Malloy speaks out on college alcohol abuse

By HELENA PAYNE

Just in time for National Alcohol Screening Day on Thursday, University President Edward Malloy shared findings on the risks of college drinking from research by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) Tuesday morning at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

Malloy, along with three other panelists involved in alcohol research, released a study by the NIAAA’s Task Force on College Drinking titled “A Call to Action: Changing the Culture of Drinking at U.S. Colleges.” The task force concluded that drinking by college students ages 18 to 24 contributes to an estimated 1,400 student deaths, 500,000 injuries and 70,000 cases of sexual assault or date rape each year.

The study also reports that a quarter of students in the 18-to-24 age group have driven while under the influence of alcohol in the past year. Also in the same age group, 400,000 students reported having had unprotected sex as a result of drinking.

Malloy, who co-chairs the NIAAA, which is part of the National Institutes of Health, has also chaired three other separate studies dealing with alcohol behavior in colleges.

“This has been an area that he’s been interested in and active in for a number of years now,” said University Institutional Revolutionary Party, which is in opposition to Fox’s National Action Party, which is in opposition to National Action.

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North steps down as ResLife director

By HELENA PAYNE

After faithfully completing six years at Saint Mary’s, Dana North, the director of Residence Life, will be leaving the Saint Mary’s community at the end of the year to accept a position of assistant dean of students at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio.

The reason that I decided to take the job is because it is closer to my home and family,” North said. “A lot of factors went into the decision. Six years in the residence life field is a long time to stay in one position. I am not mad at anyone nor have I had a bad experience with anyone. It is simply time for change.

North finished her degree training at the University of Ohio. North then took a job at Drake University in Iowa but found she wanted to be closer to Ohio, her family said.

Soon afterward North accepted a job at Saint Mary’s that would allow her to remain within three hours of home.

North first came to Saint Mary’s with the position as assistant director of Residence Life. She accepted that position in 1999 and held it until her promotion to director of Residence Life.

During this time, North successfully managed to change the programming model from the wellness model to the present-day model found in the residence halls at Saint Mary’s.

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The benefit of scandal

I don't think I'm going out on a limb assuming that most of you have probably heard about the recent problems the Catholic Church has been experiencing. I'm also assuming that you want to see a constructive solution to the problem. Oh, wait a minute, actually I am. After reading Johnny Burro's dissertation Monday, I was reminded why this whole problem has become so noteworthy: people like him want to forget about it and give the Church a rest.

The truth is that this is no small problem to brush away. It is being given massive amounts of media attention for good reason: namely that it is possibly the largest and most well-deserved scandal in the history of the Church. In his rigorous defense of the Catholic faith, however, Burns kindly offers excuses—that's right, excuses—for the Catholic Church. His defense of Catholicism amounts to listing reasons why it is popular to bash the Church and likens the recent scandal to being just so much wood on the fire. I have to be blunt, but this is just plain wrong. Comparing the unpopular requirements of a rigorous faith to the molestation of children is tragically misguided, even if it is for the purpose of exonerating the Church.

I contend that there is absolutely no reason for the media to lay off the Catholic Church. As a matter of fact, its recent coverage of the problem has had a positive effect on the Church and is the only way for beneficial change to occur when dealing with an institution such as the Catholic Church. Since the scandal has broken out, the archdiocese in Boston has suspended several priests from performing the sacraments or identifying themselves as priests. Further, it has actually cooperated with law enforcement agencies by turning over names to them in order to facilitate investigation. Some devout Catholics are certainly outraged that the Church has given up some of its own, but consider this: Men who molest children cannot be any further from God and have no place in the Church. Can you disagree with a clear conscience?

Having established this, we are led to ask why this reflects poorly on the Church. The answer is simple: it has done something disturbing. The Church has been sheltering these men for decades, knowing full well the things they have done. Its policy of brushing things under the carpet in order to prevent scandal has only built the dam higher and higher, and it has become an immense wave of scandal and shame which will rightly drench the Church for years to come.

And this is a good thing. It is good because the Church finally admitted the truth. It is good because the Church is finally taking steps to see justice done. It is good because the Church cannot afford to and will no longer deny the truth. It is good because the Church will do whatever necessary to prevent such men from joining it or being in its ranks in the future.

The scandal has made the Catholic Church a better institution. Disagree with me? I dare you.

Beyond Campus

Syracuse hosts mother of murdered gay student

Syracuse, N.Y.

Judy Shepard urged individuals to channel their commitment and effort to personal, worthy causes in a speech Monday in Goldstein Auditorium.

Whether an individual feels passionate about the gay rights movement, AIDS awareness, spousal abuse or the homeless epidemic plaguing America, it is most important to remain involved, said Shepard.

"Do something that speaks to you in a way that nothing else will," she said. Shepard is the mother of Matthew Shepard, the gay University of Wyoming student who was beaten to death in 1998. A large screen was set up in the front of the auditorium.

As audience members filtered through the doors, slides titled "Hate Crimes Begin With Discrimination" described various crimes motivated by discrimination that have occurred nationwide, particularly on college campuses.

Though she said she used to be a shy, private person, Shepard said she is now a woman who has a lot to say. "I'm not a professional speaker, I'm a mom. I'm a mom with a story," said Shepard as she prefaced her speech.

While hesitant at first to make Matthew a martyr for the gay rights movement, both Judy and Dennis Shepard, Matthew's father, decided that it would be unfair to hide behind Matthew's story when they knew their cause demanded national attention. "I don't want this to happen anymore. I want this to stop," she said.

The Matthew Shepard Foundation was created in order to "make something positive out of something so devoid of humanity," Shepard said.

Audience members visibly wiped away tears as Shepard began her speech by reading from her victim impact statement, which she originally delivered in a courtroom on April 9, 1999.
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Police rule ND prof Cushing’s death suicide

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

The March 29 death of Notre Dame physics professor James Cushing was a suicide, police said.

Two neighbors found Cushing, 65, dead in his South Bend home in the 200 block of East Angela Boulevard about 10:30 a.m., according to Capt. John Williams, public information officer for South Bend police. Investigators also discovered a note in the home, Williams said, but he would not specify the letter’s content.

Cushing had been receiving treatment for depression, Williams said.

A 36-year professor at Notre Dame, Cushing was an internationally renowned physics scholar. He specialized in the history and philosophy of modern physics and taught in both the Philosophy and Physics departments at one point in his career.

Cushing had planned to retire from Notre Dame at the end of the academic year. A memorial service for family and friends was held April 3 at Clay United Methodist Church in South Bend. A campus memorial service is scheduled for April 21, and University officials expect to release the location and time of that service soon.

Cushing is survived by his wife, Nimbilasha, and two adult family members could not be reached for comment.

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Hagopian to lead Kellogg Institute

Special to the Observer

Frances Hagopian, associate professor of government and international studies at Notre Dame, has been appointed director of Notre Dame’s Kellogg Institute for International Studies. She succeeds Scott Mainwaring, director since 1997.

Hagopian studies the comparative politics of Latin America, with an emphasis on democratization and the political economy of economic reform in Brazil and the Southern Cone. Her current research focuses on economic liberalization and political representation in Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Mexico.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1999, Hagopian earned her bachelor’s degree from Brandeis University and a doctorate in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

She is the author of “Traditional Politics and Regime Change in Brazil,” which was named a Choice Outstanding Book in Comparative Politics, as well as several articles on democratization which have appeared in World Politics, Comparative Political Studies, and other journals and books.

Hagopian has held fellowships from the Center for Latin American Studies and the Howard Heinz Endowment of the University of Pittsburgh, the Social Science Research Council, the American Council of Learned Societies, and Fulbright-Hays. She previously taught at Harvard University, Tufts University and MIT.

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spokesperson Dennis Moore. Malloy spoke to the National Press Club's audience in a 10-minute presentation highlighting the drinking culture that has emerged on college campuses. The other panelists included Raynard Kington, acting director of the NIAAA; Ralph Hingson, associate dean for research at the Boston University School of Public Health; and Mark Goldman, director of the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Research Institute.

"All you have to do is look at a couple of cable television channels that cover spring break, where endless groups of drunken students get up and say 'I'm having the greatest time here,' and then you recognize on the basis of these statistics what the fallout of the great time is," the Associated Press reported Malloy as saying.

During Malloy's trip to Washington, he also met with U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., later Tuesday to discuss his work to reduce drinking among college students.

"Although a minority of college students engage in high-risk drinking, all students ... suffer from the negative consequences of alcohol abuse, including assault, vandalism and traffic accidents," said Malloy in a Notre Dame press release before the news conference. "And I've lived in college dormitories for much of my adult life, so I know firsthand the impact irresponsible drinking has on the quality of residential life."

The NIAAA task force's study showed that drinking rates are highest among incoming freshmen, males and members of fraternities or sororities, and athletes. According to the research, students in two-year institutions, religious schools, commuter schools or predominately historically black colleges and universities drink the least.

In response to the study's findings, the task force has created a 3-in-1 Framework to help academic institutions establish prevention programs to help students deal with alcohol problems. Among the examples for ways to effectively deal with campus alcohol issues in a promising way, the 3-in-1 Framework suggests enforcing minimum drinking age laws, reinstating Friday classes and exams and Saturday morning classes, expanding alcohol-free dorms, regulation of alcohol sales and enforced discipline and "Safe Rides" programs.

The complete study of the task force is in this month's issue of the Journal of Studies on Alcohol.

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University President Father Edward Malloy meets with Sen. Dick Lugar, R-Ind., Monday during a Washington trip to discuss a study on alcohol consumption by college students.

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party, told the Associated Press. "It's not an official visit. It's not a state visit. It's considered a private visit."

Although there has been no sign that this recent incident will affect Fox's May 19 Commencement trip, this latest vote has presented itself as a new issue in the University of Notre Dame affairs while increasing the rift between Fox's administration and lawmakers. "It sounds like a complicated political situation," said Notre Dame spokesman Dennis Moore, who said he had not anticipated any obstacles to Fox traveling to the University next month.

"We'll have to see what happens with all of this," said Moore. He said he wasn't aware of any prior occasions when a scheduled Commencement speaker was not able to come.

"When someone agrees to come, we assume that person will come," Moore said.

At this point, Moore said the University has not considered an alternative speaker.

"There's not a uniform backup plan, and that's something we would have to look at by a case-by-case basis," he said.

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life of intellectual vigor, aesthetic appreciation, religious sensibility and social responsibility) so that the resident advisor's do all of the programs in the sections.

Assistant Director of Residence Life Jerry Madsen is happy for North.

"She is going on to green or pastures, so my blessings go to her," said Madsen. "Dana is a great administrator, and she has left us in great shape, but of course when there is leadership change (in any department) there is going to be some adjustment."

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Botswana fighting AIDS epidemic: Botswana had to start distributing medicine to patients with the AIDS virus because it has one of the highest infection rates in the world and its skilled work force is dying off, President Festus Mogae said Tuesday. This African nation is the first country on the continent to commit to a widespread program through its public health system. 38 percent of its adults are infected — the highest rate in the world.

Countries pushing U.N. resolutions: Arab nations pushed for a new Security Council resolution Tuesday condemning Israel's defiance of the council's demand to withdraw its troops immediately from Palestinian cities, but the United States said it would veto the resolution if necessary.

Hussein organizes oil boycott

Iraqi demonstrators protest the U.S. threat to attack Iraq and the Israeli incursion into Palestinian territories in Baghdad. Iraqi President Saddam Hussein announced that he would suspend oil exports to force Israel's withdrawal.

Zemin pressured on human rights

Chinese President Jiang Zemin faced pressure over his country's human rights record Tuesday as he held talks with Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and other German leaders here on issues from economic relations to cultural exchanges between the two countries.

With human rights activists holding demonstrations across the German capital, Schroeder's government presented the Chinese delegation with a list of prisoners in China prepared by Amnesty International, German officials said on condition of anonymity.

President Johannes Rau also raised human rights during his meeting with Jiang, Rau's office said.

Chinese officials said Jiang had pledged China's commitment to universal human rights and a push to improve the situation in China. There are "tireless efforts" to improve human rights there, said Kong Qian, a spokesman for the Chinese Foreign Ministry.

German human rights groups and left-wing lawmakers have pressed Schroeder not sweep the issue of human rights aside in favor of improving business links with China.

Protesters held scattered small demonstrations against torture, the death penalty and discrimination against minorities in China in Berlin Tuesday.

Hours before Jiang's arrival Monday, about 250 supporters of the Falun Gong meditation sect, which is banned in China, demonstrated in midtown Berlin, accusing China of "state terror" against the group.

German officials insist the goal of better human rights is also served by supporting economic and political reform in China.
Suicide bomber attacks commuter bus, kills 8

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area," she said. Residing finishing up exams and looking forward to graduation, Bensen-Piscopo has her eyes set on May 7 as the primary election. She's confident that Meissner will emerge among four other Democrats running and anticipates staying on full-time until the general election in November. However, she will be moving on after the election, hoping to campaign more and travel to other states.

She said, "That's the great thing about politics - there's almost always a job anywhere in the country."

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**Suicide bomber attacks commuter bus, kills 8**

Associated Press

JENIN

A Palestinian suicide bomber blew up a commuter bus in northern Israel during rush hour Wednesday morning, killing at least eight people. The attack came a day after 13 Israeli soldiers died in a refugee camp ambush, the biggest blow yet to the army in its campaign to crush Palestinian militants in the West Bank.

The suicide bombing, on an express bus from Haifa to Jerusalem, injured at least 14 people, medics said, and brought more horror to the West Bank's largest city.

Smoke could be seen rising from the camp as the area was pounded with artillery fire, heavy machine guns and dozens of missiles fired from helicopters.

"This is a battle for survival of the Jewish people, for survival of the state of Israel." Ariel Sharon

Israeli prime minister

Sharon said on Israel TV.

There were signs, however, that U.S. efforts were having an effect. Earlier Tuesday, Israel pulled out of Tulkarem and Qalqilya, two of six Palestinian towns it has occupied; troops remained in Nablus, Bethlehem, Jenin and Ramallah and several villages.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, due to arrive in Israel late Thursday, said he was optimistic his mission could bring a truce and lead to negotiations. Speaking in Cairo, Powell said he would meet Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat as well as Sharon and said the United States was willing to deploy observers to monitor any cease-fire.

Arafat had said it would keep Arafat isolated in his Ramallah headquarters, where he has been confined since the West Bank campaign began. But Israeli officials said Tuesday they would not prevent Powell from meeting the Palestinian leader.

Israel launched its offensive on March 29 to crush militias after a series of Palestinian suicide bombings.

At least 124 Palestinians and 25 Israeli soldiers have been confirmed killed during the incursion, according to Palestinian medics and the Israeli army. The toll was expected to rise; there were reports that dead Palestinians had not been brought out of some areas, especially in the Jenin camp.

Israel policemen inspect a recently destroyed commuter bus after a suicide bomber blew up the bus Wednesday morning during rush hour. At least eight people died in the attack.

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Kauffman entrepreneurial internship expands

By MEGHAN MARTIN   
News Writer

In keeping with the Notre Dame tradition of blending practical skills with social responsibility, the Mendoza College of Business has launched its second annual Social Entrepreneur Intern Program through the University’s Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies.

Although officially sponsored by the College of Business, the program is open to students from every college and major, drawing participants with such diverse interests as government and the performing arts.

The fusion of real-world experience with community involvement lies at the heart of the program, conceptualized by the Gigot Center as a part of the nationwide competitively Kauffman Internship Program. Only 15 to 20 universities are awarded Kauffman grants for their self-designed internship series annually, and Notre Dame’s program has consistently received the financial backing to facilitate its success and offer a stipend to each participant.

Central to this success is the Gigot Center’s unique approach to the internship experience. "It’s one way to bring social awareness to the business school," past participant Jeffrey Stuflings said. Last summer, Stuflings worked with the staff of the Broadway Christian Parish in the south neighborhoods of South Bend.

"I worked with some neighbors of the community and helped them start their own businesses," he said, detailing a job that entailed everything from obtaining startup capital to marketing the business once it was made public.

Primary among the goals of the program’s administrators is to provide participants with the experience of a true social entrepreneur, which, to program director Jim Faulkiner, entails allowing students to dive headfirst into the organizations with which they work. "Our unofficial slogan is "Throw them in the deep end," he said, which emphasizes the Gigot Center’s goal to give its participants tasks that a typical intern would never do.

"We want students to be able to do the creamiest jobs in the business and the best jobs in the business at the same time," Faulkiner said. He noted that, as they begin to build their businesses, entrepreneurs are forced to perform all levels of menial and specialized tasks, from sweeping the floor to creating an advertising campaign.

Part of the Gigot Center’s unique process requires that each participant "sell" the concept of the program to the organizations which they have an interest in working with. "This, we feel, is part of being an entrepreneur," Faulkiner said.

Unlike many institutions of its kind, Kauffman staff members do not place students in specific positions or organizations.

"Starting with this year, we’re relying more and more on helping the students find their internships," Faulkiner said, stressing the significant role that such a search will play in the student’s future, especially after graduation.

The first question Faulkiner, as the program’s advisor, asks each student is "What do you love to do?" From there, they begin to undertake such indispensable endeavors as family networking, connecting the presentment of their local alumni club and conducting Web-based Google searches.

By doing so, participants are able to find those internships that cater to their personal interests and preferences.

Current participant Mary Godwin, for instance, decided the performing arts were her passion. After conducting a search under Faulkiner’s advising, she found a perfect match and is now in the process of negotiating an internship with the Manhattan Theater Project in New York City.

"That’s what she found when she thought about what she loved," Faulkiner said.

Godwin, as a member of the growing minority of women involved in entrepreneurial ventures, is also one of the audiences which the Kauffman program has made it a goal to target.

"This is designed to encourage women and minorities," Faulkiner said. "One of the things we want to do is especially get the word out to women that there really is a place for them in business. Starting your own business is a key to economic success."

Although promoting economic success is a significant element of the learning process that goes hand in hand with the Kauffman program, exploring new avenues of interest is also an area of strong emphasis.

"I wanted to do some kind of service work over the summer," Faulkiner said. "When I heard about this business program, it wasn’t for me."

Stuflings said, adding that it was the social service aspect of the program that won him over. He soon found that the opportunity would afford him much more than just a summer job.

"That’s why I applied for South Bend … now I feel like I have a connection to the town," he said. "I was connected with people who were not at all like me, and I gained a little more perspective on things."

Although Stuflings has no intention of shifting his major from government to the College of Business, his experience with the Kauffman program has fueled an involvement in the upcoming Social Venture Plan Awards sponsored by the Gigot Center. As a part of this endeavor, he is competing with a number of current students and alumni who have submitted social venture plans in an effort to garner $10,000 in cash and services.

Springing from their encounter with the community last summer, Stuflings has conceived the plan for what he calls "Broadway Gardens," a greenhouse co-operative in which neighbors grow herbs and vegetables to sell to local restaurants. His project is also part of the three-credit follow-up class that all Kauffman entrepreneurs are required to attend in the academic year following their summer experience.

On April 26 at the Social Venture Awards, Stuflings and his competitors will vie for the ultimate entrepreneurial prize: capital and backing, through which they will be able to see the manifestation of what can happen when social consciousness and entrepreneurial skills collide.

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Study: fish oil good for women's hearts, not just men's

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Women can significantly reduce their risk of heart disease by eating fish at least twice a week, researchers say in a study that found benefits similar to those previously seen in men.

It is one of three studies published this week bolstering evidence that fish oil is good for the heart.

The study of almost 85,000 women found those who ate fish two to four times weekly cut their risk of heart disease by 30 percent, compared with women rarely or never eating fish. Women who ate fish five or more times weekly reduced their risk 34 percent.

Past studies showed similar benefits for men, but this was the first to look specifically at the effect in women.

A study led by Dr. Frank Hu, assistant professor of nutrition in the Harvard School of Public Health, said a study last year found that women who ate fish two to four times weekly cut their risk of ischemic, or clot-related, strokes by 48 percent.

"It was very important to confirm that the beneficial effects of fish are also tied to women," Dr. Hu said.

Researchers examined 16 years of data on 84,688 participants in the Nurses' Health Study. The women were ages 34 to 59 and had no signs of heart disease at the outset. In the following 16 years, researchers documented 1,513 cases of heart disease, including 484 deaths and 1,029 heart attacks.

While eating fish reduced the risk of nonfatal heart attacks, it appeared even more protective against sudden death from heart failure. Besides preventing clotting - much as aspirin can - omega-3 fatty acids help prevent irregular heartbeats, which can lead to sudden death, Hu said.

Similarly, a study of men with no history of heart disease - published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine - found that those with the highest blood levels of omega-3 fatty acids were more than 80 percent less likely to die suddenly from heart disease.

The findings were published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Heart Association. The association said it will not recommend supplements until findings must be confirmed, and the American Heart Association said it will not recommend supplements until there is more evidence.

Some types of fish can contain high amounts of mercury. A study released last year by the Food and Drug Administration said pregnant women and those who might become pregnant should not eat shark, swordfish, king mackerel or tilefish because the mercury could hurt a fetus' developing brain.
White House monitoring oil troubles

WASHINGTON

President Bush on Tuesday used the Iraqi oil embargo to promote his stalled energy plan, but aides said he was not seriously considering more dramatic action such as gasoline tax cuts or the use of oil reserves to respond to price increases.

"We need to be less dependent on foreign sources of crude oil," Bush said at a Connecticut GOP fund-raiser. "It was made pretty clear the other day when Saddam Hussein stands up and announces he's going to organize the oil boycott.

The administration predicts that drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge could yield as much as 1.3 million barrels of oil a day, or 20 percent of the nation's domestic production. A bill approving the drilling is stalled in the Democratic-controlled Senate.

"You know my opinion about Saddam; the world's not going to follow him," said Bush, a former Texas oilman. "But it just goes to show how important it is to diversify our supply away from places like Iraq."

Secretary of State Colin Powell, trying to broker peace in the Middle East, also said there was no emergency and he was confident other nations would make up any shortfall due to Iraqi action.

The administration also is monitoring with some concern the situation in Venezuela, where a strike has nearly shut down one of the world's largest oil refineries, officials said.

They said a range of options are at Bush's disposal, from tapping oil reserves in the short-term to pressing Congress to allow drilling in Alaska. However, administration officials said none of those options would be considered seriously unless oil prices take a dramatic jump.

Gasoline prices, which have risen steadily since February, jumped more than 8 cents per gallon in the past two weeks. A dramatic increase could slow the economic recovery and cause voters to blame the White House, though it might help Bush's case for more drilling, according to senior Republicans and administration officials.

Iran and Libya have expressed sympathy for Iraq's call, but other oil-producing countries have publicly declared that they won't take part in any embargo. Signs of a possible Israeli withdrawal from Palestinian territories restored calm to world oil markets Tuesday.

Bush advisers said the president would not be inclined to tap oil reserves or promote a reduction in gasoline taxes — two options he rejected or dismissed during the presidential campaign.

President Clinton tapped into the reserves during the 2000 campaign, a move that drew criticism from Bush's campaign because it was viewed as an attempt to boost then-Vice President Al Gore's prospects. At the time, Bush said reserves should not be drawn from unless there is an emergency — and an administration official said Tuesday that seasonal price fluctuations are not normally considered emergencies.

As for the gas tax, Bush did not join Republican lawmakers who clamored for a reduction as gasoline prices rose during the presidential campaign. He said then and, aides said, believes now that the money is needed for roads and other infrastructure.

In an interview with the Wall Street Journal published Tuesday, the president did not rule out tapping the nation's strategic petroleum reserve or reducing gasoline taxes.

"We'll look at all options" if the Iraqi threat creates a problem, he said.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said Tuesday that Democrats may offer an amendment on ANWR drilling if Republicans don't, just to demonstrate that the proposal doesn't have the support of 60 senators needed to break a filibuster.

Daschle said Iraq's decision to cut off oil exports should prompt the administration to reconsider their opposition to compelling automakers to produce more fuel-efficient cars.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, said Republicans could introduce an Alaska drilling amendment this week with the idea of not holding a vote on it until next week.

"There are people in our caucus who would prefer to not have to vote on it," Craig said, acknowledging that drilling supporters have only between 49 and 54 votes. "But it's important that we send a clear signal to the American people, that we took up the issue and dealt with it."

Andersen employee pleads guilty

HOUSTON

The Arthur Andersen auditor who oversaw Enron's books pleaded guilty Tuesday to ordering the shredding of Enron documents and agreed to cooperate with prosecutors in a deal that could break the scandal wide open.

Former partner David Duncan pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice, admitting he tried to thwart an Enron investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

He is believed to be the first person in the Enron case to strike a deal with federal prosecutors.

"Documents were in fact destroyed so that they would not be available to the SEC," he told U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon, reading from a statement.

The charge carries up to 10 years in prison and hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines. Attorneys did not release details of any agreement on the sentence. Duncan remains free until his sentencing on Aug. 26.

He had no comment as he left the courthouse. His attorney, Sam Seymour, said: "He's continuing his cooperation, as we've said all along."

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As we all know, college is a bewildering and fascinating institution that we all struggle through in some way or another, trying not to hurt ourselves and most of the time, anyone else. It has become a rite of passage in the United States for any high school senior who can spell his own name to attend a post-secondary university in order to, if not anything else, just kind of delay the inevitable and hang around kids his own age for a little while longer.

We are all extremely fortunate that this is the case and are lucky we all grew up in a time when we don't have to go to the army or start working in our fathers' bakeries after high school graduation. Instead, we get to move out of our parents' houses and go to college, which means we take classes and immerse ourselves in college culture. Now, college culture, if we can call it that, but, necessarily the most mature and adult establishment in our generation's milieu, but as much as we are a part of the person grows and learns from this milieu, this is the point. College is the only time when drinking copious amounts of alcohol is not only socially acceptable, but encouraged. And subsequently rewarding because people think you know how to party.

We are young people who are no longer living with our parents anymore. Everything is taken to the extreme. College is the first time in young people's lives when they are finally and totally in charge of themselves as people. Not as real people, because most of the time they're not flipping the bills or taking care of the serious and less fun things, but as college students they are in charge of themselves as social entities. This is why college is a time for young adults to be a little wacky and even a tiny bit reckless within the boundaries of safety. It's like the first time you try to ride a bike. I don't think anyone ever just jumped on their first BMX and rode it around the block without any precautions. You either fell down or used training wheels or were made fun of so much by the other kids in your neighborhood that you had to learn how to ride. But you learned, didn't you? It took time and practice, but you learned how to ride the bike. And once you learn, you can pick it up again any time, right?

Well, if that's what it takes to ride a bike, why should it be any different for someone learning to be an adult? After my high school graduation am I supposed to be magically transformed into a fully functional, bill-paying, wholly responsible adult? Hell no. I'm not.

College is a place where people are allowed to try things and experience things that they haven't before. And, as the person grows and learns from his mistakes, only then can he become an understanding and competent adult. Wisdom is gained through knowledge, and knowledge comes from screw-ups. This is why college kids are so wacky. We're trying to figure stuff out. And that's also why it is wholly detrimental to the students here to be stifled by rules that do not allow them to think and act for themselves.

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ND must respect employee rights and concerns

Working in Notre Dame Food Services for two and a half years allowed me to meet many of the workers who cook and prepare food, clean, wash dishes, take out trash, mop floors and clean what we drop — among many other things that you would be disgusted by if you realize what people do for a wage. I’ve met their families, they tell me about their children, their troubles and what’s been going on lately in their lives.

Through talking with workers, I’ve discovered that many have complaints about how they are treated. These complaints are alarmingly similar, not to mention troublesome. They have been paying hospital bills; they can’t go to a dentist without worrying about the bill; they have no control over their work schedule. Many workers complain to me about the wages, the hours, the lack of benefits, the conditions and the management — just to name a few things. In many cases, they feel mistreated when they are at work.

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In a memo to the Progressive Student Alliance, Notre Dame recently declared that “the Dignity of each one and it requires respect for the dignity of each employee and does respect the rights of employees to organize and form unions.”

Yet the history of this school has shown otherwise. In 1997, groundbreakers advocating unions and involved in the unionizing drive were fired. This clearly contradicts the papal encyclical “Gaudium et Spes” which states that “the dignity of the human person must be counted the right of freely founding labor unions... without risk of reprisal.” Notre Dame’s history and the current condition of campus labor demonstrate a substantial discrepancy between what it claims and the present situation.

The University’s mission statement refers to its Catholic identity five separate times. Therefore CST must be an important aspect of Notre Dame, essential in every dimension of the University. Catholicism is not just the tradition, Notre Dame must do everything possible to respect its employees. This can even go as far as encouraging unionizing. Pope John Paul II said that unions “serve the workers, not the market and not the employers, not the leaders of the Church, but all Catholics make up the Church. So let us ask ourselves: are we willing to give the Church leaders a pass on the reforms of the Church?”

First of all, the decision by the Church’s leaders to cover-up the crimes in Boston and other places was not “an impulse judgment error.” Using the word “impulse” implies that the decision was quick and not thought out. Due to the serious nature of the crimes, making such a snap decision would have been grossly immoral, but in reality the decision to cover-up the crimes was not impulsive. It was systematically carried out for years. So can the leaders of the Church be blamed for covering up these scandals? The answer is yes, not perhaps. Anyone willing to give the Church leaders a pass on the cover-up is the one who is “ignorant and often afraid”

Secondly, we, the members of the Catholic faith, are the Church, not just the members of the priesthood. The priesthood may act as leaders of the Church, but all Catholics make up the Church. So when Catholics are challenging the actions of the priesthood they are not attacking the Church. They are challenging their leaders who have obviously failed. We are not dwelling on the shortcomings of the Church; we are holding our leaders responsible for their actions.

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Brodie Butland’s April 8 letter warrants serious scrutiny. Its most obvious flaw, however, is its insensitivity. Mr. Butland undermines the victimization of sexually molested children. He refers to this violence as “just a few priests in Boston [being] a little overactive with children.” Whether this reference was a careless mistake, a very unfortunate slip of the pen (one of those which speaks volumes about the character of its author), or a dull-witted attempt to dismiss such horrors, we need not concern. But if we possess any capacity for empathy, we can be sure that whatever it was, it was certainly an insensitive statement.

Was it a joke, an invitation to laugh about something that plays on our nerves? Or is Mr. Butland guilty of comedic narcissism? Does he so value the egoistic benefits of his own achievements that he would dismiss the victimization of these children? Mr. Butland invites us to make light of the agony of these children in order that we might see the pain -earlier - we invite us to make light of the agony of these children in order that we might see the pain -earlier -

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By JULIE BENDER

In the murky depths of April in South Bend, everyone could use a little warmth, sunshine and celebration to cheer things up. The Hawaii Club is bringing just that to Notre Dame's campus this Saturday evening.

This year's annual Hawaii Club lu'au is armed with an ethnic feast that is sure to tantalize the taste buds and real Hawaiian entertainment to enjoy.

For several months now, Notre Dame's own Hawaii Club (known as Na Pua Kai Ewalu, which means "the flowers of the sea") has been preparing for this event. With about 50 active members, the club is a vehicle for Hawaiian students to share their culture and bring a little of the flavor from the state of Hawaii, it is a very diverse group.

Yet not all the members of the club are from Hawaii, a large section of the club is made up of roommates and friends eager to learn about and share in the Hawaiian culture. Similar to the state of Hawaii, it is a very diverse group.

Every year, the Hawaii Club's most anticipated event is the lu'au. It is an annual sell-out, earning the "Ethnic Event of the Year" award last year as well.

In fact, the club has been fundraising all year to put on the lu'au, but no profit is made from the actual event. In fact, the club actually loses money in an effort to keep ticket prices down for the guests.

"The lu'au isn't about making money," said Malia Lam, Hawaii Club co-president. "It's about sharing the Hawaiian culture with the Notre Dame community." This year, as in years past, the event will draw its show straight from Hawaiian culture. In addition to the traditional Hawaiian feast, the lu'au will showcase a hula dance performed by members of the club.

Perhaps the most recognizable tradition from the islands, the hula dance has its origins dating far back into Hawaiian history. The hula is more than a dance; it is a means of communication between the dancer and the viewer. The fingers and feet of the dancer move in specific ways to tell stories to the audience.

Historically, the hula relayed tales about all aspects of human life, including birth, death, war and even surfing. However, with the 1820 invasion of Westerners onto Hawaiian soil, the hula became extinct for 76 years. Americans thought the hula dance was primitive and vulgar, so it was prohibited, as was the Hawaiian language itself, from being taught in schools on the island.

Musical entertainment is another feature of the lu'au, with club members singing and playing traditional instruments like the ukulele. (L-R Malia Lam '02, Nani Au '01, Nicole Rodgers '01, Lisa Eakman '02)
For last year's lu'au, "Rhythm of the Islands." (above) Hawaiian dance form of the hula. (left)

day flavor, the club has been selecting recipes and preparing ethnic foods for Saturday's event.

The main dish will be a kalua pig, which entails much preparation before feasting. Traditionally, a kalua pig is placed into an imu (a hole dug in the ground), and is smoked with spices and other delicacies for a number of hours to ensure perfect flavoring.

Of course, due to campus regulations, digging a hole in front of the main building to smoke a pig isn't exactly permitted, so the club has to make do with what they have by attempting to smoke the pig in an oven.

Many other ethnic foods will be served as well: shoyu chicken, which is simply soy sauce with chicken as derived from Japan; poi, which is taro roots; lau lau pork, a dish of pork and spinach wrapped in ti leaves; and lomi lomi salmon shipped to Notre Dame straight from Hawaii. White rice, the Hawaiian starch served with every meal, will be also available, along with fruit punch with a distinctly Hawaiian taste. For dessert, traditional treats such as haupia, which is coconut jelly, and coconut cake will be served.

Food preparations for the event have been going on all week. "A lot of work goes into [the dinner]," Tumbaga said. "We've been shredding the pork by hand, which takes a lot of time. Also, preparing the desserts and other foods has been tedious too. It's all a lot of fun though — we're having a great time doing it."

After gorging in the feast comes time to sit back, relax and enjoy the evening's entertainment. This year's theme of the lu'au is "Holoholo Kakau: The 2002 Lu'au," which roughly translates to "let's go" in English. Following this idea of energy and movement, many of the dances will have to do with methods of transportation, like canoeing, horseback riding or riding a train.

Given all the work that goes into preparing for this event, the hula is considered one of the highlights of the lu'au. Far from a feminine art, as it is often portrayed, the hula is actually a universal form of dance made up of couples, all men or all women. Showing the results of many weekend practices, club members who have been taught by kumu hula — teachers of the hula — will be performing about 15 dances in the traditional manner.

"We've been practicing informally on the weekends, but this week we've been practicing more and more as the lu'au gets closer," said Josh Kaakua, one of the kumu hulas.

"This past week we've been putting a lot more time in to get ready," said Tumbaga, who will be participating in the dancing. "My parents are sending out flowers and ti leaves for our costumes. The final show will be pretty good."

In addition to the dancing, traditional music will also be featured throughout the night. During the meal, club members will be singing and playing the ukulele for the enjoyment of those eating. Karen Keawehawaiiali'i, a well-known singer on the islands and mother of one of the club members, will also perform, along with Station One, winners of Notre Dame's Nazz festival. The band has ties to the south Pacific through its lead singer Laurence Santiago, who is from Guam, and through Peter and David Miller, whose father is from Hawaii.

The true spectacle of the night, however, promises to be when audience members are called up onstage to partake in the dancing and music themselves. An annual event, guests of the lu'au are selected and taught how to dance the hula. The best of the spectators vote on which audience member gives the best performance by means of applause.

When asked to name the best part of the lu'au as an event, Lam said it was more than the feast or the dancing. "It's the preparation — the club pulls together in the final weeks and works really hard," said Lam. "When you're there with everyone, you can pretend you're in Hawaii again. It's great to teach others about the culture; overall, it's a great bonding experience.

For those who want to join in the festivities, the lu'au will be held Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in the Lafontaine Ballroom. Just follow the scent of the smoking pig and the sound of the gentle strumming of the ukulele. It's an opportunity to experience some Hawaiian culture and maybe even a chance to get your hula on.

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Contrary to its stereotype, the hula is not just a dance performed by women, as members from the Hawaii Club exhibit. (L-R Kahele Naeole '01, Jacqueline Schmidt '01, Tiffany Monroy '01, Nani Au '01, Malia Lam, club co-president)
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From top to bottom the top-10 teams in the original rankings may have to travel the toughest path to the title in tournament history.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish combine for no-hitter

By AARON RONSHEIM
Sports Writer

In the first game of Tuesday's doubleheader against Valparaiso Steffany Cioli and Carrie Wisen combined for their first collegiate no-hitter. The Irish (18-12) extended their winning streak to 10 games and defeated the Crusaders 4-0.

"That was nice," Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf said. "I am sure they enjoyed it. They really need that with a big weekend coming up."

Stenglein pitched the first three innings, while Wisen pitched the last four innings for her sixth victory of the season. Both pitchers had five strikeouts and two walks.

Wisen and Stenglein presented different styles for the Crusaders. Wisen used her rising fastball to keep the Irish goal and two assists, and Cioli's sacrifice fly brought home a run and all Irish base runners moved up one base. Bledsoe then followed with a two-run single to finish the Irish scoring.

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Even though the Irish had a very good performance in the last 2-2 weeks, there are still a few areas where they are looking to improve. We didn't do a lot of the little things," Gumpf said. "We didn't run the bases very well in the first game. In the second game we were a lot better at that. I think we didn't adjust well when we were at bat in the second game. We have to make sure we do the little things."

"The Irish will continue their home stand with a non-league game, against Purdue on Thursday and they return Big East play Friday against Connecticut."

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame falls by 1 to Ohio State

By CHRIS COLEMAN
Sports Writer

With just 56 seconds left in the game, the Irish women's lacrosse team still had a chance. But Ohio State's Shannon Wilson ended Notre Dame's comeback by scoring her second goal in four minutes to defeat No. 9 Notre Dame 12-11.

Both of the losses for the 8-2 Irish have been by one goal. In their loss to Ohio State, the Irish fell behind early. The No. 15 Buckeyes scored six consecutive goals to make it 7-2. The Irish came out of their slump quickly and rallied to take an 8-7 lead.

Anne Riley and Lauren Fischer, who both had three goals on the day, countered the Buckeyes' unassisted goals in the last 4-2 part of the game out of reach for the Irish.

The game was one of individual offensive achievement, with six players scoring 20 of the 23 goals. Ohio State's Megan Mirkic scored six, while Notre Dame's Danielle Shearer finished with four. In addition to Shearer, Riley and Fischer, Meredith Simon recorded an Irish goal and two assists, and Natalie Loftus had two assists.

Fischer started the scoring on a pass from fellow sophomore Simons just 25 seconds into the game. Mirkic responded with her first goal of the day, making the game 1-1. Riley, who has steadily shown improvement this year after switching positions, countered the goal and reclaimed the lead for the Irish.

Then OSU went on a scoring tear, netting six goals in 11 minutes, with three coming from Mirkic.

Simons finally stopped the run with 10 minutes left in the first half.

Shearer, not to be outdone by Mirkic, put in two quick goals and combined with Riley's second of the day to bring the Irish within one, 7-6, at the end of the half.

The first 10 minutes of the second half was dominated by stingy defense, but Shearer scored two goals to give the Irish the lead 8-7.

Mirkic struck again on a free position goal, and Ohio State put two more goals to retake the lead.

With the score 10-8, Fischer and Riley scored off passes from Loftus and Simon to tie the game at 10.

The game was scoreless for five minutes until Wilson scored her first goal of the day to put the Buckeyes up one. Wilson did it again with 56 seconds left to finish off the Irish.

Fischer's goal with 36 seconds to play gave a flash of hope, but the Irish could not find the net again before time expired.

The Irish face two more ranked opponents this weekend, No. 6 Duke Friday and No. 12 Yale Sunday.

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FENCING

Irish finish 6th at world championships

Special to The Observer

Three members of the Notre Dame fencing program concluded competition with the United States posting an impressive sixth-place finish in the overall team standings after registering several noteworthy finishes in the earlier individual events.

Notre Dame's three U.S. competitors represented the most from any college team, with the 18-fencer U.S. junior squad including just four other collegiate fencers - two from Ohio State and one each from Stanford and Yale.

Notre Dame sophomores Kendall McCann and Alice Beirne finished 17th in the individual epee competition while finishing ninth overall. The junior fencer finished 44th on Saturday in the individual competition before finishing sixth overall.

Notre Dame freshman women's foilist Andrea Ament finished 44th on Saturday in the individual competition before finishing sixth overall. Ament then lost a 14-13 match to Romania's Szilvia Jezenszky in the round of 64.

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After advancing from the preliminary rounds in the individual competition, Ament then lost a 15-8 bout versus Hungary's Szilvia Jezenszky in the round of 64.

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attend Notre Dame was born watching those games. When the opportunity to pitch for the Irish was presented, Stenglein jumped at the offer.

"It's always been a dream to come here for me. I remember watching when we are big-time Catholics — we would watch the football games. We would do the fight song," Stenglein said. "When I found out I was being looked at and they had an interest in me, it was my No. 1 choice."

Stenglein received a withdrawal from Southern Mississippi after learning of the coach's departure. She had to sit out a year to officially transfer to Notre Dame. During her off year, Stenglein attended Golden West Junior College in Huntington Beach, Calif.

Raw talent

During her senior year at Marin High School, Stenglein ranked third in the nation in strikeouts. She was able to overpower the batters and not have to worry about scouting reports. When Stenglein arrived at Notre Dame, her ability was not enough to get batters out.

"In the fall, we broke down Stell's mechanics and taught her the basics," said Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf. "She came in with a lot of raw talent. She is a work in progress, but if she continues to work hard, she could be very good."

Awaiting Stenglein in her first collegiate game was a match-up against Jennie Finch and the Arizona Wildcats. Coming into the game, Finch, the 2001 national Player of the Year, had won 45 straight decisions. Stenglein lasted only 3 1/3 innings, yielding three runs and five walks.

"It was against the defending national champions," she said. "It was very nerve-wracking, of course. But I wasn't as nervous as I thought I was going to be going into that game."

In her first 14 innings pitched, Stenglein walked 20 batters. The adjustment to college softball had not only improved her mechanics but also her mental game and team reliance.

"In high school, I thought, 'I can do it all. I'm going to strike them out. I'm going to get them out.' Here, you have to rely on your defense more," Stenglein said. "It is a lot more mental, because I think so much more here than I did in high school. Knowing the batters better, knowing what pitch to throw."

Captain Jarrah Myers has helped Stenglein become more comfortable on the collegiate level. As her catcher, Myers knows close games can affect a freshman pitcher's mindset. "Steff has the capability to be one of the best ever at Notre Dame," Gumpf said. "I think she is stronger, her mechanics are better and her pitches move better."

"I've improved a lot more with Coach and Jarrah helping me out, just my attitude going into the game, knowing that I can beat the hitters," Stenglein said. "Knowing it's just one pitch at a time. Not worrying about things and knowing that my defense will help me."

Future expectations

Coming in with so much ability, Stenglein needs to continue her hard work and dedication to softball in order to achieve her maximum potential.

"Steff has the ability to be one of the best ever at Notre Dame," she said. "I know it would be one of the best ever at Notre Dame."
Men's Basketball

Pizza was the last thing on anyone's mind

So when you saw that men's NCAA Tournament draw for the first time about a month ago, with Duke looming just above Notre Dame on the bracket, what did you think?

"Well, making it to the second round means something," or the infinitely more eloquent: "Well, the Irish can beat Charlotte, but then... then, it's friggin' Duke!"

I know both crossed my mind, and a big part of head coach Mike Brey's job involved making sure his players didn't adopt that gut reaction of basketball fans everywhere.

"Every timeout," Brey said, "I was into our guys hard about, 'We're going to Lexington, we are advancing, we're gonna play in the Sweet 16.' I think they needed to hear that because there was a little bit of 'Man, we didn't think we'd be up seven. Maybe we'd be down six or within striking distance.'"

"The psychology of that part of the game was huge."

Of course, the Irish lost that second-round game to the Blue Devils 84-77 as Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski continued his dominance against his former assistants. But Brey, now 42-21 at Notre Dame, is becoming less and less that "former Coach K assistant" and more a name that stands alone as the Irish reappear in the national hoops consciousness.

"I basically wanted to kick his [butts] for two hours on Saturday, and he wanted to kick mine. I love him, he's a good friend. We'll hang out and have a pizza and stuff this summer, but I wanted to kick his [butts], and he wanted kick mine," Brey said.

Some other memory from the tournament: Brey said, "(Duke) was the last thing on anyone's mind when you saw that men's second-round game to the Blue Devils and so we can have an ["Ar, Ar, Ar"] grunt after that. Who wouldn't want to come play for this guy, especially after his team went toe-to-toe with Duke in front of a national audience?"

"I was excited when I saw the brackets flash up that way," he said, "because I thought it was an opportunity for us to shine and put our program in new company."

"The opportunity and competing well, guys have been doing that. They've been in the '90s, helped us. So I didn't look at it like, 'Oh, man, we're going to play Duke in the second round.' I'm thinking, 'If we can get past Charlotte, what an opportunity.'"

Notre Dame didn't fully seize that opportunity, as another team from Indiana did against Duke in the next round, prompting Brey to tell his wife: "They got our darn win — that was ours."

But it's hard to get down about that loss and not get psyched for next season already, even when it's only April. Basketball News and Basketball Times have named point guard Chris Thomas Freshman of the Year and Brey is ready to put him in with some more elite company.

"He's the best [point guard] I've ever been around," Brey said. "He's better than [former Duke standout Bobby] Hurley. His feel for the game, his shooting, is better in that sense, and his maturity and his poise for a freshman... that was the impressive thing. I think what really helped Chris, and he allied to this... when you start a game with those three guys [pointing to pictures of Graves, Humphrey and Swanagan] and Matt Carroll, it helps you because you've got some men around you out there."

"But I... think as he turns toward his sophomore year, he's one of the best guards in college basketball. And the neat thing is... he's got his feet on the ground, and he knows he's got to get stronger this summer, and he knows he's got to work on things."

After last season, the great speculation around Irish basketball centered on another great player, Troy Murphy, whether he would turn pro. Once he did, speculation moved to guessing what kind of season Notre Dame would have.

Twenty-two wins later, and coming so close to what would have been a huge No. 23, Notre Dame men's basketball is once again, in the words of Brey, looking like a "program" with a maintained level of success.

That doesn't mean things are supposed to come easy now. "We lose a lot," he said. "I slept better over the summer even though we lost Murphy and Ingeldisy because we still had a lot of maturity on the team. When you lose three guys like that [Graves, Humphrey and Swanagan], I'm a little more concerned."

"You know, I got back to where will we be picked in the West Division? Probably third or fourth, again. Every time we're picked there, we've been pretty good from there. I think this group will go into it... looking to go back to the NCAA Tournament a third year. That's gotta be our goal."

Now, I can't speak to how young guys will step in for the departed seniors or how much bulk Chris Thomas will add.

But with this whole program's newfound attitude, I don't think they'll have to say someone else got their win too much longer.

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Soccer Softball

Belles unable to play

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Rain and snow have plagued the Saint Mary's softball team all season, and Tuesday's game was no exception. The Belles were forced to reschedule their afternoon doubleheader against the Calvin Knights to Wednesday after Monday's heavy rains.

The Belles will face the Knights at 3:30 p.m. Other MIAA softball teams with games scheduled Tuesday were also cancelled. Alma will now travel to Holland, Mich., to play Hope. Kalamazoo's match against Adrian was also cancelled, although a make-up date has yet to be scheduled.

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Tennis

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just part of it, the physical part today.”

Before the match even began you could feel the rivalry. The tennis courts, usually occupied by quiet fans and quiet players, was full of yells from both sides of the court. Knowing how much Tuesday's match would be a head game, both teams spent the time prior to the first serve trying to psych out their opponent.

The Belles took control of their mental game, and their physical game fell in line. “It's always [good to get a win]. [Hope] is a class act,” said head coach Dee Stevenson. “[The Belles] are smart players, they know what they have to do on the court.”

The battle between the conference rivals manifested itself in the final match. Even though Saint Mary's had already clinched the win, taking six of the eight matches that had been played, everyone was focused on the No. 3 doubles match that was in the second set. Sophomore Kris Spriggle and junior Angie Sandner had taken control off to a good start, winning the first set. But early in the second set, Hope's Dee Clause and Megan McDowell were making a comeback. The Flying Dutch had taken four games, and the Belles had only taken one. But some carefully placed shots by Spriggle and Sandner allowed them to even the set at four and eventually pushed the Belles ahead. They won the set and took home a 2-0 match victory to give the final 7-2 score.

The win at No. 3 doubles gave the Belles a clean sweep in doubles after Ryan and Kaitlin Cutler took home a solid 6-4, 6-1 victory at No. 2. That doubles win was a little bit of payback for Ryan, who dropped her No. 5 singles match to Springer. For the junior, who hadn’t lost since her freshman year, Springer provided tough competition Ryan hadn’t faced in a while. “I definitely wasn’t playing my game,” Ryan said. “I think that she’s a very, very talented player and without giving excuses for my match, I’m skeptical as to why she’s playing the fifth spot.”

Sandner suffered the only other loss of the match, dropping No. 6 singles to Springer. For the junior, who hadn’t lost since her freshman year, Springer provided tough competition for the Belles to win their matches at No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 singles, respectively.

The win moved the Belles' record to 5-0 in the MIAA and dropped Hope to 1-1 in the conference. The Belles have a week-and-a-half break before facing DePauw April 20.

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Senior Annie Knish returns the ball in her first victory over Hope College for the Belles.

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high fastball. Vergara then walked second baseman Steve Horn but got a fly-ball out to right field from the next batter to avoid any more trouble.

With the Irish ahead 1-0, the Bronco hitters finally got to Vergara in the third, scoring four runs on three hits while drawing four walks in the inning.

Vergara came into the game for Western Michigan Tuesday to pitch his team-leading batting average to .449. In 115 at-bats this season, the four-year starter has struck out only three times.

The Irish return to Frank Eck Stadium Thursday, when they host Big East rival Pittsburgh for a doubleheader starting at noon.

**Notes**

* Senior co-captain Steve Stanley went 2-for-4 against Western Michigan Tuesday to push his team-leading batting average to .449. In 115 at-bats this season, the four-year starter has struck out only three times.

* The Irish bullpen has not allowed a run in its last 19 innings pitched and has given up only two runs in its past 11 games for an ERA of 0.48. In that span, opponents are hitting only .182 against Irish relievers.

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Wide receivers thrust in the spotlight

By KATIE McVOY
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Following the announcement that Tyrone Willingham would lead the Irish, Notre Dame wide receivers found themselves in the spotlight—a group that had been focused on in the past on blocking, taking an occasional pass to mix things up and, in general, promoting the option-oriented offense.

But on Tuesday at practice, it was obvious that things had changed.

With Willingham's new offensive scheme, the wide receivers will find themselves back on the receiving end of two things—national attention and the pass. And although it may seem like a big change for the team as a whole and the receivers in particular, they're ready.

"I was a receiver when I came here, so my mentality is make a play, that's it," said flanker Omar Jenkins. "Running, blocking, I mean, I'm still going to have to block so changing my mentality wasn't difficult because it's still playing ball."

That kind of mentality, one that puts the focus on being ready now, is just the kind of mentality wide receivers coach Trent Miles is looking for. He understands that his team is going to be spending the next three weeks learning, but that doesn't mean they cannot be accomplished right now.

"I'm going to demand that they be good right now," Miles said. "If they're not, at least they're working towards it and they know what to expect from me. I'm never going to give them a way out, never going to give them an excuse. If they don't have a good practice, I don't expect them to settle for that, to just put it off as if I'm only learning. Let's go out there and expect to be good right now."

An experienced coach with inexpenesed teams, Miles had a similar challenge at Stanford. His group last year had as its most experienced player a 13-catch veteran. The Irish, with their limited game-time experience, present the same kind of challenge, and Miles thinks he has the kind of group that can meet that challenge.

"I feel very good about what we've gotten out of them, and I think we communicate well together, and I feel very good about the fact that they're good and they're a good group of men."

Returning wide receivers Jenkins, Artraz Battle, Ronnie Hodman, Carlyle Carlyle and Matt Shelton had limited game experience in passing situations last season. Notre Dame's offense was one that used the run—quarterback Carlyle Holiday was a leading rusher. Now the receivers have some new things to focus on.

"We want to learn the offense, get everything down and just get in shape," said Hodman. "But Miles was more specific in his goals.

"I'm a fundamentals and techniques coach, so basically I'm going to spend a lot of time teaching them techniques and fundamentals," Miles said. "I coach scheme. Don't get me wrong, we're going to spend a lot of time on our scheme, but for the most part, right now I have to teach them techniques, fundamentals and schemes."

Part of that scheme will be creating explosive plays. Long passes and long runs will become part of the Notre Dame offense, and although some natural talent helps, that offense will be trained to make it habit.

"We always teach what we call 'finish,'" Miles said. "There are certain people that play football that are just naturally explosive but you can also be the kind of guy that learns how to be that way by your work ethic. They're hard workers, and we always preach finishing down the field, running after the catch, just catching the ball and stopping and always making a move.

With the returning players having limited experience in the offensive style Miles is coaching and with two incoming freshmen who were recruited as wide receivers, the position is wide open. Miles thinks that is a good thing.

"We have the mentality that if something happens to one guy and some other guy goes in there, we don't expect it to fall off, we expect the level to stay the same," Miles said. "So we don't expect any kind of drop, and it doesn't matter who's the quarterback or who's receiving. They're all expected to do it."

And three days into practice is early to pinpoint anyone as the go-to guy.

"Too early, too early," Miles said. "I think they're all trying hard; they're all every now and again making mistakes.

Regardless of who will be stepping out onto that field in the fall, the wide receivers are glad to be back in the action.

"Hey! I'm not happy about that?" Jenkins said.

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