Police bust College Park party

By SCOTT BRODUFUEHR
News Writer

Over 15 police officers busted a St. Patrick's Day party at the College Park apartment complex Monday afternoon, citing approximately 10 students and confiscating 25 kegs of beer.

State Excise Police had two undercover officers at the party who purchased a cup for beer from a female student. The student was later arrested, said Captain William Thompson, Commander of the St. Joseph County Police.

Following this purchase, Thompson said Excise Police requested the assistance of the St. Joseph County Police. Lieutenant Greg Deitchley, commander of the Michigan City Police, and the coordinator of the bust, was unavailable for comment.

"At least one of the undercover officers was able to make a purchase of alcohol from a person who did not have a permit. When our officers arrived at the scene, this person was identified and taken into custody for making an illegal sale without a permit," said Anderson.

Following Excise's request for assistance, a group of police officers arrived on the scene, Thompson said that a person at the party fell from a balcony and was transported to the hospital by a private vehicle. That person was not seriously injured.

Thompson said that when officers arrived on the scene, there were several hundred students at the apartment complex, most of whom he said were of age but "many had had too much to drink."

Officers then went to five or six of the loudest and most crowded apartments. After receiving permission from a tenant, the police entered the apartment. Thompson said officers checked identifying information and the coordinator of the bust, was unavailable for comment.

"I'm not really sure how much longer the policy has to go on, but if the changes made in the past two decades have not been enough, I think there needs to be some change," said Senior Ryan Sadowski, a member of Student Senate and Campus Life Council. "This year I've spent considerably more time at off-campus parties. I go out to bars a lot more."

Sadowski, who also serves as the vice president for peer advocacy on the Judicial Board, transferred to Notre Dame his junior year.

Recent crimes off-campus and the death of Chad Sharon, combined with increased numbers of students going off-campus, also worried Sadowski.

Students speak on alcohol policy

By TERESA FRALISH
Editor's Note: A year after Notre Dame announced the most significant alcohol policy changes in over a decade, the Observer examines what effect the changes here have had. This is the second in a four-part series.

A Notre Dame student consumes a pitcher of beer in the fall. The new alcohol policy has sought to curtail excessive drinking and partying.

The Indespened Newspaper Serving Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Students address U.S. authority in war

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Editor

While the country and the world prepare for war, several Notre Dame professors questioned the United States' actions and whether it has the authority to take action in Iraq while trying to figure out what could happen once the United States enters Iraq.

In a prime-time television speech Monday, President Bush said diplomacy and weapons inspections failed to disarm Iraq, if Saddam Hussein and his sons did not relinquish power within 48 hours of Bush's speech, the American president said the only remaining option was to enter Iraq and forcibly disarm Hussein and remove him from power.

"The New York Times reported that Kofi Annan, the secretary-general of the United Nations, said that using force in Iraq and bypassing the Security Council would damage the United Nations. "If this action is to take place without the support of the Council, its legitimacy will be questioned, and the support for it will be diminished," Annan said.

Luc Reydams, international law professor, said the United States has no authority to attack or invade Iraq based on self-defense and that doing so would violate Article 51 of the charter of the United Nations. Article 51 states that a state can defend itself against an aggressor state, but should the aggressor launch an armed attack against the state, Reydams said Iraq has not attacked the United States and that the United States cannot claim that attacking pre-emptively is a justification for the use of Article 51.

Bush said the United States needed to defend itself against the United States needed to defend itself against military personnel from the United States, Great Britain and Australia work at the U.S. Central Command's forward headquarters in Doha, Qatar. Members of the armed forces have deployed to several Middle Eastern bases in preparation for war with Iraq.

Officials to cut ND budget

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Editor

University departments will be forced to make budget cuts for the 2003-04 academic year per the Board of Trustees' request due to the loss in the endowment and the slow economy, said a University official.

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In the final hours before America becomes a nation at war, our thoughts undoubtedly turn to support and concern for our troops and the innocent civilians who will inevitably be killed. Some say that opposition to war is now futile and even unpatriotic, but I disagree. This war will have a drastic impact on our future world and as members of a democratic society, it is our responsibility to critically analyze the rhetoric and actions of our government.

There is no question that Saddam Hussein is a dictator. In the past months, as written by Meghanne Downes, Natasha Grant and Yoder shares the research while University professors have participated in the Feb. 15 protest,
Bishop Ruiz honors Oscar Romero's life

By CATHLEEN EARLY
New Writer

Bishop Samuel Ruiz Garcia from Chiapas, Mexico discussed the preferential option of the poor to a standing room only crowd in the Hesburgh Center auditorium as a part of the University's 16th annual celebration of Romero Week.

Ruiz, speaking entirely in Spanish, relayed the great significance and meaning behind the life and work of Archbishop Oscar Romero, the Salvadoran bishop who was assassinated while celebrating Mass March 24, 1980 by a Salvadoran death squad during El Salvador's civil war.

Those in attendance were provided with copies of Ruiz's lecture in English and were aided by the translations of Julio Pelton, a second-year law student.

Following his lecture, written letter by a group of Latin American bishops in the days following Romero's death, which stated, "...Archbishop Oscar Romero was a friend, a brother, defender of the poor and oppressed, of the campesinos, of the working class and of those who lived in the marginalized barrios."

Ruiz stressed Romero's ceaseless commitment to dire needs of the poor in El Salvador and throughout Latin America.

Throughout Romero's life, he continually emphasized that the plight of the poor is the responsibility of the entire Church and all followers of Christ, Ruiz said.

In a homily delivered Sept. 9, 1979, Romero stated, "The Christian who doesn't want to live this commitment of solidarity with the poor, is not worthy of being called a Christian."

Ruiz attended Romero's funeral in San Salvador.

Ruiz, well acquainted with the poverty and desperate conditions which engulf the lives of people throughout Latin America, believes that poverty continues to exist because the "rich get richer at the expense of the poor getting poorer."

Ruiz cited that poverty is the byproduct of a series of economic, social, and political factors.

Currently in Latin America, the poor consists of 80 percent of the population while the rich consist of 5 percent.

Ruiz served as the bishop of San Cristóbal de las Casas, Mexico from 1960 to 2000. From 1962 to 1965, Ruiz served in all sessions of the Second Vatican Council in Rome.

During Ruiz's tenure as bishop, he did extensive work to advance the rights of the indigenous peoples throughout Mexico and Latin America. In 1989, Ruiz founded the Centro de Derechos Humanos Fray Bartolome, a non-governmental organization, which attempts to promote and protect human rights.

Ruiz was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in both 1994 and 1995 in recognition of his continued efforts to advocate the rights of indigenous groups throughout Latin America.

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Theology class spends break in Cuba

By MIKE CHAMBLISS
News Writer

While many members of the Notre Dame community spent their spring breaks in tropical climates, one group chose a location that is quite unique from the average Caribbean island.

Members of Father Robert Pelton's "From Power to Communion" theology class traveled to Havana, Cuba, last week in order to study the Catholic Church in the context of socialism.

The group was composed of four law students, two graduate students, seven undergraduates, two professors and one administrator. Each member researched a different topic regarding the Church, which underwent 40 years of persecution in Cuba and has only recently been able to make progress.

The group talked with a number of people affiliated with the Cuban Catholic Church, including lawyers, priests and journalists.

"There was a wide array of perspectives, but all saw the Catholic Church as planting seeds now that will develop later on after Castro," said senior Ken Seifert.

Participants were struck by the normal beauty of the island as well as the sometimes surreal contrasts of the United States, such as the widespread presence of 1950s era automobiles.

"It's like a time warp. It makes your eyes hurt, it's so different and so beautiful," said Seifert.

The travelers were also quick to note the high poverty level in Cuba.

"You see how much the U.S. embargo affects Cuba. Doctors and lawyers are driving cabs at night in order to support their families," said senior Ysmael Fonseca.

Law student Rebecca McCurdy is eager to share her newfound insights about the effects of U.S. foreign policy in Cuba.

"I hope that at least the small group that was able to go will be able to share our experiences and show the reality of the human consequences of our policies," said McCurdy.

Seifert pointed out that, despite the material poverty of the country itself, Cubans enjoy a very strong social welfare system and a richness in culture that enables them to appreciate what they do have in their lives.

While there are elements of repression, such as limited freedom to speak about government and politics, life in Cuba is not always as ugly as it may seem to outsiders, Seifert said.

"It's amazing that they have managed to keep this system alive for 50 years. There is an idealism in the people, which is beautiful despite the repression. The revolutionary spirit still exists to this day. Many people don't appreciate that," said Seifert.

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ties on campus, but that such a change brought serious harm to student life. "I think it actually made it more dangerous. I don't think it's prevented anybody from drinking," he said.

Everybody's afraid to drink so they're just going off campus," added junior Shannon Goebel. "Dorm life is pretty disappointing."

Freshman Mary Ellen Botta said there was little for students to do on campus, but felt that the alcohol changes did not completely change the social atmosphere.

"There's a lot really a lot going on on campus, but you can find stuff to do," she said. "I think the changes are livable but I don't think they're really that necessary. No one really likes them but you can deal with them." When she did go off campus, Botta said she felt relatively safe.

Borowiecki said the changes had caused students to seek entertainment off campus and had damaged the campus atmosphere.

"It seems like there's been more of an exodus off campus," he said. "Dorm life has kind of been in a downward spiral."

Sadowski also noted problems that the new alcohol policies had created for dorm dances, which are now required to be held outside of the residence halls.

"We had to cancel our first dance of the year because we just didn't have enough involvement," said Sadowski, who lives in O'Neill. "The lack of enthusiasm has trickled down to the underclassmen."

While he felt that the dances O'Neill held this year were well organized, he was concerned about the additional planning and funding that dances now require.

"They were relatively successful and I enjoyed them," he said. "It seems like they've added complications that are unnecessary."

Goebel, who lives in Lewis Hall, felt that the alcohol changes would negatively affect the dorm's signature event, the Lewish Mash, because traditions associated with the Crush, such as the section decoration contest, might have to be changed.

"It's just going to be weird. If we can't have it in the dorm, that takes all that away," she said.

Other students worried about the new rules on what students could do in the dorms before dances. "They've only had an hour where the guys could come over to pre-party," said Abdo. "I think it's heightening the problem.

While some said they would move off campus because of the new changes, Sadowski chose to stay in his dorm but felt that the administration was contradictory in its attempts to convince seniors not to move off.

"That didn't even cross my mind," said Sadowski. "It frustrates me that the administration constantly asserts that they are trying to find ways to entice upperclassmen to stay on campus but their policies don't really gel with what they're trying to do.

Last year, when the changes were announced, Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Power offered to refund the housing changes for any students who initially wanted to live on-campus but wanted to move off-campus as a result of the changes. Only four students accepted the offer, he said this year.

This year, he said applications for students wanting to live on campus increased 17 percent.

Goebel said she intended to move off campus next year and that while the alcohol changes played a role in her decision, they were not the only issue involved.

"I am moving off campus," she said. "[The new policy] was a defining factor but it was just one more role.""Abdo gave a similar reasoning for his decision to move off campus but said that the alcohol policy changes were the last factor that convinced him to live off campus.

"I'm definitely moving off," he said. "I was planning on doing it before but that just really sealed the deal."

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ND's alcohol policy affected SMC

The impact of last year's change also felt by Saint Mary's students

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD

As brother and sister schools, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are closely related. When something affects one campus, its impact can usually be felt on the other and Notre Dame's alcohol policy is no exception.

This week marks the one-year anniversary of the announcement of Notre Dame's revised policy, and most Saint Mary's student's reactions to the changes are similar to those across the street.

"Notre Dame's new alcohol policy doesn't really affect me, because my friends and I usually go off campus to parties anyway," said junior Kate Dooley. "It has affected me in terms of the football games because we don't get to tailgate like we used to, and that was a fun part of the whole experience.

In contrast to upperclassmen who lived through both policies and can compare the two, students say freshmen are missing something.

"I think who it has the biggest affect on is freshmen, because a lot of them would attend dorm parties and do more on campus activities," Dooley said. Freshman Katy Karr agrees.

"As a freshman, you have two choices on Friday and Saturday night," she said. "You can walk around looking for an off-campus party, or you can sit in your room with your group of friends and pop the same chick flick you've been watching for the past five weekends into the VCR.

This scenario is one that many students, freshman or not, can relate to.

"If the friends that I've made here at Saint Mary's are wonderful, but I regret to say there aren't too many opportunities to make new gay friends or even meet anyone from Notre Dame," Karr said.

Although Notre Dame's alcohol policy has become more severe, some students feel it's incomparable to that at Saint Mary's.

Saint Mary's current alcohol policy states that persons under 21 may not possess, consume, provide, manufacture or sell any alcohol on the College campus. Students under 21 may not be present at any gathering where alcohol is present, whether they are drinking or not.

Those students who are 21 may use alcohol in their rooms provided that they follow a list of policies, similar to what might be expected on a college campus.

"We don't really have parties over here, so it doesn't affect us (students) that much," Dooley said. "I think a looser policy on drinking would possibly create more socialization on Saint Mary's campus instead of always going off-campus."

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Iraq

Saddam rejects Bush ultimatum, Iraq prepares for war

Associated Press

BAGHDAD
Irak's prepared Tuesday to defend their nation against an American-led attack, stacking oil wells and dry wood in parts of Baghdad — ready to be set afire in hopes of concealing targets during an aerial bombardment.

Baghdad residents mobbed bakeries and gas stations in a desperate rush for supplies. Shelves in many shops were empty after store owners moved merchandise to warehouses, fearing bombing or looting.

Defying a U.S. ultimatum to leave Iraq with his son or face war, Saddam Hussein appeared on television in military uniform — for the first time since the 1991 Gulf War — and warned his commanders to prepare for battle.

Thousands of demonstrators swept into the streets of the Iraqi capital, mobilized by a televised appeal to show their support for the Iraqi leader. Waving pictures of Saddam, the protesters promised to give Saddam their "blood and souls."

The United Nations pulled its weapons inspectors out of the country Tuesday, ending the second effort in about a dozen years to verify that Iraq had ended its programs to build weapons of mass destruction.

In a televised speech Monday night, President Bush gave Saddam 48 hours to step down or face war, and promised "the Iraqi tyranny will be gone."

Nearly 300,000 U.S. and British troops are in the region poised to strike.

But Saddam indicated he wasn't going anywhere. After chairing a meeting of Iraq's highest executive body — the Revolution Command Council — the leader condemned Bush and his "foes.

Iraq's foreign minister Naji Sabri told reporters it was "Bush who should go into exile, because it is Mr. Bush who is endangering the whole world."

Saddam, Iraq's president of 23 years, also chaired a military meeting Tuesday attended by his son Qusai, who heads the elite Republican Guard, and senior commanders. The meeting reviewed war plans and military readiness, Iraq's al-Shabab television reported.

The station owned by Saddam's eldest son Odai, also called on Iraqis to demonstrate across the country to show support for Saddam. Soon 5,000 people gathered in Baghdad's Al-Mansur neighborhood, many armed and wearing the olive-green uniform of the ruling Baath party.

Waving portraits of Saddam, they chanted, "We sacrifice ourselves for you Saddam, with our blood and souls!" and carried banners that read, "Saddam is Iraq and Iraq is Saddam."

Iraqi police on television in military uniform

Members of Iraq's ruling Baath party wave their weapons during a Baghdad rally in support of President Saddam Hussein Tuesday. Iraq rejected a 48-hour deadline set by U.S. President George Bush for Saddam Hussein and his sons to go into exile or face war.

Meanwhile, at Saddam International Airport, hundreds of passengers snatched up the last available plane seats to Jordan and Syria — the only destinations available Tuesday.

Government begins plan to protect U.S. from terror

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

From airports to cattle feedlots to nuclear plants, the government began tightening security Tuesday to fortify America against terror.

The plan, called "Operation Liberty Shield," was a major step toward the administration's previous responses to threats of terror because officials believe war with Iraq will increase the possibilities of attacks on U.S. soil or against U.S. interests abroad. It involved meetings among local, federal, state and local governments, as well as private businesses such as chemical plants and banks.

Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said individual Americans could play a part as well by staying vigilant and prepared while avoiding panic.

"There is bound to be misinformation. Don't react to rumors. We will strive to get the facts out there as fast as we can," Ridge said Tuesday.

The nation's terror alert status was raised from "elevated" to "high" Monday night after President Bush said the U.S. military was ready to attack Iraq unless Saddam Hussein and his sons left the country by Wednesday night.

Intelligence and law enforcement officials believe the al-Qaida terror network, while suffering from its toppling and its sympathizers' primary threat to mount terror attacks against America. There also is uneasiness about Iraqi agents or surrogate groups, as well as individual extremists or others.

Part of the homeland security plan requires that anyone seeking political asylum in the United States from 33 countries with known terrorism presence, including Iraq, be detained while the government considers claims they face political persecution at home.

Last year, 577 people from those countries, including 548 from Iraq — claimed asylum out of more than 54,000 who sought entry in the United States, according to immigration officials. The goal of detention is to prevent terrorists or spies from using America's willingness to accept refugees as a pretext for entering the country.

"We want to make absolutely certain, during this period of time, that you who say you are, Ridge said.

Many of the plan is geared toward protecting the nation's transportation system, including random searches of cars at airports, restricted airspace over certain cities, police or National Guardsmen protecting railroad bridges, enhanced identification checks for truckers who haul hazardous materials and more Coast Guard escorts of ferries and cruise ships.

The Coast Guard also is providing greater protection for petroleum and chemical plants near large cities. The General Accounting Office, which is the investigative arm of Congress, said in a report Tuesday that some of those 15,000 plants "may be attractive targets for terrorists intent on causing massive damage."

The report noted that nine months ago, Bush administration officials agreed on the need for mandatory security plans for such facilities, but no such plans have been proposed.

World News Briefs

Palestinians approve prime minister post
The Palestinian parliament created the post of prime minister Tuesday, a key step toward U.S.-sponsored reforms and rebuffing Yasser Arafat's attempts to retain a say in forming the next Cabinet. In the West Bank, Israeli forces killed two top Hamas figures accused in a string of shootings and bombings that killed dozens of Israelis. In a separate incident, an 11-year-old boy attending a school classroom was injured.

Turkey to urge parliament on war with Iraq
Turkey's government said Wednesday it would ask parliament to grant the U.S. Air Force the right to use Turkish airspace in an Iraq war but would not immediately move to send troops to allied U.S. troops. Cabinet spokesman Celik Cemik said a resolution allowing airspace rights would be put before parliament by Thursday at the latest and that a separate motion allowing in U.S. troops could be considered at a later date.

National News Briefs

Two charged in Elizabeth Smart abduction:
Prosecutors charged a self-proclaimed prophet and his wife Tuesday with aggravated kidnapping and sexual assault in the abduction of Elizabeth Smart, disclosing for the first time details of the girl's nine-month ordeal. Brian Mitchell and Wanda Barzee also were charged with burglary and attempted aggravated kidnapping — a charge stemming from what prosecutors said was an attempt to later abduct Elizabeth's 18-year-old cousin.

Pentagon will investigate academy crisis:
The Defense Department is launching its own investigation of 56 alleged sexual assaults at the Air Force Academy. A separate investigation by the Air Force and its inspector general's office is already under way to look into allegations that female cadets were repri­ mandized or ostracized for reporting sexual assaults.

Gulf War vet executed for killing soldier:
A Gulf War veteran who raped and killed a female soldier was put to death by injection Tuesday after failing to win clemency with his claim that exposure to Iraqi nerve gas led to his crime. In a statement read by his lawyer, Louis Jones Jr. said he accepted full responsibility for the "pain, anguish and the suffering" he caused the private's family.

Tobacco farmer holds D.C. police at bay:
A tobacco farmer who said declining subsidies were forcing him out of business held police at bay Tuesday from his tractor in a pond near Davis, N.C., he said in an interview posted on the Washington Post Web site. "I've got the rest of my life to stay right here. I'm not going anywhere."
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Bremen district of the Indiana State Police, he and two officers participated in the bust at the request of the Excise Police.

Thompson said the bust like­
young occurred because the party started early in the day.

"Our concern always is that if the party is that big early, what will it be like later? There were an awful lot of people at the party, some of which we had to give rides back to campus so they would not stumble out into traffic. Our primary concern is safety rather than what is perceived as going to make a big bust," said Thompson.

Thompson said that his officers received no advance warning of the party, but said it was possible that the Excise Police may have.

"It is not unusual for Excise to keep their ear to the ground around a big holiday that is generally associated with drinking, like St. Patrick's Day or Dingus Day," said Thompson.

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Storin said some budget cuts would be made through attrition or not by filling open positions.

"There are no layoffs that are specifically mandated by this budget, but it's up to the academic and administrative sides to implement those percentage reductions. Storin in­
you really can't entirely rule out the possibility of some reductions in person­nel."

Storin added if layoffs were needed, there would be few and he knew of no plans for any department layoffs.

Father Mark Poormon, vice president of Student Affairs, said cuts in his department will include modest pre­
gramming funds and unfilled positions will be eliminated.

"We are trying to do that strategically so that we don't have to lay anyone off and we are trying to keep as much programming money as possible," Poormon said.

The academic and adminis­
tive department chairs must make their budget changes prior to when the new budget becomes effec­
tive on July 1, Storin said.

Deepest are budget cuts, the Board of Trustees also increased tuition for both undergraduates and the Graduate School by 6.5 per­
 respectively, said a state­
tent representative of the University. Both the Law School and the Masters of Busi­
program tuitions will also increase by 6.5 percent to $27,170 and $27,070, re­
 included, including for graduate and room and board, to $34,100.

In previous years the University worked to keep tuition increases below 5 percent and next year's tuitions will be a significant increase from the 2002-03 academic year increase of 4.9 percent.

The increase in tuition and decreased decrease in budget funds is directly linked to the signifi­
cant decrease in the endow­
ment in the past year. As a result, campus construction and new classroom building, the new campus hotel and various athletic complex renova­
tions.

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Doctor lectures on stem cell research

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

Mass-produced blood cells and platelets to ease the drain on America's blood clinics, insulin-secreting cells to treat diabetes and cardiac cells that can be infused into heart­
attack victims are just a few of the potential benefits that stem cell research may yield in the coming years, said Dr. Frank Yoder in a lecture titled "The Promise and Pitfalls of Stem Cell Research."

The Indiana University School of Medicine professor and mouse stem cell researcher, however, warned of the ethical dilemmas facing such research.

The key to understanding this research and the ethics associ­
at­ed with it, according to Yoder, is distinguishing between the different types of stem cells and the potential that each possess.

"There are many different ways to define stem cells," said. "They are unique because of their ability to self-renew. At the same time, they can differ­
entiate to make tissues and organs. As we sit here, your bone marrow will synthesize several hundred million blood cells and remove old ones, and it will happen so smoothly that your blood count will not change. It's a mind boggling thing to comprehend."

There are two classes of stem cells — embryonic and adult cells — and both have the abili­
ty to differentiate into other cell types. Within embryonic stem cells, there are two subtypes, including cells derived from the blastocyst during the first days of life and embryonic germ cells dissected from aborted fetuses 5 to 10 weeks old.

Of the three stem cells, those obtained from the blastocyst are the most versatile. In other words, they possess the greatest degree of pluripotency, or the abili­
ty to differentiate into the three types of tissue, according to Yoder.

Adult stem cells tend to dis­
play less diversity in their abili­
ty to differentiate into other tis­
ues, said Yoder, although special cells that behave similar­
to embryonic stem cells have been discovered in human bone marrow and brain and muscular tissues.

Lately, stem cell research has been directed toward cloning, both of an entire organism and individual tissues and organs for medical purposes, Yoder said. Both of these processes use a method called nuclear transfer technology, which involves extracting the nucleus from a cell and inserting it into an egg. The egg can then be implanted into a hormonally primed female animal to gener­
are a cloned organism or, cells derived from the clone can be removed early in development and cul­
tured to form tissues and organs in therapeutic cloning.

Cloning, including for thera­
pic purposes, poses several ethical problems, according to Yoder. Currently, the cloning process requires an excessive amount of eggs to generate results. For example, researchers used over 10,000

eggs to produce six cloned pigs.

"It's not a very efficient process," he said.

Problems also arise in using stem cells to grow replacement organs, according to Yoder.

Organ are complex three­

dimensional structures and bio­
engineering technology is required to provide the scaffold­
ning needed to orient the cells correctly. While organs, including kidneys, have been successfully engineered in ani­
mals like cows, the productivity of such organs has been mini­
mal.

The direction of differentia­
tion of stem cells is also diffic­
ult to control, Yoder said. For

example, researchers who want to generate cardiac mus­
cle cells may find they end up with a different cell type.

"The embryonic cells sort of randomly turn whatever they want to," he said. "It's very difficult to control this process."

It's also difficult, according to Yoder, to control what types of research scientists are working on, despite recent federal laws.

"Experiments are being done and they're not being reported as of yet," Yoder said. "We need to talk about certain things in meetings and wonder."

Tuesday's lecture was the first in a six-part series housed by the South Bend Center for Medical Education, Indiana University School of Medicine and sponsored by The Medical Education Foundation.

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**IN BRIEF**

**New housing projects drop 11 percent**

The number of new housing projects builders broke ground on in February plunged by 11 percent, the sharpest decline in nearly a decade, as bad weather and an uncertain economic climate took its toll on the residential construction market. Housing construction dropped to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.62 million units in February, representing a 11 percent decline from the month before, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday. The level of housing activity in February was weaker than the 1.75 million pace economists were forecasting.

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**Fed opts to stick with current rates**

With looming war making economic forecasting unusually difficult, the Federal Reserve decided Tuesday to leave interest rates unchanged at a 41-year low. The Fed's decision to leave its target for the federal funds rate unchanged at 1.25 percent disheartened investors who had been hoping the Fed would cut rates again, driving the funds rate to 1 percent or lower, a level last seen when Dwight Eisenhower was president.

Despite 2 month low, oil prices still volatile

**NEW YORK**

The price of oil plunged Tuesday, falling to its lowest level in more than two months as traders bet that the impending United States invasion of Iraq will go smoothly and that global stockpiles of crude are sufficient to offset any supply disruptions. The April futures contract fell $3.26 to $31.67 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, the lowest close since Jan. 8.

However, with U.S. supplies low and uncertainty in the Middle East high, traders said petroleum prices likely will remain volatile in the short term.

"This thing could go right back up," said Tom Bentz, an analyst at RNP Futures in New York. "We're still vulnerable because inventories are tight.

The most recent Energy Department data showed commercial stockpiles of crude at 209.8 million barrels, 18 percent below year ago levels. Supplies have dwindled as a result of high demand for heating oil in the Northeast and lower imports from Venezuela, whose oil industry was crippled for months by a nationwide strike.

Yet Bentz and other traders mostly expressed confidence Tuesday that the loss of Iraqi crude could be made up elsewhere and that the U.S. government will tap its own 600 million barrel stockpile, the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, in the event of a supply emergency. European nations have their own stockpiles that could help make up for any supply shortages resulting from war, which could start as early as Wednesday night.

Furthermore, industry watchers said OPEC producers — with the exception of Iraq and Venezuela — are pumping over their quotas, eager to take advantage of the high prices. That extra supply could hit the market just as demand for gasoline, heating oil and other fuels drops to seasonal lows.

"There's quite a bit of oil in vessels it's now beginning to hit the consuming areas," said Leo Drollas, chief economist of the London-based Center for Global Energy Studies. He said Saudi Arabia may have as much as 30 million barrel stocks in storage or on route to markets.

"They've charted 25 vessels over the last month and a half," said Drollas in a telephone interview, with each tanker capable of carrying 2 500 50 million barrels of crude. The United States consumes roughly 19.5 million barrels of crude a day and more than half of that is imported.

Fadel Ghelt, senior oil analyst at Fahnestock & Co. in New York, said traders are coming to the conclusion that the world has enough oil to meet demand, even assuming that Iraq's estimated daily production of 2 500 50 million barrels is taken out of the equation.

Venezuela, whose oil industry was all but shut down earlier in the year because of a nationwide strike, is now producing enough oil to make up for an Iraqi shortfall, Ghelt said. And Saudi Arabia has increased its production by 1 million barrels a day to more than 9 million barrels a day, Ghelt said.

"We have plenty of oil," he said. "This war premium will seem to come out of the price.

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Short of that, he said prices could easily drop another $5 a barrel in the coming weeks.

The price of crude, which reached a 12-year high of $37.83 last Wednesday, has fallen 16 percent over the past four trading sessions.

Tuesday's decline in oil prices also drove down wholesale prices for gasoline and heating oil. Heating oil for April delivery fell 5.79 cents to close at $5.75 cents to close at 85.78 cents a barrel, while gasoline futures dropped 6.52 cents to close at 96.19 cents a gallon.
Leiber believes that fighting in urban Baghdad will not be difficult and that many Iraqi troops will surrender, bringing about a quick end to the war. Dan Philpott, political science professor, said military actions in Iraq created a rift in the international community.

Great Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair, a staunch supporter of military action in Iraq despite intense domestic criticism, said Tuesday, "What would any tyrannical regime possessing [weapons of mass destruction] think viewing the history of the world's diplomatic dance with Saddam? That our capacity to pass firm resolutions is only matched by our feebleness in implementing them. That is why this indulgence has to stop. Because it is dangerous. It is dangerous if such regimes disbelieve us."

Two traditional U.S. allies, Germany and France, said they would not support the U.N. resolution for use of force before the United States and its allies pulled the resolution before it went to a vote.

"War erodes the just war conception of self-defense as justification for war," Philpott said. Philpott doubted Hussein would abdicate due to his high sense of honor. He added it was highly likely Hussein will use weapons of mass destruction against the United States and Israel and that he may have cells operating in these countries.

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Candles and flowers sit in front of the Virgin Mary statue located in the Grotto as prayers for peace and the safety of U.S. troops in light of the impending war with Iraq. In a nationally televised speech Monday, President Bush gave Saddam Hussein 48 hours to leave Iraq or face war.

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celebrities had asked to use a back entrance away from the red carpet arrivals for Iraq.

Tuesday canceled the show.

He said the red carpet will be a scaled-back affair at the Kodak Theatre will be gone.

"I think you'd all agree it would be very inappropriate to have 500 fans yelling and screaming 'Julia' or 'Tom,'" Gates told reporters.

Nicole Kidman, lead actress nominee for 'The Hours,' and Daniel Day-Lewis, who is up for lead actor for 'Gangs of New York,' have told The Associated Press that they would feel uncomfortable appearing cheerful and stylish in the midst of war.

The show is unlikely to be canceled or postponed. However, "all of us in this room are at the mercy of the winds of war and we just simply don't know," Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences President Frank Pierson said.

Television's Emmy Awards were delayed twice in 2001, the first time after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks that year and then again after the United States and Britain attacked Afghanistan's Taliban government in response.

When the show finally did take place in November, it was a scaled-back affair at which celebrities put aside their tuxedos and fashionable evening gowns in favor of business attire.

The Oscar ceremony, from host Steve Martin's monologue to the celebrity presentations and film clip montages, are also being changed to reflect the nation's mood.

By NATALIE BAILEY

Pauline Viviano, theology professor at Loyola University Chicago, shed light on the explanations of suffering and the Bible's instructions on how to cope with it during the second Lenten lecture for the Center for Spirituality, titled "Suffering in the Bible."

The attachment of retribution to suffering dominated the Pre-Exilic period, which existed before 587 B.C., she said.

"The Book of Deuteronomy is based on the idea that the good are rewarded and that the bad are punished," Viviano said. "This is based on the notion that God is just."

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Traditionally, this is taken to mean God is all-powerful and all-knowing, making it wrong for man to question the motives of God. Using her knowledge of Hebrew, Viviano said.

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As near as I can tell, the best thing about being 21-years-old is that I can finally write about all of the bars I've been going to since I was a freshman. That, and I have the added benefit of being able to be calm when cops show up at a party. My pre-legality strategy for dealing with law enforcement officers was simply to run as fast as I could in the opposite direction. And while I feel that there was a certain quiet dignity and nobility in my classic slow, chubby walk over the back fence of some house on St. Pete's, I prefer the new way.

I especially relish the leeway that my new age gives me to be publicly intoxicated. I can tailgate without fear. I can rally with total immunity in any alley I desire. All I have to do is make sure that I don't do anything stupid. If I can somehow avoid stealing a Papa John's delivery car or falling off of a balcony at College Park, I should be hunky dory. That being said, a license to be publicly drunk is just about the only benefit I can see right now to being legal. As much as I love my country, there are times when I would much rather have been alive and well in the middle of a ferocious conga line than as I could in the

The consequences of coming of age

Joe Muto

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You sit there, head down, looking at your hands as if to learn once again that they can move on your command. They are cold and clammy but still sweating profoundly even among your constant rumbling of the two together. Nervously looking around the room, you realize that you’re not the only one among your group who is nervous. Anxious glances and worried eyes can be seen from everyone. Silence envelopes the room to the point of pure insanity. Leaving you alone to your thoughts, the time passes slower than you ever thought possible. Silently you plead to those around you to say something. Anything? Please? Anyone. Talk.

No one answers your call though, and the tension in the room grows exponentially. A quick glance to the front of the room ends your madness. Coach has come into the room silently, pensive a few moments before and all eyes focus on him, calling for help. He starts talking and the sudden break in silence makes his words mix together incomprehensively in your head. You look around to see if anyone else is as confused as you. Relief comes when you see in the corner there isn’t the only confused person in the room. The longer he talks the more you begin to understand his words and the chicken scratch he’s scribbling on the board. Hours of practice rush back to you like a wave on some far away beach. Man, it’d be nice to be there, you think.

Suddenly, it dawns on you to stop it. It’s time to concentrate now. You need to be ready for yourself, your school, and most especially, for your coach and teammates. You breath and pull focus back to the board only to observe Coach putting the cap back on the marker while looking down at the floor, seemingly gathering his thoughts. Felix, he says, you all know who we are, what we’re doing here, but if you want to win this game, there are a few things you should know. One, he says, as he pauses for dramatic effect, nothing except the team you’ve become during the season matters now. The wins, the losses, the celebrations and heartbreaks don’t matter at all. But the people you’ve become because of those same situations is going to make the difference. Believe in each other and there’s nothing you can’t accomplish.

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Protestors are uninformed

I just walked through Parliament Square in the heart of London, from where I now send these observations. It is a heady time here, and today especially the air is pregnant with tension and anxiety. Beside the massive statue of Churchill, outside of Parliament Square park, numerous protestors have joined the longstanding demonstration there. Soft, hazy light filters through the thin clouds, enveloping the room to the point of pure insanity. Leaving you alone to your thoughts, the time passes slower than you ever thought possible. Silently you plead to those around you to say something. Anything? Please? Anyone. Talk.

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Appalachia and beyond

The Center for Social Concerns sends students across the country during spring break.

East Harlem to Toronto to the Coachella Valley, for spring break.

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

What could be better than spending your spring break in sunny Florida or Mexico?

For some students, spending it in sunny West Virginia covered with paint would be. So said sophomore Brendan O'Neill, who spent his break in Appalachia working on houses, playing basketball with local kids and trying out his grandma's chili recipe for the first time.

"It's always nice to go to Florida, but we had great weather in Charleston too," said O'Neill. "It was a great time for new friendships, a lot of fun and a lot of laughs."

Social Concerns Seminars are becoming increasingly popular way for Notre Dame students to spend their spring breaks, both to do service and make new friends. This year, the CSC had a record number of students apply for seminars with over four times as many students applying than were accepted for some seminars. Around 200 students were accepted to participate in these one-credit service seminars.

The Social Concerns Seminars are built around a variety of national and international issues. Students are immersed in the environment of a migrant worker, a New York City child or other situations with a small group of other students to learn about the causes, realities and potential solutions of some of the most serious social problems facing the United States.

The seminars were largely organized by students, although the CSC endeavored not to let the project become too great a drain on students' time. "We had lots of help from the CSC staff," said Michael Poffenberger, one of two student coordinators for the Washington Seminar.

While the Appalachia Seminar examining religious, social, political and environmental issues across five Appalachian states is the largest and most well-known of the seminars, the CSC also sends students to a variety of other locations.

The Washington Seminar, "Christian Response to a Violent World," examined Christian ways to deal with conflict in a violent world. Students met with prestigious minds such as George Wiegel, author of "A Witness to Hope: The Biography of Pope John Paul II."

"We really went together early on," said coordinator Andrew DeBerry. "Because we had that kind of relationship, it made us feel that we could talk about anything."

Living the Gospel of Life Seminar, also located in Washington, focused on pro-life issues such as abortion, euthanasia, the death penalty, cloning and stem cell research. Students met with groups such as the National Right to Life and the U.S. Bishops' Conference working on the issues. The seminar was in its first year after being postponed last fall due to the sniper attacks.

"It went really well," said student organizer Bryan Haffey. "Things ran very smoothly."

Students in the Children and Poverty Seminar in New York City visited schools in East Harlem and other neighborhoods, which are home to children below the national poverty line. The group spoke with representatives from the UN and UNICEF about what to do for children in poverty. The group also spoke with the founder, co-founder and executive director of World Hunger Year about low initiatives in the area.

"One highlight of the trip was definitely the Cornelia Connelly Center for Education, a Catholic girls' middle school," said senior Megan Anderson. "It was great to see a supportive faculty for the girls, and to see how the teachers respected the kids."

The students in the Migrant Seminar traveled to Immokalee, Fla. to work with migrant workers in the farming community that produces almost 80 percent of the nation's tomatoes. The group toured a farm, went to a packing plant, picked tomatoes and looked at services for child and health care in the area.

"It's so easy to look at simple things like tomatoes or clothes, things we rely on, and forget the people who make that possible," said freshman Alicia Lachiondo. "It's an eye-opening experience to see how amazing and courageous people have to be to get up and do that every day."

The CSC's two smallest seminars sent students to the Coachella Valley in California and to Toronto.

The Holy Cross Mission in Hispanic Ministry Seminar helped students learn about the culture, religious and work experiences in a region that is not only 99 percent Hispanic but also one of the poorest in the country.

"The point of the seminar is to give students an experience of the increasing Hispanic presence in the Catholic church," said coordinator Kevin Mitchell.

Irish Melodies

Two of Notre Dame's most famous musicians invite students to audition for their newest CD

By MARIA SMITH
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Jefferson leads New Jersey with 27 points

Richard Jefferson scored 27 points against San Antonio on Nov. 13. He had 12 in the second quarter Tuesday and put the Nets ahead to stay with an 18-footer that made it 3-32-37 with 7:03 left in the period.

"At the beginning, they were shooting five feet off Kenyon and me," he said. "Immediately, we got the mindset we have to be aggressive."

Jefferson matched his season high with 13 rebounds to go with seven assists and nine shots.

The Nets began to take control late in the second quarter. They scored 15 consecutive points — the first 12 of the second and the first six of the third — to increase their lead from 46-43 to 61-43.

"This is huge. People had really started to talk bad about us and write us off," Jefferson said.

He was 11-of-20 from the field as the Nets remained a half-game ahead of Detroit on Saturday.

Richard Jefferson attempts a reverse layup against the Celtics Tuesday night. Jefferson scored 27 in the Nets 87-74 win.

Jefferson and Jason Kidd each had 10 rebounds for the Nets. Jefferson started the second half with a 15-footer, Kenny Kittles added a 21-footer and Martin sank two free throws. The 15-point streak was broken when Tony Battie hit a foul-line jumper with 10:02 left in the period.

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Ben Wallace blocked Michael Jordan's first and last shots. He made a flying out-of bounds save on the first possession of the second session of overtime, and he ended the game by stealing an inbound pass.

And, by the way, he became the first player in five years to grab 20 rebounds in four straight games.

Wallace finished with 20 rebounds and five blocks, and Richard Hamilton hurt his former team's playoff prospects by scoring 30 of his 38 points in overtime as the Pistons outscored the Washington Wizards 24-10.

"I'm not the referee. They call it, and that's the way it goes," Jordan said.

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Jefferson matched his season high with 13 rebounds to go with seven assists and nine shots.

The Nets began to take control late in the second quarter. They scored 15 consecutive points — the first 12 of the second and the first six of the third — to increase their lead from 46-43 to 61-43.

"This is huge. People had really started to talk bad about us and write us off," Jefferson said.

He was 11-of-20 from the field as the Nets remained a half-game ahead of Detroit on Saturday.

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Hill undergoes fourth ankle surgery

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Grant Hill had surgery on his left ankle for the fourth time Tuesday. Doctors are confident he will play again but there is no timetable for his return.

The Orlando Magic star’s heel was reshaped to realign his return. "We’re hopeful for Grant’s recovery and return to basketball," he said. "The prognosis on his return will be based on a re-evaluation of the repaired areas in the future."

Tuesday. Doctors are evaluating Grant Hill’s heel before he returns to the court.

The heel will take three weeks to heal and Hill expects to be on crutches until late June at the earliest. Magic general manager John Gabriel was pleased with the outcome. "We feel like he will play basketball again, there is no time frame to when he will be able to return to play."

Hill was placed on the injured list in January after playing just 29 games. He averaged 14.5 points, 7.1 rebounds and 4.2 assists.

NBA

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NHL

San Jose says bye to GM

Lombardi fired after leading team out of doldrums

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The San Jose Sharks fired general manager Dean Lombardi on Tuesday, capping their disappointing campaign with a complete overhaul of an organization that won the Pacific Division last season.

Lombardi, who transformed the Sharks from NHL laughingstocks to Stanley Cup contenders during seven seasons in charge, was abruptly fired by owner Greg Jamison. Assistant general manager Wayne Thomas will run the club’s day-to-day operations until a successor is named.

The shocking move was made three weeks before the close of the Sharks’ first regular season in which they won’t improve their points total from the previous season. San Jose is 26-33-6-7 this season, last in the division and 13th in the Western Conference.

“This season has been a struggle and clearly has not progressed as any of us expected," Jamison said in a statement. "We feel this move is a necessary step in returning the San Jose Sharks to the post-season next year."

Lombardi, generally considered one of hockey’s brightest young executives, took over the Sharks late in the 1995-96 season. He hired coach Darryl Sutter and acquired almost every player on the Sharks’ current roster.

As the Sharks struggled this season, Lombardi fired Sutter and traded Marcus Ragnarsson, Jeff Jillson, Niklas Sundstrom, Owen Nolan, Brian McMillan and Matt Bradley, but the team never turned things around.

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Sweetney, Hoyas advance in NIT with victory

Center scores 17 points, grabs 14 boards in win

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—Georgetown coach Craig Sweetser was glad he accepted a bid to the National Invitation Tournament this year.

A year after declining an invitation, Mike Sweetser had 17 points and 14 rebounds and Ashanti Cook scored a career-high 16 points as the Hoyas beat Tennessee 70-63 in the first round of the NIT on Tuesday night.

Georgetown rejected the bid last year originally when we were told who we were to play, and actually put in a tape of the team in my briefcase to shun the NIT caused a stir. I’m very glad we’re in the tournament or thought you had a real good chance of making the tournament. Then as they say, your bubble has burst,” Sweetser said. “That was a tough game I’m sure for them.”

Siena 74, Villanova 59

Siena wore down undermanned Villanova with 3-point shooting by Austin Andrews and Tommy Mitchell and pressure defenses to defeat the Wildcats in the first round of the NIT. Siena (20-15) ended a disappointing season that started with NCAA tournament hopes thanks to a strong incoming freshman class. The season turned especially sour on March 8, when 12 Wildcat players were suspended on a staggered basis from three to eight games for unauthorized use of a telephone access code.

Boston College 90, Fairfield 78

Troy Bell scored 28 points to lead Boston College past Fairfield in an NIT opening round game. Again having only seven players available because of suspensions, Villanova led by as many as 10 points in the first half and was still even at 42-42 with 12:15 to play.

But Andrews hit a 3-pointer, Mitchell two free throws and Andrews another 3-pointer to put Siena up 50-42. After a free throw by Curtis Sumpter, Siena’s Prosper Karangwa hit another 3-pointer to put the Saints ahead by 10 with 8.59 to play. Villanova never seriously threatened the rest of the way. Siena, only 2-13 in the first half on 3-pointers, was 8-10 in the second half on long-range shots. Mitchell, who had five 3-point goals for the game, led Siena with 23 points while Michael Haddix scored 19 points. Sumpter had 23 for Villanova.

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Selig cancels season-opening series in Japan

Associated Press
PHOENIX

Major league baseball canceled the season-opening series in Japan between Seattle and Oakland because of the threat of war in Iraq.

"Given the uncertainty that now exists throughout the world, we believe the safest course of action for the players involved and the many staff personnel who must work the games is to reschedule the opening series," commissioner Bud Selig said Tuesday. "It would be unfair and terribly unsettling for them to be half a world away — away from their families at this critical juncture."

The teams were scheduled to leave Wednesday for games March 25-26 at the Tokyo Dome. Baseball opened its 2000 season in Tokyo, with the New York Mets and Chicago Cubs playing two games.

"I'm disappointed," said Athletics manager Ken Macha, who played four years in Japan and had looked forward to seeing many friends. "The safety of the players going over there and the spectators is utmost. A lot of things do happen. Whoever fore- saw 9-11? Those people were just going to work. That was a huge wake-up call to this country — anything can happen.""Selie's visit was highly antici- pated because of two Japanese stars on the Mariners — Ichiro Suzuki and Kazuhiro Sasaki. Reliever Shigetoshi Hasegawa also is Japanese. It would have been the first time Seattle owner Hiroshi Takeda, who lives in Japan, saw his team play. Some players were reluctant to make the trip.

"I don't like the idea of being out of the country when the country is going to war," Seattle first baseman John Olerud said. The games were rescheduled for April 3 and June 30 in Oakland.

"With world tensions so high, this is the prudent course of action," union head Donald Fehr said.

Baseball had already been planning to have the New York Yankees open the 2004 season in Japan, probably against Tampa Bay, Toronto or Baltimore.

"I find it extremely unfortu- nate, but it's because of war and there is little we can do," Japanese baseball commissioner Hiromori Kawashima said. "Japanese baseball fans who were looking forward to the event may feel it extremely dis- appointing."

"It can't be helped," Moriyoshi Kaneko, a fishmonger in Tokyo. "I guess the threat of terrorism is frightening."

Other sports also discussed contingency plans, but the NCAA said Tuesday that it would not change its schedule for the mens and womens basketball tournamen- ts, which start this week.

There also has been talk that NCAA games and other sports events might be moved from net- work television to cable if war breaks out in Iraq.

Mariners reliever Jeff Nelson understood baseball's decision. "I think when you heard the president's speech yesterday, you were kind of wondering where we were going to be in that 48-hour deadline," he said. "We probably would have been halfway over to Japan and maybe they would have called us and told us to turn back. I'm dis- appointed, I wish that we would have gone. But obviously with the security and the safety rea- sons, there was no way we could go."

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Despite war, tournaments play on

IN BRIEF

Tomjanovich will not treat cancer with surgery

Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich has a cancerous tumor on his bladder lining that the team said will be treated without surgery.

Tomjanovich, 54, was released from the hospital and was resting at home, the Rockets said Tuesday.

Team physician Dr. James Muntz said the plan is to start weekly treatments in two weeks, but Muntz did not specify the nature of the treatments.

"Rudy's treatment options are optimistic," Muntz said following a biopsy of the bladder lining Tuesday night in Dayton, Ohio.

"Our prayers are with the men and women who are defending our freedom. We see no reason to make alterations to our plan," NCAA president Myles Brand said Tuesday. "We are also concerned that life go on as big sports event affected by any military conflict in Iraq.

The first game of the tournament, between North Carolina-Asheville and Texas Southern, was scheduled for Tuesday night in Dayton, Ohio. The rest of the first round begins Thursday, which would be after the 48-hour deadline. President Bush set Monday night for Saddam Hussein to leave Iraq or face war.

The Womens tournament is scheduled to begin Saturday.

NCAA president Myles Brand announced the NCAA Tournament will go on as scheduled this week as the United States prepares for war in Iraq.
BASEBALL

Sollmann, Niese get conference honors

Special to The Observer

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The Belles ended their trip with a victory over Wheaton College. While Knish fell at the top singles position, Palombo and Cutler won their matches. In doubles, Cutler and Ryan defeated their opponents.

Palombo said the importance of the win over Wheaton and spending time with teammates as highlights of the trip.

"We're getting to know each other and the girls have been so welcoming," Palombo said. "We feel really comfortable and feel like part of the team."

Several individuals were undefeated on the road trip. Cutler, Spriggle and Ryan did not drop a match, finishing 4-0 in singles play.

The team has set high goals for the season, looking to be invited to the Midwest tournament in Madison, Wis. The Belles also want to defend the MIAA championship they won last year.

The Belles (4-1) are back in action Wednesday at Valparaiso at 2:30 p.m. Sunday they will face Tri-State University at 1 p.m., also on the road.

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Notre Dame junior Steve Sollmann throws the ball to second base in a game last season.

SMC TENNIS

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Against Wesleyan University in Daytona Beach, Fla., the Belles won the contest 5-4. Palombo earned her first win at No. 2 singles. Spriggle defeated her oppo-
**MENS GOLF**

Irish kick off spring season in sunny South

By ERIK POWERS
Sports Writer

The Irish opened their spring training for the NCAA Tournament last week, competing in two meets over spring break. The team snpped out of the winter doldrums with a strong display at the Big Red Invitational in Ocala, Fla.

The Irish started slowly, firing a 300 in the opening round. In their first meet in four months, the Irish needed a little bit of time to warm up. Because the field was inundated with Midwestern schools in similar situations, the Irish did not fall too far off of the lead. After one day, they were in eighth of 15 places.

On the second day of the tournament, the Irish made great strides. The team improved its score by 16 strokes to 284, although they were unable to move up in the standings. Freshmen Eric Deutsch (76, 69) and Tommy Balderston (77, 70) led the Irish run by shooting seven shots lower than the previous day. But the team could not build on this run as the third round was rained out.

Deutsch and Scott Gustafson (73, 72) finished in 18th place, tying for the Irish lead. The pair's scores of 145 were only 11 strokes behind tournament champion Korey Mahoney of Kentucky Golf Club March 29th.

The team finished 23 strokes behind Kent State. Austin Peay, Miami of Ohio, Xavier and North Carolina-Greensboro rounded out the top five.

In their second meet of the break, the Irish traveled to the Conrad-Johnson Alabama Spring Invitational. The Capstone course was not kind to the team on the first day, as the squad finished in 11th place with a score of 301. The Irish slid the next day to 12th place with 309 strokes, where they finished despite shooting 302 in the final round.

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King finished as an indoor All-American for the first time, but it was the third All-American honor she has received.

"I am not totally happy now; I want something more," King said. "But, I am very grateful to receive this honor."

Senior Tamiesha King also made an extremely strong showing and finished sixth in the long jump, garnering her first indoor All-American honor, and third of her career. King soared 20 feet, 6 inches on her first attempt, just two inches below her school record and season-best jump.

Meanwhile, the younger athletes on the Irish squad stepped up. Freshman Molly Huddle narrowly missed All-American consideration in the 3,000 meters by finishing ninth. However, Huddle was only .79 seconds out of eighth place — and All-American honors — with a time of 9:20.30.

In the last of the qualifiers, the 4x400 Irish relay team repeated last year's performance, taking ninth with a time of 3:38.28. They too just missed All-American consideration, finishing just one second away from an eighth-place finish.

The quartet of sophomore Tiffany Gunn, junior Kristie Dodd, sophomore Ayesha Boyd and Kymia Love qualified at the Alex Wilson Invitational en route to breaking a school record, when they ran to a 3:55.26 effort. Gunn replaced All-American Liz Grow from last year's team.

As far as the team score, the Irish collected five points, matching last year's total. "I didn't have any expectations for the team," King said. "Our program obviously has been building, and I think that we can do better than five points in the future."

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a school record and qualifying for the NCAAs.

"It was a really big accomplishment to qualify and just to go and get experience," said sophomore Eric Morrison, a member of the distance medley relay team.

At the Championships at the University of Arkansas, Watson was replaced by teammates Kevin Somok, who finished 11th in the Meyo Mile several weeks ago. Sotoek was joined by Morrison and freshmen Ryan Postel and Thomas Chamney. The Irish finished 10th with a time of 9:44.05.

"We were disappointed not to get top eight and All-America," Morrison said. "But we're a young team and definitely capable of breaking through and improving on that for next year."

The Notre Dame men scored six points in the meet, which is the third-highest point total for the Irish at the NCAAs Championships. The school record is nine points, which the team tallied last year.

The accolades for Watson have continued to pile up, as the senior was recently named the Mondo Great Lakes Regional Track Athlete of the Year. This season, Watson beat an elite field in the Meyo Mile and also won the Big East championship in the event. In the 3,000 meters, he posted the eighth-fastest time (7:55.78) in the nation at the Boston Indoor Games Jan. 31.

He now holds six All-America awards, four Big East championships, and six school records. Last year, Watson placed third in the 3,000 meters, which was the highest finish for an Irish athlete at the Indoor Championships since 1972.

"Luke is definitely a central part of our team," said Morrison, who also qualified in the mile but decided not to compete. "For me it was important to train with him and travel with him to see the experience and drive it takes to become a great athlete."

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**MENS LACROSSE**

**Irish fight tough schedule**

By PAT LEONARD  
Sports Writer  

Though Notre Dame has lost two consecutive games to No. 1 Virginia (14-8) and No. 11 Loyola (9-8), respectively, the Irish emerged from a tough early-season schedule with a 3-2 overall record after defeating No. 1 Virginia (14-8) and No. 11 Loyola (9-8), respectively, in the past two games.

Notre Dame junior attacker Matt Howell had four goals and one assist as the Irish fell to 1-2.

North Carolina narrowed the lead to 8-6, but the junior scored again with 6:41 remaining to put the Irish back up by three.

Seven players scored for Notre Dame including Travis Wells, Dan Berger, Pat Walsh, Matt Karweck and Chris Richey.

However, the Irish had no such luck in Virginia or at home against Loyola. Virginia beat the Irish only 7-5 last season, but Notre Dame was not ready for the 14-goal offensive barrage it received from the Cavaliers on Tuesday.

Virginia (4-0) scored five unanswered goals in the second half to pull away with the victory.

Notre Dame's Berger, Howell and Walsh each scored two goals. Karweck and Wells added two late goals in the fourth quarter, but the lead proved too large for the Irish to overcome.

The Cavaliers' John Christmas tallied four goals and two assists as the Irish fell 14-8.

On March 15, the Irish hosted No. 1 Loyola. Notre Dame got down early and went into halftime down 6-3 after a goal by Walsh.

Notre Dame's persistence in the second half mirrored that of North Carolina the previous Saturday, as the Irish chipped away at a fairly large lead.

Still, Loyola got the last goal and sneaked by the Irish 9-8 in a thriller.

Loyola beat Notre Dame by one goal last year, 7-6, as well.

Owen Mulford scored two goals and Howell (one goal, two assists) added an unassisted score with 2:35 remaining in the game to tie it at 8-8.

Irish goalie Stewart Crosland made eight saves and let up only three goals in the second half. Loyola's Craig Geeragles spoiled the Irish's comeback, however, when he scored with 41 seconds remaining in the game to give his team the victory and send Notre Dame to 3-2 on the season.

Howell leads Notre Dame with 11 goals and 10 assists in five games.

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**WOMENS LACROSSE**

**Shearer's last-second shot stopped in loss**

By ANDY TROEGER  
Sports Writer  

Despite a valiant rally in the final minutes, the women's lacrosse team dropped a 7-6 game against No. 13 Yale Tuesday in Orlando, Fla.

No. 12 Notre Dame almost overcame a three-goal deficit in the final five minutes, but Danielle Shearer's free-position shot with one second remaining was saved by Yale goalkeeper Amanda Laws to preserve the victory.

The Irish were led by junior Abby Owen's career-high three goals, while Lauren Fischer added two goals and Shearer had a goal and an assist. Owen scored five goals with two assists in her last two games against Yale and Boston College.

After trailing 5-3 at halftime, the Irish fell behind 7-4 with about eight minutes remaining on a goal by the Bulldogs' Sarah Queener. The Irish rallied within two when Shearer scored with 3:49 remaining and pulled within one goal on Owen's third goal of the game with 2:24 left.

The Irish had two chances to score in the final minute as Laws stopped Shearer's shot from close range. After the Irish picked up the ground ball, Shearer was fouled with one second remaining, but Laws came up with another big stop for Yale.

Fischer got the Irish off to a good start by scoring the first goal of the game to give the Irish the lead. After two goals by Yale, another Fischer goal tied the game at two. After another Yale goal, Owen scored her first goal to tie it at three before Yale scored the last two goals of the half for the 5-3 halftime lead.

Yale was led by Queener and Miles Whitman, who both had two goals and an assist. The pair scored Yale's only two goals in the second half, which proved to be just enough.

Irish goalie Jen White made 11 saves, while Laws had 10 for the Bulldogs.

Yale moved to 3-1 with the victory. The loss sent the Irish to 2-2, with all four games coming on the road. They play their home opener March 25th against Ohio State at Moose Krause field.

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**Accepting student nominations for the Michael J. Palumbo Award**

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- Be an undergraduate student at the University of Notre Dame in good standing with the University
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TRACK AND FIELD

Making their mark

Pair of Kings lead Irish women in NCAA Indoor Championships

By HEATHER VAN HOGARDEN
Sports Writer

The Irish women's track team boasts a number of athletes who are a threat. On March 8-9, in the Alex Wilson Invitational which was perhaps the most crucial meet of the season to date, the Irish qualified seven athletes for the 2003 NCAA Championships. The Irish then traveled to the University of Arkansas to compete in the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships. It was there that sophomore distance runner Lauren King left her mark. Clocking a time of 4:43.89, the miler took seventh-place, finishing only two seconds out of third-place and becoming an All-American with her finish.

"I am very happy to get All-American," King said. "It is always a priority for anyone competing at the NCAA level; however, I would like to step it up in the future."

Watson grabs All-America honors in mile with third place finish at nationals

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

Senior Luke Watson continued his stellar year for the Irish at the 2003 NCAA Indoor Championships last weekend by placing third in the mile to earn All-America honors for the third time in his indoor career. The top-ranked mile runner in the nation during the indoor season, Watson's time of 4:06.48 placed him only .02 seconds out of second place and just .78 seconds away from a national championship.

Watson also competed in the 3,000 meters for Notre Dame, placing 11th in 8:10.79. The double-duty meant three races in two days, as the mile required a preliminary the night before.

The senior was also instrumental in guiding the distance medley relay team to the Championships. At the Alex Wilson Invitational the week before at Lufkin, the Irish team finished third in 9:38.40, setting a new program record.

SMC SOFTBALL

Belles have fun in the sun with strong week

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's softball team took its first step to becoming a contender in the MIAA this past week, jumping out to an 8-2-1 record during a four-day road trip to Fort Myers, Fla.

The Belles then split a double-header with Bethel College on Tuesday to move to 9-3-1.

The Belles received solid pitching from junior captain Libby Wilhelmy and others, but it was the Saint Mary's offense that impressed as the team outscored opponents 65-24 in a week in which first-year coach Anna Welsh saw her young team mature quickly.

"We have only one senior, five juniors and nine freshmen, so there is a lot of excitement between the upperclassmen teaching the freshmen what college softball is all about," Welsh said. "The team has gone through many coaching changes in the past few years, so with a young team this year, the freshmen know no different and the upperclassmen consist of six of the greatest leaders on Saint Mary's campus."

The Belles opened the trip with consecutive shutouts over Elms College 5-0 and the College of Mount St. Joseph 3-0. A strong Winona State program tournouched Saint Mary's 14-5 in the third game, but the Belles responded by tying Salve Regina 7-7 and beating Urisius 1-0, Defiance College 7-3 and Simmons College 8-0 to increase to 5-1-1.

The Belles won just four out of eight games on the entire trip last season under then-coach John Ganef. "We have a talented group that has unified very quickly," Welsh said. "They are very understanding of their roles. I think we will surprise a lot of the teams in our conference this year."

Saint Mary's would lose only one game after the Winona State match-up, dropping a 2-1 contest to Cazenovia College. Closing with an 8-2 win over Hiram College, a 6-5 victory over Transylvania University and a 2-1 win against Slippery Rock, the Belles finished 8-2-1 heading into league play.

Welsh's girls also got revenge on a Transylvania team that shut them out on the same triplet last season.

Team captains senior catcher Susan Kutz, junior Erin Sullivan and Wilhelmy have led their team in the right direction so far. Welsh likes what she has seen and anticipates an exciting turnaround year for the Belles.

"I expect a very aggressive team, defensively and offensive," said Welsh. "We are going to manufacture a lot of runs on the bases which is a very fun style of softball. I think they will bring a lot of excitement [in] every inning [and on] every pitch. We will be a fun team to watch."

In Tuesday's first game against Bethel, Wilhelmy lost a 5-1 decision, giving up four hits, striking out four and walking three batters. Katrina Tebbe batted 2-for-3 with two RBIs. The Belles came back strong in the second game, however, winning 9-4 behind the dominating pitching of Kate Sajewich. Sajewich struck out ten batters Tuesday, walking only two, giving up five hits and allowing no earned runs.

The team's offensive capabilities emerged in the second game as well, as Greta Linde went 3-for-3, and Jackie Zurcher, Bridget Grall and Sajewich all had two hits and an RBI in the contest.

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