Police investigate alleged knife assault

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame Security/Police are investigating an alleged assault of a male student by another male student, which occurred early Saturday morning in Keenan Hall.

According to Charles Hurley, NDSP assistant director, a St. Edward’s Hall resident was on the fourth floor of Keenan when a Keenan resident threatened the victim while holding a weapon that Hurley would not identify. In an interview Tuesday with The Observer, the St. Edward’s man alleged the incident occurred in a hallway and the weapon was a butterfly knife.

“Apparently, there was a statement made (by the suspect) that made the victim feel like there would be physical violence. There was contact between the suspect and the victim, and a weapon was seen in the hands of the suspect,” said Hurley.

The alleged victim told The Observer that he was visiting friends in Keenan. At about 1:25 a.m., he said he left the room with a basketball in his hand to pick up a pizza. At that time, a resident of the room was visiting followed him into the hallway and threw a football at him.

“I thought he was messing around. Then he came at me like he wanted to tackle me... I tried to just hold him without any other scuffle,” the man said.

When the suspect stopped, the alleged victim said he let go of him and backed away toward the stairwell. When he was about eight feet from the suspect, the man said he grabbed the pizza and moved toward him.

The two of the alleged victim’s friends, who live in the room where the suspect resides, were in the hallway at the time, the man claimed. As he backed away from the suspect, the alleged victim said the suspect got the upper hand, until the alleged victim had backed up into the radiator at the end of the hallway and the suspect was a foot in front of him.

“I just said ‘We’re cool, We’re cool’ and told him he could have my pizza and whatever he wanted, and threw my $20 for the pizza down at him. Eventually, I think he understood that he had the upper hand and left and went into a room,” the man said.

He said he then left the dorm after speaking with a Keenan resident assistant. He did not know what caused the incident but speculated that the suspect may have been agitated about removing the basketball from the room.

Hurley said the alleged assault was reported to Notre Dame Security/Police officer who was already in the building investigating an unrelated report of an intoxicated woman who had entered the dorm. That officer and other officers

Buffett informs, entertains with life anecdotes

By RAY NAGENGAST
News Writer

Warren Buffett, world-renowned businessman and investor, talked to more than 2,000 members of the Notre Dame community in the Joyce Center Tuesday about the characteristics he values in people and companies — and the day he caddied for Tiger Woods and Tom Mendoza, chief donor to Notre Dame’s College of Business.

Buffett said he lost a $5 bet to Woods on the 18th hole when Woods hit a 260-yard drive on his knees.

“But I had to remind him that the caddy gets 10 percent of the winnings,” Buffett joked.

The trio ended up golfing when Mendoza placed the highest bid on a game with Woods at a charity auction. When bidding became extremely high, Buffett offered to help arrange the package for fun. A picture of all three men on the golf course, Buffett sporting a caddy’s uniform, was featured on the back of the brochure distributed at the combine lecture and Q&A session. Conversation with Warren Buffett and sponsored by Mendoza.

“I think just getting to talk to Warren Buffett, who lives in the room where you have made it all worth it,” Mendoza said of the auction.

After Tuesday morning, Mendoza was not the only one to have experienced that privilege. Buffett took questions from audience members for more than an hour but focused mainly, not on corporate investment strategy or Wall Street reports, but instead on the qualities he looks for in people.

“I look for three things: brains, energy and integrity,” said Buffett. “I don’t think you can rate everybody on how classy they are from zero to 100, but you can spot the zeros and the 100s.

“Good people really behave like you’re taught to here at ND, like you’re in the other person’s shoes.”

Buffett also stressed the importance of taking care of yourself.

“You get one body and one mind, but you only get one and have to take care of it early on,” he said. “Be the person you would the early in life.”

The questions from the audience, however, were more financially focused. Buffett described the importance of an “enduring competitive advantage” and “share of mind” when considering investments. He said “share of mind” is when consumers automatically associate positive images with a product.

“Businesses are always looking for something to set them apart so that price doesn’t rule [consumers’] decisions,” Buffett said.

Students to continue service at orphanage

By JOHN FANNING
News Writer

In September, four graduating Notre Dame students will embark on a 27-month mission trip to Trujillo, Honduras. Current Notre Dame seniors and fifth-year students Michael Makens, Christopher Bystedt, Nicholas Fonte and Andrea Mekenber will be spending 2 1/2 years of their lives at the Farm of the Child Orphanage in Honduras, which provides schooling, medical care, social outreach and a faith community for more than 60 children living in the early 1990s by Notre Dame alumnus Felicia Johnson, who had visited the orphanage while a student.

While Johnson was doing service work in the Central American country, the founder of the original Farm of the Child Orphanage in Guatemala died in a plane crash and Johnson decided to keep the dream alive by continuing the tradition of service in Honduras.

Since then, there has been a strong connection between the orphanage and Notre Dame, as many students have each dedicated several months or years of their lives to the community there.

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In their element

What do you get when you take a cold, South Bend spring afternoon, lots of pieces of 90s Indian, a big white tent, a barrel grill, a goat, a lamb and about 100 Notre Dame students and professors bearing exotic dishes? You get an Anthropology Goat Roast!

This annual event is the perfect socio-cultural Mecca to observe just how people (and anthropologists, in particular) interact with each other. While you might be thinking I'm just a little out of my mind, think about what it is to be an anthropologist. Our primary goal is to observe and take note of people. I guess you could call us "people watchers," but that's such a limiting and stereotypical frame for describing this rich, ritual setting.

Anthropology addresses the fundamental questions of human distinctiveness and embraces the full diversity of peoples and cultures. In its connotations, we (anthropologists) like to look at groups of people and see how they interact. Now, back to the goat roast.

Looking at the 100 or so students and professionals talking to each other in small groups, one could get the impression that there were three groups. Group one worked with the obidian to learn how to make stone tools. People like Coleman were engaged in the actual process of making stone tools and preparing the food. Some were cooking food, others were cooking food, and they mingled about the tent, conversing in small groups.

Now, before you think that these groups were defined by who cooked what, keep in mind that there were some people who prepared both the food and the tools. Some people ate salad while others ate primarily meat. Some ate with a knife while others feasted on their fingers. There were some people who just mooched.

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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In the April 23 issue The Observer misprinted Warren Buffett's last name in the headline and caption. The Observer regrets the error.

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This Week on Campus

Wednesday
- Lecture: "Women's Voices and Representations," O'Shaughnessy Hall, Room 109, noon.
- Faculty Assembly: Stapleton Lounge, Saint Mary's, 12-1 p.m.

Thursday
- SMC Toast: Saint Mary's Library Green, 3 p.m.
- Lecture: "Surprise Twists in a Career Path," Margaret Cranen, Hunter College, O'Shaughnessy Hall, Room 242, 5 p.m.

Friday
- Lecture: "Journey of the Soul," Doris Klein, watercolor artist. Lillie O'Grady Center, Saint Mary's College, 7:30 p.m.
- Opera: "The Magic Flute," Washington Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Beyond Campus

Syracuse bashes commencement speaker

SYRACUSE, New York

Student Association President Colin Seale gave an impassioned speech at the SA meeting Monday about Syracuse University's decision to invite former New York Mayor Rudy Giulianii as commencement speaker.

"What's happening this year at commencement can never be allowed to happen again," Seale said, drawing applause from much of the Assembly.

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Seale read a partial list of victims killed and said the NYPD racially profiled residents.

"I was myself racially profiled on my bike coming home from Brooklyn," said Seale, a sophomore computer science major. "I was very scared."

At the end of the two-hour session, a resolution, "No Giulianii at commencement," was brought up. It was automatically referred to the Committee on Administrative Operations and Cabinet, which will recommend changes to the resolution. Cabinet has the power to keep the bill from coming up for a vote.

"Some language will probably be toned down," Parliamentarian Andrew Thomson said. "That's what happens in committee."

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University of Wisconsin

More meningitis appears on campus

MADISON, Wis.

A University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire student died from bacterial meningococcal disease and a UW-Witewater student has contracted the potentially deadly disease, officials said Monday. The cases come on the heels of a OW-Madison student's bout with the disease after weeks of fever and vomiting.

"It is sad to see another life cut short," said Madison freshman Kelly Steinborn in a statement issued on behalf of the university. "It is also very concerning for us to see these types of infections appear on campus."

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NYU

DVD texts make lukewarm debut

NEW YORK

One year after the New York University College of Dentistry announced new students would be required to purchase a DVD that replaces all textbooks, students and faculty have received the new technology with mixed feelings. The DVD, known as the VitalBook, contains a student's entire four-year curriculum, including 161 textbooks, course syllabi, handouts, lecture notes, slide presentations, video clips, a clinic manual, internally created material and other reference materials. The material is searchable, giving users the opportunity to research efficiently. Last year students and faculty protested the DVD because it was supposed to expire after each semester; however, now the DVD does not expire, and students can keep at least half of the information for life. Still, students said they do not always need textbooks for class, and the cost of the DVD, about $1,500 per year, is automatically added to students' tuition, giving them no alternative but to buy the DVD.

National Weather

The AccuWeather.com forecast for noon, Wednesday, April 24.

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Professor publishes book on literacy instruction

A revised and updated second edition of "Reading Instruction That Works: The Case for Balanced Teaching," a book examining literacy instruction by University of Notre Dame psychologist G. Michael Pressley, has been published by Guilford Publications, Inc.

The revised text includes new data, information and resources that strengthen the utility of the book. In which Pressley examines how the combination of both skills-emphasis and whole-language approaches creates effective reading instruction. He incorporates findings from reports by the National Reading Panel and the National Research Council, as well as his own ongoing research. Topics covered include whole-language and skills instruction, how the balanced approach is applied in real classrooms and motivational issues.

"This book should serve as the core text for any foundations of reading course."

Elizabeth English Fairfax County Schools early literacy specialist

A professor of psychology, Pressley holds the Notre Dame Chair in Catholic Education and is director of the master's of education program at the University and editor of the Journal of Educational Psychology. A graduate of Northwestern University, he earned his doctorate from the University of Minnesota. Pressley's academic specialties include the characteristics of effective reading instruction and how high school and college students confront and accomplish the academic demands made on them. In addition to "Reading Instruction That Works," Pressley is a coeditor of "Best Practices in Literacy Instruction."

Ready for the Sun

Anticipating warmer weather, Keough Hall sophomore Brian Adams swings and watches the ball sail over South Quad in a game of baseball Tuesday afternoon.

Belles

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searching for the drunk woman identified the suspect and brought him to the Security Building for questioning.
According to Hurley, the suspect was advised of his Miranda rights and interviewed by the officers who found him in the dorm. The suspect did not request a lawyer, and Hurley said that alcohol did not appear to be a factor in the incident.
When the officers finished questioning the suspect, Keenan Hall staff was informed, and he was returned to the dorm.
"The officers were confident there was no threat at that point, and the suspect was returned to his dorm," said Hurley.
The alleged victim said that officers came to his dorm room about an hour after the incident to take a statement.
The suspect did not return a voicemail message Tuesday. Keenan rector Father Gary Chamberland said in a silent voicemail message to The Observer that he was "not going to have any comment on any aspect of what happened." Hurley said the case has been turned over to an investigator, and the alleged victim will have to decide if he wishes to press charges against the suspect. If he opts to press charges, the case will be turned over to the St. Joseph County Prosecutor's Office, who will decide whether or not to prosecute the suspect.
Regardless of potential criminal charges, Hurley said that the case will be turned over to the Office of Residence Life and Housing for possible disciplinary action against the suspect. The alleged victim said he likely will not press charges against the suspect.
"Nothing happened to me physically. ResLife handles other smaller things in big ways, so they certainly can handle this," he said.
Hurley called such reports of assault at Notre Dame "very, very, very rare." "This type of conduct is not tolerated," Hurley said. "Most of our students know this. This type of conduct is very rare."

Service
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According to Makens, the group has made a commitment to each other under the pillars of community, spirituality, service and simple living, and will be joining two Franciscan nuns and about a dozen other volunteers who are currently running the orphanage.
"We won't know what we are going to be doing until we get there," Makens said. "We're all going down there with open hearts and empty hands, ready to serve. Whatever the need of the community is will be our utmost priority."
Michael Makens
Notre Dame senior

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World News Briefs

French rightist voted for run-off:
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Iran hail's U.N. ranking decision:
A decision by the top U.N. human rights watchdog to drop Iran from its list of violators was a "great victory" for the Islamic republic, a senior Iranian official said Tuesday. By a vote of 20-19, the U.N. Human Rights Commission threw out a resolution criticizing violations in Iran on Monday, effectively ending two decades of special scrutiny into the nation.

National News Briefs

Mass. House passes clergy sex bill: The state House approved a compromise bill Tuesday requiring clergy to report sexual abuse of children except when the information surfaces during confession or a similar confidential religious consultation. The Senate is now expected to take up the bill late this week or early next. Clergy have been exempt from the mandatory reporting law that applies to teachers, social workers, physicians, foster parents, police officers, firefighters and other professionals.

Colo. man charged for sexual assaults: An Air Force airman was arrested Tuesday in a string of six sexual assaults in this college town last summer and has also come under suspicion in a slaying and a series of rapes in Philadelphia, police said. Senior Airman Troy Graves, 29, was jailed on $1 million bail after turning himself in.

Indiana News Briefs

Matheney may receive new trial: Indiana death row inmate Alan Matheney could get a new trial after a U.S. Supreme Court ruling Monday, Gannett News Service reported. According to a Gannett story filed from Washington, D.C., the high court cleared the way for a hearing to determine whether Matheney was competent when he faced trial in 1990 in the murder of his ex-wife, Lisa Bianco of Mishawaka. Bianco was killed while Matheney was on an eight-hour pass from the state correction facility in Pendleton, Ind., where he was serving an eight-year term for battery for beating Bianco.

Associated Press

Los Angeles:

Three passengers were killed and at least 253 people were injured today near Los Angeles when a commuter train and a freight train on the same tracks crashed during rush hour, officials said. Shortly after 4 a.m. Pacific Standard Time, the mile-long freight train, which is owned by Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway, was traveling north on the track that rammed head on into a southbound Metrolink commuter train. Two of the passenger trains' three cars were derailed in the collision. Officials said they did not know how the trains wound up on the same tracks.

Calif. train crash kills 3, injures 253

Associated Press

Three people were killed and nearly 300 others were injured when a freight train slammed into a Metrolink commuter train south of 40 miles Los Angeles Tuesday morning, in an accident that crumpled one passenger car.

URUGUAY

President breaks ties with Cuba

Associated Press

Montevideo:

Uuguay's president announced Tuesday that his country was breaking diplomatic ties with Cuba, days after Uruguay sponsored a U.N. human rights vote targeting Fidel Castro's government.

The surprise announcement by President Jorge Batlle came as the Uruguayan leader charged Castro with a series of insults against his small South American nation.

Uruguay sponsored a resolution targeting Cuba that was passed Friday by the U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva. The vote was a tight 23-21 with nine abstentions.

The resolution invited the communist-run country to provide its people with greater civil and political rights. It also exhorted Cuba to allow a U.N. representative to visit the island — an idea Havana rejected.

Almost all Latin American nations on the 53-member commission approved the human rights measure, prompting Cuba to term them all "Judases."

"The rupture will remain until it is clear that the Cuban people have peace and liberty," Batlle bristled at the news conference in this South American capital.

Battie said he instructed Foreign Minister Didier Oppen at to carry out the necessary steps to formalize the break in relations. He did not elaborate nor say whether he had ordered the expulsion of Cuba's ambassador to Uruguay.

Diplomatic relations between Uruguay and Cuba date to 1986, restored after the end of a right-wing military dictatorship in Uruguay. But relations fell on rocky times in the weeks leading up to the Geneva vote.

Uruguay's government went so far as to recall its ambassador, Enrique Estrazulas, to show its displeasure.
FDA: Bring back risky bowel drug, Lotronex

Associated Press

BETHESDA, Md. - Government advisers heeded patients' pleas Tuesday that a drug for irritable bowel syndrome should be cleared for sale again - but with stringent restrictions to try to mitigate side effects that have hospitalized more than 160 people and killed seven.

If the Food and Drug Administration heeds the panel's advice, Lotronex will be back - prescribed only by doctors who have undergone special training to use it and given only to the sickest patients, who must register in a national database that monitors how well they fare.

To that end, Buffett has established foundations supervised by each of his three children to benefit their communities. He said he intends to leave his own estate as a charitable foundation as well.

Berkshire Hathaway Inc., an investment company worth more than $2 billion in corporate-rate holdings. He serves as a director of the Coca-Cola Company, the Gillette Company and the Washington Post Company and is a life trustee of Grinnell College and the Urban Institute. He lives in Omaha, Neb.

Following his conversation, Buffett was presented with a Notre Dame football autographed by head coach Tyrone Willingham and Buffett's friend and Notre Dame football player, Grant Irons. Irons also gave Buffett a replica of his own No. 44 Notre Dame jersey.

Buffett also mentioned an additional connection to Notre Dame. University President Father Edward Malloy and Buffett both played high school basketball under coach Bob Dwyer at Archbishop Carroll in Washington, D.C.

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Hispanic ownership up; differences exist among Latino groups

Hispanics surged during the economic boom of the 1990s, according to census figures that also show differences in living patterns among Latino groups. For example, 2000 census data to be released Wednesday show that Cubans are more likely than Mexicans to own a home. Cubans, as a group, tend to be older, better educated and better off financially. But a very small number of Cubans also tend to have been in the United States longer, giving them more time to build up enough wealth to buy a home.

More flexible lending practices and the good economy helped boost the homeownership rate for Hispanics overall to a new high, though it still lags far behind the national average for all people.

The Hispanic rate grew from 42 percent in 1990 to 46 percent in 2000. Overall, 66 percent of all American homes were owned in 2000, up from 64 percent a decade earlier.

"There's no question there's a substantial increase in homeownership, but it is a very small base," said Roberto Suro, director of the nonpartisan Pew Hispanic Center research group.

"When I came to this country, Hispanic people didn't have the opportunity," said Jose Pineda, who emigrated from El Salvador in 1981.

Pineda now co-owns a restaurant in a primarily Hispanic neighborhood in Manassas Park, Virginia, a suburb of Washington, and owns a town home in a development in nearby Sterling.

By comparison, 46 percent of black-headed homes in 2000 were owned, along with 53 percent of Asian homes and 72 percent of white homes.

Owning a home is more prevalent in some Hispanic groups than others. Much of that is due to where these different groups settle.

Mexicans, Puerto Ricans and Cubans are the three largest Hispanic groups in the United States. The majority of Cubans live in Florida, where housing prices are higher. The average for all people.

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College provides true knowledge

Four years, 120 credits, a few beers, some miserable failures, some triumphant successes.

When I arrived on this campus as a 17-year-old freshman on a stifling day in August 1998, I thought I knew myself pretty well. I didn't any delusions of grandeur. I knew I wasn't going to set this place on fire with my brilliant theories on Descartes or my mathematical proof that Hamlet was actually Shakespeare's grandfather. I figured my most pertinent personal maturation had occurred. I'd done the emotional high school growing, and it seemed like all that was behind me. I considered myself an adult. I think this is a common misperception for college freshmen.

College life, both socially and academically, provides knowledge—not just about flipping a cup at the perfect angle or about how to convince your professor you actually believe in what you were writing that paper about—but actual knowledge. After college, you are trained for adulthood. But your degree isn't a certificate that proves you're an adult.

The acquired knowledge mixes with experience and time and it turns into wisdom. You have to possess at least a touch of wisdom before you qualify as a student here. And that's how it's supposed to be. The institution and community doesn't see you people turn off what you've learned in the idiocracy like a light switch. But it'd also be a shame to see you disregard the knowledge you've acquired as a student here.

For the past year in this column I've referred to myself and the student body as part of an "idiocracy." All this means is that we're young and no matter how hard we try, we're not really adults yet. Adults don't draw pictures on their friends when they pass out drunk. Adults don't skip work because they're hungover. Adults don't join basketball tournaments as an excuse to get drunk again, get drunk and wear goofy costumes.

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Now, as I said before, I'm not an adult... yet. But I can kind of see the mixture beginning between the idiot college guy and the knowledgeable young adult. My drinking prowess is still strong but I'm learning... slowly. I'm getting up earlier in the morning. I have to shave all the time. These are all signs that my tenure in the idiocracy are coming to a close. In the past four years here, I've had my fun and I've learned a lot. And for that, I'm eternally grateful.

One thing that makes Notre Dame and Saint Mary's different from all other universities is that they surround you here. Unfortunately, there are a few people who slip by the admissions committee, but on the whole, I don't think you'll ever live or work or study in a place this satured with good people ever again in your life.

Maybe I'm being a little cheesy here, but I appreciate this place. I'm not saying I'll be sneaking back on to campus next year to get a whiff of the theories on Descartes or my mathematical proof that Hamlet was actually Shakespeare's grandfather. I figured my most pertinent personal maturation had occurred. I'd done the emotional high school growing, and it seemed like all that was behind me. I considered myself an adult. I think this is a common misperception for college freshmen.

College life, both socially and academically, provides knowledge—not just about flipping a cup at the perfect angle or about how to convince your professor you actually believe in what you were writing that paper about—but actual knowledge. After college, you are trained for adulthood. But your degree isn't a certificate that proves you're an adult.

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Respect workers’ right to organize

Both at Notre Dame and internationally, discussions of workers’ rights often carry a certain stigma, producing fear about what these rights mean. For some, the act of participating in or supporting a workers’ rights campaign is anti­democratic and anti­American and anti­Notre Dame. Many ask what we take for granted has resulted from many years of hard struggle, fighting and organizing. The advantages of labor organizing go beyond changing wages. The 40­hour work week, the weekend, health benefits and many other benefits have risen out of the labor movement. It is because workers organized, stood up for their rights as laborers that these changes came to be. At Notre Dame, many workers have come to me with complaints about how they are treated and their working conditions. They ask me for help, but unfortunately there is not much that I can do. As a single student, my ability to change the work conditions workers have taken their complaints to Human Resources, tell me that HR does nothing, is inefficient and does not care. Some workers have even told me that, “many are afraid to voice their opinions for fear of reprisals which sometimes seem to happen.”

I want to help the workers. I want to do everything I can, but the only people who can create change are the workers themselves. This requires campus workers to stand up and demand rights. However, many of the workers I have spoken with feel that they are unable to share their stories. Some fear they will disrupt the current system, or that workers will not care. Many are afraid of losing their jobs if they tell their story or complain about their treatment. They may feel alone in their situation or feel as if there is nothing that can be done. Fear of challenging the status quo helps maintain low wages, long hours, difficult working conditions and numerous other problems that workers on this Catholic campus must face.

Workers need to start talking to each other. They need to share their stories. By discovering that others have similar complaints, workers are able to start linking the grievances and complaints they feel must be addressed.

To do this, workers must organize. A single worker cannot effectively address his or her grievances. Many campus workers have tried this; they know that little, if anything, results from voicing their concerns to Human Resources.

All workers have a legitimate, legal right to collectively bargain. The best presentation of the three ROTC units, Army, Navy and Air Force, was watched in wonder, many hanging out of dorm windows to watch in the blue April sky. Curious onlookers stopped and watched. Many of those watching were ROTC students. The ROTC units marched proudly under a blue sky. Curious onlookers stopped and watched in wonder, many hanging out of dorm windows to watch. Those watching, however, were two years ago. As noted in the April 23 ad, the event will be held in Loftus for the second year in a row.

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Letters to the Editor

Support dedication and sacrifice of ROTC students

In the April 23 Observer, you may have noticed the ad for the annual Presidential Pass in Review. The presentation of the three ROTC units, Army, Navy and Air Force, to the University president for this year’s event.

The event itself is not very long, but it is in the result of weeks of unseen preparation. The best uniform is not theettel and the event ends with the band playing "As the Army Goes Rolling Along." Anchors Away, "The Marine Hymn," "The Air Force Song." The presentation is a national anthem.

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The Notre Dame Opera will bring a fairy tale to life this weekend when they bring their 2002 workshop piece, Mozart’s “The Magic Flute,” to the campus stage.

Yet this fairy tale is more than the happily-ever-after of fairy godmothers and princes in disguise — this is one of the world’s most famous operas and one of Mozart’s masterpieces. In this work, the composer, who wrote music for Masses, drinking songs and everything in between, demonstrates his ability to create a multi-dimensional piece.

“The Zauberflöte,” or “The Magic Flute,” was Mozart’s last major work. Written in 1791, the piece formalized the singspiel, a genre of dramatic performance in which song and dialogue alternate, much like a musical except with operatic singing.

Mozart wrote the operetta at an interesting point in history, directly following the French Revolution and in the heyday of Freemasonry, a secretive, patriarchal and fraternal society.

Heiden had introduced Mozart to some of the ideas of Free Masonry, which the audience will recognize in the plot of “The Magic Flute”: the autonomy of the individual, self-determination and rampant sexism, as well as a preponderance of the nature of power, wisdom and beauty. Masonic symbols like aprons, hammers, compasses and a pyramid with the all-seeing eye of the Masons are also present in the play along with allusions to Masonic rites, rituals, tests and initiations.

The show questions people’s abilities to view the world as it really is, without prejudice. One of the running themes is that people may not be who they are made out to be and that perhaps the truth is not apparent at first sight.

The show also examines the issues of sex roles. Verzatt believes that the show is, in part, a critique of gender roles. Verzatt believes that this light-hearted style lends itself to the fairy tale form of "The Magic Flute.

Musically, “The Magic Flute” is a baroque work, but it is also a romantic piece. Unlike romantic music, the classical style puts the form of the musical composition above the emotions it engages. This highly structured nature of the music lends itself to memorable melodies and audiences often go home humming the tunes after they hear them. This light-hearted style lends itself to the fairy tale form of "The Magic Flute.

A box contains: Members of Notre Dame Opera rehearse "The Magic Flute." The actors (Papageno) share laughter with the (Sarastro) sings Sozonoave (Pamina) and Brian Deon the fallen Appleby. Appleby is the spirit. To the far left, Michael Verzatt sings. It's his show.

Scene previews the latest production from Notre Dame Opera's Marc Verzatt.
"I've always loved music since I was a little girl, and I was so upset when I couldn't play the piano the way I wanted to," said Moskow, who plays Pamina in the Friday night performance. "But with voice, it's really amazing when you can affect your audience and touch (them) in a certain way."

Verzatt thinks that the cast has really pulled together. "Even with two members of the show dropping out at the last minute, the understudies were able to rise to the challenge of the parts, which is no small task considering the superior vocal talent quality he feels the cast has.

"There are a lot of major voices in the cast," Verzatt said. "Voices that could have great careers."

Verzatt boasts an impressive résumé himself: a former professional dancer for the Metropolitan Opera, stage manager for the Cincinnati and Pittsburgh Opera companies, assistant stage director for the Lyric Opera of Chicago and the co-artistic director for the Lake George Opera Festival in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Last year, he founded his own opera company, the Great Neck Opera Company in Long Island.

Yet Verzatt is still able to connect with the performers on a down-to-earth level.

"Verzatt is a really good director and has a very good sense of people's character," said Holderer. "He takes his ideas of what the role should be and he takes your idea of what the role should be and he melds them together."

Verzatt isn't the only big name behind this production. The show's guest conductor, John Apetios, is an internationally known figure in the music world.

Apetios is a permanent guest conductor of the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra and in 1989 he also had a series of scholarships established in his name by the Cyprus Hellenic Alliance of Victoria for his contribution to Australian music culture. Apetios brings this international flavor to his seventh season as an associate professor and conductor at Notre Dame.

The Notre Dame Opera was founded in 1991. Each year the group puts on a full-length opera, putting into practice the styles and techniques taught in vocal performance classes. The productions are not only the culmination of months of preparation, but they also serve as educational opportunities for the students who make up its cast.

"I learned a lot about classical vocal technique. Our voice teachers at Notre Dame have worked extensively on this style — what embellishments and attitudes would be appropriate for the time, as well as the fact that we're performing it in a 21st century context," Holderer said.

"This opera was a lot more about personal growth," Moskow said. "The character Pamina goes through a big emotional growth and development throughout the opera. You really have to dig deep inside yourself to understand the character and try to get in her shoes, so to speak. It makes you think a lot about your life and things you've been through."

Other actors echo Moskow's belief that the characters and the opera itself have influenced them throughout the rehearsal process.

"No one in my family was an opera singer, but I guess the thing that connects me to the opera is a strong feeling of the music, something that transcends my nationality," Holderer said.

While the show is appropriate for children, it has many aspects that adults will appreciate as well.

"Even though (the story) is full of magic, it's still really relevant to people of our age who are dealing with rites of passages," said Moskow. "On top of all that, it's a great story."

The Magic Flute will be performed at Washington Hall on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. General admission is $6; $3 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are available at the LaFortune Student Center Box Office or by calling (574) 631-8128.

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"Because we interact very emotionally with each other (in the show), it carries over," said junior Michael Holderer, who plays Sarastro. "If you see someone passing on the quad, you just might start running lines."

Some members of the cast are in the Opera Workshop, a class for credit in the music department. Others are music and vocal performance majors or are students that are simply interested in musical performance.

For example, junior Kristen Moskow, who is now a vocal performance major, originally wanted to be a psychology major en route to a career as a concert pianist. But an injury to her right hand changed her plans and she began taking voice lessons instead. Moskow found the new musical outlet to be a useful medium.
Top three teams hold on

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Senior Staff Writer

The top three teams held onto their top seeds in the Sweet 16 Bookstore Basketball re-rank released Tuesday night. blackJACKS, AdWorks All-Stars and Project Mayhem retained their top positions heading into the final rounds.

"We haven't seen anything that would really tell us anything differently," head commissioner Brian Clemency said about the decision to hold with the top seeds. "We've seen them play strongly. We haven't seen anything that would make us think any differently."

Neither blackJACKS, Project Mayhem nor AdWorks All-Stars have faced a tough game yet, making it difficult to determine who should be No. 1. For this reason, commissioners saw no need to move the top two favorites.

"The top three was pretty much a consensus," Clemency said. "We don't vote but those three were pretty solid on our mind. It's so hard to split hairs among the top three in the tournament. Neither one has had a big test."
Round of 32 plays out as expected

By KERRY SMITH  
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In that tournament, which had boast­ed few major upsets in the opening rounds, Tuesday’s Round of 32 played out no differently, as nine of the top 10 teams remain in the running for the champi­onship.

But not all of them made it to the Round of 16 with ease.

No. 3 Project Mayhem struggled in the first half of its game against No. 30 Heteroscedascity, before winning 21-14.

We weren’t expecting it to be that tough.

Heteroscedascity’s scrappy play kept it in the game, trailing only 11-10 at the half.

But the members of Project Mayhem caused the No. 30 team some trouble when they opened the second half with a 5-1 run and never looked back.

A deep jumper by Lustig ended the game, Mmm Cheese.

No. 19 Bacchus in the Round of 16, What the Hell are Robster Hitmen.

But not all of them made it to the next round.

Leading 19-17 in the midst of a tough zone defense, Mmm Cheese’s Brian Rush, Dan Lustig, Doug acey and Brad Fritsche.

But while Byrne, who scored his team’s final four points, drained the two buckets with ease, the win was anything but easy for Mmm Cheese.

Both teams struggled early, log­ging few baskets or points.

With the score tied at 6-6, both teams had passed the 10-fool mark and were shooting from the floor.

“We fought hard,” Byrne said.

“They were a lot bigger than us. We couldn’t put the ball in the basket.”

Mmm Cheese began to pull away late in the first half, break­ing it at 11-8. The team got down to business in the second half, quickly pushing its lead 104-11.

Team 473 pulled to within three on a foul shot, but couldn’t hit enough shots for the upset.

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The world will now take a look at Kelly Kapowski in the Round of 16.

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“Now-No. 15 Team 524 is the only other previously unranked team that could come in and pick up a win,” Byrne said.

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“We hit lulls in our first two games, so it was really good to play like a team,” Frischke said.

“We’re really happy with the way we played.”

With the win, Dime Pieces moved up to No. 10 in the new rankings and will see No. 14 Dime Pieces, Round of 16.

No. 11 We Get Wet didn’t have it as easy, battling No. 22 Booster Racing Team for a 21-19 win.

“We felt lucky to get the No. 11 seed and were surprised they were only 22,” Justin Funk said.

“They could definitely play with anybody.”

The two teams traded baskets the entire game, before Funk nailed a free throw for the victory.

“It was the freshman’s second at­tempt at the line to earn a bucket,” Funk said.

“I was glad I got the second chance.”

The all-freshman team — Funk, Greg Bosl, Greg Durm, Mitch Mckinley and Matt Cox — earned their No. 11 ranking after logging lots of hours playing basketball at Rolfs and making it to the finals of the Interhall basketball tourna­ment.

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NU Softball

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Myers, Irish pitcher Stephany Stenglein settled down and retired the next three Cornhusker batters to pick up her 17th victory of the season.

“Basically I told her, ‘You own this girl, you have owned all these girls all game.’” Myers said about her conference with Stenglein on the mound.

“They had a few tough at­tempts at the line to earn a bucket,” Funk said.

“We couldn’t put the ball in the basket.”

The Cornhuskers scored their other run in the first inning when Nebraska’s shortstop Amanda Bucholz homered over the left field fence to give Nebraska a quick 1-0 lead.

The game’s only other scoring threat came in the top of the sixth when the Irish were able to load the bases.

With consecutive singles by second baseman Alexi Cox, center fielder Jenny Kriegel and right fielder Megan Cioll, the Irish gave themselves a good opportu­nity to tie the game or take the lead.

James was able to retire Notre Dame’s two best hitters, third baseman Andrea Loman and Myers to escape the inning unharmed."
Picking through the sports world

It has been suggested to me that, with this past weekend’s NFL Draft and the upcoming NBA Draft, I consider a mock draft to end all mock drafts.

And you thought Mel Kiper Jr. was the only draft expert in town. Well, let’s see how close you can guess what will happen in the 2002 NFL Draft.

Sports Selections

First on the clock is my very own dream, Morrissey Manor. “With the first pick in the 2002 FSASE, the Manor selects the mascot from UC-Riverside and will be known as the Highlanders.”

That’s great, but what exactly is a Highlanders, guys? “We’re not sure, but it has to be a horse!”

Nothing conveys intimidation like saying: “Hey, you may be an Angry Mob, but we live in a manor.”

We’re going to see the hike in the ball tax working for real dorm improvement. The Detroit Tigers are next.

“Oh, we’re just going to draft players to another new ballpark. That’ll make the team better, right?”

Of course, and don’t forget the Ferris Wheel out front. That’s an extra 10 wins a year.

Stupor Campus Number Four, you’re up. “OK, seriously — who designed me? I heard I’m going to be an Olympic downhill venue in 2006. I have more undulations than a green at Augusta. And you want people to play Bookstore Backers on me? Can I just draft some concrete to come level my south end off?”

Man, if I had a dollar for every time I’ve heard that one. Pick No. 4 originally belonged to the recently unemployed Dart Guy. However, he traded it to the PGA Tour in exchange for a job announcing the players on the first tee this year’s U.S. Open.

“We have the fourth pick, the PGA picks someone will out-play Tiger Woods in the last group in the final round of a major, Wall, what?”

“When he’s fifty!”

Oh, you guys at the PGA — everything’s always a big joke to you. The NBA’s Eastern Conference, it’s your turn to pick away.

“Yeah, we would like to draft a charter school in a new league, separate from the West. Because let’s be honest, the only way we’re going to win anything is if Karl Malone and John Stockton make it to the Finals.”

“And we all know that’s never going to happen again.” Touché. Pick No. 6 belongs to Steve “Snapper” Jones from the NBA on NBC.

“Well, I was going to take the Highlanders to replace Bill Walton as my color commentary partner. But since he went first, can I at least get a some sort of mute button in case Walton ever refers to Robert Horn as a basketball genius again, like he did on Sunday?”

Absolutely, and we’ll get one for Shawn Kemp’s “Kobe Snappo,” too. The Notre Dame administration holds the seventh pick overall in the FSASE.

“We’d like to draft a new alcohol policy. Good luck with that one,” Jason Gabbert, the man who claimed he had an authentic piece of gum chewed by Arizona Diamondback Luis Gonzalez and put it up for auction at “nocontraction.com,” picks eighth.

“ Heck, I need to pick anything. I’m auctioning off used gum. If that isn’t the American dream, I don’t know what is.”

Let’s just hope they don’t let you into the stables at the Kentucky Derby. I don’t want to see what other discarded goods people will bid on.

Anyway, the eighth pick reverts to the commissioner of Major League Baseball. Bud Selig.

“I’d like to draft someone who can tell me why both the Expos and Twins have better records than my Brewers. Oh, and I’d also like to get in touch with the hearts of baseball fans everywhere.”

But, it’s the eighth pick in the FSASE, not a bag of magic beans. Anything else? “Construction in 2003, baby!” Keep living the dream. Pick No. 9 falls to another, but much more successful, Detroit team, the Pistons.

“First off, we would just like to point out that we pulled the trigger on that Grant Hill for Ben Wallace/Chuck Atkins deal. Everyone thought we were losing the franchise, and instead we got two starters, one of whom is the 2001-02 Defensive Player of the Year.”

That’s an extra fifty-five to draft picks, that’s what I say!”

Does anyone want the ninth pick in the 2002 FSASE? How about the Observer sports department?

“Yeah, Ted, we’ll take it, although it’s not really a pick.”

What do you mean? “Well, we’ve kept you on board for about four years. Can we just use the pick to waive you or something?”

Better yet, I’ll take you before you can say!”

Dart Guy.

“About how you give me a month, then I’ll take my walking papers.”

“Deal. At long, long last, this will finally end.”

Which leaves me with one question: does anyone know the DART guy’s number? Maybe I can caddie.

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MGM

Golfers prove to be resilient for 4th place

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At the Tri-State University Invitational last weekend, the Saint Mary’s golf team battled inclement weather — along with the competition — to finish in fourth place at their final tournament of the season.

Because of heavy rains, the two-day tournament was shortened to only one round that was held on Sunday. The weather proved a hindrance in allowing the Belles to be more competitive at the challenging course.

“The greens were very difficult, very undulating ... and thus difficult to read,” said coach Theresa Pekarek.

The Belles were led by Stephanie Simmerman, who shot a 78. The freshman finished second overall and shows she has the talent to lead the team in the future.

“I was very proud of Stephanie’s accomplishment. Shooting a 78 in this tournament and finishing second really represents what kind of a player she can become,” Pekarek said.

Pekarek was also impressed with freshman Chrisy Dunham, who made her first career start. Dunham finished in second on the team along with Lindsay Hanlon.

“If I am to impress with Chrisy, Pekarek said. “This her first collegiate tournament; she has a lot of potential and is a very hard worker.”
Belles hope to defeat Valparaiso with love of game

By KATIE McVOY
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As Saint Mary's steps onto the court today, it brings something with it that even Division I competition Valparaiso doesn't. With non-scholarship athletes, the Belles are bringing a love of the game, a love of the game that has sent them to victories against the Crusaders the past two seasons.

"Because of the fact we're not scholarship, the only reason that we're out on that court is because we absolutely love the game of tennis, and that's the only reason," said senior Annie Knish. "We love being part of the team and representing Saint Mary's, and that's what we bring out there. At our level we're very competitive but we also love to play. The Belles, who are coming off two close weekend victories to non-conference opponents, are hoping to use today's match as a practice for the upcoming MIAA tournament. A win or a loss against the Crusaders will have no effect on the team's conference standings or standings in Division III in general. For that reason, the Belles are going in with no expectations. "We have absolutely nothing to lose," Knish said. "It will have no effect on our conference standings, it's just kind of for fun and to help better our game. It's just a good practice match for us."

Despite the fact that today's match will serve more as a practice, it will serve as a challenging practice. Last season the Belles took home a 5-4 victory against the Crusaders, winning the match with their depth. Although they lost at Nos. 1, 2 and 3 singles and No. 1 doubles, they managed to hang on to the rest of the matches for the win.

As it faces off against Valparaiso again, Saint Mary's is looking to improve its own play through tough competition. Earlier this season the Belles faced some weaker MIAA competition, which may have affected their score. Higher level of play will be positive for them today, regardless of who wins the match.

"You're only as good as your opponent," Knish said. "When you're playing against better competition, it raises the level of your game that much more.

Valparaiso brings a deep team as well, a strength it's had in the past several years the Belles have played the Crusaders. That depth, coupled with scholarship athletes, will provide a level of competitiveness the Belles haven't seen much this season.

"They have a very deep team, but I guess their top two or three players are very solid," Knish said. "Those are their scholarship players. They have some new recruits. ... Everyone on the team from one singles to six singles should have a very good match tomorrow."

The match begins at 3 p.m. at Valparaiso.

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BASEBALL

Everybody plays in Irish 16-7 victory

By JOE HETTLER
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Heading into the bottom of the fourth inning of Tuesday night's 16-7 win over Chicago State, Notre Dame head baseball coach Paul Mainieri began substituting his bench players into the game — and he didn’t stop for the next five innings.

When the game ended, Mainieri had played 22 different players and sent pitchers to the plate and into the field.

"[The substitutes] work hard in practice every day," Mainieri said. "I realized that we had the game in hand very early and it provided an opportunity to give those kids to play almost a full game. I think some of them had three at-bats each. I was glad to see them get an opportunity to go out there and play."

The Irish blew open a 5-2 game in the third inning by batting around and scoring nine runs off the Cougars. For the game, designated hitter Matt Bok went 2-2 with two doubles and three RBIs before being pulled while left fielder Brian Stavisky batted 3-4, with a double and three RBIs as well.

Similarly, Irish center fielder Steve Stanley, who entered the game with the sixth highest batting average in the country at .462, did not collect any of Notre Dame’s 14 base hits. Stanley walked in both his plate appearances and collected two RBIs in three innings of work.

Notre Dame freshman Martin Vergara started the game and went six innings, yielded only one earned run and struck out six Chicago State players.

After building a 14-2 lead heading into the fourth inning, Mainieri began unloading his bench. Pitchers that usually do not bat or play the field, like pitcher Matt Laird, seized their opportunity.

"I was a prospect in high school," Laird said. "I really didn’t get a shot my first two years here to play the field. But coach thought it was my time and I went in and took advantage of it."

Despite lining out to the second baseman, Laird felt his first Notre Dame at-bat was a success.

"[Cougar pitcher Nick Troy] started me off fastball away, he had a little sink on it," Laird said. "He knew that, obviously, I was a pretty big guy up there. Once he got ahead of me, he didn’t want to throw me another fastball (so) he threw a slider away. [I] kind of got it off the end, but I hit... a line drive."

Before the game, Mainieri had been concerned about his team having a letdown after playing difficult Big East competition.

"[A letdown] is a concern because we’ve been playing so many tough games and it’s kind of hardened our team and we’ve learned to do the little things it takes to win," Mainieri said. "Then when you have a game like this, you just hope your players don’t lose the edge of what it takes to win."

The Irish play Bowling Green today at home before taking on perennial power Arizona State for a two game series on Friday and Saturday.

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Show them the money
If commercialization is spread­ing among college athletics, exactly what is the cause of the more recent movement to adver­tise in intercollegiate sports? Problems from a basic need among schools to support their pro­grams, experts say. "Schools have done only what they have to do to finance their programs," Kevin White, Notre Dame athletic director, said.

"Within intercollegiate sports in general, what has happened is that we have been so used to having to finance these growing programs, and it has been really uniform in our commer­cialization." Why those athletics may seem to be cash cows for univer­sities, the fact is, most programs fail to turn a profit for their schools. In fact, the Knight Commission last year released a study of revenues and expenses at Division I and II institutions that showed that nearly 15 percent operate their athletics programs in the black.

Many theorize that the advent of women's sports and Olympic sports, which have stolen some thunder from the traditionally dominant sports of football and basketball, has caused most pro­grams to expand more than they can support. "I'm sure that some­thing like that has happened," White said to the Chronicle.

"With the advent of women's sports and the whole women's sports explosion, with­out having any financial or fund­ing mechanism to accommodate those interests, schools have had to become much more commer­cial," White said. "You can almost identify when schools really get into venue signage... you can tie that almost right to the evolution of women's sports, because there is no funding mechanism."

For the most part, these over­lays and insertions of ever-growing athletic programs force universi­ties to seek corporate help. At the University of Arizona, for example, Athletic Director Jim Livengood said his school's associa­tion with Nike is necessary to maintain a successful athletic department.

"We would not be able to have the program we have now," Livengood told the Arizona Daily Wildcat. "We would not be able to support 19 sports. We would not be able to offer many of the things (to athletes) that we do right now. The Nike contract allows us to try and treat as equally as we can all 19 of our sports."

How far would Notre Dame go?
It's uncertain how long it may be before Notre Dame — a school that doesn't even want to put the names of players on jerseys or on decals on helmets — splashes corporate logos across navy jerseys or golden helmets. Will Notre Dame Stadium one day look like a minor league ballpark with advertisements for Happy Hardware plastered on the scoreboard?

Already, the Adidas logo is vis­ible on the right shoulder of foot­ball jerseys and in various places on other team uniforms and University merchandise. Despite this, White maintains the Notre Dame is careful to limit the visibility of corporate sponsors in areas that could compromise the tradition of the University, such as in the Stadium.

"We've charted the course to do it within a lot of venue man­age in Notre Dame Stadium," White said. "In fact, there's none. You'll always see us try to have sponsors that do not compromise that venue position."

The line exists between making sponsors' names visible and displaying blatant advertise­ments on college sports. And if we ever get to a truly significant extent, but we've been careful and thought about how we've entered into those relation­ships.

In the end, however, it comes down to having enough money in the department to allow equi­ty among all programs, just the top earning dogs — football and men's basketball. It is important — albeit very expen­sive — to allow each sport to have its full amount of scholarships and to have the necessary bud­get to field a competitive team.

Enter corporate sponsors, who can finance such an opportunity. "The sponsorships are criti­cal as we are also looking for resources to run this program, and to provide more and better opportuni­ties for our 800 student athletes," White said. "We're not just focused on pro­viding world-class opportunities for our football players, because here is much broader than that."

Funding a future
There's a flip side to what experts see as the ugly veneer of commercialization in collegiate athletics. Granted, because of a corporate contract, a team may have to wear an agreed-upon brand of uniform or hang a particular company's logo in its sta­tion; but the money generated by the contract is often used toward offering equal opportuni­ties to athletes in all sports. Officials also funnel profits into areas of universities other than athletic departments.

One of the few schools to regu­larly turn a profit from its sports, Notre Dame does exactly that.

"I think that while we are one of the few schools that makes money on athletics, that money allows us to bring kids here that otherwise couldn't pay their way," Husb­ard said. "I would say the bulk of that money went into scholarships for poor kids, and that's hard to criticize that." Sports department pro­ceeds also become part of the University endowments that fund student scholarships.

"When I took over as presi­dent, we had one endowed scholarship," Husb­ard said. "Today, we have about $100 million endowed for scholars­hips, I'm sure that some schools' athletic dollars go right back to the athletic department, but here, the bulk of it goes into our scholarships."

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coach in the fall, the women will have to return to try-outs and learn another new coaching system and style.

"It's really frustrating as an athlete, I have to try out for a team," said sophomore Marnie Walsh. "I'm going to be a junior and I'm going to have to prove myself as hopefully a starting player and it's frustrating for me. You work so hard to get to a certain standard and then you finally get there, I felt like I got there Saturday and how many days later I find out [Ganeff] is leaving."

"Without a stable coach it's hard to develop any type of program," said senior Rachel Deor. "Every year we have to learn a new style of softball and what that coach likes. An example for that, every year we've played, we've learned a new style of defense, a new style of hitting and there's no way to create a winning program when you consistently change coaches. It's ridiculous, that's what it is."

As Kachmarik begins the search for a replacement softball coach for the fifth time in four years, she stated the difficulties of finding local candidates who are interested in the position.

The search for a softball coach will take its place among the searches for new head soccer and golf coaches which are still in progress.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles hope to finally face Calvin

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The Belles travel to Grand Rapids, Mich., today to face Calvin College in their rescheduled doubleheader at 3:30 p.m. While canceled and rescheduled several times because of wet fields, Saint Mary's players hope the weather will not interfere again.

Last year the Belles won 8-0 and 13-12 in their doubleheader against the Knights. Repeating last year's victories may be more difficult this year. Calvin is currently in fifth place in the MIAA with a 3-7 and are in seventh place. Keri Cole and Laurel Sands lead Calvin on offense. Last week, Cole was named the MIAA Position Player of the Week. In six league games, Cole batted 4 for 19 with four RBIs and also pitched Calvin to two victories. Sands leads Calvin in batting average, runs scored, hits, RBIs and home runs.

Today's game ends the 2002 spring MIAA season for the Belles. This weekend they will participate in the MIAA tournament.

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THIS STUPID PLOT HAS YOUR FINGERTIPS ALL OVER IT!

I TOLD YOU NOT TO EAT CHEESE BEFORE YOU DO SOMETHING!' I GUESS I DID.

BILL AMEND

FOOTNOTE

TOM KEELEY

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RYAN CUNNINGHAM

FOOTNOTE

Now when you pay full out those taxes, I have to pay

Before you go, how do you spell "drastically increased"?

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**SPORTS ANALYSIS**

**How far could it go?**

Viewing the problem of commercialization in collegiate athletics and how Notre Dame fits into this trend

By CHRIS FEDERICI

As the University has inked multiple operating contracts with corporate sponsors in recent years, the issue of commercialization on the campus has arisen — and focused itself squarely in the athletic department.

Most people may be familiar with the highly publicized television deals between NBC and Notre Dame, as well as the recent apparel contract with Adidas.

Less publicized, however, are various other corporate engagements between the University and companies such as Gatorade, Cheverolet, Verizon, Meijer and FANtastic Media.

How much is too much? At what point do collegiate athletics stray from being an aspect of college life to become a professional enterprise?

The Problem

In 1991, the Knight Commission, a committee co-chaired by Notre Dame President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh, assembled to discuss questions about problems in collegiate athletics. The commission’s work targeted three areas: academic performance of student-athletes, the so-called “arms-race” to build up athletic programs and the growth of commercialization in collegiate and even high school sports.

Last year, the Knight Commission met again to report where the problems stood 10 years later.

"The most glaring elements of the problems outlined in this report — academic transgressions, a financial arms race and commercialization — are all evidence of the widening chasm between higher education’s ideals and big-time college sports," the committee reported.

Commission members maintained that these issues contaminate the very nature of collegiate athletics and university life. "Under the influence of television and the mass media, the ethos of athletics is now professional," the group wrote.

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**ND SOFTBALL**

**Irish upset No. 4 Cornhuskers**

By AARON RONSHEIM

The Notre Dame softball team improved their record to 27-13 with a dramatic 3-2 victory over the No. 4 ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers on Tuesday.

"We have had so many heartbreakers this year and finally things turned our way," head coach Deanna Gumpf said. "When you keep fighting like that, great things will happen."

Great things happened for the Irish in the seventh inning, when freshman left fielder Liz Hartmann provided the Irish with their only runs of the game. She hit a three-run home run to provide the Irish with a 3-1 lead heading into the bottom half of the inning.

"[Liz] has done that more than once this year," Gumpf said. "She wants to be up there in the clutch situation. That is why she is successful."

After being unable to score with the bases loaded and one out in the top of the sixth inning, the Irish offense was finally able to score against Nebraska pitcher Peachies James.

Following a leadoff single by shortstop Andria Bledsoe, an error by Nebraska first baseman Nicole Trimble led Lisa Mattison reach base and Bledsoe advance to third. With runners on first and third, Hartmann delivered with her first career home run.

Hartmann's clutch hit didn't surprise catcher Jarrah Myers.

"[Liz] is the type of hitter that zeros in when runners are on base," said the senior captain. "She is going to get a hit."

In the bottom of the seventh the Cornhuskers would not go quietly as they made one last attempt to steal the victory from the Irish.

Cornhusker catcher Amber Burgess started the inning with a double off the leftfield fence and would score when James lined a double into center. After a talk from She never expected to build up athletic programs and the growth of commercialization in collegiate and even high school sports.

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**ND SOFTBALL**

**Belles’ Ganeff resigns**

By KATIE McVOY

Saint Mary's head softball coach John Ganeff joined the ranks of soccer coach Bobby Johnston and Teresa Pekarek when he announced his resignation Monday. According to Athletic Director Lynn Kachmarik, Ganeff's resignation was related to personal and financial problems and working full time as reasons for his resignation. His resignation will be effective following the end of the softball season.

"Part of it is financial," Kachmarik said. "But he's going back to college and that's a big part of his goal and he'll lose his flexibility when it comes to class time."

Ganeff did not immediately return a phone call for comment Tuesday.

The first-year coach worked part-time at a local high school teaching physical education classes, but also cited the need to find a full-time job in addition to going back to school. Kachmarik said his position at Saint Mary's was as a part-time head coach.

With the announcement of Ganeff's resignation at a team meeting yesterday, three athletes announced their intention to transfer from Saint Mary's to other schools with a more solid athletic programs. Katie Frigge, Lynn Lapshan and Kelly Wirpsa are planning to leave Saint Mary's at the end of the season, citing the rotating door of coaches as part of their reason for leaving.

"I had a strong team at school and I came for fall ball and fall in love with team," freshman Kelly Wirpsa said. "Now I don't feel excited to do home and feel excited about the team and tell people about my school. I just don't have that excitement about it."

In addition to the three athletes who announced their intent to leave Saint Mary's, graduating and returning softball players expressed their frustration at losing their coach in the last four seasons. With the arrival of the new head coach, the program will see a return to the days of always having a head coach at Saint Mary's.

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- Baseball vs. Bowling Green, Today, 6:05 p.m.
- Softball vs. IUPU-Fort Wayne, Thursday, 3 p.m.
- Women's Lacrosse at Northwestern, Thursday, 3 p.m.