Students voice concerns, Security listens

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This is the second article in a two-part series exploring the positive and negative aspects of the Security force. When Saint Mary's student body president Mickey Gruszinski and vice president Sarah Falvey campaigned for office, they saw a need to work with the campus safer and increase student's faith in the department. They met with Director of Security and Assistant director of Security Dave Garley and Saint Klimeczak shortly after winning the election to express their concerns about the reliability of the escort policy, but Garley and Klimeczak brought up other issues as well. "They talked about sexual assault and informing students how to stay safe," Falvey said. "Dave also highlighted some of the positive things that he had done including (creating) the lost and found." With the questions surrounding the trespasser who escaped custody after making his way onto the roof of Regina Hall April 5, and seemingly slow response to the incident from Saint Mary's Security detailed in the first part of this series, many College students have concerns about the effectiveness of Saint Mary's Security. "Falvey, however, does not think Security is ineffective. "I think they take (our safety) very seriously," she said. "I feel they would try their hardest (to fix any problems students have) because they're really committed to it." Site's 'juicy,' anonymous gossip prompts concern

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Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College students have been taking advantage of a new Web site forum — juicycampus.com — to share gossip and spread rumors about their fellow classmates. According to freshman Scott McIntosh, while the Web site can be humorous at times, there's an anonymity juicycampus.com provides allows students to post whatever they want without fear of repercussion. "I think it provides a way for students to vent about campus life in general but it leaves it open to hurt others under the veil of anonymity," he said. "I think that if members had to post their names under each post they would definitely weigh their words more and take things more seriously." While some topics are harmless, such as discussion of upcoming social events, others are loud and slanderous, littered with sexist and racist remarks. One of the more offensive posts included statements about African-American students that were full of racial slurs. "I hold deep inside," he said. "They'll say stuff like this blindly online where they know there are no repercussions for their actions." One popular trend on juicycampus.com is to post gossip, usually having to do with sex, about one specific student. Saint Mary's freshman Sarah Craig has five different posters that have called her, among other derogating terms, a "stripper" and a "fat troll." "I feel it is completely immature that people really abuse the Web site," Craig said. "It really sucks to go on there and see your name posted up not knowing who it's from and that everyone in the world can just go on there, type in your name and read about you." Craig chose to respond to her faceless critics by writing back and signing her name under the post. "I decided that if people
QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT REINSTATED TV SHOW WERE YOU ARE EXCITED TO HAVE BACK?

What is Suriname?

Rarely does a day go by without at least a bajillion hooves asking me to recount my latest brush with glory and of how I am a national hero. Leopold is a swaggering temple of gkehness. Leopold is a panoply on which any triva-minded person can scream to the world that "I know the capital of Burkina Faso and I demand money.

Incidentally, it is the only place in the world where information learned in a typical arts and letters course can earn you a paycheck.

Unfortunately, my brush with immortality died pretty soon after I logged in to take the applicants' test. If I had to offer you a short version of the tragedy that followed, it would be "stay in school, political science major. That is an acceptable language. In fact, if I had to count West Sahara, I've been told, you can probably guess that it isn't Brazil.

"What is Suriname?" No, Suriname is not a country that has Dutch as an official language. In fact, if I had to answer "what is Suriname," I would say that Suriname is a lie. To be fair, I only had to correctly answer 35 questions out of 50 to make the audition. So the sinister Surinamesian plot was only responsible for a miniscule fraction of my failure. That is an acceptable excuse, if you think that there is any conceivable way that anyone could identify Ulysses from its first line or "beauty is as beauty does" from its first verse. I was asked, "Most Likely to be an Abercrombie and Fitch Centerfold." I am three nations closer to world renown (if you count West Sahara). And my zeal for trivia is generally ranked between "amusing" and "alarming." But there are, unfortunately, things I do not know about you — and by you, I mean you accursed Surinamese.

Which brings us to Suriname. According to the Jeopardy test, there is (allegedly) a country in South America that has Dutch as an official language. Well, if you've read this far, you can probably guess that it isn't Brazil.

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Business major Hammack
named 2008 valedictorian

Special to The Observer

Joshua Hammack, an account­
ancy major from Huntington,
W. Va., has been named valedic­
torian of the 2008 Notre Dame
graduating class and will present
the valedictory address during
Commencement exercises May
18 at 2 p.m. in the Joyce Center
arena.

Hammack earned a 3.99 grade
point average and was a mem­
ber of the Beta Gamma Sigma hon­
orary business society and was
a Robert C. Byrd Scholarship
recipient each of his four years
at Notre Dame.

An active participant in intra­
mural sports, Hammack played
basketball and soccer for Zahm
Hall and participated in Notre
Dame’s Boxing Club and Bengal
Bouts. He served as a student
mentor and math tutor for South
Bend-area high school students
and volunteered at Nazareth
House in Huntington.

The Commencement invoca­
tion will be offered by Patrick
Reidy, a political science major
from Greenwood Village, Colo.,
who will graduate with a 3.93
grade point average.

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Yuen said Notre Dame’s pro­
gram boasts a 100 percent
high school graduation rate and
a 90 percent college attendance
rate for its stu­
dents.

Yuen said the program has
promoted the event on cam­
pus through sending e-mails
and hall rackets, creating a
Facebook group and hanging
out table advertisements at North
and South Dining Halls.

The event will take place
at 3:30 p.m. and is $10 for stu­
dents. A $30 family fee is
available to participants who
wish to register a group of up
to five people.

The race will take runners
3.1 miles around campus,
starting near the A-10 parking
lot by the Lyons basketball
courts and looping the
perimeter of campus. The
walk follows a similar but
slightly shorter route around
the campus.

The race will be started
by both University Executive Vice
President John Affleck Graves
and South Bend Community
School Corporation Superin­
tendent Robert Zimmerman.

Following the race will be a
reception featuring Fr.
Fesburgh, who will present
awards to top finishers, said
Alyssa Coates, director for the
Upward Bound Program at Notre
Dame.

Race organizers hope for a
sizable turnout come race day.

“I’m predicting at least
300,” Coates said.

Coates hopes to not only
encourage other Upward
Bound graduates to become
involved in the program at
Notre Dame, but to spread
awareness about the pro­
gram’s efforts through this
weekend’s event

“Because we are here on
campus, people don’t know
how involved we are in the
South Bend community,”
Coates said.

Coates said the program is
also reaching out to students
at Indiana University South
Bend (IUS), Saint Mary’s
College, Ivy Tech, Bethel and
Holy Cross College, since
Upward Bound sends students
to those schools as well.

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Information Forms (CIF), and
graphical representation of stu­
dent’s ratings of course content
and teaching style will be avail­
able in a joint system, Informing
Course Selection (ICS), Brellenthin
said.

The evaluation forms will be e­
mailed to students and the stu­
dents will have two weeks to
submit the forms before study
days, he said. After submitting
the CIF, they will be free to
access the ICS, which will give
them information from evalua­
tions to aid them in choosing
courses for the next semester.

Brellenthin said there several
advantages to the new system,
such as a longer time to fill out
the CIF and more privacy while
doing so.

“Many students don’t take
the time to fill out the current
paper evaluations,” he said. “They
don’t put in much effort and then
they leave class early.”

Many students feel the pres­
sure to rush through the evalua­
tions or are hampered by a lack
of privacy, Brellenthin said.

“The data being collected isn’t
great,” he said. “And the online
forms will enable students to
more carefully fill out the
forms.”

The ICS is another benefit to
the online system, as it allows
students to access the evaluation
results, Brellenthin said.

“The ICS will have information
on the type of text books used,
the workload, whether the class
is mostly lectures or discussions
and so on,” he said.

The current Teacher Course
Evaluations seem to get lost in a
black hole, he said. The online
system will allow students to
actually see the information
gathered from the evaluations.

Although the resolution
passed, many senators voiced
concerns on the switch from the
paper form to an online form.

Sorin Senator Michael Sayles
questioned whether students
would be motivated to fill out the
forms outside of class.

“Students may have a really
hard time going online and find­
ing the time to evaluate five
courses,” he said.

Student body vice president
Grant Schmidt said students
will not be able to access the ICS
information when staring if they
did not fill out the CIF.

“There is the incentive about
having objective information
about classes,” he said.

Several senators also raised
the objection that the ICS will
motivate students to seek out
“easy classes” with fewer pages
and lighter reading loads.

“These evaluations are not in
the spirit of higher education,”
Gender Issues chair Patrick
Tighe said. “If you want to
know about course, talk to the profes­
or or an advisor. (Education) is
not about making decisions
about courses based on num­
bers.”

While the switch to online
course evaluations will occur,
the committees in charge of the
transition will consider the issues
raised by senators and continue
to consult with student govern­
ment to improve the system,
Academic Affairs chair
Brellenthin said.

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Mary Feighery

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Robert Costa

The Paul Neville Award for excellence in journalism:
Maddie Hanna

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Elizabeth Stewart

The R. V. Ley Award for achievement and promise in journalism:
Kenneth Fowler

**Congratulations on your outstanding achievements!!**
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Sarah Craig
Saint Mary's freshman

"How sad and insecure do you have to sit around and verbally attack people on this Web site?" one poster said. "I decided that if people really wanted to attack me and issues in my personal life then I might as well open up and be completely honest with them."

Anonymous post

"How sad and insecure do you have to sit around and verbally attack people on this Web site? You people really must have no lives."

Sophomore Brittany Wagner said the worst aspect of the Web site was the image of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's it projects to the outside world and prospective students. "The thing that I really don't like about it is that there are some posts on there that are from potential students posting things like 'I was really excited to come, but now I saw all the horrible things about the school, thanks to juicy-campus.com,'" she said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mugabe proposes national unity govt

WASHINGTON — President Mugabe has proposed a national unity government, it was reported yesterday. The proposal comes in the wake of the weekend's violent protests in Zimbabwe. The government is facing increasing pressure from the international community to end the violence.

Democrats to fight for legislation

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats on Wednesday introduced a bill to extend the Violence Against Women Act. The bill would provide funding for programs that help prevent and respond to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Protesters line the route along which the Olympic torch will be run

Mumbai, India — Protesters lined the route of the Olympic torch relay in Mumbai, India, on Wednesday. The relay is part of a global tour in which the flame will be carried through 124 countries over 100 days. In Mumbai, protesters carried signs denouncing the visit of the Olympic flame.

LOCAL NEWS

Gov. cripples American Indian affairs

BLOOMINGTON — Five members of the state's American Indian affairs panel resigned from the group last week, saying they were frustrated with the lack of progress on key issues.

Polygamy children moved to foster care

STATE — The state Child Protective Services program said it chose foster homes for boys where the youngsters can be kept apart from other children. The agency said it chose foster homes where there are no girls or other boys outside the home, to prevent contamination.

AUSTRALIA

Olympic torch reaches Australia

Canberra, Australia — The Olympic torch relay began its journey around Australia today, starting in Canberra and ending in Sydney. The relay is part of a global tour that will take the flame through 124 countries over 100 days. In Canberra, a large crowd gathered to welcome the flame.

Runner greeted by thousands of protesters, some in support of China, some against

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Australian leg of the Olympic relay began Thursday, shortly after midnight. There were protests among supporters and detractors of China's government.

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While Falvey may think this, not all members of the Saint Mary's campus feel as though Security is committed to becoming more efficient.

More Discrepancies

On Feb. 27, Sr. Jean Klee, an English professor at Saint Mary's college, tweeted about 10 minutes into her "Shakespeare: Page, Stage, and Screen" class, students Morgan Gay and Erica Doeters said.

"I saw Sister Jean pass out and I started running through the hallway as others were calling security and 911," Gay said, who is a student in Klee's class. "We couldn't find a teacher because they were on their lunch break." Doeters, another student in the class, also made an attempt to find a professor, when she returned. Security had still not arrived, she said.

When Security did arrive, a Notre Dame fire unit and an ambulance arrived shortly after her. Gariepy said. He said three officers responded to the situation.

"Although Saint Mary's Security was not the first called, we were the first to arrive," he said.

After their arrival, the security guards first reaction was to have the ambulance leave, Gay said.

"We heard them say to send the ambulance back because he thought she tripped," Gay said. Doeters also heard the ambulance being asked to leave, she said.

"It was rather shocking about it. I wouldn't expect that when someone randomly passes out they would be rushed to the hospital and have medical attention immediately," she said.

After students begged Klee to do so, the ambulance returned and she was taken to be examined, Gay said.

Gariepy said that when Sgt. Gene Nevins, the first to arrive, got to the Regina Hall classroom, he found a conscious Klee with several students and that she was convinced to go to the hospital for an examination.

He and Klimczak arrived shortly after Nevins, Gariepy said.

"Students in the class were represented by security officers for how they handled the situation, Gay said. "Security came up to us and asked why we called 911 and not just Security," she said. Gariepy added that no reprimand was made.

"Students in the classroom were not reprimanded for calling 911 before calling us, they were thanked for their assistance and congratulated on a job well done," he said.

Students are also advised to call 911 on the Saint Mary's Web site.

Regina Response

Security has responded to concerns voiced by students concerning the trespasser on the roof of Regina Hall on April 5, which was detailed in the first parts of the Observer's examination of Saint Mary's Security.

In an e-mail sent to Regina residents by Hall Director Toyin Adeyemi, security staff will be holding a meeting to hear students' "issues or concerns."

There is an ongoing investigation about the incident that occurred on April 5 late at night. More information is needed in order to find out what happened on that particular day," the e-mail said.

Residents who were involved are also encouraged to contact Adeyemi, the e-mail said.

All residents are encouraged to attend the meeting to be held tonight at 7 p.m. in the North Lounge of Regina Hall, to "find out what security had done regarding the case and what steps have been taken to make sure that it does not happen again," the e-mail said.

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gather educators, philanthropists, business leaders and the clergy to promote "reasonable legislation out of Congress and practical solutions to save these schools — and more importantly, to save the children."

Scully said the summit is timed to correspond with Pope Benedict XVI's visit. But of the expected 300 attendees at the summit, there will be both proponents of supporting faith-based, inner-city schools and critics of this practice, he said.

According to the White House press release, topics will include how faith-based schools have served the "common good" of disadvantaged students, as well as the financial challenges these schools face.

— which operate on families' and donors' contributions — face, among other related topics.

Scully's speech will discuss higher education's potential role in strengthening faith-based schools. He will draw from his 10-year experience with ACE and other Catholic universities around the nation that have since begun similar programs.

"The organizers of the summit asked ACE to think about ... what are the ways in which higher education can partner with other institutions in order to play a role in strengthening and sustaining inner-city faith-based schools," Scully said. "The talk that I'm giving really draws deeply upon the experience of ACE at Notre Dame but goes beyond it to invite other institutions of higher learning to consider some of the same strategies."

Scully said the issues faith-based schools face have changed in three major areas since ACE began in 1994: leadership needs, financial concerns and donors' contributions — face, among other related topics.

While ACE was originally founded to provide the kind of support Latino families send their children to Catholic schools, Scully said. "If we can't attract and include more aggressively Latino families in our schools, we will not be able to provide the kind of ... experience that we have to," be said.

Despite the program's challenge to address this new agenda, Scully said he sees hope for the future of faith-based education, both in the institutions' ability to respond to problems they face and in the government's cooperation with faith-based initiatives.

"Cries have an important role to play in the life of institutions and organizations, if they're responded to," Scully said. "It really is true that crises can provide opportunities for organizations who otherwise might not have responded to the changing environment."

From a historical perspective, Scully said this interaction between Catholicism and the U.S. government, as shown in the summit and papal visit, is pivotal as a change from anti-Catholic attitudes in American history.

"This is a school system that was virtually attacked in the 19th century by the public arena," he said. "It seems that those who are responsible for America's common good — elected officials — are really willing to engage the importance in the contribution these schools offer, and that, to me, speaks of hope."

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In Brief

Company sued over water pollution

PROVIDENCE — An energy company has agreed to pay residents of a polluted water-front neighborhood and to clean up the massive contamination that turned the soil under their homes blue, lawyers for the neighbors said Wednesday, though the company said a deal had not been reached.

Attorneys Robert McConnell and Mark Roberts said Thursday nearly 100 property owners, told The Associated Press they reached a tentative settlement with Southern Union Co., but said the terms were sealed so they would not discuss details.

Ben Huh, founder of the site "Can Has Cheezburger?" — a fat and hopeful cat accompanied by a caption in a Lolcat world. It may even be an asset.

High gas prices, value decreases cause Delta and Northwest's desire to unite

ATLANTA — Delta and Northwest, seeking to combine to create the world's largest airline, posted losses Wednesday totaling $10.5 billion for the first three months of the year, due to exorbitant fuel prices and write-downs of their companies' value.

Southwest's chief executive, meanwhile, indicated that the carrier wasn't interested in a merger and said the very thought of it was daunting.

The figures from Delta and Northwest follow large losses at other carriers, such as United Airlines parent UAL Corp., which earlier this week took a $37 million first-quarter loss on higher fuel costs, and likely write-downs of the industry's largest quarterly losses ever.

That red ink puts into focus the enormity of the challenge the industry faces to become profitable again amid $120-a-barrel oil even with the benefits that consolidation can bring.

"All airlines are in the same boat," said Calyon Securities analyst Ray Neidl. "The industry cannot make money at the current ticket fare levels. So, have to come out of the market. To cover higher fuel costs, air fares have to go up."

Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines Inc., the nation's third-largest carrier, said its loss widened in the first quarter to a whopping $6.39 billion. A few hours later, Briggs and Minus-based Northwest Airlines Corp. reported $22.9 billion in the loss for the period.

Delta's results badly missed market expectations, despite a 12 percent increase in sales. Excluding special items — primarily a $6.1 billion non-cash charge relating to the drop in Delta's market value due to sustained record fuel prices — the airline lost $274 million in the first quarter. A spokeswoman said Delta would have recorded the charge regardless of the tie-up with Northwest.

Northwest took a $3.9 billion charge from its own relates to its market value decline. Its loss came despite a 9 percent increase in sales, and Northwest, too, missed analysts' earnings expectations.

Excluding the accounting charge and losses from some fuel hedges, Northwest said it would have lost $191 million in the quarter.

In a memo to Delta employees Wednesday, Ed Bastian, Delta's president and chief financial officer, said the airline expects some of its peers in record similar accounting adjustments.

John Heimlich, chief economist for the Air Transport Association, said the industry is now likely to report a "multibillion dollar" loss this year.

"When all the results are in, this will be one of the worst quarters for the industry in its history," he said.

The airline industry's biggest annual loss came in 2002, in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks, when carriers reported a combined loss of $1.1 billion, according to the ATA.

More recently, airlines have been hampered by the steep rise in fuel prices. Delta reported a $585 million year-over-year increase in the cost of fuel in the first quarter, while Northwest's fuel costs increased $445 million from a year earlier.

A Delta airplane taxis past a Northwest airplane at Portland International Airport. The two airlines have announced their plans to merge.
The best school in the country

Event Name: Sex Toys 101
Topic(s): This Valentine’s Day, give the gift that never goes limp!
A Softer Sex Week Event co-sponsored by Arts and Letters and Zahm Hall present 'Sex Toys 101' at Notre Dame. Imagine it now: "The College of Arts and Letters and Zahm Hall present 'Sex Toys 101' will address the joys and tribulations of sex toys. Babeland educators will explain various sex toys and how toys of all kinds can enhance the sex lives of Columbia students. Topics discussed will include vibrators, dildo and harnesses, and toys, sensation toys, porn, and erotica.
When: Sunday, February 11th, 8:00-9:30 pm
Where: John Jay Lounge
See you there!
"Yes, that Facebook invitation from a high school friend welcomed me back to campus after Christmas break this freshman year. Unfortunately, I couldn’t make it to Sex Toys 101. For one, a joke birthday present has more than satisfied my interest in the nuances of dildos and harness sex toys. For two — and I’m sorry you have to read this, Mom — I’m pretty sure I can imagine the tribulations of any toy without an interactive public event (yes, it made me uncomfortable to read that line, too). For three, and most importantly, the event was at Columbia in northwest Manhattan. Sex Toys 101 will address the joys and tribulations of sex toys. Babeland educators will explain various sex toys and how toys of all kinds can enhance the sex lives of Columbia students. Topics discussed will include vibrators, dildos and harnesses, and toys, sensation toys, porn, and erotica.
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See you there!"
I will admit to you, in this last Faithpoint column of the year, that I have bit of iPod envy and I don’t that I own one (in fact I don’t), but my husband is generous in sharing his. My difficulty is this: I cannot get those little ear buds to stay in my ears. The proper parts of my ears must not be appropriately “bud-shaped.” When I walk across campus, then, and I see so many of you coming out of your halls just casual, and I come into place with about two seconds of unconscious effort, I do feel a bit jealous. If I want to listen to a book on tape while I clean the house, I have to twist the cords around my ears in a way that my children find quite hilarious of course, if I ever went out this way I would be mistaken for a germ (quite literally). And exercise? Forget it. Three steps into a run those buds would be flopping uselessly down around my shoulders—or dangerously down around my ears.

Living in this iPod-challenged world has, however, given me some important insights that I would like to pass on to you as summer approaches. So far this summer, I have been listening to alluring little silver and white circles you so easily slip into your ears without even thinking about it—or at least do think twice before popping in them. Though you may doubt the sincerity of my motivations, I do not say this out of jealousy, but only because I have gained a few insights through my struggles with the buds. When I do manage actually to listen to an iPod successfully, I immediately pay considerably less attention to anyone else around me, or to my surroundings in general. And there’s something a little wrong about someone who’s listening to their iPod. Do you silently exchange knots? Stop to say hello and actually talk, which would entail a quick fumble with the click-wheel or hasty earbud removal? Should you feel offended if you happen to be the only one bud? Prudish if your approach on the quad prompts both ears to be freed up for conversation?

If you need your iPod to get through the last week of school, then this approach of finals, fine. Perhaps. This particularly lovely time of the semester isn’t when you should try to change your listening habits. However, think about all you have to look forward to after these next two weeks of caffeine-fueled, sleep-deprived, stress-filled overdive. You will be saying goodbye to great friends, perhaps some for quite a while. You will reunite with your family and friends from home, start a summer job, internship or service project; travel to new places; live with new roommates.

Let this be a summer of attentiveness. Why not aim for full awareness of the people and the environment that surround you?

Kate Barrett

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Leslie Feist is doing pretty well. After years of singing with Broken Social Scene and a rather successful first solo record “Let It Die,” it’s clear that life is treating her pretty kindly. With her newest album “The Reminder,” Feist has achieved commercial success. Unlike on the standout track of “Let It Die,” “Mushaboom,” when Feist sang, “It may be years until the day my dreams will match up with my pay,” the need for more cash is surely no longer pressing on her mind.

However, to her likely dismay and the listener’s delight, her life still seems rife with the influences of heartbreak, solitude and the desire to both hold onto and let go of rapidly fading but still darkly penetrating memories.

With most of the tracks being written on the road between gigs all around the world, there is a distinct feeling of movement and displacement running through the album.

Without a place to hold onto and without a love to return to in the evening, Feist sings of a world that she finds much beauty in, except that it is a tragic and often tormented beauty.

In an interview on Pitchfork, she states, “You just never set roots; you take pleasure in simple conversations, because you know you’re not going to have much more than that.” Her words provide a strong sense of the emotions that come across on “The Reminder.” After touring for over a decade with By Divine Right and Broken Social Scene, Feist seems poised to welcome more than the transparent and shallowly comfortable simple conversations.

As for the actual music, there are really no bad tracks on the record. Each one pulses in its own unique nature, whether it be with the hopping and excited nature of “I Feel It All” to the simple and sad reflections heard on “The Park” to the dark confession of “This Is How My Heart Behaves,” each song has a lovely spirit that buoyed even the saddest and potentially most depressing lyrics with a musical resiliency to keep the beat going that often borders on brilliant.

The track that perhaps summarizes and explains “The Reminder” best is “The Park.” With Feist’s voice set against a simple acoustic guitar and the occasional flicker of a piano, the song encompasses the feelings of loneliness, heartbreak and regret that make “The Reminder” so wonderfully good. Feist sings of a woman lamenting the loss of a man, “It’s not him who comes across the sea to surprise you / Not him who’d know where in London to find you / The sadness so real that it populates the city and leaves you homeless again.” More lament than pop song, the listener is brought into a world that feels at once light and ungodly heavy with sad feelings and loss. Ending the song with a stirring use of her vocal abilities, Feist sings at the level of beautiful scream “Why did you think the boy could become / the man who would make you sure he was the one / My one.” With this last line, Feist shows herself to be the woman feeling the sorrow, making the experience at once more stirring and profound.

More than most other acts these days, Leslie Feist truly communicates the feeling that she understands the heartbreak of love. However, her always strong voice also communicates that she understands the reality of life; that the past is the past, and all memories of the past eventually pass. Yet as for finding beauty in the subtle passage of time, emotion and love is a wholly different task and one that inspires her to the music she shares on her timelessly stunning “The Reminder.”

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Oh Betty, you have been gone for too long!

It has been exactly three months since the last episode of "Ugly Betty" aired, but it returns Thursday at 8 p.m. on ABC in the episode entitled "24 Candles." In case you’ve forgotten what happened three months ago, here’s where "Ugly Betty" left off.

Daniel started dating Wilhelmina’s sister, Renee (Gabrielle Union). In my personal opinion, the more Slater’s on the show, the better. If Renee turns out to be half the witch that Wilhelmina is, then "Ugly Betty" will improve 10-fold. But the immediate focus is on how long her relationship with Daniel will last. And according to Wilhelmina, Renee has a secret to hide — one that Daniel might not like.

Christina moved into Wilhelmina’s apartment to carry the spawn of Wilhelmina and the deceased Bradford Meade. That’s right. Wilhelmina extricated sperm from Bradford’s dead body in order to give birth to an heir and finally claim her piece of the Meade empire. It may be the lowest Wilhelmina has ever gone to get what she wants, but then again, there’s quite a bit we don’t know about her past (including her life as a gogo assistant Wanda). What will happen when the world finds out there is another Meade child? We know Claire won’t be too happy about it.

Claire announced that she’s going to launch a new magazine for women over 50, called “Hot Flash.” Her children may be skeptical about their mother’s ability to launch a magazine, but I have total confidence in Claire based on the title of her magazine alone. Add the revelation of "Hot Flash" to my long list of laugh out loud moments on "Ugly Betty." But let’s hope that Claire’s article includes more than articles about menopause and ads for Boniva.

Amanda found out that her father with the Tweety Bird tattoo on his butt is KISS rocker Gene Simmons. I couldn’t be happier that Amanda finally knows who her birth father is, especially since her search for him led her to write and perform the song, "Gene Simmons is My Daddy." Let’s hope that Amanda embraces her inner-rocker and gains the respect that being the daughter of two celebrities so rightly deserves.

Henry told Betty that he doesn’t want her to be around Gio anymore. Henry, I would take your side if you weren’t the father of Charlie’s baby. But it’s quite possible that you will go back to your baby mama to raise your child, leaving Betty sad and alone. Plus, Henry and Betty have become rather boring. Gio is new and exciting, a little short, but an excellent dancer. He dares Betty to try new things, and that’s what she needs in her life.

Tonight’s episode might bring some new “Betty” revelations, but in the meantime, Betty is turning 24 and wants the perfect birthday complete with her perfect boyfriend, Henry. Too bad super pregnant Charlie comes to town, forcing Gio to step in and give Betty a birthday to remember.

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A pregnant Charlie, right, returns from Tuscan to spoil Betty’s birthday in tonight’s episode, "24 Candles."
Titans, Cowboys agree to trade for ‘Pacman’ Jones

Jones barred from working out on Tennessee’s property in February; told he was free to talk to other teams weeks ago

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — The Tennessee Titans finally washed their hands of suspended cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones on Wednesday, agreeing in principle to trade him to the Dallas Cowboys.

Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple confirmed the teams had an agreement, but no terms had been filed with the NFL office, which already had closed for the day.

The Titans also confirmed the deal, adding that terms had to be finalized. The team had no further comment beyond a two-sentence e-mail.

Dalrymple declined to discuss specifics of the trade. "We want to move on and that is what we have agreed to," Dalrymple said. He declined to say who or what the Cowboys might give up in the trade. Specifics likely will be announced Thursday or Friday, Dalrymple said.

ESPN.com reported the deal involved a fourth-round draft pick this weekend and another in 2009 if Jones plays this season. The Titans would pay back that selection in 2009 if Jones is not reinstated for this season.

Agent Manny Arora said Wednesday night that they had had no final offer made of the trade by either team, but were cautiously optimistic. Jones has talked often of his desire to play for the Cowboys in recent weeks, even appearing on Michael Irvin’s radio show in Dallas.

"We recognize the fact of where we are with regards to the league," Arora said. "We recognize the fact he’s got a guaranteed contract with Tennessee, and we recognize the fact there are risks involved at this point. We also recognize there’s significant public relations implications for the teams, and in fact Dallas has to sell tickets, the knowledge their fan base has a point of view.

"With all that in mind, we’ve said from Day 1 we’re willing to rework our contract. Once the trade gets completed or official, we’ll be ready to do our part because we want to play for Dallas. I don’t have any hesitation saying we can get this done and get it done quickly.”

Jones was scheduled for a base salary of $1.74 million in 2008 and had been under contract through 2009 before his suspension.

He was the first defensive player drafted in 2005, sixth overall out of West Virginia, and easily was Tennessee’s best defender in 2005 and 2006. His 2006 season was marred by a series of inconsequential infractions:

But six arrests and 12 incidents where police were called since being drafted led to his suspension by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell in April 2007 for the season. Goodell declined to say when punishment when Jones appealed to return after sitting out 10 games and now will only say that he’ll reconsider reinstating the corner before training camps open.

The Titans gave Jones permission to talk to other teams weeks ago and the corner had been barred from working out on their property in February. The Titans and Cowboys nearly had a deal at the end of the regular season last month, but talks stalled over the issue of compensation for someone who has not played since December 2006.

Dallas owner Jerry Jones said twice in the past week, including Tuesday, that the team was interested in Jones. But Pacman Jones, baggage and all, is a top corner back and a dynamic kick returner who can fill some of the Cowboys’ biggest weaknesses.

Jones also has been very successful lately offering second- and third-round picks to players like receiver Terrell Owens. The latest reclamation project was Tank Johnson, who signed during the 2007 season while he was still suspended.

The Titans might have been more eager to trade Jones after news surfaced Monday night that the cornerback had paid money to a 29-year-old man arrested for a Las Vegas strip club shooting in February 2007 that left a club employee paralyzed.

A police report said that in the weeks before the shooting, Jones paid $15,000 to the man, who threatened to hurt the cornerback, his daughter and his mother. Jones picked the man up at a club last Friday, helping fulfill part of the plea deal he agreed to last December when reducing two felony counts of coercion.

Adam "Pacman" Jones carries the ball during a Titans’ special teams practice in 2005.

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Reason No. 39. Why it’s better to be a tail-guy rather than a short guy.

Let’s just say they don’t call it short, dark, and handsome.

Though I’m rather blind
Love is a fate redesigned
Memories mar my mind
Love is a fate resigned
Over futile edits
And laughed at by the gods
And now the final form
Love is a losing game
Big East Women's Lacrosse Conference Standings

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Minnesota football coach Brad Childress, left, introduces the newest Viking, defensive end Jared Allen, on Wednesday following a trade with the Kansas City Chiefs. The trade made Allen the richest defensive player in the NFL.

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ing vehicle lost control and struck McAdams’ car, she was thrown over the guardrail and onto the embankment below. McAdams sustained severe injuries to both her legs, which were later amputated. She expects to be released from South Bend’s St. Joseph Medical Center tomorrow and has “gone above and beyond in her recovery,” said her niece, Kathleen McAdams.

Her road to recovery, however, remains a difficult and uncertain one. That’s where Team Anthony Travel came in. “As Jill [Bodensteiner, associate vice president and counsel for Notre Dame] and I were driving back from Fort Wayne that night, I said, ‘you know what this means — we’ve got to come out of retirement and play,’” said Liebscher, who had planned to call it quits after last year’s championship loss. “And it was Jill’s idea to do it as a fundraiser and tie it to point.”

Before the tournament began, Bodensteiner and Liebscher began soliciting pledges based on the number of points Team Anthony Travel scored in this year’s Bookstore tournament. To win the tournament, the team would need to score 21 points in each of six games, or 126 points total. And they did just that, raising over $34,000 to date for the Patriot’s M A D A M S Rehabilitation Foundation.

“It just brings tears to my eyes,” said Katie Anthony Travel, which first sponsored Liebscher’s Bookstore Basketball team when she was a student in 1993. “They used such a great venue to bring so much joy to Patricia. Being the administrators’ team, we usually have such few fans, but [Monday] the stands were full. It was really all people there for Patricia and cheering her on, and we’re so proud of what they did and how great it was for Patricia.”

Though the tournament’s ending was bittersweet, its beginning was nearly disaster for Team Anthony Travel. The team, sporting “Playing for P-Mac” across its white jerseys, fell behind early and eventually trailed 17-12 in the cold, wind and rain. But team battled back for a 21-18 victory in a comeback that certainly reflected Patricia’s spirit,” as Bodensteiner wrote in an email sent to all those who made pledges. “It was a scare at the time, and I was thinking, ‘Oh my God, we can’t lose this game.’

But Team Anthony Travel regained its dominating form with McAdams eagerly looking on, winning the championship game 21-14. “We’re all fairly competitive people to start with, so it’s not like we wouldn’t have put our best efforts forth,” Liebscher said. “But it certainly added a whole extra layer of motivation to know that what we were doing had a chance to make a really big impact and help a friend need.”

As much as the team had hoped to direct all the attention toward “P-Mac,” McAdams herself had given any of it. Called a “private, no-frills person” by her niece, McAdams was eager to look on Team Anthony Travel’s achievements with the basketball, not the checkbook.

“She was happy to be present to see her team win their fourth championship,” Kathleen McAdams said. “One of the best parts was to see all the support received from the fans. It was great for her to see all these people there that night, and while it’s true that some of them did come out for Patricia, she was just thrilled to see them supporting the team.”

And with this year’s tournament in the books, McAdams might have just one more question to ask their newly reformed team. “Do you want to boost your team’s identity?” asked Sherry DePey at sdepay@nd.edu, or by accessing oit.nd.edu/patricia.

**Note:**

Donations are still welcome, and those interested may learn more by contacting Sherry DePey at sdepay@nd.edu, or by accessing oit.nd.edu/patricia.

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**IPFW**

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David Mills moved Lilley to second on a sacrifice bunt before Polluck knocked him in with a hard single to left field. Junior second baseman Jeremy Barnes and Bobkood added RBIs in the inning.

But Sharpely did not need much insurance. After walking the first IPFW batter in the first three frames, the freshman cruised for the remainder of his outing to run his record to 3-1.

Irish leftfielder Ross Bredovsky was hit in the first inning to extend his career-best 18-game hitting streak.

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Cincinnati fires GM, hires Jocketty

Associated Press

With Walt Jocketty, the question was when.

When would the Cincinnati Reds decide to switch general managers and give Jocketty the chance to turn them into winners?

The answer: 21 games into the season.

Off to their worst start in five years, the Reds fired Wayne Krivsky on Wednesday and replaced him with Jocketty, who built consistent winners during 10 seasons running the Oakland Athletics and 13 with the St. Louis Cardinals.

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Jocketty is the fourth general manager in six years for a team that has gone through seven straight losing seasons. The Reds have been through four managers (plus an interim manager) and two owners since 2003, when they moved into Great American Ball Park. It's their deepest slump in a half-century.

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NFL
Commissioner to meet with Walsh

Associated Press

Matt Walsh will get his day
with the commissioner. What
he has to offer is anyone's guess.
The former Patriots assistant
will meet with NFL commission­
er Roger Goodell on May 13
about New England's videotap­
ing of opposing teams. It took
a couple of months, but the league
reached an agreement with
Walsh on Wednesday.
"Commissioner Goodell will
meet with Mr. Walsh ... on May
13, the earliest date that Mr.
Walsh, who lives in Hawaii, will
be available on the East Coast," the
NFL statement said. "The
agreement also requires Mr.
Walsh to return any tapes and
other items in his possession
that belong to the Patriots. In
return, the NFL and the Patriots
have promised not to sue Mr.
Walsh. They also will indemnify
him for any expenses, including
legal fees that he incurs in con­
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During Super Bowl week, and
nearly five months after the
Patriots were sanctioned for ille­
gal taping of the New York Jets
in the season opener -- a
$500,000 fine for coach Bill
Belichick, a $250,000 fine for
the organization, and the loss of
a first-round draft pick on
Saturday -- there were reports
of possible other videotaping by
the Patriots. Those reports cen­
tered on Walsh, who shot videos
for the Patriots during his six­
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Since the Super Bowl, Goodell's staff has sought a
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So what might Walsh have and
what does he know? The
Patriots say he has nothing.
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tom of the third inning and four more in the bottom of the fifth to win 9-1 in a game shortened by the mercy rule.

Junior Calli Davison pitched complete games in both contests, improving her record to 11-7. Senior McKenna Corrigan, who usually pitches the second game of a Belles doubleheader, was needed to cover a crucial infield position.

"Calli [Davidson] had a great first game, and our third baseman when McKenna pitches was unable to play today," she said. "It was also great to get Calli two wins."

Sophomore Ashley Peterson had another productive day, going 3-for-4 in the first game and 3-for-3 with a home run in the second. Her 51 hits are two shy of the College's record for hits in a single season.

The Belles are now looking ahead to a doubleheader against conference co-leader Tri-State. A sweep of Tri-State, combined with two losses by co-leader Alma, would give Saint Mary's the regular-season title.

Sullivan said the team will do all it can to claim the title, but will not worry about what they cannot control.

"All we are focusing on is winning two on Saturday," she said.

The MIAA tournament, to which the top four teams are invited, begins on May 1 and is held at the campus of the conference leader.

Contact Laura Myers at

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"I'm not too worried about our hitting right now because we have been more hot than cold lately," Gumpf said. Junior third baseman Linda Kohan has provided a much-needed spark for the Irish this season in clutch situations. Kohan came through once again for the Irish when they needed it most with an RBI in the first inning of the second game of the Purdue doubleheader, the first Irish run of the day.

The Ramblers (15-17; 9-4 Horizon) are coming off a three-game sweep of Wright State (22-22) last weekend. Loyola University Chicago has won six of its last eight games.

"The Ramblers have been having a very good year," Gumpf said. "They've taken down some good teams this year like Cal State Fullerton. They are scrappy and their pitchers keep them in games."

Loyola University Chicago sophomore Solava was named Horizon league pitcher of the week on Monday after an impressive stretch. Solava went 3-0 with a 1.45 ERA and 17 strikeouts last week to help the Ramblers to a 4-2 record. Solava (11-8) has a save, a 2.70 ERA and 91 strikeouts on the season.

Senior utility player Katerina Krause leads the Ramblers' offense. Krause won U.S. Army Horizon League Scholar-Athlete of the Week honors this week after hitting for a .300 average with three runs, two doubles, a home run and three RBIs in six games for Loyola last week. Krause holds the Loyola career record with 32 home runs, and with a game-winning double at Wright State on April 20, moved into a tie for the school's all-time RBI mark (89).

Gumpf refuses to worry about what happens down the road right now and prefers to focus on what is immediately in front of her team.

"We have eight conference games left and we need to take them one at a time," Gumpf said.

Tonight's double-header against Loyola University Chicago will begin at 5 p.m. with a fireworks show to follow after the game.

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59 Directories
63 Sharp
64 Humdinger

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Crossword

Answers to previous puzzle: A

Horoscope

Celebrities born on this day: Melissa Kamandulis, 41; Valerie Bertinelli, 49; Craig Sheffer, 48; Jan Hooks, 51

Happy Birthday: Compounding yourself or being too critical will hold you back while you should be doing your best to get ahead. Contracts can be signed, undertakings authorized and solid conditions explored or put out. Take the initiative.

Monday, April 21: Aries (March 21-April 19): Your ideas will be right on the mark and should be taken seriously. Money is coming your way from where you expect. Take the initiative.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Watch your mood and be too eager to help everyone. You're a good helper, but be cautious. Don't take chances with money, your health or a pending legal matter. You must be stable at this point. 3 stars

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Socialization, speculation and, most of all, use your imagination. Expect that will lead to a discussion that will take you where you want to go. 3 stars

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You'll be here to take the good with the bad. This will be a year where you don't what to make a trick enough decision to take advantage of a good thing. The one will be waiting to line out. 3 stars

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll have time on your mind and plans to put into place. Everything you give to others will come back twofold. Your big heart and caring charismatic way will take you wherever you want to go. 5 stars

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You've got control, so don't let anyone take away your self-made abilities to be in control. Stand your ground and do what's best for you and the ones you love. Talk will bring results. 2 stars

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep things simple so you can focus on the pure task and results in any way you and will be here to a disadvantage. Love is in good health but one relationship could falter from pressure of demanding and showing if you can't agree on things. 4 stars

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): There is plenty to be made if you follow through with your plants. Be consistent and everyone will welcome you down what you are doing will be more due to help you. Drive on with both. 3 stars

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't let your emotions take over because of being too insecure, which is what someone else wants to do. A change in the way that you treat the facts, if you're quick to pick up and readjust your plans, you will end up having a better time. 4 stars

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You have to keep a close eye on what even one can you are doing today. Something may be going on behind your back that could influence your everyday routine. Question what's going on if you are uncertain and before it's too late. 3 stars

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If the battle will be getting others to realize your own power. But, very few you, you can make sure that he will remain a very strong and dominating figure. Live in fact but have time for someone special. 4 stars

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Someone you think you can trust will let you down. But, watch yourself as someone will be watching you on the other end. 3 stars

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Irish look to defeat Ramblers in doubleheader

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

After breaking a three-game losing streak with a victory against Purdue, Notre Dame will look to add another pair of wins to its 9-5 Big East record against Loyola.

The Irish are currently tied for third in the Big East with DePaul. “We are focusing on playing consistent ball,” coach Deanna Gumpf said. “We need to develop a swagger, play our game, and get to work.”

Irish pitchers junior Britteyon Bargar (22-10) and sophomore Jody Valdivia (8-6) have been strong in their last couple outings, allowing only two runs in their doubleheader against Purdue. “They are both doing very well,” Gumpf said. “They only gave up two runs in two games and have been doing a great job of keeping runners off the bases.”

Bargar pitched 8 and 2/3 innings in the doubleheader, two runs in their double-header, allowing only one run on four hits with only two walks and four strikeouts. Valdivia also kept her pitch count down.

Valdivia went 4 and 2/3 innings in the late game in the Purdue double-header, allowing only one run on four hits with only two walks and four strikeouts. Valdivia also kept her pitch count down.

“She went right at batters, and that is when she is most effective,” Gumpf said.

The Irish bats have cooled off since a 12-run explosion against Louisville on Saturday. The last game against Purdue, however, offered some hope that the Irish bats may be awakening.

SMC SOFTBALL

Belles clinch MIAA tourney spot

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s clinched a spot in the postseason tournament and assured at least a third-place finish with two wins over Kalamazoo Wednesday.

The Belles (22-7 overall, 11-3 MIAA) made the conference tournament for the third straight year.

Coach Erin Sullivan said the Belles met both of their season goals with the wins. Those goals were to win 20 games and to make the tournament.

The Belles won game one of the doubleheader by a score of 5-2. The Hornet posted the first run of the day in the bottom of the first inning, but Saint Mary’s answered with four more in the top of the second.

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“Seems like the same old story,” coach Erin Sullivan said. “With another solid effort from both the offense and pitching staff.”

Notre Dame cruised to a 5-0 win over IPFW Wednesday at Memorial Stadium in Fort Wayne, Ind. The Irish have now won 14 of their last 15 games while running their record to 27-10-1.

Freshman starter Ryan Sharpless threw six scoreless innings and struck out six, allowing just two hits and three walks. And Sharpless got plenty of help. Sophomore right fielder Billy Boofer led the charge for the offense, pounding out a career-high four hits while knocking in three of Notre Dame’s runs. Sophomore centerfielder A.J. Pollock did a little bit of everything, notching two hits, two stolen bases, a run scored and an RBI.

The Irish relief pitching also picked up Sharpless as sophomore right-hander Steven Mazur, senior righty Tony Langford and junior righty Brent Graffy each tossed a scoreless inning of relief.

Notre Dame jumped out to the early lead, striking Sharpless in a three-run lead before he even touched the rubber. In the top of the first, Irish senior shortstop Brett Lilly led off by getting hit by a pitch, the 101st beaning of his Notre Dame career. Sophomore designated hitter