Academic Council votes to dissolve Econ dept.

Economics and Policy Studies branch, in existence since 2003, will be disbanded by the end of this semester

By JOHN TIERNY
News Writer

The Academic Council voted to dissolve the Department of Economics and Policy Studies (ECOP) at its meeting Thursday. The department will cease to exist effective at the end of the semester.

The existing Department of Economics and Econometrics will be renamed the Department of Economics, and will serve as the University’s sole economics department.

The University has supported two economics departments since 2003, when the Academic Council voted to split the Department of Economics into Economics and Policy Studies and Economics and Econometrics.

Since 2003, the ECOP, which emphasizes alternative economic theories, has not been allowed to hire new faculty members or accept doctoral candidates.

John McGreevy, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, initially proposed the dissolution of ECOP last year. Continuing to support two economics departments is “not sustainable,” McGreevy said in September.

Fate of the Faculty

The tenure of ECOP faculty members will be respected, McGreevy said. The University is currently working with the faculty to identify new institutional areas for them. McGreevy said he hopes to find new departments for ECOP professors by the end of the semester.

Some Policy Studies professors might move to the reestablished Department of Economics, but they will have to be invited by the department itself, McGreevy said.

“It is a mutual process,” he said.

McGreevy cited the Kroc Institute, the Kellogg Institute and the Poverty Studies minor as potential homes for ECOP faculty.

The Poverty Studies minor is currently administered by the Economics and Policy Studies branch.

Academic Council votes to split the Department of Economics into:

Economics and Policy Studies
Economics and Econometrics

Students elect leaders for SAB, SDB, RHA during Feb. 26 elections

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Saint Mary’s College chose new leaders for the Student Activities Board (SAB), Student Diversity Board (SDB) and Residence Hall Association (RHA). The elections took place on Feb. 26.

Student Activities Board

With plans to “bring a new face to Student Activities Board,” sophomore Jennifer Kline said she and sophomore Adile Courtney are excited to take the reins as SAB leaders. Courtney and Kline won SAB president and vice president uncontested.

Duo beats current student body president
Meg Griffin and running mate Emily Skirtich

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary’s Editor

Saint Mary’s juniors Rachael Chesley and Laura Smith said they will bring a “fresh perspective” to their roles as Student Government Association (SGA) president and vice president, respectively, when they take office April 1.

The pair defeated junior Meg Griffin, current SGA vice president, and sophomore Emily Skirtich, SGA executive secretary in the Feb. 26 election.

Chesley has served as a member of the Student Activities Board (SAB) as well as on Dance Marathon and the Class Gift Campaign. Smith has also participated in Economics and Policy Studies.

Chesley and Smith also want to work on increased communication between SGA and campus clubs.

“We want to see more integration of the clubs on campus, more support, more open communication,” Chesley said.

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Chesley, Smith to lead SMC student body

Alum wins Amazon writing contest to get novel published

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
News Writer

For Notre Dame alumnus Jim King, a long-awaited dream came true last May when he received an unexpected call from Amazon on a train ride into New York City.

King, a member of the Class of 1977, was one of three finalists for the second annual Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award, an international competition seeking the “next popular novel.” He would later be selected as the grand prize winner out of more than 6,500 manuscript entries.

“I got a call one day from a guy from Amazon. He told me that I was one of three finalists,” King said. “Of course I just wanted to scream because I [have been] trying to get a novel published ever since I graduated from Notre Dame in 1977.”

As the winner of the competition, King landed a $25,000 publishing contract with The Viking Press to publish his novel, “Bill Warrington’s Last Chance.” The novel is due for release in August.

“Over the years the house he built with his own hands was falling apart around him.”

In the novel, Warrington decides the only way to bring his family back together is to kidnap his 15-year-old granddaughter April, who dreams of becoming a rock star. The two of them take off across American Studies Dept. starts club

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INSIDE COLUMN

Freshman flashback

Junior year is a time where you are apparently focused on the future. Lately, I’ve been so focused on the future, that I’ve noticed I’ve carefully compartmentalized my past. Now, not all memories are being suppressed because of their traumatic content. Even the “traumatic events” of my freshman year are on the whole pretty laughable. I was mortified to have to appear in a swimsuit in front a large group of people who didn’t know me yet but who I’d be spending my college career with. My solution was to toss on an old racing suit from a class and had decided we were ruining him. He draw with markers and would pester passers-by while I was called to front of the stadium seating, 150-person lecture, where I was asked to appear in a swimsuit.

That was the start of my hap-hazard freshman year. There was also the day where I wiped out face first on the floor of DeBartolo. And the day where I was late. After serving as a medium seating, 150-person lecture, because I was late. After serving as a live human model in the professor’s lecture, I climbed 100 stairs to the appliance of my friends who thought it was the funniest thing they’d seen that day.

Admittedly, all the memories I’ve imparted so far are traumatic. But I swear I’m not repressing them, I’m simply forgetting them in the jumble of my life. I also usually forget great memories like seeing Dame for the first time. The good and bad, they all pass. But there is not some way to hang onto the savory memories of moments that shaped a whole pretty laughable year are on the future, that I’ve noticed I’ve carefully compartmentalized my past.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: What was the highlight of the Olympics?

Jerry Shields
senior
Morrissey
“America’s hockey failure.”

Richard Si
freshman
Siegfried
“USA beating Canada.”

Sam Burke
freshman
Pasyquilla West “Carling.”

Andrew Alea
freshman
Stanford
“Shaun White’s gold medal run.”

Jessica Fay
freshman
Pasquilla West
“The USA-Canada hockey game.”

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com

IN BRIEF

An exhibit titled “All Art is Propaganda” will open at 8 a.m. today in Special Collections Room 102 of the Hesburgh Library.

“A Markings by Koo Kyung Soon” will be on display in the Mill and Fritz Keeser Mestrovic Studio Gallery of the Saint Museum of Art. The exhibit will open at 10 a.m. today.

Daily Mass will be held at 11:30 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

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The Campus Life Council (CLC) debated recommendations for du Lac revisions Monday, specifically focusing on medical amnesty and clarification of language.

“We wanted this in written form for two reasons,” student body president Grant Schmidt said. “One is to have this on record for future reference, and two, we wanted a response from [Vice President for Student Affairs Fr. Mark Poormans] as to why or why not these recommendations would be adopted.”

The Council passed four resolutions to be sent to Office of Residence Life and Housing (ORLH) after considerable discussion.

The Council focused on the recommendation for a medical amnesty policy.

“We realize that we want this to be educative,” chief of staff Ryan Brellenthin said. “We want to it change student behavior so they can actively seek out help for their friends.”

Debate was raised over whether a rigid policy should be recommended, or if ORLH should present a more formal statement similar to an honor code.

“Having the guidelines that makes it easier to make a decision in a situation where student is already irrational,” Student Senate representative Claire Sokas said. “You are not able to weigh the pros and cons unless you know what is going to happen.”

Schmidt said Student Senate has already passed a resolution recommending the University adopt a formal medical amnesty policy.

Student representative John DeLacio said many freshmen specifically do not know or understand the University’s position on medical amnesty, and a policy supported by the ORLH would send a “strong message” on this subject.

This discussion was not resolved and remains on the table for future CLC meetings.

CLC members also recommended a serious consideration of the language used when ORLH discusses sanctions in du Lac. The Council will ask that the du Lac revisions include changing the word “shall” to the word “may” to clarify various texts.

“It seems like a small change,” Schmidt said. “But it is important.”

The recommendation states the change should be made to “broaden the options of the Office of Residence Life and Housing.”

Changing the words would allow a more “case-by-case” judgment, Brellenthin said.

This recommendation was previously discussed when Associate Vice President for Residence Life Bill Kirk said part of the du Lac revisions would clarify the language to match up with the actions of ORLH.

CLC members also wanted to distinguish between the jurisdictions of Indiana state law and the laws of other nations and states where students may reside. They specifically suggested du Lac should clarify this distinction.

The spirit of this recommendation is to clarify that students are not subject to Indiana state law at all times but to the law of the nation or state where they are residing,” Brellenthin said.

The Council members also unanimously supported a recommendation for continuing service hours as a sanction, an issue that Kirk specifically asked CLC to consider.

Other recommendations for future meetings address first-time incidents of intoxication within a student’s residence hall, discipline at lower administrative levels, undergraduate tailgating policy and the issue of drinking games in dorms.

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Each year, a new student government regime comes to office, bringing a fresh crop of students with them in order to put their agenda into effect.

Student body president-elect Catherine Soler and vice president-elect Andrew Bell, whose term begins April 1, are now looking for students to fill positions in Student Senate, different committees and other student government positions.

Soler and Bell said they are looking for hard-working students to fill these spots.

“To be a chair of a student government committee, you have to be here all year so you can’t be studying abroad, but there are lots of positions available to anyone studying abroad,” Soler said. “We really want to encourage anyone who wants to apply. We are looking for people who are passionate, hard-working, genuinely motivated and interested.”

Bell said dedication is an important part of the job.

“When I think of who we are looking for, I am reminded of this story: One of the committee chairs this past year was thanked by Grant for her work, and she said, ‘You don’t have to thank me. I’m doing it because I care.’ I really want people like that,” Bell said.

Soler and Bell also emphasized passion as integral to the functions of student government.

“We want people who are passionate about their positions, passionate about Notre Dame and passionate about making a difference,” Bell said.

Soler and Bell also want to reshape student government to make it more about the students.

“We don’t want résumé builders or people who like the titles. Those are legitimate things because we are Notre Dame, but we want people who care about improving student life, social concerns or the other community topics,” Bell said.

Andrew and I are really in it for the students, not the power,” Soler said. “We want to make a difference, so students with a good attitude who will really put their heart into it are the best candidates for these positions. We need people who want to improve student government.”

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Novel

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America. Warrington forces his children to come together and talk to one another in order to locate April and him.

“The book is about a man trying to bring the family together before it’s too late,” King said.

The novel took King about a year and a half to write. He began writing the novel in a master’s program he had entered after nearly 30 years of being away from school.

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Chesley

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Smith said this would include members of SGA attending meetings and events as possible as well as holding events that bring together club leaders to create a dialogue among them.

They also have goals to connect alumni back to the campus community.

“We want to stress alumnae networking,” Chesley said.

This college is built on the foundation of tradition, and one of the things that attracted me to this college is the alumnae base,” Chesley and Smith’s mission can be summed up by the words: “Community” and “integrity.”

Both Chesley and Smith have studied abroad and hope to bring those experiences to campus as well.

“Everybody is involved in some way, and we want to encourage students to be the face of Saint Mary’s,” Chesley said. “We want them to be this face of Saint Mary’s whether they are here on campus or off campus and even after they graduate.”

Smith said she was happy to see student involvement on the rise.

“I feel so grateful to have all the support that we did this past year. The Saint Mary’s community really responded well to our efforts, and it really feels like we have a fresh approach. We were able to at least see some results this past year. It was hard work, but it was worth it,” Smith said.

Chesley said she looks forward to her new role of student body president.

“I am excited for the opportunity to be a visible and involved voice for the students,” Chesley said. “I believe it will be a challenging and rewarding one, and it will surely be an opportunity to present a fresh perspective and to be an enthused and involved leader for the students.”

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In order to understand what it means to support members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) community, Mary’s College is hosting Ally Week, Laurel Javors, vice president of the Straight and Gay Alliance (SAGA), said.

“(Ally Week) is a week to honor the brave allies supporting the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning community,” Javors said.

The week will also provide an opportunity for others to come out as an ally and friend of the LGBTQ community.

Javors said Ally Week began Monday and offered free t-shirts and rainbow ribbons. A booth was set up in the McManus Center Atrium during lunch and dinner and offered information about what it means to be an ally.

“We hope that more students will realize that being an ally does not mean a person is gay. It only means that that person supports human rights for everyone, just the way we do,” Javors said. “We also hope to combat some of the homophobia on campus, for example, by giving away signs advertising our events, using the word gay as a synonym for dumb or stupid or partly of our LGBTQ brothers and sisters.”

Events will continue throughout the week and the discussion will be held Thursday titled “Catholic Theological Union: Common Ground Dialogue on Homosexuality” in St. Ignatius Chapel.

During the dialogue, students, faculty and staff are invited to hear a variety of perspectives about homosexuality from members of the Saint Mary’s community.

The film “Prayers for Bobby” will be shown Wednesday. The movie will take place in Vander meeting at 6:30 p.m.

“The film is a Lifetime movie based on the true story of a teenager who committed suicide after feeling rejection from the religious messages instilled in him by his community and his mother,” Javors said.

“In Good Conscience,” a movie about Sr. Jean Gramick, a Catholic nun living in Washington D.C. attempting to gain acceptance and support for the LGBTQ community, will be presented at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Vander Venet.

The week will conclude with an interactive presentation and any extra t-shirts put on display in the Cushwa-Leighton Library.

The week is sponsored by the Student Government for Saint Mary’s, the Center for Spirituality, the Office of Civic and Social Engagement, the Social Work Club and the Office of Faith and Justice Network.

Javors says SAGA has been on campus for several years. The week is a chance to reach out to a variety of events to provide support and love for the LGBTQ community.

“I want to ensure that our heterosexual allies know how much they are needed in the lives of LGBTQ persons. People know that it would be even harder than it already is for LGBTQ persons to come out,” Javors said. “Our allies provide us with hope, support and love for the LGBTQ community. We need to be there for them, and people need us, and they will come out as an ally and friend.”

This is an opportunity for more students to become allies and be involved in the communities on campus.

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Ally Week reaches out to LGBTQ community

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mexican police arrest sex trafficker

MEXICO CITY — Federal police in central Mexico have captured a man wanted by the FBI for allegedly trafficking women and minors for prostitution in the United States.

The Attorney General’s Office says police acting on an anonymous tip captured Mexican national Gerardo Salazar on a high-way in the central state of Tlaxcala.

The office says Salazar is being held for attempting bribery and possible extradition to face the U.S. charges. It said in a statement Monday that when police stopped Salazar, he offered them a house and a car to let him go.

The FBI alleges Gerardo Salazar used beating, drugging and emotional manipulation to keep women and girls to work as prostitutes in the Houston, Texas, area in 2004 and 2005.

African sports journalists kidnapped

UNABUJA, Nigeria — Three sports journalists working for the Nigerian Information Television network were kidnapped Monday on the way to a conference outside Nigeria's capital.

The journalists, identified as Alhaji Saidu, Alhaji Umar and Abubukar Shafiu, were en route to Keffi, a state in northern Nigeria, when they were attacked by unknown assailants.

The kidnappers demanded a ransom for the journalists and urged lawmakers to take action against those who sponsored the kidnapping.

A new “security concern”

HELENA, Mont. — Two Air Force units that oversee the 16th Munitions Squadron, would fly to Fairchild Air Force Base in Washington, where the unit’s commander, would oversee the 16th Munitions Squadron, would detail the problems found in the nuclear surety missile units.

Cal students protest fee hikes

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — University of California students from around the state have traveled to the state capital to protest steep fee hikes and cuts to higher education funding.

More than 150 students gathered Monday outside the Capitol in Sacramento, waving signs and urging lawmakers to take action against raising fees.

The demonstration comes three days before a planned “National Day of Action for Public Education.” Students from the UC, California State University and community college systems will hold rallies, marches, teach-ins and class walkouts throughout the state on Thursday.

Similar protests are planned around the country.

LOCAL NEWS

State Senate passes microbrew bill

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Senate has given final legislative approval to a bill allowing Indiana's microbreweries to sell beer for carryout.

The Senate voted 28-17 Monday to endorse SB 102, which would allow the 165 microbreweries in Indiana to sell beer for consumption off the premises.

Some coastal towns were almost obliterated — first shaken by the quake, then slammed by a tsunami.

The bill would also limit the amount of beer a microbrewery can sell to about two cases per transaction.

The Senate passed 28-17 Monday to endorse House changes to the bill. The measure now heads to the desk of Gov. Mitch Daniels for his consideration.

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The bill also repeals a law that prohibits alcohol sales during voting hours on election days.

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Chicagans fight against gun ban

Averaged citizens take 28-year-old restriction all the way to U.S. Supreme Court

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A couple worries that burglars who tried to break in when the wife was home alone will return. A retiree fears the drug dealers and junkies just outside his window will attempt — again — to steal what he spent a lifetime saving. A business owner wants to protect his store, as he could when he was a police officer.

Together, they are the face of the most serious challenge yet to Chicago’s 28-year-old handgun ban.

On Tuesday, the four will take their sides inside the U.S. Supreme Court as their attorneys argue a lawsuit that bears their names: David and Colleen Lawson, Otis McDonald and Adam Oros.

The four plaintiffs are not stereotypical gun rights advocates. They don’t represent the agenda of any national group or organize rallies. Instead they represent average Chicagans — the kind of people that opponents of the city’s ban say should be allowed to protect themselves from gun violence.

“Some people want to stereotype advocates in any case, to make them look like a bunch of crazies,” said Alan Gura, a Virginia attorney who will argue the case.

“Their story is that you don’t just sit and let the criminals get to you,” Gura said.

Chicago’s ban on the sale and possession of handguns has been weathering legal challenges for years. But it gained newfound attention after the Supreme Court in 2008 struck down a similar handgun ban in the District of Columbia. The court now plans to decide whether the ruling on D.C., a city with unique federal status, should apply to local and state laws, too.

The lead plaintiffs in the Chicago suit decided to fight the city’s gun ban for different reasons.

For the Lawsons, it stemmed from a scare in 2006, when Colleen Lawson was home alone with the flu and three men tried to Jimmy open her back door. They ran off when they saw her through a window.

“That’s how close they were getting to.” said Lawson, 54.

The Lawsons believe a handgun ban would allow them to protect their family and give them the kind of peace of mind Colleen Lawson had as a child, when she knew her grandmother kept a pistol in her apron.

“I knew without any doubt my grandmother would be able protect us,” she said. “I can’t say that to my children.”

Seventy-six-year-old McDonald knows the feeling. He came to Chicago from Louisiana when he was 17, as part of the Great Migration of blacks. He worked his way up from a janitor to a maintenance engineer, a good job that allowed him and his wife to buy a house on the city’s east side in 1972, where they raised their family.

In recent years, McDonald, now a grandfather, has watched the neighborhood deteriorate, the quiet nights once enjoyed replaced by the sound of gunfire, drunk fights and shattering liquor bottles.

Three times, he says, his house has been broken into — once the front door was wide open and the burglars still out front when his wife and daughter came home from church.

A few years ago, he called police to report gunfire, only to be confronted by a man who told him he’d heard about that call and threatened to kill him.

“Just got the feeling that I’m on my own,” said McDonald. “The fact is that so many people my age have worked hard all their life, getting a nice place for themselves to live in and... having one (handgun) would make us feel a lot more comfortable.”

Orlov didn’t grow up with guns and doesn’t hunt. But his four years as a police officer only underscored his belief that people hurt by the city’s handgun ban are those obeying it.

“The law only prohibits the actions of those who are law-abiding,” said Orlov, 46. “The more law-abiding the more likely you are to be vulnerable to the activities of criminals.”

Oti McDonald glances out the window in his south-side home. McDonald is one of four plaintiffs in the Chicago gun ban lawsuit going before the Supreme Court this week.
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Department of Economics and Policy Studies.

We envision [the minor] as part of the Center for Social Concerns," McGreevy said. Faculty Senate passed a resolu-
tion calling for ECOP faculty to be allowed to return to the
reestablished Department of
Economics.

The resolution protested the
“removal of a faculty member
from a continuing department
without his or her consent.”

Because current ECOP faculty
members were tenured in the
pre-2003 Department of
Economics, Faculty Senate
claims these faculty members
“have been involuntarily
excluded from the Department
of Economics,” according to the
resolution.

Faculty Senate was concerned
about the “treatment of the fac-
ulty in this particular case.”

Seth Brown, chair of Faculty
Senate’s Administrative Affairs
Committee, said.

Concerns about Academic
Freedom

Economics and Policy Studies
faculty members protested the
plan to eliminate the depart-
ment in a letter released last
month. The letter expresses the
unanimous opinion of the ECOP
faculty, department chair
Jennifer Warlick said.

Dissolving the department
“would undermine the strong and
vibrant conversation about
economics that currently exists
within our University,” the let-
ter said.

“(The Academic Council’s
action) represents a dangerous
precedent for academic freedom
and university govern-
ance,” the letter stated.

Dissolving the department
inhibits ECOP faculty members’
ability to “participate in the
education of our students, to
conduct our research, and to
engage in service activities,” the
letter said.

The decision to dissolve the
department, however, was
made in part to broaden the
“economics conversation” at the
University, McGreevy said.

“We’re not eliminating their
ideas, and we hope they contin-
tue to make as big a contribution
as they have made,” he said.

“The faculty may be in different
units, but I’ve always thought that
less important than the
broader conversation.”

McGreevy said the new
Department of Economics will
be “open to different ideas and
methodologies,” as opposed to
embracing only one approach to
economies.

Faculty Senate did not argue
“that there was some particular
affront to academic freedom in
this face,” Brown said.

The Senate’s concerns about
academic freedom were part of
its concerns about tenure.

“The purpose of tenure is to
safeguard academic freedom,”
Brown said.

Reducing the protections of
tenure makes faculty members
less willing to pursue unpopular
or cutting-edge research,
according to Brown.

Student Involvement

Student Senate passed a reso-
lation calling for the delay of
the decision to dissolve the
department last week.

“We opposed this on the
grounds that student input has
n’t been included,” student body
chief of staff Ryan Brelenthal
said.

Student body president Grant
Schmidt said he has gotten
feedback from many students.

“We emphasized that students
were frustrated with the
process,” Schmidt said.

After the decision was made
to dissolve the department, stu-
dent government hopes to make
the Department of Economics
as academically viable as possi-
ble, Schmidt said.

“I have confidence the Econ-
omics Department will
continue to be successful,”
Schmidt said. “It’s important for
us to continue to be a part of
the conversation.”

“We want to have a spot at
the table when it comes to dis-
cussing major academic deci-
sions.”

Brelenthal said he hopes to
work with McGreevy to “ensure
that the aspects of the old
department that were beneficial
continue to exist,” he said.

“We need to make sure the
decision doesn’t take anything
away from the undergraduate
education,” he said.

McGreevy cited the sensitive
nature of closing a department
as a limitation to how much he
could dialogue with students
that were frustrated with the
decision was finalized,
but he said he is open to student
input.

“Students need to take charge
of their education at Notre
Dame,” he said.

McGreevy said he welcomes
student involvement in econom-
ics now that ECOP has been dis-
solved.

“I am happy to think through
with groups of students how we
can best build an economics
major at Notre Dame,” he said.

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SAB

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Courtney has been a member
of SAB for two years. She has
served as a member of the
Entertainment Committee. She
also helped bring poet Gabriela
Garcia Medina to campus in the
fall of 2009.

“I am passionate about helping
students become engaged in the
Saint Mary’s community,”
Courtney said. “I want to create
an environment where students
are excited to come to, and have
fun, at events. I think that stu-
dents deserve great events, and
want to be part of the team that
plans these events for the stu-
dents.”

Kline has also been involved
with SAB for the past two years.
She has served as co-chair of the
Traditional Committee for one
year. She also attended the
National Association for Campus
Activities National Convention
(NACA Conference) in Nashvile,
Tenn. last year. This year she
attended the National Conference
in Boston.

“Ever since I began the Board
freshman year, I have loved every
minute of it,” Kline said. “Last
year at the NACA Conference in
Nashville, I was able to really
get involved in the behind-the-scenes
work on planning campus activi-
ties. The Conference, both this
year and last, reinforced my drive
to bring the very best events to
campus and put my acquired
knowledge to good use.”

Courtney and Kline plan to uti-
licate student feedback in an effort
to gain insight as to what is wanted
on campus.

“We both feel student surveys
are necessary and helpful to
bring and plan successful acts
around campus,” Kline said.

Student Diversity Board

With new ideas to expand the
Student Diversity Board, junior
Morgan Gay and sophomore
Kelly Reidenbach are ready
to take office as the new president
and vice president.

They were the only ticket to
run during the Feb. 26 election.

Gay has been a member of SDB
for two years. She has worked as
chair for the SDB Bonfire
Committee. She has also served
as a member of the Committee
for Diversity Desserts and has
been the College Track commit-
tee member of the Diverse
Student Leadership Conference
(DSLC). As College Track commit-
tee member, Gay has been
responsible for recruiting stu-
dents from other universities and
colleges to attend DSLC, which
will be held from March 17-19 at
the College.

“When I came to college, I
heard about the Student Diversity
Board and I think it’s really
important to promote diversity,”
Gay said. “It all starts with treat-
ing people with respect. With the
events that SDB holds, just learn-
ing about other cultures and
understanding them and their
point of view, I think [we] can
make a difference.”

Reidenbach has been a mem-
ber of SDB for one year. She has
acted as the DSLC Sodexo Chair.

She has also been on the SDB
Bonfire Committee and the
Committee for the Hunger
Banquet as well.

Gay and Reidenbach said they
are planning on having many of
the same events that have been
held in the past, but hope to
expand them.

“We just want to try and
expand, get more people in the
Saint Mary’s community, as well
as the Notre Dame and Holy
Cross Community involved in
what we do,” Reidenbach said.

Gay added that they hope to
get the word out and generate more
interest and involvement.

“I think we have really good
events,” Gay said. “I really like
what we do with them but I’d like
to expand them and get more
people to come to them because
I really think that’s what we’re
here for.”

Residence Hall Association

Juniors Marianne Jones and
senior Erika Schmidt will take
over as Residence Hall Associa-
tion president and vice president
on April 1. They were the only ticket
to run for the office.

Jones will take her place on the
SGA board, replacing the current
president, Claire Dalesanaro.

BHA currently oversees activi-
ties within the four residence
halls on campus as well as the
cross living community, Opus
Hall. Most recently, they held a
formal on Feb. 27.

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this report.

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Coffee at the CoMo

For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, &
Questioning Students of Notre Dame

The Core Council invites gay, lesbian,
bisexual & questioning members of the
Notre Dame family, along with their
friends and allies, to an informal gathering
at the Coleman Morse.

Coffee and refreshments
will be served.

Everyone is welcome and confidentiality
is assured.

Tuesday, March 2
7:00pm-9:00pm
316 Coleman Morse

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Global holdings see strong rise
European countries seek rescue deal for Greece; Japan’s stocks make sharp recovery

IN BRIEF
Google acquires Picnik photo editing

Google Inc. is adding online photo editing service Picnik to its basket of recent acquisitions.

Financial terms of the deal announced Monday weren't disclosed.

The chief executive of Picnik said he didn’t plan immediate changes at Picnik, which employs 20 people in Seattle.

The deal brings Jonathan Sposato, Picnik’s CEO, back to Google for a second tour of duty.

Picnik’s software is used for editing images on Google’s photo sharing service, Picasa, and at other Web sites, including Facebook and Yahoo Inc.’s Flickr.

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Company plans a rescue deal for Greece

European countries were close to announcing a rescue deal for Greece that would combine the release of a raft of fairly upbeat manufacturing surveys.

In Europe, the FTSE 100 index of leading British shares closed up 51.42 points, or 1 percent, at 5,713.51. The CAC-40 in France was up 60.74 points, or 1.6 percent, higher at 3,964.46.
Tomorrow, a human rights movement will sweep our country. Thousands of college students on hundreds of campuses, joined by students of all ages, are trying to jog the consciousness of a nation. They are sensitizing Americans to a subtle but pernicious prejudice reflected in our language — the common use of the slur “ retard.” Every one of us can join their effort. It’s as simple as changing the way we speak.

But are we fighting something that even exists? We say yes.

Recently, one of the authors was shopping with his 14-year-old sister, Olivia Palumbo. With a slew of children’s books under her arm, Olivia bounded down an aisle, her brother in tow. As she pointed at something that caught her interest, her laugh nearly drowned out a taunting voice behind her. “Who let the retard in? Look guy, I can run like the retard!” The boy and his posse ran by, pointing. Olivia’s intellectual disability had attracted negative attention for years. She did not turn around. Nor did her brother.

This prejudice exists. And it is virulent.

Retard, like other slurs, does more than hurt feelings. These words crystallize discrimination and encapsulate the subtler and, ultimately, more dangerous reality.

“Retard,” “retarded” and “retard(ed)” do not mean stupid.

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Most people know that the term “retard” or “retarded” is offensive. Yet we all use pejorative language, and this particular form is among the most frequently invoked. When society warps “retard(ed)” to mean something close to “worthless” or “undesirable,” this bleeds into the image of those with intellectual disabilities and they are associated with this negativity.

The bigotry is subtle but very real.

Every pejorative use of the term “ retard(ed)” reinforces this stereotype of undesirability. Olivia is neither “undesirable” nor worthless. She is an incredible person with a wealth to contribute to the world.

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“Stop saying ‘retard.’ Olivia, her friends, her family and all those with intellectual disabilities deserve as much. But the word often appears in a subterfuge, and ultimately, more dangerous form. We’ve all heard it before: ‘A sports fan disparages an official, ‘Ret, are you a retard??’ A comedian accuses a celebrity of being ‘ retard-ed.’ ‘Ref, are you a retard??’ A politician refers to his colleagues as ‘F—ing retarded.’

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for us to reconsider our language? Tomorrow, on March 3, thousands of students are rallying their peers to challenge their language and pledge to end their pejorative use of the R-word. Their intentions are not to ban a word or censor society but rather to awaken others to the harmful effects of this label.

Yet we ask for more than a single day of activism and a pledge. As many critics have pointed out, language is dynamic. If we allow the word to fade away, new words will rise as replacements. For this reason, this movement calls for a change of not only our language but also our actions and attitudes. We must go beyond words and embrace those oft-neglected members of society whose talents and personalities go forgotten and neglected. Volunteer for Special Olympics or Best Buddies, support legislation that promotes access to healthcare and education and encourage employers to hire people with intellectual disabilities.

By recognizing these people as valuable citizens, we chip away at the wall of intolerance and exclusion that has long plagued our society. The first step is to change society’s language. Today and tomorrow, we challenge you to change yours. Give two minutes tomorrow and sign your pledge on the banners in Lafontaine and the Dining halls.

Change the conversation. Spread the word to end the R-word.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“I intend to live forever. So far, so good.”

— Stephen Wright

American actor and writer

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.”

— Albus Dumbledore

Hogwarts Headmaster

SUBMIT A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I’m not so much interested in whether students receive straight A’s as in whether students are able to contribute to the university community. I want to see more diversity in the student body, but I want students to be interested in learning and making contributions to the university.

—Ivan Basile, "Americanization of Education"
Undergraduate research integral to Notre Dame

In response to Justin DeRosa’s letter in Viewpoint (“An argument against research,” Feb. 24), Mr. DeRosa is mistaken in saying that Fr. Jenkins “in his inaugural address, asserted that he is simply committed to ‘maintaining’ [Notre Dame’s] traditional excellence in undergraduate teaching.” This statement is nowhere in Fr. Jenkins’ address (see http://inauguration.nd.edu/inaugural_address.shtml), and the suggestion that Fr. Jenkins and the University are merely settling for a status quo in teaching is also unfounded. Instead, Fr. Jenkins was visionary in tying undergraduate research to his goal of constantly improving undergraduate education across the board. Undergraduate research is education, and research is service. As such, undergraduate research embodies the best of what Notre Dame has to offer. Isolated cases of misunderstanding of research, of people with developmental disabilities because they reminded one word — “retarded” in casual conversation. Why do research? A few practical reasons include discernment about majors and postgraduate opportunities and the honing of technical and communication skills. The real reasons, though, have to do with authentic learning and discovery. Through research, undergraduates not only discover knowledge and truths about the world, but also discover something about themselves — who they are, what they believe, what they might be capable of. Research requires a bit of risk-taking, venturing into unfamiliar physical spaces and intellectual territo-

ries. It can be a personal as well as an academic challenge, and we invite students to embark on that venture.

Second, research is a far broader enterprise than many believe. The r-word involves not just laboratory experiments, but also critical analysis of texts and artifacts, ethnographies, oral histories, creative endeavors, studies of the theory and form that underlie creative works and so on. For many students across the University, research is an integral part of learning, one that takes students beyond the classroom. Through the research experience, students take full ownership of their education — pursuing their own questions, working independently many times, collaborating one-on-one with faculty members and becoming creators of knowledge.

In gratitude to Gail Walton

I was among those who were deeply saddened to receive word of the death of Dr. Gail Walton on Wednesday. I, along with many students, faculty, and staff of Notre Dame, know a small fraction of the students who had worked with Gail during her many years as director of music at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, but in the wake of her passing, all have expressed remarkable sentiments of gratitude. She was a trusted mentor, who helped instill lifelong passions for choirs in the thousands. Come tell me they are indebted to her for their entire professional careers in Church music, and still others affirm that Gail played a key role in their decisions to enroll in the Catholic Church and by her example of faith and by her devotion to beauty and reverence in sacred music. For my own part, I am eternally grateful to Gail for providing me an opportunity to appreciate the grandeur and breadth of the Church’s living liturgical tradition. When I first came to Notre Dame, I had never experienced the opportunity to encounter the Divine in a profound way. May her legacy live on, and may she rest in peace amidst the communion of Saints and the choirs of Angels.

Brian MacMichael

MTS, class of 2004

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A Shamrock Shake is a hard thing to describe. While technically considered mint milkshakes, to the trained connoisseur, they are so much more. As a mixture of minty flavor, the Shamrock Shake has something of a delight to offer the taste buds regardless of proclivity to mint. There is some secret ingredient buried within that green milkshake-y goodness that adds a complex flavor to something that seems so simple. And they’re green!

McDonald’s has changed things up on us a little this year. It seems the mega-restaurant chain has decided to class up its products by serving all milkshakes in a clear plastic cup, much like those used for frozen coffee beverages, with whipped cream and a cherry on top. While many will be horrified to see that the Shamrock Shake can now be shown off to those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Adriana Pratt at apratt@nd.edu

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Fall at Notre Dame means football, and going up to the Big House to watch the Irish play the Wolverines is definitely one of the defining experiences for Notre Dame undergraduates. Forget about those difficult books you had to read in class and that one time you understood what was being taught in your Orgo class. Wearing Mack Fichigan shirts and driving three hours to maybe have the chance to glorify your victory against one of ND’s favorite rivals in their own stadium — that is Notre Dame.

**Appalachia**

It seems everyone does Appalachia. Service is, without a doubt, a big part of Notre Dame life and these trips serve as proof to this. Students who go always love it, and the number of applicants for these programs is always large, and increasing. Included in this section are the SSLP and ISSLP, which also offer summer service programs that are extremely popular and successful.

**Chicago**

All Notre Dame students go to Chicago for a weekend. They take pictures at the Bean and make it their Facebook profile picture, and then they eat deep-dish pizza.

**Pro-life march in Washington, D.C.**

Much like Appalachia, another aspect of your typical Catholic Notre Dame student is going to D.C. in January to the pro-life march. Frequently, during that week of January, you’ll see students absent for class, and then back with a “Irish Fighting for Life” sweatshirt. To some, hopping on that bus to D.C. is a marking experience of life at Notre Dame, where Catholic principles can easily be applied in every aspect of daily life.

**Home for the weekend**

If you go to Notre Dame, you’re from Chicago — which basically means you live anywhere in the Midwest. Therefore, you sometimes go home for the weekend. Actually, on your way there you’ll probably be sitting next to someone who decided to go to the city for the weekend (view item No. 3 of the list).

**Michigan City outlets**

This is mostly for the girls, although it applies to both sexes. Since South Bend isn’t your typical idea of the perfect college town and the Mishawaka Mall can become a little tiring after a while, the outlets in Michigan City provide a quick escape from academia to the wonderful world of shopping. An experience Notre Dame students have to have, at least once.

**Spring Break in Daytona Beach, Fla.**

Finally, the most relevant item in the list for this week! Although some decide to be more “culturally diverse” and go to Puerto Rico or Cancun, this trip is not so much a Notre Dame must-do, but more of a college student requirement. Popular nation-wide, Spring Break in Daytona Beach is where all things tan and sunny happen. Many wild nights are experienced and yet memories of them are lost as you wake up hungover, in the clothes you wore last night, and completely unable to recall anything that happened after 9 p.m. Might sound like a regular weekend at Notre Dame, minus the sun, bikinis, beaches and tanning.

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CLUB SPORTS

Women’s water polo notches four victories

Squad sweeps weekend slate; two more equestrians qualify for regionals; women’s hockey season ends

Special to The Observer

This weekend the Notre Dame Women’s Water Polo Team won all four of its games in a tournament at Grand Valley State. On Saturday, they ultimately squared off against Miami (Ohio), winning 14-4. Erin Gibson (one), Maia O’Neill (two), and Lea Juszczyk (two) each contributed offensively. Goalie Betsy O’Neill had 14 saves.

On Sunday, the Irish defeated Ohio State University 14-2 in a cohesive team effort. Nine different players scored goals for the Irish (one) and Rosemary Kelly (one). O’Neill’s 14 saves while Kelly Gibson had three.

In their third game of the day, the Irish faced their toughest opponent and long-time rival, Grand Valley State. Emily Hariz and O’Malley put the Irish on the board with one goal each in the first quarter. In the second period, freshman Victoria Anglin had a breakaway steal for the point to give the Irish a renewed energy. The Irish returned with vigor and ultimately prevailed with a final score of 6-5 in the second half. Cristina Romano, O’Malley and Flanagan each recorded three goals. O’Neill had 10 saves. In their fourth and final game of the tournament, the Irish faced Miami once again. The Irish were victorious with a final score of 14-5. Durkin scored five goals, Romano, O’Malley and Flanagan each scored two. Gibson, Danielle Guidy and Victoria each contributed one. The Irish had relatively red-faced as it takes the torch for the next Winter games in its Black Sea resort of Sochi in 2014.

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The NHL returns to play after classic Olympics

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VANCOUVER, British Columbia — A thrilling Olympic tournament capped with a gold medal for Canada has left the NHL with questions about how the sport can recapture its entertainment value.

Hockey was enjoying a sudden spike in viewership at the Winter Olympics, with a huge spike in new fans watching the games in his host country regardless of what the NHL decided.

The league has not yet agreed to allow players to compete in the Olympics. Debate continues to rage as to whether new teams can be filled positive and negative — taking a two-week break in the heart of the season has traditionally been bad news.

But for every finish like this one, there is also the possibility that Sweden and Finland could fight for gold on the last day. As it was the case at the 2010 Turin Olympics. And next time out, there could be another time zone that makes for weak television ratings in North America.

NBA Shaq sidelined 6-8 weeks

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — Cleveland Cavaliers center Shaquille O'Neal had surgery on his injured right thumb Monday and seems likely to miss the rest of the regular season.

If he gets back for the playoffs, though, O'Neal is promising to make up for his time out.

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NFL DRAFT

Declaring early not easy

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INDIANAPOLIS — Taylor Mays has no regrets about finishing his senior season at Southern Cal.

Eric Berry saw no sense in risking everything one more time at Tennessee.

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“But I don’t think I’ll be a fool to come back,” Berry said with a laugh explaining the advice his defensive coordinator, Monte Kiffin, provided.

Kiffin’s NFL pedigree helped Berry make an informative choice, one that could bring in millions of dollars by August. The junior is projected to be a top-five pick in April and could become the first safety to go No. 1 overall since 1956.

Mays made the other choice, going back to school, injured his knee last year, as the No. 1 cornerback, his defensive backfield leader, earned him as the top-rated safety.

“Should they stay in school or declare for the draft?” asked Mays, who had 22 picks and seven assists, and the Cleveland Browns chose him first overall on April 25, 2007, since learning Shaquille O’Neal will miss the rest of the regular season.

The Cavaliers didn’t miss the 15-time All-Star center when he limped, his career essentially over, and Berry made an easy decision, going back to school, injured his knee last year, as the No. 1 cornerback, his defensive backfield leader, earned him as the top-rated safety.

Eric Berry and Mays are the lucky ones, both still likely to go in the first-round draft picks despite obvious flaws. Others aren’t so fortunate.

NFL defensive end Ade Wale Ogunleye likely would have been a first- or second-round choice after his senior season at Indiana. But he went back to school, injured his knee and wound making the Miami Dolphins in 2000 as an undrafted free agent.

It happens, and making the right choice can be as risky as a poker. There are no assurances, no set standards, and little historical evidence to help make that decision.

This year 53 underclassmen have declared for the draft. Of some of the names familiar—Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford, Notre Dame quarterback Jimmy Clausen, Oklahoma defensive tackle Gerald McCoy, Oklahoma State receiver Dez Bryant and Andy. Others, such as Nevada defensive end Kevin Basped and Marshall running back Darius Marshall, are still trying to prove themselves.

Why stay in school?

“I came back to become a better football player, and I felt like I did that,” said Berry, who joined the team learning like older guys before helping Mays.

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Youkilis comfortable at either corner base

MLB

Use of maple bats curtailed

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Although he won a Gold Glove at first base in 2007, Youkilis is adept across the infield. His numbers were 904 fielding percentage in 78 games at first base and 94 mark in 61 games at third.

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But the time has come for change, Corrigan said.

“At the same time, it’s a great time for us to join a league like the Big East,” he said. “I think the league itself is a tremendous thing for the sport of lacrosse.”

Joining the Irish in the newly-formed Big East men’s lacrosse league will be defending national champion and No. 1 Syracuse, No. 14 Georgetown, Villanova, Rutgers, St. John’s and Providence. Of the seven teams, Syracuse was unanimously picked to win the league, and Notre Dame was picked to finish second.

Now in a conference with two other top-15 teams, the Irish will face a more difficult schedule throughout the regular season, a fact that should benefit Notre Dame in the chase for the league title. Last season Notre Dame’s weak schedule was criticized as the Irish struggled in the NCAA Tournament, and if we win the Big East regular season, we’ll be okay.”

In order to win the Big East regular season, the Irish need to continue playing the way they have been playing — so far registering an 11-7 win over No. 2 Duke and a 12-8 win over Penn State Sunday — with one major improvement.

“The biggest thing we need to do is consistently well in the first couple games is we haven’t cleared the ball well, and that can really hurt you,” Corrigan said. “When you get defensive stops, you need to turn those into offensive possessions and even offensive opportunities.”

The Irish have five more matches to fine-tune their game before opening their first Big East conference season on March 27 when they host Rutgers.

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Men’s Swimming

Top freshman making a splash for the Irish

By CHRIS ALLEN

As first-time performers on the intercollegiate stage, freshmen in all sports are often expected to undergo an adjustment period as they learn the college stage. However, have quickly adjusted and contributed in a number of key ways over the course of the team’s regular season and postseason.

“The learning curve is similar to that which you see in basketball and football,” Irish coach Tim Welsh said. “As a senior in high school you race against 14-year-olds and here you race against 23-year-old men. Also, racers in college focus on technique and turns, which aren’t really emphasized in high school.”

Any discussion of the Notre Dame freshman class begins and ends with Bill Bass, who broke a number of records in a virtuoso debut season for the Irish. Bass, who came onto campus as a decorated all-stroke swimmer in high school, did nothing to diminish his floating abilities in the pool. Bass’s highlights this season include a Notre Dame school record in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 1:46.44 at the Big East championships in Pittsburgh. His performance came on top of a previous season-best time of 1:50.70 in the same event that scored a victory for the Irish in their Shamrock Invitational.

Bass’s contributions have not gone unnoticed by his coach.

“We’ve seen great things from Bill Bass right away,” Welsh said. “Especially at the Big East championships. It’s evident that he’s gotten bigger and stronger over the year.”

A number of other Irish freshman have contributed to the Notre Dame this year, among them breaststroke specialist Christopher Johnson. An Indiana state champion in the 100-yard breaststroke in high school, Johnson carried his breaststroke success with him to the Irish pool. He took first in the Big East consolation round of his signature event with a time of 55.64 seconds and will look to move into the championship round in the coming years.

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Notre Dame was the only Big East team to play Connecticut twice this sea- son, and the results — Monday’s loss and a 70-46 loss on Jan. 16 — weren’t pretty. But was it really a disadvan- tage to play Connecticut twice in one season? Absolutely not. Let’s play them more.

Notre Dame’s loss, coupled with St. John’s 77-65 win over Pittsburgh Monday, bumped the Irish to the No. 5 seed in the Big East tour- nament.

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“We weren’t in it at all, so we’re in it for 10 minutes tonight, that’s improvement,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “I think there’s definitely more highlights for us in this game. They’re just really, they’re that good. They have to play poorly and we have to play well. And we didn’t play well, and they didn’t play poorly. That was a tough combination.”

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