IU med school keeps low profile

Students study, dissect, research in Haggar basement

By KEVIN ALLEN
News Writer

Tucked away in the basement of Haggar Hall, lies one of Notre Dame's best kept secrets — a medical school. Since 1972, Indiana University has been renting space in Haggar Hall for the South Bend Center for Medical Education, one of eight centers in the Indiana University Medical School system.

When the South Bend Center first opened, just one IU faculty member worked there. The rest of the teaching staff was made up of Notre Dame faculty, primarily from the biochemistry department. The Center was eventually taken over by full-time IU faculty, eight of which are currently on staff. With only 16 students in each class at the centers, the IU School of Medicine system

Campus organizations sponsor blood drive

By KATE GALES
News Writer

RecSports, in affiliation with the University Health Services, Irish Health and the South Bend Medical Foundation, will be sponsoring a blood drive today and tomorrow.

"Normally we fill up just about every time slot," said Andrew Szwak, a RecSports supervisor. "Usually we won't have people on a waiting list."

Szwak said slots were about half full for the afternoon. The event, which will run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Rolfs, has two time slots per 15-minute period.

"We provide the facilities, and the South Bend Medical Foundation provides nurses, along with Health Services," he said.

Freshman Brigitte Sanchez participated in the last RecSports-sponsored blood drive.

"It was my first time donating," she said. "I was kind of scared ... I always wondered what it would be like, if you would really help someone."

After the drive, Sanchez received a card telling how her contribution was used.

"You don't realize how much you can make a difference."

Brigitte Sanchez
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Students attend class at the South Bend Center for Medical Education located in the basement of Haggar Hall. The Indiana University Medical School system has eight such centers in the state.

University employee struck by vehicle

By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

A University employee was struck by a vehicle Wednesday morning as she attempted to cross a stretch of Juniper Road adjacent to Grace Hall.

The female employee, whose identity was not released by Notre Dame Security/Police assistant director Chuck Hurley, was attempting to cross a snow embankment in order to cross Juniper when she lost her balance and fell onto the road. The victim hit her head on the side of a south bound vehicle as she was falling, Hurley said.

A witness and the driver contacted police, and police and fire rescue vehicles responded to the call, Hurley said. The victim was transported to St. Joseph's Medical Center, though it was not clear what treatment, if any, she received or whether she had been discharged.

"She was alert and conscious at the hospital," Hurley said.

The victim attempted to cross the street at an area not designated as a crosswalk — places that Hurley said can be especially dangerous at this time of year with limited snow and ice buildup of snow.

"The crosswalks are cleared," Hurley said. "If you try to cross in areas where there aren't crosswalks... you still have snow embankments on the sides of the road. We would advise people not to be crossing at the crosswalks."

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INSIDE COLUMN

Voting seriously

Most students on the Notre Dame campus do not seem to think student body presidential elections matter very much. Possibly they are right. However, the attitude of the student body in the last election infuriated me. I encountered too many students who clearly voted on what they perceived to be the candidate's personality instead of genuinely considering the candidate's proposals.

This is far more disturbing than the stereotypically shallow high school popularity contest it resembles. Students apparently did not even vote for a candidate they personally liked as much as against a candidate they thought they might personally hate.

I do not intend to criticize the new student body president, or to criticize anyone who compared the candidate's platforms and goals and chose to vote for Adam Istvan. However, anyone who did choose to vote for Istvan should have made sure they were voting based on their faith in his ability to achieve the things he ought to achieve and not on a poorly based or secondhand notion of Charlie Ebersol's personality.

There are cases where it is legitimate to oppose a candidate on the grounds that he or she is not a good person. For instance, it should not be a moral waste- land, whether it be on the level of student government or in the highest government offices. However, in the case of our student body presidential elections, there was no possible moral issue that should have affected any student's vote more than the legitimacy of the candidate's platforms.

I am not attempting to attack or defend Ebersol himself. I don't know what kind of person Ebersol really is. Nevertheless, I know Ebersol as well as many of the students who voiced the opinion that they weren't going to vote for him because they didn't like him.

This attitude is juvenile, and epitomizes exactly what can go wrong on a larger scale with a governmental system which our country goes to great effort to defend despite its flaws. Not taking time to look past the unreliable impression of a candidate's personality turned out by the rumor mill leads to poor decisions and unjustified biases on the parts of too many voters.

If you make mistakes, if you have made a mistake, don't base your opinion or your vote on rumors.

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are biases on the part of too many voters.
Notre Dame places campus ban on cabbie
Man accused of rape, confinement

By ANDREW THAGARD
Associate News Editor

Notre Dame issued a no trespassing order to a Mishawaka taxi cab driver who has been accused of rape.

Puja Singh, a 30-year-old cab driver for the Yellow Cab Co., faces charges of rape, criminal confinement and criminal deviate conduct after an incident involving a woman in Mishawaka on the evening of Feb. 8. The victim alleged that Singh forced her to engage in sexual intercourse and other sexual acts while confining her against her will, according to an order issued by the St. Joseph Superior Court.

Singh continues to work for the taxi cab company. He is unusual, but not always, drivers vehicle number 35, said University spokesman Matt Storin.

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The University issued the order. Storin said, out of concern for its students and employees. The victim is not a student or employee of the University, he said.

The woman's name did not appear in the Saint Mary's student directory. "We want University personnel to be aware...and [know] that he's not allowed on campus," Storin said. "It's a public safety issue."

A representative for Yellow Cab said Wednesday that no one was available to comment on the incident or the company's policies on the matter.

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End nears for constitution changes

By KATE DOOLEY
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Student Government Association is close to completing the overhaul of its constitution, a project that will have taken three years by the time it is finished.

The constitution is the outline of the bylaws and policies that must be followed by student government. It includes descriptions of meeting and attendance policies, particular boards' roles and other guidelines. The decision to rewrite parts of the constitution was made when errors were found in the text.

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Guthrie Theater presents 'Othello'

Summer Shakespeare at the University of Notre Dame will welcome the Guthrie Theater of Minneapolis on its national tour of William Shakespeare's tragedy 'Othello' in five performances Feb. 26 and 27 at 7 p.m., Feb. 28 at 2 and 8 p.m. and Feb. 29 at 2 p.m. in the O'Laughlin Auditorium Theater at Saint Mary's College.

Admission ranges in price from $12 to $22.50 and tickets are available in advance at the O'Laughlin box office or by calling 574-284-4626. The production is one of six Shakespearean plays that will tour the country as part of the National Endowment for the Arts' Shakespeare in American Communities initiative.

Junior Class Office Candidates

The candidates running for junior class office are listed from top to bottom in order of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Elections will be held on Monday, February 23, 2004

Candidates:

Mike Tallarico
Kathryn Reynolds
Luke Maher
John Roche

Stephen Miller
Ben Zerante
Patricia Adams
Erika D'Addabbo

Erik Powers
Greg Parnell
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Steve Rzepka

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SAB works to increase entertainment options

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Student Activities Board is working hard to combat the challenge of boredom on the College's campus, where students claim chances for entertainment are few and far between. Many students report having never been to campus-sponsored activities during their time in college. Senior Fran Dunker is one of those women.

"I don't really participate in activities," Dunker said. "Nothing has ever appealed to me before."

Other students would like to participate but said finding time for campus entertainment is not easy.

"I'm just too busy," freshman Lisa Geopfrich said.

Geopfrich also said that the times at which activities are held make it difficult to attend.

"It's seven o'clock on a Wednesday night," she said. "That's my time that I do my homework."

To change this situation, the SAB and its two entertainment chairs, Stacey Stark and Maureen Garavan-Oskielunas, have been making concerted efforts.

Earlier the two chairs attended the National Association of Collegiate Activities conference to plan entertainment for Saint Mary's.

"Most of the acts that come to campus we saw at NACA," Garavan-Oskielunas said. "It's basically a showcase of every act that could come to your campus so you can book them."

This gives the SAB more artists to choose from, Garavan-Oskielunas said.

"I think that, in recent years, that we've had a lot more variety of acts to work with — more comedians, more bands," she said. "We've also done more surveys to compile the kinds of entertainment the students are looking for."

So far this year, bands Red Wanting Blue, the Clayton Miller Blues Band and Reh Band have performed at Saint Mary's. Comedians Elvira Kurt, Megan Mooney and Alex House have also presented shows.

SAB has also put on several of what Garavan-Oskielunas calls "homegrown" events.

"Our president, Becca Doll, instituted a rule that entertainment needs to put on three big events and three homegrown events, with students, each semester," she said.

Some students are noticing that difference.

"I think they try. They make good attempts. Like the comedians and finding Nemo," senior Jessica Millanes said. "This year has been better with Wednesdays at Dalloway's." The Wednesdays at Dalloway's program is put on by SAB and the campus eatery. While Millanes' favorite activity was Jeopardy, other games such as "How Well Do You Know Your Roommate?" and "Friends" trivia have been played. Dalloway's also invites local artists, such as Notre Dame's Tom Schreken to perform.

Saint Mary's may draw Notre Dame artists, but it does not seem to attract Notre Dame students.

"I have never attended any event at Saint Mary's," junior Mark Ellstad said. "There haven't really been any turnouts to coming to Saint Mary's, but nothing has really drawn me there."

None of the Saint Mary's students interviewed reported attending any events on Notre Dame's campus. Ellstad said she blames the weather.

"When it's winter, they seem to hibernate over at Saint Mary's," he said.

ForSure, Saint Mary's students say they would like to see a few changes on their own campus before heading to Notre Dame.

Dunker said more mainstream artists will lure a larger crowd.

"There should be one big activity night, with a bigger-name concert or a popular play," she said.

Ellstad and Saint Mary's senior Robin Silme agreed.

"A good concert or something like that would draw crowds, but I'm not sure if Saint Mary's students have the venue or money for it," Ellstad said. "Or maybe have like a SAB movie night but make it newer movies than SAB plays so people won't care about the commute."

"I think a lot more people would go to that," Blume said. "They should also do more to include off-campus students. We never hear about anything."

SAB hopes that there will be high attendance rates for year-end activities such as Midnight Madness, featuring "Last Comic Standing" funnyman Dai Phan and the SMC Toast, which will host two bands and the movie "Mona Lisa Smile."

Rising stress levels may attract students to what Garavan-Oskielunas calls the "big event" for this semester.

"March 2, Antigone Rising, a big female rock band, will be in the dining hall at 8 p.m.," she said. "It's in the middle of midterms, so we're going to do a take a study break, chew down on junk food and have some fun."

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The Notre Dame law students defeated teams from the law schools of Seattle University, Boston College and the University of Pittsburgh and Alabama to join South Texas, the University of Minnesota and Drake University as one of the competition's final four. The competition is sponsored by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the American College of Trial Lawyers.

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Students advanced to semi-finals of moot court

University of Notre Dame third-year law students Carah Alt and Julissa Robles reached the final four of the National Moot Court Competition held earlier this month in New York City.

Believed and Robles, reached by Edward Sullivan and Robert Palmer, both adjunct assistant professors of law at Notre Dame, went to New York after winning a regional competition in Indianapolis last year. They advanced to the semifinal round of the national competition.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Haitian crops refuse to fight rebels

U.S. - Frustrated by an angry police force that barricaded themselves inside their station Wednesday, President Bush appealed for a threatened rebel attack on Haiti's second-largest city, the last major government bastion in the south. Officers in other towns deserted their posts with no guerrillas in sight.

As soon as police made clear they were too scared to patrol the streets of Cap-Haitien, suddenly the head of the Police Department, Herard Aristide vowed to take a stand against the Z-wreck-old rebellion, which has killed some 60 people and several leaders with murderous backgrounds.

Euro leaders stage economic talks

BRUSSELS - German, French and British leaders agreed Wednesday on broad proposals aimed at making Europe the world's premier economic power this decade, but they drew criticism from countries that Europeans hold dear.

All three leaders emphasized the need for change, but they also pointed to problems in the region, including the need for new technologies and avert a crisis in social programs that Europeans hold dear.

Several leaders left the conference without any deal, but they said they would try to agree on broad proposals next week.

NATIONAL NEWS

AAA: Elderly drivers at risk

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. - Drivers over 65 are more likely to get into crashes because of declining perception and motor skills, but the biggest risk is to themselves, not others on the highway, says a study based on nearly 4 million traffic accidents.

The study, released Wednesday by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, also found that drivers 65 or older are nearly twice as likely to die in a crash as drivers between 55 and 64. Drivers over 65 were nearly four times more likely to die than other drivers.

As they grow older, some drivers are more likely to cause a crash because of a lapse in perception, failing to yield or running a red light.

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Train derails, explodes; 200 dead

NEYSHABUR — Runaway train carrying hundreds of people and 200 tons of chemicals derailed, caught fire and then exploded hours later Wednesday in northeast Iran, killing more than 200 people, injuring at least 500 and leaving dozens trapped in the wreckage crumpled mud hutments.

Most of those reported dead were farming region and nearly every one has been killed. A day after his distant third-place finish in Wisconsin, Dean vowed to continue his work to defeat President George W. Bush.

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sions. "You really get to know your professors," said Minhaj Khaja, a first-year student at the South Bend Center.
According to the Center's Web site, students at the South Bend Center are considered "special graduate students" of the University of Notre Dame. This means that even though they are actually students at Indiana University, they are still afforded the privileges of full-time graduate students, which allows them to use University facilities and buy tickets to sporting events. The Center also participates with the University in graduate pro-
grams for Master of Science, Ph.D and combined M.D./Ph.D degrees.
Despite attending classes on campus on a daily basis and their status as "special," many students at the South Bend Center still do not feel like they are a part of the Notre Dame student body. Nevertheless, students who have an interest can find ways to get involved with the larger Notre Dame community.

And some do.

Layne Panse, a first-year medical student at the Center, has been involved with two campus theater productions this year. Panse, who also attended Notre Dame as an undergraduate, said opportuni-
ties do exist for students at the Center to become part of the University community.
"I think there are ways for students to get involved," she said.
After students at the centers complete their second year of medical school, they continue their studies at the Indianapolis campus, where their time is spent almost exclusively in hos-
pitals. Medical schools require what Robert Kingsley, a faculty member at the Center since 1974, called large referral hos-
pital facilities — those that per-
form specialty procedures that smaller hospitals cannot accommodate. Indianapolis hospitals have the ability to perform those procedures in a cost-effective manner that is not possible in South Bend.
"Indianapolis is the only place in the state that has those hospital facilities," Kingsley said.
Students spend their fourth year of medical school taking elective courses, which do not need to be taken in Indianapolis. Kingsley said many students choose to return to South Bend at this time and complete their elective work at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center.

U.S. soldier charged with trying to aid al-Qaida

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — A National Guardsman attempt-
ed to provide the al-Qaida terrorist network with infor-
mation about U.S. troop strength and tactics, as well as methods for killing Army personnel, the military alleged in charges made pub-
lic Wednesday. The charges could lead to a death sen-
ence.

Spc. Ryan G. Anderson was formally charged Feb. 12 with three counts involving efforts to supply intelligence to the enemy, but the Army did not release that informa-
tion until Wednesday.

In each count, Anderson is accused of "attempting to provide intelligence to the enemy" by disclosing infor-
mation to people he thought belonged to the terror net-
work but who were actually U.S. military personnel, the military alleged.

The charges do not allege that Anderson ever actually passed information to real al-
Qaida members. The Uniform Military Code says attempts to aid the enemy can be punished by death.

Anderson, 26, of Lynnwood, is a tank crew member from the Fort Lewis-based 81st Armor Brigade. The 2002
Washington State University graduate converted to Islam in college. He joined the Guard on May 15, 2002, according to Lt. Col. Stephen Barger, an Army spokesman.
Barger refused to say whether the investigation was continuing or whether other people might be involved. He also refused to discuss how Anderson's activities came to the Army's attention or how the Army set up the sting that led to his arrest. Anderson is being held at Fort Lewis.

In the first count, Anderson, also known as "Abdul Rashid," is alleged to have attempted to provide information about U.S. Army troop strengths, movements, equipment, tact-
ics and weapons systems, as well as methods for killing U.S. Army personnel and vul-
nerabilities of Army weapons systems and equipment.
**GE exec talks ethics at MCOB**

**by TRICIA de GROOT**

Continuing the Mendoza College of Business' celebration of Ethics Week, John Gschwind, general counsel of General Electric Supply, delivered a lecture Wednesday titled "Ethical Implications of Operating a Multinational Corporation" in the Giovanni Commons.

Gschwind, a 1981 Notre Dame graduate, spoke about the importance of integrity in the $14 trillion dollar global business. Gschwind began his lecture with sharing statistical information about General Electric so that his audience could understand the national and international authority held by its operations, including its presence in more than 20 countries. Its employees and its operations amount to more than 75,000 people worldwide.

GE prides itself on its direct customer contact and thus places a large emphasis on integrity, he said. "We take compliance and integrity and drive it into the business," Gschwind said.

His PowerPoint presentation indicated that GE's values define "who we are, what we believe, and how we're going and how we'll get there.

In addition, he said GE encourages its employees to adapt values of curiosity, passion, resourcefulness, accountability, teamwork, commitment, openness and energy. Internal and external pressures impose a high duty of honesty and, therefore, GE focuses a lot of its attention on integrity, he said.

GE operates in an environment and faces a challenge that will take immediately be picked up by the media and broadcasted over the news, Gschwind said. GE has become such a household name over the years that it must be very conscious of the power of the media.

"(GE) makes the leaders responsible for making sure the employees read the policies and procedures," Gschwind said. "Here at GE, we take compliance and drive it into a leadership responsibility." Concluding his PowerPoint presentation with GE's emphasis on integrity, Gschwind outlined three key leadership responsibilities: prevention, detection, and respond.

Changes have been made in the field of prevention now that GE has expanded to so many international companies, he said. All GE employees are required to take a level one training course, which focuses on GE policies, Gschwind said.

Then, depending upon which job position the employee holds within the company, he or she might have to further this training.

"The last of the Ethics Week lectures will be held in the Giovanni Commons in the Mendoza College of Business this afternoon."

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**In Brief**

Int'l Steel to buy Weirton

WEIRTON, W.Va. — International Steel Group Inc. struck a $255 million deal for bankrupt Weirton Steel Co. by agreeing to give the 7-year-old company a chance to compete as Steel as the nation's largest steel producer.

ISG, based in Cleveland and built from the remains of a shuttering or bankrupt steel-makers, would acquire one of the nation's largest tin-plate mills if its offer for Weirton was accepted from a bankruptcy court.

The complexity of the sale and the need for an agreement with the independent Steelworkers Union, Weirton chief executive D. Leonard Wise said ISG will likely prevail in the court-run auction required to complete the deal.

**Rough winter hits housing starts**

WASHINGTON — The number of housing projects builders broke ground on in January declined by the largest amount in nearly a year as bad winter weather played havoc with construction activity.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that the number of residential buildings under way dropped to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.9 million units, representing a 25 percent drop from December's seasonal pace of 2.5 million units. That had been the best pace since February 1994.

Martha lawyer defends statements

NEW YORK — Martha Stewart's lawyer showed jurors a scroll of 2-year-old news reports Wednesday that calculated the domestic entrepreneur sold ImClone Systems stock on insider information and even was romantically linked to its now-jailed CEO.

The evidence was designed to show Stewart was simply trying to discern inaccurate reports while making smart business decisions in the summer of 2002 when she issued statements saying her ImClone sale was proper.

Stewart was never charged with criminal insider trading, and she has denied having any romantic relationship with fallen ImClone founder Sam Waksal.
Labels to fight counterfeit drugs

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government says smart prescription drug labels — bearing tiny hidden transmitters — should lead the way in fighting counterfeit drugs.

But Mark McClellan, the Food and Drug Administration commissioner, said Wednesday the government will not order pharmaceutical companies to adopt the technology or other measures to combat what he described as a small but growing problem.

Instead, McClellan said, he expects the industry to come up with its own plan for putting in place technology that can track drugs from manufacturer to consumers’ medicine cabinets. Widespread use of radio frequency identification, or RFID, is expected by 2007, said an FDA report on counterfeit drugs that McClellan and Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson announced Wednesday.

"By 2007, Americans should expect to know with confidence exactly where their drug was made and where it’s been," McClellan said.

He called RFID technology one aspect of a comprehensive approach "that uses 21st century solutions to combat criminal efforts to inject counterfeit drugs into our drug supply." To that end, he said, the FDA will continue to hold off on rules that would require a paper trail to validate every sale between drug makers and distributors. Critics say backing that "paper pedigree" would be a good interim solution, but McClellan said the paper trail rules would be costly and still leave gaps in the system.

FDA officials provided a demonstration of how an electronic pedigree might work, using a database that would record each step made by a shipment of drugs from manufacturer to wholesaler to pharmacy to consumer. Such a system, they said, would make recalls easier, they said.

For now, questions remain about the system’s cost and whether it could compromise the quality of drugs.

The report also said companies could cut down on counterfeiting by shipping in smaller "unit of use" sizes — say, 30 pills in a blister pack instead of hundreds per shipment that smaller distributors then rebottle. The FDA will encourage its adoption, he said.

Anti-tampering technology alone will not solve the problem, the report said. Other recommendations include: increasing penalties for counterfeiters, drawing up a national list of drugs likely to be counterfeited, enhancing international cooperation.

Fewer than 1 percent of drugstore sales involve counterfeit drugs, McClellan said. But the FDA has investigated about 20 counterfeit cases a year since 2000, compared with five a year in the 1990s.

One of the biggest cases came last year, when more than 150,000 bottles of the cholesterol medicine Lipitor were recalled. Consumers complaining of a bitter taste alerted the FDA that knockoffs from overseas were mixed into the real version.

WHAT ARE YOU CALLED TO DO?

MEDICINE

CAREERS AS VOCATIONS

A panel of alumni and alumnas reflect on the integration of faith and social concerns into life beyond Notre Dame.

Sunday, February 22
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Center for Social Concerns
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Speakers

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Medical Director, Greenwich Hospital Breast Center; Associate Clinical Professor of Surgery, Yale University School of Medicine

Roger Klauer, MD ’75
Medical Director, Outpatient Rehabilitation Services Memorial Regional Rehabilitation Center

Lisa Novak Mullaly, DO ’97
Family Medicine Resident, Flint, Michigan
Senate continued from page 1

"We do routinely pull offensive letters off the page ... But in the case of the affirmative action letter, many of the instances cited were based on what the author had actually seen. There is a difference between actual experience and broad generalizations," Soukup said.

Soukup also said the apology requested by the Diversity Council was not necessary because other letters, "written with more force in question were in print," and it was "a viewpoint that needed expression."

The meeting also questioned The Observer's policy of endorsing a candidate in the student body presidential election.

"Endorsement is common place. It allows the editorial staff to say if they think one candidate is better than the other. We also strive to make sure those on the editorial board do not report on the election," Soukup said.

In response to a question about the Jan. 27 letter falsely accusing Bishop Daniel Jenky and Father Richard McBrien of creating an anti-abortion折腾，Soukup said The Observer is striving to become more understanding of viewpoint fact-checking because of the incident.

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Alison Strohe and Karla Bell, student body president and vice-president, did not attend Wednesday's meeting.

In other Senate news:

- Howard senator Brin Anderson told senators to promote participation in Operation Rice Bowl, a drive to raise funds for 40 countries and the local diocese sponsored by the Junior Class Council and the service and spiritual committees. Students will be provided with boxes in the shape of rice bowls, into which they can collect their extra change during the days of Lent. After collection, 75 percent of the proceeds will go to a global cause, while 25 percent will go directly to the local diocese. Organizers will distribute the boxes on Monday and Tuesday in DeBartolo, O'Shaughnessy, LaFurtrne and north south dining halls, as well as Ash Wednesday mass.
- A resolution requesting the creation of a campus life council task force to address social awareness issues was passed with only one dissenting vote. The task force would be investigative in the Viewpoint fact-checking policies because of the incident.

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SEVENTH ANNUAL THOMAS AQUINAS SYMPOSIUM On THE COMMON GOOD Little Theatre, Moreau Center for the Arts Saint Mary's College 4:00 p.m. "Positive Law and the Common Good" M. Cathleen Kaveney 7:00 p.m. "The Common Good, Globalization and Justice" David Hollenbach, S J 8:15 p.m. Reception in Little Theatre Lobby Friday, February 20, 2004 *** Sponsored by the Joyce McMahon Hank Aquinas Chair in Catholic Theology With the support of the Centers for Spirituality and Women's Intercultural Leadership Information call (574) 284-4636
Sports have much power in our society. But what is the focus of that power? Athletic booster groups crowd to their feet, defy our human weaknesses and make us believe in the possible. Yet sometimes the athletic crowds seem to be breeding grounds for violence, scandal and vice.

Is the character of sports eroding away to the vices of obsession? On one hand — and for good reason — sports will always be held up as a way to promote virtues such as perseverance, responsibility and teamwork. Over two-thirds of our student body played sports growing up, which adds a special element to our community that few other universities can match.

On the other hand, teamwork can be a one-sided, destructive force. In the book, Lessons of the Locker Room: The Myth of Virtues and Vices of Modern Sports, Howard teaches that coaches are to be educators first. This shifts the focus to player development before winning. He believes that "if you're always focused on winning the next game, you sacrifice the long-term interest of the players and the team."

This view seems idealistic. Then one name comes to the surface: John Wooden. Ninety-three-year-old John Wooden is ESPN's Coach of the Century for his record 10 NCAA championships (the second-best record has four at UCLA). Since he retired from high school coaching days in South Bend, he has intently focused on developing players according to their abilities. Last week in the Air Force Academy, the poet at heart quoted lyrics that explained his rationale: "At God's foot

"...I bowed my head."

"...I failed," cried the Master said, "Thus didst thou best, that is success."

Denver Broncos' manager Ted Sundquist also emphasized the personal virtues of teamwork in believing that relationships are strengthened through shared sacrifice. Teams are ultimately united by shared scars from common struggles.

Bill Yoast, coach of the T.C. Williams Titans featured in "Remember the Titans" proves Sundquist's point. He tells audiences about the racial tensions pulsing in the Alexandria, Va., through three rival high schools combined. The integrated football team was instantly the source of acclaimed community solidarity as the team advanced to win the state championship.

Sports programs have the power to revitalize communities. They give inner-city youth alternative crimes to drug and crime. In case you're interested, the summer National Youth Sports Program facilitated by the Center for Social Concerns pays students to work with teenagers from the local community.

If you are skilled at basketball, you have tremendous power in the city. Being a baller can earn you the respect of many hardcore players off the street.

Sports are played across national borders. You have tremendous power on or offshore if you are skilled at soccer. While teaching in Uganda during the 2002 World Cup, I could relate to people anywhere in the country through this one sport.

Recognizing the value of sports, the U.S. State Department has even created International Sports Initiatives which relate athletics to foreign relations through "sports diplomacy."

The ethical climate of athletics is growing more threatening. In removing a focus on the character of sports, athletics can become more skills-based. Our colleges and universities, not just Notre Dame, are not equally recognizing the importance of the latter.

Diversifying diversity

While race, gender, sexual preference and religion contribute significantly to the Notre Dame community's definition of "diversity," another group of students on campus — persons with disabilities — were similarly excluded in discussions with disabilities overcome obstacles and challenges on a daily basis.

Approximately 110 Notre Dame students have disabilities. There are currently Notre Dame students with visual impairments, hearing impairments, learning disabilities, cerebral palsy and other disabilities. Today's Observer insert on students with disabilities overcome obstacles and challenges on a daily basis. In 1998, Tim Cordes was the first blind student to be the Notre Dame valedictorian. In 1995, the Office for Students with Disabilities was built to provide students with disabilities the same opportunity to enjoy a Notre Dame education as the non-disabled students. Located in the back of Basile Hall, the Office for Students with Disabilities is not large enough to accommodate the number of students with disabilities that require assistance.

Students who use wheelchairs have discovered that Notre Dame is not the most accessible place for them. It was also in 1995 that Notre Dame made its first attempt to increase disability awareness on campus. Only even in the last few years that Notre Dame Disability Awareness Week has generated support through the university.

To exclude or ignore the value of students with disabilities suggests that Notre Dame is failing to widen its perception of diversity. What is diversity here if part of the diversity that exists is not equally recognized?

Diversity means being open minded and looking beyond ourselves to the needs, struggles and value of others. If we are going to strive for commitment to diversity, we must be sure we are not leaving out a valuable part of our Notre Dame family.

Laura Hoffman
Social Concerns
Feb. 18

"One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors."

Plato

philosopher
Accepting the popularity contest

On Feb. 17, Miss Distler and Miss McCarthy expressed their disdain with the student body because the candidate they supported did not win. While students at the University really are no place for meaningless mudslinging - everyone knows you're not really in public office for that to mean anything - these two young ladies have failed to see the glaring realities of the situation. While Istvan/Bell did not win the 50 percent plus one vote, they received over 200 more votes than Ebersol/Leito. I want to remind both Miss Distler and Miss McCarthy that the day before the election Ebersol's main platform premise — a large concert — was rejected by University officials. That has nothing to do with the fact that people may or may not like Mr. Ebersol.

Secondly, it is just as unfair for Miss McCarthy to attack Istvan's and Bell's lack of student body experience as it was for people to make remarks about Mr. Ebersol's car. Why must we underestimate two young people who decided that they wanted to try their hand at something new.

Also, and this is before anyone's time and energy was wasted by the fluency of the dialects written on those fancy plaques in LaFortune, from 1972-1973 the official Student Body Vice President was a cat. I'm sure that Miss Bell will be able to do her job just as competently, if not more so, than a feline. Finally, did either Miss Distler or Miss McCarthy in their research of this fantastic election notice the chart on the cover of Monday's Observer?

Something more than throwing votes behind another candidate was going on when only three women's dorms voted for the Istvan/Bell ticket. I'm sure everyone can put two and two together. For as long as most of us have been in school, from elementary to today, student-body elections have been popularity contests.

I'm a senior, so none of this election nonsense really affects me — did I vote? Why not give Adam and Karla a chance? I am confident that they will be able to do what every student-body administration has done before them: try very hard, not always successfully, to give the student body a voice.

Instead of everyone getting so upset, move forward and try to get things accomplished, no matter who is in charge.

By the way, the people in charge work in the Dome, not LaFortune.

Erie Finpatrick
Senior
Feb. 17

Voting responsibly

In Tuesday's issue of the Observer, Michelle McCarthy talked about how immature the student body was in its refusal to elect Charlie Ebersol. She claims that people voted for the Istvan/Bell ticket because they did not like Ebersol as a person and then she declares that this was immature because few of those who voted for Istvan know Charlie Ebersol.

At the same time, though, she believes she knows exactly why people voted the way they did. The whole argument is hypocritical. In fact, there are many people who voted for Istvan/Bell without taking into consideration that Ebersol drives a Hummer or that they heard he was a jerk from other people. I admit that I did not cast my only vote for the Istvan/Bell ticket and I was just casting a vote against Ebersol/Leito. However, the reason behind this had nothing to do with the things I heard about his personality or Hummer.

The reason I voted against Ebersol was because as the head of the student body for almost a year, but experience does not necessarily equal success.

I would like to suggest to his supporters that it is possible that many informed students evaluated his record of service and decided not to vote for him — shocking, I know. To me, the majority of people also unfair and unwarranted at this time. Istvan/Bell will have the chance to prove themselves worthy or otherwise — soon enough. If so, am interested to see how they will do.

Kevin Conley
Senior Hall
Feb. 17

Expanding Ante Success

The personal attacks and property damage that Mr. Ebersol has been subjected to are deplored by any account. These actions, though perpetuated by a minority of our students, are an embarrassment to everyone and perhaps to Mr. Ebersol as well.

Beyond that issue, I cannot agree with the pro-Ebersol letters to the editor of the last two days. The underlying bittleness of these articles exuded the condescension that "Notre Dame, you don't know what's good for you," and could only explain the election results on superficial grounds, such as Mr. Ebersol's current mode of transportation and the apparent sentiment that "he's not nice." However, I do not dispute that those disappointing claims are certainly true to some extent.

Nevertheless, as an informed student and former office-holder, I find these statements insulting, not only mention arrogant, when applied in blanket fashion to the entire voting constituency. They assume that, aside from the few people who voted for Istvan/Bell, virtually everyone else was just casting a vote against Ebersol/Leito. However, the reason behind this had nothing to do with the things I heard about his personality or Hummer.

The reason I voted against Ebersol was because as the head of the student body for almost a year, but experience does not necessarily equal success. Mr. Ebersol has held a major student government position for almost one year, but experience does not necessarily equal success.

I would like to suggest to his supporters that it is possible that many informed students evaluated his record of service and decided not to vote for him — shocking, I know. To me, the majority of people also unfair and unwarranted at this time. Istvan/Bell will have the chance to prove themselves worthy or otherwise — soon enough. If so, am interested to see how they will do.

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**ALBUM REVIEW**

**Nelly offers ‘derrty’ versions**

By **ARIENNE THOMPSON**
Scene Music Critic

Nelly's latest effort may disappoint those fans expecting a disc containing entirely new music, but his remixes of old songs — "Derry Versions," as he prefers to call them — will surely please those who appreciate a good musical makeover more than a live performance.

By restructuring and reformatting the beats, melodies and even lyrics of many chart-toppers from the past albums *Country Grammar* (2000) and *Nellyville* (2002), Nelly (Cornell Haynes) and his gang of producers, most notably David Banner and Jason "Jay E" Eppers, prove that the "Nelly sound" is not just a case of musical creativity and clever reinterpretation. Perhaps taking a cue from the troubled king of the remix B. Kelly, Nelly proves that making over an old song is a great strategy for creating a new hit.

The somewhat unusual but thumping remix of the 2000 hit "E.I." is the prime example; it has received substantial radio play and is accompanied by a quasi-pornographic video featuring regular rotation on a late-night cable show. On the guitar-heavy "Air Force Ones," Nelly delivers a totally new rap with the help of David Banner and Eighball, injecting his now popular brand of fast-paced humor and mid-morning thuggery. In what has become a popular technique in rap, he shoots out to popular Southern cities, claiming them as allies of his hometown of St. Louis, saying "This for (anybody)'s city that used to be a plantation. ... We hold it down for country folk / [Cuz] we in the same boat / Trippin'? Get that 'Force One' print on your thread / It's no joke." Employing another technique from the rapper's handbook, Nelly is no stranger to the collaboration, enlisting the help of Ronald Isley on the even funkier version of "Pimp Juice" and the voice of Destiny's Child star Kelly Rowland as the pop smash "Dilemma." The most unexpected of these collaborations, however, occurs on the "derrty" version of an ever-popular party song, "Ride Wit Me."

Cleverly combining genres and musical interests, the remix is guided by an interpretation of college-favorite John Mayer's breakthrough single "No Such Thing," which Nelly halls as one of his favorites.

Despite these successes, some of the remixes fail to be anything more than lazily recycled versions of their former selves. This is especially apparent on "Country Grammar" and "Hot In Here," which ironically are the two singles that catapulted Nelly into stardom during the summers of 2000 and 2002, respectively. The attempts to "reinvent" these singles show that some things are better left untouched. Sprinkled among the remixes are a few new songs from soundtracks and compilation albums, including "If" from the Neptunes' latest album. The most prominent of this group is the frenetic and fun " lzU," released for last year's Eddie Murphy stinker "The Haunted Mansion." The song is backed by an interpolation of the theme from television's "People's Court" and features Nelly's standard female-oriented mantra about cars, sex and money.

With this album and its hits, Nelly manages to tweak an old adage by showing that you can fix it even if it ain't broke. He certainly "reinvents" past hits with a competence and style that point to a seasoned understanding of the need to remain fresh and consistent in an industry of hype, fadism and finances. Sure to add to his already mammoth popularity, Da Derrty Versions will satiate those fans and newcomers with an ear for creativity and enough patience to wait for the next group of new hits coming this summer.

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**ALBUM REVIEW**

**The Red West begins its migration**

By **BRIAN FOY**
Some Music Critic

Few bands possess the talent and diversity necessary to branch out and play several styles of music on a single album, but that is exactly what The Red West has done on their self-titled debut. The band came together a little more than two years ago, when college roommates Andy Smith and Bethancourt would be recruited as the bassist and The Red West would be born. The band's first attempt to succeed where others have failed has quality or for it to be deemed a success. The band's first attempt shows that The Red West is clearly capable of having a positive future. As the band travels away from its musical influences towards its own sound, the songs will gain more depth and uniqueness. If this happens, The Red West will spread east to new horizons.

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**Photo courtesy of theredwest.com**

Nelly reworks many already popular hits on his latest effort, Da Derrty Versions: The Reinvention.
In the name of Africa

By REBECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Music Critic

There are not many musical groups brave enough to cover a classic U2 song—not in the name of money, music or success, anyway. But Jars of Clay have taken on the challenge. The result is a large departure from the previous albums of the Chicago-based band, and one that is precisely because by the end of the album, that question, in terms of the Christian music industry today, Jars of Clay has greatly changed on their sound. Several Christian recording artists have united to create a U2 tribute album that benefits Africa.

Jars of Clay develops new style ‘instead’

By REBECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Music Critic

One of the best-known contemporary Christian bands in the industry today, Jars of Clay, a four-piece band originally from Illinois, had quite an expectation to live up to when they released their fifth original album, Who We Are Instead. The title sounds like a question mark without a question mark and that is precisely because by the end of the album, that question, in terms of the band, is answered. Who We Are Instead is a large departure from the previous Jars of Clay albums. There is no "Flood," "Love Song for a Savite" or "I Need You" on this album. As far as comparable songs, many of the songs on the album sound similar to "The Valley Song (Sing for Your Mercy)," which was released on Furthermore, the greatest hits/new song albums Jars of Clay toured with last year. This change is not a bad thing, but it is unquestionably different from what many Jars of Clay fans may have been expecting.

Several Christian recording artists have united to create a U2 tribute album that benefits Africa.

Photo courtesy of Jars of Clay

Christian band Jars of Clay has greatly changed its sound on Who We Are Instead, the band's latest release.

terrible track. Nichol Nordeman's rendition of "Grace" makes the song sound as if it had been written for her to sing. The lyrics and feeling of the song are very fitting for a female voice, and Nichol Nordeman does an incredible job making a musically and lyrically similar cover sound (the instruments begin to seem a hit drawn out in Nordeman's version) unique from the original. Delirious? sounds similar to U2 as it is, so it is no surprise that "Pride (In the Name of Love)" sounds like the original, sounding like U2, however, especially while singing one of these songs, can never be a negative thing, and the song sounds terrific.

Other highlights are a more folksy and acoustic version of "All I Want Is You" by Jars of Clay and a slower, different but beautiful version of "One" by Tait. "When the Streets Have No Name" by Chris Tomlin, "Sunday Bloody Sunday" by Pillar, "Mysterious Ways" by Toby Mac and "Gloria" by Audio Adrenaline are overall successfully done as well. "40," by Starfield, sounds like a great worship song, and "When Love Comes to Town" by Chris Tomlin and "Love is Blindness" by Sixpence None the Richer are both mediocre, but not at all bad.

Any hardcore U2 fan will appreciate this album for the most part, although it is possible to simply feel offended when "With or Without You," one of the greatest rock ballads in history, is remixed (think P-Diddy remixing The Police's "Missing You") and backed with rap. However, beyond that one seemingly serious offense, the rest of the album is interesting, different and overall a good project. Beyond the great music and great idea, there is a great cause. In the Name of Love is an album to own in exactly that: the name of love.

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In the Name of Love
Artists United for Africa
Sparrow Records

Photo courtesy of Jars of Clay
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Chris Paul scored 12 of his 23 points over the final 5:19 to help No. 15 Wake Forest hand No. 3 Duke its first losses of the season for the first time this season with a 90-84 victory on Wednesday night.

In a testy game that came down to the final seconds, Paul a fierce freshman carried the Demon Deacons (16-5, 6-5 Atlantic Coast Conference) to their first victory over Duke in two years.

The loss didn't hurt the Blue Devils in the ACC standings, though, since second-place North Carolina State lost to Clemson two hours earlier. North Carolina State beat then No. 1 Duke last Sunday.

The Blue Devils with 20 points, Daniel Ewing scored 19, Shelden Williams had 18, and Chris Duhon 12. J.J. Redick was held to two points and without a field goal for the first time in his career.

Just in time, however, Ewing added eight assists and kept his team on the court inside nine (21-3, 10-2) to try to score an offensive foul for it.

Although Paul partially predicted the technical-mindedness before the swat, he was stunned Redick wasn't called for a technical but didn't back down and responded with a long-streak score.

It was the first of a flurry of stances, dunks, tie-ups for the Deacons.

Wake Forest coach Skip Prosser was called for a technical for his reaction on a call against the Deacons. Duke's Nick Horvath was hit with a technical for swatting at Strickland after the two locked up and Strickland taunted him with a wide-eyed glare.

That prompted coach Mike Krzyzewski to scream at the referees to "Control the game" while admiring the Blue Devils to compose themselves.

After a brief conference with the coaches, the referees tried to restore order with quick whistle. They called 19-person technical fouls in the first half and 38 for the game.

No. 2 St. Joseph's 72, Fordham 54

St. Joseph's stayed unbeaten with another easy win.

Jamier Nelson had 18 points and nine assists to lead the second-ranked Hawks to a 72-54 victory over Fordham on Wednesday night.

St. Joseph's (23-0, 12-0 Atlantic 10) and No. 1 Stanford (21-0) are the only unbeaten teams remaining in Division I, and the Hawks made sure they had the right one with a 33-44 breaking halftime.

The Hawks clinched the Atlantic 10 East Division title with the win and will have a bye into the quarterfinals of the conference tournament. The victory also makes Nelson and fellow senior Tyrone Hinson winningest players in school history with 91.

Wake Forest guard Chris Paul battles Duke's Chris Duhon for a loose ball. The Deacon Deacons upset the third-ranked Blue Devils 90-84 Wednesday night.

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Baker released, Celtics terminate his contract

Associated Press

BOSTON — Vin Baker's short, disappointing stay with the Boston Celtics may be over.

The Celtics released Baker on Wednesday after the forward cleared waivers following his suspension for violating the terms of his alcohol treatment program.

The move terminates Baker's contract, and may allow the team to avoid paying Baker the $36 million he's owned for the remaining 2 1/2 years on his contract. It also is likely to initiate a showdown between the team and the NBA players' association.

The union has said it would file a grievance over any attempt to void the contract. That could thwart the Celtics' plan to release him, but Celtics attorney Neil Jacobs said Baker wasn't ready to play as his contract required, and the team had a right to let him go.

"He has not been performing and that is the basis of the decision," he said.

Jacobs added that there was "sadness" about releasing Baker, a Connecticut high school star whose return to New England was viewed as a homecoming.

"The team had always hoped that the issues Vin has been involved with would be worked out," he said.

The team placed Baker on waivers last Friday after he missed the 10th straight game of his latest suspension for violating the terms of his alcohol rehabilitation aftercare agreement. That triggered a clause in the agreement that gave the Celtics control over his future.

Baker missed two months and the playoffs last year after he checked into a Connecticut rehab center. He agreed at the time to a follow-up program this season that would involve frequent testing.

Baker failed to meet the terms of the agreement at least three times before being suspended indefinitely on Jan. 23. According to the agreement, only a doctor agreed to by both sides could determine when he's ready to return. The doctor didn't clear Baker to play before the suspension reached 10 games, giving the team the right to release him, said Jacobs.

"It's difficult to imagine the team could have done more for Vin than it's done," he said.

The matter is now likely to wind up in arbitration. Billy Hunter, head of the National Basketball Players' Association, said last week that the union will fight any attempts at "subterfuge."

In his last public comments last Thursday, Baker issued a statement saying he'd done everything required of him to remain in compliance with his program.

Baker averaged 21 points and 10 rebounds over his last two seasons in Milwaukee before he was traded to Seattle for the 1997-98 season. The Celtics signed Baker before the 2002-2003 season, but he averaged just 5.2 points per game before he was suspended on Feb. 27, 2003 amid reports of a drinking problem. Baker later said he was an alcoholic who began binge drinking during the 1995-1996 lockout.

He returned in better shape to make it up to his teammates.

He scored in double figures in 21 of his first 35 games, but then his production dropped off again.

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**Colorado rocked by scandal**

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — Nobel laureate Gary Wieman figured he had the craziness of college football behind him when he left the University of Michigan 20 years ago. What he is seeing at Colorado may be far worse.

For three weeks, professors, students and residents have been hit with an almost daily barrage of accusations against Colorado’s football program, including rapes and alcohol-fueled sex parties for recruits. After a former kicker came forward to say she was raped by a teammate, coach Gary Barnett described her as a “terrible” player.

Wieman, a physics professor, said the furor over the football program is embarrassing for Boulder.

“George Steinbrenner Yankees owner

**Owners argue over Rodriguez**

**BOSTON — Red Sox owner John Henry thinks a salary cap could be good for baseball after watching the rival Yankees trade for Alex Rodriguez — a deal his own franchise could not complete.**

Henry, whose team failed to obtain Rodriguez from Texas in the 1999 season, said in an e-mail response to reporters Wednesday that he is changing his mind on whether the sport needs a salary cap “to deal with a team that has gone so insanely far beyond the resources of all the other teams.”

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner quickly responded, saying: “We understand that John Henry must be embarrassed, frustrated and disappointed by his failure in this transaction.”

The Yankees’ payroll is about $184.8 million for 25 signed players after they acquired Rodriguez from the Texas Rangers earlier this week in exchange for Alfonso Soriano and a minor league to be named.

But the number would come down by about $4.8 million if third baseman Aaron Boone is released. Boston is expected to be second at about $125 million.

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Boulder has been abuzz with the scandal.

“I’ve always been much prouder of the fact CU won the solar decathlon than that CU had a winning football team,” said Mayor Will Toor, also director of the University of Colorado Environmental Center.

Players, their parents and alumni say the media have blown the cases out of proportion and insist no sex parties are arranged for recruits.

Still, said former quarterback Bobby Pesavento, football players are treated differently from other students.

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“No charges were filed, but three women have since sued the school, saying it fostered an environment that led to their rapes by football players or recruiters at or just after an off-campus party in 2001. Boulder County prosecutor Mary Keenan decided against assault charges but has reopened the investigation and says she believes the athletics program entices recruits with sex and alcohol. That allegation is denied by university officials but prompted a demand for action from Gov. Bill Owens.

University officials are looking into recruiting practices and are hiring a special assistant to oversee athletics, but the allegations have not stopped. A player admitted taking a recruit to a fraternity, while a former recruiting aide said he used a school phone to call an escort service for his personal use.

On Tuesday, former kicker Katie Hildre, one of the first players to go public, said she was raped by a teammate at Colorado four years ago.

While university officials urged Hildre, 22, to tell her story to police, Barnett said he knew of no one who could back her up. Asked why she left Colorado after the 1999 season, he said, “Katie was not only a girl, she was terrible. ... There’s no other way to say it.”

University President Elizabeth Hoffman criticized Barnett for making in “unacceptable remark” that essentially blamed the victim. She also said she wants to know what Barnett knew and “if the allegations are true, we’ll probably have new personnel ... My job is at stake as well.”

**Anouncing the Year 2004 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship**

**Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino Family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2004 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed $3,000, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The course work will normally be in Italian; will involve the study of Italian language, literature and culture; and must be applicable to a student’s degree program at the University of Notre Dame.**

Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Boston University in Padua, UCLA in Pisa, Miami University in Urbino, Columbia University in Scandiano. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O’Shaughnessy Hall.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:

1) an explanation of how the proposed research or foreign study will enhance their degree program at Notre Dame
2) a personal statement indicating their background, interests, and long-term goals
3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow
4) a budget indicating the costs involved
5) the names of two references.

**Application Deadline: Thursday, March 4th, 2004**

**Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship**

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Newly acquired Chicago Cubs pitcher Greg Maddux holds up his jersey with Cubs general manager Jim Hendry. The pitcher signed a three-year deal on Wednesday, rejoining the team with which he began his career.

Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — Bringing his career full circle, Greg Maddux is back home with Chicago Cubs.

Maddux signed a $24 million, three-year deal Wednesday, returning to the team that gave him his start in the big leagues. His return delighted Cubs fans, his new teammates — and Maddux himself.

"It's a privilege to have the chance to come back and play in Chicago," Maddux said at an evening news conference. "I'm just glad this day has come again where I have chance to come back and finish where I started." He'll also have an opportunity to earn his 300th career win while wearing a Cubs uniform. He needs only 11 more victories to reach the mark.

Maddux will make $6 million this year and $9 million each of the next two seasons. But the Cubs can void the final year of the deal — with no buyout — if Maddux doesn't pitch 400 innings over this season and next.

Maddux has failed to reach 200 innings just twice in his career. In 1987, his first full season in the majors, and in 2002, when he pitched 199 innings.

"As great a story as it is, it's really about the fact that Greg Maddux can still win a lot of baseball games," Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said. "It's a feel-good story, but it's a story based on Greg making us a better ballclub.

Chicago already had one of the NL's best rotations in Kerry Wood, Mark Prior, Matt Clement and Carlos Zambrano — a foursome that took the Cubs within five outs of the World Series a year ago.

Add Maddux to that mix, and the Cubs' rotation has to be considered one of, if not the best in the game. "The more the merrier," Wood said. "He would definitely help our ballclub, no doubt." Maddux, who turns 38 in April, may not be the same pitcher he was in his youth, but he's still one of baseball's best. Despite a slow start, he was 16-11 with a 3.96 ERA last season — his 16th straight year with at least 15 wins. His 289 wins are second to Clemens among active pitchers.

In his 18-year career, Maddux is 299-163 with a 3.93 ERA.
Men's Basketball
Thomas honored for week

Associated Press

Namend the BIG EAST Conference Player of the Week on Monday, junior Chris Thomas, who has averaged 26.3 points and 3.8 assists in the Irish last four outings — three of them victories — also was selected by ESPN.com's Player of the Week and was tabbed by Dick Vitale as his Co-Player of the Week. Vitale also ruffled Notre Dame as his Team of the Week in recognition of its third consecutive BIG EAST wins against No. 3 Connecticut, Seton Hall and No. 24 Syracuse.

Sophomore Class Office Candidates

The tickets of candidates running for sophomore class office are listed below. Elections will be held on Monday, February 23, 2004.

Zach Holobowski
A.J. Coedero
Naggio Toseke
Afya Wilkins

Jason Laws
Bill Andrichick
Megan Sporkin
Laurel Horne

Peter VanLoon
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ND Women's Basketball

Batteast named Naismith Finalist

Junior forward still in running for Player of the Year

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame junior forward Jacqueline Batteast has been chosen as one of 20 finalists for the 2004 Naismith College Basketball Player of the Year Award. It was announced Tuesday afternoon by Jackie Bradford, President of the Atlanta Tipoff Club. With Tuesday's selection, Batteast remains poised to become the second Irish player in four years to win college basketball's most coveted award, following in the footsteps of All-America center Ruth Riley, who claimed the honor in 2001.

Batteast is averaging 14.4 points and 8.3 rebounds per game with eight double-doubles this season, while leading Notre Dame to a 16-8 record and a second-place standing in the Big East Conference with a 9-3 mark. The talented Irish wing has been at her best against top competition this year, averaging 14.9 points and 8.6 rebounds with three double-doubles and three near double-doubles against nine ranked opponents.

Batteast's best effort against a Top 25 team came on Jan. 13 when she piled up 23 points and 11 rebounds to help Notre Dame knock off No. 4 Connecticut, 66-51 at the Joyce Center.

Batteast currently ranks among the Top 10 in the Big East in scoring (10th), rebounding (8th), field goal percentage (10th), blocked shots (10th) and assists (12th). She also was a preseason all-Big East First Team selection and was named to the WBCA Classic All-Tournament Team on Nov. 15 after averaging 20.0 points and 7.5 rebounds with a .529 field goal percentage against nationally-ranked Auburn and Colorado.

The Naismith Award winner will be honored in Atlanta on April 9. The Naismith Awards program was founded by the Atlanta Tipoff Club and is in its 36th year of recognizing top college basketball players in the United States.

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Friday 02.20
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Basílica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday 02.21
Junior Parents Weekend
Rejoice! Mass
2:30 p.m.
Montiserry Hall Chapel
Junior Parents Weekend Liturgy
5:15 p.m.
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Sunday 02.22
RCIA Session
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Coleman-Morse Lounge
Celebration and Handbell Choir Concert
8:00 p.m.
Basílica of the Sacred Heart

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mass schedule
basílica of the sacred heart

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil Mass
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Rev. John Jenkins, c.s.c.

Sunday
10:00 a.m.
Rev. John Jenkins, c.s.c.
11:45 p.m.
Rev. Robert Pelton, c.s.c.

Freshman Retreat #52
February 27-28
Sign up deadline: February 20

Freshman Retreat #53
April 2-3
Sign up deadline: March 26

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Notre Dame Encounter #81
April 2-4
Sign up deadline: March 5

God brings the image of Christ to perfection in us

by Rev. Richard Warnes, c.s.c.
Director, Campus Ministry

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. The Masses that day, in the Basílica and in the residence halls, will be filled with students who will receive ashes on their foreheads as a symbol of their desire to change aspects of their lives and "believe the Good News." Because the pace of life at Notre Dame is so hectic, it is probably a good idea to think about how we want to live the Lenten season this year before it is upon us.

Lent is a season of conversion and grace during which we prepare ourselves to celebrate the great feast of Easter. During the forty days, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, and in this way, to be renewed and invigorated in the way we try to live our lives as disciples of Christ.

Two days of Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, are days of fast and abstinence, when Catholics are required to refrain from meat and to fast, which means having smaller meals and not eating between meals. The Church calls on all of us to use this season to make traditional ways of marking Lent, namely, fasting, prayer and almsgiving. It is customary to make a resolution for each of these three disciplines as our "Lenten resolution" and to be as faithful to it as possible.

Fasting, except as described above, means that we "give up" something that would be a normal part of our way of life (desserts, candy, alcohol or smoking). This small sacrifice reminds us of the season we are living and the reason for it.

We examine where we are in our relationship to God and as people of prayer, we try to intensify our prayer life in some way (an extra daily visit to the Grotto or our residence hall chapel, attending daily Mass once or twice a week, reading and thinking about part of the passion narrative from each of the four Gospels, saying the rosary or attending Stations of the Cross in the Basílica).

Almsgiving means that we make the poor a part of the forty days (placing money in the "poor box" at the Basílica or in our residence hall Sunday collection, volunteering once a week, thinking about how we will serve the poor now and later as professionals).

These are only examples, of course, and over my years at Notre Dame I have discovered that friends and roommates often find ways to celebrate Lent together. Unfortunately, the Spring Break comes in the middle of Lent, and those welcome days can be a time when we are tempted to set aside our Lenten resolutions and become discouraged.

What is important is for us to find a way of using Lent as a very important time when we deepen our personal commitment to Jesus Christ, to our discipleship and to our relationship to God and other people. Words from the Lenten prefaces might serve to remind us of what we are about:

"As we recall the great events that give us new life in Christ, you bring the image of your Son to perfection within us." (Lent I)

"This great season of grace is your gift to your family to renew us in spirit. You give us strength to purify our hearts, to control our desires and to serve you in freedom." (Lent II)

"You ask us to express our thanks by self-denial. We are to master our sinfulness and conquer our pride. We are to show to those in need your goodness to ourselves." (Lent III)
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The women know what it takes to win the Big East Championship. They have won the last seven.

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"We'd like to win at least three of the relay events," Weathers said. "We also want to put kids in position to qualify for NCAA's — that's always important."

Although some might view the lengthy Big East Championship winning streak as an albatross of added pressure, Weathers believes the exact opposite.

"I think the seven-year streak is extra inspiration for the girls. They realize that they can win." Bailey Weathers head coach

Irish are primed to defend the title and continue their streak.

"We had a stretch of illness in the fall, but we've been healthy for the last couple of months," Weathers said. "We're where we need to be to swim well at the meet, and we're excited about that."

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start from the get-go, beginning with the preliminaries.

Petcoff expects standout performances from senior Megan Ramsey and sophomore Sarah Nowak. Ramsey is competing for a berth to the NCAA Championships in the 100-yard freestyle after missing the cut by 1.07 seconds last season. Nowak will compete in her first MIAA championship meet after joining the squad midway through the season.

Petcoff expects the rest of the team to feed off of Ramsey and Nowak's success.

"You have to take care of your business individually, and that is what helps the team," Petcoff said. "Having the best times breeds confidence. This will have a snowball effect on how well the team does."

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The Belles surrendered 32 points to Olivet center Amanda Johnston, but the Saint Mary’s bench contributed 33 points over the course of the night. Stopping Johnston will be the key for a Belles victory.

SAINT MARY’S 64, KALAMA­ZO0 59
at the ANGELA ATHLETIC FACILITY

SAINT MARY’S (17-12, 8-7 GLIAC) (Brown, 21); Kalamazoo (15-13, 6-9) (Boyce, 13).


Streaks:
- Saint Mary’s has won the last five games and six of its last seven.
- Kalamazoo has dropped four of its last five games.

Kalamazoo coach Michelle Johnston said the Belles played great defense all night on Riley, who came into the game leading Kalamazoo in scoring with at least 3 points per game scoring average.

Mary Brown, who scored 20 points on 7-of-14 shooting from the field and 2-of-5 from three-point range, led Kalamazoo in scoring in the second half to push the Kalamazoo hands for good.

Kalamazoo had 13 turnovers, including seven in the first half.

The 6-8 Brown is the lone senior on the Mary’s squad.

She received a nice ovation as she exited the court in the final seconds of the game following a Bridget Lipke free throw.

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SAINT MARY’S

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1st 2nd Total

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SAINT MARY’S 29 35 64


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A BLACK FEMALE ADMINISTRATOR

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Chandra Johnson

STORY BY ANDREW THAGARD

Listening to Chandra Johnson, assistant to the president, talk about her work as she sits behind a large desk in her Main Building office, it's hard to imagine that this Notre Dame administrator was an undergraduate student herself only a few years ago.

Then again, Johnson wasn't your average Notre Dame student — and she's not your typical administrator.

Johnson is a black Catholic from the West Coast. She lived in Los Angeles for most of her life, where she served as a Master Catechist for the archdiocese and worked for financial institutions in corporate America for 20 years.

She married shortly after graduating from high school but has been divorced for the past 18 years. Between her marriage, career and family, Johnson never had the opportunity to attend college.

Then in 1992, at her brother's urging, she began the college application process and saw Notre Dame's reputation as a top-ranked Catholic university as an attractive option. When she was accepted, a 38-year-old Johnson packed her bags and headed to South Bend.

The idea of starting college away from her family and friends and at a school halfway across the country was frightening to say the least, according to Johnson.

"I left my family in L.A. and I had never lived outside of Los Angeles in 28 years," she said. "I wasn't quite sure how I would do in the classroom."

Going from the West Coast and the corporate sphere to the Midwest as a student is not a route that is commonly taken. But Johnson said it was one of the best decisions she ever made.

"I really began to see what other people had always seen in me," she said. "Education opened up a whole new world for me."

Johnson majored in theology with a concentration in African-American Studies and graduated in 1996 with honors. She credits her success in part to support she received from students and faculty.

"The students were my greatest allies because they never made me feel like I was different," she said.

Still, Johnson said that she faced some difficulties, particularly inside the classroom. Because of her unique background, professors often struggled to critique her papers and occasionally opted not to make any comments at all. Some of her theology professors, who were accustomed to work from more traditional college-age students, didn't quite know how to react to a paper written from the perspective of a black woman in her late thirties.

Johnson also said that her fellow younger, minority students were not always treated as nicely as she was and that she could often sense tension within the campus community. Because of her unique situation and perspective, minority students often approached her to share their experiences and seek advice. It's a role that Johnson accepted then and continues to relish today.

When she was appointed to her current post in 1998, she found herself in a position to address many of the concerns that current undergraduate students voice. She describes the difference between her time as a student several years ago and today as "right and day," but still acknowledges that the University has work to do in promoting diversity.

"Our students seem to be enjoying a much fuller experience now," Johnson said. "I can definitely say that students of color are being welcomed genuinely. They hear the recognition for the unique gifts that they bring."

Indeed, since 1992 when Johnson first arrived in South Bend, Notre Dame's minority student population has increased by nearly 20 percent and the number of minority students in leadership positions continues to rise.

Johnson attributes the change in part to a renewed commitment by the University to address the diversity concerns and a greater degree of tolerance and open-mindedness within the current student body. The message now, she said, is for minority students to not only come to Notre Dame but to be themselves when they are at the University.

She praised majority students for the progress they've made in embracing diversity and compared the Notre Dame of today to the environment within the early Church of accepting gentiles into an organization with a Jewish tradition.

"They're doing it and it's so wonderful," she said. "It makes sense. [Diversity] makes everybody better. It makes the University truly Catholic, because it is becoming truly universal."

Despite the progress, Johnson said that she still receives visits to her office from minority students with complaints each week. Johnson believes that such problems generally stem from misunderstandings and she encourages minority students to discuss their problems and find a solution, rather than simply internalizing them.

"My job is to give young people the tools to work it out," she said.

Johnson can still relate to some of those complaints. She said that she occasionally feels that her ideas or opinions aren't valued as strongly or endorsed as readily.

"When I express my insight in meetings, it's rare that it is echoed back to me," she said. "There is a sense that it isn't contributing to the common good. But I do it anyway because my heart's in the right place."

Johnson added that as a top black administrator, she is called upon to deal with issues of race constantly.

"It's difficult consistently addressing race," she said. "For the most part, when you address race, you're addressing negative realities of life. At the end of the academic year, it's almost unbearable."

Johnson, however, said she derives tremendous satisfaction from her job and overcomes her temporary feelings of despair by reflecting on the good that has come out of the past few years. In the future, she would like to see Notre Dame continue to increase recruitment of minority students while maintaining the University's Catholic character.

Johnson is unsure what she will do once University President Father Edward Malloy retires from his position of University president, but she knows that she wants to continue to devote her energies toward promoting diversity. Judging from her life so far, Johnson doesn't seem likely to shy away from a challenge.

"I don't have a clue what I'll be doing," she said. "I'm waiting for it to become clear to me what area I want to use my gifts. I will always be in a role where I will be helping people of color and embracing their insight and value because that's what I do best."
THE MINORITY FEMALE DEAN

"There was no question that [my colleagues] wanted me to succeed. When I came here, they told me, 'We're not going to bring you problems without solutions.'"

In her first few years at Notre Dame, Woo learned not to rely on external affirmation or a sense of belonging as markers of success or happiness.

With this realization, she stayed away from the social activities of many of in her professional circle, which revolved around golfing, hunting and country clubs. "That is just not my world," Woo said. "Now that I am older, I don't have that sense of a need to belong."

However, seven years after coming to Notre Dame, the small Asian woman has created a niche for herself in the predominantly white male business school.

According to Woo, the alienating atmosphere she first encountered gradually vanished as Notre Dame became a more welcoming place for minorities.

Woo attributes much of her hard-won success to the support she found in her colleagues in the College of Business, whom she calls "tremendous," and her friends within the Congregation of the Holy Cross.

"There was no question that [my colleagues] wanted me to succeed," she said. "When I came here, they told me, 'We're not going to bring you problems without solutions.'"

Because of these friendships, Woo has developed more of a sense of belonging to the Notre Dame community and she said now she feels cared for. In addition to the bonds she formed, Woo credits her ability to succeed at Notre Dame to her upbringing, which instilled in her strength and a passion to achieve her goals.

Born in Hong Kong, Woo was raised in a very traditional Chinese family and was the first female in her family to attend college.

Woo was educated by the Maryknoll Sisters in a Catholic, all-girl institution, where she imbued the language, knowledge, imagination and faith of these American missionaries. The sisters served as incredibly strong, independent and courageous role models, said Woo. "Where there was a desire, they made things happen," she said. "They allowed me to imagine a different path from my mother and sisters, and that was very important to me."

In school, she learned to cooperate in an extremely competitive society, forming deep bonds with her classmates. "We learned to support each other and to succeed as a group," said Woo.

Woo has maintained these skills of cooperation and has worked her way to the top through collaboration rather than competition.

Woo also ascribes her aptitude in business to the mixed cultural milieu in which was raised. In this atmosphere, she gained a "Western-style individual assertiveness" while retaining her "team-oriented Eastern culture," she said.

She has never lived in a homogenous environment, and said she has never allowed her race or sex determine her goals or her performance. Because women often have to "run twice as fast as men" to succeed, Woo said that she has let her work, due diligence, and performance do the talking.

The Maryknoll Sisters also taught her to follow her own passions, and in striving to do so, she turned down higher positions because of her love for Catholic education. "I've only chosen things which I really love to do," Woo said.

According to Woo, she has achieved success in the once foreign world of business not through competition or conformity, but by enjoying her work and the challenges this world has presented her.

The most unexpected result of her experience at Notre Dame, Woo said, is the way in which she has improved as a mother. "I have gained some insight and wisdom," she said. "I have developed a deeper appreciation of what is important in life."
A FEMALE OFFICER

"You must dot every 'i' and cross every 't' to prove that you belong. You work without the assumption that you belong. I never expected anyone to be happy with the minimum."

Carol Mooney

STORY BY AMANDA MICHAELS

When Carol Mooney used to walk across Notre Dame’s campus as a Saint Mary’s undergrad­uate, it was not uncommon for a young man to stick his head out of his dorm room window and scream an obscenity at her.

Now, from the office of vice president and associate provost of the University, the future president of Saint Mary’s College looks out on a changed campus, one closer to gender equality than she could have dreamed 30 years ago.

“There has been a great deal of progress. It would be hard for [students today] to imagine. When I was an under­graduate, the campus was not a hospitable environment for women. There was clearly a feeling of not belonging — being on someone else’s turf,” she said.

Mooney graduated from Saint Mary’s in 1972 — the year Notre Dame opened up to women. She went on to earn her law degree at the Notre Dame Law School, where her male classmates openly said that women should not be there tak­ing up seats.

“They taunted me, made me angry,” she admitted, “but I just hoped that they would learn better someday.”

And learn they did. After graduating first in her class, she joined the law school’s faculty in 1980, was awarded Teacher of the Year three years later and was recently named a member of the U.S. Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure by U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist. Today, she stands as the highest-ranking female officer of the University and in December was named the president of Saint Mary’s.

“I have always been a goal-oriented person and my parents preached that I could be anything I wanted to be, but growing up in the 1950s, I didn’t expect much. I didn’t have an image of adult-life where I wouldn’t be doing the things I’m doing today,” she said.

In her struggle for advancement, Mooney never faced obvious discrimination, finding that in a close group of peers, even “unconscious prejudices are rare.” However, to integrate her­self into these groups, she learned she had to follow “the rules of the game” if she was to be considered an equal.

“I faced the challenges of any ‘outsider,’” she said. “You must dot every ‘i’ and cross every ‘t’ to prove that you belong. You work without the assumption that you belong. I never expected anyone to be happy with the minimum.”

Mooney also attributes her successes to her education in an all-female environment, which gave her a store of confidence to draw upon later in her career, when she often found herself to be the only woman in the room.

Now that same confidence has advanced her to a position that, fittingly enough, allows her to recruit minority faculty members — a task she says takes on both a personal and intellectual aspects for her.

“Just a few years before I entered law prac­tice, a lot of the big firms’ doors were not open to women. In fact, a lot of doors were not open to women. If it hadn’t been for the political force of those older than me, I might not have gotten where I am today, so my job is important to me personally,” she said. “I also believe that the intellectual vibrancy essential to any university campus needs to draw upon a variety of viewpoints, based on gender, ethnic, religious differences. The place is poorer without diversi­ty.”

Though the days of open hostility toward women are over, Mooney knows the struggle against discrimination is not.

“You can’t divorce Notre Dame from the rest of society, and everywhere, there is still a fair distance to go before people really view women as equals,” she said. “Not that much farther, but the journey isn’t over yet.”

Editor’s note: This interview was conducted before Mooney was named the 12th president of Saint Mary’s College in December.

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NAHAYAN FANCY

STORY BY CLAIRE HEININGER

Nahayan Fancy knows quite a bit about elitism — in religion, in academics and even in football — and always seems to end up on the receiving end of the arrogance.

When the inevitable backlash from the Sept. 11 strikes hit the Notre Dame campus, Fancy, a Muslim, felt the predominantly Catholic student body around him formulate an idea of terrorism that was entirely too convenient.

“It was difficult because there were a lot of people spouting out lines [about Muslims] that were clearly taken from Fox or CNN,” he said. “There wasn’t a general unwelcomeness when you talked to individuals … but there is always the odd person who will never change their views based on what the media told them and is pretty much a war-mongerer before they have even gone to war.”

Unfortunately for Fancy and his Muslim peers, these inflammatory stances were the most sensational, causing sparks that placed them consistently in the public eye.

“You would pick up the paper and read the classic article bashing Muslims completely out of ignorance,” Fancy said. “And you just had to dismiss it as an undergrad who believes everything that the government or the media so pervasive, Fancy said, that it borders on the irrational-like justifying football failure with inflammatory stances were the undergraduates he now interacts with as a teaching assistant at Notre Dame — and much more modestly grounded in reality.

“The students here think too much of themselves,” Fancy said. “There’s this general impression of elitism that they feel.”

This arrogance breeds a sense of entitlement and a kind of condescension than he was disappointed with their ignorance.

“They haven’t interacted with enough Michigan students to know if they really are better than Big Ten colleges,” he said. “But they still have this idea that Notre Dame is a better academic institution — so that makes them far superior to people at other schools.”

From their conceited approach to grades and the gridiron to their divisive comments about religion, Notre Dame undergraduates have a lot to learn about complexity, Fancy said.

“The Notre Dame student body just isn’t as critical in their thinking, which perhaps leads them to accept a lot more of what the media is telling them [about other religions],” he said. Instead of engaging in deep exploration of the cultural and religious similarities that link them together, Fancy said, they all too often take the easy way out. He regrets that the same students who can thoroughly learn chemistry or insightfully write a paper have been trained to swallow information instead of to synthesize it.

“So [many of the undergraduates] are sheltered and less aware of things,” Fancy said. “I wish they would engage a little more.”

He said Notre Dame will only engage in the diverse dialogue that his liberal-arts background makes him crave when Catholics and Muslims, graduate students and undergrads alike drop their self-satisfaction, shed their sense of entitlement and engage in discussions such as those put on by the Notre Dame United Muslim Association, of which Fancy is a leading member.

While he thinks a “pluralistic and tolerant society” is still a possibility, Fancy knows from experience that convincing the compliant will be a challenge.

“It always really difficult to help people who’ve made up their minds,” he said.
THE CO-PRESIDENT OF THE HAWAIIAN CLUB

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Mariel Downes

StoRy by Beth Erickson

Mariel Downes, co-president of the Hawaii Club, rejects the label of 'minority student' that is so liberally applied at Notre Dame. After all, she comes from a region so culturally diverse that this label itself is foreign.

"In Hawaii, there is hardly ever a need for such racial dialogue because of its diversity," Downes said. "I have always been aware that being Asian made me part of a minority, but it was a minority that existed in places on the mainland, not Hawaii."

Because neither Asians nor Pacific Islanders are considered minorities in Hawaii, Downes resents the present minority group in which the Notre Dame community routinely places her and holds little esteem for the University's brand of diversification.

Downes' view of diversity sets her apart from leaders of other campus multicultural clubs, but unlike clubs geared towards students of different nationalities and ethnic groups, the Hawaii club unites students merely by statehood.

"Many of the club members who are from Hawaii find themselves in an awkward position once reaching the University," Downes said. "We often find ourselves pressured to perform as a token minority group when most of us have grown up completely unfamiliar with what it means to actually be a minority."

Upon acceptance to Notre Dame, she immediately received a flood of congratulatory letters from various campus minority groups. Then, as a freshman, she was irritated by the inundation of requests soliciting her help in increasing campus awareness of minority issues.

"I specifically recall ripping up a letter asking me to be a host for spring visitation because I was offended at the wording in it requesting that I host someone in order to help the University recruit 'students of color,'" she said. "I realized that diversity is an important issue on campus, but at the same time I was disgusted with the overabundance of references to 'them' and 'us.'"

THE CO-PRESIDENT OF LA ALIANZA

"Notre Dame does have a diverse campus — there are people from all 50 states and more than 60 countries — but I feel that the diversity is not as celebrated as it could be."

Stephanie Garza

StoRy by Amanda Michaels

With a father from Nuevo Leon, Mexico and a Mexican mother from Houston, Stephanie Garza knows the reality of diversity at Notre Dame first-hand.

Co-president of La Alianza, a group representing students from diverse backgrounds including Mexicans, Cubans and Puerto Ricans, and international students from such countries as El Salvador and Panama, Garza is a leader in the effort to foster the blending of groups while preserving the uniqueness of each individual culture.

"A person can learn about their culture through the celebration of that culture or through the experience of new cultures," Garza said. "The ethnic groups on campus do this service for Notre Dame, [like] La Alianza, which commits itself to the [expression] of the diverse Latino and Latin American culture."

For her, La Alianza is a way to help those sharing her cultural background by providing them with a familiar, comfortable environment in which to express themselves.

"Every year, more Latinos are admitted and attend Notre Dame," Garza said. "My involvement in La Alianza is motivated by that and it is an opportunity for me to make sure that other Latinos feel a sense of the Notre Dame community, regardless of ethnicity." Garza said. "I am not Hawaiian nor have I ever been to Hawaii, but I felt accepted and I enjoyed myself just the same."

Despite her efforts and those of La Alianza, in conjunction with other cultural groups like the Asian American Association, Black Cultural Arts Council and Filipino American Student Organization, she sees room for improvement.

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

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Ryan Leung

STORY BY JOE TROMBELLO

Sophomore Ryan Leung didn't want to be labeled, categorized or lumped into a group because of his ethnicity. Leung, whose parents are from Hong Kong, did not immediately become involved in the Asian American Association, though he now serves as the club's president. He said he did not want to be perceived as just another Asian and believed that associating only with Asians would brand him in a way he didn't want to be.

"I didn't want to be labeled as one of the Asian kids," he said. "I wanted to stand out ... so I wouldn't be confined." Leung remembers first feeling different from others in grade school, when white students made fun of him for having smaller eyes.

"I felt more shocked than anything," he said. "I had never experienced that before — people put me in a special category."

Although Leung attended some meetings of the Asian American Association as a first-semester freshman, he initially wanted to keep his associations with Asian students strictly inside the club.

"I tried not to be seen with them [Asians] in public as much ... a huge obstacle I wanted to overcome was being labeled," he said.

Despite these fears, Leung said that gradual contact with the Asian American Association, its efforts to educate the community about diversity issues and the friendships he formed with members helped to change his mind.

"I got to know a lot of people in the Asian American Association and became good friends with them," he said.

Leung said that several activities that he took part in as a freshman, such as the Learning to Talk About Races retreat in November 2002 and the In Focus Conference in February 2003, caused him to re-evaluate his personal views on ethnicity and his involvement in promoting cultural awareness on-campus.

"People need to be challenged to step out of their comfort zone ... to seek new experiences," he said. "If you don't actively seek [these], I think college is a wasteful experience."

THE PRESIDENT OF VOICES OF FAITH

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Terri Baxter

STORY BY CLAIRE HEININGER

Terri Baxter realizes that talking often falls short of bringing Notre Dame's black students out of the campus background. So instead, she sings them into the spotlight.

As president of Voices of Faith, Baxter leads the gospel choir's efforts to offer a setting where black students can express themselves and white students can learn to appreciate a different sound.

With Voices, gospel music is traditionally African-American — it's not Catholic, it's what you know from home," Baxter, a junior, said. "You get to move and rock and be happy and singing to the Lord."

Even students who didn't grow up with gospel music quickly feel at ease, she added.

"A lot of Caucasians are enlightened when they hear it. It comforts them," Baxter emphasized that since the choir is "spiritually based," it "has no color line" and is open to students of all races. However, it does attract mostly African-Americans, reflecting the trend of perceived exclusivity among black students — a trend that Baxter resents.

"People always ask, 'So why do you all sit together in the dining hall?''" Baxter said. "The reason is it's comfortable. It's important to see someone who looks like you and to relate to them. ... And African-Americans can relate on the level of skin color."

The need to see that skin color in positions of achievement contributed to Baxter's decision to co-found Shades of Ebony, a current issues/community service club for black female students.

"People need to see people who look like them in education, on TV, in politics," she said. "On the professional level, black women here need to be unif­fered."

Through her leadership in both groups, Baxter gained a positive outlook on the future of black students at Notre Dame.

"It really is a microcosm of the real world — we might be the only minority there when we enter higher professions, just like now we may be the only minority in most of our classes," Baxter said. "That may be the situation, but it shouldn't be the situation ... The world is changing, and Notre Dame recognizes that."
THE INDIVIDUAL

"I think the temptation is to associate yourself and act ... according to whatever group you judge yourself to act. I think diversity is about breaking down those [distinctions]."

THE CHANCES OF FINDING JOSH TOWNS AT A NOTRE DAME MULTICULTURAL EVENT ARE PRETTY SLIM. THE JUNIOR ATTENDED SPRING VISITATION BEFORE ENROLLING AT NOTRE DAME AND PARTICIPATED IN BLACK IMAGES, AN EVENT SHOWCASING THE TALENT OF THE UNIVERSITY'S BLACK STUDENTS, HIS FRESHMAN YEAR. SINCE THEN, HOWEVER, TOWNS HAS BEEN BUSY FOCUSING MOST OF HIS TIME ON AN ENGLISH AND PLS DOUBLE MAJOR AND JUGGLING GLEE CLUB, MARCHING BAND AND VARIOUS JOBS IN STUDENT GOVERNMENT.

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TOWNS DOESN'T REALLY FALL INTO EITHER OF THESE CATEGORIES. THE ALUMNI HALL RESIDENT, WHO BEHOSTS AFRICAN AND NATIVE AMERICAN ANCESTRY, APPRECIATES THE PRESENCE OF MULTICULTURAL EVENTS ON CAMPUS BUT SAYS HE'S MORE OF A FREE SPIRIT WHEN IT COMES TO CELEBRATING DIVERSITY.

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According to Towns, individuals show their uniqueness by using their talents to the full potential. Jazz greats like Louis Armstrong and his contemporaries, for example, focused their attention on producing great music and in doing so they created a musical genre with a distinctly African American flavor.

"Through the use of [their talents] they developed something that was essentially black and new," he said.

Likewise, Towns said he tries to use his talents and unique perspective to add flavor to the Notre Dame community, both in and out of the classroom.

"My activities are passion-driven," he explained.

In class, he finds his Native American ancestry to be an asset. Towns' mom is a professional storyteller and she used to relate tales of the Black Foot tribe, from which his family descended, when he was growing up.

"I love stories," he said. "It adds a new perspective to my literature studies and I think I can bring that to the classroom. It's an element that is not very prevalent in the anthology."

If students wish to promote diversity in a more formal way, the multicultural clubs and events that they host can provide a good opportunity, he said, though he believes some problems exist in the way by which they are promoted.

He said, for example, that many events are not interactive enough and emphasize observation rather than participation.

"[Notre Dame's] a dynamic community," he said. "It's being presented, it should be a dialogue."

Towns said he is also concerned that multicultural events unintentionally carry a "minorities only" message to a majority of students.

"There's a lot of flyers around that don't seem to welcome other people," he said. "There's no exclusion with activities here, but I think that's an unwritten rule."

For diversity to thrive at Notre Dame in the true sense, Towns said, multicultural events must be inviting to all students.

"In order for diversity to exist," he said, "everyone needs the opportunity to participate."
A BLACK PROFESSOR

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Alvin Tillery

STORY BY JOE TROMBELLO

He's been called a nigger more times than he can count and was strung up on a tree by a makeshift noose in elementary school, but Alvin Tillery, assistant professor of political science, considers his experiences with prejudice to be mild in comparison with those suffered by his parents and grandfather.

Tillery's early experiences with racism and prejudice — both personally experienced and related to him by family members — have motivated him in part to pursue his current academic work on identity and politics. Tillery said that he wanted to understand why others treated him so differently.

"My push into the field began as a search for answers as I found myself [victim to] forms of racism," he said. "It pushed me to want to know things ... why I was being treated differently."

Growing up in Glassboro, N.J., Tillery and his parents lived in an integrated community, and one where he quickly perceived differences between himself and the white majority. Tillery said that as a child, he was often subject to racial slurs.

"It was almost as if my name were 'nigger' when I was growing up," he said. "Every single day, on the way to school, home from school, the playground, I was called that."

Tillery also recounts an experience where a white friend with whom he carpooled asked Tillery's mother to drop him off a block away from school, so he would not be seen walking into school with a black child.

"He said, 'I just don't want the other kids to see me with Alvin, because they'll call me a nigger-lover.'"

Tillery said that these early experiences, as well as his suffering of a mock-lynching during elementary school, "devastated" his parents.

"They felt like integration was something of a sham," he said.

He also said that despite a comfort level with teachers during elementary and high school, he never felt completely comfortable with some of his peers.

"Interaction with student bodies never made me feel like I really belonged," he said.

In retrospect, however, Tillery said he harbors no ill will toward those who discriminated against him.

After attending Morehouse College, a historically black institution, and Harvard University, Tillery joined the Notre Dame faculty in 2000. He says he has earned a reputation for holding what he calls "controversial viewpoints, including support for the payment of reparations to black Americans for the legacies of slavery and segregation."

"I believe that states have a responsibility to fix problems they create. Like the race problem," he said. "The state made this problem by failing to enforce the citizenship rights of black Americans until 1965. This means that black Americans missed out on important social benefits, like patronage in the late 19th century and the G.I. Bill for World War II veterans in the middle of the last century, both of which fundamentally expanded the American middle class."

Tillery said that although he was reluctant to articulate these opinions in his early years as a professor, he now uses his positions to encourage students who feel differently to prove his arguments fallacious.

"My job is to encourage debate and to challenge — that might lead me to become unpopular," he said.

"I hope that students would read my opinions on the issue and if they still think that I'm wrong — prove me wrong. If that happens, I've succeeded as a professor."

He recalls a specific incident when a student called him the "Jessie Jackson of Notre Dame" as indicative of the reasons why he began integrating his opinions and research into classroom discussion. Tillery said that he wants to set students straight on his stance on issues rather than have them make faulty assumptions regarding his opinions.

"If I realized I may as well start telling students what I believe because they are going to assume that about me otherwise."

Tillery also said that despite past experiences with racism, he has been encouraged by Notre Dame's public commitment to diversity and affirmative action and feels well-supported by the administration and colleagues.

"Notre Dame is working very hard and has gone on record as saying they are going to put resources behind the African and African-American studies department and the recruitment of more faculty of color," he said. "They are doing this at a time when universities across the country are scaling back their commitments to diversity ... they have stood by affirmative action and diversity in a way that is very admirable."
Rick Friedman

STORY BY SHEILA FLYNN

Rick Friedman is not what you would call an imposing figure. Slight of stature, polite and soft-spoken, he's another sweater-clad, reserved Notre Dame guy. But Friedman, unlike the majority of Notre Dame students, is openly gay. The fifth-year architecture and psychology student came out to friends and family when he was a freshman at the University. Since then, he has been active in OutreachND and various campus groups and committees dealing with gay, lesbian and bisexual issues.

Just because he's been involved, though, does not mean he has always been confident about his sexuality. In high school, Friedman never had a real romantic relationship with a girl nor did he date guys. He was, according to himself and his friends, "asexual." Inwardly, however, he was questioning his orientation, and when a friend at Notre Dame came out, Friedman began to confront his own homosexuality.

"He was telling me all about Outreach, how he joined Outreach about a month and a half before," Friedman said of his friend. "I went to Outreach a couple of weeks later and met a bunch of people there — they were all really welcoming." He told his friends and roommate he was gay several weeks later, and he also told his family — under rather unfavorable circumstances. Friedman hesitated in a phone conversation when his mother questioned him about his sexuality, and his parents subsequently drove to Notre Dame in the middle of the night from Crown Point, Ind.

They arrived after parietals, and Friedman said his rector was "not very understanding at all."

"I went down and explained to him sort of what had happened and explained to him they were coming and ... we needed somewhere to talk," Friedman said.

His rector suggested they go outside or to LaFortune, but, Friedman said, the discussion he anticipated was "not one of those conversations you want to have outside Burger King."

"He pretty much sent me away, told me he was too busy," Friedman said.

So Friedman walked with his parents around campus and the lakes, and they accepted his homosexuality reluctantly but fairly well.

Most of all, though, Friedman's fellow students were the ones who proved overwhelmingly accepting, he said.

"It was pretty much a very welcoming thing," Friedman said. "I never had any problems."

When he told his roommate, for example, Friedman said the situation was slightly awkward for about a day, but after that his roommate accepted the fact and moved on. When he told his two sophomore year roommates, Friedman said one was slightly more hesitant, but the other set the tone, saying, "You were our friend before, you're our friend now; I agreed to room with you before, I'm rooming with you now."

And he has found that atmosphere of acceptance to be lasting and even increasing on campus. Since Friedman's freshman year, he said OutreachND membership has largely decreased. He believes this is because fewer people are in need of its support structure now that other avenues, such as coffee hours sponsored by the Standing Committee for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students, have been established.

"The atmosphere on campus seemed to be that a lot of people seemed to be much more comfortable," Friedman said of his senior year. "People didn't seem to be having problems. ... People were starting to come into Notre Dame being out. People started coming out younger just as a whole."

But Friedman maintains that multiple support structures, including those provided by OutreachND, are absolutely necessary. He cites his junior year, which he spent abroad in Rome and was the only gay student among the Notre Dame group. The separation from OutreachND left him feeling isolated and detached.

"I guess if you spent your time with all gay people, you'd eventually feel it, too," Friedman said of heterosexuals.

So he looked for a gay bar, discovered one, paced around outside for awhile and then sat down across the street.

"I was scared to go in ... people would look at me if they went in and out," Friedman laughed. "But just being there — just walking down towards it — I could see gay people. And it just made me so much happier."

That experience made him more committed to providing support to other homosexual students on campus when he returned. He ran for the OutreachND board and got elected. It's too easy, Friedman said, to move on once you have accepted your orientation and forget about the support structures that facilitated your adjustment.

"If you do that," Friedman said, "there's no one left to help the next person."
A NON-CATHOLIC STUDENT

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Christy Ruggiero

STORY BY AMANDA MICHAELS

Notre Dame students have probably passed Christy Ruggiero’s church dozens of times without noticing it. The First Unitarian sits on the corner of Indiana 933 and North Shore Drive, simple and unimposing amidst the bustle of South Bend traffic — much like Ruggiero herself who is a quiet breach of the norms of belief at an overwhelmingly Catholic university.

Though Ruggiero harbors some suspicion that her grandmother secretly had her baptized, she has been a practicing UnitarianUniversalist for over 10 years.

The daughter of a former Catholic and a disillusioned Dutch Reformist, both Ruggiero’s parents rejected their respective religions at a young age, largely leaving her to her own beliefs.

After her parents’ divorce, she and her mother joined a new faith community — one made up of a diverse group of people who lost touch with their own religion, or just sought acceptance.

A largely tolerant religion, as described by Ruggiero, Unitarian Universalism functions on the tenets that there is just one all-loving, all-powerful God who is not divided into the Triitarian Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Ruggiero said there is salvation for everyone because “such a God would never create the race of Men just to damn them to Hell.”

Besides those basic ideals, the practices of the church celebrate the teachings and holidays of a wide variety of faiths, as Ruggiero discovered when her religious education classes examined Buddhism, Islam, voodoo and traditional Protestantism.

“At first, I was a little confused by this new world view and got very angry. I had always thought the Holy Wars were fought some over huge difference, but there I was, 12 years old, realizing that Jesus, a man that tried to bring the church together, was causing all of this violence and death,” she said.

Coming to Notre Dame was a difficult choice for Ruggiero, for she feared how she would be accepted on the strongly traditional, conservative campus.

“My father is a physics professor [at Notre Dame], so I came for the free tuition and the academics,” said Ruggiero. “But I was unsure at first. I have a friend at the University of Indianapolis, which is Methodist, who was singled out for not worshipping with them. Though that didn’t happen to me here, Catholicism was uncomfortable for me freshman year, because of my lack of exposure to it.”

Three years later, she has gained a deep respect for the religion and the attractions of what she calls “the Catholic Disneyland”.

“Though I don’t believe in Jesus as a savior in the Catholic sense, I can still look at Touchdown Jesus and be reminded of all those who were persecuted for beliefs,” she said. “But the crucifixes in every room are kind of creepy, because in my church, we focus on Jesus’ life, not his death.”

Only once in her years at Notre Dame has any one ever directly insulted Ruggiero’s beliefs, questioning whether it was a “real religion.”

“That had never happened to me before, and it moved me to tears,” she said. “People are pretty tolerant, but I just want them to realize that we’re not some tiny little bizarre sect. So, we don’t believe in the Trinity or Hell. When it comes down to it, the differences between our religions are really not that big.”

Ruggiero chooses to go off-campus to mass when she can, saying that her services are “very different from the inter-faith services provided by the University.” She also thinks that students would benefit from the opportunity to go to a Unitarian mass on-campus, even if only once a year.

“[A mass] would give students an opportunity to experience different beliefs, especially if they’re not from a background like mine,” she explained. “It breaks my heart to see some of the intolerance on campus that stems from simple misunderstandings about things like homosexuality. Why not try to expose students to these new ideas while they’re still in college?”

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"What Notre Dame does not seem to address ... and I can see the reasons, is the question of religious diversity."

Michael Singer

Walking down a second-floor corridor of Malloy Hall, there are so many office placards with the letters “CSC” following the occupants’ names that it’s easy to stop paying attention to the abbreviation for the Congregation of the Holy Cross order altogether.

But another religious man shares the same floor as these priests — Michael Signer, a theology professor and rabbi who has been working to advance Jewish-Catholic dialogue at Notre Dame for the past decade.

Before knowing about his life and work, it might be difficult to imagine what exactly a Jewish professor from the West Coast is doing in Notre Dame at a school that is more than 80 percent Catholic. For this medieval studies scholar, however, the move to Notre Dame made perfect sense.

"I think we were looking for an adventure," Signer said regarding he and his family's decision.

"I was looking for somewhere where I could use the whole Latin side of what I was doing."

Signer grew up in Los Angeles in a community with a rich variety of religious traditions that coexisted well together.

"I lived in a kind of multiracial, multi-religious area. We got along," he said. "L.A. in the 1950's was a very open place."

From a young age, Signer took advantage of his backyard’s religious pluralism and worked to bring together people of different traditions. As the president of his synagogue’s high school youth group, for example, Signer organized an interfaith program with students from the Buddhist temple and Catholic, Methodist and African-American churches.

After earning his undergraduate degree at UCLA, two priests whom he became friends with and a Vatican II document — "Nostra Aetate" — which affirmed a more positive relationship with non-Christian religions, drew him toward Catholicism in particular, a religion whose tradition of intellectualism he had always admired.

Signer earned his Ph.D. at the University of Toronto’s Center for Medieval Studies. There, he worked with Father Leonard Boyle, and the student and professor became friends.

"He was the best teacher I've ever seen in my life," he said of his mentor. "I was the first rabbi he had ever met and he was the first priest I had talked to in an in-depth level.

The experience set the tone for how Signer envisioned communication between members of different faiths.

"He was who he was and I was who I was," he said. "He respected me in the fullness of what I was and I respected him for who he was. I learned so much from him."

Later, Signer returned to Los Angeles and worked with Monsignor Royale Vadakin, the Ecumenical Officer for the archdiocese. Vadakin was impressed with his work and Signer admired the monsignor’s enthusiasm and energy. Signer’s work also caught the attention of a Notre Dame faculty member who invited the rabbi to attend a conference at the University on "Nostra Aetate" in 1985.

Signer said he was received warmly by the Notre Dame community. After the conference, he accepted an offer for a year-long fellowship at the University and he came to Notre Dame permanently in 1992.

Signer uses his time here to expose mostly Catholic students to other religious faiths and traditions, and he distinguishes the general concept of diversity from what he believes its definition to be at Notre Dame.

"When Notre Dame talks about diversity it's about ethnic and racial cultural diversity among Catholics," he said. "What Notre Dame does not seem to address ... and I can see the reasons, is the question of religious diversity."

Signer can relate to concerns among some members of the University who are wary of promoting religious diversity and said similar hesitation exists within Jewish communities. After all, many Catholic parents — like their Jewish counterparts — send their children to a religious institution to grow in their own faith, or at least meet a future husband or wife with a strong religious background, he said with a smile.

"In many ways there is a resonance between what's going on here and what's going on within the Jewish community," he said. "The fear is that if you open the window too wide you dilute the specific claims of your own community. How can we do things that open up doors without opening up the floodgates?"

Signer said that he views Notre Dame as a parish and approaches efforts to promote religious diversity here with that idea in mind. He believes that students here can be exposed to other faiths without compromising or endangering their own. He and his wife Betsy take a group of students to the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland every other summer, and he teaches courses on campus that focus on the historical relationship between Jews and Catholics.

"I have to deliver a lot of bad news to my students," he said. "I don't tell them this to demean the faith community of which they are a part."

Rather, he said, an understanding of the past can facilitate better relationships in the present. Students and members of the Notre Dame community have been supportive of his efforts and presence on campus, Signer said, citing a request from a freshman to discuss his perspective of "Nostra Aetate" as an example. He praised the work of Pope John Paul II in seeking forgiveness for his Church’s prior transgressions against other faiths and emphasis on the value of other religions.

"You can't have reconciliation without penitence and you can't have penitence without reflection," Signer said. "At the core of Catholicism is reconciliation and love."

Despite progress in promoting education in different religious and the support of the University community, Signer still sees some problems at Notre Dame.

He said the fact that the University’s calendars don’t include the dates of the other major religious’ holidays often means that meetings or events get scheduled on Jewish or Muslim holy days. He feels frustrated and detached from the Notre Dame family, he added, during remembrances that take place on campus for the anniversary of September 11 because they’re centered on Catholic tradition.

"All public observances at Notre Dame are Catholic observances — there's the rosary and the Mass," he said. "That's when I realize how alone those of us who are spiritual people of other faiths are here."
"I believe in general people should just be well rounded and experience as many things as they can. If they can grab more experiences ... they're better off."

When Emily Chin entered Notre Dame, she was told that diversity was "an experiment."

"That was disheartening," said Chin, the first female Asian student body vice president. "Because diversity should never be an experiment."

Experience, to Chin, is a much better word than experiment. An active member of the Asian American Association, she believes that diversity events organized by multicultural clubs offer good opportunities for further fostering of open-mindedness. The sophomore plans to use her position in student government to help promote these events, such as Asian Allure.

"We have enough diversity events; we just need to enhance them," Chin said. "Promoting other ethnic shows on campus will remind people to be open-minded - to not close the door to opportunities that you can gain by talking to other people."

"People should just be well-rounded, and experience as many things as they can," she said. "If they can grab more experiences ... they're better off."

During her own two years at the University, Chin said shared experience has played a major role in her best interpersonal relationships and her overall positive encounter with the institution.

"I've been surrounded by people who are open-minded and love to share with me their experiences and want to learn about me," she said. "Chin said her time on campus has helped her decide that other facets of the University should be promoted to draw students from all types of backgrounds and to make students more open-minded to the experiences of others."

"I hope we will promote other aspects of the school so we can attract other types of students," she said.

As the second-highest student government official, Chin has had a chance to voice these views. Appointed to the position in January, she works closely with student body president Jeremy Lao, who took his own spot in the University's history when he became the first Asian to hold that office.

And Lao, too, stressed the importance of open-mindedness and firsthand experience. He, however, placed greater emphasis on the need for improvements in these areas.

"The great friends I've had ... have just been excellent guys, and I think we're friends because we like each other as people," he said. "The fact that we want to get to know each other on that level has made my experience a good one."

"I think at the same time, my experiences could have been better if there was more open-mindedness," Lao said. "I guess there are some nuances that are unique to me and aren't caught by other students."

But an enormously positive stride toward a broader mindset came, Lao said, when two minority students - he and Chin - stepped into the most well-known student positions on campus.

"It's almost like saying that we made a big step forward when we elected the first female [student body] president," Lao said. "It's similar to that. It is a step that shows the students are willing to be open-minded."

And Lao said he will try to implement that increased tolerance, understanding and firsthand knowledge by using the power of the student union, echoing Chin's enthusiasm for events and shared, multicultural participation.

"Student government will have to help clubs champion their events or activities," Lao said. "Both the president and vice president have numerous ideas about their hopes for the future of diversity at the University. Both want minorities to have a greater presence on campus and become more involved, and, once again, Lao reaffirmed the importance of shared experience between people of all races, backgrounds and religions."

"I want whoever comes in ... to maintain their identity - whoever they are - and to share," Lao said.
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