Friends remember students' personalities

University to celebrate memorial Mass for Law School student Timothy Aher, sophomore Connor McGrath

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Editor

Friends on Monday remembered Timothy R. Aher, the sophomore Connor McGrath, both of whom were membranes of the negative consequences of preferential hiring, but senior Amy Meyers cautioned against the importance of opinions on the differentiation of Catholic professors on the decline.

The Law School's London Law Programme, died at his residence in the town of Ilford. He had spoken about studying in London since the beginning of the fall semester. Timothy R. Aher, the sophomore who applied for admission in the town of Ilford. He had spoken about studying in London since the beginning of the fall semester.

Aher, from Brookfield, died in separately and unrelated incidents.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Of the things I’ve lost

There is an infamous bumper sticker that reads, “of all the things I’ve lost, I miss my mind the most.”

Well, in my case, that’s not true. I miss my flash drive the most.

Since I first came to Notre Dame this fall, I have lost many things. Some have been valuable, some trivial.

At first, I thought this was God’s way of telling me to depend less on material possessions. If that were true, though, why would He cause me to lose my theology course reader? (Which, at $46, set me back a few material possessions by itself — but that’s the topic of a different column.)

What sin was I committing that caused me to lose my Downy Wrinkle Release Spray? I know I’m supposed to give to the poor, but an unintentional donation of my Social Security Card?

I soon discovered, via Blogspot quiz, that being a loser is just my personality. I didn’t like how that sounded, though, so I elected not to put the result on Myspace. Instead, I moved on to the Blogspot circuit to discover that — of all the Starbucks drinks — I am a caramel fragmentation.

My next guess was that losing things was my way of discovering how great other students really are. After losing my ID card (the first time), the girl who found it emailed me. When I lost my cell phone (the first time), the girl called my mom and responded to my roommate’s text. When I lost my keys (only once, thankfully), I found them safely nestled in the corner of Debartolo’s lost and found shelf. I am eternally grateful to every person who has found something of mine and returned it to me.

Since then, I have become increasingly aware of others’ possessions. I guess I have made it my personal mission to make sure that no other person has to spend an hour searching around Flanner and Grace Halls with a flashlight at 1 a.m. trying to find his or her cell phone. I hope that everyone reading this feels the same way, because it’s certainly not mine.

So if you find an object that looks like something someone might need, please do what you can to help. If it’s a cell phone, you can call and have a nice chat with some random parents. If it has a name on it, you can reach out and make a new Facebook friend. If nothing else, you can at least find the lost and found location of the building you’re in and drop off the object for some lucky loser to find. Unless you find a 1GB Sandisk Gruzer flash drive, a fuzzy pink, brown, tan and white scarf; a pair of gray and white gym shorts; or my ID card. You can bring those to me.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Laura Myers at lmyers@nd.edu

CORRECTIONS

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OFFBEAT

Cat flees fire, ends up 240 miles away

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A cat that fled a house fire is back home in Albuquerque, N.M., after turning up some 240 miles away. The black and white cat named Miko disappeared in December, on the night of the fire.

About two weeks ago, Miko’s owner got a call from an animal shelter in Pueblo, Colo., saying her cat was safe.

Officials at the shelter speculated that the cat, trying to keep warm, hopped a tractor-trailer and rode it to Colorado. When they found her, her collar was missing. But shelter officials scanned the microchip in her neck and came up with her owner’s name.

No sweets for New York City’s jaded population

NEW YORK — Spending time behind bars in New York City might turn out to be good for your health. The overhauled menu at the city’s jails includes no sweets, no butter and only skim milk.

The Department of Corrections wants healthy alternatives to traditional jailhouse grub.

A breakfast might include fresh fruit, whole wheat bread and wheat flakes. A sample dinner: pepper steak, rice and steamed carrots.

“These people are in our custody, and they don’t get to make their own choices,” said Department of Correction Commissioner Martin J. Jones. “We have a moral obligation to make sound choices for them.”

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Television writer Jeffrey Stepakoff will deliver a lecture entitled “The Rise of the Writer in Hollywood” today at 7 p.m. in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Free tickets are available by calling the IPAC Ticket Office.

As part of the fireside chat series “Telling HisStory,” theology professor Catherine Hilkert will speak Wednesday at noon in the Coleman-Morse Center lounge.

The men’s basketball team will play against No. 22 Pittsburgh Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

As part of the Ten Years Hence lecture series, professor Karen Hunt Ahnem from the department of finance at DePaul University will speak at 10:40 a.m. Friday in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

There will be Stations of the Cross Friday at 7:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Stations will be held each Friday during Lent.

The 50th Annual Collegiate Jazz Festival will begin Friday at 7 p.m. with a concert featuring at least four different bands. The festival will conclude Saturday with an afternoon concert at 1 p.m. and an evening concert at 7 p.m. All events will be in Washington Hall.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnewsl@nd.edu.
Rentals removed from Huddle Mart

By KATE McCLELLAND
News Writer

The Huddle Mart returned the DVDs formerly available for rent to the student government over winter break. Huddle general manager Jim LaFotune said the DVDs were no longer a profitable venture for the Huddle.

"I actually noticed about a week and half ago when my friends and I tried to rent a movie and we were told that they were no longer available," sophomore Matt Hove said.

Sophomore Gail Oeh had a similar experience.

"I realized that the DVDs were gone a couple of weeks ago when the new stands of Valentine’s Day candy were set up in their place," Oeh said.

Tracy LaBella, the Huddle general manager, took note of the missing DVDs and decided to make free DVD rentals in the Huddle. The DVDs became available in 2004.

"I saw offering free DVDs as an experience to put on your resume," LaBella said. "Since we have such limited space, every last bit of square footage is available."

Now that the space has been made available, the Huddle plans to institute some big changes.

"We are interested in replacing the DVD section with a selection of gluten-free products, because the sale of different products in the DVD section with a selection of gluten-free products, because the sale of different products has narrowed the gap between Catholics and Evangelical Protestants has narrowed since the Second Vatican Council, from 1962-65."

Cunninham’s comments came in a discussion with Mark Noll, a Baptist in the history department, as part of the Catholic-Protestant Exchange.

Noll agreed that the two faiths are not so different — because believers are similarly called to do the work of God.

"(And) all who trust in God are praying for salvation," Noll said, reminding the audience of the similar goal both Protestants and Catholics have.

Cunningham began the event by discussing the term "Protestant" and current misunderstandings about the denomination.

"Protestant is a very vague term," he said. "There are 22 different types of Baptists in this country alone."

Cunningham then said he realized that the two faiths are not so different — because believers are similarly called to do the work of God.

"We especially want to include non-Catholics about Catholicism — understand their perspective," Noll said.

"Protestants were able to learn from Catholics about leaders," he said. Nonetheless, Cunningham and Noll said they didn’t think having different Christian denominations is a bad thing.

"The event also explored other tensions between the faiths, including over role of Mary," Cunningham said.

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Profs discuss Baptists, Catholics

Christian 'Exchange' compares Catholicism and Protestantism

By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

A Baptist and a Catholic came together Monday night to talk about the differences between their two faiths — and far from a debate, their meeting resulted in an intellectual discussion that encouraged further conversations between the denominations.

Lawrence Cunningham, a Catholic in the theology department, argued that the theological gap between Catholics and Evangelical Protestants is highly "categoricalized," placing a great deal of importance on the local church community. This stands in contrast, he said, to the highly institutionalized Catholic Church, which places the most authority on the papacy in Rome.

Noll expanded on Cunningham’s notion of the Catholic institution.

"In the Roman Catholic Church, the church makes the Christians. For Protestants, Christians make the church," Noll said.

"Protestantism as more of a priesthood of believers," whereas Catholicism is structured in a more hierarchical way. But ever since the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s which helped to educate non-Catholics about Catholicism, understandings have changed.

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"Denominationalism, he said, exists because people have individual needs and preferences when it comes to picking out a religion.

"In the Catholic Church, however, expression of faith is in the devotionally," Cunningham said.

The event was a follow-up to the Protestant-Catholic prayer service that Campus Ministry held at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Jan. 23.

Senior Everett Chu, president of Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM), began the event with a prayer.

Timothy Matovina, the theology professor who moderated the discussion, closed the event with a prayer advocating understanding and unity between all faiths.

Campus Ministry and BCM co-sponsored the event.

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Enhance, not inhibit... 

Brown, who represented the student body during discussion of the ordinance last summer and fall, said the meeting was a good opportunity for people on both sides to voice their concerns.

"The purpose of this meeting is to establish a body for continuous communication between the community and the area universities," said Brown. "It would be our responsibility to voice our concerns that are affecting us the most. I know that there are concerns about goals, but at this point, my goals are just to bring everyone to the table to see where we can go.

"The first meeting of the CGM will take place at 3 p.m. at the South Bend County Building Complex, was planned two weeks ago.

"This was a long time coming — so I'm finally glad that it's coming to fruition," Brown said.

Although she was an integral part in lobbying for the creation of the new student body, President Father Bob Feisch, the Common Council.

"Feisch is not coming to the meeting with me on our behalf and she will be able to take over the job and continue with the relationships that we've worked on over the last seven or eight months," Brown said. "I'm happy that it's happening. If nothing else just so that I can give Bob some pointers before he walks into that room."

Reish said he was looking forward to seeing the CGM, but would attend simply as an observer.

"Basically, I'm going to be there tomorrow in an observor role, and then hope for some transistion between this year and next year," Reish said. "I'm proud of the effort that was put into it as a second role to see how this committee will continue to work for future meetings next year.

Council member Al 'Buddy' Brown said that the members of the ordinance, did not return phone calls several weeks ago.

A memorial Mass was celebrated Monday afternoon in the Alumni Chapel, Father Charles Coughlin, president.

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about Connor, it would have to be that he loved people," said McCormick, who lived next door to Connor for years. "Connor shared his feelings preferential hiring could have 'unintended consequences.'

President Father John Jenkins' Touchdown Jesus tomorrow, our university," she said.

"I think the label would be very unimportant," said Brown. "I don't think labeling as unfriendly or unwelcoming applicant pools," she said. "I think universities are Catholic. In today's globalized world, she said, "excellent undergraduate universities are Catholic, and it wouldn't show our Catholic identity, they disagreed with his other goals of being an integral part of the ord inance last summer and fall, she said. "I think with his diabetes, McCormick continued from page 1

Hendrickson said the Senate will meetings next year."

"I'm happy that it's meeting, if someone is going to be coming to see what it means to be an academic experiences, educating "not only the minds, but the hearts of students." She asserted that the faculty was more important for the University's identity than the campus's religious symbols.

"Even if there are only five students in Siegfried from placing a bucket of water on the ledge, encouraging residents to write words of encouragement for McGrath's family.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

More militant bombings in Afghanistan ANDAHAR, Afghanistan — A suicide car bomber killed 35 people at a crowded market Monday, pushing the death toll from two days of militant bombings to about 140. The marketplace blast, which targeted a Canadian army convoy, came a day after the country's deadliest insurgent attack since a U.S.-led offensive defeated the Taliban regime in late 2001. The toll from that bombing in a crowded dog fight rose to more than 100.

The back-to-back blasts in the southern province of Kandahar could be a sign insurgents are now willing to risk high civilian casualties while attacking government forces. Though their attacks occasionally have killed dozens, militants in Afghanistan have generally sought to avoid targeting civilians, unlike insurgents in Iraq's war.

Paris police detain 35 in raids LJIBN-LE BLI, Paris — More than 1,000 police officers swooped in on housing projects outside of Paris Monday, detaining 35 people in pre-dawn raids meant to flush out those who took part in violent riots late last year, officials said.

The detentions were denounced by critics as governmental theater to boost support before next month's municipal elections. President Nicolas Sarkozy recently vowed to better police the neglected neighborhoods, populated largely by families of immigrant background, that previously exploded in nationwide riots in 2005.

NATIONAL NEWS

Texas oil refinery explosion injures 4 BIG SPRING, Texas — A thunderous explosion rocked an oil refinery Monday, injuring four workers and shaking buildings miles away.

One employee was hospitalized for bleeding, while the others were treated and released, said Blaine Royall, spokesman for refinery owner Alon USA.

All workers were accounted for about an hour after the explosion, he said. The refinery employs about 170 people.

Fires caused by the blast were under control but still burning in the afternoon, Lewis said. The refinery, which is about a half mile from the site of Monday's fire, is on standby to receive access to the site to investigate the cause of the explosion.

The blast sent black smoke billowing into the sky, and forced the closure of schools and an interstate.

Space shuttle Atlantis coming home CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Atlantis and its seven-man crew were homeward bound after leaving the international space station and checking out the final stage of their ship Monday for the fiery ride back to Earth.

The space shuttle is due back Wednesday. Good weather is expected at Cape Canaveral, but if that changes, NASA will guide Atlantis to the backup touchdown site in California to give the military time enough time to shoot down a damaged spy satellite without endangering the shuttle.

With pilot Alan Poindexter at the controls, Atlantis undocked from the space station after nine days of linked flight. The shuttle circled the earth for the last 11 days before entering an elliptical orbit to begin its descent back to Earth.

Washington formally recognized Kosovo as an independent country soon after midnight Monday. The Kremlin could become more likely to help in international efforts important to the U.S. and its allies such as pressuring Iran to rein in its nuclear program.

Still, for Washington the declaration of independence from the former Yugoslavia could become an issue in efforts to improve U.S.-Russian relations.

Speaking in Tanzania, President Bush declared "The Kosovars are now independent" and was said to have spent time in a psychiatric center as a teen in the late 1990s.

CHICAGO — Illinois lawmakers met in the final days of emergency contraception doses at Planned Parenthood health centers in Illinois cities with the recent donations has angered an anti-abortion group, whose leader calls it "irresponsible".

The giveaways are timed to remind young adults of the importance of responsible sexual behavior and helping them plan for births, but they are closely watched by conservative group leaders who say they are providing "partial" and "partial" doses of the medicine.

The measure, when it takes effect, will require health professionals to inform state authorities about births to women who have had mental health treatment, said the sketchy information about Kazmierczak's medical history makes it impossible to know if he would have fallen under the law.

"This law is more comprehensive than most," the Democrat said Monday. "But everything needs to be evaluated and reviewed to address the problem so that something like this never happens again. This is the promise we have to make."
Recovery starts in 'Bama
Homeowners, crews clear away wreckage after winter tornado

Associated Press

PRATTVILLE, Ala. — Homeowners, utility crews and others worked Monday to clear away wreckage and restore services after the latest round of winter tornadoes to smash through the South.

Alabama Gov. Bob Riley toured part of Prattville and said he was impressed by the community’s response to the twister that struck the town.

“One of the great things about living in Alabama — and I say this every time a major emergency we have — it truly is amazing to see what’s happening out there with all the families in this state,” Riley said.

At least 50 people were injured, and about 200 homes and 40 businesses were damaged in the Prattville area, according to the National Weather Service. No deaths were reported. Two people who were critically injured were upgraded to serious on Monday, said Todd Stacy, a spokesman for the governor.

Homeowners, utility crews and businesses in Prattville lacked power after the storm.

The tornado was part of a system that swept across the Southeast on Sunday, damaging homes elsewhere in Alabama and the Georgia and the Florida Panhandle.

The violent weather continued into early Monday, when a tornado ripped apart a house in Hooferston, N.C., slightly injuring three people.

“It sounded like a train came through my window,” said Shannon Edwards, 19, who was trapped under debris for about an hour at her family’s home. “My whole bed just flipped up. I didn’t know where I was going to end up. I didn’t know what was going on.”

Severe damage to buildings and trees was reported elsewhere in North Carolina.

The tornado that struck Prattville tore up a path about a quarter-mile wide and had winds of 140 to 150 mph, said meteorologist Jim Stefkovich at the National Weather Service’s Birmingham office.

“God was watching over our city last night,” Mayor Jim Byard said, adding that if the storm had hit in the middle of the night as happened in northern Alabama earlier this month, it could have been fatal.

The death toll from those storms, part of a tornado outbreak that ripped across several Southern states Feb. 5 and 6, rose by one to 57 on Monday after a Tennessee man died of his injuries, emergency management officials said.

Repair crews also were at work Monday in western and central Georgia, where the storms destroyed or damaged more than 50 homes Sunday, according to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency. Ten people were injured, two of them critically, the agency said.

While tornadoes were battering the Southeast on Sunday, parts of the Upper Midwest had to deal with ice and snow.

Dozens of schools in central and eastern Iowa were closed or had delayed openings Monday and travel was not recommended on some highways because Sunday’s storm dumped as much as 6 inches of snow, accompanied by wind gusting to 50 mph.

According to the weather service, a total of 14.4 inches of snow has fallen so far this month at the Des Moines International Airport, compared with the average 5 inches. So far this season, Iowa has gotten 48 inches compared with the normal 26 inches.

JFK murder articles, documents revealed

Items include transcript, leather gun holster

Associated Press

If he AB — Long hidden items and documents related to the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy were revealed for the first time Monday, after spending nearly two decades locked inside a courthouse safe.

Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins presented the articles at a Presidents’ Day news conference while standing next to brown and white file boxes stacked in a pyramid.

The items include a purported transcript between Kennedy assassin Lee Harvey Oswald and Ruby’s lawyer that held the weapon that shot Oswald.

Attorneys said Watkins told him about the contents of the boxes Monday as his attorney, Robert W. Hitt, senior agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and the district attorney’s office.

The transcript unveiled Monday is dated Oct. 4, 1963, and allegedly contains all the typed words that had to be left out of the Warren Commission Report.

"There is a way to get rid of him without killing him," Oswald was quoted as saying.

"How’s that?" Ruby responds.

"Well, I’d kill both of them. I’d kill both of their brothers," Oswald says.

"Are you with the Mafia?"

"You’re asking too many questions," Ruby responds.

"Later. Ruby gives a lengthy warning that Oswald must not get on any plane and that Ruby will make me follow you, wherever you go, and kill you." Oswald was quoted as saying.

The Dallas Morning News first reported the transcript and other details of the find in an exclusive story published Sunday.

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Mortgage lender goes public

Government under scrutiny for mismanagement as company nationalized

Associated Press

LONDON — Prime Minister Gordon Brown’s government faces new allegations of mismanagement Monday after revealing it was negotiating to nationalize mortgage lender Northern Rock PLC.

The first time in 20 years that a private company has been taken into public ownership.

The government repeatedly insisted a private sale was its preferred option. But, after five months of intense speculation about the future of Britain’s most public symbol of the global credit crunch, Brown said that nationalization was the best choice until market conditions improved.

“We will, and always have, put the interests of taxpayers first,” he said.

The opposition Conservative Party said Britain’s reputation as a major financial services center had been dealt a serious blow.

“The nationalization of Northern Rock is a disaster for the British taxpayer, a disaster for this government, and a disaster for our country,” said Conservative Leader David Cameron.

The government’s troubles were compounded by the video of a drawn-out legal battle with unhappy shareholders and the potential of hundreds, or thousands, of workers losing their jobs.

Brown’s reputation as a guardian of financial stability in Britain has been clouded ever since the panics he had provoked in the summer over an unprecedented stretch of economic growth as the country’s chief economic policy.

On the one hand, Brown and his successor in the treasury office, Alistair Darling, disputed that Britain’s international reputation had been dented, and that the 1958 Humane Slaughter Act set strict rules for the humane treatment of animals.

Campbell’s Soup to cut sodium levels

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J. — The Campbell Soup Co.’s kid-oriented soups, which feature characters such as Dora the Explorer and the Cat in the Hat, will have 480 milligrams per serving, which means the company can legally label them as healthy foods for the first time.

“The welfare of our animals—that’s the heart and soul of our operations,” Beagan said.

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In Brief

Spokesman says cattle treated humanely

DENVER — Despite a secretly taped video showing workers at a Southern California slaughterhouse abusing sick or crippled animals, nearly all cattle bound for American dinner tables are treated humanely, a cattle industry spokesman said Monday.

The undercover video taken at the Westland/Hallmark Meat Co. of Chino, Calif., by the Humane Society of the United States workers shocking, kicking and showing debilitated cattle with forklifts, and has had the largest response in the history of the organization.

But Beagan, vice president for research of the Colorado-based National Cattlemen’s Beef Association, said the videotaped incident was not indicative of how most slaughterhouses operate.

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COMRADE-MCCAIN, WE DON’T THINK YOU SHARE OUR VALUES.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

In theory, there is no difference between theory and practice. But in practice, there is. —Yogi Berra

Baseball player

Observer Poll

What is your favorite local pizzeria at Notre Dame?

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Questioning quotas

The hiring of Catholic faculty here at Notre Dame has become quite a touchy subject, tied as it is to the larger issue of quota. The University's ongoing self-definition. Father Jenkins, some students, and groups of alumni like "Project Sycamore" have called for hiring standards where self-identified Catholic faculty would comprise at least 30% of the faculty. This is to preserve the unique character of Notre Dame, a place defined by its Catholic ethos. Many students find this an environment where they can for once express their faith freely, and the school should continue to uphold its unique tradition. Father Jenkins wants to maintain that heritage not at the exclusion of non-Catholics, but for the benefit of all.

The University of Sycamore, Jenkins and other concerned individuals have a fault, however, in its approach to what they see as a "problem"—the decline in Catholic faculty members in recent decades. I commend efforts to maintain religious identity, but stressing a 30 percent quota of Catholic professors ensures nothing. We should stay away from judging our progress by artificial and largely meaningless statistics and instead focus on real and less-quantifiable measures.

Institutional quotas send the wrong message to professors and students. An absolute majority limit basically tells potential faculty, "If we drop below this, you (distinguished professor) may not be here."

For me, in the tone many students get from the works of faith organizations like the Catholic Student Union, Father Jenkins, some students, and others understand the concerns of those in positions of authority faculty play in students' faith lives. Here we must be cautious. There should be no division between faith and voca­tion. I allow that teachers can have a huge impact outside the classroom, and I gladly acknowledge the significant role faculty can play in students' spiritual inquiries. Nevertheless, such impact should not be a necessary condition for the presence here. Faculty can still do their job, inspire, and others understand the community's presence here.

I hate to break it to you, administration, but the care of faith at Notre Dame does not come from the faculty, and never has. They play an important role, but the heart comes from the student body itself, from the dorms, from the recs and other religious on campus, from the works of faith organizations like Campus Ministry. I reiterate that the classroom ought not turn into a compartmentalized and secularized environment, but we need to look elsewhere to find the essence of Notre Dame's Catholic identity.

This clamoring for quotas also reinforces the University's tendency, nurtured by "the over-protective parent" attitude of alumni, to infantilize the student body. We are not children who need to be constantly monitored and guided every step of the way. Why should we be treated as such, as adults, to stumble and question our faith lives on campus, where support structures are plentiful, rather than do so for the first time on the "real world," where such support is hard to find? This is not an argument for hiring non-Catholic faculty, just a reminder of the mission statement's spirit and an enjoyment to look beyond the classroom for the totality of faith life.

The administration should not emphasize artificial percentages, but instead cultivate the school's Catholic spirit by more productive, less rigid means. For example, focus faculty-recruiting efforts on graduates from other Catholic institutions, stress the University's religious charter in hiring interviews, host the already-strong theology department, and encourage Catholic thinkers and intellectuals to give lectures here. The University of Sycamore's mandate are means of caring for its religious identity, while at the same time understanding that things like the "Catholicity" of Notre Dame cannot be measured. We must look more holistically at both the sources of our faith life and the means of maintaining it.

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Dear Editors, regarding the decision of the Catholic bishops to remove their pastoral conference away from the Notre Dame campus to avoid association with "The Vagina Monologues," I am writing to say that "Notre Dame can be Catholic and still host "The Vagina Monologues." ("Relocation a bad idea," Feb. 15.) That begs the question of just plain juvenile.

However, Notre Dame students need to find a substitute host who is in Notre Dame's best interest. Holding this production on campus gives a greater sense of ownership and give and take between the two. However, they cannot co-exist amorphously. In the real world, give and take is not possible. It is like a street theater with a social or political agenda that is aimed at the general public. One of its stated goals is to have its messages woven into the fabric of public consciousness.

In the meantime, consider acceptance at Notre Dame; it succeeds in doing exactly that. As the primary symbol of Catholic achievement, culture and academic success in the United States, Notre Dame has a vast moral constituency around the world which it necessarily affects. By hosting "The Vagina Monologues," Notre Dame, perhaps unwittingly, is helping Eve Ensler advance her secularist, materialist, anti-religious agenda globally.

Finally, and most importantly, accommodation without clear standards conflicts with Notre Dame's most fundamental mission: the search for truth. "The Vagina Monologues" abjures the truth. An exercise in Orwellian doublespeak, it puts forth reductionism as expansive for women, exposing a singular focus on one's public area as if it were the center of one's mind and soul. Duplication reigns throughout. For example, how is it the stated goal of decreasing violence toward women advanced by celebrating the alcoholized seduction and rape of a female minor by an older woman? Is not that an unfair use of power to control and dominate a susceptible person for one's own pleasure? Most "Catholic" colleges have followed Jenkins' lead in questioning the value of the play in examining current women's issues, eventually concluding in favor of serious dialogue.

I am sad to say that on this issue, Notre Dame now finds itself increasingly isolated with a small number of mostly Jesuit universities. The Catholic Bishops, often criticized for failing to lead their flock on social moral issues, were correct to distance themselves from this morally deprived event. Jenkins would be wise to do the same.

I apologize for being a wet blanket, but Notre Dame students need to find a substitute host to a higher standard than our "Monologues" when it comes to cheering for the plays and the sensation of a single body part is not what is meant to be a woman's mind and soul. What is the correct way to express that sexuality? When do we heal? How do we reclaim our humanity every year (this year coinciding with the Edith Stein Conference addresses femininity, espousing a singular focus on one's pubic area as if it were the center of one's mind and soul. Duplication reigns throughout. For example, how is it the stated goal of decreasing violence toward women advanced by celebrating the alcoholized seduction and rape of a female minor by an older woman? Is not that an unfair use of power to control and dominate a susceptible person for one's own pleasure? Most "Catholic" colleges have followed Jenkins' lead in questioning the value of the play in examining current women's issues, eventually concluding in favor of serious dialogue.

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By CASSIE BELEK
Assistant Scene Editor

Film and television writer Jeffrey Stepakoff always knew he wanted to write, but he didn't always know Hollywood was in his future.

On the phone on Monday, Stepakoff says he studied theater in school, but when producer John Wells ("EB," "The West Wing") visited his graduate school, Carnegie Mellon University, he told Stepakoff that Hollywood was looking for writers like him.

Although he was offered a job as a satch writer for CBS's "Charles in Charge," produced by Universal Television, he turned it down. When the strike ended, he was offered another job by Universal to write for "Simon & Simon."

Stepakoff says his theater background helped him because he had experience working with directors so both a writer and producer.

"Theater, I believe, is a really good training ground for screenwriters," he says.

Stepakoff was a writer and co-executive producer for "Dawson's Creek" on the WB. Although the show was immensely popular with young people, he says he wasn't always aware of the influence of the show.

"It was very exciting," he says. "You know, when you're working on a TV show, you're so busy writing the show and producing the show that you don't have a full awareness of the cultural impact of the show. Occasionally you'll think about it."

Ultimately, Stepakoff says, the success of a series comes down to finding a good story.

"Whether you're working on a popular show or a struggling show, you always start at the same place, which is crafting good story," he says.

Stepakoff has written for 14 different television series and says he has enjoyed working for each of them.

"There's something special about all of them," he says.

Stepakoff doesn't have a preference for film or television either. He says he loves "all media that allows writers to be writers," whether he film or television writing, fiction writing or writing for the Internet.

However, Stepakoff does make a strong case for television.

"Television writing in particular is arguably the most satisfying medium for a writer to work in because he or she ultimately gets total control," he says.

During this past writers' strike, Stepakoff says he wrote a novel—a love story in which he drew from his experience working on "Dawson's Creek." Other writers he knew created new content for the Internet.

"The legacy of the 1988 strike was that the studios learned how to make entertainment without writers," he says.

The film and television writer has three pieces of advice for students who aspire to write in film, television or theater. "Number one," he says, "master the craft, which really isn't difficult." He says to take courses in writing to get to that point. "Number two," he says, "which is probably more important than number one, write constantly." His third piece of advice is to "put yourself out there" in order to meet people to help with the job search.

And just because you start in one field doesn't mean you can't switch to film and television. Stepakoff worked in advertising after under grad, but knew that what he really wanted to do was write creatively.

"I just set out to write cool stuff," he says.

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A succinctly emotive portrait of heartbreak and euphoria, Glen Hansard's record "Once," soundtrack to the film of the same title, is at once enthralling and saddening. It falls into the listener's ear with a pulsing admonition to hold close to those you care for or risk watching them fade into the gray and dreary landscape of the ineffaceable beyond.

With titles such as "Falling Slowly," "Lies," "Leave," "Fallen From the Sky," and "When Your Mind's Made Up," the album feels like a long look backwards. It allows the listener to conjure feelings experienced in fractured moments following the rupture of something beautiful.

One of the truly arresting tracks on the record is "Leave," a glimpse straight into the gut of Hansard's despair — a woman telling him that he's no longer the man she loves. Starting off slow, just above a whisper, Hansard sings, "Hope you feel better now that it's out / What took you so long? / The truth has a habit of falling out of your mouth / Well now that it's come / You've said what you came to / Let go of my hand / If you don't mind, leave." He then repeats the lyrics with increasing intensity until his voice hits the point of a tormented holler. It's an honest and abandoned moment, resonating more truly than most any other music made these days.

Before his starring turn in the film, you might remember Hansard from his gig as front man of the band The Frames. His partner on five tracks is the less famous, but supremely talented Czech pianist and songwriter Marketa Irglova. The soundtrack is a perfect reminder that while the two star in the very well received film, they are musicians first and actors second. Their vocal skills, both delicate and on occasion pounding, communicate an emotion that is intimate and lingering.

The opening track of the record "Falling Slowly" is perhaps the most powerful collaboration between Hansard and Irglova. Featured in the film's trailer, the song is quite simplistic on first listen. However, upon closer examination it grips the listener with the rare and moving sensation that heartbreak and sadness, and their dreadful ability to control one's mind, are never more than a whisper of rejection away. Hansard and Irglova sing together, "Words fall through me / And always fool me / And I can't react / And games that never amount / To more than they're meant / Will play themselves out." In straightforward lyrics delivered in a straightforward manner, Hansard and Irglova have concocted a tune that will likely be played for years to come by those feeling the rush of sadness in the heart, or those who just like listening to really good sad songs.

It's tough not to compare Hansard and Irglova to the rather iconic duet pair of Damien Rice and Lisa Hannigan. Singing similar songs in a nearly identical genre, Hansard and Irglova differ from the Rice/Hannigan duo in that they seem more weathered and affected by their songs. Indeed, they sing as if only to each other, with the intimate exchanges magically recorded onto CD so that the listening public can glimpse a couple's most personal moments.

If the movie's anything like the songs that propel it, it's surely a hell of a flick.
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Terrence Williams scored all 12 of his points in the first half of the Hoyas' 65-58 win over Providence Monday.

Andre Mc Kee added 12 points and Louisville (21-6, 11-3 Big East) limited the Orange (17-10, 7-7) to 29 percent shooting to keep pace with No. 12 Georgetown for the Big East lead.

Louisville won its season-high sixth straight showing that a survivor with center David Padgett, who played just 17 minutes with foul trouble.

Arize Onuaku led Syracuse with 16 points and Paul Harris added 13, but the Orange found few openings in Louisville's tough 2-3 defense. Syracuse entered the game tied with Georgetown in field goal percentage, making 49 percent of its shots from the field. The Orange managed barely half that against Louisville.

The Cardinals appeared to break open a close game when Williams finished a spectacular dunk over Junior Greene that gave Louisville a 50-40 lead with 29 seconds to go.

Syracuse managed to get within one possession, cutting it to 52-50 on a putback by Onuaku with 2:20 remaining.

Williams, however, hit a jumper from the corner and Earl Clark gave Louisville a 50-43 lead with 8:04 to play. The Rams fell behind by 3 at one point in the second half and first 5 minutes of the second half after picking up two fouls, and Derrick Caracter wasted little time collecting three.

Still, the Orange couldn't take advantage, thanks to horrendous shooting and an inability to keep Louisville off the offensive glass. Syracuse shot just 24 percent from the floor in the first half and allowed the Cardinals eight second-chance points as the teams limped into the locker room tied at 26.

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The Hoyas (21-4, 11-3 Big East) struggled against Providence's 2-3 zone for the opening half and first 5 minutes of the second half.

Then came the 3-point barrage led by Wallace as Georgetown hit five from behind the arc in a 17-2 run that gave the Hoyas a 52-43 lead.

Wallace, who missed three of his first four 3-point attempts, hit three 3s in the run, including two from almost the exact same spot on the court just to the left of the head of the key. The net barely moved on both baskets.

"We are aware of the situation and knew what we had to do," Wallace said. "Those two 3s I hit came off screens set by teammates who knew where they had to be for the play to get me open. That was a collective effort for what we needed to do."

Wayne Ely, who had 18 points, made Providence's last three to break the 14-0 run.

The Friars led 41-35 before the big run started but they went almost 8 minutes with one field goal. Brian McKenzie's 3-pointer ended Georgetown's run and made it 52-43 with 8:04 to go.

Providence was within 54-49 on a 3 by Ely but the Hoyas scored six straight points, the last two on a fastbreak dunk after a steal by Ewing to 4:50 to go.

"We stress offensive rebounding in all our practices," Ewing said of the Hoyas' 23 offensive rebounds. "The shots weren't falling but when we get second shots like that it doesn't matter."

Hillbert had eight rebounds for the Hoyas, who finished with a 41-26 advantage on the boards.

Xavier finished 4-for-8 from 3-point range and the Hoyas were 6-for-21 after starting 3-for-14.

The Hoyas were 65-58 win over Providence Monday.

Louisville outlasts Syracuse at Freedom Hall

Georgetown keeps pace in Big East race with win over Providence; Xavier holds off Rhode Island's upset bid
Rank  | Team               | Record | Points |
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1      | Memphis (33)       | 25-0   | 775    |
2      | Tennessee          | 23-2   | 724    |
3      | North Carolina     | 22-3   | 685    |
4      | Duke               | 22-2   | 668    |
5      | Kansas             | 24-2   | 664    |
6      | UCLA               | 27-3   | 647    |
7      | Texas              | 21-4   | 587    |
8      | Butler             | 24-3   | 530    |
9      | Stanford           | 21-4   | 486    |
10     | Wisconsin          | 20-4   | 452    |
11     | Georgetown         | 20-4   | 447    |
12     | Xavier             | 21-4   | 446    |
13     | Connecticut        | 20-5   | 390    |
14     | Indiana            | 21-4   | 369    |
15     | Notre Dame         | 20-5   | 293    |
16     | Kansas State       | 22-3   | 285    |
17     | Oklahoma State     | 20-5   | 268    |
18     | Virginia           | 21-3   | 204    |
19     | Washington         | 20-5   | 186    |
20     | Old Dominion       | 22-3   | 730    |
21     | Marquette          | 21-4   | 657    |
22     | Texas A&M          | 20-5   | 640    |
23     | Oklahoma State     | 20-5   | 417    |
24     | George Washington  | 20-3   | 385    |
25     | West Virginia      | 20-3   | 340    |

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1      | Connecticut        | 24-1   | 1230   |
2      | North Carolina     | 22-3   | 1157   |
3      | Tennessee          | 23-2   | 1106   |
4      | Maryland           | 27-2   | 1005   |
5      | Rutgers            | 26-4   | 971    |
6      | LSU                | 22-3   | 902    |
7      | Stanford           | 24-3   | 837    |
8      | California         | 23-3   | 896    |
9      | Baylor             | 22-4   | 801    |
10     | Old Dominion       | 22-3   | 730    |
11     | Oklahoma           | 18-5   | 768    |
12     | Duke               | 19-6   | 661    |
13     | West Virginia      | 24-9   | 647    |
14     | NOTRE DAME         | 20-6   | 580    |
15     | Kansas State       | 18-6   | 550    |
16     | Oklahoma State     | 20-4   | 441    |
17     | Georgia Washington | 20-3   | 412    |
18     | Utah               | 21-5   | 401    |
19     | Utah State         | 21-5   | 264    |
20     | Ohio State         | 19-6   | 243    |
21     | Texas A&M          | 18-7   | 235    |
22     | Syracuse           | 19-6   | 178    |
23     | Pittsburgh         | 18-6   | 140    |
24     | Georgia            | 19-7   | 107    |
25     | Vanderbilt         | 19-7   | 97     |

Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte is met by reporters in Tampa Monday as he reports to the first day of spring training. Pettitte apologized repeatedly for using HGH in 2002 and 2004 to speed up his recovery from an elbow injury.

## Pettitte apologizes publicly for HGH use

Associated Press

TAMPA — Andy Pettitte repeated his apologies over and over again, saying he had embarrassed himself and set a terrible example.

Whether he upset Roger Clemens is anyone’s guess. They haven’t spoken in more than a month.

"Obviously it’s put a strain, I think, on our friendship," Pettitte said Monday.

On the day he reported to spring training with the New York Yankees, Pettitte spent nearly an hour explaining why he used human growth hormone and his role in cor-

roborating HGH allegations against Clemens.

"I felt like I needed to come out, be forward with this," Pettitte said. "Whatever circumstances or repercussions come with it, I’ll take it and I’ll take like a man and I’ll try to do my job."

Other baseball players have ducked tough questions about allegations of drug use, using evasions and nonspecific replies. Pettitte admitted his mistakes and several times patiently asked reporters "did I answer your question?"

Wearing a polo shirt and jeans, and flanked by manager Joe Girardi and general manager Brian Cashman, Pettitte had a hint of the shadow on his face that he’s shown on the mound during so many postseason games. He seemed nervous at the start as he read from notes.

"I want to apologize to the New York Yankees’ and to the Houston Astros’ organizations and to their fans and to all my teammates and to all of base-

ball fans for the embar-

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He relaxed after a few minutes and went into far greater detail than most accused athletes have about their transgressions.

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"I don’t have any choice. If their course of action doesn’t work I don’t pitch this year, and I may never pitch again," Schilling said. "I have to mentally get behind it and do everything I can to do it work."

Rodriguez, Angels failing to reach agreement

TEMPE, Ariz. — Los Angeles Angels closer Francisco Rodriguez is going to arbitration and could be heading out the door at the end of the season.

The 26-year-old Rodriguez, who has a major-league leading 32 saves over the past three years, is unhappy that he doesn’t have a long-term con-

tract and said he may leave as a free agent after this season.

"If they would have wanted me here, they would have done some-

thing a long time ago," Rodriguez said Sunday. "There is still a long time before the season starts. We still have a month and a half. By then, when the season starts, I’ll have my decision made."

He then softened his statement, saying, "It’s just something I can’t control. My priority right now is to go through the year and see what’s going to happen at the end of the year. We’ll see."

Crosby looks good in prac-

tice, but return still uncertain

PITTSBURGH — Sidney Crosby enjoyed his best and most demand-

ing practice since injuring his right ankle, skating at full speed Monday and spinning off several — the gee-whiz passes that only a elite few NHL players can

make.

Crosby was without the yellow no-contact jersey he first wore when he resumed practicing with the Pittsburgh Penguins last week.

There was no sign that linemate Ryan Malone and Colby Armstrong were slowing down to accomm-

odate their still-healing teammate.

For now, though, it was only tease.

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game shape, last season’s NH

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Equestrian captures crown at Purdue Invite

Skiing finishes second at MCSA Regionals; Bowling struggles at Hoosier Classic; Men’s volleyball goes 3-2

**Equestrian**

Special to The Observer

Allendale, Mich., this weekend, Notre Dame/Saint Mary’s registered its first IHSA high point performance this weekend at the Fredriksen Regional with a first-place total of 31 points.

Krista Jones, Heather LaDue and Jennifer Gilder swept 1-2-3 in the intermediate flat as Jones qualified for regionals with her performance.

Kelly Daniels rode to a first-place standing in novice fences, with teammates Sarah Baker (third), Andrea Kochert (fourth), Jones (fifth) and Maryellen Przyblinski (sixth), in the event. Daniels also took second in novice flat, leading teammates Kochert (third), Baker, Courtney Klostermann and Laura Hale tied for fifth, and Maria Cardoso in sixth.

The other Irish rider to garner a first place was Gina Camarata in advanced walk-trot-canter. Laura Bivel and Nicole Oberschmidt finished fourth and sixth, respectively.

In walk-trot, Katrina Stewart and Laura Tiche finished second and third, respectively, for the Irish.

LaDue led the club with a second-place in intermediate fences as Gilder and Brittany Green tied for fifth, securing valuable points for the club.

Tiffany Oliver competed in beginner walk-trot-canter to complete the Irish showing.

**Skiing**

A pair of freshmen led the Irish at the MCSA Regionals at Marquette, Mich., this weekend.

Christopher Knocked led the men’s squad to a seventh-place finish among 19 teams, and Justine Nurnane’s sixth-place finish led the women to an 18th-place standing in the event. Denmark’s Mikael Jakobsen led the men with his 14.1 average, while teammate Lisbok placed second with a 14.1 average.

In the second leg of the men’s team, the Irish was led by captain Nick Manieri with a 148 average, while James Breen and Becky Caples were just a pin behind. James Breen and Becky Caples were just a pin behind, while James Breen and Becky Caples were just a pin behind.

The other top finishers for the club were: Caleb Kerrigan with a second-place finish, Jordan Breen with a third-place finish, and K страны Shampsky with a fourth-place finish.

**Bowling**

Notre Dame traveled to Allendale, Mich., this weekend for a tournament that included teams from all over Michigan and Ohio.

After dropping the first game 17-25 to Baldwin Wallace, the Irish stormed back to grab the second and third games, closing out the match 25-22, 16-14.

In the second match of the day, the Irish took on Michigan and Ohio. Despite an early lead, the Irish couldn’t stave off a game point at 24-23, and Purdue took over, winning the match 23-19, 19-25.

In a non-_pool match with no ramifications on the tournament, the Irish struggled to find their rhythm early against Purdue. Despite an early lead, the Irish couldn’t stave off a game point at 24-23, and Purdue took over, winning the match 23-19, 19-25.

As the group finals of the gold bracket began, the Irish had the No. 3 seed owing to their two victories in the morning matches. They took on sixth-seeded Michigan-A, and ran out in a big lead in game one with outstanding play from middle hitter Mike Nejedly and outside Ted Grossevelt.

The Wolverines would not be denied in the second game, coming back to win 19-23. In the third game, right side Daniel Zinsser stepped up and cracked multiple kills down the line and sophomore setter Bryan Winther ran the offense to perfection, leading to an Irish victory in the match, 25-17, 19-25, 15-13.

Western Michigan was up next in the semifinals, matching two 3-1 teams. It became obvious quickly the Irish had all of the momentum after their third-game victory over Michigan, and they used that to their advantage in a big 25-19 win in game one on the backs of the two Jansons, junior middle Jason Gott and freshman outside Jason Healy. Both had timely blocks and huge kills in both the first and second game, as the Irish again pulled away, winning and moving on to the finals 25-19, 25-20.

The finals pitted rival and host Grand Valley State against the young Irish squad.
Rutgers
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The Scarlet Knights' (20-4, 10-1 Big East) offense, which McGraw said is "slower than you'd guess," is second-to-last in the conference and averages only 61.1 points per game. They make up for it with their defense, however — ranking No. 2 in the Big East in scoring defense with 51.1 points allowed per game.

Despite its low scoring totals, Rutgers has offensive firepower at the guard position. Sportswriters recently voted senior Matee Ajavon, who scores 12.5 points per game, a finalist for the Nancy Lieberman Award, given to the nation's top point guard. Sophomore Epiphanny Prince leads the team in scoring with 14.2 points per game.

"I think Matee is just sensational. She's going to be a first-round draft pick," McGraw said. "And Epiphanny Prince is having an incredible year. If she hasn't been in foul trouble that first half of the Tennessee game, that would have been a whole different game."

Sophomore guard Melissa Lechlitner dribbles up the court during Notre Dame's 81-66 victory over Pittsburgh on Feb. 10.

McGraw said senior guard Tenisha White had a couple of big games today, and sophomore forward Brittany Mallory in the first half. "I think the bench is really doing their job," McGraw said.

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Despite its scoring struggles, the Scarlet Knights remain 14-2 in the Big East, including a 50-45 win over Syracuse Saturday. Sophomore guard Melissa Lechlitner came off the bench and hit two shots in succession in the final three minutes to help the Irish break a 64-64 tie and pull away for the win.

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are just trying to get the rust out of their games. We have had a couple of high rounds that have hurt us, but I have overall been impressed with how they have performed so far.”
When asked what his team needs to do to improve over the long run, Kuhnski said Notre Dame needs more tournament experience.
“I think it is just a matter of getting a few rounds under our belts,” Kuhnski said. “With one or two tournaments, I think we will be ready to compete at a high level after spring break, in Arizona [at the National Invitational Tournament March 23-25] and Georgia (Schenkel EZ Go Invitational March 14-16).”
Sophomore Doug Fortner, who leads the Irish this season with a 72.77 stroke average, also shot a 73, with two eagles on the day. He is sitting third-over for the tournament. The leader, Georgia State’s Joel Sjoholm, is currently five-under par.
The Irish have faced some tough competition at the tournament, where 10 of the nation’s top 20 teams are competing. Notre Dame has held its own and is in a position to overtake Florida tomorrow, with some strong rounds from the entire team.
“We need to have all five guys in play, making sure they are solid. It would be an accomplishment to finish above a top-10 team such as Florida in February in warm climate,” Kuhnski said.
The tournament finishes today. The Irish do not have another tournament for two weeks, when they travel to California to compete in the USC Collegiate Invitational.
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bring them back. Our work ethic this off-season has been excellent. There’s a sense of purpose around here.”
With the new season comes a group of fresh faces, and many of the Irish coaches are excited about the incoming freshman class. Several recruiting Web sites labeled Notre Dame as the class one of the top-five in the nation.
Freshman influence
“We got a little bit of everything in this group,” Schrage said. “We needed to improve our team rather quickly and this class is going to help us do that. We got some power pitching with [Brian] Dupra, some speed with [Golden] Tate, and some power with [Matt] Sel Gio.”
Schrage said several freshmen could play early in the season. One of the names he mentioned was that of infielder-McCoy Doyle, who could spell some of the veterans because of his solid defensive technique and his ability to hit for contact.
Freshman catcher Cameron McConnell probably will contribute early because of the need to have a rotation of backstops. He looks to fill in for fifth-year senior Sean Gaston.
But with youth comes a price: The Irish count only seven seniors on the roster.
“We’re very inexperience,” Schrage said. “Any time you have to pitch four freshmen, who knows what will happen. This group is very talented though, and has been featured in national showcases in high school. We’re just excited to see how they do out there.”
The group of seniors has taken it upon themselves to turn this youth and inexperience into something that can be harnessed as a positive on the field, Schrage said. In particular, Schrage credited his three captains — Gaston, outfielder Boz Brezovsky and catcher Brazil Norteine — with providing strong leadership for the freshmen.
Pitching
While much of the roster is young, the Irish pitching staff is deep with returning starters. Junior David Phelps returns after a breakout season in which he became only the second Irish hurler to record 100 strikeouts (102) and post an ERA under 2.00

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Michael Mikuska

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Oh, thank you. I thought you'd gone.

Mom, I'm just sorry I had a guerrilla. I hope that woman who caught us will understand.

WHERE'S MY CELL PHONE?!

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THAT SCRABBLED-WORD GAME

By Henri Arnold and Mike Arigian

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Horoscope

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Celebrates Born on This Day: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, 77; Paris Hilton, 27; Bryan White, 31; Billy Joe Armstrong, 36.

Happy Birthday: There should be lots of changes this year. Once you accept the inevitable, you will start to look for new beginnings and show your worth and you will find peace in your new direction. This is a year to move on. Water signs: 12, 17, 22, 27, 32, 37, 42.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Emotional matters will surface if you aren't careful. Take the time alone and play with friends. Working on something that will benefit you professionally will help you occupy your mind. 2 stars

Taurus (April 20-May 20): The message negative. Act if not to others say so, the better after all, you will get. A present in silence that others can be not. A range close to others you are going. A notion in a relationship you are in contesting will lead to a conclusion. 4 stars.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Attend a conference or trade show or engage in conversation with someone who has great charm or popular opinion. Don't let an order invalid discouragement from pursuing your dreams. Follow your heart. 3 stars

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Change is in the works and, like it or not, you must对未来. Next, you know. You are not always taken over by affection. You will get altogether different results than if you are demanding. 5 stars

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): It's a risk to extricate your own plans. If you want to form and ensemble, it isn't bad. First decide by some other's fear. Take a wait and see attitude towards the future. 3 stars

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Set the standard and speak of your findings, ideas and opinions. It won't be long before someone joins your fight to make reforms or to get things done. You will have an open invitation that you should not accept gladly.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let your emotions get the better of you. Stick to your beliefs without making a big deal out of what you want. As much as you are too quick for an emotional, others will take advantage of you. 2 stars

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Follow your heart, your dreams and your desires and refuse to be swayed by someone's false information. Hold on to your brain. You have too much to lose and so much to gain. 3 stars

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may be able to fool most people but some people can see through your schemes and see you for what you are. 3 stars

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will be pulled in different directions. Your emotions will cause you to waffle, give in to someone who wants your undivided attention. Think about your relationships with others and which are worth keeping. 3 stars

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): You must take action, set the stage and be the one to make the glass and follow through. You will get what you want and make a lasting impression with your friends, colleagues and loved ones. 5 stars

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): If you let your judgment or tongue take over, you will never get anywhere good. Love is in the air, so take a cautious approach and you will get altogether different results than if you were demanding. 3 stars

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**ND Women's Basketball**

Just stingy

By BILL BRINK

Notre Dame has already faced three potential Final Four teams this season in No. 4 Maryland, No. 1 Connecticut and No. 3 Tennessee. Tonight, they face a fourth. The No. 14 Irish, who lost to Mississippi State leads with a score of 615, 39-over-par. Host No. 1 Michigan State with a second-round 300 to stumble finishing with a 13-over-par. Finishing with a combined score of 615, 39-over-par. According to coach Jim Kubinski, they have given Sandman a 68 on the day and catapulted his team up in the standings from its current No. 15 position.

Kubinski’s 73 was “better than the average on the day,” Kubinski said. The junior’s close misses gave his coach hope for Tuesday’s final-round action.

“We are within six shots of a half-dozen teams,” Kubinski said.

Kubinski was impressed with how his team performed this weekend — its first tournament of the spring season — after having limited practice at home due to weather conditions. He noted that there was only one other mid-major team at the tournament this weekend — Indians.

“Given where we are at this point in the season, I think we are doing a nice job,” Kubinski said. "The guys are competing against all warm teams down here, and we don’t like to give up a lot of second-stroke opportunities."