidence.

"I've been losing (in the first) round lately, so it was really good to have this first win," she said. "I couldn't practice and I couldn't really be fit when I started this season."

All seeded players in early Wednesday matches advanced in the $1.3 million clay-court tournament.

Marion Bartoli of France dispatched defeated Yulianna Fedak of the Ukraine 6-4, 6-3. American Jill Craybas, named to the Fed Cup team earlier in the day, lost to Maria Santangelo of Italy 6-4, 7-6 (5).
ND SOFTBALL

Irish battle Demons to kick off Holy Thursday

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame hopes to improve its Big East record with a doubleheader against conference newcomer DePaul today.

The double dip against the Blue Demons (18-11, 5-3 Big East) will be games No. 43 and 44 all time with the Irish (24-17, 7-1) — a series which DePaul leads 26-17-1.

After a short Easter break, Notre Dame will head to Evanston, Ill. April 18 for a one-game matchup with Northwestern.

The Irish and Blue Demons split a doubleheader in the annual meeting last season. But this year the Irish hope to outmatch DePaul and stay near the top of the Big East standings. Hiding the wave of a 6-0 win over Ball State Tuesday — and having just one loss in league play this season — the Irish are confident they can succeed against DePaul.

"DePaul is on a bit of a down slope and I think we can overcome that," senior catcher and captain Mallorie Lenn said. "We just want to stay on a high note and keep winning."

Notre Dame head coach Deanna Gumpf has been working on fundamentals during the team’s practices all season, something she said will keep the players focused on their performances.

"We’ve been working on the basics in practice, doing a lot with mechanics," freshman starting pitcher Brittany Bargar said. "If we can bring our A-game against DePaul we can do well."

One major aspect for the Notre Dame’s "A-game" all season has been its mental focus and intensity, Bargar said.

But Lenn feels that the DePaul game will be good for the team to keep its intensity high — possibly as high as it has been in the past three games, in which the Irish have collected 46 hits.

"These are all three important games coming up," Lenn said. "We are playing two tough teams and they will be really good wins for us."

Notes:

♦ Notre Dame senior third baseman Meagan Ruthrauff was named Big East player of the week.

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**WOMEN’S LACROSSE**

**Irish try to stick it to Hoyas**

ND forgets Duke loss, travels to Georgetown for league showdown

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Coming off an 11-10 loss last weekend to No. 4 Duke, Notre Dame looks to rebound from its 1-0 defeat by a team that holds the Big East crown. It will have a shot at another league title this weekend with a win at Georgetown.

Notre Dame head coach Tracy Coyne is confident about her team despite the loss to Duke — and also feels that there are only slight adjustments needed for her team to get back to winning ways.

“We were almost flawless against Duke, playing competitively, in a hard-fought lacrosse,” Coyne said. “The one thing we need to work on is our execution at the end of the game.”

One Irish player who excelled throughout the game was goalie Carol Dixon, who was named the Big East Defensive Player of the Week thanks to her 22-save performance in the game against the Blue Devils.

During practices this week, Coyne has reviewed what mistakes from the Duke game the team needs to correct for the Georgetown contest, including extensive film sessions.

“We know that we do a lot of things really well, and just want to keep working on things that will help us win games,” Coyne said. “We would not be where we are now if we weren’t good.”

By working on fundamentals such as draw controls, Coyne hopes to keep her team focused on itself rather than the opponent. Coyne said the main philosophy for this season’s Irish squad has been constantly improving aspects of their own game while thinking of future opponents for only small parts of practices.

“We definitely want to fine-tune our game,” Coyne said. “We are a 10-2, top-10 team which will earn the league’s automatic berth to the NCAA tournament as there is no Big East post-season championship.”

Even with the absence of a conference tournament, Coyne is optimistic about her team’s chances this season.

“We have played hard all season and plan on winning the conference to get the bid,” Coyne said.

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**TRACK AND FIELD**

**Top athletes head west to Mount SAC Relays**

Many others attempt to qualify for NCAAs at Indy Relays Sunday

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

The Irish track and field team will send several athletes to California this weekend to compete in the Mount San Antonio College Relays in Walnut, Calif., while the rest of the squad heads to Indianapolis Sunday for the Indy Relays.

Some of the men’s top sprinters, jumpers and field athletes and the women’s distance runners will head to the Mount SAC Relays, which will take place from Friday through Sunday.

Meanwhile, more than 50 other athletes will drive to Indianapolis.

Irish head coach Joe Plane said that he would like to see some Irish competitors in each meet post NCAA qualifying times.

Last week, at the Miami (Ohio) Invitational, Notre Dame captured seven victories and five Irish athletes qualified for the East Conference Championships.

“Due to the performance at Miami, our chances are quite good,” Plane said. The conference qualifiers for the Mount SAC Relays are ranked in the top-15 while the Irish athletes have a strong presence in the top-25.

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**SPORTS**

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**Sailing coasts to first, fourth place finishes**

Peris, Bauer overcome adversity to win races

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame’s sailing club again raced split squads in two regattas this weekend, at Wisconsin and Ohio. Five Notre Dame sailors headed to the annual Wisconsin Three-Way hosted on Lake Mendota in Madison, Wisconsin. The regatta consisted of three divisions: A and B took place in 420s, and C was in tech dinghies. The teams finished fourth out of sixteen teams overall. The highlight for the Irish on Saturday was sophomore skipper Tim Royy’s first place finish in Race 4 of the C Division.

On Sunday, sophomore skipper John Dalley and freshman crew Paul Cordes finished third and second in the two A-Division races, while freshman skipper Peter Craig and senior crew Kathryn Hoodedge’s finished fourth and second in the two Division races.

Wisconsin won the event with Minnesota coming in second.

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SMC Tennis

Belles steal final four matches for 5-4 rally

Dinger wins decisive match to seal comeback win, erase 4-1 deficit

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

In its most important contest of the season, Saint Mary's won the final four matches to earn a dramatic comeback victory over Kalamazoo Wednesday at the Saint Mary's Tennis Center.

With sole possession of third place in the MIAA on the line, things did not look promising early for the Belles as Kalamazoo sprinted out to a 4-1 lead by winning the first three doubles matches and the first two singles matches.

The Saint Mary's duo of Mary Elizabeth Campbell and Tara O'Brien beat the Hornets' Smite Guadili 6-4, 6-3 to complement Dinger's win.

Wednesday's victory brings Saint Mary's record to 10-6 overall and 5-1 in the MIAA. It also gives the Belles sole possession of third place in the league.

With Saint Mary's next match at conference leader Albion Tuesday at 3 p.m., the team will have an opportunity to climb further up the conference standings.

“Our win over Kalamazoo really gives us a lot of confidence,” Palombo said. “Hopefully we can use it as momentum because we'll need to keep our strong performance going when we play Albion.”

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Irish try to clinch No. 1 seed

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

A year is a long time, but the Irish remember Louisville. On May 14 of last year, then-No. 32 Notre Dame fell 4-1 to the Cardinals, ranked No. 33 at the time.

Sheeva Parbhoo had Notre Dame's only victory, and Ryan Kockley and Barry King took on a doubles match.

Almost a year later, the Cardinals will face the Irish again, this time at the Courtney Tennis Center today at 4 p.m. in the last match of Notre Dame's regular season.

"I would think the guys remember that match," coach Bobby Bayliss said. "We went away feeling that they had played very well and we had not played a good match. I don't think many of our players felt they had given a very good accounting of themselves. I'm confident we're going to be motivated."

The Irish are No. 17 in the national rankings with a 14-2 record, while Louisville is No. 29 with a record of 15-6. The Cardinals are 1-0 in Big East play, and this will be the first conference match for the Irish.

"The winner gets the No. 1 seed in the Big East tournament," Bayliss said. "If the Big East Tournament is rained out, the highest remaining seed in the tournament gets the NCAA bid."

Although both the Irish and Cardinals are virtual locks for the postseason, a Big East tournament win is a good way to build momentum before the NCAAs. Despite Notre Dame's higher ranking, Bayliss knows Louisville will provide tough competition.

"They play great doubles and their different players have different styles but most of the top part of their lineup they play good quick strike tennis," Bayliss said. "They're big and strong and aggressive ... and their lower lineup is very, very consistent." The Irish are coming off a 5-2 win over Southern Methodist University, which junior Ryan Kockley missed due to illness.

The standout doubles player has been crucial to getting points in the singles lineup. "It certainly helps our comfort level to have him back," Bayliss said. "He's had the best record on the team all year and he's been a money player for us. It's got to be reassuring to have him back in the saddle."

The match is the final of the regular season for the Irish and also the final regular-season match for seniors Patrick Buchanan and Eric Langenkamp.

Bayliss plans to thank the seniors for the contribution, but wants the team to stay focused.

"I'm confident we're going to be motivated," Bayliss said. "I never know how we're going to play, but I think we're certainly going to have a certainly high effort level."

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LeBron sprains ankle in road loss to East-leading Pistons

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Cleveland Cavaliers star LeBron James left the game against the Detroit Pistons on Wednesday night with an injured left ankle and did not return.

"It's sprained pretty good, but nothing serious," James said after Detroit's 96-73 victory. "You never really know until the next day, but I've had them before, and this is nothing that bad."

James landed awkwardly while being guarded by Tayshaun Prince on a three-point play late in the third quarter. The MVP candidate hopped on his right foot, keeping weight off his left foot, and was checked out on the court by Cavs athletic trainer Max Benton.

Following a timeout, James made a free throw to complete his three-point play and was taken out a second later. James left the court moments later and had X-rays taken. The Cavs said his status is day to day.

Cleveland hosts the New York Knicks on Thursday, and the Cavs might decide to play it safe by resting James because they can't improve or hurt their position as the fourth-seeded team in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

"If I don't feel 100 percent tomorrow, I won't go," James said.

James had 22 points on 8-of-18 shooting through three quarters and Detroit was leading 75-51.

Early in the fourth quarter, Cavs forward Alan Henderson dislocated a finger on his right hand on a missed dunk and did not return.
Colorado continued

vied an opportunity for Notre Dame to be one of the Final Four teams in its first season since 2002. According to Brown, "He's a very good recruiter," and he does a really good job as a D1 head coach," said Corrigan. "He's a very good recruiter," and he does a really good job as a D1 head coach," said Corrigan.

"The thing about Denver is they try to get you into a game you're not used to playing," Corrigan said. "They play a chaotic defensive style that tries to get you with pressure and double teams. But then, on the other end, they're not in a hurry on the offensive side."

The Pioneers enter the contest with the fifth-highest scoring offense in the country at 11.25 goals per game. Corrigan believes the key to shutting down the high-powered Denver offense will be found in transition play, an area where Notre Dame has outplayed its opponents with an 800-sprint style in clearings, compared to its opponents' 9:00 style.

"Their offense comes from their defense a lot," Corrigan said. "They're creating turnovers and converting them into goals. Keeping them out of transition is the key to holding them down, and that starts on the other end of the field." Corrigan said he believes the Irish will be successful in controlling the game tempo because they can control the game tempo and are accustomed to playing a reaction-type game.

Senior co-captain defenseman D.J. Driscoll said he thinks the teams, they are focusing on the task at hand and training on the task at hand and training. "I feel very good about where we are going into the weekend."

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Volleyball continued

McLaughlin (Kansas State and Washington), Notre Dame went 17-12 in 2004, but are going to make big differences and "building relationships with prospective student-athletes and the parents is important," she said. "We don't want to play a reaction-type game."

"At this point in the year, we've seen everything we're going to see," Corrigan said. "There's not that much new under the season. We're going to see some zones from Air Force — maybe a healthy dose of it."

Driscoll is confident in the Irish's ability to quickly recover from an opening loss. "At this point in the year, we've seen everything we're going to see," Corrigan said. "There's not that much new under the season. We're going to see some zones from Air Force — maybe a healthy dose of it."

"Mentally it's just concentrating on the task at hand and training on the task at hand at a step at a time. Just getting our legs back is just going to be our biggest problem," said the senior, who averages 9.8 assists per game and 5.0 steals per game.

"We've been grinding at it in the rain since the fall," Driscoll said. "It means our legs back is just going to be our biggest problem (preparing for Air Force)." The Irish are coming off a disappointing 3-7 season last year, but look to improve this year under Brown. "I think we're pretty lucky to have kept him for five years because he's really qualified, and they have no doubt he'll do a great job as a D-1 head coach," Brown said.

Driscoll endorsed his qualifications and dedication as well. "He's been working for this for a long time and he's been working under a great coach. Debbie Brown — he's learned a lot from her," Brewster said. "This is what he's wanted and this is what he's been working for and I know he's going to do great at it."

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The freshman worked out of several jams early in the game but settled down and did not allow a runner on base past the fourth inning. He struck out two Spartan batters — the last one looking — to escape a bases loaded situation in the second, and he ended a fourth-inning threat by forcing Manchester left fielder Danner Partidge to ground into a double play.

"I thought [Phelps] showed a lot of confidence and a lot of poise, something that you want to see in a rookie," Dury said. "This is really the first time he's got to come out here and really show everybody what he's got. He's got a great future ahead of him and I was really happy to see him hold down their order today."

Dury's three-run line drive in the fourth opened the flood gates, extending Notre Dame's lead to 4-0. A switch hitter, Dury batted from the left side of the plate and turned on an inside fastball from Spartan left-hander Marcus Miller with the help of a stiff wind blowing out.

"The three-run homer kind of opened up and let everybody relax a bit including Phelps," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "He didn't have to be perfect with every pitch like he would be in a one-run game. It was a big blow for us.

Notre Dame right fielder Danny Dressman took a bases-loaded walk later in the fourth to score Ailish Betty, who had reached base on a blop single to left. Irish shortstop Jeremy Barnes then ripped a two-run single up the middle, opening the lead to 7-0.

Irish infielder Eddie Smith followed Barnes with a sacrifice fly to right field that scored Dressman and gave Notre Dame an 8-0 advantage.

"Usually when the weather warms up, our hitting gets better," Dury said. "I don't know if it's the climate or just the fact that we've played more and the guys are getting more comfortable."

Irish freshman pitcher Zach Scott reached first on an infield single and scored on center fielder Scott Tarnowski's triple to left center. Tarnowski then scored on Manchester first baseman Zac Bireley's sacrifice fly to right.

Graffy settled down and struck out Spartan third baseman Jordan Adams and induced a groundout by Treesh to secure the 8-2 win.

Notre Dame takes to the diamond again today at Frank Eck Stadium with a doubleheader against Big East rival St. John's. The opening pitches are scheduled for 12:05 and 4:05 p.m. and the series finale will take place Saturday at 12:05 p.m.

The Irish are currently tied for first place with the Red Storm in the Big East standings — each holding an 8-1 record. The teams split league honors last season, with the Red Storm taking the regular season title and the Irish resigning as champions of the tournament. Both received NCAA tournament bids and the only two Big East teams to earn berths.

"This is the biggest day of the year, there's no question about that," Dury said. "It's going to be an enormous series. We're excited, I'm sure St. John's is excited. Let's get it on."
Captains

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example, and that's kind of my philosophy as well.”

Quinn will be the offensive captain for the second straight season, and Zbikowski will take over for graduating senior linebacker Brandon Hoyte on defense.

Thomas was selected for the special teams role, which was a week-by-week honor awarded by coaches in 2005 and based on play from the previous game. Thomas is a member of the kickoff coverage and return team and has played on punts and extra points as well. As Notre Dame’s No. 2 running back last season, the rising senior rushed for 266 yards on 63 carries behind Irish starting running back Darius Walker.

"[Thomas] is not selfish, and he's not looking for any individual credit," Walker said. "Travis works so hard not only on the offensive side of the ball, but also on special teams. I think he's out there on every special teams (play)."

While offensive and defensive players each voted for the captain on their side of the ball, the entire team voted for the special teams’ captainship. Quinn won the offensive selection in a "runaway vote," Weis said.

"I think he did a great job as the offensive captain, especially being picked as an underclassman," Weis said. "I was really proud of the way he handled himself on and off the field, and I think that the team really looks to Brady for leadership, which he provides."

On defense, Weis said he thought the players made the right selection because of the way Zbikowski plays.

"I don't know if I'm going to be able to take this — a whole year of having to listen to some guy from the South Side of Chicago," Weis quipped. "But I think he definitely exemplifies the toughness in players that I look for."

In 2005, players voted on the "Irish football House of Representatives," a leadership committee with one member from each position group, at the same time as voting for captains. Weis said the team will change the leadership committee at the end of fall camp in August.

"I was torn between giving you the scouting report on Georgia Tech, which I have right here in this folder, which would have been real impressive by the way (and announcing the captains)," he said. "I have [Georgia Tech's] injuries in spring ball. I'm pretty happy with myself."

♦ Weis will announce rosters Wednesday for the Blue-Gold Game April 22.

He said he formulated a style of scrimmage that will accommodate for the team’s current lack of depth, especially on the offensive line.

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Brey announces Harden, Peoples for Class of 2010

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
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Notre Dame coach Mike Brey announced the signings of high school seniors Jonathan Peoples and Joe Harden Wednesday in a press conference at the Joyce Center — bringing the total number of Irish recruits to four after Luke Harangody and Tory Jackson committed in fall 2005.

"I like the fact that they've won and they came from good high school programs and they were accustomed to winning," Brey said. "I think because they have pretty good size and strength already, and they have a feel for the game — guys like that have a chance of bringing in three quicker.”

Peoples (Bellwood, Ill.) averaged 15.2 points, four assists and three rebounds his senior season at St. Joseph’s High School in Westchester, Ill. The 6-foot-3, 210-pound guard played varsity four years and led his team to a 28-2 record his senior season. Peoples helped St. Joseph’s win the East Suburban Catholic league title three consecutive years. He received several all-state selections as a junior and senior.

The guard finished his high school career with 1,237 points on 51-percent shooting. He also added 339 rebounds, 252 assists, 120 steals and 54 blocked shots. "He's got strength, he's got athletic ability and he plays old," Brey said about Peoples. "As far as physical presence ... we certainly can use that on the periphery."

Harden (Acampo, Calif.) averaged 17 points and 10 rebounds his senior season at St. Mary’s High School in Stockton, Calif. The Stockton Record named him co-captain of the year following his senior campaign. The 6-foot-7, 210-pound guard was also a leader on a prep team that went 31-4 and won the Sac-Joquin sectional championship.

FOOTBALL

Calling all captains

Quinn, Zbikowski, Thomas voted to lead team for 2006 season

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

There's a new triumvirate in town.

Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn, strong safety Tom Zbikowski and running back Travis Thomas will be tri-captains for the 2006 season. Irish coach Charlie Weis announced Wednesday that Quinn said the captains bring different attitudes to the team but all have at least one leadership quality in common.

"Between the three of us, we're pretty different personalities," he said. "I think the biggest thing that [Zbikowski and Thomas] bring is to lead by example." Notre Dame strong safety Tom Zbikowski speaks with the media Wednesday. Irish coach Charlie Weis announced Zbikowski will be the team's defensive captain for the 2006 season.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

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BASEBALL

Dury’s bat helps slay Spartans

By KYLE CASSILY
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Notre Dame freshman right-hander David Phelps pitched seven shutout innings and designated hitter Mike Dury launched a three-run home run over the right field fence with a little help from Mother Nature as the No. 21 Irish (24-8, 8-1 Big East) beat Division-Ill Manhattan College (20-5) 8-2 Wednesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

Notre Dame used a seven-run fourth inning to extend its winning streak to 14 games, and Phelps secured his second career win by scattering four hits and fanning seven Spartan batters.

MEN’S LACROSSE

League contest a mile high

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

No. 9 Notre Dame will face its toughest three-day stretch of the year this weekend as it heads to Colorado to battle No. 18 Denver Friday in Denver before traveling south for an Easter Sunday showdown with Air Force in Colorado Springs.

The two league contests make up the middle of four straight conference road games for the Irish that promise to be especially tough.