Midnight alcohol rally escalates

Police respond to calls reporting vandalism at Main Building

By HELENA PAYNE

The midnight rally, which lasted more than 30 minutes, ended abruptly when students quickly scurried away from the scene after Notre Dame Security/Police arrived at 12:30 a.m.

NDSP Sgt. Greg Pavrlica said police received a call about a disturbance outside Main Building and "some vandalism along with a fire," which they are investigating.

The rally ended in no injuries or arrests. "Don't give up the fight," said O'Neill Hall President-elect Joe Muto, a sophomore who has been vocal about his contempt for the alcohol policy. Which he will ban in-hall dances to the Midnight rally, not the bottles of Absolut. Seidl, who spoke to the crowd, added that she had expected more of a student response at the meeting. "I was really frustrated afterwards," said Seidl, adding that she had expected more of a student response at the meeting. "I was surprised that only a small crowd of the students was being proactive." Later Monday, Seidl, along with sophomores Gabby Sopko, Leah Bertke and Mary Miksch decided to take action. The women made posters and began spreading message of the du Lac demonstration by word of mouth.

However, Seidl and the other planners advertised that students should bring copies of du Lac and old gifts from in-hall dances to the rally, not the bottles of Absolut. Barardi, Jose Cuervo and lighters to burn du Lac that participants also added to the list. "We didn't intend for people to start lighting things on fire," said Seidl. "The people who started fires went to extremes to try to see RALLY/page 4.

Hahn shares stories in 'Last Lecture'

By MEGHAN MARTIN

Notre Dame's Alexander Hahn may have claimed to be out of his element, but the mathematics professor, entertained and inspired his audience with ease during Tuesday in the final installment of the student government-sponsored Last Lecture series.

"Mathematicians," he said, "always have their security blankets: a piece of chalk, a blackboard and logic to the flow of their studies. Here, there is no blackboard, no chalk." To the friends, colleagues and students gathered among the couches of Welsh Family Hall's family room Tuesday night, Hahn imparted the wisdom and insight he has gained throughout his life, from his childhood in Austria to his tenure as director of the Science College Honors Program at the University.

A 37-year veteran at the University, he discussed his early experiences in a "formidable" grade school run by Benedictine monks and related the tale of his family's subsequent move to America, predicated by the disastrous Hungarian revolution.

His initial frustrations with the English language and the suggestion of a college friend led him to the study of math during his years at Loyola University in Los Angeles. He took his friends' advice to heart, and it eventually led him to graduate school at Notre Dame, an arrangement that would eventually lead to his current position as full professor of mathematics at the University.

Realizing that he was asked to speak in the Last Lecture series, a theme which itself evokes a melange of emotions, Hahn reflected on the relevance of his work, asking himself, "What has your contribution been?" and "What will your living days all have added up to?"

His own response, he says, was to initially rule out all mate-
Students vs. ND

It seems apparent that the student war on Father Mack Poorman's drinking resolutions is going to play out on the pages of the student newspaper, the Observer. Essentially, it's not my problem anymore. I am "of age," and I live off campus.

I like to fight, argue, and generally make people feel uncomfortable. But I am not about to take on the administration of this University. If there is a student petition, I will sign it. If there is a march on the Main Building, I will show up and watch people burn the student handbook and revel in the rauous behavior of the angry mob. But I am not going to organize my own movement in support of a student body that cares more about scholarship than drinking-oriented social interaction.

I believe students should have alcohol, lots of it. I think before a student earns the right to drink beer, he should be forced to drink two shots of Everclear. For those of you who are not familiar with Everclear, it's 95% grain alcohol, and frankly, it's the toughest shot I have ever had to do. The point is that you would rather strap yourself into a dentist's chair and endure three hours of root canal than swallow this liquid.

In essence, drinking is part of the Notre Dame experience. I guarantee most people will remember the night they yanked out their roommate's top left rather than the day they received a good grade on one of their course papers.

I honestly hope undergrads retain their drinking rights. Drinking is a part of college. Just walk into the Alumni Lounge for a reunion weekend, and you will see the proof for yourself. Every alum over 50 has a hand branded with liquor, and they have an extremely red complexion. Their faces wear the marks of a drinking life which I bet started either in college or before.

I bet they got bored, tailgating or handcuffed for drinking at a Lafayette Football game. I think before a student earns the right to have a beer gut, he should have to do a fifteen charge to commit murder—the fifth charge brought against the Vermont teen accused of killing the two Dartmouth College professors at an arraignment hearing at Grafton County Superior Court on March 6. In a motion to consolidate the four existing first-degree murder charges, state prosecutors have alleged the Zantop murders were only part of "an overall scheme by the defendant to eliminate witnesses and to travel to Australia."
Poet González speaks at SMC

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer

Poet and writer Rigoberto González read excerpts from his upcoming memoir and poems from his first collection of poetry to an audience at Saint Mary’s in Haggar Parlor Tuesday.

Richard Yáñez, an English professor and a Center for Intercultural Leadership fellow, introduced González to the audience and was the main supporter in bringing the talented poet to campus. The writer read from his upcoming memoir, “Butterfly Boy” and his first collection of poetry. “So Often the Pitcher Goes to Water Until it Breaks.”

“One of the reasons I came to CWIL was to bring different guests to campus. Because of my own literary background, I want to bring many different writers.”

Yáñez said, “Bigo and I have many different ties, from Arizona and beyond.”

González was born in Bakersfield, Calif., but spent a majority of his childhood traveling between the United States and Mexico. As the son and grandson of migrant workers, these experiences are reflected in his work. His memoir, “Butterfly Boy,” expresses these journeys.

“It is an emotional journey, going from migrant farm worker to going around to colleges and reading poetry. My memoir tries to understand this journey,” González said.

The first poem that González read, “Blizzard,” was about the first time he saw snow while in New Mexico. It reflected the weather he saw Tuesday in his first trip to Indiana.

While some of González’s work includes graphic details of sex and violence, he welcomed the reactions of the audiences. “It’s ok to be freaked out by my work.” González said. “Part of me expects that, wants that and gets off on it.”

González also said that despite the graphic nature of some of his work, he is very squeamish when it comes to seeing something in real life.

González ended the session with a reading of “The Man Who Gives You Nightmares,” stating that he wanted the excerpt to give the audience bad dreams.


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SICB talk centers on U.N. contracts

By KATIE VINCER
News Writer

The Student International Business Council held a council coffee break Tuesday evening at Saint Mary’s.

“We’re trying to bring everyone together in a comfortable atmosphere to discuss issues,” said senior Mary Campe, SICB director of marketing.

Father Oliver Williams, director of the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business, provided the United Nations Global Contracts as the discussion topic.

“The UN Global Contracts is a set of nine principles concerning human rights, environmental issues, discrimination, and abolition of child labor,” said Williams.

Kofi Annan, secretary-general of the United Nations, created and sculpted these principles. He announced these principles in January 1999 at the Davos World Economic Forum. This compact is an attempt to stabilize the world market.

Williams is organizing a conference this April addressing this contract. “The purpose of this conference is to familiarize U.S. businesses with this compact,” said Williams.


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Lies becomes CSC director

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

Father William Lies, a guest scholar for the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, will become the new executive director for the Center for Social Concerns this summer.

He replaces Father Don McNeill, who is leaving for sabbatical.

Lies, who is getting his post-doctorate in political science from the University of Pittsburgh, has shown the leadership qualities that the CSC staff and Notre Dame administration wanted for McNeill’s successor, the departing director said.

“We shared a similar passion for justice and for the social mission of the church,” said McNeill, who has been with the CSC for 19 years.

More than a year ago, University President Father Edward Malloy and Vice President for Public Affairs and Communication Lou Nanni considered the possibility of a Holy Cross priest becoming the new executive director.

“Everyone agreed that if we could find someone that had the gifts and the passion of the Center, that we would very much like that person,” McNeill said.

Lies, who received his master of divinity degree from the University in 1993, was also ordained on campus at the Sacred Heart Basilica in 1994. He had worked in Chicago, Iowa, Chile and many U.S. Latino communities before returning to Notre Dame.

“This job is an exciting assignment for me — for the entire Center staff. And I look forward to working with them and with many others in the effort,” said Lies.

Lies said he looks forward to the new challenges of reaching out to more students and getting faculty involved with the CSC.

“I see the Center’s job as helping to round out the intellectual and spiritual formation of our students,” McNeill said.

“We look to enhance what Notre Dame as a university is trying to do, and we do it by collaborating with a lot of others to offer formative educational and service experiences for our students.”

The CSC has existed since 1983, when McNeill helped found the office along with students and administrators who wanted to extend the social service and experiential learning options available at Notre Dame.

“It’s been a great joy, and the joy has been to share as a Holy Cross priest with many lay women and men the common commitment to respond to the call for a more just and humane world,” said McNeill, who will begin his one-year sabbatical on July 1.

McNeill said he plans to engage in the three “Rs”: relaxation, renewal, and recreation.

“I’m not retiring like many of my classmates. I’m seeing this as a transition to another type of Holy Cross ministry,” said 66-year-old McNeill.

During the sabbatical, McNeill said he plans to travel to Bolivia to improve his Spanish and work with the Maryknoll order there for two months.

Afterward, McNeill said he wants to work in the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago to do social outreach work with Latinos, as well as spend some time in San Antonio and Mexico.

“I feel grateful for my years at Notre Dame,” said McNeill.

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ven home “with stark finally” by the estate sale of Evelyn George, a local restaurant proprietor, that he attended nearly a year ago.

“Every bit of matter she had accumulated was there, and it sort of struck me as a demean­ing exercise.”

Further citing such material marvells as the cathedrals of medieval Europe and the ancient Egyptian pyramids, Hahn emphasized the fact that although those are “the creation of genius, these are environmen­tal things,” an environment making a contribution. All of us are going to be called upon to make a contribution to this ever­evolving tapestry of art, of litera­ture, of science, of medicine,” he said. “I’m old, you’re young; you can make a contribution.”

A past recipient of the Frieden Award for excellence in teaching first-year students and former chair of the Math Department, Hahn conveyed to his audience the encouragement he was able to find in the story of another celebrated professor, Morrie Schwartz, as written by Schwartz’s former student Mitch Albom, in his book “Tuesdays with Morrie.”

“Mitch” represents us — per­haps the earliest version of you, perhaps a younger version of me. I think about my situation through the eyes of Mitch,” he said, reading passages from the book, which served as a segue to Hahn’s own parting words of wisdom.

“Morrie’s seminar was meant for an older audience, but it is never too early to embark on its central lesson: create your own legacy. Here at Notre Dame, opportunities abound.”

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Earthquake destroys Afghan city:

An earthquake measuring 6.1 razed an entire city and several villages in a remote area of northeast Afghanistan, with initial reports saying that it killed as many as 2,000 people and left legions homeless. The earthquake struck early Monday evening. "The whole city of Nahrin was destroyed," said an Afghan official.

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INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Gunman’s history of mental illness:
The gunman who killed four co-workers at an aircraft parts factory in South Bend and then took his own life had a history of mental illness and once plotted to shoot passersby from a courthouse tower, police said Tuesday. Lockey planned to use his 6-month-old daughter as a hostage to force a deputy to give him the key to the clock tower, and then to use the baby and the deputy as hostages to keep police from shooting at him while he fired on the town, the newspaper said.

U.S. soldiers carry confiscated ammunition onto a helicopter in the Shahikot Valley in eastern Afghanistan. Part of the U.S. mission in Afghanistan is to search for and capture bin Laden's top officials.

U.S. hunts for top aide to bin Laden:

Associated Press

KHARWAR

In the mountains and gorges of eastern Afghanistan, U.S. aircraft are hunting for al-Qaida and Taliban fighters after local Afghan commanders reported sightings of al-Qaida’s second in command.

Egyptian Ayman al-Zawahri reportedly was traveling on horseback with three senior clerics and 26 al-Qaida officials, all Arabs, U.S. officials, however, say there is no credible evidence al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden or his top aide is among the group.

Al-Zawahri, 50, spiritual adviser and personal physician to bin Laden, was last seen about a week ago near the site of this month’s Operation Anaconda battles between U.S. troops and al-Qaida fugitives in neighboring Pakita province, according to Mohammed Momen, an Afghan intelligence officer from Gardez.

From there, Momen and other Afghan authorities believe al-Zawahri made his way to this part of eastern Afghanistan’s Logar province, about 55 miles southwest of Kabul. It is a region with a long history of support for the Taliban.

"We are sure, 100 percent, they came in this direction," Momen said as his car lunged and lurched over a rock-strewn road through the Darang Gorge that leads to Kharwar a forelorn and parched plain flanked by snow-streaked mountains.

Overhead, a U.S. reconnaissance plane could be heard prowling the skies. Four distinctive jet streams of B-52 bombers were seen against the blue sky.

Momen said he had received word that al-Zawahri plans a meeting with his supporters sometime this week in one of three places — Kharwar, Charik or Sur Tangi Gorge. All are within 50 miles of each other.

The Pentagon, U.S. military officials played down reports that al-Zawahri or bin Laden himself have been sighted. In December, U.S. officials, acting on tips from Afghan allies, said they believed bin Laden was cornered in the Tora Bora cave complex. When the area was overrun, no trace of bin Laden was found.

"It’s almost a weekly occurrence that we get a couple of reports," of sightings, Pentagon spokes­woman Victoria Clarke said at a briefing Tuesday.

COLOMBIA

Man arrested in archbishop slaying:

Associated Press

BOGOTA

The head of a Cali-based gang that allegedly trains young assassins was arrested in the slaying of the city’s archbishop, officials said Tuesday.

John Jairo Maturana was arrested in a joint police-army operation Monday in Cali, Colombia’s third largest city. Authorities said they believed Maturana either had information on the slaying of Archbishop Isaias Duarte or took part in the killing.

Maturana’s was the first major arrest in the March 17 killing. The archbishop was killed as he left a group wedding in a poor Cali neighborhood. He was the highest ranking Roman Catholic clergyman killed in this country plagued by drug violence and a 30-year civil war.

Authorities have said they suspect cocaine traffickers were behind the murder. Duarte had recently denounced the use of drug money to finance candidates in legislative elec­tions.

Army 3rd Division Gen. Francisco Pedraza said Maturana, nicknamed “Martinita” and believed to be in his late 20s, is the leader of one of the city’s most feared gangs. "Maturana ... is the head of the assassins school," Pedraza told local RCN television.

"He should be able to give information ... or could have even participat­ed in the death of the bishop, because he is a person who deals in the business of death," Pedraza said.

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ZIMBABWE

Voting figures expose alleged election foul play

Associated Press

HARARE Widespread disparities in official voting figures should nullify President Robert Mugabe's victory in presidential elections earlier this month, Zimbabwe's opposition said Tuesday.

Official results show Mugabe won the March 9-11 election with 56 percent of valid votes cast to 42 percent for Movement for Democratic Change leader Morgan Tsvangirai.

But late Election Supervisory Commission voting tables differed widely from results announced by Registrar-General Tobaiwa Mudede, opposition officials said in a report that included purported copies of the voting tables.

The supervisory commission organizes the logistics of the election, while Mudede is in charge of voter registration, supervising the ballot boxes and announcing the results.

To bring Mugabe's vote total below the required 50 percent majority and force a potential runoff, the opposition would need to prove that 200,000 votes were improperly cast. MDC officials said the disparity calls into question enough votes to invalidate Mugabe's entire 434,000-vote lead, and it was considering legal action to challenge the results.

The tallies showed unusually high voter turnouts in ruling party strongholds and a decline in urban opposition strongholds since parliamentary elections in 2000, opposition legal affairs spokesman David Coltart said.

Coltart said both the commission's statistics and the announced results amounted to about the same total of votes, but adjustments from districts to district had weighed heavily in Mugabe's favor.

"We have evidence of low turnouts where the figures show otherwise and vice versa," he said. "These figures must be explained by the relevant authorities."

In one instance, the supervisory commission showed 46.993 votes cast in Bulawayo district in western Zimbabwe, compared to the 29,340 votes Mudede announced, a shortfall of 17,653 votes, the MDC said.

Tsvangirai lost that district by about 4,000 votes.

The MDC also found nationwide there were 185,961 "missing votes" and 106,731 "extra votes." Mugabe, 78, led the nation to independence from Britain in 1980 and faced little dissent until recent years, when the nation's economy collapsed and political violence erupted.

Several foreign election observers have said the poll was biased to ensure a Mugabe victory.

The Commonwealth of Britain and its former colonies has suspended Zimbabwe from its council meeting in Nantertre, a middle-class suburb of western Paris, officials said.

Prime Minister Lionel Jospin rushed to the scene. Rising crime has risen to the top of France's political agenda ahead of presidential elections in the spring.

Thousands of police officers hold nationwide strikes in December, saying they deserve more pay and better equipment because their jobs have become increasingly risky.

The protests started after two officers were shot and killed during an armed robbery in a Paris suburb in October.

In October, a masked gunman opened fire near the city council meeting in Nantertre, a middle-class neighborhood near a business district of western Paris, officials said.

"This is a very serious incident," Georgia-born U.S. national Christian Decolorado of the Paris rescue squad said. He said police arrested the suspected gunman but did not provide any other detail on how the apprehension occurred. The suspect was not identified. Police said the motive was not immediately clear.

The shooting took place at around 1:15 a.m. following a city council meeting in Nantertre, a middle-class neighborhood near a business district of western Paris, officials said.

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FRANCE

Gunman kills at least 8 near Paris suburb

Associated Press

NANTERRE A gunman opened fire near the city hall of a Paris suburb early Wednesday, killing at least eight people and wounding 18 others, rescue officials said.

At least eight of the wounded were in serious condition, Dozens of police vehicles and more than 100 rescue officials flooded the scene in the western Paris suburb of Nantertre, said Cmdr. Christian Decolorado of the Paris rescue squad.

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Hesburgh earns honorary degree

Notre Dame President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh added to his record of honorary degrees at Ohio State University's winter commencement exercises on March 22.

The new honorary doctor of humane letters degree will bring Hesburgh's total to 148, the most ever bestowed on one person, according to the Guinness Book of World Records.

One of the 20th century's leading figures in higher education, Hesburgh served as Notre Dame's president from 1952-87. His 35-year tenure included the transfer of governance from the Congregation of Holy Cross to a predominantly lay Board of Trustees in 1967, and the admission of women to the undergraduate program in 1972.

Since his retirement, Hesburgh, 84, has continued to serve on the boards of national and international organizations, write articles and deliver speeches.

Highlighting a lengthy list of awards to Hesburgh are the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest honor awarded by Congress, and the Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, bestowed on him by President Lyndon Johnson.

Blood vessels made from stem cells

WASHINGTON

Scientists seeking new ways to repair damaged arteries and ailing hearts have coaxed stem cells from a human embryo into forming tiny blood vessels.

It's the first time human embryonic stem cells have been nurtured to the point where they will organize into blood vessels that could nourish the body, according to Robert Langer, leader of a laboratory team at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

But it isn't likely to be the last, as scientists pursue research into uses for stem cells despite debate over the ethics of using the cells.

The new development is reported in Tuesday's online issue of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Dr. John Gearhart of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine said the research is a "nice illustration" of how stem cells can serve as a source of various types of cells, in this case for blood vessels.

"This is terrific," said Gearhart, who was not part of the research team. "It's another good example of the isolation of an important cell type from human embryonic stem cells."

"There are the kinds of papers we are going to see a lot of," Gearhart added.

Langer said the work shows that endothelial cells can be made from human embryonic stem cells.

Endothelial cells line veins, arteries and lymph tissue. They are key to the structures that carry blood throughout the body.

He said if the technique is refined, scientists may eventually be able to make in the laboratory blood vessels that could be used to replace diseased arteries in the body. There are thousands of operations a year now where doctors take vessels from one part of the body and transplant them to another," said Langer. Eventually, he said, such vessels would be made from embryonic stem cells.

Langer said endothelial cells also might be used to restore circulation to cells damaged by heart attacks. He said the processed stem cells may be able to re-establish blood flow to hearts failing due to blocked arteries.

The research was conducted under federal guidelines and President Bush last summer decided that federal funding would be permitted only for stem cell cultures that already existed and were made from embryos that were to be discarded by fertility clinics. The aim was to prevent further killing for research purposes of other human embryos.

"I don't think a lab will seek federal money to continue research using the same stem cell cultures, which were obtained from the Rambam Medical Center in Haifa, Israel. Embryonic stem cells are the ancestral cells of every cell in the body."

In a developing embryo, they transform into cells that make up the organs, bone, blood and other tissues.

Researchers hope to direct the transformation of such cells to treat ailing hearts, liver, brains and other organs.

Langer said his team cultured the cells in such a way that they were allowed to develop into various types of cells that are precursors to mature tissue.

From this colony, the researchers extracted cells that were following a lineage that would lead to mature endothelial cells.

"These were further cultured and some eventually formed primitive vascular structures. Some of the cells were injected into laboratory rodents, called SCID mice, whose immune system will not reject foreign tissue.

Langer said the cells continued to transform themselves and after 14 days they developed the tiny tubes and structure of capillaries, the small blood vessels.

He said some of the vessels contained mouse blood cells, suggesting that they had successfully incorporated themselves into the mouse circulatory system.

The result, said Langer, shows that embryonic stem cells can spontaneously transform to vessels and organize themselves into patterns like that which occurs during the formation of an embryo.

"This is the first time this has been done with human cells," said Langer.

Despite ethical debate, scientists plan to continue research

Associated Press

Los Angeles

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Langer said endothelial cells also might be used to restore circulation to cells damaged by heart attacks. He said the processed stem cells may be able to re-establish blood flow to hearts failing due to blocked arteries.

The research was conducted under federal guidelines and President Bush last summer decided that federal funding would be permitted only for stem cell cultures that already existed and were made from embryos that were to be discarded by fertility clinics. The aim was to prevent further killing for research purposes of other human embryos.

"I don't think a lab will seek federal money to continue research using the same stem cell cultures, which were obtained from the Rambam Medical Center in Haifa, Israel. Embryonic stem cells are the ancestral cells of every cell in the body."

In a developing embryo, they transform into cells that make up the organs, bone, blood and other tissues.

Researchers hope to direct the transformation of such cells to treat ailing hearts, liver, brains and other organs.

Langer said his team cultured the cells in such a way that they were allowed to develop into various types of cells that are precursors to mature tissue.

From this colony, the researchers extracted cells that were following a lineage that would lead to mature endothelial cells.

"These were further cultured and some eventually formed primitive vascular structures. Some of the cells were injected into laboratory rodents, called SCID mice, whose immune system will not reject foreign tissue.

Langer said the cells continued to transform themselves and after 14 days they developed the tiny tubes and structure of capillaries, the small blood vessels.

He said some of the vessels contained mouse blood cells, suggesting that they had successfully incorporated themselves into the mouse circulatory system.

The result, said Langer, shows that embryonic stem cells can spontaneously transform to vessels and organize themselves into patterns like that which occurs during the formation of an embryo.

"This is the first time this has been done with human cells," said Langer.
What with all the protests and hubbub surrounding the new alcohol policies and everything, I was reminded of an idea I had a long time ago, before this column existed and back when drinking liquor was still A-OK with the powers that be at this University. This idea comes from that peculiar and astonishing thing in all of our lives, freshman year. Strangely enough, it was a class that sparked this little nugget of theory and even more mind-boggling is the fact that it was a philosophy class and a discussion about René Descartes. I know, this is ridiculous. I promised never, ever, to include academic sources in my column and now I’m going and doing it. Don’t worry, though, you’ll see how quickly we’ll turn away from the actual academic theory.

Anyway, that old codger René said once “I think, therefore I am,” right? Not now. I learned in class that Descartes’ quote was really supposed to prove that humans existed in the world and not just in some bizarre world inside their own head. But then where would the head be located? This is why I hate waxing philosophical. Also, I think it’s probably mostly lucky and overprivileged kids and Saint Mary’s, are composed of those years ago with those confusing sources in my column and now I’m going and doing it. Don’t worry, though, you’ll see how quickly we’ll turn away from the actual academic theory. This idea was really great. But herein lies the problem. What a person thinks is a pretty good indication of the kind of person they are, true. But is what you think really who you are?

I don’t think so by a long shot. A person can sit around in a classroom or their dorm room and spew opinions until the cows come home and that doesn’t actually tell you anything about the person from where the theories and ideas were coming from. I know it wasn’t Descartes, but someone, Kierkegaard or Dick Van Patten probably, who said, “Easier said than done.” This is the point. Aimless talking is a waste of breath and nothing more. There’s also that saying about how opinions are like earholes. Everybody has one. What you think means nothing unless you act on those thoughts and opinions. In other words, if you don’t disapprove of something, don’t you imagine if 75 percent of the student population had shown up at Stonehenge that day to try and save the SVN, hard liquor and tailgating? 50 percent? Wha, something might have gotten changed for the better.

A message may have been sent to the people in charge. Maybe the students could have obtained a voice on this campus that stands for something, instead of a bratty murmur heard in the hallways and dining halls about how we’re being misrepresented. But those kind of numbers just don’t show up. Instead, a smaller group of spiritual protesters showed while the rest of the complainers sat around and well, complained. The message here is clear. Descartes was wrong. What a person thinks is a pretty good indication of the kind of person they are, true. But is what you think really who you are?

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Alcohol is not students’ only concern

Service and concern mark Notre Dame students

In her March 26 letter, Notre Dame grad­uate Mary Ann Hennessey remarked that “there is no cause but the cause of alcohol which can arouse the students of Notre Dame to action.” Let me add one cause to that list, at least — refuting virulently attacks by bitter Notre Dame graduates.

Hennessey cited the AIDS epidemic, the Gulf War and health care, among others, as causes which Notre Dame students don’t care about. Hennessey is just plain wrong. Notre Dame students are socially-conscious human beings who have always been interested in learn­ing and discussing such worthy topics as these. Ms. Hennessey should be invited to virtually any class in the law school, the government department or many of our other fine depart­ments to hear the intelligent dialogue that stu­dents have over many of today's “hot topics.” The fact that we don’t regularly hold open protests concerning these issues proves nothing. Did Notre Dame graduate anything useful? Is it responsible for the abominable health care situation? Did Notre Dame order the Gulf War? Of course not. If it was, then we would have lost many of our other fine depart­ments. All Notre Dame students protest that supports a worthy cause and make a difference in front of an audi­ence that can affect social change. In the meantime, students here are more focused on learning the facts and proving or dis­proving the beliefs. Don’t blame us if we choose to read and observe before we act.

In short, Hennessey ignores the many Notre Dame students that aim their future lives toward service, politics and teaching. After four years of organization, Notre Dame stu­dents are primed and ready to engage actively in politics and to make a difference in front of an audi­ence that can affect social change. In the meantime, students here are more focused on learning the facts and proving or dis­proving the beliefs. Don’t blame us if we choose to read and observe before we act.

Andrew Malahowski
law student
March 26, 2002

On March 26, Mary Ann Hennessey expressed her letter that the student body is concerned solely about alcohol and was apath­etic to other, more important caus­es, such as women’s rights or the Gulf War. This is not the first time I have heard this view expressed. It has been implied in several Viewpoint letters, and I have been lectured by some fellow students as to why protesting the alcohol policy serves as evidence that the student body has its priorities completely out of whack.

Allow me to make two points to these types. First, I’m insulted that you would judge us students based on the general student body based on the subject matter of mass demon­strations. You want to know the real reason why we don’t hold demon­strations for, say, the AIDS epidemic? It has nothing to do with apathy. It has to do with pragmatism.

The AIDS epidemic is not an issue that the Notre Dame as a whole has any control over — it is an issue that has been left to national bureaucrats and international organizations created expressly for that purpose. If you want to help the AIDS epidemic in South Africa, organizing small demonstrations at a university is a waste of time at best, because one of the most important, such as foreign aid commissioners, will listen. It would be much more sensible to work with­in the inherently pluralist democracy we live under and help find an organization at the University, or join one if it already exists, that devotes time and resources to the cause. Which, by the way, is the approach of many students — as proof I offer the success of the March for Life in Washington, D.C. — a protest that supports a worthy cause and which occurs in a venue that has some posi­tive effect. Where do you protest if you want to see abortion ended? In Washington, which is conveniently full of judges and legislatures, not politically inactive in­tellectuals and other important people.

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Kathleen Leicht
class of ’01
March 26, 2002

Lack of participation not a new problem

The difference between myself and most stu­dents at the time, and myself, was that I was a member of the Student Union Board staff for three years at Notre Dame and witnessed firsthand the efforts of the Student Union to try again and again, without avail, to have a voice in the truly important decisions at Notre Dame. Instead, intelligent students with good inten­tions are rechristened, or worse, ignored. Notre Dame kids are toasted as some of the brightest and best students in the country today by the same people who, behind the closed doors of Student Affairs, treat students as though they do not even merit expressing an opinion. If the alcohol policy is what the administra­tion thinks it will take to ensure the safety of its students, so be it. As some have said, you are free to leave; there are others who would give up alcohol entirely to attend Notre Dame. My problem is this: until the higher-ups at this University learn that Notre Dame students and alumni should have a place in the deci­sion-making processes that affect them, situa­tions like these will continue to contribute to the sad public commentary on what is other­wise known as a bright, progressive, student­oriented university. Sadly, I am sure the cur­rent prospective students visiting at this time are getting quite an earful from some of those same people.

In my years at the Student Union, I finally realized that our efforts have to be full­filled and unfulfilled. I am beginning to realize that, in the absence of a campus political arena, the majority of alumni are overlooked as well. Father Mark Poorman, the majority of alumni and I respect your leadership, intelligence and good faith. Please help ensure us that you respect ours.

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American policy is not perfect. However, the radical com­parisons made in Colman McCarthy’s guest column on March 22 are extremely irresponsible.

Equating the deaths of starving hungry beings with the deaths of animals for food is absurd. I hope that beef pro­ducers donate a few hundred thousand tons of veal to allevi­ate hunger in Africa. I wonder how McCarthy would respond to that moral dilemma.

Furthermore, the columnist states that the Bush adminis­tration’s domestic and foreign policy is following the “fam­il­iar script” of Nazi Germany. Now, call me an oppressive warmonger if you will, but it’s just a bit excessive to charac­terize the Bush government as the Fourth Reich.

McCarthy exhorts his readers to “withdraw support — political, financial and emotional” from entities that commit “human rights violations.” First of all, how can he draw that conclusion from his paper? And to you who com­plain about our lack of demonstra­tions, which I’m sure you all regular­ly attend, how about dismantling your high horse so that you can pull your head out of the clouds?”

Brodie Butland "1001"
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March 26, 2002
Tony Hawk completes holy trinity

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Editor

For the most part, sequels are always a letdown. Not so for the "Tony Hawk's Pro Skater" series, in which each game has been better than the last. Netervsoft and Activation 02's newest addition to the series takes advantage of the PlayStation 2's high-end processing capabilities and large storage capacity of its DVD format, while remaining true to the old addictive style. The game strikes the perfect balance between tweaking and overhauling.

One of the biggest gameplay improvements in "Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3" is the addition of the "revert" trick that allows players to string vertical ramp tricks into combos. The biggest scores in the last installment of the game were only possible during grind moves, sliding the board on an edge of a structure. By adding the connecting revert move, players will be able to explore a whole new world of combo tricks. Of course, there are tens of other new moves to try out and most of the old skaters are present, with the notable exception of Bob Burnquist who has recently added his moniker to the "Konami" skateboarding game series.

Although Burnquist was a favorite among "Tony Hawk Pro Skater" aficionados, gamers may not mis him as much as they initially expect. Bam Margera of MTV's "Jackass" has been added to the lineup, and gamers will be able to put a digital resolution of themselves in the action with the "Create-A-Skater" mode, which features an enormous amount of customization options, including body styles, clothes, glasses, tattoos and accessories. The level editor has also been updated if gamers get bored with the built-in levels that are based on real-life skate parks.

The most fascinating aspect of "Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3" is that it is the first PS2 game that can be played online. Online players can purchase the PlayStation 2's modem adapter, connect using a USB modem or connect directly through an Ethernet hub (perfect for college dorm rooms). Most gamers report favorably on the feature even though network lag can severely sway a match that is only two minutes long.

The physics engine in "Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3" is very advanced, and playing the game is almost intuitively enjoyable; there's a lot to learn in the game but players here find themselves improving almost unconsciously. Game designers also took a lot of time designing the new levels and addressed anti-aliasing issues often complained about in previous editions.

Another plus side of the game is its soundtrack, which features artists like KRS-One, Redman and Alien Art Farm. The game has a large selection of music and players can utilize the playlist feature to turn off any songs they don't like.

But "Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3"'s real strength lies in its gameplay. This game is perfect for a study break or a marathon all-nighter with friends. With a number of different games to play both competitively and cooperatively, "Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3" is sure to please almost all game fans. In fact, even gamers who don't like sports games will appreciate the beguiling gameplay.

"Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3" is probably more dangerous to a student's social life than the new alcohol polices.

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By ADAM TURNER
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Role-playing games (RPGs) are the under-appreciated, often overlooked children of the gaming industry. Gaming companies spend up to a year in development trying to create hype for a new world of combo tricks.

As the title was slapped with a mature rating for blood and gore, gamers find themselves in the middle of a huge, lushly designed world that fully takes the eyes of Rynn, a well-modeled Lara Croft look-alike, and her dragon, Arokh. Although tired and cliched, the game can't be compared to anything. Horrors can be whittled away as goblins are gutting monsters with all sorts of weapons that a gamer might typically avoid. With 50 hand-to-hand weapons and 30 spells, "The Ancients' Gate" provides aidable arsenal with which to plague the hordes of evil.

The animation and voice acting, almost always looked over in the lesser RPGs, are just great. The mission maps are huge and densely populated with monsters, quest subquests. From time to time, missions are added to the journal, which helps players remember what it is they are supposed to be doing. Some missions are required to finish the game, but some are optional, which really adds to the replay value.

The Ancients' Gates do have a lot of great features. For instance, the problem found with platform version of game's tax opposition (PC version) is that it is intolerable for the game's progress at all points. Not an issue here. The same menu is always available to save progress, eliminating annoying backtracking that is ever-present and frustrating in RPGs.

Another feature of "The Ancients' Gate" is that buying weapons a player buy can be broken. This makes sense, because after slaughtering about 500 Trog's, a scimitar should be darn near broken. This addition lends to the realism and the fun, and not the scenario of weapons that a gamer might typically avoid. With over 500 hand-to-hand weapons and 30 spells, "The Ancients' Gate" provides a plausible arsenal with which to plague all great games. The band-to-hand fighting system is not altogether perfect. A swing of the spiked mace can result in a miss just as likely as a hit, even with a targeting system turned on.

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'ancients' gate' opens way for role playing games

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Role-playing games (RPGs) are the under-appreciated, often overlooked children of the gaming industry. Gaming companies spend up to a year in development, trying to create hype for a new world of combo tricks. Any game that encourages abuse of the hardware deserves another run-through as the bug department. The controls in "The Ancients' Gate" can also be difficult to learn. For example, Arreh is very hard to control at first because of the degree of freeness that is impossible to save the game's progress at all points.

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Naughty Dog puts its tail between its legs

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Scene Editor

PlayStation game developing powerhouse Naughty Dog Inc., author of the ultra-successful "Crash Bandicoot" series, has started what hopefully will not become a running series for the PlayStation 2 with its newest release of "Jak and Daxter: the Precursor Legacy," its first foray into the three-dimensional platform genre.

Following its convention of having purposefully light plots, "Naughty Dog" set this game in a tropical utopia whose residents have strange mystic rites centering on an energy substance known as "eco," which comes in a number of varieties. Eco can be harnessed for a number of purposes, from giving the main character, Jak, superpowers to providing mechanical energy for a whole village.

The fluffy plot follows Jak's quest to find a cure for his buddy Daxter, who has fallen into a pool of "dark eco," which has turned him into a face planting, orange, ferret-type creature. The pair set off to explore their fantasy world and uncover the secrets of the mysterious Precursors, a race that left ancient machines lying around that can be activate by — you guessed it — the proper colored eco.

"Crash Bandicoot" fans will recognize the gameplay style of "Jak and Daxter" because they are almost identical. Jak even whips Daxter around his body in a suspiciously bandicoot-like manner and can do a leaping drop kick analogous to the face plant move in the "Crash Bandicoot" series.

The striking difference between "Crash Bandicoot" and "Jak and Daxter" is the latter's 3D free-roaming platform environment. The "Crash Bandicoot" series was limited to more or less linear levels, much like the original "Mario Brothers" were, but not necessarily side-scrolling. "Jak and Daxter" features an impressive design in which gamers can move about freely. If Jak is standing high up on a lookout point, he can see levels that are very far away. Normally these are represented by scaled down models, but in "Jak and Daxter" gamers actually see the real realms in the distance. As Jak moves through the game, the PlayStation 2 doesn't have to reload sections of the landscape back in to memory causing a pause in gaming. As a result, "Jak and Daxter" has a seamless feel.

The graphical capabilities of "Jak and Daxter" are phenomenal. While games like "Final Fantasy X" strive for realism, "Jak and Daxter" takes the exact opposite approach and makes its characters and landscapes cartoonish. The intricately detailed textures in the game give it a polished and precise look. The sound follows suit, delivering a fantastic three-dimensional quality.

The down side to "Jak and Daxter" is that it's not that much fun to play. The objectives of the game mostly involve searching various areas of the world to collect "power cells," relics that open up other areas for the duo to explore. The pair also collects "precursor orbs" which can be traded to non-player characters for power cells.

There are a number of enemies in "Jak and Daxter," but gamers are given a wide berth to run around enemies, ignoring them completely. Besides, the enemies are extremely easy to defeat and there are only a few wimpy bosses to take on. The real challenge of "Jak and Daxter" is finding all the relics in an area to open up new areas to be able to find all the relics there to open up yet another area, etc.

Furthermore, the game often neglects its three-dimensional realm by creating situations with only one path to complete the objective. These are usually based on an ascending structure like a mountain or scaffolding, which means that as soon as Jak falls off, gamers will have to backtrack looking for one stupid orb. It seems that Naughty Dog has created a beautifully designed game targeted at the obsessive-compulsive market.

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Jamas lead warriors past Timberwolves

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS - Antawn Jamison scored 25 points Tuesday night to help the Golden State Warriors win a 10-game losing streak with a 111-87 victory over the fading Minnesota Timberwolves.

Reserve Chris Mills added 18 points for Golden State, which had seven players score in double figures, and Mike Bibby had 20 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists in his first back-to-back game after suffering a sprained left thumb in his first game back last week.

Monty Williams contributed 18 points and a season-high 11 rebounds for his second double-double of the season. Reserve Troy Hudson added 16 points as Orlando snapped a two-game losing streak.

For Chicago, Jalen Rose scored 20 points, 14 in the third quarter, and had six assists and six rebounds. Marcus Fizer had 11 of his 15 points in the first quarter.

The Bulls have lost 13 of their last 15 games.

McGrady, who hadn't played since being wheeled off court last month after a Thursday in a loss to Charlotte, 78-76. He played the game away in the fourth quarter, scoring the first six points of a 13-3 outburst down 3-4 and left with 3:45 left and the Magic holding a 91-73 lead.

After allowing the Bulls to hang close into the third quarter, the Magic finally began to close the game out. McGrady ran up a three-point lead in the final two minutes and sat out with 6-2 2:46 left in the period, with McGrady assisting on three baskets.

From there, Chicago never came closer than eight points. The Bulls' comeback chances ended when Alvin Hill fouled out with 1:40 foul shooting in the fourth quarter.

Wizards 103, Nuggets 87

Washington had to worry about his playoff progress if he could schedule the Nuggets for a game.

Chris Whitney and Richard Hamilton scored 22 points each as the Wizards turned away the Nuggets in the first two quarters.

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Simon's last-minute goal lifts Capitals over Sabres

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y.
Chris Simon scored with 1:58 left, lifting the Washington Capitals to a 4-3 victory over the Buffalo Sabres on Tuesday night.

Daniel Zubrus had a goal and three assists, and Kim Klee and Brendan Witt also scored for the Capitals, who rallied from a 2-0 deficit in a critical game between Eastern Conference teams striving to stay in playoff contention.

The victory moved the ninth-place Capitals three points ahead of the Sabres and New York Rangers. It also improved Washington's record to 4-3 on its eight-game road trip, which concludes in New Jersey on Friday.

Miroslav Satan, with two goals, and Taylor Pyatt scored for the Sabres, who dropped to 2-4-1 on the season.

The victory moved the Capitals into a tie for first place in the Northeast Division with the Rangers and New York.

In overtime, the Sabres fell behind 3-2 when Zubrus scored a power-play goal 41 seconds into the third. Buffalo tied it when Satan deflected in Alexei Zhitnik's point shot five minutes later.

The goal was Satan's team-leading 28th, and marked his fifth two-goal game of the season, and third in 10 games.

Capsitals goalie Olaf Kolzig stopped 28 shots. His best save came midway through the third, when he kicked out his left pad to block Jay McKee's 20-footer.

Maple Leafs 7, Lightning 2
Tie Domi and Alexander Mogilny had two goals apiece as the Toronto Maple Leafs rallied for a victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Mats Sundin, Robert Reichel and Paul Healey also scored for the Maple Leafs, who had four goals in a span of 1:25 in the third period.

Reichel's goal at 5:10 gave Toronto a 4-2 lead. Dieter Kochan replaced goalie Nikolai Khabibulin, but it only got worse.

Kochan allowed three goals on his first four shots. After Sundin got his 36th goal, Domi scored just 16 seconds later and another 26 seconds after that.

The Maple Leafs won despite losing forward Gary Roberts (abdominal muscle strain), starting goalie Curtis Joseph (broken bone in his left hand), forward Mikael Renberg (strained left hamstring) and defenseman Dmitry Yakshich (blood clot).

Bruins 3, Hurricanes 2
Brian Rolston broke a 27-year-old Boston record with his eighth short-handed goal as the Bruins won their season-best sixth straight, beating the Carolina Hurricanes.

Rolston scored with less than a minute left in the second period to put the Bruins ahead and break the single-season franchise mark of seven held by four players — the last being Gregg Sheppard in 1974-75.

Glen Murray took a tripping penalty with 6:24 left, but Carolina failed to record a shot during its power play. Murray then scored 10 seconds after getting out of the box.

Rod Brind'Amour scored his fifth goal of the game and 20th of the season with Carolina playing 6-on-3 with 29.3 seconds left.

The Bruins, who failed to make the playoffs a season ago, have 94 points — four better than Philadelphia for tops in the Eastern Conference. Boston has already clinched a postseason berth.

The Bruins have also won nine of 10 and six straight on the road, their best road winning streak since 1997.

Southeast Division-leading Carolina hadn't lost at home since a 2-5 setback against Vancouver on Jan. 21 (1-0-7).

Arturs Irbe made a great diving save on Sergei Samonov in the slot midway through the second period to preserve Carolina's 1-0 lead.

But Samonov beat Irbe from in front of the net in the final minute to tie it. Rolston then scored his NHL-leading eighth short-handed goal when Jeff O'Neill fanned on a bouncing puck in the Carolina zone, and the Boston center broke free up ice alone. He faked Irbe to his left and tucked the puck into an open net with 55.5 seconds left in Boston's 16-shot second period.

Panthers 2, Canadiens 1
Mario Nikon scored a power-play goal with 4:19 left in the third period, and Wade Flaherty earned his first NHL win in 14 months as the Florida Panthers ended a five-game losing streak by beating the Montreal Canadiens.

Nikon scored his 14th goal at 15:41 of the third, just 10 seconds after Stephane Quintal was sent off for high-sticking. Nikon deflected defenceman Eric Beaudin's point shot past goalie Jose Theodore to break a 1-1 tie.

Flaherty, recalled from the AHL on March 20, made 32 saves in his first start — and appearance — of the season for his first win since Jan. 26, 2001, when he was with the New York Islanders.

Niklas Hagman also scored for the Panthers, who earned their first points since Pavel Bure was traded to the New York Rangers on March 17.

Yanick Perreault scored his 24th goal for Montreal, which dropped into a tie with Washington for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Canadiens right wing Andreas Dackell dressed for the game and played two shifts early in the first period despite not appearing on the official lineup.
NFL

Spurrier gets down to business in practice

Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — Steve Spurrier was going through a grueling practice in chilly fog and drizzle Tuesday as his first practice as an NFL coach. The fun ‘N Gun is definitely not this week in Florida any more.

"It's just like playing in Ireland," said Spurrier, whose trademark visor for a black baseball cap because of the weather.

The Washington Redskins' third day, non-contact mini-camp, is the chance for the new team to get to know his players and learn the feel of coaching in the big leagues, but the first practice session seemed the preamble and first straight to Chapter One.

"We put in — gosh — more plays in one meeting than I've ever seen in an offense," quarterback Danny Wuerffel said. "I was kind of thinking, 'How would these guys adjust to this?' to another team and you'll spend a week on two plays and you'll run them there and back over and over. We've got just about the entire playbook in one meeting.

At least Wuerffel was familiar with it all, having won the Heisman Trophy playing for Spurrier at Florida. Spurrier has signed other former Gators — Jacquez Green, Reidel McCal'thy, and free agent Jeff Blake didn't join the Spurrier-savvy Wuerffel, who wore gloves.

"That's how simple this offense is," Spurrier said. "It's what I like to talk about. The Patriots would come out on the field the en masses, but once they did, they weren't surprised." Steve Spurrier, who was the Patriots' director of personnel, said Spurrier was a good idea for less than five years of more than 10 years. The two became close when Flaco Pioli was beginning his career with the Cleveland Browns in the early '90s and Shapiro was starting in baseball operations with the Indians.

While watching games together at old Municipal Stadium, the future big-money executive spent a lot of time with Shapiro. "We would always talk about how we would do things if we would have a club," Shapiro said.

So a few weeks ago, Flaco Pioli invited Shapiro to Cleveland's camp to talk to the Indians. Before his speech, Flaco said, "I want to bring a person of values and not just a talent," Shapiro said.

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Jacquez Green, a second baseman, who wore gloves, raised his hands.

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NCAA Men's Basketball

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MLB

Selig pledges not to lock out players

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig pledged Tuesday not to lock out players through the World Series, leaving the door open to a strike this summer.

Selig said during a telephone interruption and they deserve to

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Our fans deserve to know that the 2002 season will be played to completion.

Bud Selig

MLB commissioner

Injury gives Banks a shot

Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. In one corner of the club- house, Boston Red Sox pitcher John Burkett was talking about disappointment over an injury that will sideline him for the start of the season. Any lackers down, pitcher Willie Banks was dirty to be getting a second chance because of injury.

Manager Grady Little told Banks he had made the team. Banks probably would have been the last pitcher released if Burkett hadn't gotten hurt.

"My hands are shaking right now," Banks said with a smile after meeting with Little.

"I've been sent down (to the minor leagues) the last day a couple times," he said. "For him to tell me he made the team, I don't know what's better, graduation day, winning the championship or making this club right now. I worked hard and it paid off!"

Banks, a first-round draft pick in 1997, missed the entire 1996 season due to a stress fracture in his right shoulder. The final day on his 30-day training camp.

During the strike, owners implemented a new revenue sharing plan on his 30-day training camp.

He specifically limited the pledge to the season and post- season, reserving for himself the right to kick off the same strata- tion plan for the World Series."

"I've got to be smart, but decided to step back and

形势, owners implemented a new unfair labor practice charge, the National Labor Relations Board issued a complaint and on March 31, 1995, a federal judge ordered owners to return to the old work rules, which caused players to end their strike.

Negotiations resumed and the sides signed a new contract on March 14, 1997.

Owners say baseball is losing hundreds of millions of dollars annually and has a competitive- balance problem.

They proposed a 12-month revenue sharing and a 50 percent luxury tax on revenues portions of payroll above $98 million.

Players are skeptical of management's claims of losses and haven't agreed that competitive balance is a problem. The union doesn't want to drain the high- revenue teams of money they would otherwise spend on salaries, and it has no interest in a luxury tax that would slow the increase in salaries.

The inability of the clubs and players' association to reach closure on a new basic agree- ment that would resolve the basic inequity of competitive imbalance that exists in our game today, I believe, would be a burden borne by our fans," Selig said.

Yankees pitcher Mike Stanton said players would strike if they think workers' rights.

"If we were pushed to it, we've proved in the past it's not just a threat," he said.

New York Mets pitcher Al Leiter said he hoped Selig's announcement "will allow an agreement sooner rather than later."

"It's encouraging, and it's a positive gesture to the great fans of the game," Leiter said in Fort St. Lucie, Fla.

We'll give every last man a chance to make this club right now," Willie Banks, Red Sox pitcher.

Banks

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MLB
Cubs send phenom Hill to minors

Associated Press

MESA, Ariz.
Chicago Cubs phenom Bobby Hill is going to have to wait a little longer to make his major league debut.

Hill was sent back to minor league camp Tuesday night, despite having a spring that most major league scouts would envy.

"He’s a little longer to make his major league debut," a person familiar with the situation said Tuesday night. "We didn’t want to put him down to Triple-A, continue to take that with me through the end of the week."

Hill will report to Triple-A on Wednesday, March 27.

Ron Santo, the former Cubs second baseman, was drafted by the White Sox in 1960, and then again by the White Sox three years later, but didn’t sign with either team. Instead, he spent three years at the University of Miami, leading the Hurricanes to the College World Series title as a junior.

He played one season at Newark of the Independent Atlantic League, where he hit .326. He also spent 57 games last season with Double-A West Tenn., where he batted .301 despite missing two months with a groin injury. He then hit .345 in the Arizona Fall League.

The Cubs wanted to see if he could duplicate those numbers in spring training, and he did.

"I played the way I needed to play," Hill said. "I hit the ball the way I needed to hit. I got on base the way I needed to. I scored the runs the way I needed to score."

"I showed every game that I know how to play," said Jim Hendry, the Cubs vice president of player personnel.

"It’s a situation clearly where we want Bobby — when he is introduced here — to play every day and not just get half-time work," Hendry said. "When he comes up, we want to play him every day.""T
day, Hill will turn 24 on April 3.

Though DeShields was .444 in spring training I had gave the right to play every day. DeShields who is going into his 13th season, also has more experience as a leadoff hitter.

"There’s no timetable. It’s not like, ‘Oh, Bobby, you’re going to be the guy next year.’ That’s not the case,” Hendry said. "We feel he can help the ballclub in 2002. Things can change in short periods of time." And Hill intends to be back. He doesn’t know when, but he’s sure he’ll be back with the Cubs before too long.

There won’t be any petting in the meantime, either.

"I’ve got to get a grown-up about it," he said. "If I let it get to me too much, then all I’ll do is go down and fall and it’s going to take me longer to get back to where I need to be. This is where I want to be. This is my goal, my dream.

"Someone told me you’ll know when you’re close. You’ll taste it, you’ll smell it, you’ll be able to feel it. And boy, I felt it this spring.""

In other news:

- Marlins catcher Charles Johnson returned to limited action, catching and hitting for the first time in three weeks.

- Texas right-hander Ismael Valdez returned to Florida on Tuesday night after an exam showed no ligament damage in his right elbow.

- Texas right-hander Ismael Valdez returned to Texas to be examined by sports medicine specialist Dr. Dan Nattiv.

Boston bats nail Rocker for 11-8 win

Associated Press

John Rocker might not be up to replacing the injured Jeff Zimmerman as Texas closer.

Rocker allowed four runs in one inning during an 11-8 loss to the Boston Red Sox on Tuesday.

Zimmerman, who hasn’t pitched since March 6, is expected to miss at least one month. The news was better on Rangers starter Ismael Valdes, who returned to Florida on Tuesday night after tests showed no ligament damage in his right elbow.

Cubs 13, Oakland 11

Moses Alou played for the first time in more than a week, going 2-for-3 with an RBI in the Chicago Cubs’ 13-11 loss to Oakland in Mesa, Ariz.

Alou had been sidelined for much of the spring with a strained muscle on his left side.

"I’m feeling OK," he said. "I think I’m going to be all right. Just get in these final three or four games, and tune up for the opening of the season."
Irish senior Nina Vaughan returns a serve during Notre Dame’s recent match against Miami. The Irish host the Fighting Illini of Illinois today.

**Men’s**

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matches at both No. 1 and No. 2, as well as two of the last four at No. 3.

"I think our team is confident, but I think we need to regain a little of what we had a week and half ago," D’Amico said. "We haven’t been competing as well as we can have been in the last couple of matches."

Against Indiana last week, the fifth-ranked doubles duo of Taborga and fellow senior Casey Smith fell to the Hoosiers’ Zach Held and Ryan Recht, who were not ranked.

"Lately we’ve been losing the doubles point after really solidifying it for the bulk of the season," Bayliss said. "I think [Taborga and Smith] need to have their antennae up and realize they have a target on their back and people are coming after them. They have to meet that challenge. They’ve lost three of their last four matches, so it’s been a little bit of a downward spiral."

Taborga also was upset in his singles match at Indiana, but Bayliss is not worried about his top player.

"It’s hard to get on Javier because in singles he’s really carried us," Bayliss said. "He’s been playing that No. 1 position. He’s been reeling off the wins. To see him struggle a little bit, I’m not concerned. Everyone has due a bad match every now and then, and [Taborga] had one."

However, Bayliss is concerned with ensuring that the Irish are not obsessed with their ranking and instead just maintain their intensity.

"We’ve had a marvelous year to date, and it’s difficult to keep your focus when the wins are flowing as they have been," Bayliss said. "My concern is that we not get caught up in the success we’ve had and that the Irish do not fail to keep doing the little things that got us where we were. We’ve never been an overpowering team," he continued.

"We’ve been a team that scored hard for every match and every point. And if we lose the intensity, twinning becomes difficult, because sometimes all of the sudden you wake up and say, ‘What happened?’"
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Celebrities Born on THIS DAY: Quentin Tarantino, Munich-born film director; and Jane Wyman, star of hundreds of films. Tarantino is known for his distinctive style and realistic depictions of violence. Wyman was a prominent actress in Hollywood. The next birthday on your calendar will be April 8.

Horoscope

April 1

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your financial picture will be a little clearer today. You will know that you are on the right course.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): If you have trouble getting along with others, a trip will be worth your while. You will discover things that will help you in the future. Keep an open mind.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get involved in activities that will help you expand creatively. You should be able to make the respect of colleagues if you can build a solid foundation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get involved in activities that will help you expand creatively. You should be able to make the respect of colleagues if you can build a solid foundation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Things may not go according to plan if you are trying to make a transition to a new home. A relative or someone you live with will leave you with added responsibilities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will be able to help someone with his or her problems if you tell them about some of your past experiences. Your sensitivity toward others will be appreciated.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may have trouble getting others to believe in what you are trying to achieve, but you are hard-working, you will accomplish your goals without the help of others.

Virgo and Libra.

Scorpio.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone you like may not be telling you everything. You may have added responsibilities today if an older relative or your family member needs your assistance.

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MEN’S TENNIS

Ready to feast on the Wolverines

The seventh-ranked Notre Dame men’s tennis team, wary of a string of upcoming opponents who have the potential to upset the Irish, travels to Ann Arbor today to play No. 40 Michigan. The team will then head to Terre Haute, Ind., to take on No. 32 Indiana State Saturday.

The Irish, coming off a 6-1 win at Indiana, are confident but not complacent. "We’re expecting a pretty tough match," freshman Brent D’Amico said. "(Michigan) is possibly a little under-ranked at this point. They have a lot of players that could definitely give us trouble."

Many of those players have given Notre Dame trouble in the past. The Irish shut out the Wolverines last year, but Notre Dame struggled to overpower Michigan at the Tom Fallon Invitational last fall and lost to the Wolverines two years ago.

"They have a lot of seniors on their team, much like we do, so it’s pretty much the same cast of characters," Irish coach Bob Bayliss said.

At the Tom Fallon Invitational, the two teams essentially squared off in a hidden dual match, with the Irish achieving the victory, but not without getting bruised by a Wolverines squad that was missing a few of its players due to injury.

"We won, but everything was really skewed," Bayliss said of the September 2001 tournament. "At that invitational, Greg Novak, Michigan’s No. 5 player, upset Notre Dame’s No. 1, senior Javier Taborga, who is currently ranked 11th nationally among singles players. Novak was eventually defeated by Notre Dame senior Aaron Talarico. Irish senior Casey Cohan was upset by Michigan’s Matt Lockin.

Today, the Irish will also be looking out for Henry Beam, ranked No. 1. Beam is 15-8 this season.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Irish start tough stretch against Illini

By COLIN BOYLAN
Sports Writer

With three tough matches against top-25 teams on the horizon, the Notre Dame women’s tennis team could be forgiven for overlooking their matchup with No. 65 Illinois today.

But after coming off a two-match losing streak against a pair of inferior opponents, no one on the Irish squad expects that to happen. "I think we’ll be well prepared for Illinois," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "At this point in the season, we understand how dangerous it is to look past any one match."

While the Irish have struggled in recent losses to Air Force and Purdue, the Illini will be wrapping up what has been a tough road trip during which they dropped six straight matches.

Senior Casey Cohan hopes to push that streak to seven, but both teams have matched up favorably in recent years. Ranked 54th in the nation, who will play Taborga at No. 1, Beam is 15-8 this season.

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WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Irish hold off Blue Hens

By CHRIS COLEMAN
Sports Writer

Behind a 10-save effort from goalkeeper Jen White Tuesday, the Notre Dame women’s lacrosse team defeated Delaware 9-7.

The teams locked at 7-7 with less than three minutes to play when Eleanor Weille scored the winning goal off a free position insurance goal as the teams battled back and forth throughout the second half.

"It was Notre Dame’s 2002 national championship team, much like we do, so it’s pretty much the same cast of characters," Irish coach Bob Bayliss said.

At the Tom Fallon Invitational, the two teams essentially squared off in a hidden dual match, with the Irish achieving the victory, but not without getting bruised by a Wolverines squad that was missing a few of its players due to injury.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

- Men’s Tennis at Michigan, today, 3 p.m.
- ND Women’s Tennis vs. Illinois, today, 3:30 p.m.
- Baseball at West Virginia, Thursday, 4 p.m.
- ND Softball at Pittsburgh, Saturday, 11 a.m.

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