After tabling the Financial Management Board’s budget last week, senators on Wednesday approved the budget 22-3.

At the regular meeting, senators reviewed their debate about how much money should be allocated to the Club Coordination Council.

Rick Harris, Siegfried Hall senator, suggested that an amendment be made to the constitution to deduct $4,000 for student organizations.

"I don’t think we should consider what the budget but how it will affect students," said Harris.

Harris said by not deducting the debt beforehand, the CCC would receive about 39 percent of the total available funds. If the debt were deducted beforehand, then the CCC would receive the minimum share of the budget, 36.75 percent.

The concerns held by Harris and Jesse Norman, O’Neill Hall senator, was that the CCC was receiving too large of a percentage of the funds that are actually available, while other student organizations, such as Hall Presidents Council, were not receiving sufficient funding.

Danielle Ledesma, Judicial Council president, said after reviewing the constitution, the correct percentage interpretation is 36.75 for the CCC.

If you choose to take away money from the clubs, you will be in violation of the constitution," said Ledesma.

Pointing out that the April 15 deadline for approving the budget had lapsed, Norman suggested that if senators approve the budget, the oversight committee should review it.

"Keep in mind every single member of the FMB and every single club manager has approved the budget, and they are looking for you to approve," said Jim Ryan, the Senate representative to the FMB.

Ryan acknowledged that there is little time left in the school year to restructure the budget. He also stated that if the Senate opted to do so, they would discredit the FMB and call into question its process.

The official groundbreaking ceremony for the new Saint Mary’s student center is set for Friday at 4:30 p.m. on the Library Green.

"It was really a student-generated idea," said Vice President of Student Affairs Linda Timm. "Starting in 1997-98, student government began exploring the idea of a Student Center."

According to Timm, the project’s first phase will be finished in June of 2003 with the construction of the new Noble Family Dining Hall. The dining hall will transform its service drastically, preparing meals in front of diners instead of buffet style. The entire layout will also transform with new tables, booths and three small spaces that can convert into a large area capable of seating 45 patrons. There will be an addition of a private dining room, complete with its own kitchen, as well as a terrace area for outdoor dining.

The dining situation is going to get much, much better," said Vice President of Finance and Administration Linda Timm.

The Catholic Church is always big news because it is the largest Christian denomination in the world, comprising nearly 1 billion members," said Father Richard McBrien, a University theology professor.

McBrien traced the beginning of the Church’s problem to the scandal in Boston, where former priest John Geoghan was convicted of child sexual abuse.

The case generated a nearly 1 billion lawsuit.

The Washington Post reported on April 4 that seven in 10 Americans believed the Church “has been harmed by the revelations” of sexual misconduct by clergy, according to a recent poll by the Washington Post, ABC News and Belief.com.

Father Nicholas Ayo, a professor in Notre Dame’s Program of Liberal Studies, said people should realize that the problem of sexual abuse, should be treated as an illness, but that students and the Church have a responsibility in understanding and treating the problem.

"I’d like to see the issue truly, fairly, openly talked about,” Ayo said.

He added that students need to be educated on ways that the Bible teaches about sexuality and that the Church should handle the issue of sexual misconduct accordingly.

"I think there was an attempt to hide some of this, to keep the bad publicity away," Ayo said.

"And that, I think, is the bigger problem."
It is interesting to see how things work out. Everything happens for a reason. I am sure of that. I tore my ACL in the 10th grade while running hurdles. I learned to find strength within me to heal and repair both the physical and mental aspects of my life, with the help of my friends and family. My bike, which was stolen in October, was recovered this weekend. I realized that I was doing too many things and relying on my bike so much that I was running myself ragged. Without the bike, I learned restraint and patience as I grieved and the right schedule I had planned myself this semester.

So what does this have to do with my life? A lot to do with how we look at our everyday lives and how we respond to the challenges with which we are faced and how we deal with how people respond to us. Life is a chain reaction. If we look at it that way, we might smile more often, hold our heads up high more often and not be as worried about what someone might think about us as how they will take what you give them.

I have calendars in my room that have sayings on them for each day of the year. The first one is about friendship. The second one is about God’s love. The third one is inspirational sayings on it. If you would indulge me to focus on the lattermost calendar, there are some sayings that have found most helpful in the past few days.

In dealing with hard times, Confucius said, “Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.” John Powell said, “The only real mistake is the one from which we learn nothing.” Eddie Rickenbacher said, “Courage is doing what you’re afraid to do.” To me, these things mean that you learn more through hard times, and you strive to make your way out of them, then you achieve and learn more than you ever could have if you had not had that challenge.

In dealing with situations where you don’t have all the facts, Confucius said, “Real knowledge is to know the extent of one’s ignorance.” I am not saying that you all know how to talk. Those who talk do not know.” For me, these sayings refer to when you find yourself at a loss of information, to know when and when not to speak. Openly by saying you can cause more harm to yourself and the one’s you are trying to support. At the same time, you must know when to speak and when to be silent. Never let people or events get under your feet or try to step on their toes. We can try to mine words, fight against meanings, or even debate causes, but if we are truly knowledgeable, we will know when we do not know any more and when we need to be quiet.

I guess the quote from Goethe sums up what I’m trying to say, “Everybody wants to be somebody, nobody wants to grow.” To be yourself, to be a fuller, richer person, you need to take chances, to speak up and to stay silent. You need to make mistakes and get back up. You need to make mistakes, to fail, to feel horrors. You only fall when you cease to learn from your mistakes. Let’s never fall, and only grow.

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**Beyond Campus**

Penn State rally planned to ‘Take Back the Night’

**University Park, Pa.** It has been a long road for the marchers who will rally against sexual assault Wednesday at the 17th annual Take Back the Night event.

For years, they have endured shouts of “We want rape,” “Men are number one,” and “Go home, bitches.” They have listened to yells of “Get back to your f--king kitchens,” and “All you girls want is to get f--ed.” They have been called “dykes” and “whores.

Sometimes, they have silently defied the whistles and shouts. Other times, they have drowned out the hecklers with their own chants: “What do we want? No rape! When do we want it? NOW!”

Occasionally, the marchers have encountered problems along Fraternity Row. “No means yes, take off your dress,’ is one I remember,” said Laurie Rosenberger, of Womyn’s Concerns, her voice choking with emotion.

Dora McQuaid, a lecturer in communications sciences and technology, also remembered the heckling along Fraternity Row last year.

“My initial response was an unequivocal sense of sadness, but I wasn’t surprised at all, because violence against women is so damn rampant,” said McQuaid, who is a founding member of Women of Courage, a group that works to end violence against women.

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“When did we get this divided?” she remembered thinking. “I made me sad for the guys who were doing it. I mean truly, how pathetic are they?”

But she said the hemorrhage indicates the march’s strength. “When people retaliate like that, they feel threatened,” she said. “Obviously, there was a threat to their power, or their privilege, or their self or group identity. Anytime you deal with that retaliation, you’re doing good work. You’re pleasing people off.”

The periodic harassment along Fraternity Row, McQuaid and Rosenberger said, was not a reflection of all fraternity members, who often applaud, chant along and light candles.

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**Indiana University**

Number of non-tenure-track professors soar

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. They tend to be social creatures, congregating in clusters throughout the United States. Mating often occurs late in life, and migratory patterns level off as they age. The preferred habitat is books, artifacts, compositions and equations. Species: tenure-track professors. The question is whether or not the classification is protected. A new breed of instructors is increasingly evident in this habitat. Indiana University has seen a 63 percent increase in the number of full-time, non-tenure-track faculty teaching classes from 1991 to 2001. Meanwhile, the number of tenure-track professors has decreased by almost one percent, while Indiana enrollment has seen a 7 percent upswing. Administrators predict the trend will continue, it has the potential to save Indiana money as state appropriations continue to fall. It also has the potential, some educators say, to undermine the quality of an Indiana diploma.

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**Ohio State University**

School’s budget cuts not severe

STILLWATER, Okla. Possible budget cuts at Ohio State University are not as severe as those at some other universities.

Ohio State is looking at possible budget cuts around 2.1 percent for fiscal year 2003, the same percentage that was cut this year. However, some of the other schools in the Big 12 are facing much tougher financial times. Cuba Plain, director for Budget Planning and Development at the University of Missouri, said the University of Missouri’s probability of facing possible cuts of 10 percent would mean a loss of $45.7 million from its four campuses located in Columbia, Kansas City, St. Louis and Rolla. Plain said the cut could be more than 10 percent. The university made a number of changes to combat the drop in state appropriations. Also, faculty members at the University of Missouri will not receive raises. Students will notice a difference in the classroom, as well.

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Study finds binge drinking on the rise

But ND surveys indicate binge drinking down in last five years

By JOHN FANNING
News Writer

A recent study done by the University of Michigan revealed that binge drinking among college students is on the rise, especially among undergraduate females.

But according to Notre Dame's Gina Firth, director of the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education, "Binge drinking levels are not up here. In fact, it has actually gone down in the last five years."

Although Firth maintains the numbers are on the decline, binge drinking is still a serious problem at Notre Dame and the efforts being made to combat the problem certainly need to continue.

"The levels are still problematic," Firth said. "Even though they are starting to go down, we still need to continue our efforts." Firth's statistics are based on online surveys sent out to the student body that received over 16,000 responses, far more than the traditional mail survey that had previously been used. After analyzing these numbers, Firth said, "The numbers are down from five years ago, both online and in the mail."

The surveys look at student perceptions of the problem on campus, in addition to their individual behaviors. Firth indicated that the perceptions are beginning to match the behaviors, which is a positive in that it helps to dispel the myth of a campus where everyone drinks.

However, Firth agreed wholeheartedly with the studies' revelation of an increase in binge drinking among undergraduate females.

"Women are drinking harder and faster than ever before," Firth said, an. "There has been a definite increase of the amount of female referrals over time."

"However, the number of women not choosing to drink is higher than ever," Firth added.

While there is a strong non-drinking female population at Notre Dame, a definite increase of the amount of female referrals over time has been noted, said Firth. This alarming trend has also been documented in a recent Time magazine article entitled, "Women on a Binge." According to the article, which was featured in the April 1 issue of Time, "Since 1999, some 16,000 men but more than 40,000 women have requested screening for alcohol abuse at federally funded day-long clinics held each spring at about 400 colleges."

The article goes on to say that binge drinking has also increased at all-women colleges. "According to a study being published this week in the Journal of American College Health...between 1993 and 2001, all-women colleges saw a 125 percent increase in frequent binge drinking, defined as consuming four or more drinks in a row, three or more times in the past two weeks," the article said.

This trend has been alarming to Dr. Firth. "It's getting more confusing as the gender roles are getting more and more mixed up. The stress of the new competitiveness with males can be tough on personal identity."

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However, if the trends indicated by the University of Michigan study are true, there remains much work to be done in order to bring the problem under control. Firth urges any student who feels that they are having a problem with alcohol to contact the office of Alcohol and Drug Education for a free and confidential screening.

"It's an opportunity to slow down and get some objective feedback on the problem," Firth said. "We are really dedicated to helping our students. That's what we are here for."

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Keith Dennis. "The existing facility, wonderful as it is, has seen some real problems in some of the different varieties of the ways they can cook food and present food and seating arrangements. Plus, handi-
capped accessibility is a real problem in that facility."

The second phase of the pro-
ject, the student center, is
meant to be the hub of the col-
lege. It will provide a place for
students to convene with its
various lounges, cyber cafe and 160-seat theater room.

New venues include a
"Grab 'n Go" facility, a two-
story bookstore and a copy
shop, according to Timm.

The offices currently located in
Hasgard College Center will
move to the new building
along with offices for The
Observer, Blue Mantle and
student government.

The gallery, President's
Dining Room and Terrace will
be a few of the highlights of
the new structure. The most
important aspect of the new
Student Center will be the
sense of community it aims to
bring to campus, officials said.

"Since we really don't have
an anchor on campus where
students can go to gather ... we'll have several different kinds of venues really in the space. ... So just having
real common, large enough space on campus where all students
can go to and gather is proba-
ably the biggest advantage," Dennis
said.

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Clearing up confusion
Fellow Notre Dame theologian,
Eugene Ulrich, reiterated the
theme of disclosure as a way
for the Church to restore its
members'— and other American'—
confidence.

He said the scandals have
overwhelmingly damaged the
image of candidates for the
priesthood, men he called mostly
"healthy and good human beings
trying to offer a service to the
Church."

Most priests, Ulrich said,
are "honestly trying to do a good
job," but the recent controver-
sies highlight a problem among
a small percentage of the
approximately 45,000 priests in
the nation.

"There is, nonetheless, a
frighteningly large number of
humans who have been severely
physically damaged while they
were innocently seeking an
opening to God," said Ulrich.

He suggested "absolutely full
disclosure" of information
regarding sexual misconduct
by clergy and said the Church
needs to exercise its role
as moral teacher and set an
example.

"The Church should not act
like a corporation — denying,
stonewalling, minimizing," Ulrich
said.

Despite the fact that the
Church is not a corporation, Ayo
said it is a "large bureaucratic
organization". That makes all of
its members responsible for
dealing with its problems,
including sexual misconduct, he
said.

Vocation and career
The priesthood itself doesn't
attract the large numbers of men
that it once did.

The priesthood has been a
career option for many Catholic
men in the past, McBrien said,
and has increased in average
household income for
Catholics in the last
century, "We've lost fewer men to
consider as clergy. The result has been a limited pool of priest candidates for
the Church."

"Back in the 1950s, most
Catholic young men had limited
options: a police officer, a fire-
fighter, an FBI agent or a priest.
Of these, the priesthood was the
most respected and honored call-
ing," McBrien said.

Now, the number of men
choosing to become priests has
plummed, so much so that the
Bureau of Labor Statistics
reports the line of work as hav-
ing a "very favorable outlook
through the year 2010." The
shortage of priests according to
McBrien, has attracted more
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Although some argue that
the Catholic policies mandating
celibacy and banning marriage
for priests has turned away
many qualified men, Ulrich said
the issue cannot be simplified.

"On the one hand, if priests
had a satisfying sex life, they
might not prey on young boys; on
the other, married adults, male
and female, abuse their own chil-
dren, male and female," said
Eugene Ulrich.

"Celibacy, like marriage,
can be a good thing if
freely chosen," Ulrich.

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Ultimatum issued to Venezuela

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CARACAS

An unusually blunt Organization of American States chief warned embittered Venezuelans to talk to one another in the wake of a failed coup or risk the loss of their democracy — and their lives.

"This country has to learn from the traumatic events of last week," OAS chief Cesar Gaviria said Wednesday as he ended a fact-finding mission into the uprisings that overthrew President Hugo Chavez on Friday and brought him back to power on Sunday.

"Episodes such as those that occurred have enormous risks in human lives and in the preservation of institutions," Gaviria said.

Chavez, whose initial popularity in office allowed him to run roughshod over opponents, has admitted errors and appealed for the country to calmly retreat from violence.

Gaviria is to report his findings Thursday to the General Assembly of the Organization of American States. He declined to say what he might recommend.

"I think that if in the international community we are not able to do something, there is a risk — probably not of another coup — but that social unrest will come again soon," Gaviria told foreign reporters.

He expressed alarm at the bitterness expressed by Chavez's foes and friends after three years of growing confrontations that exploded over the weekend. At least 49 people died — some say far more — in massive street protests in the capital as soldiers first ousted Chavez, then brought him back.

Both sides blame the other for most of the deaths.

"On both sides there is a theory that confrontation is inevitable, as if this is impossible to solve," Gaviria said. "Those theories lead to instability and war."

Pope John Paul II also appealed for Venezuelans "to leave aside all temptations for revenge or violence."

As the 1 million-member Confederation of Venezuelan Workers called for a referendum on whether the government should stay, the National Assembly began a bitter, partisan debate on the coup.

"Let us all resign and go to elections," urged opposition Congressman Julio Borges. "No more deaths!"

SIERRA LEONE

Sierra Leone celebrates election

Associated Press

FREETOWN

Singing and dancing in the streets by the tens of thousands, Sierra Leone's people celebrated on Wednesday in a rally marking the West African nation's first post-war elections.

Market women abandoned their stalls, offices shut down and children spilled out of classrooms, waving palm fronds and turning war refugee-crowded Freetown into a carnival for much of the day.

The occasion was a re-election rally by President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah, who presided over the end of Sierra Leone's vicious 10-year war in January, with the decisive intervention of U.N. and British forces.

Many in the capital seemed ready to seize on any excuse to celebrate. Cheers drowned out Kabbah as he tried to speak to a sea of people in Freetown's Victoria Park.

"That is the best speech the president could make — that is, the fact he could not make one," said one in the teeming crowd, instructor Dennis Bright.

“I have never seen such a thing like this in my life or in the history of the country,” said another watcher, businessman Vivian Davis.

Kabbah is one of nine candidates for Sierra Leone's May 14 presidential elections.

The rebel Revolutionary United Front, remaking itself as a political party, also is fielding a candidate — but not former leader Foday Sankoh, now on trial in multiple murder counts stemming from the war.

The national election council early this month officially barred Sankoh from the race.
House hopes to pass senior drug benefit

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

House Republicans hope to pass a prescription drug benefit for seniors by Memorial Day and include substantial improvements to keep the 37-year-old program afloat.

Hearings Wednesday on the issue showed the sharp differences between Democrats and Republicans on the best way to help the millions of seniors burdened by costly prescriptions.

House Republicans have proposed using $350 billion over 10 years for Medicare improvements while Senate Democrats want to set aside $500 billion. President Bush has proposed $190 billion.

Speaker Dennis Hastert has asked GOP leaders "to have a bill on the floor before Memorial Day so that we can move it to the Senate with sufficient time for the Senate to respond," Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif. and chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, said Wednesday.

The Ways and Means and the Energy and Commerce committees will write the GOP Medicare proposal.

Republicans insisted at a hearing Wednesday that it would be useless to add a prescription drug benefit to Medicare without making substantial changes to modernize the program, which is projected to run out of money in 2030.

Democrats said there is not enough money to upgrade Medicare, provide a prescription drug benefit and increase reimbursements for Medicare health providers — all items on the GOP agenda for Medicare.

"House Republicans are ridding the budget with tax cuts," Democratic said. "It does not add up," said Rep. Charles Rangel of New York, the leading Democrat on the Ways and Means Committee. "Republicans have no sound fiscal plan."

But GOP leaders said with the nation's elderly population expected to double by 2030 with the aging of baby boomers, the time to modernize Medicare is now.

"We believe strongly that you can't simply add a new prescription drug benefit to Medicare," Thomas said.

Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson told lawmakers, "It's clear that if we add a drug benefit without comprehensive modernization of the system, we will only deepen the financial crisis Medicare faces in coming years."

Thomas said in addition to a prescription drug benefit a Medicare modernization package should reduce paperwork and regulatory burdens for Medicare providers, improve reimbursement formulas for doctors and strengthen Medicare's managed care program.

HMOs participating in the managed care program have complained that they cannot afford to stay in the program unless Congress increases their payments.

Those issues "while perhaps not as politically headline-grabbing as prescription drugs, are serious, cannot be left for later and need to be done," Thomas said.

Cigarette-maker pulls 'light' label

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Star Scientific Inc. is the first U.S. tobacco company to announce plans to stop identifying its cigarettes as "light" or "ultra-light," which critics say mislead smokers into believing the cigarettes are safer.

The Chester, Va., company sent letters to other cigarette manufacturers and lawmakers Wednesday that said it would drop the terms from its Vegas brand of cigarettes by the end of September.

Spokeswoman Sara Machir said the company will assess whether to remove the terms from its other brands — Main Street, Sport and Gomoko. Star products account for less than 1 percent of U.S. cigarette sales, Machir said.

"Star desires to be applauded for being the first tobacco company to eliminate the use of light and ultra-light," said Matthew Myers, president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. However, Myers said Star should go ahead and remove the terms from all its brands.

The tobacco industry generally uses the term "light" to describe cigarettes with less than 15 milligrams of tar, a carcinogen produced when tobacco is burned. Tar helps deliver nicotine to smokers.

In the letter to other companies and lawmakers, Star Chairman Paul Perito cited a National Cancer Institute study published last year that found smoking light cigarettes does not decrease smoking-related disease.

The study found that while the cigarette yield less tar and nicotine when tested on government-approved machines, real smokers tend to inhale more deeply and take more puffs.

"In taking this step, we hope to challenge all tobacco manufacturers to follow our lead," Perito wrote. "Fundamental changes in the industry must take place, so that tobacco users can make informed decisions about the use of tobacco products and their inherent risk."

Brendan McCormick, a spokesman for Philip Morris Inc., said the nation's largest tobacco company would continue using the terms.

"We think they provide useful points of comparison regarding the characteristics of various cigarette brands, such as strength of taste and reported tar yields," McCormick said.

Lawyers in 11 states have filed class-action lawsuits against Philip Morris, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and Brown & Williamson Corp. over the use of terms such as "light," saying they constitute a deliberate attempt to mislead smokers.

The lawsuits seek billions of dollars in alleged violations of consumer protection laws.

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Powell fails to secure cease-fire after peace mission

Egypt as he returned home to report to President Bush. Still, he pointed to what he called signs of progress, especially a promise by Israel to accelerate military withdrawal from the West Bank.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon gave assurances of "real results in the next few days." Powell said, "Only with the end of the incursion and with the engagement in security talks can a cease-fire be achieved."

He also mentioned Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's return to "decide as the rest of the world has decided, that terrorism must end."

But U.S. suggestions before Powell's trip that the peace mission would be Arafat's last chance had vanished by journey's end.

"He holds the office of the presidency of the Palestinian Authority," Powell said at a news conference after his meeting with Arafat. "So whether one approves of that or disapproves of it, or likes it or doesn't like it, it's a reality."

Bush, in a speech at the Virginia Military Institute, said Powell had made progress. He, too, urged Arafat to do more to stop violence.

"The Palestinian Authority must act — must act — on its words of condemnation of terror," Bush said.

The president will assemble his national security team Thursday to hear from Powell and discuss the possibility of a Middle East peace conference. Bush wants to make sure the idea makes sense before welcoming it, said a senior administration official.

AIA Director George J. Tenet is likely to head to the region next week, but a final decision will be made after Powell's White House meeting with the official. Bush and Powell also will discuss when Powell plans to return.

The United States hopes to "restart the clock" to conditions that were in place before the Passover bombing that killed 28 people in Netanya on March 27, with Israel getting a resumption of Teneesed security talks and the Palestinians knowing that the political process is not far behind, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Another top official said the region will get a steady stream of visits from U.S. officials producing the parties toward political and security negotiations.

Bush is trying to find a way to give Israel hope for an end to terrorism, while giving Palestinians, in return, a reason to believe they will get their own state and land gains, the official said.

U.S. officials said Bush is no longer tied to the old view that security talks must precede negotiations on political issues, such as dividing up land and deciding the contentious issue of Israeli settlements. He is willing to mix up the formula or find a new one — if that would jump-start talks.

Powell, after meeting with Arafat Wednesday, met in Cairo with Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher of Egypt and Foreign Minister Marwan Muasher of Jordan before heading home. Powell was supposed to see President Hosni Mubarak, but was told Mubarak was "indisposed," Powell said.

That rebuff came as some in the Arab world complained that Powell had not brought adequate pressure on Israel to end its offensive, which is designed to stop Palestinian militants from launching more suicide attacks.

Israel must leave the West Bank before Arab states supply with calls for a peace conference or a cease-fire, the Arabs said. "We explained to him [Powell] that any talk of political or security issues must be preceded by an Israeli withdrawal and an end to the Israeli threats of either attacking Arafat's compound or the Church of Nativity," Maher said.

Powell, who held talks with Arafat in the Ramallah office where the Palestinian leader is confined by Israeli tanks and troops, said: "He has a powerful voice and can be heard, so he should use his position of leadership and his powerful voice," to end terror.

Arafat saw Powell to the door of his battered headquarters after their two-hour meeting, but did not step outside. He then complained angrily to reporters about his confinement and appealed for international help.

"I have to ask the whole international world, I have to ask excellency President Bush, I have to ask the United Nations, is this acceptable that I can't go outside the door?" he said, his voice rising.

Just next door, Israeli gunners peeked through the opened windows.

"They are returning," Arafat said, referring to Israel's latest surge into Palestinian areas, after Sharon had said he would withdraw Israeli troops within a week from all towns and villages except Ramallah and Bethlehem.

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“What could we do to make it into your next article?” asked the giggling freshman from Lewis. “No, like, guarantee we’re in an article?” clarified her equally giggly friend. Guarantee themselves a spot in my article? I could think of at least one thing they could do. Sadly for me I wasn’t cocky enough to say it. Actually, for the record, sadly for them. It all started a week before when an innocuous-looking envelope bearing my name slid under my door. Inside I found an invitation to the Lewis Crush. This caused me no small amount of concern, especially considering that I don’t hang out with any girls from Lewis, and I definitely am not on the verge of a romantic relationship with one.

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The latter question turned out to be a matter of logistics. “We’re all members of your fan club!” exclaimed the bright-eyed freshmen, looking much younger than their age to my jaded eyes. They insisted on posing for pictures with me, and although I couldn’t help but feel a little like the Elephant Man, I let myself enjoy the moment. Writing for the school paper is not supposed to get you dates. It’s supposed to get you beat up, and that’s why I’m going to Lewis, asking to meet my date and being shown into a basement room where a group of University administrators and FlipSide members would be waiting to beat the living shit out of me using heavy prayer books and whatever metal-based crafts they had been working on during that Saturday night Craftng Corner, respectively.

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Arianne Obering
Thursday, April 18, 2002

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Catholicism lacking**

In my time at Notre Dame, I have been struck by the difference between the purported Catholicism of its students and administration and the lack of real Catholicism expressed in many of their actions. Two opinion pieces have recently been published in campus newspapers regarding the blatant contradiction between Catholic teaching and the University's policy of not paying a living wage if the market allows it. I was also struck by a column on Tuesday in which John Lisle expressed some pride in his Catholicism, and then proceeded to attack an entire race based on the extreme actions of a few. Not a very Christian analysis of a complex issue, I would argue.

If Notre Dame's religious affiliations can ever be reconciled with its extreme privilege and influence, then this must be done through a willingness to use its assets to reduce inequalities and increase tolerance. The administration can do this by ensuring that its policies are socially responsible. We as students can do this by educating ourselves about issues beyond campus and ensuring that both now and when we leave Notre Dame we address those issues in compassionate and constructive ways. My two examples, which I feel are symptomatic of broader trends, show distinct failures within the Notre Dame community to follow these simple rules. This compromises Notre Dame's claim to be a truly religious institution.

Reuben Keller 

**first-year biology graduate student** 

**O'Hare-Graur Townhouses** 

April 17, 2002

**Lack of response reflects respect of privacy**

This letter is in response to Sarah Edwards' letter to the editor on Tuesday. She questions why the classmates of the woman who reported being raped have not come to her side with articles expressing our support of her.

I believe things that happened to the student have not been discussed because they are too severe to trivialize by blanket­ing articles of students' opinions over the Viewpoint section. The majority of the student does not know exactly what happened to her. It would be presumptuous to think that the half-story we know is grounds enough to write an article about the terrible, intimate things that happened to this woman. If I were her, I would not want people who do not know me, speculating about the details of my rape and what happened.

Edwards asks, "What kind of message does this send?" The message is: The students of Notre Dame do not know enough about what happened to comment on it, and because of that, we respect this woman's privacy and her feelings enough to not write letters about our views. There is no lack of support shown here.

Edwards wrote, "Students are more concerned about their drinking rights and SVBs than they are about the alleged violation of one of their sisters." The comparison to the reaction about the alcohol policy and the reaction to the rape is completely inap­ropriate. The policy change is something that there is a debate about. When something covers three pages of the Viewpoint section, it is because there is a controversial issue that has many sides to it. What happened to the student is not a controversial issue. There are not two sides, one claiming rape is bad, the other that rape is good. I hope that there is not a person on campus that does not feel pain for the victims of such a horrible crime.

Edwards calls for a "re-evaluation of pri­orities." I believe we have our priorities straight: We know what is our business to discuss and what is someone else's personal life that is inappropriate for a public forum of debate.

Meghan McCall 

freshman 

Parramore West 

April 16, 2002

**Viewpoint**

**Celibacy offers unique freedom**

Perhaps our greatest fear is to go through life alone. We fill our daily lives with distractions, whether through work, entertainment or any number of things. Rarely do we have the chance to sit in solitude and confront ourselves honestly.

Rarely do we ask the hard questions: What is my life's purpose? What makes me truly unique? Is my life contributing to my life? Has my search for fulfillment, and if not, how may I find it?

For some, self-confrontation is better avoided. The profound emptiness it can reveal is terrifying. Most people attempt to erase this thought away by surrounding themselves with acquaintances or lovers. Indeed, the message society transmits reinforces this idea. Hollywood romanticizes love: You meet your soulmate, fall in love, experience physical intimacy and never suffer loneliness again.

Most young girls are expected to grow up and eventually become wives and bear children. Young boys are raised believing they should sow their wild oats before fully settling down. If not, they too have the option of remaining sexually active bachelors.

For men and women who choose the nonconformist vow of celibacy, no alternative path to fulfillment is embraced. Their motives are generally questioned by skeptics, who view such people as sexually repressed and abnormal. In a society obsessed with sex, the average person wonders how anyone could make a vow to abstain from what many deem a necessity. Sex, so says the norm, is the requisite accompaniment to any romantic relationship.

Anyone who chooses to abstain until marriage is considered a prude. Those who choose to abstain for life are thought to be down-right aberrant.

These are unfortunate stereotypes. They stem from a fundamental misconception regarding the significance of chastity and celibacy.

Although all are called to be chaste, whether single or married, only some are called to the vow of celibacy, which is the commit­ment to remain unmarried. True, people exist who make the vow of celibacy for the wrong reasons. But the vast majority do so for the right reasons. And, contrary to popular misconceptions, the celibate are not selfish, domineering prudes. Those who choose to abstain for life are thought to be completely unfeeling. What are the lives of the celibates like? What do they do with their lives? Many people are curious, and many people are afraid of the answer. For the celibate, the issue is not merely about giving up a sexual relationship. It is a calling for some, just as marriage is a calling for others.

For the celibate, the issue is not merely about giving up a sexual need. Celibacy is accompanied by a vow of poverty; thus, the issue is centrally one of giving up possession of all earthly things — including possession of another person. Why? In order to under­stand this, one must write an article about the role of God in one's life.

Some think of God as an abstract principle floating in the sky, utilized by us on any level for a vengeful judge to strike us with holy lightning. However, if you believe that God is Love itself, that He knows you intimately and desires only good for you, one can more readily understand the willingness to trust oneself wholly to Him.

Celibacy is a gift. It is a calling for some, just as marriage is a calling for others. Both vocations experience their own sacrifices, their own duties, their own blessings. God can be profoundly expe­rienced through both paths.

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However, despite the joys of married life, loneliness is not erased through finding a spouse. No human is capable of fulfilling all the deepest yearnings of our hearts. Earthly relationships, as satisfying as they are, can also involve misunderstanding and heartache. Certainly there have been times in our lives when we have been dis­appointed by our relationships and disappointed in ourselves. To what, or to whom, do we turn then?

Blaise Pascal wrote that in every heart there is a God-shaped vac­uum. Taking the vow of celibacy involves confronting that vacuum and boldly stepping forth in faith. Celibates give up all earthly things — all the things that distract, burden and limit us — in order to be filled with God alone. It is, as the priest Henri Nouwen said, a "holy emptiness" which God alone satisfies. The thought of making such a sacrifice is formidable — until faith steps in to reassure us that God will, indeed, fulfill our hearts' longings.

In order to demand absolute sexual freedom, it is the celibate, I surmise, who are truly free. St. Augustine was tortured by doubt before his conversion. He was 32 years old and had lived the life of the common bachelor. It was his fear of losing female ac­companiment to any romantic relationship.

Celibacy offers a unique freedom. It is not merely the absence of women — or of men — in one's life, but the absence of the distraction caused by the sexual relationship. Celibates are not limited by the terrible, intimate things that happened to the woman who reported being raped.

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**Christine Niles**

As I See It ...
Some days, a hard-working student wants to watch a thought-provoking film with a great script, talented actors, and high production value. Other days, students need to kick back and enjoy a purely entertaining or offensive film. On those more prurient days, the perfect way to celebrate cinematic gratuity is to view Troma Films.

Troma Films are characterized by their extremely low budgets and production values. They are best known, although each film attempts to demolish or parody cinematic convention, for their over-the-top attitude toward on-screen sex and violence. A typical Troma release will contain scores of inexplicable women, exploding heads, blood, guns, gore, toxic waste and loud punk rock music.

Troma Films scored a fiscal and critical success in 1984 with the release of "The Toxic Avenger." The film recounts the exploits of a humble health club mop boy who is transformed by toxic waste into a hideously deformed crime fighter with superhuman strength and powers. While fighting evil with his mop, "The Toxic Avenger" falls in love with a blind woman. They live happily ever after.

The '80s also yielded Troma hits in the form of such Generation X classics as "Class of Nuke 'Em High," trilogy, "Surf Nazis Must Die," "Sgt. Kabukiman NYPD" and the sequels to the original "Toxic Avenger." The mission of Troma Films is to keep independent films truly independent and to push the envelope regarding what can and can't be shown on film. The films it creates and produces are an attempt to give independent filmmaking back to the people by encouraging young artists to make films without the help of major studios and financiers.

Fans of the early Troma films have gone on to major Hollywood success and include such directors as Quentin Tarantino, Kevin Smith and "South Park" creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone.

Troma Films continued their mission of giving the medium of film back to the people in January 2000 with the creation of the Tromadance Film Festival. The Festival, held annually in Park City, Utah, has no entry fees for potential films, offers free tickets to all patrons and shows a gala concert/party with no admission charge. Since its inception, Tromadance has grown in popularity and has drawn some of Hollywood's elite away from the nearby Sundance Film Festival.

Troma Films are not for everyone. Compare them to the shock comedies of John Waters or the Italian horror films of Lucio Fulci and Dario Argento. They are extremely violent and often blatantly offensive. Kaufman and Herz's intention to show that "Art ain't always pretty" comes across clearly. The Troma answer is best described by a fan in one of its recent flicks "Terror Firmer."

When asked, "How can you like this offensive garbage?" The fan responded, "I like it because it's offensive garbage!"

Not all Troma films are alike; although each film attempts to demolish or parody cinematic convention, there are distinct categories within the Troma product line. Comedies like "Cannibal! The Musical" and "Teenage Cat Girls in Heat" vary greatly from horror films like "Sergio Lapel's Drawing Blood" and "Parts of the Family." The Troma Team also produces action films like "Wizard of the Demon Sword" and the infamous "Toxic Avenger" series.

Troma's forays into television include the "Toxic Crusaders Animated Series" and "Edge TV," both ill-fated attempts at targeting mainstream television audiences.

Viewers interested in beginning their Tromaic experience should begin with one of the more accessible films. The "Toxic Avenger" and "Sgt. Kabukiman, NYPD" offer a good starting point. They are ridiculous without being overly offensive. "Kabukiman" is an undercover cop in New York City until he is possessed by an ancient Japanese spirit and is transformed into a superhuman crime fighter armed with an awesome array of antique Chinese weapons.

If Tromaheads have the stomach for those two, they could consider moving on to gorier subject matter. "Cannibal! The Musical" is probably the only easily digested of the Troma fare. The film recounts the true story of Alfred Packer, the only American convicted of cannibalism in the United States. After incompetently story of a town about to be overrun by an evil Egyptian cat goddess and her...
ms, features gratuitous, well, everything

litter of nubile and very naked teenage beauties, all risen from the ashes of suicidal cats. The towns only hope lies in the hands of a hitchhiking teenager and the town's deranged "cat catcher."

"Nymphoid Barbarian in Dinosaur Hell" is a Tromatic throw-back to the claymation dinosaur films of the '50s. It features a B-movie feel complete with cheesy latex gore with a kind of "Mysterious Island." Dinosaur charm. "Nymphoid Barbarian" is a good example of Tromatic's attempt to use silly titles to market their product. After sampling these lame offerings, the Troma viewer is ready for the most offensive offerings of the production company. Released just last year, "Terror Firmer" is among the most bloody and ridiculous of the Troma line. Directed by and starring Lloyd Kaufman himself, "Firmer" is the story of a serial murderer stalking a Troma film set. Among its most offensive scenes are a man being beaten to death with his own severed leg, a man being sucked into an exploding sedan.

Lloyd Kaufman himself, "Firmer" is the most self-aware of the Troma Films. It melds offensive material and jokes about censorship into its already excessive scenes of violence and sex. Kaufman drops his movie persona to interrupt the film at its most graphic points, making hysterical comments about the problems the MPAA (Motion Picture Association of America) had with rating the film. Cameos by various underground celebrities, including a particularly gory appearance by former adult film star Ron Jeremy, and an all-star punk and metal sound-track complement the already audacious screen shockers.

If viewers are willing to sacrifice even the minimal production value of the rest of the Troma line, they can view the most offensive of the Troma films. Shot in another country and badly dubbed into English, "Maniac Nurses Find Ecstasy" is far and away the most offensive thing Troma has ever produced. The film revolves around a group of insane nurses and their sadistic head surgeon, Lisa, as they strive for entertainment in an abandoned hospital.

If you choose to view this film expect to see rampant drug use, sadomasochism, cannibalism, amputations, live dissections and plenty of exploding heads. A particularly memorable scene involves an innocent gardener getting shot in the forehead and then impaling himself on a garden gnome.

The significance of Troma films does not lie entirely in their extremely entertaining feats of cinematic obscenity, but in the effect that they have had on the rest of film culture. Several critics cite Troma Films as the inspiration for such cult hits as "Ghoul B. Demented" and "Scary Movie." It is a common opinion that raunchy block-busters such as "There's Something About Mary," "Me, Myself, and Irene" and "Kingpin" would not have been possible if Troma had not been pushing the envelope of acceptability for the last three decades.

The punk rock feel of Troma Films exudes the kind of youthful energy that was traditionally reserved for hard core rock-and-roll and alternative fiction. Troma has emerged as the voice of people who are tired of films like "Titanic" and "Pearl Harbor." Troma fans are those who can't stand to see another preachy, lofty, themed film pontificate about the goodness of mankind.

The minimalist budget and planning of the films along with their in-your-face attitude represent the do-it-yourself ethos of the punk movement. Kaufman compares it to the art exhibit "Sensations" which recently made its appearance at the Museum of Modern Art in New York. The exhibit featured a shark suspended in formaldehyde and a cow cut into foot-thick slabs and then suspended in glass. It is not art that is designed to please the eye. It is designed to affect you on a more primal level. The effect may be nauseating, but the art will be preserved in the manner intended by the artist no matter how graphic.

So, if its one of those days when "Memento" just sounds a little too heavy or you are afraid you'll fall asleep before the end of "Wings of the Dove" or you've seen "Office Space" one too many times, Troma is the solution. Get a bucket of popcorn, snuggle up next to your roommate and watch a cinematic atrocity. Your Troma experience may not be pleasant, but it is guaranteed to be an enlightening experience you will never forget.

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Butler looks toward NBA career

Sophomore to announce decision to go pro today

Associated Press

Although Connecticut forward Caron Butler appears ready to declare himself eligible for the NBA draft, coach Jim Calhoun said Wednesday it's not 100 percent certain.

"He wants one more night to sleep on it," Huskies coach Jim Calhoun said.

Butler and Calhoun have scheduled a news conference for Thursday at 2 p.m. at Gampel Pavilion on the Storrs campus. A news release said Butler "will address his future plans."

WTNH-TV in Hartford and ESPN.com reported Wednesday that Butler has decided to leave school after his sophomore season.

Calhoun, who was talked with Butler on Wednesday, agreed it is hard to ignore the mounting evidence that the 6-foot-8 forward was heading to the NBA. In the team's initial information it's been received from NBA scouts is that Butler will most likely be a top 10 pick that and his draft position would not likely change much if he were to stay one more year.

"He's probably one of the most mature kids I've ever dealt with and he really enjoyed this year," Calhoun said. "He was having fun out there."

Butler averaged 20.3 points and 7.5 rebounds a game and led the Huskies (27-7) to the Big East championship and the round of eight of the NCAA tournament. He had a career-high 22 points in the second-round win over North Carolina State and then had 32 in the loss to eventual national champion Maryland in the East Regional final.

The co-Big East Player of the Year, Butler emerged as the undisputed leader as the Huskies went from failing to make the NCAA tournament last year to getting within one game of the Final Four.

In an interview with WTNH before the Final Four, Butler hinted that an NBA contract would be a big help to his family.

"We came from basically nothing, we had to work for everything we got," Butler said. "I paid my dad's mortgage, now it's time for me to get the rich end of the stick."

The father of two children, the 22-year-old Butler spent the weekend in his native Racine, Wis., to help his son, Carson, celebrate his second birthday and to discuss his decision with his mother, Mattie Paden.

If Butler is one of the top picks in the June 26 draft, he would be guaranteed a three-year contract worth at least $3.9 million.

"I'm very happy Marshall, Ray Allen and Richard Hamilton all left Connecticut after their junior year and were first-round draft picks," Butler's success on the court belied a rough start in his hometown. Arrested 15 times before he was 15, Butler spent a year in jail for bringing a gun and cocaine to school.

Connecticut's Caron Butler attempts a layup in this year's NCAA tournament. The Co-Big East Player of the Year will forgo his junior season and enter the NBA draft.

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Freeman will leave for draft

w Wagner departs leading Tigers to first NIT title

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn.

Freshman guard Dajuan Wagner, who led Memphis to the NCAA tournament last month, said Wednesday he will make himself eligible for the NBA draft.

"This was a difficult decision; however my life dream has been to play in the NBA and I am anxious to begin my professional basketball career," Wagner said. "I am going to continue to attend classes and finish the semester, as I promised my mother that I would if I were to play in the NBA."

The 6-foot-3 Wagner averaged 21.2 points and shot 41 percent from the floor during his 1-year career. He also averaged 3.6 assists, 2.5 rebounds and 1.2 steals.

Wagner was selected the MVP of the NIT, Memphis' first postsea­son basketball championship.

Tigers coach John Calipari said he hates to see Wagner go, but is proud of him.

"I agreed with Dajuan and his family," Calipari said. "Looking at all the factors involved, this is the time for this young man to take all the challenges of the NBA. It was a wonderful experi­ence for him."

Wagner, a projected lottery pick in the draft, was a high school sensation in Camden, N.J., averaging over 40 points and 10 assists a game as a senior.

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Bonds home run not enough in loss

+ Klesko leads Padres in victory over Giants

SAN DIEGO
Ryan Klesko homered and drove in three runs as the San Diego Padres overcame an impressive hitter by Barry Bonds to beat the San Francisco Giants 5-3 Wednesday night.

The Padres were 7-2 on their opening homestand after a 1-5 start on the road, including a sweep at San Francisco April 5-7. The Padres hadn't won a series against the Giants since Sept. 17-19, 1999.

Bonds gave the Giants a 1-0 lead in the first inning with his eighth homer, a 442-foot shot that reached the second deck in right field at Qualcomm Stadium. Bonds is tied for the major league lead with 17-19, 1999.

The Giants' lead didn't last long. Though, as Kurt Ainsworth (1-1) allowed four straight singles opening the bottom of the first, RBI hits by Phil Nevin and Klesko.

Klesko homered to right off Aaron Fultz in the fifth, his third. Nevin was aboard on his third straight single. Nevin was 7-for-12 with four RBIs in this series, including 4-for-5 with a game-winning homer in the ninth in Monday night's 4-3 win.

Benito Santiago had an RBI double and Rich Aurilia an RBI single in the Giants' seventh. Tom Lampkin had an RBI single in the Padres' eighth. The Padres finally scored some runs against Bonds, who got his first win in seven decisions against San Francisco. The Padres scored just one run in his first three starts, which included shutout losses at Arizona and against Los Angeles.

Ainsworth allowed two runs and six hits in four innings, struck out three and walked three. He hit on the right arm by Ray

Royals 10, Twins 4
While Minnesota's starting pitcher continued to struggle, the bullpen added its worst outing of the season and the Kansas City Royals beat the Twins for their third lopsided loss since 1994.

Carlos Beltran broke open a close game with a three-run homer in the seventh inning and the Royals added nine runs in the eighth to break a three-game losing streak.

Paul Byrd (3-0) pitched six innings, allowing three runs on 10 hits by Kyle Mientkiewicz and David Ortiz in snapping the Twins' four-game winning streak.

"We needed that, it was a big win tonight. I think we're learning to forget about losing three straight," said Joe Randa, who had a two-run double.

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NFL

49ers continue to build

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — With the San Francisco 49ers back in the Western Division race among NFL contenders, Terry Donahue and Defensive end Ron Stone filling the two remaining spots. “Since I’ve been here, we have been able to keep a team together,” said coach Steve Mariucci, who will return this fall for the sixth season. “Every since ’97, we’ve been losing players like crazy. . . . This time, we’re able to keep this young team together so we can build it.”

That’s why the 49ers aren’t terribly worried about the relatively poor draft position they hold. San Francisco’s first-round selection in the 27th draft in which Donahue can see only 20 bonafide first-round callers play. What’s more, the 49ers forfeit their third-round pick for salary cap infractions committed by the team’s previous management regime five years ago. That’s a concern to Donahue, who sees a large pool of capable players likely to be selected between the late second round and the fourth round.

Donahue makes no secret of his desire to trade the Niners’ seventh-round pick to get more selections from that mid-draft pool, but San Francisco doesn’t have much to offer. Three of nine selections are compensatory picks that can’t be dealt.

“There’s this pool of players, and unless we do something, we’re going to be sitting there eating a bagel while they’re being selected,” Donahue said.

“I could move back and get in this pool, we’d like that.” The 49ers’ last two drafts focused primarily on defense, but San Francisco is interested in upgrading depth on its offense. Stone’s signing obviates the need for an offensive guard, so Donahue’s first desire on the line would be a left tackle or a backup center.

San Francisco also hopes to pick another tight end, at least one line-backer and a receiver. Several quality wideouts figure to be available when the 49ers’ first-round pick comes up, but Donahue said if the team picks a receiver, it won’t mean the end of J.J. Stokes’ days with the Niners.

Overall, the 49ers are relieved to enter the draft with no dire needs. Their focus is on improving the young players already in their locker room, not finding players to fill empty spots.

“Being very careful and very thorough is important this year, because we’re drafting for the future,” Mariucci said. “It’s nice to be in this position.”

Associated Press

Lions ink free agent wide receiver Ricks

The Detroit Lions on Wednesday signed unrestricted free agent tight end Michael Ricks.

Contract terms were undisclosed.

The 6-foot-5, 242-pound Ricks has 91 receptions for 1,166 yards and three touchdowns in his four-year NFL career.

The San Diego Chargers drafted Ricks out of Stephen Austin in the second round of the 1998 draft. He spent 2½ seasons with the Chargers before signing with the Kansas City Chiefs in October 2000.

Ricks played in all 16 games last season at tight end and on special teams for the Chiefs. He had 18 catches for 252 yards and one touchdown and blocked a punt for a safety.
Baseball
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inning, the Irish were able to get 13 batters to the plate and put nine runs on the board. After three inning-opening walks loaded the bases, Bushey hit a single to right, driving in Stanley. The next batter, O'Toole, smashed a towering grand slam to right-center field, extending the Irish lead to 8-1 and driving the Rockets starting pitcher out of the game after just over two innings of work.
"O'Toole's grand slam was a big blow for us; we were able to take control of the game right away," Mainieri said.
After the pitching change, an error by Toledo, a single by Irish shortstop Javier Sanchez and a walk to Joe Thaman re-loaded the bases for Stanley, who lined a single to left, extending his hitting streak to 11 straight games and driving in another run for the Irish, and push the Irish lead to 10-1.
The Rockets scored twice more in the top of the fourth, which chased Jones out of the game for the Irish. However, reliever Scott Bickford retired the first three batters he faced to end the inning. With such a big lead, the Irish were able to play many of their non-starters. One such player, second baseman Geoff Milson, took full advantage of his playing time, nothing but a base hit in his career at Notre Dame — a two-run home run in the bottom of the eighth inning.
"The more pitches I saw, the better I felt," Milson said. "After the couple of pitches that I took, I knew I was going to get a base hit. I just didn't realize it was going to go out.
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NBA
Warriors beat Clippers by 4

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. Antawn Jamison scored a season-high 35 points as the Golden State Warriors held off the Los Angeles Clippers 107-103 on Wednesday night in the season finale for both teams.

Jason Richardson added 23 points as the Warriors snapped a six-game losing streak. Gilbert Arenas added 19.

Golden State finished in a tie with Chicago for the league's worst record, giving the teams equal chances — 225 out of 1001 — to win the top pick in the NBA draft lottery.

Corey Maggette scored 27 points for the Clippers, who lost for the 10th time in their last 13 games. Jeff McInnis added 19.

The Warriors beat the Clippers for the fourth time this season. The Grizzlies (23-59) will clinch eighth place in the Western Conference's fifth seed last week, closed the regular season by winning eight of 12 and tied a franchise record with 50 wins.

Minnesota will play the Dallas Mavericks in the first round.

Pistons 123, Bucks 89
The Milwaukee Bucks failed miserably in their last chance to clinch a playoff spot, losing by 34 points to the Detroit Pistons as Ben Wallace all but locked up the reining title. The blowout loss was the final act in a dramatic Milwaukee collapse, as the Bucks — who came within one game of going to the NBA Finals last year — lost 16 of their final 22 games.

With both Toronto and Indiana winning Wednesday night, the Bucks dropped into ninth place in the conference.

SuperSonics 109, Grizzlies 94
Desmond Mason scored 33 points on 13-of-16 shooting and Gary Payton had 30 as the Seattle SuperSonics clinched the No. 7 playoff berth in the Western Conference with a victory over the Memphis Grizzlies.

The Sonics (45-37) will open their best-of-five first-round series Saturday at Midwest Division champion San Antonio (58-24). The teams split four regular-season games.

The Grizzlies (23-59) were led by Stromile Swift's career-high 31 points. Memphis' Paul Gasol, the leading candidate for NBA Rookie of the Year with a 17.6 scoring average coming into the game, had 13 and shot just 3-for-10 from the free throw line.

Trail Blazers 92, Rockets 79
Cuttino Mobley got a warm ovation in his first game since his drug case became public, and the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Houston Rockets in an otherwise forgettable regular-season finale.

Stoudamire, whose felony case will be sent to a grand jury by a county prosecutor, had eight points and three assists in 26 minutes. Steve Kerr added 16 points for the Blazers, who will play the Lakers in the first round of the playoffs.

Kenny Thomas had 19 points to lead the Rockets, who were without Steve Francis (right shoulder), Cuttino Mobley (flu) and Kevin Willis (sprained left wrist).

T'wolves 104, Nuggets 90
Enough of this regular season stuff. The Minnesota Timberwolves are craving for the playoffs to start.

Wally Szczerbiak scored 20 points in 23 minutes as the Timberwolves tuned up for the postseason with a meaningless victory over the depleted Denver Nuggets.

The Timberwolves, who clinched the Western Conference's fifth seed last week, closed the regular season by winning eight of 12 and tied a franchise record with 50 wins.

Minnesota will play the Dallas Mavericks in the first round.

Pacers 103, 76ers 80
When they couldn't afford to lose, the Indiana Pacers put together a season-high winning streak to make it into the playoffs.

Brad Miller scored 19 points and Jermaine O'Neal added 18 as the Indiana Pacers beat the Philadelphia 76ers, winning their fifth straight and clinching eighth place in the Eastern Conference.

The Pacers needed a victory and a loss by either Milwaukee or Toronto to make the playoffs. Toronto won, but the Bucks lost to Detroit. By the time the Bucks score was posted, the Pacers held a 15-point lead.

Indiana will play No. 1 seed New Jersey. The Nets went 3-1 against the Pacers this season.
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For as priests, we know who we are. We know our strengths and our weaknesses. We know who we have been called by Jesus Christ to be and to become. We know the joy of brotherhood in the Congregation of the Holy Cross. We know too many astounding moments in our lives when we have been an instrument of God's grace for others. We know from first hand experience how humbling it is to hear a confession, and to encourage a penitent well on the way to holiness to continue to strive to grow in God's love and grace, because we, too, know how essential it is for us to be willing again and again to recommit ourselves to God through the Church and the Church's sacramental ministry.

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I pray for current and former priests in the Catholic Church in Boston and everywhere else, who have brought the Catholic Church in the United States to such a terrible moment of scandal and horror. I pray, too, for the victims of their sinfulness.

But I know and believe with all my heart that the Catholic Church, in the United States and throughout the world, today and until the end of time, is the instrument of God's salvation for all people of all cultures, and tongues and moments, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

And I know and believe with all my heart that the ministry of the Church is entrusted to all Catholic believers, priests and faithful alike, each according to the call they have received, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ and His ministry until the end of time.

I am confident that out of the current moment of crisis and horror, the Catholic Church in the United States and the priesthood, will emerge renewed through a crucible of pain and error to a moment of new faith, strength, hope and trustworthiness before God and for all God's people through the instrumentality of the Church.
**SOFTBALL**

**Irish bounce back, pound Indiana State**

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Losing Sunday for the first time in almost a month reminded the Notre Dame softball team that it is not perfect. But behind a powerful offense, the Irish returned to the win column with two dominating victories.

Led by Andrea Loman's two home runs, Notre Dame swept a doubleheader against Indiana State, 14-1 and 11-2.

Suffering its first loss in 15 games to Syracuse made the Irish re-evaluate their approach for their game against Indiana State.

"I think they needed a couple of days to figure it out, and they did," head coach Deanna Gumpf said. "They came back here and gave everything they had, and they did a much better job getting after it."

In the doubleheader, Loman went three for four, scored five runs, drove in five and hit two home runs. After Sunday's 3-0 loss to Syracuse, the Irish came out with a different attitude.

"We know that we can be beat, just like anybody else," said Loman, who played first base for an injured Lisa Mattison. "We get in that winning mode and get after it. I think it was really important, just to put things into perspective, to come out and get two big wins today."

Up 1-0 in the bottom of the second, the Irish batted around and scored five times, all with two outs. After a Carrie Wilson double and Annie Dell'Aria single, center fielder Jenny Kriech brought home a single with a left to left. Kriech scored on a Megan Ciolli single to make the score 4-0.

Loman came to the plate and sent the first pitch to center field making the score 6-0.

"I am just seeing it [the ball] really good," said Loman, who also hit two home runs as a freshman on March 17, 2000. "It's really big coming in there. I'm just trying to keep my eye on it and take it for a ride."

In the bottom of the fourth, the Irish sent 10 batters to the plate and added six more runs to their 8-1 advantage. Loman drew a lead-off walk and scored on catcher Jarrah Myers' home run, her sixth of the season. Jessica Sharron singled with one out in her first at-bat of the season.

With two outs, Dell'Aria singled and Sharron scored on Kriech's double to left. Ciolli drove in two more runners with a single to center and made the score 14-1. Wisen and Sharron combined to allow only one hit in Game 1.

Loman took no time putting the Irish on the board in Game 2. The Syracuse scored a run in the top of the first but Loman put the Irish ahead 2-1 with her second home run of the day.

"She's Loman's a great player," Gumpf said. "You want to take her wherever you can.

Tied 2-2 in the bottom of the third, Notre Dame broke the game open. Kriech and Ciolli singled to right, and Loman walked to load the bases. Myers drove in a bases-loaded walk to make the game 3-2.

Shortstop Andria Bledsoe brought Ciolli home with a sacrifice fly. Loman scored on a wild pitch, extending the lead to 5-2. Wisen singled home Myers to make the game 6-2.

After Nicole deFau reached on an error, Dell'Aria hit a sacrifice fly to center to score Wisen. Second baseman Alexis Madrid's single to center scored deFau and made the game 8-2.

"They [Irish hitters] hit the ball. They hit it well," Gumpf said. "This is the kind of day where they can play with them or they can play above them."

They did a great job of playing above them."

Wisen (10-4) went the distance for the Irish. In the doubleheader, the freshmen threw eight innings, gave up two runs and two hits and struck out five.

Mattison and left fielder Liz Hartmann both sat out Wednesday's doubleheader but are expected to play in the game on today against Bowling Green. The Falcons are 14-20-1 on the season and 5-9 in Mid-American Conference action.

Shortstop Libby Yodell leads Bowling Green with a .330 batting average, 18 RBIs and 13 doubles. Left fielder Kandice Machain is first on the team with 35 hits and is second with 14 runs scored.

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Although Walters coached at Indiana State for eight years, he left in 1980 — two years before Miles joined the Hoosiers as a wide receiver. Now the two are coaching against each other, helping to incorporate the new West Coast-type offense into the Notre Dame game plan. With that sort of close contact every day at practice, they've begun to have a solid working relationship that expands far beyond that casual remembrance of a football camp.

"This is the first time we've actually coached together. I've known him but I can't say I really knew him," Miles said. "I'd say we've got a really good relationship considering he's (defensive backs) and I'm receivers and we're always working against each other."

Walters has a slightly different take on the relationship.

"I hate his guts," he said Tuesday after practice. Then he laughed and added, "No, we have a great time."

Coaching against each other offers more than just a chance for their players to have some competition. The two men use that opportunity to improve their own coaching as well, but they make sure they don't take that competition home with them.

"It's fun, it's exciting. We challenge each other a lot. It's a challenge," Miles said. "No love doesn't compete off the field. It's a good challenge."

Twenty-five years after they first met, the two seem to have one thing in common now that they didn't have in common back then — their respect for head coach Tyrone Willingham. Both cited him as the main reason for coming to coach for the Irish.

And now they both face one problem working for Willingham, a question they have to answer every day. Who exactly is Willingham talking to?

"Every time Ty or someone calls Trent we both look, we look at each other first and then we look to see who he's talking to," Miles said.

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**BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXI**

**Balla get bounced**

A Bookstore basketball player attempts to make a pass in a recent game. Four Gaijins and a Guido defeated Naughty Bailers in the second round of the tournament Wednesday.

**BASEBALL**

**Grand slam leads Irish past Rockets**

By BRYAN KRONK
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame baseball team finished its 14-game homestand in grand style, as the Irish overpowered the outmatched Rockets of Toledo, 15-4.

"It was a good offensive day for the Irish tonight; we got some big hits early," head coach Paul Mainieri said. "It was a good overall win for us."

The Irish finished their homestand with a 12-2 record and have won 15 of their last 17 games dating back to the end of March.

The Irish opened the scoring with three quick runs in the bottom of the first inning. Centerfielder Steve Stanley led off the inning with a walk. Two batters later, Brian Stavisky hit a double to left field, advancing Stanley to third. Andrew Bushey then tripled down the right field line, scoring Stavisky and Stanley and setting up a sacrifice fly by Paul O'Toole which put the Irish ahead early, 3-0.

The Irish started playing on just one day's rest, but they didn't make those distinctions and continued to dominate throughout.

**FOOTBALL**

**Coaches meet again**

By TIM MCKENZIE
Head Football Writer

There was nothing clean about the 21-12 second-round Bookstore Basketball victory by the Four Gaijins and a Guido against Naughty Bailers.

The game promised to be one of the more interesting of the afternoon, as from the opening tip-off, the squad of Naughty Bailers from Cavanaugh Hall resorted to its "secret weapons" to combat the Four Gaijins and a Guido.

In addition to a tenacious defense, the Bailers squad, comprised of Kriston Leeskey, Susan Riley, Emily Lorenzo, Angela Lyzinski and Angela DeBruno, pulled out water pistols and silly string bottles from their pockets to distract the Gaijins' offense by spraying them in the face as they shot.

"It was really a group effort," said Lyzinski.

"We wanted to bring a surprise attack," said Riley. "We think it definitely caught them off guard." Undeterred, the Gaijins continued the game in a fun atmosphere. The Bailers, a team of four friends who'd studied in Nagano, Japan, was made up of students Grant Kreitenbeck, Paul DeJarnatt, Kris Zemlyak, Chas Grundy and their mutual friend, Guido DiStefano.

They didn't disappoint with their antics either, attempting to play without their hands. "We wanted to even the game up," said DeJarnatt.

"When that wasn't enough, we started playing on just one foot."

Although the game quickly degenerated into a comedic routine, with the Gaijins intermediately dribbling the ball with their foreheads and the Naughty Bailers spraying them in the face with silly string, the Gaijins emerged victorious, though soaking wet.

"It was a very fun game. They were great to play against and it was really sportsmanlike," DeJarnatt said.

Another ranked team fell victim to the upset bug Wednesday, as unranked Soggy Pillow Sandwich beat No. 12 Team Boat Club 21-15.

Soggy Pillow Sandwich got a boost in its win from the addition of former Irish tailback Tony Fisher. Sandwich attributed its victory to a solid game plan that allowed it to pull an upset on the taller Boat Club squad.

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