County will not charge ND students

• Freshmen allege race motivated Sunday arrest of four at local Denny's

By TIM LOGAN

Nine Notre Dame students entered Denny's on Dixie Way South late on the night of Sunday, Feb. 27, but before they even sat down at a table, four were in police custody for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Now five arrests, and the subsequent decision of St. Joseph County prosecutor Chris Toth not to press charges, has accusations flying and police on the defensive.

Tiffany Johnson and April Allen, both freshmen who were among the four arrested, appeared with University administrators at a press conference Wednesday and told their story, suggesting that the incident was racially motivated.

The story of the other two students involved were not released, but all four are black.

"What (the police) did, it's not logical, so you have to think something and I think that race was a major factor," Allen said.

She questioned why the officers approached the group for merely knocking over a sign, and then why they seemingly refused to accept their answer that it was a mistake.

"I feel that we weren't unfairly treated," Allen said.

Roseland police chief Larry Miller said that at least three of the four arrests were justified, however, when the three female students were watching the parking lot after the first, a freshman male, was handcuffed inside the restaurant.

"The three females, I have no doubt that they engaged in disorderly conduct and intervened in the arrest," he said.

He stressed that race was not a factor.

The incident began when Johnson apparently knocked over a small sign in the waiting area of the Denny's, and an officer approached the group as several students attempted to put it back up. He asked them if they were stealing the sign, the students said they were not and events escalated from there.

The students did not recall Wednesday what exact words were passed between the officers and themselves before the first arrest took place.

"I can't really remember how it escalated," Allen said. "But it started when the officers came to us and accused us of stealing or playing with the sign."

After the first student was handcuffed,

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Town council to investigate police action

By TIM LOGAN

The two off-duty police officers who arrested four Notre Dame students at Denny's Diner on Sunday, Feb. 27, will go before their town council for an investigation and possible disciplinary action.

Roseland police chief Larry Miller said Wednesday.

"Due to the situation, it will be reviewed by the town council," Miller said at a press conference.

He said he would likely recommend an executive meeting when the Council gathers today.

Miller said, however, that he stands

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'Tractor' moms juggle child rearing, careers

By ERIN LAUFFA

Now Writer

The year Saint Mary's mathematic professor Joanne Snow came up for tenure: she gave birth to one of her four children.

Both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame allow faculty to delay tenure for a year due in the birth of a child. Because she had been teaching five years, however, Snow decided it was not necessary to wait another year, though she was not teaching at the time her department was reviewing her tenure.

At all colleges and universities, faculty members are expected to teach for five years and then are considered for tenure in the sixth year.

Tenured status is important for women, she said, because it is associated with rank and salary, said Saint Mary's dean of faculty Karen Rintau.

In addition to being an associate professor, Snow is also a member of the College's Rank and Tenure Committee, which consists of three faculty as well as the dean and associate dean of faculty.

Every university has its own standards for awarding tenure to professors, Snow said. Saint Mary's standards are outlined in its Governance Manual. The most important standard is excellence in teaching, followed by scholarly activity and service to the College.

Because Saint Mary's has set standards for granting tenure, it is not more difficult for female faculty there to receive tenure, said Snow.

"We would never penalize the men," she said of the committee's evaluation of females who have delayed tenure to care for children.

"In the standards we adhere to very carefully.

Snow also said that at Saint Mary's, women are able to choose if they want to take a semester or a year after the birth of a child. Taking too much time off can cause professors to lose touch with their discipline, though Snow said that problem is avoidable.

"In a year...you can maintain contact with your discipline," said Snow, explaining that while on leave she read math journals and continued to study and learn aspects of her subject.

In addition to the experience Snow has had through the Rank and Tenure Committee, she also has personal experience with issues of motherhood and tenure as a mother of four children ages 10 to 20.

Snow took off a semester with the birth of her third child and then full year with the birth of her fourth. Snow said her decision to take a full year off work was based on her desire to spend more time with her baby.

According to Snow, it was very important that her husband, a Notre Dame professor, shared child-care responsibilities.

"We've always been able to juggle our schedules," said Snow.

"Snow is not alone in sharing childcare responsibilities with her spouse...Notre Dame economics professor Teresa Ghilarducci said that if her husband, a Notre Dame English professor, did not have a flexible schedule that allowed him to help with childcare, she probably would have waited until she was tenured to have a child."

When Ghilarducci was pregnant with her now 9-year-old son, her department originally told her that she could ask other professors to cover her courses.

She soon realized, however, that the people she would have to ask to cover for her were the same people who would be evaluating her tenure.

Around that same time, Ghilarducci said the Faculty Senate began to organize around the issue of maternity leave for faculty. Ghilarducci was one of the main organizers of the

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Tenured Notre Dame English professor Teresa Ghilarducci was a leading proponent of the University's family leave policy, which allows tenured faculty members to delay tenure for a year after the birth or adoption of a child.

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**The Singing Light**

Dylan Thomas wrote, "In my craft or sullen art / I can do these things. I felt them first in the still night when only the moon rages ... I labor by the singing light." For four years, I have labored by that singing light, working into the wee hours of the morning after the rest of campus has gone to bed.

Tonight, for the last time, I will walk out of The Observer, push the door closed and check to be sure it is locked. When we come back from spring break, a new editorial board will take over. I'll still be around, writing articles and laying out pages, but my tenure as an editor will be done.

I have predictably mixed feelings about this. I look forward to going to bed before 5 a.m., to being prepared for all of my classes, to have free time again. I'm just not ready to let it be over. More than anything else at this University, The Observer has made me who I am. It was The Observer that taught me the lessons of life: to teach, to learn, to follow, to lead, to take criticism, to work on a team.

But most of all, The Observer made me passionate. Exercised in the still night when occasions of editing that I learned what I love. It was in reading the voluminous hate mail (and occasionally the support) that my columns generated that I learned who I was. I am who I was when I hear my name in conversation. I am who I was when I lived in the pre-dawn chill that I learned what is important.

I have given my heart, my soul and my GPA to this publication. I spend more time, most weeks, in the office than in my room. When my mind wanders in class, I'musually thinking about The Observer. I have actually had nightmares about commas.

But everything I've given to The Observer — and I've given everything I have — The Observer has returned to me. When I graduate, I will take home the satisfaction and even joy I get from this job is the satisfaction and even joy I get from this job is the knowledge that I have made a contribution to a team, to a place that has made me what I am.

Lauren Petelle
*Assistant Managing Editor*

**OUTSIDE THE DOME**

**Bio prof reveals MIT grade tampering scandal**

Vinod Rao '92, a student in the grades.

When Indiana University senior Chad Paulson and his band discovered Napster, they saw an opportunity to have their songs heard by listeners around the country. So when Paulson discovered IU banned the controversial website, he took action.

IU is one of more than 135 college campuses that have limited student access to Napster by blocking the system. But Paulson and his classmates, seeking to have their songs heard by listeners around the country, already had such a great time as a student here that I never want to lose the feeling. The IU system is in place to stop piracy, but I think it's a very strong and effective system. The creators of Napster thought it was really not intelligent and effective.

It was not one of the fun things I did when I was a student here, but I thought it was really not intelligent and effective.

Paulson formed the Students Against University Censorship on Feb. 13 to show student dissatisfaction with the university's administration's blocking. The organization now maintains a Web site, http://auroravmnapster.com, which features a petition with close to 7,000 signatures.

**LOCAL WEATHER**

**U-Tex us reme mbers Reb el history**

ARLINGTON, Texas

For many alumni who attended the University of Texas in the late 1960s, recent news reports of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People seeking to have the Confederate battle flag removed from the South Carolina capitol and plaque depicting the flag removed from the Texas Supreme Court building triggers memories of when a similar issue raged on campus. Public affairs director Dawn Darvich, who was a student here from 1965 to 1971 and The Shorttord editor from 1968 to '70, said it isn't unpleasant to be reminded of the controversy on campus. "I find it painful to even read it," she said. "I have to force myself to read all the stories recently about South Carolina because it does bring up memories of what we went through. I had such a great time as a student here that I hate to remember anything that was not fun, and that was not one of the fun times." The university mascot was the Rebels from 1931 to 1971.
Members vote to seek new equipment for Rockne Memorial

By ERIN LaRUFFA
News Writer

With many newly elected senators in attendance Wednesday, the Student Senate passed a resolution dealing with the upgrade of exercise equipment at the Rockne Memorial. The resolution is meant to draw attention to the inferiority of Rockne Memorial’s equipment in comparison to Rolfs’ Sports Recreation Center, said Carroll senator Patrick O’Donnell.

“The equipment at the Rolfs Center is so much better,” said O’Donnell. He also said that many South Quad students go to Rolfs to work out because of the better facilities even though the Rock is closer to their dorms.

The resolution requests that the athletic department, which runs the Rockne Memorial, replace the old and purchase new equipment.

In addition, the senate also addressed the fact that Notre Dame will not be administering the MCAT, the required exam for students applying to medical school.

“We’re a Top 25 university,” said O’Donnell, a pre-professional studies major. “To not have our own MCAT ... is just downright embarrassing.”

O’Donnell registered to take MCAT two weeks ago and called the MCAT this week to confirm his registration. He was told that he had to take it at Northwestern University, his alternative choice, because Notre Dame’s test site had been closed.

O’Donnell said he then went to the pre-professional studies’ office, but the office had only found out about the cancellation an hour before he had.

Notre Dame is no longer administering the MCAT on campus because the former test administrator decided to stop running the test, he said. Neither the University nor MCAT looked for a replacement administrator, O’Donnell added.

Although there are alternative test sites at other universities in Indiana and Illinois, Notre Dame students could have a problem making it to those sites, O’Donnell said. A student could potentially miss the bus to the test site or a car could break down, he explained.

“You can — dare I say it — ruin your whole future if you miss this test in April,” O’Donnell said, adding that the MCAT is only given twice a year.

If an alternative test administrator can be found at Notre Dame, MCAT officials will allow the University to proctor the exam this April.

In other senate news:

- Anthropology department chair Patrick Gaffney wrote a letter to the senate explaining that it is too late to change the DART registration manual for the upcoming fall semester. Last week, the senate discussed adding a section to the book explaining class activities, such as movies that take place outside normal class hours, said student body vice president Michael Palmombo.

- Students remaining on campus over spring break may purchase a five- or 10-meal plan before break in South Dining Hall, according to O’Donnell.

- The senate’s committee on social space received 1,200 responses to its Internet survey about a new student center, said student body secretary Luciana Reali.

- Afterward in a closed meeting, senators voted to decide the recipients of the Irish Clover awards.

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University’s family leave policy.

That policy now allows an
untenured faculty member, male or female, to delay
for a year after the birth or adoption of a child,
said Carol Mooney, a vice presi-
dent and associate provost at the University. Professors are
expected to continue teaching during that year, though they
are not expected to conduct research.

"Your research pro-
ductivity is expected to be
basically nothing," Mooney said, explain-
ing that delay in tenure allows for an
extra year to research.

Notre Dame faculty mem-
ers are able to take medical
leave following the birth of a
child, a period which typically
lasts six to eight weeks.

If a professor went on leave
in the middle of a semester, the professor’s classes could
be disrupted, Mooney said. "Sadly enough... people are
timing their pregnancies to give birth
during the summer."

Jennifer Burke
graduate student, 
developmental psychology

is that my husband and I are
thinking about having children
within the context of career. I
don’t want to fit my kids into
my work. I’d rather do it the
other way. But the work place
is not set up that way," said
Janning, who will earn her
Ph.D. in sociology this spring.

Despite set tenure policies at
most American colleges and
universities, it is still a chal-
lenge for faculty to balance
career and family.

“I think women really hurts
men because many male pro-
fessors have just as much
child-rearing responsibilities
as their working wives," Ghilarducci said. A male pro-
fessor, according to
Ghilarducci, might be more
reluctant to ask his depart-
ment chair to make special
conconsiderations because of the
professor’s childcare responsi-
bilities.

On rare occasions, Snow has
cancelled office hours because of
her children, but she added that
would be the case with any
family emergency.

"You’ve got to be on your
face. You have to be flexible," she
said.

Being a professor does
give parents a fair amount of flexi-
bility, Snow said.

“You can take my work with me... If I want to go to a school
play, I can make up the differ-
ence at night," she said.

Residence hall laundry rooms
on Saint Mary’s campus have been
the recent targets of cloth-
ing thefts, according to several
hall directors.

"It’s really said. It makes you
wonder what kind of person
would steal a T-shirt," said Beth
Kledzik, a junior resident of Le
Mans Hall.

Two weeks ago, Kledzik left
four articles of laundry in the
laundry room overnight. The
following day when she returned, only one remained.

What bothered her the most,
Kledzik said, was the fact that
the only items left in her basket
had been on the top of her
clothes pile. The thief would
have had to lift up that sweater
in order to take the other
Clothes.

"I notice people’s faces now," Kledzik said. "It’s violating.

Students at Saint Mary can now
investigating the thefts that have
been reported. McCandless Hall
Hall Director Kelly Ignatowski and Le
Mans Hall Director Sara Scalzo are
also working to ensure resi-
dents are fully aware of the
thieves.

"We’re trying to encourage people not to keep their laundry
down in [the laundry room] for long periods of time," Scalzo
said.

Ignatowski had some safeguard-
ning suggestions for students
while they did laundry.

"Have them sit down there with their laundry, or come
down right away when the cycle
is supposed to be done," Ignatowski said. "If something is
taken, call Security and then
Security will mount an investiga-
tion. Let Security handle it."

If someone is seen with cloth-
ing that has been reported stolen
or is seen taking clothing that
does not belong to her, students
are not to pursue the person
on the spot, Ignatowski said. Signs
are now posted both in Le
Mans and McCandless Halls warning
students about the possibility of
theft.

"This semester, it’s been going
pretty well," Ignatowski said.

"Students are aware of the possi-
bility of theft. People are tak-
ing more precautions than
before."
Protests welcome Albright in Bosnia

WASHINGTON

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was welcomed to Bosnia on Wednesday by Serbs in one city who clucked an egg at her motorcade and Croats in another who burned a U.S. flag and hurled such items at her car. Albright, who used each time her name was mentioned. Albright was in the northern city of Brcko to formally name it a multiethnic dis­trict – a decision imposed last year in an effort to placate Serbs, Muslims and Croats all claiming the city. The visit was meant to hold the city as an example of ethnic harmony for residents of Kosovo. But militant Serbs still want Brcko for their own. As Albright’s motorcade drove up to the municipal building where the ceremony marking the city’s new status was to take place, about 300 Serbs began chanting “killers,” “thieves” and obscenities.

Mormon leader happy with California vote

WASHINGTON

The spiritual leader of the world’s nearly 11 million Mormons said Wednesday he was pleased Californians voted to bar gay mar­riages. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter­day Saints generally does not involve itself in politics, but President Gordon Hinckley said banning same-sex marriages is a “moral issue of great importance” that warranted its opini­on. “I don’t think it signals a more active political posture for the church,” Hinckley said at the National Press Club. “We are not anti-gay. We are pro-family. We want to emphasize that.” California’s Proposition 22, which prohibits that state from recognizing any marriages other than between a man and a woman, passed overwhelmingly Tuesday.

Clinton rallies against wage plan

WASHINGTON

President Clinton rallied Democrats to sup­port a higher minimum wage on Wednesday and vowed to veto a Republican plan that would delay the increase and link it to $122.7 billion in tax cuts. “If Republican leaders send me a bill that makes workers wait for another year for their full pay raise and holds the minimum wage hostage for risky tax cuts that threaten our prosperity, I’ll veto it,” said Clinton, who hosted Cabinet members, labor and community leaders and Democratic lawmakers on the South Lawn of the White House. “It is time to stop nickel and diming American working peo­ple out of the money that they need and deserve,” the president said. “This is just wrong.” The GOP wants to enact a $1 increase over three years and couple it with $122.7 bil­lion in tax cuts.

Bradley throws support to Gore

WASHINGTON

Bill Bradley intends to bow out of the presidential race Thursday and endorse Vice President Al Gore who vanquished him in 16 Super Tuesday contests from coast to coast, The Associated Press learned today.

Bradley’s decision marks the end of a candidacy that soared briefly but foun­dered when the first votes were cast in the Iowa cau­cuses and New Hampshire primary. It also eliminates the last shred of doubt that Gore will be the Democratic presidential nominee, and allows him to turn his atten­tion to November with a party united behind his can­didacy.

Both men praised one another in public comments Tuesday night after Gore’s victories sealed Bradley’s fate.

Three senior Bradley advisers, speaking on condi­tion of anonymity, said the former senator would leave the race Thursday and endorse Gore at a news conference near his West Orange, N.J. headquarters. Bradley, 56, plans to stay active in public life and is not expected to rule out another presidential run, the advisers said.

His quick embrace of Gore is bound to increase speculation about Bradley as a potential running mate. However, Bradley himself has said he wouldn’t want the vice president’s job, and a senior adviser said today there was no chance he would change his mind.

A senior Gore adviser also discounted the talk, saying the vice president’s campaign would seek a running mate who would be relatively sure to win a state or two for the ticket in November.

In a contentious cam­paign that stretched for more than a year, Bradley questioned Gore’s truthful­ness and dismissed his poli­cies as small-bore “old poli­tics.” Still, he made it clear in recent days that he would back the party’s nominee — and the adviser said he would do so in a speech that aides were working hard today to plan.

Bradley’s options were few, and his departure assumed, after Gore swept Tuesday’s voting and pivot­ed quickly to the general election campaign against likely GOP nominee George W. Bush.

West Bank

Israel, Palestinians agree to peace talk

Israel and the Palestinians agreed today to resume peace negotia­tions later this month in Washington, ending weeks of deadlock and angry name-calling.

The announcement was made by U.S. mediator Dennis Ross, who briefly emerged from a summit between Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in the West Bank town of Ramallah to speak to reporters.

Ross said negotiations would resume after Eid al­Adha, the four-day Muslim Feast of Sacrifice that begins March 16.

The Barak-Arafat meet­ing in Ramallah was the leaders’ second session in 14 hours, part of an effort to restore trust and renew negotiations.

Ross said today’s meet­ing was constructive and that the two sides made progress. He said Barak and Arafat agreed to inten­sify negotiations.

“To this end, they agreed that the negotiations will resume after the Eid in Washington,” Ross said. He said the goal was to reach a blueprint for a peace treaty “as soon as possible,” adding that Sept. 13 remained the deadline for a final accord.

On Thursday, Barak and Arafat will meet with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Shiekh in a show of appreciation for his efforts as mediator. Barak’s office announced.

Barak and Arafat left shortly after Ross made his announcement.

At the start of their 75­-minute session in a West Bank hotel, Barak and Arafat posed for an extended handshake in the lobby. In the meeting room, Ross was flanked by Arafat and Barak, the trio sitting under a wall por­trait of the Palestinian leader. For Barak, the half-hour trip from Jerusalem marked only his second foray into the Palestinian areas.

Once talks resume, nego­tiators will try to formulate the outline of a final peace treaty and also resolve dis­agreements left over from interim accords.

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the group moved outside, where there was apparently further arguing over the arrest.

Johnson said that she asked the reason the first student was being taken into custody, and the officers would not tell her. Shortly thereafter, Johnson, Allen and another female student were arrested. The two students did not give specifics of the events leading up to their arrests, but Johnson said officers used pepper spray on her while she was handcuffed and sitting in a police car.

She also said that officers knocked another student's head against a car, giving her a bloody nose.

Miller, in defending his officers, told a different story, however. He said that, according to reports, three women were bellicose towards the officers, kicking, scratching and spitting at them, and that one tried to bite an officer during the fracas.

"The females were apparently in a vigilante mode, trying to interfere with the arrest," Miller said.

He said that the officers did what they had to do to bring the situation under control and that the students were challenging the initial arrest on the street when they should have challenged it in court.

Toth decided not to press charges after reviewing the arrest reports and a surveillance tape shot inside Denny's. He called the initial arrest "clearly unjustified" and said that it led to the other three, which he said lacked evidence necessary to bring charges.

"The situation was unnecessarily inflamed," Toth said.

There is no sound on the surveillance tape, but the officer arrested the first student shortly after approaching the group, and there was no illegal activity shown on the tape.

"I feel the initial situation agitated them," Toth said of the students. "The arrest simply should not have occurred."

Miller said he would ask the prosecutor to reconsider.

University officials stood separately behind the students and said they had worked closely with them over the last week to ensure a just solution.

Chandra Johnson, assistant to the president, and Mel Tardy, an advisor in the First Year of Studies, went to St. Joseph County Jail after the incident happened to help the students. Three were released on $100 bond later that night and Johnson was let go on her own recognizance in the morning.

Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, decried the arrests.

"A serious injustice was done to a group of our students," he said.

He also said the University would talk with both the Roseland Police Department and Denny's about the incident in the hopes of clearing it up and preventing it from happening again.

"We all know this is more than an isolated incident," he said. "It is symptomatic of a problem that pervades our society and our community and it must be met head-on when an incident such as this occurs."

Johnson and Allen said they had not yet decided if they would press civil charges against the officers or Denny's.

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behind all the arrests, even the first one inside the restaurant, which he had termed "questionable." The officers involved, both the two who worked at Denny's and the three who responded to the scene, are all on active duty, except for one who is currently on his honeymoon, Miller said.

None of the officers have been named.

The executive meeting will likely take place next week.

The St. Joseph County Prosecutor's office will leave disciplining the officers up to local authorities, according to Chris Toth, county prosecutor.

Toth said that he understands Miller's support for his men, and that they see the issue from different perspectives.

The two officers who were employed as security officers for Denny's were fired after the incident, company management said Tuesday.

In confronting customers, they acted outside the scope of their authority, said Ray Hood-Phillips, chief diversity officer for the restaurant chain.

"It is a cardinal rule that security never approaches our guests," Hood-Phillips said.

She added that security officers are to inform management when they see a potential problem and allow management to handle the situation first. Denny's managers were never involved in the incident on Feb. 27.

Tiffany Johnson and April Allen, two freshmen who were arrested and who spoke at a press conference Wednesday, did not say whether or not they would file civil charges against the officers, the town of Roseland or Denny's.

Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College

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Fourth Annual GALA-ND/SMC Memorial Grants

GALA-ND/SMC is now accepting applications for the Fourth Annual GALA-ND/SMC Memorial Grants. Two $1,700.00 grants will be presented to students of Notre Dame and/or Saint Mary's College in honor of leadership and to support the students' participation in a six- to eight-week summer service project benefiting the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community. Projects at agencies providing services to individuals with HIV/AIDS or agencies providing services to gay and lesbian youth are encouraged.

It is anticipated that the grants will be conferred at OUTreach ND's April Follies by representatives of GALA-ND/SMC on April 8, 2000 in South Bend.

The deadline for applications is Friday, March 31, 2000. E-mail GALANDSMC@aol.com to request a copy of the grant guidelines. Names of grant recipients will be kept confidential pending their consent. GALA-ND/SMC may be contacted for further information at GALANDSMC@aol.com or (773) 506-9689.

Past winners have included students from both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College. The grants have been conferred four times to women and twice to men. Grant winners have performed summer service projects at AIDS Project Los Angeles; the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office in Boston; Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders in Boston; Better Existence with HIV in the Chiago area; AIDS Referral & Information Services in San Jose, CA; performing civil rights research in Cape Town and Johannesburg, South Africa; and archiving a collection of lesbian newspapers from a collection held at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

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Conference seeks church, history links

By ERIN PIROUTEK
American News Editor

This weekend's conference, "Catholicism in 20th Century America," is committed to linking the history of the Catholic community to the history of American society as a whole in the last 100 years.

"If you’re wondering about the history of American Catholicism, this is an unusual opportunity," Notre Dame history professor John McGrorey said.

The focus is on 20th century Catholicism and trying to do more research and get a better understanding of the last 100 years, said history professor Jay Dolan, founder of the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism. Dolan explained that significant research was done on 19th century Catholicism, but 20th century Catholicism has been relatively ignored.

The organizers strive to reconcile problems of marginalization of Catholic history within mainstream American history. This desire to integrate Catholic history with American history is not new.

"The issues discussed in the conference have been discussed in Catholic historical circles for the last 10 years or so," said Christopher Shannon, Cushwa Center research associate.

The conference represents three years of work. Scholars from institutions nationwide, including Boston College, Yale and Stanford will present research.

The conference addresses the "public presence of Catholicism in today's society, including the interaction between Catholicism and other religions. The contributions of Catholic women ... both lay and religious ... to society, will also be discussed."

"Mainstream historians have pretty much ignored the contribution of Catholic women to social work," said Shannon, noting the work of sisters in hospitals and schools.

Several presentations will deal with the struggle of Catholic women to combine the vocations of work and family.

Birth control, a controversial issue among today's Catholics, is the topic of a presentation by Leslie Toulier, of the Catholic University of America. Shannon explained that mainstream history needs to recognize the Catholic impact on the history of birth control and family.

"Because Catholics were divided on this issue, they can illuminate this issue in ways that other groups can't," said Shannon.

Both Euro-American popular Catholicism and Latino-American popular Catholicism are discussed, because of their major influences in today's church. Although the church hierarchy has been dominated by European Americans, Latin culture also has a distinct presence in Catholic devotions. For example, Notre Dame recently celebrated Mass honoring "Our Lady of Guadalupe."

The conference is sponsored by the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism with support from the Lilly Endowment, Inc. and the University of Notre Dame.

Charles and Margaret Hall Cushwa Family provided initial funding for the Center, which began operating in 1975. Charles Cushwa, a 1931 graduate of Notre Dame, and Margaret Cushwa, a graduate of Saint Mary's had life-long interest in American Catholicism. Scott Appleby had been the Cushwa director since Dolan stepped down in 1993.

The conference opens tonight at 7:30 p.m. at McKenna Hall.
Students imperfect, not that bad

For the past week, readers of both The Observer and the local daily newspapers have been treated to various stories, commentary and (that dreaded of all current newspaper scourges) letters to the editor, about the infamous “waterboy” rumor. As usual, the slant of the stories is further proof that Notre Dame students are finer, own puerile description here.

As an avid alumnus (Class of ’96) working on our paper, I take exception to these attacks. Our students are not perfect and will continue to fall short of that standard, as long as we recruit from the human race or until someone does something about original sin, but they are pretty darn good. For my money, our students are the best in the country. My colleagues in campus law enforcement from around the country have convinced me this is true. Nearly all members of the Notre Dame family are proud of our students. Don’t be upset that some people choose to write letters decrying student conduct. Don’t be upset that there is no balance in the coverage of “waterboy-type” incidents. This is the fact of life in “journalism” today — selling papers isn’t actually, but that’s another story. I have to reconcile myself to this. It is not my place as a student to judge my peers. I have to live with the mistakes of others, and the student section of The Observer is a forum for those mistakes.

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Beware Bush and Bob Jones

Considering the current media blitz covering Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush’s visit to Bob Jones University in South Carolina, I find it shocking that members of the Notre Dame community are not more vocal in expressing their outrage. While Bush may not share the same views taught at BJU, it is appalling that Bush would choose an institution rooted in bigotry to kick off his South Carolina campaign.

In order to combat negative media concerning their views against inter-racial dating and Catholicism, Bob Jones University has posted an article “The Truth About Bob Jones University” on its Website. Using Bible passages, the “Truth” states that the basis for the Catholic faith is fundamentally wrong and implies that today’s Catholics are stuck in pre-Reformation thinking. Its founder, Bob Jones Jr. has even referred to the Pope as the “Whore of Babylon.” Yet, the university denies that it hates Catholics. The manner in which Bob Jones University hides behind the Bible is very similar to the way many hate-speaking organizations like the Ku Klux Klan misuse scripture in order to justify their actions. While BJU may attempt to spin-doctor its message, people need to look at the hard facts behind it.

Perhaps my anger at the Bush campaign is unnecessary, after all Bush was able to use the “religious right” that holds so much clout in the Republican Party. Was he just making the politically smart move? There are many other ways to appeal to religious conservatives, besides appearing at a University that preaches hate.

Marchand mentions the areas with strongest gun laws have the highest murder rates. He blames the gun laws, completely ignoring the fact that these areas (I.A., New York, Chicago, Washington, D.C.) are the nation’s biggest cities with the largest populations, most gangs, biggest gun circulations, etc. Just imagine how bad the murder rates would be without guns. Likewise, a Democratic president and increasingly Democratic Congress in recent years that they led to a decrease in violent crime, as their anti-gun beliefs have begun to take effect.

Marchand says that the first step is to properly prosecute illegal uses of firearms. Should we prosecute the 6-year-old boy who didn’t know he was doing? Should we prosecute the child who gets his dad’s gun from his bedroom, drops it, and accidentally shoots himself? Children are not criminals that should be punished. These are accidents stemming from an all too easy availability of guns. They can be easily stopped if the amount of guns in ordinary homes and on the streets is reduced.

Marchand even has the gall to ridicule the “smart gun” proposition, proclaiming this legislation is unnecessary and shouldn’t be an option. His alternative is for gun owners to be more responsible. That would be great Mike, but it’s not going to happen. There are thousands of people who can’t be trusted with children, job, their own lives ... yet we should trust them to be responsible with something as dangerous as guns? This would lead to more guns in the world, something that’s no closer to reality than Oz. Even responsible owners can get too far away from tragic events of children and families. Simply taking guns away from the law-abiding can make a world of difference in someone else’s life. Every day, we have the ability, and gift, to touch someone else’s life. We may never realize the implications at the moment of reaching out to others, but we should always keep trying. Ali was a great boxer. He may not show that now. But he did truly show us what it means to be a great person ... by sharing a portion of himself with the Notre Dame community.

Jim Kiwiet
Senior, Off Campus
March 2, 2000

Muhammad Ali is truly a legend

While he no longer dances in the ring, Muhammad Ali was still graceful when he came to the Notre Dame campus this past weekend. His visit stirred the souls of everyone involved, even as we struggled to understand Parkinson’s disease. It was special for the Notre Dame community and boxers to know that Ali had come to visit our campus and watch the

decision. For me, to be in the presence of one of the most famous people of our century, an incredible boxer who “shook up the world” with his style and poetry, a man who met over 20 different world leaders in his travels ... was awe inspiring.

Yes, I believe what we can take from Ali goes far greater than all of his amazing accomplishments. Whether you agree with his views, or like his style, the most special, amazing thing that Ali gave us this weekend was his time. Ali could have simply appeared briefly for a couple of fights and left. Nobody would have been offended. Ali can stop in any town in most of the world and command an audience. Parkinson’s disease must fatigue him. Yet Ali stayed at Notre Dame for five hours. He continued to meet people, smile, tell jokes, give hugs and touch everyone he met. He even signed autographs, which must be a hard task. I don’t pretend to know Ali’s mind, but I do believe that he is aware of how much he touches us all and how special a moment with him is. And so he stayed in the boxing room until every person had the opportunity to meet him. Then when finished, instead of bolting for the exit before an hour drive home, Ali stayed, smiled, told some jokes, did a levitation trick and left us captivated.

All shows us that the greatest gift we have to give is ourselves. This gift is not restricted to a man of Ali’s fame. Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, “The greatest gift to give is a portion of thyself.” Lou Holtz used to echo that theme and remind us to never underestimate the impact that we can have on each other. Just a moment of our time, thoughts, energy and compassion can make a world of difference in someone else’s life. Every day, we have the ability, and gift, to touch someone else’s life. We may never realize the implications at the moment of reaching out to others, but we should always keep trying. Ali was a great boxer. He may not show that now. But he did truly show us what it means to be a great person ... by sharing a portion of himself with the Notre Dame community.

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March 7, 2000
MOVIE REVIEW

Madonna’s new movie far from the ‘Best Thing’

By CASEY K. McCLUSKEY

The new story line in a politically correct film is to involve a woman with some neurosis and her best friend who is the perfect man. She is a good listener, has impeccable taste in clothes and is always there when she needs her. This is a woman every man could use for him. He’s gay.

It began with Julia Roberts in “My Best Friend’s Wedding,” and then continued with Jennifer Aniston in “The Object Of My Affection” and now Madonna is taking a turn with the plot in “The Next Best Thing.”

“The Next Best Thing”

Director: John Schlesinger
Starring: Madonna, Rupert Everett and Benjamin Bratt

The title of this movie says it all. It is not the best thing to watch. It is possibly a stretch to call it the “next best thing” again, this time as Robert, an L.A. landscape who is not interested in either his appearance or his meaningful relationship with another man. Everett may seem to be rehashing his role as “My Best Friend’s Wedding,” but the two characters are very different. Robert is an unemployed gay man in this movie, he is much more realistic than the stereotypical character that played in “My Best Friend’s Wedding.”

This story had a lot of potential, dealing with a lot of difficult and modern issues, but it takes on too much too short of a time frame. There is so much going on in one of the scenes or the characters, they are not developed enough to have too much meaningful. The story is not “solved” in two courtroom scenes, which could probably have taken up half the movie.

Most of the movie is spent with Robert and the audience. A good look into his life. His father has issues with his homosexuality, but his mother married and, of course, this is the story of the charming Lynn (Redgrave) loves him just the same. We did not get to see much of his past beyond that though, except for glimpses of clones dropped sparsely throughout the film that are never fully explained. Everett does a wonderful job with his character in playing the passionate father.

Madonna gives a lackluster performance in this film. We know very little about her, other than that she is a movie character who has a biological clock ticking. Her character is completely undereveloped and she does not make up for this with her acting. The audience does not relate to her because they do not really ever know her.

Other than Madonna, most of the acting was very impressive, which proves that it is the story that is lacking. Neil Patrick Harris delivers a superb, although short, performance as one of Abby and Robert’s friends, who is dealing with a loss of his own. Benjamin Bratt successfully takes on the tough role of the other man. This character is someone who could be really easy to hate, especially if people really like Robert. Bratt plays the role with such honesty and compassion that it is impossible to hate him because he is in a really tough position.

Despite the poor story line, this movie was enjoyable to watch. It is “PG-13,” so it is a movie to see with the family over Spring Break. If there is not an “R-rated movie that the family can agree on or everyone has seen everything else, this movie is the “next best thing.”

MOVIE NEWS

Actor Casey Affleck comes into his own

By LISI DE BOURBON

NEW YORK

After three years of being Ben Affleck’s little brother, Casey Affleck is finally making his own mark as an actor.

When asked whether his superstar sibling was growing weary of questions about being Casey Affleck’s older brother, the younger Affleck joked, “I think I am, too.”

But the 24-year-old’s impending screen debut is leaving no laughing matter. Affleck has appeared in about a dozen films, including the just-released “Drowning Mona,” and has starred in several television episodes.

Affleck attended the University of California at Los Angeles, but dropped out after two years to concentrate on acting. He had a small part in “Good Will Hunting,” which brought Damon and Affleck fortune and a strong following.

They starred together in the 1999 film “200 Cigarettes,” which is “Dreaming Mona.” Affleck is one of the suspects in the death of Mona (Drew Barrymore), the local singer and sister to both York and Sam (played by Affleck). The film also stars Danny Devito and Jamie Lee Curtis.

“I showed up on the first day, and we sat around and read the script. I didn’t play their reading glasses out, and we were sitting back and they weren’t doing any jokes,” Affleck said. “I realized they’re kind of just like my parents or something. I knew, and I felt much more comfortable to be myself after that experience. It was comforting to see they were not always hysterically funny.”

The veteran film star even gave him a few pointers while the film was being shot. Affleck said, “I’d be in a scene that was supposed to be funny and it wouldn’t be working, and they knew, they were intuitively about it, and they would just change the scene in different ways that would put me in a position where I couldn’t help but be funny. They made everyone else look good by being good.”

Affleck, who lives in Manhattan, said he has no new films at the moment, but would like to work with Ben again.

“I’m just going to try to wait around and see what may happen if there’s a role in the future. What I like about the Affleck family is that’s when we talk about things that are meaningful. They are really, really close instead of just having something to do just to take a job,” he said.

CAMPUS MUSIC

Symphony Orchestra to give winter concert

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra will perform its annual winter concert tonight at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall. The concert, which is free and open to the public, will feature two winners of the 1999-2000 department of music contest: graduate students Juan Li, piano and Ivy Vazquez Alainre, cello.

The program includes the Adagio for Strings by Samuel Barber, selections from “Rodeo” by Aaron Copland, a piano concerto by Maurice Ravel and a cello concerto by Camille Saint-Saëns.

The orchestra is directed by Daniel Stowe, assistant professor of music. A graduate of the University of California, Davis, the University of Southern California and Cornell University, Stowe is in his fifth year as conductor of the orchestra. He also conducts the Notre Dame Glee Club and College Musicum and is a member of the plainchant ensemble Schola Musicorum.
**Movie Review**

Mork goes to singles bar in the comedic ‘Planet’

By BILL FUSZ

The premise of “What Planet Are You From?” is that its cast members must reconcile most of the dialogue, lighting, scenes and special effects — is bad. Gary Shandling television’s “The Larry Sanders Show” plays Harold Anderson, an alien from an oil-male planet bent on ruling the universe. Graydon (Ben Kingsley), the planet’s ruler, decides that the best way to conquer their new target, Earth, is to send one of them to improvise an Earth woman. Somehow, which is never explained, this will allow the aliens to begin a three-generation takeover from within. After months of performing training simulations of Earth flirtation in an auditorium reminiscent of Bellahutio 101, Harold is chosen as the best suited candidate for the hazardous and unprofitable mission to Earth.

Unfortunately, while the mission may be unpredictable and hazardous to the average alien, the average moviegoer will find it all too predictable and the only danger will be falling asleep. Harold is first transported to an airplane, where his first attempts at flirting with stewardesses consist of lines like, “I like your footwear,” and “My, you smell nice.” As he makes his way through the airport, his attempts continue to bewilder, scare and generally disgust the women that he meets.

His problems are not limited, however, to poor social etiquette. It seems that as his species has progressed in power and technological know how, other attributes—eliminated—may just be the point of disappearing entirely. Due to this, he is artificially brought up to the Earth-male standard before his deployment. Unfortunately, the gods weren’t completely worked out and now we are around, his prosthesis has a tendency to hum and vibrate at increasing volumes, much to the distress of the women he is trying to establish interplanetary relations with.

This does not mean that he is beyond help though. As a loan officer at a bank in Phoenix, his coworker Gordon (Greg Kinnear), takes it upon himself to show Harold around town. Gordon is, to say the least, a morally repugnant character. This comes across clearly when he takes Harold to an Anonymous meeting, saying it is a good place to find vulnerable women. Leasing Harold a car to go after a “soother.” Harold finds himself talking to Susan Hart, a recovering alcoholic played by the unfortunately cast Annette Bening (“American Beauty”).

Susan is a middling woman who has just woken up from years of partying with musicians to realize that she wants to build a real life. Unfortunately, it seems that her foibles in regards to men are as off ever, because she picks Harold as the perfect man to run away to Las Vegas with and marry.

From here the movie attempts to change pace and become poignant, identifying the differences between men and women and showing that even aliens have an emotional side. Susan becomes pregnant but disillusioned as she discovers Harold only sees her as a breeder.

Garrick has concerns of his own, too. FAA investigator Roland Jones (John Goodman) is quickly closing in on him and his last-ditch alien plot. Luckily, for reasons which, once again, are never explained, Harold and Susan’s burgeoning future reaches full maturity in just under two months, prompting the awe but apparently none of the curiosity of the doctors.

The movie stumbles on a variety of levels, lurching between science fiction parody and a serious attempt to investigate gender relations. In the end, it fails to pull off either attempt.

In the meantime, however, “What Planet Are You From?” resembles nothing more than an extended stand up routine or scattered collection of sophomoric penis jokes. Obviously borrowing from John Gray’s “Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus,” the movie’s existence revolves around one of those 3 a.m. dorm conversations: “Hey, what if they really were from...?” This in and of itself is fine. Many great ideas and story lines have begun in roughly the same way. Nichols and Shandling, however, never got beyond that point in conceptualizing the idea. Instead they raised sci-fi backlots, cheap sex humor, and lopped it off with cheesy sentimentalism a la “Full House” for a wow finish.

The movie is a dud from start to finish. The saddest part of all however, is how many good actors and actresses were dragged into this project. Due to the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery, I’m forced to assume it was of their own free will. Shandling had a critically acclaimed television show which garnered more than its fair share of awards during its run. Kinnear (“As Good As It Gets”) and Bening have both been nominated for Oscars. Kingsley played Gandhi and got an Academy Award. Even Goodman (“The Big Lebowskis”) has a string of Emmys, Golden Globe nominations and other awards for his role on “Roseanne” as well as dramatic roles in television movies. Yet they all chose to star in this remarkably bad movie. One can only wonder what planet their agents are from.

**Box Office**

Bruce Willis stars as hitman Jimmy the Tullip in the black comedy “The Whole Nine Yards.” “Yards” has been the top box office draw for the past three weekends. Recent openings such as Madonna’s “Next Best Thing” and “What Planet Are You From?” failed to make an impression despite immense marketing efforts by the studios. Next week, “Yards” will have to face the action drama “Mission to Mars” along with the supernatural thriller “The Ninth Gate,” starring Johnny Depp.

**TOP TEN**

Weekend of March 3-5

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**Movie Quote of the Week**

“Malovich!”

John Malkovich as John Malkovich in “Being John Malkovich”
The Hoyas played with Ruben Boumje Boumje, their second-leading scorer and leading rebounder, who had injured his left foot in the regular-season finale and remained day-to-day. The second-leading Hoyas (17-13), who had lost three of four, advanced to Thursday’s quarterfinals against top-seeded and 12th-ranked Syracuse (24-4).

Lee Scruggs added 14 points for Georgetown, while Demetrie Hunter had 13 and Connecticut 16.

Calvin Bowman led the eighth-seeded Mountaineers (14-19) with 19 points, while而去, Georgetown 12.

Freshman Tim Lyles had nine points and 11 assists for West Virginia, which had lost five of six.

A team led by more than four points in the second half and there were six lead changes and four ties over the final 7:30.

Brasswell gave the Hoyas a 67-64 lead with 1:03 left and West Virginia tied it for the last time 34 seconds later on a 3-pointer by Linton Armitage.

Hunter missed a 3-point attempt with 45 seconds left and West Virginia called a timeout after a 35-second shot-clock violation with 6.2 seconds left when Brooks Hersey’s 3-point attempt missed every-thing.

Seton Hall 85, Providence 65
Eight days off was what Seton Hall needed to play a four-game conference losing streak.

Darius Lane scored 22 points and the Pirates took advantage of Providence in the opening round of the Big East Tournament.

It is the first time Seton Hall has won 20 games since the 1992-93 season.

Lane’s 3-pointer with 17:30 to play gave the Pirates their first 20-point lead and the game was at 30-30. He completed the 10-point, including 3-for-3 from beyond the arc.

Seton Hall finished 27-for-53 from the field (50.9 percent) and scored 42 points in the first half, 48 in the second. The Pirates, who led by as many as 23 points, the last at 77-54 with 4:08 left in the game, outrebounded the Friars 48-35.

Seton Hall closed the first half with a 15-2 run to take a 44-27 halftime lead and the closest Providence got in the second half was 79-65 with 1:36 left on a 3-pointer by Chris Rogers.

Amaker was asked if he felt the Pirates needed to win to assure an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.

"We thought we had a solid year," he said. "You can’t judge a season step by step, week by week. I thought all along we’re in. I still do."
**STUDENT UNION HAPPENINGS**

**STUDENT UNION BOARD**

- **Friday, 3/10**
  - NAZZ applications are due
  - available in the SUB office (201 LaFortune)

- **Friday, 3/24**
  - NAZZ 2000

- **Saturday, 3/25**
  - Jimmy Fallon

- **Sunday, 3/26**
  - Java and Jazz

- **4/26-4/27**
  - Antostal

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

- **Friday, 3/10**
  - Student Government position applications due

Thank you to all who participated in the Student Survey on social space!

Have a great Spring Break! Avoid sunburns, boredom, and mosquitoes.

Here's a little something for Spring Break entertainment:

Please don't talk while I'm interrupting.

If you obey all the rules, you miss all the fun.

An archaeologist is the best husband a woman can have: the older she gets, the more interested he is in her.

Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go.

The trouble with being in a rat-race is that even if you win, you're still a rat.

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I hope I get the window seat.

The plane is here.

Aahh! I can’t wait for Spring Break!

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Atlanta's Smoltz tears ligament, lost for season

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. -- Just when everything was starting to settle down for the Atlanta Braves, a spring training jolt: John Smoltz is out for the season.

The long-time ace has a torn ligament in his right elbow, an injury that will shake up the Braves' rotation.

Three rotations and jeopardize Atlanta's chances for a return trip to the World Series.

"It was pretty painful," Smoltz said Wednesday, three days after lasting only 1-2-3 innings in his lone exhibition outing.

"The last few days have been the worst I've known that I had to do."

It was another starting spring setback for the NL champions, who last year lost slugger Andres Galarraga to cancer and Atlanta Braves, a spring training pitcher who last year lost starter Odalis Perez, and two minor leaguers as Braves pitchers with the same injury in recent times.

"I've been through so much that in a weird way, this was a relief. I need to get the surgery in order to be able to pitch again one year, solid, three to four years," Smoltz said.

"I still enjoy pitching," he added. "If I didn't, this would be a retirement speech. And it definitely is not."

Smoltz was 11-8 with a 3.19 ERA in 29 starts last season. He is 127-113 in his career and has been the Braves' most effective postseason pitcher, going 12-3.

One of those October defeats came last season, when the New York Yankees beat him to finish the World Series sweep.

"Smoltz helped Atlanta win its only Series championship in 1995, then won the 1996 Cy Young by going 24-6."

"There's nothing that's going to replace having No. 29 on the mound in a big game," said third baseman Chipper Jones, the NL MVP.

Smoltz felt pain in his right elbow Sunday when he allowed three runs and five hits in 1-2-3 innings against Tampa Bay. He threw about 20 knuckleballs, hoping to reduce the stress on his arm.

Prior to the 1998 season, Smoltz had arthroscopic elbow surgery to remove bone chips. He also had arthroscopic elbow surgery in September 1994 to remove a bone spur and chips, and was only 6-10 with a 4.14 ERA in 21 starts.

"He's pitched in a lot of pain for the last couple of years," Maddux said. "When your arm hurts more than it should, it's no fun. You hate your job."

Added Glavine: "Hopefully, it will be just for this year. Combined, the Big Three has won seven Cy Young Awards: Smoltz (1996), Glavine (1991 and 1998) and Maddux (1992-95). Kevin Millwood joined the rotation last year on a full-time basis and won 18 games.

The Braves went 102-59 last season and won their eighth straight division title despite missing Galarraga and Ligtenberg for the year. Also, All-Star catcher Javy Lopez was sidelined for several months.

"It's going to hurt us, but this club is used to dealing with adversity and injuries," Jones said.

Smoltz will get his salary of $8.5 million this season, with insurance covering almost all of it for the Braves. The team has an option on him for $8 million in 2001.

"I'm going to miss standing in front of my locker, and working out and doing the things I've done for 13 years," he said. "But at the same time, I believe it's going to lengthen my career."

Ligtenberg, whose comeback is progressing nicely, talked with Smoltz about his recovery.

"I told him it's going to be a tough rehabilitation," the reliever said. "There are going to be days when you don't want to do it."

But Smoltz and his teammates were sure they'd be OK.

"I think last year has given us a sense that we know we can do it without our big guns," Millwood said. "I think that gives us a little confidence. Maybe there's a sense that we did it once, we can do it again."
Thursday, March 9, 2000

LENT ME YOUR EAR
Jim Lies, C.S.C.

Last month would have been my parents forty-ninth wedding anniversary. In fact, they only had fifteen years together before my father's sudden death at the age of forty-two. My mother was great with child with number ten when he died, and the oldest was fourteen. I was near the tail end of the brood, the eighth child (my twin was ninth, a detail of which I often remind him) and four years old when my Dad died. I have long said that I did not lose a father in the same way that several of my older siblings did. They knew him; I didn't. I don't feel as though I had lost my father because I don't remember ever having one. (I realize psychologists could have a field day with that line!) What I did have, were those through whom God made up all the difference, my mother and my siblings.

We live our lives sometimes convinced that we must certainly have it worse than everyone else in the world, but there are other times when we know ourselves to be so very much blessed, perhaps feeling in that moment of revelation, more blessed than anyone else in the world. What's the constant? What's the one thing that allows us to ride the waves which are, for us, the best of times and, at times, the worst. Dare I presume to be the one to say? I am no mystic, I can't even claim to be a theologian, but I am a Christian, and I do believe that that which undergirds all that I am and all that I do is God. Even in my most unhappy moments, I am sustained by a deep undercurrent of surety and even joy at the knowledge and experience of a God so great and so loving. Admittedly, there are times when that presence seems more evident than others, but on the whole, it is what sustains me.

We have come upon a time when all of us can take time to consider, more deeply the ways in which God is active and present in our lives, in the joy and in the sorrow, in the delight and in the pain. Lent affords us an opportunity to consider the ways in which that undercurrent has weaved its way through the meanderings of our lives and refreshed and sustained us along the way. In the Catholic tradition we are particularly blessed with a multitude of ways to enter into this holy season, many of which will be publicized on this page throughout Lent. Our tradition is rich with symbols and with self-sacrifice, such as yesterday with our celebration of Ash Wednesday. Only to the degree that we enter into the richness and self-sacrifice of this season, will Easter be for us all that we have entered into the sufferings of Jesus, so as to enter into His glory. Let this Lenten season be a time for us to enter into the mystery which is life and death and life again.
Dillon, Irish finally learn about winning in Garden

IRISH INSIGHT

With five seconds left and Notre Dame up by 12 points against Rutgers, Big East player of the year Troy Murphy stood at half court, pumped his fist and wished the ball off to point guard Jimmy Dillon.

Dillon clutched the ball and held it as the final horn sounded. How fitting, Dillon, a four-year member of the team and a first-year starter, knew all about playing in the Big East tournament.

Now he and the Notre Dame basketball program know what it’s like to win one there.

"It’s been exciting for me throughout the season and even in the preseason," Dillon said. "I just got a sense that we had something special this year. It’s been exciting to see the team progress through the years."

"Our togetherness and our coaching staff. It just seems a lot of things were clicking for us this year," he continued.

"Coming into the Garden, I’ve never been more excited to play in a game!" The Irish have come to the world’s most famous arena each of the past four years looking for that elusive first conference tournament win, only to have their hopes dashed in the first round each time.

Now the Irish, who tied their best conference record and earned their highest seed in the tourney, are moving on to play No. 2 seed Miami tonight.

"This means a lot to this program," Murphy said. "We never had a win in the Big East tournament, so this is a big step forward for us. This is a great team win and I had a great time playing tonight."

There were also a few former Irish players on hand who had a great time watching them Wednesday night.

"Kelly Tripucka is in the background there and he is someone who is a great supporter of us," first-year head coach Matt Doherty said. "We’ve got some former players back there and I try to bring them back and try and bring back the old days. I hope we made you proud, Kelly."

The Irish players definitely made their coach proud.

Notre Dame came out ready to play and stuck to the fundamentals — executing their half court offense, crashing the boards and playing solid zone defense.

"I knew they had a lot to play for and they played like it," Rutgers head coach Kevin Bannon said. "That looked like a team that really had something on its mind and was out to accomplish something."

Doherty challenged his team before the game and they responded.

"Now we will see how his troops fare against a tough Miami team. Miami may be the best defensive team we have played this year," Doherty said.

"We had a 12-point lead against them in the second half in Miami and then they really tightened up the screws defensively. So we have a big challenge."

"They are the co-champs of the league and we have nothing to lose really," he continued.

"We need to go out, play hard, play smart, play together and hopefully in the end, we’ll be in position to win the game."

The Irish and Hurricanes tip-off in the quarterfinals at 7:30 p.m. at Madison Square Garden.

Notre Dame dropped two regular season contests to Miami. The Irish will find out just how big a motivating force revenge can be.

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Happy 21st, Jenny

Mom, Dad and Molly

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Graves, Thursday, March 9, two free throws, followed up by a baseline jumper on the next possession. After that, the Irish never led by less than right.

"The last time I made it too much about playing against Rutgers," said Murphy, a New Jersey native. "I was going out there and playing against the whole team and trying to do everything and it really got to me. Today I just tried to focus on the game. I think a lot of times I tried forcing shots the last game."

"The Irish took as large as a 17-point first-half lead, shooting 56 percent from the field. They outrebounded the Scarlet Knights 23-14 in the first half, behind nine boards by Murphy.

"They got off to such a terrific start at both ends," Rutgers coach Kevin Bannon said. "They played their zone very, very well. We didn't get a lot of good looks early. We missed some shots early, and I think we lost some offensive confidence. But I think most important, they just did a great job of running their offense. They got us onto our heels."

Ahead 37-22 at half-time, the Irish maintained a double-digit lead throughout most of the game. The only potential concern was foul trouble. Starting forwards David Graves and Harold Swanagan tallied four fouls, with eight minutes remaining, and Murphy picked up his fourth foul in the final minutes.

The physical play left blood on Murphy's jersey, who took the banging and bruising throughout the game, and all of a sudden, the ref comes up to you and tells you that you have blood on your jersey. Every game has been physical throughout this entire Big East season, and I don't expect it to be any different in the tournament."

Murphy led all scorers with 25 points and 14 rebounds in 40 minutes of play. In last year's Big East tournament opener, he scored 25 and pulled down 15 rebounds.

"When they made shots early, we knew that was going to be tough," Bannon said. "When they're making shots, that just gives Troy that much more room to operate. When you have to worry about both, that's when this is a team that can play with anybody in the country, in my estimation."

Wednesday's win, Notre Dame's first ever in the Big East tournament, relied on strong efforts by the entire team.

The Irish held the Scarlet Knights to 37 percent shooting in the game, a number tough to overcome when your opponents out-rebounds you.

They held Billet to 16 and junior guard Jeff Green to 10. The Scarlet Knights' leading scorer was Dahntay Jones with 10 points.

In addition to Murphy, Notre Dame had three players in double figures — Graves, Swanagan and freshman Jere Macura each scored 10 points.

"It was a great win for us," Doherty said. "We were embarrassed at Rutgers about a month-and-a-half ago. We had a lot to prove to ourselves and, I guess to other people, that we can play against a tough, physical, man-to-man defensive team."

The Irish continue their quest for a Big East Championship at 7 p.m. tonight against the Miami Hurricanes.
Blue Devils' Dunleavy to return for ACC Tournament

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Duke freshman Mike Dunleavy went through his first full practice Wednesday after missing four games with mononucleosis, and said he was ready to play in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

"I feel pretty good," Dunleavy said. "I guess it's kind of like riding a bike. You don't really forget how to do it."

Coach Mike Krzyzewski said Dunleavy, usually the first player off the bench for the Blue Devils, would get limited playing time Thursday night with No. 3 Duke plays Clemson in a first-round game at the Charlotte Coliseum.

Dunleavy wasn't held out of any drills during the 60-minute workout and looked sharp passing the ball and shooting it, and showed no sign of being overly fatigued.

Like Krzyzewski, however, Dunleavy said he was unsure how long he would be able to be effective Thursday.

"Hopefully with the adren­alone, I'll be able to play a little bit longer than I would expect," he said.

Rodman, who before the i l l n e s s appeared lighter than his listed 280 pounds, said he lost no weight in recent weeks. "When I was able to get home, my mom fed me pretty well," he said, "so I was able to keep the weight up."

NBA

Dallas cuts maverick Rodman

The Associated Press

DALLAS - Dennis Rodman needed less than a month to wear out his welcome in Dallas.

The Mavericks gave up on their biggest drawing card when No. 3 Duke plays Clemson in a first-round game at the Charlotte Coliseum.

Rodman, the pierc­ed, most-tattooed player in league history.

Associated Press
FOURTH AND INCHES  
TOM KEELEY

JORDAN, I'M JUST TRYING TO POINT OUT THAT YOU PUT THINGS OFF LIKE WHOA!  

STUDYING, THE LAUNDRY, HOUSEWORK. IN FACT, NAME ONE TIME WHERE YOU DIDN'T PROCRUSTINATE.  

YOU'RE DOING IT RIGHT NOW!  

I SHOULDN'T DO IT OVER WHILE I'M PARKING.  

I'M SORRY, I MEANT A LARGE MILKSHAKE.  

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THIS IS JUST TO HOLD ME OVER WHILE I'M HUNGRY.  

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Connecticut wins battle of boards, crushes BC

2000 Men’s Big East Championship
Connecticut 70
Boston College 55
Seton Hall 85
Providence 55
Georgetown 85
West Virginia 67
Villanova 65
Pittsburgh 55

Associated Press

Connecticut opened defense of its Big East Tournament championship with a 70-55 thumping Wednesday of Boston College.

Jake Voskuhl led the Huskies with 16 points and 11 rebounds while Kevin Freeman had 11 points and 11 rebounds. Khalid El-Amin scored 14 points and Alber Mourning added 12.

UConn outrebounded the undermanned Eagles 46-26.

The No. 21 Huskies, national champions a year ago and winners of their last two conference tournaments and three of the last four, dominated after a slow start and BC could not overcome long scoring droughts. BC, playing without injured Big East Rookie of the Year Troy Bell, simply could not keep up with the deeper Huskies. Kenny Walls led the Eagles with 13 points while Michael Cotton scored 11 and Kenny Harley 10. The victory was UConn’s 23rd straight against BC, a streak that ties the Big East Conference record of 23 straight set by Syracuse against Seton Hall from 1982-92. Then Huskies have not lost to the Eagles since the 1987-88 season.

BC opened fast and led 14-6 following consecutive 3-pointers by Xavier Singletary. But then the Eagles went scoreless for nearly eight minutes and UConn shot in front with a run of 12 points. UConn led 31-25 at the half and then after Voskuhl drained six points with the first basket of the second half, the Huskies, led by Voskuhl and El-Amin, went on another run of 18-4 to put the game away. Voskuhl had six points and El-Amin five as UConn improved to an 18-point lead. The victory moved UConn into Thursday’s quarterfinals of the Big East tournament.

Georgetown 85, West Virginia 67

Kevin Braswell’s 3-pointer with .2 seconds remaining gave Georgetown a victory over West Virginia and kept alive the Hoyas’ streak of being in the tournament finals of all 21 Big East tournaments.

Braswell, who finished with 19 points, took an inbound pass under his own baseline and launched a 3-pointer with seconds left in regulation, lifting the Hoyas to their first Big East title since 1987.

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