ND student alleges gang rape

Alleged victim accuses 1 former, 3 current Irish football players

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

St. Joseph County police are investigating the alleged gang rape of a 20-year-old female Notre Dame student by four male Notre Dame students.

Maj. Bob Finn, public information officer for the St. Joseph County Sheriff's Department, said the alleged rape occurred at about 4 a.m. on March 28 in a house near Indiana 23 and Ironwood Road, just outside South Bend city limits.

In an interview with The Observer Wednesday, the alleged victim said she was assaulted by three Notre Dame football players currently on the spring roster and one former member of the team. Police would not confirm that information, but the alleged victim said the men were her acquaintances.

Because of the high profile of the alleged assailants, the alleged victim said she waited five days before going to the hospital and nine days before filing a report with police.

"I just imagined turning on the TV and seeing my face on ESPN," said the alleged victim, adding that she was unsure of her rights at the time.

Notre Dame is also privately investigating the situation as a matter of procedure, according to University spokesman Dennis Moore.

"The University is aware of a police investigation involving Notre Dame students," Moore said. "In such circumstances the University also conducts its own investigation according to its student disciplinary procedure."

No players were suspended from football practice Tuesday for disciplinary reasons, John Heisler, associate athletic director, told The Associated Press. The team does not practice on Wednesdays during the spring.

"There are University guidelines that govern all students," Notre Dame head football coach Tyman Willingham said after Tuesday's practice. "We are no different. We work by those and through those."

The alleged victim told South Bend police she left a local bar three hours after the assault by three Notre Dame players who each allegedly raped her. Afterward, one of the alleged attackers drove the woman back to campus.

Over the course of three hours, officers in the area, the alleged victim said she had no more than three alcoholic drinks.

Senate tables budget proposal

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Assistant News Editor

The Financial Management Board presented its budget to the Senate for approval on Wednesday; however, the senators opted to table the budget until the meeting for review.

The issue questioned by several senators was the FMB’s decision to pay off the $47,890 debt incurred by the Business Board and Carry Forward Fund. The Carry Forward Fund allocates funds for programming by organizations that surpassed their allotted budgets.

"I am concerned that they are paying off the entire debt now with our money when it should be used for students next year," said Jason Creek, Knott Hall senator.

Andrew Oxenreiter, student union treasurer, emphasized that the debt that has accumulated over the past six years should be paid off now that the opportunity is present. Oxenreiter contributed this debt to the "messes that were left behind by past administrations."

One of the reasons behind this year's student activity fee increase was to pay off the Student Union debt. According to Oxenreiter, the Student Union has been in debt the past five to six years due to the disorganization of previous budgets and the financial losses of such student

Senate

with the four male students expecting to go to an off-campus party. However, she said she realized there was no party when she reached the house.

The woman told police she tried to resist, but she was unable to escape from the men, who each allegedly raped her. Afterward, one of the alleged attackers drove the woman back to campus.

For another two weeks, Saint Mary’s will have two directors of security.

Michael Carrington, former College’s security force April 1 and will replace Richard Chlebek when the latter retires April 19.

"They’re both here and working together," Keith Dennis, Saint Mary’s vice president of finance and administration, said. "We thought it would be a good idea for them to overlap for three weeks. They worked together as young cops and have known each other for 30 years."

Carrington, a former U.S. military and law enforcement officer, brings three decades of experience in law enforcement to the job.

Carrington was appointed by then-President Clinton in 1994 and served as the U.S. Marshal for Northern Indiana for eight years. He also served as director of campus security and parking operations at Indiana University South Bend for 15 years. Before coming to Saint Mary’s, Carrington was the vice chancellor for business affairs at IUSB and as such, was Carrington’s boss.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Nuclear peace?

With the ongoing violence in the Middle East, the ever-present threat of terrorist attack and the general uncertainty and fear of violence in the world today, peace has never seemed so far off than it does today. Every day, it seems we are all deluded with headlines of suicidal bombings and more harsh and violent rhetoric being laid out by leaders around the world.

The events of the last year or so have prompted much alarm among many, including the advancing of the famous doomsday clock, which measures the likelihood of nuclear war. The movement of the clock several weeks back to its closest position ever to midnight, which represents nuclear war, represented a dramatic statement about the state of affairs the world is in right now.

The greatest fear of most when it comes to war and terrorist attack involves the use of nuclear weapons. Only twice before in our history have those weapons been used, by the U.S. in World War II, but those weapons that were used over a half a century ago pale in comparison to the destructive force of the types of weapons that are in existence today.

Thus, in all likelihood, the presence of nuclear weapons in the world represents a powerful deterrent of war. Any state with nuclear weapons realizes these basic facts: First, they are well aware of the destructive capabilities of the weapons they possess. Second, they know how expensive, fragile and vulnerable the weapons can be, thus they will use high levels of security to protect their investments and prevent theft or accident. Finally, and most important, states realize that as long as there are other countries that have nuclear weapons and oppose the use of them against their countries, retaliation would be inevitable.

Thus, no state with any desire to remain intact would ever dare use nuclear weapons against another because it would most certainly face total destruction in response to a nuclear attack. It is hard to imagine any scenario in which any nation would ever be able to live through a nuclear attack, and virtually un息息eable.

Therefore, these very weapons that are such a source of fear for many actually have the opposite effect of discouraging conflicts. Although individual states are highly unlikely to ever use nuclear weapons themselves, they still remain fearful and uncertain as to how other states will behave. This fact serves as a force for peace because states are able to partake in actions or policies that would potentially anger a nuclear power and lead to the escalation of a conflict to the nuclear level.

The Cold War is the perfect example of this, in that each time nuclear war seemed inevitable, such as in the Cuban Missile Crisis, a diplomatic or otherwise solution was arrived at before the conflict escalated.

Thus, a daydream scenario such as in Stanley Kubrick's Dr. Strangelove, where a military overuse to use a nuclear weapon ends up bringing about doomsday, is highly unlikely given the nature of states in today's world.

THE WEEK ON CAMPUS

Thursday

• Lecture: Edison Lecture and Marconi Award, McKenna Hall Auditorium, 3 p.m.
• Mass: Mass for victims and survivors of sexual assault, Log Cabin Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Friday

• Lecture: "Brick by Brick: The struggle to cement relations between Northern Ireland's Catholics and Protestants," Law School Room 120, noon
• Comedy: Comedy Sportz, Library Auditorium, 9 p.m.

Saturday

• Dorm Event: Fisher Regatta, Saint Mary's Lake, 1 p.m.
• Bonfire: Bonfire with live music by Tim Bradley, Jason Brown and Christina Castrillo, Holy Cross Hill, 9 p.m.

BEYOND CAMPUS

USC students upset by skyrocketing cigarette prices

Although Scott Henderson, Core-Mark district sales manager said the hike came as a result of a California cigarette tax increase imposed on Phillip Morris, Rich Peterson, a business taxes representative of the California state Board of Equalization, said the last time the state tax was raised was in 1999. The department handles all types of cigarette taxes for the state.

Joe Ackerman

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NEWS COPY EDITOR

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"What?" he asked in disbelief, making her repeat the new price. He handed over the money and walked away with a dumfounded look on his face, swearing he never would buy a pack of cigarettes at University of Southern California again.

A $1.94 increase was imposed on all cigarettes Monday in Commons because of an unexplained 33-cent hike Phillip Morris introduced last week, said Ronald Ranasinghe, director of retail operations.

Core-Mark, USC's cigarette vendor, informed Ranasinghe two weeks ago of the 33-cent rise. Core-Mark added 5 cents for holding costs, which brought the total increase on USC cigarette sales to $1.25.

Because of this increase Ranasinghe said he was forced to add $1.56 to make up for the losses. If he kept cigarettes at the old $4.85 price, USC would be at a 74 percent loss in labor and storage costs. At $6.79, the profit without sales tax added, Ranasinghe barely covers all of his expenses because most of the money must go toward labor and storage costs.

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

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BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Computer addiction problematic

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ND reorganizes PR dept.

Moore assumes vice president position, Cullinan becomes assistant vice president

By HELENA PAYNE
New Editor

Notre Dame Vice President of Public Affairs and Communications Lou Nanni has recently announced the reorganization of the office as well as the two new selections of D.enis Moore as the department's associate vice president and the new assistant vice president, Shannon Cullinan.

After years of holding Public Affairs and Communication under the larger umbrella of University Relations, Nanni and Moore said the new configuration could enhance the public relations office to better fulfill the mission of the University.

'There needs to be an organization that can concentrate solely on media relations,' said Nanni.

These concentrations will include the two new departments: news and information and marketing communications.

"In that kind of a situation, public relations and communications activity kind of tended to be overshadowed by development and alumni relations," Moore said.

The restructuring of Public Affairs was actually instituted in July 2001, but the University has yet to announce the two newest departments under the division. Nanni said the University would likely announce the person in charge of news and information within the next few months and the marketing head during the summer.

The new division of Public Affairs will also cover the area's community relations, public relations, Notre Dame Magazine, marketing communications and government relations.

Nanni said the division's associate vice president Moore has acquired a "track record for excellence" during his 14 years of working in University public relations. "I believe this person who will head at Notre Dame is going to be very much suited to Denny's political style," said Nanni.

Moore, a graduate of Notre Dame and one of the founding members of The Observer newspaper, has been with the University since 1988. "He has a wonderful appreciation for Notre Dame and what it stands for," Nanni said.

Cullinan, the assistant vice president of Public Affairs, is also familiar with the University as a 1993 accounting graduate. "I'm excited to be back at Notre Dame," said Cullinan who came from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School to complete his MBA in the Mendoza College of Business. "I feel like it's my second acceptance.

Cullinan, who has started businesses for profit and not-for-profit, worked with Nanni for more than four years at the Center for the Homeless as a counselor and the associate executive director prior to coming to Notre Dame for the second time.

"The two of them [Moore and Cullinan] are just going to complement each other and provide exceptional leadership for this division."

Lou Nanni
Vice President of Public Affairs and Communications

By NATALIE BAILEY
New Writer

Saint Mary's alcohol policy is not going to change anytime soon, campus officials said.

Despite recent revisions in the Notre Dame policy, Saint Mary's administrators believe that the current cedes are effective and appropriate for the residence life that exists on campus.

The policy, consistent with Indiana law, states that students under the age of 21 may not possess, consume, provide, manufacture or sell any quantity of alcohol on campus. Additionally, underclassmen must be present at any gathering where alcohol is present, whether they are drinking or not. However, students of age may use alcohol in student rooms provided they use it responsibly and follow the guidelines outlined in the handbook.

These guidelines prohibit drinking games and public intoxication among other things. 

Jailene Erickson, Holy Cross Hall director, said she's an important part of the rules. "Saint Mary's students are more responsible for the protection and the safety of the students," said Jailene Mary Brown, who first came to Saint Mary's, I always compared our policies to Notre Dame, but now, as a resident advisor, I agree with the policies. After dealing with vomit on the stairs and being in an authoritative position, I realize that [Residence Life] is looking out for the welfare of the students."

Saint Mary's has experienced relatively few problems with the policies in the past and does not foresee an increase in the future. officials said. As far as documentation of violations, there has been a minimal problem enforcing the alcohol policy this year.

"There have been just as many documents for other violations as there have been for the misuse of alcohol," Erickson said.

Erickson agreed. "As far as I am concerned, violation of the policy has been a minimal problem this year," she said. "If you are 21, you should be able to have alcohol in your room if it is used appropriately. This week or last week is not enforced that you must be 21.

If documented for an alcohol violation, a student may have a hearing or informational meeting where a preponderance of evidence will determine the violation and a sanction may be issued. This sanction ranges from an official letter of reprimand and to a required leave of absence, depending on the severity of the violation.

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ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS!!

Notre Dame's Office of Undergraduate Admissions is accepting applications for the position of Admission Counselor.

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SMC alcohol policy unaffected by ND
Bishop and Foley outline term goals

By PAM RONSON

Libby Bishop and Trip Foley are making changes to student government designed to create new ways of programming and coordinating between existing clubs.

Concerns have been raised as to what new things will be combined or created under the Bishop/Foley administration and "Who Knows?" asks that normally run weekly in The Observer.

"The idea is to create services and things that already exist, but they might not know about," Foley said. "For example, that students can check a paycheck in the Dome building, and the existence of Greenfield's Café, located in the Heushler Center, across from the Morris building.

Bishop and Foley worked to create an extensive Public Relations division under their administration. It created in-depth focus groups, organized tours for students, polls, wrote press releases and updated the three-year-old student government Web site. They also addressed the efficiency of the space currently used for The Observer.

"In the midst of all of these changes, Joyce DeLeon, former Student Government co-chair for the 2001-02 year, is concerned about the future of her former division," she said. "Though Bishop and Foley do not intend to cut this division, they hope to combine it with other areas.

The new groupings may be labeled the Cultural Division, potentially cutting some programming and leading to greater collaboration with the Multicultural Student Programs and Services and other multicultural clubs on campus.

"I'm worried because I know that the Diversity Chair laid its first foundations in the O'Donnogue/Norton administration, and has been two years in the making of building it up steadily since then," DeLeon said. DeLeon worked to coordinate the Multicultural Fair where more than 400 people attended the event. The Diversity Division also sponsored the Educational Forum where lectures and panels were held addressing topics such as race, religion and sexual orientation.

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### LEWIS CRUSH 2002

**Ask These Boys What They Did To Get Invited:**

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Congratulations to all those invited! Please join us later today in front of Lewis for the CRUSH Barbecue at 5:30...See ya then!

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**Student Body President Libby O'Donoghue/Norton addresses the student senate on Wednesday night.**

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**World News Briefs**

Colombian guerrillas free hostages:

Rebels released 11 hostages Wednesday with a message demanding the Colombian government reject any U.S. assistance to protect a crucial oil pipeline. The National Liberation Army, or ELN, had kidnapped the 10 mayors, congressmen, city officials and one Roman Catholic priest, all from Arauca state, last week. “It was a kidnapping as a way to pressure the national government,” freed congressman William Reyes told The Associated Press.

Ebol outbreak pinned on gorilla:

Contact with an infected gorilla triggered an ebol outbreak that killed 33 people in Gabon, the World Health Organization said. Health workers traced the outbreak to a gorilla found in the remote north of the central African nation in the Ogoupe-Inondo province. The remains tested positive for the ebol virus at a lab in France, WHO said Tuesday.

**National News Briefs**

Energy regulation ban rejected:

The Senate on Wednesday rejected a proposal inspired by the Enron collapse, that would have required federal regulation of financial contracts used to speculate on energy prices. Working through provisions of the energy bill, senators also moved closer to an expected confrontation over drilling in an Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Day of Silence promotes solidarity:

Thousands of high school and college students around the nation vowed not to speak Wednesday to protest anti-gay bias in schools. The silence is meant to draw attention to the isolation that can drive gay students to higher rates of suicide and substance abuse. Some took a nine-hour vow. Others sat at silent lunch tables during the protest, now in its seventh year.

**Indiana News Briefs**

Missing student case continues:

Authorities investigating the disappearance of an Indiana University student on Wednesday sought a higher bond for a man jailed on unrelated charges, hoping to question him further about their case. Uriah Clouse, 26, of Monroe County, remained jailed Wednesday on $3,500 bond in Brown County on charges that include violating a restraining order. An Indiana University television station reported he is eligible for release on Saturday.

**South Africa**

**Doctor tried in apartheid case**

Johannesburg

The testimony was horrifying. The apartheid government tried to create deadly bacteria and anti-fertility drugs that would only affect blacks. It poisoned opponents’ clothing. It stockpiled cholora, HIV and anthrax for use against “enemies.”

One of South Africa’s most surreal post-apartheid trials comes to an end Thursday, when a Pretoria High Court judge begins reading his verdict against Wouter Basson, the former head of South Africa’s chemical and biological weapons program.

The cardiologist who South African media has dubbed “Dr. Death,” faces 46 charges including murder conspiracy, fraud and drug possession.

The fraud charges stem from millions of dollars he is accused of siphoning from the government’s shadowy chemical warfare unit, Project Coast, to finance a lavish, globe-trotting lifestyle.

Basson has denied the fraud charges, said he never provided deadly muscle relaxants and other poisons to kill apartheid opponents and insisted he had innocently been embroiled in a drug deal he knew nothing about.

Basson continued working as a cardiologist at a state hospital during the trial, until he was eventually asked to resign last May. He had a stroke in February.

During the 2 1/2-year trial, scientists and men who worked as government agents described Basson as a calculating man sitting atop a secret agency — with front companies across the world — focused on finding better ways to kill apartheid’s opponents.

**Bahrain**

**Protests surge in Middle East**

Associated Press

**Manama**

Police fired rubber bullets and tear gas to keep thousands of pro-Palestinian protesters away from the heavily fortified U.S. Embassy in Bahrain on Wednesday. In three other Arab capitals, tens of thousands of women demonstrated peacefully.

Some 450 people were treated at the Salmaniya Medical Complex in Manama, most for tear gas inhalation but some for minor injuries from rubber bullets, doctors said.

Protests — some of them violent — have swept the Middle East since Israel sent troops into Palestinian towns and cities in the West Bank beginning March 29 in response to a series of suicide attacks in Israel.

U.S. and Israel are the terrorists,” read one banner carried by some of the 3,000 protesters in Manama, many of whom were high school students. The demonstrators demanded a break in Bahrain-U.S. diplomatic ties and the dismantling of the U.S. 5th Fleet, which is based on the Gulf island state.

“The Americans are the enemies, not only of the people, but also of God,” said a 17-year-old student protester who would only give his first name, Rusein. “We want the Americans to leave our country.”

In Egypt, a U.S.-run cultural center in the port city of Alexandria was closed after one person was killed and at least 200 injured in a violent protest Tuesday by university students.

The death pushed to four the number of known fatalities linked to the Arab protests. The others were earlier in Bahrain, Jordan and Yemen.
We worked together from 1978 until 1989. I became the U.S. marshal for Northern Indiana," Dennis said. "[Carrington] was a direct report to me in this capacity and thus I knew him very well.

When Chlebek announced his retirement, the University's Administrative Council imme-
diately began a search for his replacement. Ironically, Dennis, who had previously worked in campus security and safety issues, was the first person to think of for the position.

"When I saw the announcement," Carrington said, "I thought, 'This is really a great opportunity for Mike.'"

Carrington's extensive connections in the law enforcement community made the decision easy. At that time, it became clear that Carrington would be the best candidate for this position.

"He has a depth of knowledge in campus security and safety issues and also has worked in the police force," Dennis said. "He is in a learning mode and an assessment mode.

"I'm familiarizing myself with the campus and people. It really is helpful to do it this way.

For Carrington, the transition is even easier, because his connections to the College of Saint Mary's in South Bend are still fresh.

"I will be taking it a day at a time. There's a lot to learn and change is hard for everyone," Carrington said.

Michael Carrington
Director of security

"Carrington is clearly the best candidate possible for this position," Dennis said. "He has an extensive network of relationships with all of the local police agencies, including a long relationship with Notre Dame Security/Police/Reps. Rakuwak. He is known and respected throughout the South Bend community.

For Carrington, being replaced is not a negative experience. He is coming into his new position, getting a feel for the community and the students and determining the security concerns facing the South Bend College.

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"I'm a Saint Mary's person," Carrington said. My mother graduated from Saint Mary's in the 1950s. She was a commuter student but always felt good here. I've always had a good feeling about Saint Mary's. I've been out here for programs before.

Carrington has also lived five miles from campus for 25 years, and after a conversation with his wife, thought it would be a welcome change.

For now, though, he is still working closely with Saint Mary's security. He spent the last few months dealing with several meetings in the Saint Mary's security system at Saint Mary's.

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Taxpayers may pay for errors

**WASHINGTON**

Taxpayers are cheating themselves out of nearly $1 billion in overpaid income taxes simply because they fail to claim itemized deductions.

"One of the big mistakes that people make is that all of a sudden they rush to get their tax returns finished and they aren't careful in organizing their records so they overlook things," said Ron Kinkade, a consultant with the Treasury Office of Tax Policy.

"We should talk to people about how to do it right," he says. "It's not rocket science."
SPAIN

Powell heads to the Mideast to resume peace talks

Associated Press

MADRID

Secretary of State Colin Powell said he was prepared to go to Israel and the West Bank to resume direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians, saying in Washington that the White House was "ready to go" despite Sharon's objections earlier to a plan to withdraw from three West Bank towns.

"The withdrawal the president has called for is continuing. Now the Palestinian Authority and Arab nations have to do what the president called for," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said in Washington. The statement did not mention Arafat by name.

"The burden isn't Israel's alone. All parties have responsibilities," Fleischer said on the eve of Powell's visit to Israel.

The White House statement was a shift from the administration's objections earlier Wednesday over Israel's slowness in meeting Bush's demands for a withdrawal. In his earlier remarks, Powell brushed aside Sharon's assertion that the secretary's planned meeting with the Israeli prime minister Tuesday would end "would be a tragic mistake." Powell said his mission was "not in the least in jeopardy."

He said he hoped Sharon would help the meeting take place and ease restrictions on Arafat in Ramallah to help him communicate more readily with other Palestinian leaders.

"He is the partner that Israel will have to deal with," Powell said after his peace mission was endorsed in Madrid by the European Union, the United Nations and Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov.

America has pressured Israel to pull troops out of West Bank cities and end its 13-day offensive. Despite the newly announced withdrawals, Israeli troops still occupy the major population centers of Ramallah, Nablus, Jenin and Bethlehem.

The crux of Powell's two-step plan is to try to arrange a cease-fire between Israeli and the Palestinians and then steer them into negotiations that would culminate in a Palestinian state on land Israel now holds.

Even if Powell gains a cease-fire, many in the region question how well it might hold if there are more Palestinian suicide attacks. As he trekked through the Middle East and then detoured to Spain, Powell made plain that his other objectives include renewing security cooperation between Israel and the Palestinians, asking Saudi Arabia for assistance to rebuild Palestinian facilities and organizing a worldwide relief effort for Palestinians.

We understand the difficult situation that Israel finds itself in, the best way to move forward and provide a solution to the crisis that we find ourselves in, is for the withdrawal of Israeli forces," Powell said at a news conference.

"It seems inevitable that there is a military solution to the conflict," said a joint statement issued by four leaders and Powell. The statement called for an immediate cease-fire and Israel's withdrawal from Palestinian-held cities on the West Bank, including Ramallah, where Arafat is confined.

Meanwhile, in advance of Powell's visit, U.S. envoy Gen. Anthony Zinni met with Palestinian officials in Jerusalem. And Vice President Dick Cheney spoke with Syrian President Bashar Assad and made clear Bush's admonition to stay out of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, a State Department official said. He said Cheney also stressed the need to act and speak against terrorism and violence.

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Bush presses Senate to ban cloning

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush pressed the Senate on Wednesday for legislation to ban cloning of human embryos for research, saying science must not rush ahead "without an ethos as humane and true as the one that has guided this nation." He promised a fight, seeing great promise in cloning for cures of terrible afflictions.

Bush called medical researchers, ethicists, lawmakers, ministers and disabled people to the White House to explain why he objects to human cloning and to embrace a ban proposed by Sens. Sam Brownback and Mary Landrieu.

"We can pursue medical research with a clear sense of moral purpose, place us on one path or the other," he said.

"Life is a creation, not a commodity," he added.

The president was looking to tamp down an escalating Senate compromise, crafted by Sens. Arlen Specter, Edward Kennedy, Tom Harkin and Diane Feinstein, that would outlaw cloning for reproductive purposes but allow it for research on illnesses such as cancer, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

"It would be a mistake for the U.S. Senate to allow any kind of human cloning to come out of that chamber," Bush said. Kennedy, said it is Bush who is mistaken.

"We must not let the misplaced fears of today deny patients the cures of tomorrow," he said. "Congress was right to place medicine over ideology in the past, and we should do the same again as we confront the issue of cloning."
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OPEC won't replace Iraqi crude oil shortage

Associated Press

LONDON

OPEC has no plans to pump more oil to replace the crude Iraq is withholding from the market, reasoning that the recent spike in oil prices will ease once violence between Israel and the Palestinians abates, the group's top official said Wednesday.

OPEC Secretary-General Ali Rodriguez defended the group's top official recent spike in oil prices will abate, the group's top official said Wednesday.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein suspended oil exports on Monday for 30 days or until at least late June by withdrawing from the Iraqi territories. Iraq, which has a daily production capacity of 2.5 million barrels, exports about 1.8 million barrels a day under the close supervision of the United Nations.

Iraq is OPEC's third-largest producer but doesn't participate in the group's production agreements. Iran and Libya had earlier said that their country wouldn't join the increase in oil prices because of the dramatic problems they're seeing in the Middle East.

"If we increased production, we could suffer a collapse of prices after the solution of the dramatic problems we're seeing in the Middle East," he said.

"Our hope is that the concrete conflicts between the Palestinians and Israel can be resolved as soon as possible." The IEA seemed to support Rodriguez's view that supply and demand were basically in balance.

The Paris-based group is the energy watchdog for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, a group of rich countries with about 4 billion barrels a day - more than enough to cover the missing Iraqi barrels.

In addition, IEA member countries have about 4 billion barrels in strategic reserves to tap in an emergency.

Other barrels in the sea

Analysts suggest that other members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting countries, which pumps a third of all crude oil, will intervene to offset Iraq halting crude exports.

Top global oil producers in 2001, millions of barrels per day:

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Still, the IEA noted that the market was tightening, due partly to the unexpected speed of the U.S. economic recovery and to diminishing U.S. inventories of gasoline and other refined products.

High prices, if sustained over a long period, could impede a global recovery, the agency added.

The price of Brent futures surged by 17.3 percent during the 30 days ending March 26, while light, sweet U.S. crude jumped by 17.9 percent during the same period.

OPEC members other than Iraq pumped an additional 440,000 barrels a day in March, for a total of 23 million daily barrels, the agency said.

This meant OPEC's members were exceeding their official quotas by 1.3 million barrels a day.

Gignoux noted that this trend in OPEC's unofficial output could help keep prices from rising too far.

"In a funny old sort of way," he said, "OPEC is sort of solving our problem."
Notre Dame’s liturgical life is the best available

They say that absence makes the heart grow fonder, and I can say that this is true. I’ve never missed the dining hall the way I miss it here. (I’ve never missed the dining hall before, but that’s immaterial.)

Having to cook for myself has made me a lot more grateful for the times and places where my meals are filled by someone else.

Far more than I miss the dining hall (and I really miss it), I miss the spiritual life of Notre Dame. Whether you love Notre Dame or not, you have to admit that the sort of religious life that exists at Notre Dame can be found nowhere else in the country. Maybe you could have gone to Stanford and received the same education, but the spiritual education available at Notre Dame is truly available “nowhere else but Notre Dame.”

I assumed that the spiritual life at Notre Dame was a result of the student body being 85 percent Catholic. I figured anywhere with that kind of concentration of one religion would be the home of a dynamic Church. My obviously oversimplified explanation of our spiritual life is perhaps a sort of tribute to the incredible people behind the scenes who make Notre Dame the wonderful spiritual home it is. They do it so well that I didn’t even realize they were there until they weren’t.

When I applied to go abroad to Ireland, one of the major points I talked about in my essay was the fact that I was looking forward to an entire country of Catholics. I was certain that there would be a dynamic Church in Ireland because of this high concentration, just as I thought the Church at Notre Dame was dynamic because of our high concentration of Catholics.

It wasn’t until just a couple of weeks before I left that an Ireland returnee informed me that the Church in Ireland was a lot of things but was definitely not dynamic. Nevertheless, I had high hopes and arrived prepared for a good spiritual experience in this heavily Catholic country. It hasn’t happened. Most Sunday Masses don’t have music, and they usually only last about 35 minutes. At the University Church, the priest regularly omits the second reading on Sunday. The priest and the Irish congregation sound like they are in a race to get to the end of Mass fastest, and I think that their confirmation classes must include speed speaking. I have yet to venture to a weekday Mass, but I can only imagine the dismal scene they must present.

I think I will probably spend the rest of my life searching for a Church like the Church at Notre Dame, a Church with the kind of involvement, life and spirituality that prevail throughout Notre Dame. Whenever I go home to my home parish, it is always both pleasant and a little disappointing. It’s good to be among the familiar people who surrounded me growing up in the faith, but the lively liturgies and piercingly relevant homilies aren’t there. It’s good to go home, but I’m always glad to come back to the Notre Dame Mass.

We often talk about the great spiritual life at Notre Dame for granted. But the fact is that Notre Dame is an incredibly special place, and for most, if not all, of us it is probably going to be the best church community we ever belong to. We have legions of priests and religious considering and catering to our every spiritual need. But out in the “real world,” we’re not going to get that kind of attention. We’ll be sharing one priest with hundreds of other people and he won’t always be able to meet our every spiritual whim. Out there, we can’t just be the passive recipients of the Church’s bounty; we must become the ministers of her riches to others.

A lot of us do serve the Church at Notre Dame. But we aren’t asked to lead the Church, to anticipate the needs of others and to meet them. We will be asked to do this outside the Golden Bubble, and I think the first step to learning to do this is realizing how much work and dedication the men and women who do this for us put in.

So next time you are at Mass singing the Gloria, think about how different it would be if you weren’t singing those words of praise but were instead racing through them in a monotone as if there were a prize on the other end. The next time you think you have too much homework to go to Mass, remember that you won’t always have the incredible liturgical experiences of Notre Dame available to you. And the next time you have a particularly meaningful spiritual experience at Notre Dame, take a moment to thank God for the people who make it happen.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

All employees should not be punished

This week, Anderson laid off 7,000 employees. This action was caused by the nation's lack of faith in Anderson's future as a consumer company. This has caused the Justice Department to indict Anderson for obstruction of justice. The Justice Department is trying to prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, that Anderson's management made a series of inappropriate decisions. Anderson's management has had to face a series of layoffs, which they believe were not necessary. They claim that the layoffs were caused by the Justice Department's actions. The Justice Department believes that Anderson's management was engaged in the obstruction of justice.

I have serious doubts that the criminal prosecution and resulting series of layoffs at Anderson is a situation that justice demands. A situation like this is one that, since Anderson gains several benefits from its partnership form, it should also have to face liabilities in that same partnership form. This is just plain wrong, because it is the responsibility of the whole company to bear this burden.

I believe that the Justice Department has turned a blind eye to the fact that the layoffs were caused by the Justice Department's actions. The Justice Department has turned a blind eye to the fact that the layoffs were caused by the Justice Department's actions. The Justice Department has turned a blind eye to the fact that the layoffs were caused by the Justice Department's actions.

At the end of the day, I think that the prosecution of Anderson is a politically motivated witch hunt. I also believe that the Justice Department has turned a blind eye to the fact that the layoffs were caused by the Justice Department's actions.

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Andrew Mladkowski
thick-skinned law student
April 10, 2002

Arabat is a terrorist

This letter is written in response to the letter by Soreur Al-Thani that appeared in Monday's Observer. Let me start by going out on a limb and calling Yasser Arafat a terrorist. Let's call a spade a spade and say that probably none of them did anything to deserve the label. The only reason they are labeled as a terrorist is because they are the only mandate that the Palestinians have. It is not that they have no other choice or no other option. The only reason they are labeled as a terrorist is because they are the only mandate that the Palestinians have. It is not that they have no other choice or no other option.

To be completely fair in the opinion of labeling Arafat a terrorist, we must recognize that Ariel Sharon is not a less ruthless or more merciful terrorist than Yasser Arafat. Known as the "Butcher of Beirut" for his 1982 military operation in Lebanon, Sharon has taken especially brutal methods repeatedly in attempting to secure Israeli security, mainly the bulldozing of homes within the occupied territories and limiting the availability of medical services to those seeking care in the territories. However, in his aggressive support of the Oslo Accords, he appears to be well aware that there is no equivalence between the collateral damage caused by strategic Israeli military strikes and the intensive strikes on Jewish civilians by Palestinian suicide bombings.

The fact of the matter is that if Arafat were serious about peace or if he was serious about establishing a state for Palestinians, he would work to obtain support from both Israel and outside the PLO and give 100 percent effort to control them in the future. He would condemn terrorism and agree that peaceful negotiations is the only way to resolve a final peace agreement. Should Arafat do those things there would be no justification for Sharon to remain in the occupied territories, for the PLO to continue to withstand them, or for the Palestinians to remain in the territories. The only agenda Hamas and Hezbollah have is the destruction of Israel, at all costs. If that means blowing a child up in the process, so be it.

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Luke Burke
Dillon Hall
April 9, 2002
Bad premise gives 'Smooshy' the kiss of death

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Editor

For anyone who ever secretly wondered if there really was a friendless alcoholic or Elmo had to attend court-ordered anger management classes, "Death to Smoochy" may seem like a deviously pleasurable romp through the surdoid version of children's entertainment. Unfortunately, director Danny DeVito fails to deliver anything more sinisterly pleasing than stealing two pieces of fruit from the dining hall: sounds like it's living on the edge until you realize that you now have two brash sidekicks.

When Rainbow Randolf (played by Robin Williams, a psychologically disturbed children's show host, is hosted in an FBI sting for taking bribes to put children on his show, the scandalized network bigwigs order their yes-man lackey, Stokes (played by Jon Stewart), and his sexually harassed partner, Nora (played by Catherine Kenner), to find a squeaky clean replacement. Enter Smoochy: a soy dog-eating, purple dinosaur suit-wearing Good Samaritan who plays children's songs for free in a methadone clinic in the slums. Also known as the perfect sucker for Stokes and Nora's manipulation. Of course, the children's television world isn't all fun and games -- then again, neither is this movie. Between Rainbow Randolf's demented attempts at revenge (which include, among other things, an overly elaborate speaking engagement set up at a Nazi party rally) and clandestine advice from Smoochy's scumbag agent, Burke (played by Danny DeVito) and a fairly pointless romance between Smoochy and Nora, moviegoers will wonder why the Smoochy movie isn't funny (despite a well-timed Notre Dame Fight Song before a twisted children's song entitled "My Stepdad Isn't Mean. He's Just Adjusting"). It's truthfully hard to put a finger on the exact reason: the movie has all the ingredients for a good film. It's the recipe that spoils this film. The big problem with "Death to Smoochy" is that it's not dark enough to be a dark comedy and not absurd enough to be a comedy. Frankly, the movie can't get over its initial premise, which its producers apparently think is hysterical. Judd does a humorous job of saving this film, yet it doesn't completely hit its mark. Morgan Freeman shine through the whole film, it will keep its attention. Although one does have to feel sorry for Judd on occasions, it isn't a heartthrob film. Rather, "Death to Smoochy" is an entertaining and entertaining movie that will satisfy audiences. Freeman and Judd successfully use a common film with different angles to make the storyline more enjoyable. The duo brings back to theaters a film that makes the audience wonder if everything you trust, everything you know, may be a lie.

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High thrill in 'High Crimes'

By EMILY HOWALD
Scene Editor

"High Crimes" is yet another thrilling and attention-grasping flick by the wonderfully paired duo of Ashley Judd and Morgan Freeman. These two have not been on the screen together since 1997's "Kiss the Girls." Meanwhile, Freeman plays his usual role of the elderly man who is way past his prime. But his experience adds interesting twists to usual procedures. Judd and Freeman shine once again and make "High Crimes" a film worth seeing.

The film makes you want to question everything and Franklin keeps you wondering until the very end about the truth of what may have actually happened. The 115-minute long film is well worth the money and the trip to the theater. It grasps the audience's attention from the beginning and doesn't let go until the very end. Though it may not keep the audience guessing throughout the whole film, it will keep its attention. Although one does have to feel sorry for Judd on occasions, it isn't a heartthrob film. Rather, "High Crimes" is an entertaining and entertaining movie that will satisfy audiences. Freeman and Judd successfully use a common film with different angles to make the storyline more enjoyable. The duo brings back to theaters a film that makes the audience wonder if everything you trust, everything you know, may be a lie.

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Two Tickets for "The Rookie" Another Touching Baseball Movie

If living in South Bend hasn't eroded your belief in the eternal renewal of springtime, then perhaps a film about baseball might do the trick. Time to root, root for the home team as Melissa Rauch (MR) and Paul Camarata (PC) make a double play on "The Rookie." Thursday, April 11, 2002.

PC: Today's question is whether America keeps producing great baseball stories or whether the genre is slowly dying. Say what you want but that opening to "Patton," but it ain't got nothing on a home plate umpire yelling, "Play ball." MR: But this really isn't an American story, Paul. We're dealing with Texans here.

PC: Woah, woah, woah, little lady. You're getting dangerously close to breaking rule numero uno: Don't mess with Texas. Our team here is to review a movie, not mess with Texas.

MR: Trust me, I would never do anything of the sort. I only mean that Texas is one state not suffering from any self-esteem problems. Texans are proud of their people and their stories, as is evident in the film "The Rookie," which recounts the triumph of a high school science teacher turned major league relief pitcher Jim Morris. In his early 20s, Morris had embarked on a pro baseball career when a shoulder injury curtailed his dream. Years later he is the only one action at throwing batting practice for the high school team he coaches. When the team struggles, Morris attempts to inspire his players by making a false promise. If they win the district championship, he'll try out again for the majors.

Though the film frequently seems far-fetched as melodrama, the true story of a true story is a real authentic reality. No, the film "The Rookie" will still satisfy its audiences with an uplifting story about following dreams set against the backdrop of America's favorite pastime.

PC: Without knocking what the film does, let me say that merely sticking to the organic components of every baseball movie ever made automatically provides fodder from the culture to please the masses. Normally I let the cynic when I come to a movie relying on its genre to generate success, particularly when the Bruce Willis action genre can presuppose superhero human cop skills from anyone who smokes cigarettes. In this case I can make an exception, since its baseball we're talking about and not wannabe heroes.

MR: The issue, then, is where this baseball movie stacks up in the diverse, historical canon that includes both "Babe of the Year" and "Field of Dreams." PC: Don't forget "The Natural" or "The Sandlot." MR: Or "The Bad News Bears" or "Bull Durham." PC: Or "Little Big League" or "Major League." MR: Or "Major League 2" or "Major League 3." PC: Or "The Scout" or "Eight Men Out." MR: Or "Angels In the Outfield" or "Damn Yankees." PC: Or "Mr. Baseball" or "Mr. Destiny." MR: Or "For the Love of the Game" or "For the Love of God, Kevin Costner, please give it a rest." PC: "Ed." MR: What range, everything from the 1919 Black Sox scandal to Matt LeBlanc and a monkey. The common thread is, of course, overcoming adversity in that swell reality and the magic of the national pastime. Mike Riche's script for "The Rookie" opened a bit slow but in the effort of forging a back drop of frontier folklore to further underscore the American-ness of the story, Dennis Quaid picked up the slack, mostly because he's believable as both, a resilient everyman and a hopeful romantic. Torn by his jilted childhood, his own family and his hometown, Quaid finds a way to reconcile them all in the pursuit of his dreams.

MR: Quaid, and that charming grin of his, definitely shines. Also convincing is Rachel Griffiths, who, though a native Australian, gives an understated and realistic performance as Jimmy's patient Texas wife, Lorrie. The colorful cast of supportive townspeople, full of local charm, entertains as well. Shifting to the film's weaknesses, the strained relationship between Jim and his military father seemed undeveloped and unnecessary. Viewers never know why Jim Morris Sr. is so unsupportive of his son's dreams or why Dad comes around in the end. The film has plenty of material to tell its tale without resorting to this distracting subplot that comes off as a shameless copycat of the "Field of Dreams" father-son bonding finale. These scenes look like Hollywood embellishments rather than real-life drama.

PC: Of course Hollywood embellishes, really, let alone what it does to make fiction plausible. I mean, you have seen the movie "John Q." There was plenty of opportunity for these filmmakers to bend the particular parts of the Morris story so that his melodramatic triumphant occurred against the evil Plagues from theBronx (see "Damn Yankees," "Major League," "For the Love of the Game") or in on an overthrown World Series stage. That Morris resur­rects his career at all is balanced nicely by the fact that he does it in the lovely Tampa Bay Devil Rays organization. If this film were a "movie" and not steeped in the real world, a lot more sap would likely be dripping from the screen.

MR: You want sap? What about the highly unlikely, extremely fortunate coincidence that the thirty-five year old gets his big league break and that his very first game is against the Texas Rangers? This lucky break provides for a heartwarming conclusion to the narrative as Morris's family, students and the rest of the crew from Big Lake can drive to The Ballpark in Arlington to cheer for their hometown hero.

PC: If his first game was in Texas, Mel, it was in Texas. To quote the punk band Bad Religion, "Sometimes truth is stranger than fiction." Occasionally there are people whose real lives become "SportsCenter" highlights or feature pieces in Time magazine. That's what this and so many other movies are about. Yes, "The Rookie" had its rough edges, my biggest complaint being that they couldn't find a way to work Randy Quaid into the gang of Texas yokels or bullpen hecklers at the Triple A Stadium. But then maybe we should applaud director John Lee Hancock for resisting the temptation to fabricate a surprise visit from some mythical "Coastin Eddie." My tolerance is admittedly higher because it's baseball, but I know this movie worked, at least within its genre, because there were still plenty of moments when I got verklempt.

MR: Don't get me wrong, aside from the father-son bit and a few too many music montages, I thought this was a very enjoyable movie. While not reaching the ranks of "Field of Dreams" or "The Natural" in the pantheon of classic baseball movies, "The Rookie" still holds its own — both as a soaring sports tale and a drama of the human spirit. And speaking of getting verklempt, a Devil Ray is neither a devil nor a ray: discuss.

When it comes to real, real-life baseball, Paul and Mel's true loves are an Ol' Lette and defensive indifference, respectively. They also share an affinity for Lenny Dykstra and can be reached at pcamarat@nd.edu and mrmarcella@nd.edu.
Laughing, sobbing, cheap beer and Sega

"A Night of One-Acts" examines both the mundane and the abstract

By JOE MUTO
Scene Writer

Dickey Seaman's housekeeper was named "Miss Seaman," and she had a serious drinking problem. There's only one problem: Dicky isn't attracted to her. She's 30 years older than he is and not exactly svelte.

"How skinny would I have to be for you to want me?" the coy housekeeper Consuela John Stamos Pinata, asks in a thick Spanish accent.

"Thinn enough to wear the ring off a pudding can as a belt," answers a totally serious Dicky.

"What flavor?" Senorita Pinata deadpans back.

This exchange is from "Why Dickey Seaman Sucks at Life," one of two plays in "A Night of One-Acts," a new production co-written and directed by senior Ryan Cunningham and junior Molly McShane.

"Why Dickey Seaman Sucks at Life" follows a conversation between Dickey (played by freshman Paul Silfenius) and his therapist (played by sophomore Ricky Herbst) who reminiscis and try to discover the root of Dickey's problems.

"The play questions what is normal by showing Dickey Seaman and his life as completely bizarre, completely offensive and completely absurd... hopefully the audience will question what is normal in their own lives, as he does," Cunningham said.

Despite the serious- sounding intent, the play by McShane and Cunningham is anything but serious.

" Basically we just tried to make each other laugh," McShane said.

In fact, comedy is just what one would expect from the pair. McShane, who got campus-wide attention last year following the formation of her Molly's Club, is also a member of the campus sketch comedy group The University of Notre Dame Humor Artists. Cunningham is well-known as the stand-up comedian from the 2002 Keenan Revue and for his comic strip "Befuddled and Bemused," which runs daily in The Observer. But fans of the comic should not necessarily expect the same thing in the play.

"There's a lot less drawing in the show than there is in the comic," Cunningham said.

"Why Dickey Seaman Sucks at Life" is the second play in a theatrical doubleheader sponsored by Morrissey Hall.

Starting the night off is "The Common Room," a play written and directed by senior Joe Larson. Larson, who started writing the play during fall break of his freshman year, also stars in it, as Mark, one of four freshman quadrants. The action takes place over a two-week span and is set entirely in a common room where the

The centerpiece is a tiny television and a Sega Genesis sporting the legendary game "NHL Hockey '94." Larson hopes the play will resonate with students who will find much of the conversation and many of the situations similar.

"I thought [guys hanging around a dorm] had a unique experience. Some of the stuff they say is so funny," Larson said.

It centers around the quiet, earnest Mark as he pines for his long-distance girlfriend and his cynical, know-it-all friend Andy (played by senior Alan Maginn), who believes that college students should limit their activities to drinking cheap beer and hooking up. The rest of the cast includes junior Michael Grant as Wade, the ugly friend who is obsessing over a girl in his Econ class and sophomore Erin Grigg as Han, who has accepted the fact that his roommates assume he is gay despite the fact he has a girlfriend. The quad is occasionally visited by Rick, the weird guy who lives upstairs and only ventures down to mooch food or drunkenly pass out on the couch.

With "Common Room" Larson has gone for a true sense of realism, even accidentally casting actors with no acting experience. Grigg was not exactly truthful about his acting experience at the audition.

"I lied. I told them I had been in a play," Grigg said.

Larson also strove to maintain a real common room atmosphere at rehearsals, attempting to get the five cast members to bond.

"Our best practice was the time we had a 40s rehearsal. There weren't actually any 40s, but we have some beer, so that was pretty cool." Erin Grigg

actor

"A Night of One-Acts"

+ LaFortune Student Center Ballroom

+ 7 p.m. tonight

+ $3 admission.

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Larson and McShane, both first time writer-directors, are somewhat optimistic about the success of their plays.

"I think it's going to be better than expected," McShane said. "Obviously, now that I've said that, it's going to be worse."

Larson is more fatalistic about his piece.

"I just hope [the audience] thinks it's funny," Larson said. "Actually, I just hope that they don't think it sucks."

"A Night of One-Acts" will be presented tonight at 7 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Tickets are $3 and are available at the LaFortune Student Center Box Office at 631-8128.

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Photo courtesy of Joe Larson

Larson's cast attempted to keep the common room atmosphere during the rehearsal process. They even had a 40s rehearsal to promote cast bonding.
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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

NCAA puts KSU on probation

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS
Kentucky State was placed on two years' probation by the NCAA on Wednesday for eligibility and recruiting violations in four sports, including men's basketball.

The NCAA investigation found that basketball coach Winston Bennett, before officially employed by the university, recruited a player, and that another player competed with the basketball team before fulfilling one academic year in residence.

In 1998, former cross country and track and field coach Marcus Henderson entered an ineligible female runner under another athlete's name in two events at the Samford University Invitational meet.

The NCAA also said several men's and women's track and field athletes participated in team practices while not enrolled full-time, and some practiced and competed before receiving a certification of eligibility. Another track and field athlete competed after his eligibility was exhausted.

Another violation involved a walk-on baseball player who, because he was not recruited, never submitted eligibility papers to the NCAA. He practiced and played in 37 games in spring 2000.

None of the athletes was identified in the report by the NCAA Infractions Committee.

In addition to two years probation, which began Wednesday, Kentucky State will be limited in the 2002-03 academic year to one contact with each basketball recruit and two tryout dates for students already enrolled.

Also, each year during probation, university officials must attend an NCAA compliance seminar. The school was not required to forfeit athletic scholarships.

Kentucky State athletic director Derrick Ramsey said he expected one year probation, but not two, which he described as "harsh." He noted that the major violations, which involved track and cross country, occurred before he joined the university in July 1999.

The other violations, all secondary offenses, were self-reported by the university, Ramsey said in a telephone interview from Frankfort, Ky.

The Student Activities Office will be hiring 3 Program Assistants for the 2002-2003 school year.

Program Assistants responsibilities include:
- Learn the program planning methodology and implement programs using a standard process
- Coordinate, produce and staff weekly, campus-wide weekend programs including Crafting Corner, Tournaments and Karaoke
- Support Student Activities Office events/activities
- Coordinate special projects for the Student Activities Office
- Provide administrative assistance to Student Activities staff members, as needed.

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For more information contact Karen Alkema in the Student Activities Office at 631-4602.

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Masters

Course size cuts down on fun

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga.

This paradox is one of the few Masters is no longer about the possibility of a grand slam.

"This time, it's the punishment expected from a grand course. Augusta National has undergone many changes since Tiger Woods left last April after completing his unprecedented sweep of the four biggest tournaments in golf.

The parade of woods will try to defend his title on a super-sized version of Augusta, a course that has been stretched to nearly 7,300 yards and figures to provide the 89-man field with the toughest test in Masters history.

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RCIA: Journey to Becoming Catholic

"I Believe...

by Fr. Gary Chamberland, c.s.c.
Rector, Keenan Hall & Assistant Director, RCIA

[NOTE: This column was initially written to appear just before Spring Break]

This past Sunday, nineteen members of the Notre Dame community joined the Roman Catholic Church at the 11:45 a.m. Basilica Mass. After the homily, they were called forward and asked to join with the assembly in professing the creed. Baptized Christians this served as a reaffirmation of their faith. They were then invited to affirm that baptismal faith in the context of the Catholic Church. Together they proclaimed, "I believe and profess all that the holy Catholic Church believes, teaches and proclaims to be revealed by God," - a bold statement of faith and of confidence by the newest members of our faith community.

Liturgy is a powerful tool that can bring us up short and make us confront the very reality in which we claim to exist. As the presider at Sunday's liturgy, that simple and straightforward statement took me aback. "I believe and profess all that the holy Catholic Church believes, teaches and proclaims to be revealed by God." Bold, powerful and awesome are words to describe such a proclamation. Daunting, overwhelming and impossible are other words that some might also use. It would be easy to dismiss such a statement as a simple liturgical formula without much meaning or import. Yet, that cast a pall over all liturgical statements and formulas. One wouldn't want to journey too far down that path with regards to other statements such as "The Body of Christ.”

No, the statement must be understood as it was spoken and the act of faith it represents be taken as the awesome reality which it is. As I listened to these candidates profess their faith, as I witnessed the catechumens depart each week after the homily to further reflect on God's word and their journey toward baptism, as I watch these men and women give up precious time, energy and effort to reflect on their lives, their beliefs and their heart's desires, I am in awe. I cannot look at these journeyers on the road to discipleship in the Catholic Church and fail to recognize that they actively seek what I have always had. They long for what I have taken for granted and, at times, not really even cared about. Their presence calls us to reflect on our own relationship with God and with the Church.

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**Griffey set to return in 3 to 6 weeks**

Associated Press

**CINCINNATI**

Ken Griffey Jr.'s injured right knee is healing quickly and he could return to the field in three to six weeks, the Cincinnati Reds' team doctor said following a re-examination Wednesday.

There has been "very improvement" in the knee since the All-Star center fielder partially tore the patella tendon and partially dislocated his kneecap during a rundown in Sunday's game against Montreal, Dr. Timothy Kremchek said.

"Junior has a full range of motion" Kremchek said. "I am convinced he is right on target to return in three to six weeks."

Timothy Kremchek

Reds' team doctor

Farnsworth breaks right foot

Associated Press

**CHICAGO**

As if the Chicago Cubs needed more trouble, reliever Kyle Farnsworth broke a bone in his right foot Wednesday and is likely to be sidelined for four to six weeks.

He'll be put on the 15-day disabled list Thursday, but the Cubs didn't announce who will take his spot.

The right-handed setup man was warming up in the bullpen in the seventh inning when he felt something "pop" in his foot. X-rays showed a stress fracture in his right foot.

Farnsworth's injury could be a costly one for the Cubs. The hard-throwing reliever had a 2.74 ERA last season, and he's got a .000 ERA with two strikeouts in 1 1/3 innings this year.

"He'll be out for a long time," manager Don Baylor said. "That's a blow for us."

Juan Alou heads to minors for batting practice

Associated Press

**CHICAGO**

Chicago Cubs outfielder Moises Alou, on the disabled list with a strained right calf for the third year in a row, will go to Class-A Dayton this weekend for a rehabilitation assignment.

Alou wants some more at-bats before Monday, the first day he's eligible to come off the disabled list. He took batting practice for a second day Wednesday, and ran without any trouble.

"They gave me a choice, and I felt like it was a good idea since I didn't get that many at-bats in spring training," said Alou, who was sidelined for most of the spring with a strained muscle in his left side. "It's a mutual decision. I think I'm ready to do it." He'll go to Dayton for Friday and Saturday's games. He'll then rejoin the Cubs and hopes to play Monday, when they open a three-game series against the Montreal Expos.

Alou began his career in Montreal, and his father, Felipe, was the long-time manager of the Expos.

Though there's artificial turf in Olympic Stadium, he's not worried about it causing problems for his calf.

"I played in Montreal for six years, and I came off the disabled list a few times there," he said. "It'll be careful about it."

The Cubs will make sure of that. They're struggling without Alou, who, along with Sammy Sosa and Fred McGriff, is expected to give Chicago one of the NL's most potent 3-4-5 lineups. The Cubs are hitting .231, and four of their five losses have been by two or fewer runs.

Alou, a career .306 hitter, batted .331 with 27 homers and 108 RBIs for the Astros last season.

**Gonzalez skips game with injured hand**

Associated Press

**ARLINGTON, Texas**

Juan Gonzalez said he will not play in the Texas lineup Wednesday night against Oakland and was to see a specialist about his injured right hand.

After taking some swings in the batting cage before the game, Gonzalez pointed to his right thumb and traced a line along the muscle there when asked what the problem was. The Rangers call it a deep bruise, and Gonzalez said he didn't expect to go on the disabled list.

Rangers spokesman John Blake said Gonzalez was scheduled to see a hand specialist Wednesday night. Blake didn't know when the team would have results from that exam.

After Gonzalez came out of Tuesday's game, he was taken to Arlington Memorial Hospital for X-rays, which were negative.

**Gonzalez left the game against the Athletics after two innings. He re-aggravated the injury during his only at-bat, an infield popout. Five days earlier, the two-time AL MVP left a game at Oakland in the ninth inning.**

Gonzalez said he initially sustained the injury when he got jammed on a pitch last week in Oakland. He said the pain worsened after several more at-bats, including Tuesday against Barry Zito.

Through seven games in his return to Texas, Gonzalez is hitting .250 (6-for-24) with one home run and four RBIs.

With Gonzalez out and second baseman Michael Young available on the bench — catcher Bill Haselman and infielder Herbert Perry, Rookie Kevin Mench replaced Gonzalez in right field.
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too competitive. If we play together for the whole season, we have an advantage," Blair said.

"Having plays in bookstore basketball goes against everything bookstore is all about," Clemency said.

Other than the Saint Mary's team, Clemency said he thought the new rule change might impact graduate or law school teams with Division II or III players in future years.

"I don't want to see a team with a bunch of D2 players just go out and beat down on everybody," he said.

NCAA eligibility rules usually prevent college basketball players with eligibility remaining from participating in Bookstore Basketball since it, among other things, predetermines rosters, has corporate sponsorship and use referees in later rounds. Thus, Notre Dame basketball players do not participate in Bookstore until after they have exhausted their eligibility.

"The rule generally is that all competition during the school year that meets those criteria listed in the NCAA rule book is banned," said Delise O'Meally, director of membership services for the NCA.

Saint Mary's, however, received an exception for its basketball players to play in Bookstore since it is a University-sponsored tournament open to all students, according to athletic director Lynn Karchmar.

The only thing that would stop the Saint Mary's underclassmen from playing would be a ban from head coach Suzanne Smith, however, has no problem with her team playing. "They just love playing so I am not going to stop them," Smith said. "If you are going to have an injury, this is the time to do it."

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constant, Clemency said there is a major change to Bookstore this year. Any registration money left over after paying for officials, set-up fees and trophies will be donated to the Jumbalump program. Jumbalump is a basketball clinic for underprivileged children in Jamaica run by the Notre Dame Club of Jamaica.

"We just want to throw as much money at them as possible," Clemency said.

To keep down costs associated with running the tournament, Clemency has picked up several sponsors. PJ Marketing, adidas and the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore have all donated to the tournament.

adidas donated all the clothing for the commissioner's clothing, while PJ Marketing and the Bookstore are paying for the embroidery for the clothes. The Bookstore also paid for the printing of the books of team names and brackets for distribution to captains.

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Dunn unsure about Bird

SEATTLE

Everything is telling Seattle Storm coach Lin Dunn to take Sue Bird with the first pick of next week's WNBA draft.

Bird can pass and score. She can run a team. She has good size and can play more than one position.

But Dunn hasn't made up her mind. She's hearing plenty of offers from other teams to trade the No. 1 choice for players or another high draft selection.

"It would have to be an awful-ly, awfully good offer because Sue Bird is awfully, awfully good," said Dunn, also the team's general manager. "I don't know how often in a lifetime you get point guards who can score like she can.

This is the second consecutive year Seattle has selected first in the draft. The Storm selected 6-foot-5 Australian center Lauren Jackson last year, but still struggled. The team finished 10-22, just four wins better than the franchise's inaugural season the previous year when it finished last in the league at 6-26.

Dunn said Seattle needs another scorer to become a playoff contender.

She is also considering Oklahoma's Stacey Dales and Nikki Teasley of North Carolina. Dunn will complete a final round of evaluations this weekend at a pre-draft combine for the country's top college seniors in Chicago.

Bird, The Associated Press Player of the Year who led UConn to a 39-0 record this season, would be a good fit in Seattle, where the Storm struggled to score from the perimeter last season and is desperate to find an offensive rhythm. Seattle shot just 37.8 percent from the field, and 31.3 percent from 3-point range.

Bird, a 5-foot-9 point guard, averaged 14.4 points and led the nation in free-throw shooting at 92.2 percent for national-champion UConn.

Bird worked out with the national team last week in Colorado Springs and scrimmaged against WNBA players. "I can see her fitting into our style in Seattle," said Storm guard Michelle Marciniak, who attended the workouts in Colorado. "I would love to play with her. She makes everyone around her better and is a very unselfish point guard. I think she would be a great addition to our team for 10 different reasons, and they're all positive."

Despite reports last fall that Jackson was considering not coming back for the second year of her two-year contract, Dunn said she'll have her center.
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all the time."

Granted, most coaches don’t go through what Mattison and his family went through in December.

But Mattison compared his situation to that of any person who loses his job. If Mattison had to move, it would have affected his family, including his daughter, Lisa, a stand-out junior on Notre Dame’s softball team and his son, Bryan, a high school senior.

So during the weeks Notre Dame didn’t have a head coach, Mattison stayed in contact with recruits and tried not to worry too much about what would happen.

"If you do a good job coaching and work hard at what you’re doing, there’s always a job for you," he said. "All you can do as a coach is do the best you can do, and whatever happens, happens."

Having a familiar face on the staff also made the transition remarkably easier for both the players and the new coaches. During the winter months, Mattison helped the new staff get accustomed to Notre Dame.

"I really like spending all my time with the defensive line. That’s what I was hired to do, and that’s what I’ll do."

Greg Mattison
defensive line coach

He provided a link to the recruiting efforts from Davie to Willingham. And it’s easier for the players to have someone who knows their capabilities.

"Having him back was probably the best thing that could have happened," rising junior defensive end Kyle Budinscak said. "He’s always put a lot of trust in me, and he’s a guy I trust a lot. Having him back as a coach has put me in a much better position."

"I’ve put a lot of time into these kids, and I’ve recruited a lot of them," Mattison said. "I’m just thankful I get to work with a lot of them. You get real close to kids when you recruit them. You put a lot of work into them, you see them grow, and you want to be part of their successes."

One of the biggest adjustments for Mattison was getting used to the responsibilities of only coaching instead of serving as defensive coordinator.

While he doesn’t want to compare working with Davie to his current job under Willingham, he said it has been easy to work with the new staff.

"Coordinating is something I’ve had the opportunity to do, and I like doing it, but I really like coaching," said Mattison, who served as defensive coordinator at Michigan in 1995-96 before coming to Notre Dame as defensive coordinator in 1997. "I really like spending all my time with the defensive line. That’s what I was hired to do, and that’s what I’ll do."
**ND SOFTBALL**

**Wissen looks to pitch winner**

By MATT LOZAR  
Sports Writer

Carrie Wissen is showing people more than one freshman pitcher is on the Notre Dame softball pitching staff. In today's game against Purdue, Wissen looks to continue her impressive pitching performance.

In her last seven appearances, Wissen is 6-0, has a 0.53 ERA and registered 28 strikeouts in 26 1/3 innings pitched. Wissen's success comes from keeping the hitters guessing.

"Lately, my change-up has been working for me," she said. "I have been able to keep the hitters off-balance."

Coach Deanna Gumpf needed to use Wissen more with Stefany Steinbiss bothered by a groin pull. The Notre Dame head coach knows this experience will help Wissen for more important games in the future.

"Carrie has been throwing more lately to get her ready for Big East, Gumpf said. "She has been doing very well."

Third baseman Andrea Loman and right fielder Liz Hartmann both missed Tuesday's doubleheader sweep of Purdue when they broke their right index finger and hand respectively. Hartmann is suffering from a minor back injury. Both Irish regulars are expected back in the lineup today but Steinbiss could miss the game.

"Steff might not go today," Gumpf said. "We are going to rest her for the Big East games this weekend. Everyone else should play."

During their current 10-game winning streak, the Irish have seen their pitching backed by their offense. As a team, the Irish are batting .361, hit 10 home runs and driven in 33 runs.

"We have to keep getting better every day in order to be successful," Gumpf said. "Wissen should start today's game against Purdue. The time for the game has been changed to 5 p.m. and is at Ivy Field."

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**SMC SOFTBALL**

**Belles’ game canceled again**

By SARAH RYKOWSKI  
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's softball team got an unexpected week off and will reopen conference play with its first league home game at Saint Mary's against Alma.

After heavy rains Monday, Tuesday's game at Calvin was rained out and rescheduled to Wednesday.

When the Belles walked out to board their bus Wednesday morning to travel to Calihn, Saint Mary's head coach John Ganeff informed them that the game was canceled again and that they were to report to practice at 4 p.m. instead.

"They weren't able to get enough umpires from the league," junior catcher Susan Kutz said. "The game won't be rescheduled this week, because Calvin has a game tomorrow."

We will probably play them next week.

Kutz and her teammates had a good practice Wednesday afternoon but had really looked forward to the game.

"We were all really frustrated that the game was canceled again, but you have to go with the flow," Kutz said.

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is really excited about this opportunity for those next two days. I think our players are really competing with a great deal of emotion, these next four games. Hopefully we’re going to go and play our very best baseball, have great crowd support and come away with some good victories.”

After a dis­appointing start to the season, the Irish have ral­lied as of late, winning nine of their last 10 contests. This recent success has been due to solid overall play, offensive­ly and defensively alike.

Notre Dame’s offense has been led by center­fielder SteveStanley, whose .449 batting average leads the Big East con­ference. Stanley also leads the team in hits (53), runs scored (24), on­base percentage (.508), walks (13) and stolen bases (19). Third baseman Andrew Bushey is second on the team with a .379 batting average and leads the club with 25 RBIs and 10 doubles.

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Irish need focus to win Crew Classic

By MARK ZAVODYNIK
Sports Writer

The women's rowing team will have to get over its solid performance at last weekend's San Diego Crew Classic in a hurry. The Irish must focus to win this weekend, when they face off against Indiana and Purdue in the Indiana Crew Classic. The regatta will take place at the Eagle Creek Reservoir in Indianapolis.

Notre Dame will see a Purdue squad that was also at the San Diego Crew Classic. The Irish will know before the race what kind of speed Purdue is capable of generating. "Purdue was there last week," said Irish head coach Martin Stone. "They were racing fairly well."

While the Hoosiers may not be as strong as the Irish, they have made improvements this season. "Indiana is getting better," said Stone. At the San Diego Crew Classic, Notre Dame finished ahead of No. 9 USC, No. 14 Texas and No. 19 Oregon State. But despite the great day for the Irish, they cannot afford to overlook this weekend's race. "We'll stay fairly focused," said Stone.

The Irish know how important each race is. This spring there are only five regattas scheduled before the important Central Region Championship. The Central Region Championship is the race that decides who advances to the NCAA Championships.

There are so few regattas that the Irish need to show that they are a championship-caliber team at every opportunity. "We have so few opportunities to race. We want to take advantage of them all," said sophomore Natalie Ladine.

In preparation for the race the Irish will have to effectively operate the race plan that worked so well in San Diego. Despite this success Stone knows that the plan can always change given the environment of a particular day's race. "You can't predict changes in the race plan," said Stone. "The weather conditions can make the course run longer or shorter by as much as a minute."

Although the Irish are better on paper than the teams they will face this weekend, there is always the opportunity to get better. "We want to see how much of a lead we can get," said Ladine.

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Hitting the courts

31st annual 5-on-5 tournament tips off today

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Senior Staff Writer

Bookstore Basketball XXXI tips off today starting at 4 p.m. with 16 first-round and preliminary-round games scheduled for the Stepan courts. No. 30 Heteroskedasticity was the only ranked team scheduled to play today, but the game has been rescheduled to later this weekend.

Head Commissioner Brian Clemency said the 528 teams in this year’s tournament are down slightly from the 580 teams in Bookstore XXXI but still within the usual range of teams. The goal of the commissioners is to fill at least 512 teams to have at least nine rounds of competition. The largest tournament in the school’s history had more than 700 teams, according to Clemency.

“There is just so much fluctuation from year to year we can never predict how many teams we will have,” he said.

Through his unofficial observations, Clemency believes the tournament is most popular among freshman males and senior females.

"Freshman boys play Bookstore like it is their job, while freshman girls on the whole just have more peaks and valleys. They look at it like it is their job, while freshman girls (than freshmen) and more senior girls (than freshmen).”

While participation rates remain
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Mattison makes change

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

No roller coaster could have matched the peaks and valleys than the one Greg Mattison rode in December.

That former head coach Bob Davie was fired, Mattison held his breath because he knew his job was in jeopardy, too. And when George O’Leary rehired Davie assistants Mattison, Bill Sheridan and Steve Addazio a week later, the defensive coach probably thought his job was safe.

But two lines of falsified biographical information sent O’Leary out of Notre Dame in disgrace and knocked Mattison back into the realm of uncertainty. Even when Tyrone Willingham was hired, Mattison didn’t know for sure if he’d be coaching the Irish.

Finally, about a month after Davie was fired, Willingham offered Mattison a spot on his defensive staff — not as coordinator but as a defensive line coach.

“That's part of the profession,” said Mattison, the lone assistant coach to be retained from Davie’s staff. “You take what's given to you, you don’t have a choice, you don’t have to coach. When you decide to be a coach and coach at the big schools and the big arenas, things like that happen.

Rallying Irish use momentum

By JOE HETTLER
Assistant Sports Editor

After taking two of three Big East games from St. John’s and pulling off a come-from-behind win against Western Michigan in the past week, the Notre Dame baseball team heads into back-to-back Big East doubleheaders with confidence and momentum.

The Irish (18-11, 5-5) face tests against Pittsburgh on Thursday and Virginia Tech on Friday before having the weekend off. We obviously need to take advantage of these games being [at home],” head coach Paul Mainieri said. “I know our team

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- Women’s Lacrosse vs. Duke, Friday, 4 p.m.
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BOOKSTORE Basketball XXXI

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Senior Staff Writer

New rules limit number of varsity athletes on teams

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Senior Staff Writer

New eligibility rules for Bookstore XXXI are designed to level the playing field and produce a more competitive tournament, according to head commissioner Brian Clemency.

Starting this year, a team may carry no more than three players who have suited up for a Division II or III college in the past 15 years. Any team with a player who suited up for a Division I college in the last 15 years may not carry more than one Division II or III player.

Division II and III players are now classified the same way as Irish football players.

"It was a rule whose time had come. It will make the game more open for everybody," Clemency said.

The only team affected by the new rule was a team of Saint Mary’s basketball players, said Clemency. Last year the Hardcore Strokers, which included five Belles players, made it to the finals of the women’s tournament.

This year, Hardcore Strokers includes three Saint Mary’s basketball players — Anne Blair, Shaun Russell and Katie Miller — and two other Saint Mary’s students.

Blair, a senior, said she was a little disappointed about having to break up her team this year but understood why the change was made.

"I understand if they think it’s