Activism methods evolve with time

By EILEEN DUFFY
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Editor’s Note: This is the third article in a three-part series examining activism at Notre Dame: its current role on campus, how that role has changed and what those changes mean for the future.

From the 1960s — when students took their first tentative steps out on the quad, pickets in hand — to now, when activism has cemented its presence at Notre Dame, the list of issues hasn’t changed much.

Shappell, Andrichik end term

Student government leaders deem administration a success

By KAITLYNN RIELY
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Student body president Lizzi Shappell and vice president Bill Andrichik are willing to contest anyone who claims student government doesn’t do anything.

But their accomplishments, they said, speak for themselves.

“We believe that over the past four years I’ve heard — I can’t even count how many times — student government doesn’t do anything,” Andrichik said. “After this year, I would challenge someone to look at what we’ve done and still be able to say that.”

Starbucks founder speaks on ethics

By KATE MCCLELLAND
News Writer

Starbucks founder and chairman Howard Schultz, who visited Notre Dame Thursday, told an audience on campus that “success is not an entitlement — it must be earned.”

Schultz discussed his business practices and passed on lessons he has learned from leading Starbucks in a talk titled "Entrepreneurship and Ethics" in Mendoza’s Jordan Auditorium.

He emphasized the importance of striking a balance between profitability and social consciousness, he said, because companies that are authentic and ethical will do better in the long run than companies simply out to make an immediate profit.

Schultz, the former chief executive officer of Starbucks, received the eighth annual Theodore M. Hesburgh C.S.C. Award for Ethics in Business for his superior commitment to earning respect and success within the business world while maintaining the highest ethical standards in all of Starbucks’ business practices.

Starbucks — listed as No. 16 on Fortune’s list of Best Companies to Work For — has made a commitment to its employees by offering

Computers removed from labs

OIT tests design for more group work

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

With the goal of creating more flexible work space, the Office of Information Technologies (OIT) has removed half the computers from the cluster in the basement of the Mendoza College of Business and plans to substantially reduce the number of computers in the Hesburgh Library computing lab over the summer.

James Cope, OIT organizational communications analyst, said OIT is trying to find “the right configuration for students today.”

Cope said research conducted by the OIT indicated that students want “the flexibility of more space.” And creating that space, he said, sometimes means removing some computers.

Before spring break, the lab in rooms L004 of Mendoza contained 36 computers for student use. Fifteen of these computers were removed, so half remain.

In the Library’s computing cluster, there are currently 63 computers. The Library and OIT plan to move the cluster to the first floor near the reference desk in the early summer. In this planned cluster, there will be 13 personal computers, eight Macintosh computers and 10 laptops available for checkout.

One of the reasons for the

Campus hosts prospects

Event meant to attract talented minorities

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

In its ongoing effort to attract a higher number of incoming students from diverse ethnic backgrounds, the Office of Admissions is holding a select group of applicants from underrepresented groups for the annual Spring Visitation Weekend, commonly known as “Spring Viz.”

The Admissions office invited 150 high school seniors of Asian, African, Latino and Native American descent to visit from Thursday through Sunday as part of the event.

A program — and recruitment tool — for attracting more underrepresented minority students to Notre Dame, Spring Visitation has been held for almost 20 years and is directed by a team within the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

“Which brings in … the best and brightest minority students from all over the country to show them what Notre Dame is all about,” Assistant Director of Admissions Son Nguyen said. “They stay with student hosts, see the dorm life, attend classes and explore all of the various clubs and organizations available on campus.”

In addition to Nguyen, a student-led team of five members — including junior Jesse Carillo, senior Krystal Hardy, senior Covington Doan, sophomore Jaime Luna and sophomore Kellen Lewis — have helped coordinate the recruitment process, which began in September. The team has been contacting high school seniors

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**On Peeps and eggs**

So you may not be a fan of partisanship, single-sex dorms, or any of the other conservative policies enforced by a traditional Catholic university—but I certainly hope you don’t forget the benefits when they come.

That is, in example, an actual Easter break. That extra Friday and Monday right in the midst of tests, projects and papers—it’s a well-earned break.

Oh, you may think two extra days off doesn’t make up for some of the restrictions of a Catholic community, you take issue with. But I have been celebrating the opportunity by rubbing it in all my friends’ faces back home. Those friends at state schools who constantly remind me of the freedoms they enjoy outside Notre Dame have been getting a little taste of their own medicine. You should have heard the responses. “What? Are you serious? Two days off?”

Admittedly, I don’t have any special plans for the weekend other than sleeping and, naturally, participating in the annual Easter Mass-brunch-family egg hunt extravagance. I still participate in the Easter egg hunt! Absolutely. The bunny better find some good spots, however, because as the years have gone by I’ve learned where all the good hiding spots are.

Let’s talk about the food. Thanksgiving is turkey. Christmas is usually steak at our house, and Easter is ham. And who are kid-ding, Easter ham by far and away wins. Plus it comes with Grandma’s famous “hashbrown supreme.” You haven’t lived until you’ve tasted some of that.

Of course, I’ll also have my share of Peeps and spring colored M&M’s. Windows, eating them is a little too much, but I certainly hope you don’t forget the benefits.

**QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO WOULD WIN IN A FIGHT BETWEEN MAXIMUS AND LEONIDAS, AND WHY?**

**OFFBEAT**

Mom allegedly tells girl to steal dog

ANTIOCH, Calif. — A woman who allegedly instructed her two young daughters to steal a neighbor’s dog was arrested on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and grand theft.

Nora Vasquez’ arrest Wednesday came a week after her daughters, ages 7 and 9, told their elementary school principal they snatched the missing mutt on their mother’s orders.

A witness to the daylight dog-napping earlier this month told investigators that he saw two girls jump out of an SUV and grab the pooch from a neighbor’s porch while a woman shouted at them to hurry.

“Were they kids or were they adults?” the police asked.

The celebration of Easter Bunny, Charlie Crowe always happens at Notre Dame (and patient) people.

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**IN BRIEF**

General Richard B. Myers, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will deliver the lecture “Up Front on the Future of Global Security” at the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business today at 10:40 a.m. as part of the Ten Years Hence lecture series.

Ewa Plonowska Ziarek, a professor of comparative literature at New York State University, will deliver the lecture “Rare Life: On Hunger Strike” today at 3 p.m. at the Jordan Auditorium.

La Allamante presents Metropolis Latino, Latin Expressions 2007. The celebration of Latino culture at the O’Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary’s College will begin tonight at 7.

Grammar-nominated Tiempo Libre, will perform to tamales—a mix of high-voltage Latin jazz and the seductive rhythms of son tonight at 8 at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The Black Cultural Arts Council will present its “I Love Hip-Hop” fashion show Saturday at 8 at the Century Center in downtown South Bend. Free shuttle transportation will be provided at the Library Circle every 15 minutes starting at 6:15 p.m.

Internationally renowned pianist Warren Jones, the Principal Pianist for the Camerata Pacifica, will perform with the Department of Music vocal professor, Georgine Resiek, Sunday at 2 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews@nd.edu.
Latin Expressions explores urbanity in culture

Event sponsored by La Alianza invites students of all backgrounds to celebrate customs of Latin American countries

By LUISA CABRERA

Latin Expressions, one of the longest-running cultural shows at Notre Dame, will combine modern and traditional entertainment to give the University community a taste of Latin flavor tonight at the Saint Mary’s O’Laughlin Auditorium, and the main change this year will be opening the production to Latin cultures other than those native to Mexico.

The event, sponsored by La Alianza, allows students from different backgrounds to come together to celebrate both the diversity and similarities of their cultures. This year’s theme is “Metroplataño,” and the show will focus on conveying an understanding of modern urbanity through a combination of folklore, popular culture, and high culture.

Senior Yadira Huerta, the show’s director, said this year’s show will feature performances of dances from throughout Latin America. “This year marks the first Latin Expressions ever to incorporate an unprecedented amount of traditional, folkloric dances from all over Latin America — not simply Mexico, as has been seen in years past,” Huerta said.

Junior Edianys Deynes, the current secretary for La Alianza, who first danced in the show at age 10, said the show successfully “fuses traditional styles with the growing trend of urbanization to form a metropolitan style all its own.”

Some members of La Alianza expressed concern that the show was losing its traditional values, but Huerta disagreed with these perspectives. “Every year the show is evolving ... the traditional value of the show has proven to be rooted in the spirit of inclusion,” Huerta said. “What better way to carry forth La Alianza’s mission of educating the Notre Dame campus about Latino culture than by inviting them to be directly involved, to share in and to experience a small part of it?”

The show invites participation of all ethnicities to take part in the acts. Junior Michelle Mas, a member of the show’s production team, said, “As a Latina, I feel that we should try to introduce our culture as being modern and more than just folklore.”

Macarena Ivanissevich
junior

“"As a Latina, I feel that we should try to introduce our culture as being modern and more than just folklore.""
Clusters

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reductions in Mendoza was because of relatively low usage levels and complaints from Computing Services supervisor Karen Renkiewicz said. In addition, unlike the other computer clusters, the Mendoza one is self-funded.

Classroom and cluster services manager Brian Burchett said OIT's data shows that 63 percent of the time, there are less than 25 people in the Mendoza computing lab at any time. The lab is at 75 to 99 percent capacity less than one percent of the time.

"So there might be periods of time when all those computers were in use, but there certainly were long periods of time when most of those computers were going unused," Burchett said.

But Delphine Risto, a junior who is a cluster consultant for the Mendoza and DeBartolo clusters, said during the eight hours a week she works the Mendoza lab is always busy.

"Ever since they took out the computers, it's been crazy," Risto said. "Computers are always full and people are coming in and complaining because there aren't enough computers. They show no support of the change.

Burchett said he is not surprised that a cluster worker observes the cluster is busy when she is working.

"We try to staff the clusters when they are busy," he said. "It wouldn't surprise me that a student working on duty would see these numbers." Burchett said.

Risto estimated that the lab is at about 75 percent capacity or higher during the times that she works. Students have complained about the low number of computers available, she said.

Burchett said OIT is trying out the new configurations to see if they better serve student needs. But, he said, if students are unhappy with the new setup or the lower number of computers, they can "absolutely" complain.

"The configurations for the labs and the number of computers are always going to be adjusted for student need," Burchett said.

He said OIT's primary goal is not to reduce the number of computers available, but to find the right ratio for students who use the computer clusters for their classes.

"If we find that students want to have more [computers], we can order more and have them installed in a couple of weeks," Burchett said.

New trends in laptop ownership and cluster use

The trend OIT has observed, Burchett said, is that 91 percent of freshmen said they own their own laptop.

Risto said not everyone has a laptop and not all students want to work there alone to do work away from their rooms.

"It was not thought out properly," she said.

Burchett said OIT realized that many students don't want to carry their own laptops around campus. He said some students do and asserted the changes will accommodate both types of students.

The redesigning initiatives stemmed from feedback OIT collected from students who used the labs.

In early 2004, OIT Chief Information Officer Gordon Wishon created an OIT project team to conduct an assessment to find the information technology needs of the Notre Dame community. Students as well as faculty and staff members were surveyed on their technology preferences. In the Academic Information Technology Assessment report, surveys and research concluded there was a desire to redesign campus computer clusters.

"When the clusters were originally conceived ... student ownership of feedback OIT users was substantially lower than today, driving the need for a configuration of single-computer stations -- to get as many computers as possible into the allocated spaces," the report said.

That configuration worked at the time of the initial report of 1987, but more students indicate they want more space to work in the computer clusters.

"Keeping things exactly the same way as they were 15 years ago probably isn't going to be helpful for the students," Burchett said.

Surveys conducted of 2,711 students showed that 15.36 percent of the time in the cluster they spent working in groups on course assignments. Students in the business school spent 22.73 percent of their time in the clusters working in groups on assignments, compared to 91 percent of the time spent working alone on course assignments.

Risto said she agreed that Mendoza is frequently used for group project use but said many individuals work in the lab as well. And when all the computers are taken, these individuals are frustrated.

"I've had about two or three kids come up and ask me about the change and a number of people a day, including kids, come up and mumbled about how stressful it is and stormed out," she said.

New cluster configurations

Risto suggested that the reason OIT is removing computers and reconfiguring was to save money on the upkeep of the computers and the cost of new software and hardware.

"It was not thought out properly, but it's not really the primary motivation," he said.

Burchett said the University adequately funds OIT to replace computers.

"I don't think this is about reducing the amount of money we spend on the computing labs," he said. "I think it's about spending it in different ways because the configuration is changing."

And with the cost of the new configuration of the Hesburgh Library computer cluster, there may be few overall savings, he said.

Burchett estimated the project of moving the cluster to the first floor and the cost of the new furniture could total $200,000.

The decision to change the location and look of the Library cluster was a "meeting of minds" between OIT and the Library, who thought the cluster was in a "tucked-away position," Burchett said.

The new location on the first floor, she said, becomes "a more obvious environment." Butterwick said.

"It also allows us to offer assistance in both the computing environment and the information resources environment, basically from the same space," Butterwick said.

The Library has not yet determined what it will use the current cluster space for.

Burchett called the new library cluster configuration a "pilot" program to see how students respond.

The new furniture for the clusters, according to current blueprints, will accommodate 76 people. The current cluster can seat 67.

The new space will also contain a self-contained presentation area to allow students to practice with group members, Butterwick said.

If the 10 laptops available for students to borrow from the Library prove to be inadequate, Butterwick said, OIT can order more to fit the demonstrated student need.

OIT intends to survey students to see how they like the new Library cluster, Burchett said.

But Copie said OIT has not removed computers from any other OIT-supported computer clusters besides Mendoza and some others in the Library, and it will not make any changes to them until it gets student feedback from the two changed labs.

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Suicide bombers hit marketplaces
BAGHDAD — Five suicide bombers struck Shiite marketplaces in northeast Baghdad and a town north of the capital at nightfall Thursday, killing at least 122 people and wounding more than 150 in a spike in deadly days in years.

At least 178 people were killed or found dead Thursday, which marked the end of the seventh week of the latest militant campaign to curtail violence in Baghdad and surrounding regions.

The suicide bombers hit markets in the Shiite town of Khalis and the Shaabi neighborhood in Baghdad during the busiest time of the day. Tim ing that has become a trademark of what are believed to be Sunni insurgent or al-Qaida suicide bombers.

Three suicide vehicle bombs, including an explosives-packed ambulance, detonated in a market in Khalis, 50 miles north of the capital, which was especially crowded because government four rationed had just arrived for the first time in six months, local television stations reported.

At least 43 people were killed and 86 wounded, police said.

Police attack high school protesters
ELWOOD, Ind. — Police on Thursday used tear gas and water cannons to disperse hundreds of rock-throwing high school students who repeatedly blocked traffic on Sagamore’s main avenue.

The government said 159 students had been detained.

The demonstrations came on a date often marked by violence by far-left groups commemorating what they call “The Day of the Young Combatant,” honoring two young brothers killed by police in a 1985 protest of the 1973-90 dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet.

Four people killed in spring storm
ELWOOD, Ind. — A 69-year-old woman was killed retrieving her newspaper Wednesday, police said.

Sharon Lum of Alexandria, Va., opposed to both the Pentagon and Congress. The measure reflects a choice between the Pentagon and Congress. The measure reflects a choice between the Pentagon and Congress. The measure reflects a choice between the Pentagon and Congress. The measure reflects a choice between the Pentagon and Congress.

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Kaneb Center technology fair to showcase options

By SONIA RAO
News Writer

A new version of WebCT Vista will be unveiled today at the John A. Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning’s “Technology in the Classroom” fair in the Jordan Hall of Science.

Faculty members and teaching assistants who attend the exhibition will see examples of using technology in the classroom, with displays ranging from traditional PowerPoint to the more vanguard blogs and “Wikis.”

The idea is to help faculty understand what kinds of technologies are available to help improve learning in the classroom,” Assistant Director of the Kaneb Center Chris Clark said. “It’s a showcase of the different technologies that people might use.”

Though some professors and teaching assistants remain loyal to the traditional chalkboard instead of a laptop, Clark said the event is to promote technology only when it is relevant to the class.

“Our purpose is not to use technology for the sake of technology, he said. “It’s to integrate objectives ... If it would be useful for (faculty) to use a PowerPoint with images and videos and they’re not doing that, then we would suggest it to them.”

He also noted that faculty members dealing with a visual subject matter could benefit greatly from the use of technology.

“Taking slides and putting them on a computer makes things more effective for someone teaching something like Art History,” he said. “It’s the idea of having 100,000 slides on a laptop versus 80 on a slide tray.”

Though visually inclined subjects could benefit from technology for obvious reasons, Clark said there is not any one subject that benefits from the use of technology more than others.

On the other hand, large classes tend to find WebCT useful for distributing grades, which “helps students get feedback quickly,” he said.

Faculty members responsible for those large classes will notice that WebCT has had a makeover. Course Management Systems Administrator Laura Gekeler said the course management system is getting an upgrade.

“Pretty much the look and feel is changing,” she said. “That includes navigations, so things are easier to use.”

Gekeler said faculty members will probably notice more changes than students, but everyone can notice that the system name will be changed from WebCT to “Concourse” on May 17.

“We wanted to brand our course management system as being Notre Dame’s course management system so the name won’t be tied to the vendor as much,” she said. Currently, Notre Dame’s course management system reflects the vendor, WebCT. A demonstration of Concourse will be part of the “Technology in the Classroom” event.

The technology fair will take place at the north end of Jordan Hall’s main atrium from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Students walk for Darfur

By JENNIFER METZ
News Writer

About 60 students silently marched to the Main Building as the sun set Thursday night to raise awareness about the genocide occurring in Darfur.

The march, coordinated by the Student Senate Social Concerns committee as part of Darfur Week, included prayers and readings led by anthropology professor Father Patrick Gaffney and songs sung by members of the Glee Club.

The students were somber in their walk and struggled against the wind to keep their candles lit as they served as symbols of their effort and solidarity.

Chris Meister, a freshman involved with the Social Concerns committee, was one of the organizers of the event.

After he took a seminar on religious violence last semester, Meister said he felt compelled to somehow get involved in ending genocide.

He said a film shown in his seminar, “Hotel Rwanda,” inspired him to participate in these efforts.

“I’ll never forget ... in the movie they said, ‘Once the movie was over, they’re not doing that, then we would suggest it to them.”

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Investors weigh strong GDP report and oil surge against tension in Iran

NEW YORK — Stocks ended higher in volatile trading Thursday as investors weighed a surge in oil prices and a report about mounting tension in Iran against a report that indicated better-than-expected U.S. economic growth.

The major indexes bounced around, and spent most of the session looking for direction as crude prices surged to a six-month high. Investors remain nervous about the West's response to British sailors held captive in Iran, and oil prices crossed the $60 mark.

This offset the Commerce Department's final measure of fourth-quarter gross domestic product, which showed growth of 2.5 percent. That could help quell concerns about an economic slowdown too quickly. At the same time, strong economic growth could make it harder for the Federal Reserve to cut short-term interest rates.

Investors also bought-and-sold stocks to window dress their portfolio ahead of Saturday's end of the first quarter. The modest advance snapped a three-day losing streak for the Dow Jones industrials.

"The market is at a pivotal point," said Scott Fullman, director of investment strategy for Israel A. Englander & Co. "The market has become increasingly volatile, and more sensi­ tive, to news items." The Dow rose 48.39, or 0.39 percent, to 12,384.75. The index climbed as high as 12,381.91 during the morning session.

Broad based S&P 500 stock indicators also finished higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 composite index rose 5.30, or 0.37 percent, to 1,422.53, and the Nasdaq composite index edged up 0.78, or 0.03 percent, to 2,417.88.

Bonds slipped, with the 10-year Treasury note falling 10 basis points to its yield at 4.64 percent. The yield on the benchmark bond was 0.26 percent lower than it was Wednesday. The dollar fell against other major currencies, and the yen hit its highest level since mid-September on mounting tension in Korea.

The recent rise in oil prices generally poses a concern as increased energy costs could curb consumer spending and add to inflationary pressures.

Wall Street got little feedback from policymakers after a number of Fed officials gave speeches. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis President Gary Stern was upbeat about the U.S. economy, but refrained from connecting that outlook to the future path of monetary policy.

Richmond Fed President Jeffrey Lackier did not address the economy in his remarks to a community affairs research conference in Washington. He instead spoke about the recent rise in consumer credit defaults being caused by borrower's mistakes and problems with lender risk assessment.

Earlier in the session, the Labor Department released a report that showed the number of newly laid-off workers signing up for unemployment benefits last week declined. This suggests the job market is still in good shape even as the economy goes through a sluggish spell.

In corporate news, U.S. Steel Inc. announced it will acquire Lone Star Technologies Inc. for $2.1 billion, which represents a 39 percent premium U.S. Steel rose $3.61, or 3.7 percent, to $101.22, while Lone Star surged $17.66, or 36.5 percent, to $64.11. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 1.54, or 0.19 percent, at 798.94.

Apple hopes to increase album sales

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Apple Inc., the company that popularized selling songs online for 99 cents apiece, now hopes to have interest in albums, giving customers credit for purchases of full albums from within they have bought individual tracks.

Apple introduced the "Complete My Album" feature Thursday on its iTunes Store. It now gives a full credit of 99 cents for every track the user previously purchased and applies it toward the purchase of the complete album.

For instance, most albums on iTunes cost $9.99 so a customer who already bought three tracks can download the rest of the album for $7.02. Previously, users who bought singles and later opted to buy the album had to pay the full price of the album and ended up with duplicates of those songs.

The album price reduction is good for only 180 days after the initial purchase of individual tracks.

Eddy Cue, Apple's vice president of iTunes, said the new feature should help eliminate the resistance that customers, including himself, may have felt in buying an album after they had already bought a single from it.

"Once we bought a song, we wondered why we had to buy it again if we wanted the album," Cue said. "We hope it helps us sell more songs ultimately, and from the customer's perspective, the view, it think it's the right thing to do."

About 45 percent of the nearly 2.5 billion songs sold on iTunes were purchased as albums, Cue said.

For a limited period of 90 days, Apple said it will make the "Complete My Album" offer retroactive to users who purchased tracks dating back to the launch of the iTunes Store four years ago.

Apple dominates the online music market and is a leading music retailer worldwide behind only Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Best Buy Co. and Target Corp.
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the two descriptions they have been working on. The Bible results this year for the student body — results that said disproved the stereotype of a
do nothing government.
Andrichik and Shappell told The Observer in August when they came into the school year, 2007, that they helped them start achieving goals they had set for themselves. Their initiatives include offering more opportunities to Grab and Go and starting a new Summer Program to give students access to three major newspapers.

And Shappell said that momentous accomplishments, they said, was the Student Union endowment. "From the Institute where I 2005 to the Student Union endowment — with a cumulative of $600,000 — and Shappell announced to the Senate. The Student Union endowment — a fund comprised of money from The Shirt project and proceeds from student government's carry-forward accounts — will provide funding for future events and projects that Shappell said. She estimated more than $1 million would be returned to the overall Student Union budget every year through this fund.

"We think this is the most fi­cally responsible thing to do
with the money," Shappell said. Previous administrations have discussed creating this fund, and Shappell said she is proud her administration was able to carry through.

Currently, students may not benefit from the effects of this endowment, but in 10 years students will benefit when the campus undergoes larger concerts and clubs can receive more funding.

"I think that might not look not like our largest investment now, but that's one of the things that I can almost assure will be appointed for Spring Visitation impact this year's freshmen are long gone from cam­pus.

Their administration has marked other significant changes. Current students can notice, including an Eating Disorders Awareness Week and the establishment of the Student Community Summit and more chances for student interaction with lounges.

A 'determined' administration

Reflecting on the past year, Shappell said she would use the word "determined" to describe her administration. One of the strengths of this administration were dedicated to serving the student body in every way sustainable. That is achieving everything we wanted to achieve," she said.

"The corresponding part of the student body is still being served, but the remark made at the Board of Student Affairs committee meeting in February.

Last year, the Baron-Shappell plan sought this year to "take a backseat" to emerging problems like controversial ordinance amendment and the academic freedom-Catholic identity debate. But Shappell said, and Andrichik were fortunate that their time to achieve that platform was short.

But Shappell and Andrichik don't attribute their successes to the last two years. Everyone in the administration worked hard, Andrichik said. For Shappell and Andrichik, that workload will be greatly diminished when Andrichik, who is president-elect Liz Brown and vice pres­ident-elect Marius Braun take office.

Forging strong relationships

Shappell said the experience of leading the Student Union "Andrichik and I have become very rewarding.

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Couple tackles sexuality, spirituality
Married Loyola University scholars address emotional, social maturation

By BREGID FENLON

Saint Mary’s Center for Spiritual Development interim minister and professor James Whitehead and his wife, psychologist and professor Evelyn Whitehead, to Carroll Auditorium Thursday night to discuss spirituality and sexuality.

Their presentation covered a variety of theories on the significance and integral role that they believe spirituality and sexuality play in everyone’s life. James Whitehead defined spirituality and sexuality as “our desire and longing for our life in the hope that our lives can become more generous and fruitful.”

He said Jesus says we need to prosper and to achieve true happiness.

“Jesus wants us not just to survive, to thrive, to live with life in abundance,” he said. “In order to attain fulfillment, maturity leads directly to conflict resolution.”

He said the conference was to encourage diplomatic negotiations, dialogue, understanding, and peace, as well as members of the South Bend community.

“Peacemakers must have a religious or spiritual disciplines background in order to thrive in that environment,” she said.

For the run, Krivda said, “I’m just keeping time.”

The run/walk is to help individual campers afford camp, and students who talk to kids who really need help — kids who don’t necessarily get the opportunity to hear about Young Life.”

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By MANDI STIRONE

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Summit promotes peace
Kroc conference to encourage diplomatic negotiations, dialogue

By KATIE PERALTA

The goal of this week’s “All About Peace” conference at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies is to bring together peacemakers and professionals from around the world to discuss conflict resolution.

Bernardin said that the run/walk is focused on helping kids who really need help. They want to be the people who make a difference in these kids’ lives.

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and that individuals made a difference in those changes," said professor George Lopez of the Notre Dame Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, pointing out that "America, from Second Vatican Council to the Civil Rights Movement, was in constant conflict in Notre Dame students included.

Those fervent protests and strikes in America then attracted the attention of students in the occupied most of the French ones, in 1968.

"The American protests were really a point of reference for many student movements on the political far-left for the anti-racism, anti-feminist movements," said Olivier Morel, an adjunct French instructor who was born in France and lived there until 1984.

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"The truth is," he said, "that the current generation has a more balanced and maybe realistic view of how much change individuals can bring.

"At Notre Dame students now, he said, the war in Iraq seems like an inaccessible conflict. Far fewer Notre Dame students have connections to those serving in Iraq than at other local institutions like Ball State University and Indiana University, he said, where many students join the National Guard and other military branches in order to further their educations.

"The days of turning 600,000 people out for marches on Washington and campuses already existing, that doesn't go anywhere. Those days are gone," he said.

"At Notre Dame in the late '60s and early '70s, Lopez thinks they were a bit 'big-head.'

"They look for a strategic situation where they can actually have an effect," he said.

But Michael Shaughnessy, who graduated from Notre Dame in 1971 and was active in the Vietnam War protests on campus, thinks older methods can still be effective for the war in Iraq.

"I'm a high school theology teacher in San Francisco, participates in marches, sit-ins and letter-writing campaigns in town," he said.

"Worried about Notre Dame students.

"I'm working for justice is controversial," he said, "and I think many students at Notre Dame in the late '60s and early '70s, and from what I read, now, too, are more concerned about jobs than changing the system.

Aaron Kreider agrees that Notre Dame students can do more when it comes to activism. He felt so strongly about that as a graduate student here in 1998 that he founded the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA), which has earned official club status from the University that same year. Since earning his master's degree in sociology in 2002, he has founded a website called campusactivism.org — a massive networking site for activists that he compared to myspace.com and friendsnet.

While Shaughnessy laments the lack of student action in international issues, Kreider identifies problems right on campus that Notre Dame students should address. He wrote a handbook entitled "The Notre Dame Discontent Manual: A Guide To What's Really Going On," targeting issues from heterosexism to militarism to the heavy influence corporations hold over Notre Dame, especially its Board of Trustees. The manual is linked to campusactivism.org.

"Activism should be strong on a college campus because it's important. It's important for all communities to be engaged in what I believe in progressive social change, in making their community a better place, a place that is more just and more loving," Kreider said.

"At Notre Dame, activism is weaker than your typical nationally ranked university.

But groups like Students for Environmental Action, Circle of Friends, International, CLAP, the Africa Faith and Justice Network and Right to Life beg to differ. Recently, it's been off-campus groups unaffiliated with the University like Soulforce and the Midwest Catholic Workers — who have been attracting attention for activism at Notre Dame.

Do members of Notre Dame groups need to get arrested in LaFarge for people to believe they're making a difference on campus and in the world? Or do their actions speak for themselves?

"I don't see today's students as any less active than prior generations of Notre Dame students, or students who mobilized protests in the last big war, like the Vietnam War," Lopez said. "People are more leveled, and may be more judicious about the use of their own time."

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Failed grand jury

On March 27, 2007, New Mexico-based PETA was told it could not file a new lawsuit in federal court against San Diego's popular pet food company for its alleged use of inhumane ingredients. The company, which sells its products under the Purina, Beneful, and Old-Chow brand names, has been accused of using ingredients such as dried pig blood, fish heads, and dead rodents in its pet food. PETA believes that these ingredients have caused numerous pet illnesses and deaths. The company has denied the allegations and has filed a motion to dismiss the case. PETA is seeking an injunction to prevent the company from continuing to sell its products until the allegations are investigated and resolved. The case is being heard by Judge Susan Illston in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. PETA is represented by attorney Michael Webb. The company is represented by attorney Todd Boucher. The case is PETA v. Nestle Purina Petcare Co., No. 06-CV-01887 (JW).
For clusters, downsizing complex

The line at the LaFortune computer cluster usually goes out the door during the middle of almost every day and most nights. The cluster in D'Artolo often fares better in the afternoons but worse earlier in the day. Students stay for hours at a time at both, doing projects, papers and presentations on fast-running IBMs and user-friendly Macs.

It's with this in mind that the Office of Information Technologies (OIT) must move cautiously with its pilot program of downsizing computers in the Mendoza College of Business and the second floor of the Hesburgh Library. The plan at the Library could be a successful new initiative. A handful of available laptops for students to rent while doing research in the stacks may represent a significant stride for the University. And the removal of excess computers in Mendoza, if indeed an excess exists, is fine.

However, at no point in time should OIT assume that success in this project indicates evidence for or support of any further reductions in the numbers of computers in clusters across campus.

Both the D'Artolo and LaFortune computer clusters team with students daily because of their convenient locations and productive atmospheres. That few enough students were using the Mendoza and Library clusters is strong evidence to change the format of those areas—not any others.

And it's also crucial that OIT realize the introduction of printers into dorms does not, for most students, eliminate the need for computer clusters.

The computers there have programs like Adobe Photoshop and Apple's Final Cut Pro, which would be expensive purchases for students whose classes require them. The accessibility of those programs is one of the great assets of the University's information technology department, and losing that would be a significant disservice to students.

OIT keeps those considerations in mind, then the change in the computer clusters—including the downsizing of just these two—will be a positive step for Notre Dame.
The life of Catholic culture

Dear Editor,

I was very interested in Alicia Quinn’s article in the March 29 Observer. Her article was very informative and educational. However, I was a bit disappointed that she did not mention the Catholic Worker movement.

I believe the Catholic Workers played a significant role in the fight against war and injustice. They lived their faith in action, not just in words. They worked to build a more just and peaceful world through nonviolent direct action.

Every week, I read with interest the Observer and look forward to seeing the next issue.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

P.S. I am a member of the Catholic Workers and feel that their work is very important.

Alia Quinn

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Catholic Workers’ protest justified

Many ask if the Catholic Worker movement have the right to speak out against war and injustice in a free world? The movement is more than an organization that “does good work with the poor and oppressed” but participates in “needless and unproductive protests,” such as the prayerful demonstration that accompanied Martin Luther King Jr.’s march on Washington.

The Catholic Worker movement was founded by Dorothy Day, who opened her doors to the homeless and imprisoned for her radical call for love in the world. Can we claim the Catholic Worker movement as our “appropriate place within the Church” when Day, the most influential person for the Catholic Workers, was herself an honoree of the Nobel Peace Prize?

Notre Dame has an influential voice for the Church in America. It is limiting the message that its students and faculty must accept Catholic values agree with the programs they support. The presence of a BROTIC program on campus, although not mandatory, supports the United States enters into, does support war with a military with well-trained leaders.

John Kenneth Galbraith claims, “There remains the need to persuade the presumption by the military power that war is an inevitable aspect of human nature. Simply because war is the easiest solution does not mean it is humane to human existence. Perhaps, taking the lives and love of enemies, both ideals Notre Dame upholds.”

The Catholic Workers have a right and duty to protest at Notre Dame. Unlike many, they care about others whether or not “they are affected at all by there being a BROTIC program here.”

The Workers’ concerns for others imply a radical love that must affect them because their radical mission is to love their neighbors as themselves.

The Catholic Workers, although not alwaysavored by the Church, have been a voice of Jesus’ message to love our enemies. The Catholic Workers have every right to remind Notre Dame of their duty to not support BROTIC, which supports war.

Was the Catholic Workers’ demonstration “needless and unproductive”? We may say that their prayer and demonstration may never change anything if anything has when anything but a small group of committed individuals ever changed anything?

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**Italian Stallion back for final round on DVD**

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**Rocky Balboa**  
MGM

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**Animated musical a spectacle of light and sound**

By TAE ANDREWS  
Scene Editor

This emperor penguin marches to his own tune. "Happy Feet" follows the story of Mumble (voiced by Elijah Wood), a tap-dancing baby penguin who befriends young Mumble. The Italian Stallion steps back into the ring for one last bout in director Sylvester Stallone's "Rocky Balboa," which was released on DVD last week.

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I'm not afraid to admit it—I like Disney movies. I mean, really like Disney movies. In fact, not just Disney, but animated movies in general appeal to me more than any live-action movies I have seen in years. Pixar, DreamWorks, and even Warner Bros. ventures such as "Happy Feet" deeply move me in a way that has me saying, "Oh, yeah, that's nice." It's not really that I didn't see real people acting on camera. I liked "The Departed" as much as the next guy. That one where Leo totally works that guy over in the convenience store is just awe-inspiring, but digress. The truth of the matter is that animated films are becoming increasingly realistic, to the point where it's nearly picture-real. If the animation studios can convince me that animals and actors on the screen are at least nearly real, then why not? It seems often times the plots of these animated movies are better than half the stuff the mega-movie factories churn out. Plus, the hidden "adult" jokes in these primarily children's flicks strikes me as particularly funny.

However, it isn't really a recent development that has drawn me into becoming an animation aficionado. I was raised on a steady diet of "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," 7 a.m. cartoon network viewings and Disney's "Peter Pan." Perhaps my affection for these cartoonish creations extends further than just a personal preference, but maybe it is something that has been ingrained in me during my childhood. In the debate over nature versus nurture, I have a sneaking suspicion my propensity toward animated films is from being a product of my environment. Sneeped in these childhood cartoon memories is a lot of emotion. I remember laughing during "101 Dalmatians," imitating the antics of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles in my pajamas, and crying during "Peter Pan" when the Darlings left behind Nana, the loyal and devoted family dog. (Don't hate, my dog had just died and it was a hard time for an 8-year-old.) But really, I think my preference for animated films comes down to quality. So often movies today are just not good. For every "Departed" there are 10 "Norbit." But every single animated movie I've seen in probably the last 10 years has been really good.

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**DVD REVIEW**

"The Green Mile" shines in deluxe special edition

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Director Frank Darabont has made not one, but two great Stephen King prison dramas. First, "The Shawshank Redemption," was the proverbial little movie that could. The novella that inspired the 1994 film was far more slender than King's usual work—one that was light on pages but big on heart. "The Green Mile," which has been released in a special edition, is an excellent film, which includes such modern classics as "Shrek" and "Happy Feet." Director Darabont gingerly admits his reluctance to record commentaries for his films, saying it keeps the "magic of the movies" intact with such discretion. Fortunately, he doesn't hold back here and delivers a wonderful commentary that touches upon all aspects of the film's production. Tidbits include how the crew made Duncan appear a foot taller than anyone else in the film and the special effects used to aid Mr. Jingles in his efforts.

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Once more, it failed to win. To some, this may be a disappointment. But more than seven years after its Dec. 10, 1999 release, it remains an instant classic.

Set in 1935, the film drops us down at the Cold Mountain Correctional Facility. We spend much of the film indoors with the prison guards and their wards, all inmates on death row for vicious, often murderous, crimes. The guards are led by Paul Edgecomb (Hanks). He is a kind but firm man who treats the inmates with respect, and expects the same in return. But the arrival of John Coffey (Michael Clarke Duncan) a seemingly gentle giant accused of a heinous crime, irreversibly changes the lives of Edgecomb and the other cons.

Warner Bros. has done the film a great service with the recent release of a bountiful two-disc special edition. It comes on the heels of a similarly expansive two-disc edition of "The Shawshank Redemption." Both DVD's feature the bare one-disc editions that sat on store shelves for far too long. The wisest choice made by the DVD producers was splitting the film over two discs. By not squishing more than three hours of footage onto one disc, the DVD improves upon the first release's solid but unspectacular video-transfer. Here, the images look and sound great, while leaving more room for the wonderful collection of special features.

The movie is accompanied by an audio commentary from Darabont, an essential feature absent from the previous DVD. On the track, Darabont gingerly admits his reluctance to record commentaries for his films, saying it keeps the "magic of the movies" intact with such discretion. Fortunately, he doesn't hold back here and delivers a wonderful commentary that touches upon all aspects of the film's production. Tidbits include how the crew made Duncan appear a foot taller than anyone else in the film and the special effects used to aid Mr. Jingles in his efforts.

Additionally, the second disc houses an excellent six-part documentary called "Miracles and Mystery: Creating The Green Mile." Clocking in at over 90 minutes, it digs even deeper into the film's cinematography, casting, sets, costumes and virtually every part of its production. Alive with deep, soulful characters, "The Green Mile" ambles through its considerable runtime with care and grace. Warm, affectionate, poignant and moving, it is a worthy spiritual sequel to "Shawshank." Like a younger sibling, it seems content to live in the shadow of the earlier film. But "Green Mile" once again proved that Darabont is one of the few filmmakers with the patience, competence and vision to bring King's richly detailed worlds to life.

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BOSTON — One game after clinching a playoff berth, the Pittsburgh Penguins reached another milestone.

Miroslav Kopecky had three assists as the Penguins managed just 58 points as they missed the playoffs for the fourth time since their appearance in 2000-01. While he’s improved a bit this season, his team has a complete raise.

“We’re happy with that,” coach Michel Therrien said of being alone in first place, two points ahead of the idle New Jersey Devils. “As long as we concentrate on winning our games, we’ll have a nice turnaround.”

Kessel and Brandon Bouchesk each had a goal and an assist, and Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 31 shots as the Penguins won their fourth consecutive game and ninth of 11. Pittsburgh is second in the conference only to the Buffalo Sabres.

With the loss, the Bruins were eliminated from playoff contention.

It’s obviously a tough position, being officially out,” said defenseman Zdeno Chara, who was supposed to be the free-agent agent that would turn Boston around.

“We were in the hunt for a while, but it’s disappointing and we have to move on,” he added.

Kessel and Brandon Bouchesk each had a goal and an assist for Boston, which took a 1-0 lead just 45 seconds into the game but fell behind 2-1 before the midpoint of the first period. Tim Thomas stopped 22 shots for his fifth consecutive loss and the Bruins last for the sixth time in seven games.

Kessel tied it at 2 with 10:56 gone in the game when he came from behind the net, flipped the puck into the air and then batted it past Fleury. But Pittsburgh took the lead for good 31 seconds later when Crosby fed Kristensen as he streaked down the left side; he went hard on a shot through Thomas’ pads.

“Emotionally, it wasn’t there,” Therrien said. “This was a tough game to play because we played against a team that’s out of the playoffs. I’m sure Saturday will be a totally different game. The Maple Leafs will be fighting for their lives.”

The Penguins made it 2-2 with 8:30 left when Michel Goulet dug the puck out and from behind the goal line passed it across the crease to Kopecky. It was Kopecky’s 15th of the season and fifth against Boston, but just his second in the last 10 games.

Thrashers 3, Maple Leafs 2 (OT)

ATLANTA — Slava Kozlov scored two goals, including the game-winner on the power-play with 4.64 seconds remaining in overtime, to help Atlanta end a three-game losing streak with a victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs on Thursday night.

Marian Hossa made it 1-0 early in the first with his 42nd goal for Atlanta, which increased its lead over idle-second-place Tampa Bay to five points in the Southeast Division.

Kozlov gave the Thrashers a 2-1 lead 2:15 into the third period with a tip-in of Andy Sutton’s slap shot from the right point. Hal Gill made it 2-2 with 13:20 remaining for Toronto, which had

and the President’s Trophy for the second year in a row.

Ryan Getzlaf and Francois Beauchemin each added a goal and an assist.

The Ducks, who won 3-1 in Chicago on Wednesday, entered the night off. His going in the last seven games, was skating down the right side of the slot when Kevin Tkachuk’s backhanded pass from behind the right circle hit him in the hand.

Hossa lifted a wrister from the left circle from the left circle over the head of Andrew Raycroft for a career-high 75 points in a 3-2 win.

Fedorov scored for Columbus, and the Anaheim Ducks beat the Columbus Blue Jackets Thursday night to set a franchise record for road wins with 20.

Chris Pronger had two goals and an assist for Anaheim, who are chasing their first division title since entering the league in 1993 and 2007, and their first in the Atlantic Division.

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**American Michael Phelps swims during his record-breaking 200-meter individual Medley final at the World Swimming Championships in Glasgow, Thursday.** It marked Phelps' third world record of the day and fourth gold medal.

Phelps gets four golds, three records

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Six weeks ago, Michael Phelps showed up at a swim meet in America's heartland, sporting a goatee and unkempt hair, that barely fit under his cap. Then, he went out and set a world record. Hmm, this might not be good.

"Right then and there, I thought something special could happen this year," Phelps said Thursday. Boy, was he on the mark. Phelps set his third world record in many days at the world swimming championships, wiping out the field in the 200-meter individual medley at Rod Laver Arena.

Phelps came home in 1 minute, 54.98 seconds, easily bettering his own mark of 1:55.84 and last August at the Pan Pacific championships. Just as he did in the other record-breaking swims, he jumped out to a quick lead and smothered all hope for those who dove in the pool with him.

"Why stop something that works?" Phelps said, not requiring an answer. The 21-year-old phenom — or "mutant," as someone referred to him — is still on top, the leader of a revolution that has made him the face of this era. Tiger Woods surely comes to mind. Or maybe Roger Federer. "He's more like Michael Jordan," Urbanchek said. "He's way out there." Phelps' personal coach, Bob Bowman, began to sense last month that his star pupil was on the verge of doing something that the world swimming championships, reaching the midway point in his grueling schedule with four golds to his name.

"There is nobody out there like him," said Ira Urbanchek, a longtime American coach. "Right now, Michael stands by himself." C'mon, sure he compares with another athlete of this era. Tiger Woods surely comes to mind. Or maybe Roger Federer.

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Irish split up team for two tourneys

By BILL BRINK
Space Wise

Notre Dame will split up this weekend and send athletes both across the country to the Stanford Invitational in Stanford, Calif., and just a few hours south to the Mike Povich Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind.

The Stanford Invitational is geared towards the middle-distance and distance events, Irish coach Joe Piane said. "That's all we're sending," he said.

Seniors Molly Huddle and Amy Cavanaugh will travel to West Lafayette, Ind.

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About 30 athletes, mostly throwers, will travel to West Lafayette. But that group will not include most of the athletes that com­peted last weekend at the Arizona State CIR Bar Invitational. "It's not uncom­mon to give them a week, end rest," Plane said.

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"There's no kind of secret play to get ready," Plane said. "You do drills specific to event, drills specific to sprinting, endurance drills and lifting. These are things you do on a weekly basis."

The qualification system for the NCAA Championships in outdoor track and field differs from that of the indoor com­petitions. In the outdoor sea­son, athletes qualify for the regional competitions. The top five from each of the four regions advance, setting a field of 20 athletes. The top four to eight may be taken from a list in descending order of time or score.

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Candidates should possess a bachelor's degree and strong familiarity with all aspects of student life at Notre Dame.

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NBA

Wallace posts 19 rebounds in game

By BILL BRINK

Bulls forward P.J. Brown blocks Pistons guard Chauncey Billups' shot in Chicago Thursday in the Bulls' 83-81 victory.

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Kirk Hinrich hit two of three free throws with 2.3 seconds left, and the Chicago Bulls clinched their third straight playoff berth, pulling out an 83-81 victory over the Detroit Pistons after blowing a 12-point lead in the fourth quarter on Thursday night.

After Taylor Prince fouled it with a put-back with 9.8 seconds left, Hinrich caught a pass at the top of the key and got fouled by Carlos Delfino on a 3-point attempt.

Hinrich missed the first free throw but hit the next two.

After a 20-second timeout, Prince caught the inbound pass and launched a short pull-up jumper over Luol Deng as time expired.

It was the fourth straight win for the Bulls and their 11th in 14 games. Chicago trails Eastern Conference leader Detroit by three games and second-place Cleveland by a half game, with the Cavaliers visiting the United Center on Saturday.

Ben Gordon led the Bulls with 25 points, and Ben Wallace grabbed 19 rebounds against his former team.

Prince scored 26 points for Detroit.

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SMC SOFTBALL
Belles to play in first league game

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s will look to continue its five-game winning streak this weekend when the Belles travel to face Alma College Saturday and Manchester College Sunday.

Alma (11-7) will be the first MIAA game for the Belles (11-1) this season.

Saint Mary’s coach Erin Sullivan said the first league game is very important to the team.

“It sets the tone for the rest of our season,” Sullivan said. “It’s against one of the best teams in our conference traditionally ... so we want to jump ahead.”

The Belles already lead Alma in many of the league standings. Alma has a team batting average of .283 in 20 games while Saint Mary’s is hitting .367 in 12 contests. Senior shortstop Sarah Miesle leads the league in runs scored (20), and sophomore catcher Ashley Fusaro is fourth in the league with 14 runs.

Alma has played nearly twice as many games as the Belles this season, but Sullivan believes her squad will not struggle. She said playing the first conference game away will actually help the Belles.

“You have less pressure when you’re away,” she said. “When you’re home you’re supposed to win.”

Sunday, the Belles will face off against Manchester (5-5) of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference. Last Sunday, the Belles swept HCAC second-place Rose-Hulman in a double header, winning 10-1 and 5-0.

Manchester has consistent hitting — seven of its players are batting .300 or above — so the Belles will look to their tough pitching duo, sophomores Calii Davison and Kristin Amram, to stay consistent with their past performances this season. The Belles have a total ERA of 1.29. Offensively, sluggers such as Miesle, Fusaro and Davison will try to beat Alma (1.66 ERA) and Manchester’s (3.09) strong pitching.

“If we play the same game we’ve been playing for the last 12 games, we’re going to be successful,” Sullivan said. “Alma always has great pitchers and they always have great hitters. But we’ve played three or four teams already like that and we’ve come out on top.”

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Sheedy Award

Each year, the Shedy Award, named for a former dean of the College of Arts and Letters, honors one member of the Arts and Letters faculty for outstanding teaching.

Both students and faculty are invited to submit nomination letters for this year’s award to:

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Belles to face 2 tough teams

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

After winning its second conference match Monday against Calvin to stay undefeated in the MIAA, Saint Mary's will compete this weekend against two quality teams in the Wheaton Invitational.

The Belles will travel today to Wheaton, Ill., to face first place the Wheaton College Thunder. The following day the Belles will vie for a win against the Olivet Nazarene Tigers. In 2006, the Belles' went 1-1 in the invitational, losing to the top-ranked Thunder and defeating the Tigers.

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"The field is one of the best we've faced," said Isban. "If we don't put well, we're going to be left in the dust." The No. 54 Irish played a practice round at the Champions Retreat Golf Course Thursday, and Isban noted that the greens have had an unusual pace.

"The greens were just changed, and they were pretty slow," Isban said. "That's something we're going to have to adjust to." Along with Isban, the Irish will send senior co-captains Adam Gifford, junior Eddie Peckels, sophomore Josh Sandman and freshman Doug Forster onto the links in the 54-hole event.

"I think we're all playing pretty well," Isban said.

The Irish have faced 12 of the 17 other teams in this weekend's field but have seen just 4-12-1 in those matchups.

"We faced a pretty good field at Sawgrass [Country Club in the John Hayt Invitational] but this might be the best one we've seen," Isban said.

Ishban emphasized his team's efficiency on the greens this weekend.

"It's going to come down to whether we can make our putts," he said. This year marks the fourth in a row in which the Irish have competed in the Administratif Invitational, which was held at Forest Hills Golf Club until 2006. The teams expect near-optimal conditions for the weekend.

"It's a little bit cooler than we expected but we have no complaints," Isban said.

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"The field is one of the best we've faced," said Isban. "If we don't put well, we're going to be left in the dust." The No. 54 Irish played a practice round at the Champions Retreat Golf Course Thursday, and Isban noted that the greens have had an unusual pace.

"The greens were just changed, and they were pretty slow," Isban said. "That's something we're going to have to adjust to." Along with Isban, the Irish will send senior co-captains Adam Gifford, junior Eddie Peckels, sophomore Josh Sandman and freshman Doug Forster onto the links in the 54-hole event.

"I think we're all playing pretty well," Isban said.

The Irish have faced 12 of the 17 other teams in this weekend's field but have seen just 4-12-1 in those matchups.

"We faced a pretty good field at Sawgrass [Country Club in the John Hayt Invitational] but this might be the best one we've seen," Isban said.

Ishban emphasized his team's efficiency on the greens this weekend.

"It's going to come down to whether we can make our putts," he said. This year marks the fourth in a row in which the Irish have competed in the Administratif Invitational, which was held at Forest Hills Golf Club until 2006. The teams expect near-optimal conditions for the weekend.

"It's a little bit cooler than we expected but we have no complaints," Isban said.

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9:45 am Solemn Mass
12:00 noon Sunday Mass
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Tuesday, April 3
7:00 pm Campus-wide Stations of the Cross
(Procession departs from the Grotto)
9:15 pm Opportunity for individual confession follows
Stations in the Basilica

Holy Thursday, April 5
9:00 am Morning Prayer
5:00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper
*6:30 pm Adoration in the Lady Chapel
11:00 pm Tenebrae
*Basilica of the Sacred Heart will remain open from 6:30 pm until 12:30 am

Good Friday, April 6
9:00 am Morning Prayer
12:00 noon - 3:00 pm Silent Hours of Prayer
3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
7:15 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 7
9:00 am Morning Prayer
9:00 pm The Paschal Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 8
8:00 am Easter Sunday Mass
10:00 am Solemn Mass
12:00 noon Easter Sunday Mass
7:15 pm Solemn Easter Vespers
Special Mass times for Easter Sunday only

Confessions during Holy Week
Monday 11:00 am, 4:45 pm, 7:00 pm
Tuesday 11:00 am, 4:45 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:15 pm
Wednesday 11:00 am, 4:45 pm, 7:00 pm
Holy Thursday 11:00 am to 12:00 noon, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Good Friday 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Holy Saturday 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
**ND Women's Lacrosse**

Irish take on pair of foes at home

No. 20 Connecticut and Duquesne roll into town to battle laxers

By MICHAEL BRYAN

Sports Writer

Notre Dame hopes to continue its strong defensive play over the weekend with home matches against No. 20 Connecticut and Duquesne.

The No. 12 Irish (7-2, 1-1 Big East) will face off against the Huskies (15-2, 0-1) tonight at 7. Notre Dame, who defeated Connecticut 13-9 last season, will face a much improved team from last year's 5-11 squad that went winless in the Big East.

The Huskies' only two losses this season have come to ranked opponents, and the team has posted wins over Harvard, Stanford and California. Connecticut's last match was a heartbreaking loss to No. 11 Syracuse, falling 18-16 in double overtime.

"We've had dominant offensive games and really good defensive games, but we're still waiting to put everything together and have the perfect game."

- Tracy Coyne

Irish coach

This season the Huskies are led by junior Shannon Burke, whose 39 goals as a sophomore made her a first-team All-Big East selection. The attacker leads Connecticut with 45 points — double the number of any of her teammates.

Burke will be the biggest challenge to a stingy Irish defense coming off an 11-1 win over Loyola. Goalkeeper Erin Goodman and the defense set a Notre Dame record in that game for fewest goals allowed.

Goodman, in her first season as starting goalkeeper, has elevated her play after giving up 15 goals against defending NCAA champion Northwestern. Since that loss the sophomore is 5-1 with an 8.33 goals against average. However, the freshman has learned from experience, improving her goals against average to eight per game over the last three matches.

"I think Duquesne will come out aggressively and try to challenge us — they're on the road and looking to make a statement," Coyne said.

While Notre Dame has put up impressive showings on both offense and defense this season, Coyne said she is still waiting for the team to dominate on both ends.

"We've had dominant offensive games and really good defensive games, but we're still waiting to put everything together and have the perfect game," she said.

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**Bargar**

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another two games.

The Irish are currently undefeated in Big East play. After a sluggish start with the bats earlier on in the month, Notre Dame has turned it on, and as a result, the victories are pouring in.

Pittsburgh is currently in fourth place in the Big East with a 2-1 conference record, tallying a 14-19 mark overall. Syracuse is right behind the Irish in the Big East standings at third with a 3-1 record. Overall, Syracuse's record is suffering due to a 10-20 mark.

The Irish pitching has been impressive during the team's impressive streak. Bargar has led the way with a 10-7 record, posting a stifling 2.23 ERA along with 14 complete games and 116 strikeouts.

Senior Kenya Fuemmeler will also need to be on her game to find success this weekend — and so far this season, she has. The Irish pitcher has a 5-5 record with a solid 2.90 ERA and 49 strikeouts.

While its pitchers have enjoyed excellent production during the streak, Notre Dame's bats have also delivered. Senior Stephanie Brown has accumulated a .408 batting average, giving the Irish many chances to score by getting on base.

The RBI production has come mainly from freshman Heather Jackson, who has taken advantage of her opportunities with 18 RBIs. Sophomore Linda Koban and Laing have put in 13 and 11 runs, respectively.

If the Irish keep winning this weekend, they will continue to dominate Big East play. This will only help head into the championship series later on in May with the higher goal of the College World Series waiting after that.

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really been the only tight match they’ve had.”

The Irish, who will be competing for the first time in over a week, have slightly shifted their focus during practice this week as they continue their stretch of outdoor matches. "We had the weekend off so the kids had a little bit of rest and we haven’t played a whole lot of match­es,” Louderback said. “We’ve just drilled a lot and worked on strokes, just not playing as much as one would usually do and it was good because [Wednesday] was the first day we’ve been indoors so we were able to get outside Monday and Tuesday, which is key for us right now.”

In addition to playing Wichita State today, Notre Dame will wrap up the weekend when it battles No. 37 Tulsa in Oklahoma Sunday. With his team on a roll, Louderback likes his chances over the weekend.

“All of our kids have been playing really well, playing with a lot of confidence, so I feel pretty good about it.”

Jay Louderback
Irish coach

Slump

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both teams on March 20.

Despite the solid result against Bellarmine, consistency has been a problem for Notre Dame so far this season. Winning their first two games — including a 9-7 victory over then-No. 11 Loyola — the Irish dropped three of four with close losses to Cornell, North Carolina, and Dartmouth sandwiched around a 16-5 drubbing of Drexel.

“We know what team we want to play like, but it’s just been a matter of what team shows up for us,” junior goalie Joey Kemp said. "We played great against Drexel and lackadaisical against teams like Dartmouth and North Carolina. I think it’s something we’ve overcome and it’s just something we need to show on the field now.”

A re­caped Bears squad will await Notre Dame in Providence this weekend. Brown enters the match with a record of 5-2 coming off an easy 13-4 victory over Vermont Tuesday. The meeting Saturday will be the second all­time between the two schools, with the Irish winning the only other contest 11-5 last season at Moose­Krause Stadium. But this Brown team will be different than the one Notre Dame defeated last season. The Bears have already more than doubled last year’s win total of two.

“They’re playing with a new attitude this season,” Kemp said. “They have a new coach and they basically had open tryouts before the season. A lot of old guys were cut, and a lot of the new guys are still trying to prove themselves.”

Beyond the new attitude, a big reason for Brown’s turnaround has been the play of senior attacker David Madiera, who leads the team in both points (20) and goals (18). Another key element for the Bears’ improved play has been the performance of sophomore goalie Jordan Burke. Burke leads the Ivy League with 12.40 saves per game and is ranked fourth nationally with a save percentage of .681.

“It’s been a very large part of their success,” Kemp said.

“Teams always play better when your goalie is hot, and it just gives the team a lot of confidence.”

Notre Dame counters Burke with an equally impressive nem­minder in Kemp, a preseason honorable mention All­America selection by Inside Lacrosse. Kemp was named the GLLL Player of the Week for the second time this season for his nine save performance in Notre Dame’s win over Bellarmine last week. Kemp enters Saturday’s game carrying a 7.64 goals-against average and a .584 save percentage, which rank No. 14 and No. 16 nationally, respectively.

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25 Bryan Koniecko, No. 34 Devin Mullings and No. 75 Chris Klingemann in singles play.

"Moneke has terrific ground strokes," Bayliss said. "He's very consistent, and he just never beats himself. He gets stronger the longer the point goes on and you have to hurt him to beat him."

But singles action is not the Buckeyes' only strength on the courts. The No. 7 Irish duo of Sheeva Parbhu and Ryan Kockley are likely to face off against No. 16 Mullings and Klingemann. No. 82 Koniecko and Moneke will challenge Irish sophomore Brett Heitgeon and senior Barry King at the No. 2 position.

"The Ohio State match is certainly one that's been on both teams' calendars the whole year," Bayliss said.

There is a long history between the two teams. They last faced off last February when then-No. 26 Notre Dame defeated the previously undefeated Buckeyes 5-2. Bass knocked off Mullings at No. 1 singles and Parbhu clinched the upset for the Irish with a win over Koniecko.

"We know their people well and there is a lot of mutual respect between both programs," Bayliss said.

Both the Irish and the Buckeyes enter the match after blanking their most recent opponents. Notre Dame cruised past Michigan State Wednesday and Ohio State polished off No. 23 Minnesota Sunday.

Notre Dame heads back to South Bend after tonight's match to take on Illinois.

Notre Dame understands the challenges Illinois, the 2003 NCAA Champions, will present. Bayliss noted that the top five players for the Fighting Illini are all strong and powerful servers. No. 6 Kevin Anderson will likely challenge Bass at the No. 1 position.

"(Anderson) is a big strong guy with a huge serve and big groundstrokes," Bayliss said. "He doesn't have a lot of weaknesses." Despite the challenges ahead, Bayliss said the team plans on sticking to the game it has been playing all season long en route to 17-3 record.

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Notre Dame sophomore Brett Heitgeon has a 16-2 record in dual match play to boost the Irish to a 17-2 record overall.

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Didiakola Takanari, 25; Lucy Lawless, 39; Elfi Wegener, 48; M.C. Hammer, 53; Hanging Birthday: The past can now be brought into the future if you update old ideas and notions with people who have the tenacity to help you pull what you wish to achieve into form. There are many obstacles in your path, but the will to succeed is there. The work will not be easy, but your current position will be great. EKRS (March 21-April 19): Make sure you have proper documentation of all your transactions. Business is pleasant and network will aid you. Your knowledge and your dynamism will play a key role in something for 3 stars.

TARAS (April 20-May 20): There is a massive opportunity today, especially in a work setting. Take advantage of what others offer and don't forget to be aware of the pressure talkings has much about what you are up to. Be a bit mysterious. 2 stars.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Partner with someone who can complement you in whatever you are trying to get. The hands can be better than the mind in this case, you stand a much better chance of being successful if you move swiftly and efficiently. 4 stars.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your success will go up or down today. Follow other's advice in your remaining $3-a-year annual. Your money is what you drive, allowing you to receive success or something from the past that needs to be avoided. 3 stars.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may be in transition today especially with relationships and money. Pull yourself together and call the coins instead of giving in what others offer initially you may suffer underfalse, but, at the end, you will win. 3 stars.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone will be keeping information from you. It is because the way you speak it can lead you to a bad situation. Don't yourself from taking in, your pocket, and your look. 3 stars.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Use your power of persuasion to get what you wish and manoeuvre yourself into an excellent position. You can manipulate situations and change what others do. You are capable of doing something extraordinary. 4 stars.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If you're trying to get a deal, don't fall off the cliff. You can't sell your love as young as I want to achieve what you have worked hard for. But - the time is not right. 2 stars.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may be moving into uninviting territory and, although you thrive on adventure and excitement, this may not be all you need to worry about. Delays due to queuing with an authority figure may end up causing you to exaggerating will lead to mediocre. 2 stars.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can make vocational changes, as for your career, try your hand at something altogether different or start your own business today. As long as you work out your dream and your direction, you will be well. It is time to bring a high of 5 stars.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Someone may call a floor but don't be afraid to follow through if it goes against your future. Free yourself of the habits in the past and, in the past. Here is because the 8a makes it even more sense to end the year. 5 stars.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't make the mistake of thinking you can do more than you can handle. This problem will face some controversy with people you work with or for. Keep thing simple. This is not to be avoided. 3 stars.

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Packaging for Pittsburgh

Irish want to pick up play against Panthers

By CHRIS KHOREY

Notre Dame ended its three-game losing streak Wednesday against struggling Chicago State, but the real test of whether the Irish have corrected the problems that led to the skid will come this weekend when they travel to Pittsburgh to play the Panthers in a three-game Big East series.

Over the last four games — which include two losses to South Florida, a defeat to Central Michigan and the win over the Cougars — the Irish have stranded 49 runners per contest, and their bullpen has given up a total of 22 runs.

Irish coach Dave Schrage said he hoped the problems were fixed after the Chicago State victory, but he will not know for sure until the conference series against Pittsburgh.

"With one game it's tough to tell," he said. "But hopefully [the improvement] will con-
Zahm applauds ND's decision to eliminate women from campus

By I-LEAN BACK
and TIMMY DOUGHBAY
News Writers

Under a banner reading "X-pel the X Chromosome," University President Father Jim Junkins announced in a press conference at the football stadium Thursday that all vaginas to be removed from campus within the next week. Notre Dame is also revoking all acceptance letters it issued to vagina-bearing applicants for the class of 2011. The dictum is the latest event in Junkins' "X-pel the X Chromosome" campaign, which forced "The Vagina Monologues" to a classroom last year and to an off-campus location this year.

"It was the next logical step," Junkins said. "First we got rid of the Vagina Monologues. But then I realized my folly — vagina dialogues are twice the vaginas! We just couldn't risk our holy men of faith succumbing to the temptation to converse with — or, worse yet, ejaculate in the presence of — vaginas. I mean, it's in the good book."

Junkins later clarified that by "good book" he meant, "the good book I mean, it's in the good book."

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In an ongoing effort to reshape and advance the College's image, Saint Mary's administration announced Thursday that as of April 1 the institution will be officially recognized as "University of Santa Maria.

During an exclusive interview with The Abaser, College President Merrill Gooney said this executive decision was made without student consideration after the administration reviewed results from its "Identity Initiative" — the institution's quest to define the ever-illusory "SMC."

"The College, which was recently named one of the top 100 institutions for Hispanics, has not really been able to fully display how diverse we really are," Gooney said. "That is why this name change is ideal."

College spokeswoman Ima Notelting revealed that this decision was also made to make the College more united with its brother school — Notre Dame.

"We have been living in the shadow of the dome for years. We are a separate institution, and we need to be recognized as such."

Junkins said he and his partner on the trip, I.M. Loaded, chose the child who is between 4 and 7 years old, as a symbolic humanitarian gesture.

"It is a way to show our solidarity with our host nation and friends," Junkins said.

Junkins and I.M. Loaded selected the child after a rigorous "American Idol"-style search process.

Hundreds of young contestants sang pop classics for the pair, and Junkins was delighted to meet the president's exacting specifications.

Junkins and Junkins-Loaded selected the child after a rigorous "American Idol"-style search process.

In an effort to squelch campus uproar over the administration's choices for the 2007 commencement speakers, both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's have chosen new popular figures to send off their seniors.

After many questioned the identity of the University's original speaker, General Electric CEO I.M. Loaded, the University decided to pull some strings and invite Jesus Christ himself to address the
INSIDE COLUMN
This one goes out to...

I know at least one person who has whispered multiple times about not getting an inside column. So okay, here you go Erin, but to keep my pride it's going in The Absurder.

But it seemed creepy to write 500 words about one of my roommates, April Fool's or not. So I started to consider all the other people who I did not write an inside column about. So far, I've written about lazy people, beer (and non-beer) drinkers, Eagles fans, Cavanagh football players, my dad and townies, among other topics. Ironically, Erin fits into at least three of the above categories. But she still complains about never getting the 500 words of fame that are an inside column.

So Erin, this one's for you. But there are some other issues which have never made it into print. Here are a few of the things that I feel strongly about, because this is The Absurder and you care. A lot.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the really good omelet guy at North Dining Hall. He is middle-aged, has white hair and makes significantly better omelets than anyone else in the entire world. Seriously, I have had omelets at really nice places, and I would take this wonderful NDH culinary creation anytime. I will wait in any length of line to get this man to make me an omelet. Seriously, no matter what else is going on in my life, this brings more joy to me than is socially acceptable.

Secondly, what is with taking away the $1 Long Islands at Finnys? The $6 socially acceptable.

Thirdly, Jeff Bergerstrand, finance professor. This man is on a postcard, which automatically makes him important. I would take graduate level finance classes in order to get a seat in this man's class. Obviously I can't do that, but I definitely would. Fourth, Club 23. Where did all the tacos go? Although it's practically next door, I don't really count myself as a huge Club 23 fan. This is because, in the early 90's, Club 23 used to have all you-can-eat tacos for $1. I realize that Mondays at 23 also coincides with Fajita Rita Monday (in fact itself an excellent idea), but I am really intrigued by the idea of food for a bar. I think I would be a much bigger fan of 23 if the tacos came back.

To conclude this article, I apparently feel strongly about my roommate complaining about a lack of coverage in campus journalism, an NDH employee, two bars and a finance professor. Sounds like senior year to me.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of The Absurder, and have nothing to do with logic or coherent thought.

CORRECTIONS
We never make mistakes. Ever. And if we do, we really don't want to hear about them. Especially from lazy people.
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centuries," she said. "This was Santa Maria's time to show it too can add a foreign flair to its name."

The name change, however, did not sit well amongst Saint Mary's students — notably the College Republicans who began a pro-Alito/anti-Santa Maria petition in the student center Thursday.

"This was Santa Maria's time to show it too can add a foreign flair to its name."

Ima Nottelling
College spokeswoman

"Honestly, I think it is a testimony to the progress we've made at Santa Maria," Ringbyspring said. "I remember last year's freshman class only had one minority, and this year there are ten. If there has ever been a reason to change your name, this is clearly one."

"I just think it is important that we maintain our heritage and tradition," she said, "and not lose sight of the fact that indeed we are a College comprised of conservative Catholics who enjoy crossing route 933.

As book store employees worked diligently to recall all "Saint Mary's College" paraphernalia, senior and book store employee Ivanna Ringbyspring said she was not too fazed by the decision.

"A voice like that should be heard by the world," he said.

While the child may indeed prove to be a music star, it is unlikely Junkins fused a branch onto his family tree for a potential music deal.

"A Beverly Hills mansion isn't the place for a foreign child with no knowledge of the English language to grow up," Junkins said.

"A Beverly Hills mansion isn't the place for a foreign child with no knowledge of the English language to grow up," Junkins said.

"To the modern day embodiments of Sodom and Gomorrah if Sodom and Gomorrah were people and not cities."

Junkins hoped his actions will inspire more high-profile Catholic leaders to follow his lead and save the world's orphans from the horrors of Hollywood.

"Just because these people play good parents on television and in movies doesn't mean they are anything other than crazy, drug-using scientologists," Junkins said.

However, with Jolie, Pitt and their cohorts showing no indication of slowing down, Junkins said that he must ratchet up the intensity of his own efforts if he is to make third-world adoption a part of Catholic character.

Junkins already has plans to travel to Djibouti, Bolivia and northern New Jersey to increase his child-saving efforts.

Having crossed Uganda off his list, Father Junkins will now head to New Jersey in search of more orphans.

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President Dave LeBaron dialed about the issue.
"Basing awareness of our mission, I think, is at the heart of our school," Sharrab said. The Absurd in an interview after the December panel, glancing desperately at LeBaron, who remained unfathomable silent.
Woodchuk, it appeared at the time, dodged out of the interview, but was later discovered to be standing behind Sharrab.
With the question successfully dodged, Sharrab asked the senators for their input on the alleged cookie theft.
"Zahn is clearly superior to every dorm on campus, and we're willing to do things that everyone else finds completely disgusting and juvenile," said Zahn senator Cat Napp. "So come on, just vote to have us renamed 'Zahn House.'"
The group collectively groaned, as one of the 20 senators who have never spoken before, and therefore are not important to The Absurd, told Napp to just give it up.
"Like the University pays attention to anything we say anyway," said the unnamed senator, before taking a swig from his hip flask.

"Like the University pays attention to anything we say anyway."
unnamed senator

Junkins' announcement. Moran asked the senators to continue for the next four Senate meetings.

"We usually only pull the Jesus card during dire situations."
Father Jim Junkins

Executive Cookie Jar is one of the Executive student groups at Notre Dame for the past 20 years. It was later discovered that Sharrab called the "correct version" of the student union.
"As you can clearly see, in Section 23q, a violation of the.Causeway is one of the gravest ethical violations a senator can commit," she said smugly.
Causeway began to point out that the section in question was handwritten in the margins, another unnamed senator jerked awake, realized the meeting had gone on for an unprecedented 20 minutes, and motioned to end the meeting.
LeBaron noted, the motion passed. The debate is expected to continue for the next four Senate meetings.
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BACKUP COLLEGE
Even the Buckeyes’ favorite jersey chaser Laura Finn has hopped on the Irish hockey team’s bandwagon.

Jerry Hoops, who lives next door to the off-campus hockey players, said the difference in girls visiting the house is noticeable.

“At the beginning of the year, we’d sit outside in the porch swing and watch the girls go by,” he said. “Usually the really hot ones would go to the soccer house, which is one block east. But now, if you go outside for a smoke, you’ll see babes in stilettos and push-up bras making their way next door, to the hockey players. They never stop at our house — even though we could be a varsity-level beer pong team.”

Success has long been a way for Olympic sports to gain attention from top-tier women in the greater South Bend area. While dating a fencing champion still doesn’t automatically hook up with a second-string football player, sports like hockey, soccer and lacrosse can become more credible in the eyes of legitimately hot women by documented on-the-field success.

“It’s the jerseys all the way,” said Jimmy John, a sophomore from Keough. “They’re always looking girls aren’t interested in girls visiting the house. It’s the jerseys all the way.”

“Regular fans spent the season battling tail blondes and buxom brunettes who had suddenly become the hockey team’s biggest fans.”

“Sure, it’s not always easy to deal with these chicks,” said Jimmy John, a sophomore from Keough. “They’re always leaning over and being like, ‘what was that whistle for? Why is he allowed to smash that guy against the wall?’ And during the good parts, like fights, they scream. It’s really loud and girls.”

But isn’t fan support a good thing?

“It’s always a good thing, yeah,” John said. “The main problem is, the really good-looking girls aren’t interested in the guys in the stands. It’s the jerseys all the way.”

One player, speaking on condition of anonymity, called it a chicken-and-the-egg situation.

“I play better when there’s beauties watching, oh?” he said. “And they like to come watch when we’re No. 1. I don’t know if we got good ‘cause they’re hot or if they’re hot ‘cause we’re good. But I’ll take it, eh?”

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We’re guessing Duke Harrybody won’t be tattooing this logo on his bicep any time soon.

Phishin

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suspended in January after being charged with possession of marijuana. And like Myarmy’s case, the university took its sweet time coming to a decision. Office of Residence Life and Housing official Bill Jirk can’t comment on specific cases, but he was overheard in a bathroom stall making the following comments.

“Really don’t know why people are reacting this way,” Jirk was heard saying. “If anyone reads du Lac, they will see that possession of various substances can mean suspension.”

Apparently, listening to Phish — a popular jam band from Vermont with a wide-spread following — now constitutes being in possession of a controlled substance. It’s still undetermined whether or not the University will extend this policy to other things — like eating peanut butter sandwiches.

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Paulson

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really thought Timmy would be another ND cover boy. But the minute I saw that hair, I knew we’d never get him into Tiger Beat. ... I just wish barley would have told us about Timmy’s aesthetic issues before he signed him.”

“Don’t place all the blame on me,” Chris retorted. “When I recruited Timmy, he was always on the field wearing his helmet. I never saw his face.”

But according to sources close to The Absurder, Chris attended one of Paulson’s high school games last fall when his face was allegedly exposed. With his team leading 72-3 in the first minute, Paulson was pulled and he spent the rest of the game on the sidelines without a helmet.

Several thousand fans glimpsed Paulson sans helmet, but Chris was not around.

“I was down the road at the Golden Corral,” Chris said. “It was $2.99 rib night.”

With Paulson relegated to a role as backup hockey goalie, the search for Greg Brady’s successor continues. Rubbersoul has contacted several modeling agencies, and has scouted American Idol.

“I’d love for barley to sign Sanjaya.” Rubbersoul said. “He’s gorgeous.”

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Sports?

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become CEOs and doctors and Supreme Court justices, or would you rather the pampered athletes already here win 15 games instead of 10? It’s one or the other, we can’t have both.

Money also expressed concern about what she has seen happen when schools develop cults of personality around basketball coaches.

“At first everyone is happy because the team is winning titles, but then the coach gets out of control and all of a sudden Bobby Knight is chocking his players,” she said. “Let me make one thing clear: Bobby Knight will not be choking a single SMC chick. Ever. So help me God.”

The process of firing coaches after successful MIAA seasons began last year, when Saint Mary’s did not renew head coach Johnnie Fender’s contract after a year that helped revitalize interest in Belles’ basketball.

Gooney, however, said her short-term decision wasn’t in place then.

“If he was a man,” she said. “This is a women’s campus and, obviously, men are pigs. Don’t be ridiculous.”

As part of her plan to restore the integrity of Saint Mary’s athletics and cripple what she calls the “athlete mentality,” Saint Mary’s will feature a new guest head coach each month beginning next season. Tryouts are free and open to the public.

Those close to the program have also speculated that in order to increase game attendance, Saint Mary’s will give one lucky fan at select home games the opportunity to become the head coach, beginning at halftime of that very game. Still, Gooney was non-committal.

“This is a serious plan,” she said. “We don’t want to turn the program into a joke.”

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Sweat + Boys = Ewwww!

As an 18-year-old young woman, I thought I had made a wise decision. This decision was to spend the next four years of my life in a testosterone-free environment. Free from the hassles of classroom flirtation, the worry of brushing my hair or even wearing real pants for a whole week.

Aside from my occasional Starbucks run to LaFaro or a weekend dorm party, my life has generally been make-free... until recently.

My estrogen-driven world has been turned upside-down by the opportunally driven males who think they have the right to work out in Angela Athletic Facility – the clown-like gym with three functioning treadmills that SMC women have come to call our workout haven.

No, men of Notre Dame! Cross (and, by the looks of things, St. Joe High School), you cannot impress us with your cut-off’s, t-shirts or even wearing real pants for a whole week.

Your immature (and amateur) workout regime has not only put a damper on our sacred single-sex environment, but it has also made it mandatory to display three forms of ID when entering the facility – making it more difficult for a student to access Angela than it is for a minor to enter Fever.

If you think the gym is the right place to scope us out, let alone attempt to pick us up, you are wrong. We don’t appreciate men who unexpectedly show up in our strictly female environment.

We see you from the time you walk in the door... always in at least a pack of five. You approach the equipment area, looking for short-shorts and sports bras, before you choose your workout zone.

Gyms might be prime zones for co-ed interaction in the real world, but in this gender-stratified environment your machismo might be more appreciated during alcohol-fueled interactions.

So, gentlemen, take your athletic (and sexual) urges elsewhere, and stay out of our gym.

Angelie-Lee Athletic Le Mans Hall sophomore March 31

Like Chauncey and Football Bob, Frey needs to go

In light of Notre Dame’s most recent disappointing first-round loss to Winthrop in the NCAA Tournament, it's time the University fired head basketball coach Fred Frey. Simply put, Frey hasn't lived up to Notre Dame standards and it's time to go in a different direction.

Let's stop looking at the results. In Frey's seven seasons in South Bend, he has but four 20-win seasons. He's never led the Irish to four NCAA Tournaments and only once (this season) has he been named Big East Coach of the Year.

Now let's look at his player development. Chris Thomas was a first-round draft pick after his freshman year, but after two knee surgeries he wasn’t drafted after his senior season.

That's Frey's fault – he should have kept him healthy.

The Absurder Poll

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Paulson not as hot as Brady

Facing pressure from NBC execs, Cheis cuts homily frost

By BLACKJACK HEISMAN
One Lucky Guy

The Timmy Paulson era is over before it ever started. Earlier today, Irish head coach Barley Cheis announced that Paulson — the blue chip freshman signal-caller — will not be allowed to play for Notre Dame.

"Greg Brady left a legacy of Aberdeen style and chiseled good looks at this school," Cheis said. "Sadly, I don't think Timmy has the jaw line to live up to it."

Cheis acknowledged that Paulson has all the athletic tools to lead the Irish to at least six national championships. But, after consulting with NBC producers and University marketing executives, the decision to take flummox out of the quarter-back race was made.

"We just can't envision Timmy playing a leading role for us," said Richard Rubbersoul, producer of NBC's The Notre Dame Saturday Afternoon Football Extravaganza Presented by ABLAC. "The funny thing is,

Despite Timmy Paulson's gaudy high school stats and unlimited athletic potential, Irish coach Barley Cheis doesn't think his jaw line is a worthy successor to Greg Brady's.

Phish? Harrybody not swimming in laughter

By JOHN DALY
Fond Off

Notre Dame basketball play­er Duke Harrybody was sus­pended for the remainder of the spring semester Wednesday and is currently on his way home to Bloomington, Ind., the freshman said in a phone interview with The Absurder.

Harrybody — a freshman who was found with three Phish CDs in his car on Feb. 2, is the second Notre Dame basketball player to be suspended this year. Teammate Lyle Myram was suspended last week.

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Hockey chicks steam up the ice

By THUMBS UP
Big Talent

Lighting the big "41" on top of Flanner Hall means more than pride, performance and playing on the field. It can have a big effect on how athletes play the field — the dating field, that is.

After ascending to the No. 1 ranking, the hockey team's groupies "became significantly more attractive," said coach Jack Jefferson. "The correlation between on-ice success and what the guys call 'smoking hotness' in the stands is proven yet again."

Others around campus have noticed that hockey games not only draw more fans, but that the female fans are significantly better looking than in years past. "Hockey games used to draw two types of girls," Jefferson explained. "First, there were girls who used to play ice hockey games. Now, there are girls who only go to hockey games to see the good lookin' players on the ice.

The Irish salute their female fans after a recent conquest.