Student Affairs refuses to endorse play

By MADDIE HANNA
Assistant News Editor

Backlash from The Vagina Monologues dominated discussion at the Campus Life Council meeting Monday, a topic that sparked questions about the group’s overall ability to make an impact on campus.

In response to the resolution passed in support of V-Day and The Vagina Monologues at the Feb. 14 CLC meeting, Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, sent a letter to the committee stating the Office of Student Affairs did not endorse the proclamation or “the activities of an unrecognized student group.”

While Poorman said in the letter that “the University endorses the larger goals of the V-Day campaign and calls every member of this community to participate in making our campus a “rape- and violence-free zone.” he also said The Council could not endorse The Vagina Monologues.

White House: Bush to stop at ND

President’s stop is not University-sponsored

By MADDIE HANNA
Assistant News Editor

President George W. Bush’s plans to speak about Social Security at Notre Dame’s Joyce Center Friday, according to a White House press release.

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“This is not a Notre Dame-sponsored event,” Storin said, explaining that the president’s visit would be similar to that of Vice President Dick Cheney in October 2003 — a business transaction between the University and the Bush administration.

“They’re basically just

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Death penalty series features former Illinois governor

George H. Ryan discusses capital punishment

By TRICIA de GROOT
New Writer

As part of the “Life in the Balance Death Penalty Perspectives” series that began last week, former Governor George H. Ryan of Illinois addressed the Notre Dame community Monday night on “The Death Penalty: A System of Justice & Reconciliation.”

Ryan began the forum by saying that capital punishment was previously something he thought about only in the abstract with regard to notorious crimes in the news.

While serving as Illinois General Assistant in 1977, Ryan still believed in the death penalty’s importance in the criminal justice system, although he did not want to be the executioner.

However, Ryan had a change of heart after learning about Anthony Porter, who spent 16 years on death row until having his case reevaluated and eventually found innocent and released.

“It amazed me that you could come so close to the ultimate nightmare, and the system couldn’t do anything

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INSIDE COLUMN

Too aware?


These are all perfectly worthy causes and pressing issues in our society. And they all become jokes to Notre Dame students because of the rash of Awareness Weeks that hit campus in the month of February.

It all started in January as the first round of Vagina Monologues letters hit the Observer. At that time the debate was fresh. Students debated the merits of the performance's relevance to issues of violence, the Catholic Church's position, and the position of women at Notre Dame and in the world.

However, by the time the Monologues were performed in mid-February, they had become the joke and at worst an annoyance. V-Day was everywhere. It put up giant posters in G新生Hamlet to people to wear red on Valentine's Day. I don't see that anything happened.

Then came the other issues. The Queer Film Festival had to deal with a letter from a Bishop denouncing it, and a symposium on the genocide in Sudan was postponed a week after the Monologues. No one felt like discussing these worthy causes (some instead were interested in discussing Eve Ensler. Unfortunately for Ensler, when she finally arrived, the campus was in a state of utter apathy. Most female victims of violence, instead of being helped by usually charitable donors, became the topic of much debate.

The week after the Monologues, Disorder Awareness Week. No one talked about the position of women at Notre Dame and in the world, or the Boston Marathon bombing. It was all about whether or not one could watch men undress.

We could put up posters and fliers. We could wear green on St. Patrick's Day, but by then students had finally arrived, but by then students were unfocused. It was truly a tragedy that these worthy causes were presented, but it seemed they were forgotten. By then students were unfocused. It was truly a tragedy that these worthy causes were presented, but it seemed they were forgotten.

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Bash Welch, president of Murder Victims' Families for Human Rights, will give a presentation entitled "Oklahoma City Bombing: Two Fathers & Forgiveness" today from 12 p.m. to 1:15 in the Coleman-Morse lounge.

Marvin D'Lugo of Clark University will hold a seminar Thursday in 207 DeBartolo Hall from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30. This seminar is in conjunction with the screening of "Bad Education," at 7 p.m. the same evening.

ProChoice will conduct blood pressure and body fat screenings from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Grace Hall lobby. The wellness assessments are available to all ND faculty and staff, and no appointment is necessary.

A panel discussion entitled "National Debate on the Death Penalty" will take place tonight from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 Wednesday in the Hesburgh Center auditorium. The panel will feature Madison Holley, founder of nonprofit murder after serving 14 years on Illinois' death row. Dick Dieter, Notre Dame '84, director, Death Penalty Information Center; and Bill Pelke, president, National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

To submit information to be included in this section of the Observer, e-mail detailed information on an event to observer@nd.edu.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Chris Khorey at ckhorey@nd.edu.

CORRECTION

Due to a misreading, a story that appeared in the Venezuelan section of the Feb. 25 issue of The Observer contained an error. In a story about the Ecuavisa earthquake, the number of fatalities reported was misstated by World Trade Center engineers Leslie Roberson who spoke to before the actual number of fatalities was released. The correct fatalities are 25,000. In the case, the number of fatalities was 25,000.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: If you could be a superhero, who would you be and why?

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Daniel Uem, left, defeated Kevin Loria in the 160-pound weight class in Monday's preliminary round of the 75th annual Notre Dame Bengal Bouts.

OFFBEAT

Nude man covered in cheese gets probation

MARYVILLE, Tenn. — A man caught by police last summer on his 23rd birthday running naked and covered in nacho cheese pleaded guilty Monday to burglary and four other charges.

Michael David Monn of Maryville appeared before Blount County Circuit Court Judge D. Kelly Thomas and pleaded guilty to burglary, theft, vandalism, indecent exposure and public intoxication. In a plea bargain with prosecutors, Monn was moved to serve the sentence in a probation. Thomas warned Monn that if he violates the sentence, he must serve the sentence in a probation. Monn that if he violates the sentence, he must serve the sentence in a probation. Monn that if he violates the sentence, he must serve the sentence in a probation. Monn that if he violates the sentence, he must serve the sentence in a probation. Monn that if he violates the sentence, he must serve the sentence in a probation. Monn that if he violates the sentence, he must serve the sentence in a probation.
SUB, administration nominees approved

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

The Council of Representatives met briefly Monday night to approve two nominations for the upcoming school year.

The Council approved Jimmy Flaherty's nomination for Student Union Board Manager. This will be his second year in the position. Student body president-elect Dave Baron told representatives that Flaherty will continue to bring new energy into SUB.

"We want Jimmy to take over as manager once again. He has a freshness with what he wants to do. He's going to make SUB a brand name across campus," Baron said.

COH also approved Liz Kozlow as Chief Executive Assistant to Baron's upcoming administration. Kozlow, who served as chairperson of the Oversight Committee on the Student Senate, will begin her new position April 1.

Baron offered praise of Kozlow's character and assured representatives that she will go above and beyond expectations.

"Liz is a good-natured, friendly person. I feel like I know the qualities needed to be a solid CEA, and Liz has them," Baron said, referring to his own experience as this year's CEA for current student body president and vice president Adam Istan and Karla Bell.

In other COR news:

- Assistant director of the Student Activities Office Peggy Ihnatsuk announced that her office is seeking nominations for Student Leadership Awards.

"This is a big honor. If you are selected it means you are in the top 1 percent of student leaders," she said.

The deadline for Student Leadership Awards applications is March 16.

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Performer addresses gay issues

By KATE ANTONACCI
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To kick off Notre Dame's first Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning (GLBQ) Awareness week, local performer, Friday, March 1, 2005, for Student Leadership Awards, which will be held on March 16 at the Student Union.

"They say being gay is a choice. I wish it was," said Bradley Bogaert, a featured speaker for the event.

Bogaert is a former Bradley Bogaert with many struggles, Bogaert said he would have been happier being straight. However, he said that gay, lesbian and bisexual students have the right to speak about their sexual orientation.

"This is a question that is difficult for someone who is gay, lesbian or bisexual," said Anna Gomberg, graduate student and co-coordinator of the GLBTQ rights organization. "But my support for GLBTQ rights is nothing at all to do with whether I am a member of the GLBTQ community."

Despite these difficulties, Bogaert said that gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender individuals today live in a far more welcoming society than that of his youth. People today have so many opportunities that we didn't have," Bogaert said. "Still, I'm proud to be what I am. I love being gay."

According to event organizers, many University officials were not enthusiastic about having Bogaert speak on campus.

"The administrators that I spoke with personally were not enthusiastic about his coming, as they realized he would be dealing with many taboo subjects that perhaps haven't been discussed in a meaningful way," said Chris Vierig, organizer of the Gay Diversity Committee.

"For example, it was very important for gay, lesbian and bisexual students to hear the story of a gay man who was addicted to drugs and alcohol but who overcame his circumstances to find his true identity," Vierig said.

Several audience members seemed offended by parts of his talk, such as discussions about drug and alcohol use, gay bashing, prostitution and pornography. Others questioned Bogaert's choice to call a member of the audience to ask about their sexual orientation.

"Personally, my support of GLBTQ rights has nothing at all to do with whether I am a word or homosexual," said Anna Gomberg, graduate student and co-coordinator of the GLBTQ rights organization. "But I think that students who are working in this area have a different responsibility to realize that this is a question that is really hard for someone who is questioning or closeted."

Moreover, the audience responded positively to Bogaert's often humorous speaking style, which made discussion of difficult topics easier.

"His entertaining style is very candid and upfront, and his willingness to disclose his own orientation seemed to make that (sexual orientation) question a little more comfortable to me," Gomberg said.

GLBQ Week came about through efforts by the Gay Diversity Committee and student body president Adam Istan. Vierig said.

Though Bogaert was asked to speak on campus several times, official approval for the event was not granted until Thursday afternoon, said Gomberg, who asked the University to give the talk.

While Vierig said it was difficult to get the University to approve Bogaert to speak on campus, the event's turnout was greater than expected. Although the planners expected a core group of gay, lesbian and bisexual students to come, they said they were pleased to see many straight students and students who are not gay, lesbian or bisexual attend.

"Overall, I think the University is doing its best to accommodate all viewpoints of our own beliefs," Vierig said. "This, I believe, is at the heart of any university education."

On Wednesday, other events for GLBQ Awareness Week will take place, including a screening of the movie "The Laramie Project," a play about the murder of gay college student Matthew Shepard, which will be performed today, Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Heidrick Auditorium for the Performing Arts.

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Congregation of Holy Cross

Fr. Sears with Holy Cross priests and brothers

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Board of Governance

Relief effort, new Student Center celebrated

By KELLY BALE and ERICA RANGEL
News Writers

Meeting for the last time in the conference room of the Haggag Student Center, Saint Mary's Board of Governance celebrated on Monday its move to the new Student Center and the end of its "Love Makes the World Go Round, Show Your Love" tsunami relief campaign. "I know we were a little iffy at first," student body president Sarah Catherine White said. "But we pulled through and we are well beyond our goal."

Student body vice president Mary Pauline Moran attributed much of the fundraiser's success to "the energy, and vision will be a the new student center thanking students for the funds they raised. While also acknowledged Welton, whom White said put a large amount of work into organizing the fundraiser and helping it run smoothly. BOG placed containers in each of the residence halls and other locations on campus to collect donations. A face-to-face collection also done in a series of three "Night Knocks." Members of BOG went to each dorm room asking each resident for $1.

BOG approved a co-sponsorship with the Saint Benedict in the field of social work degree in philosophy from St. Charles Borromeo College in Philadelphia, master's degrees in sacred theology from the Gregorian University in Rome and in social planning and community organization from Columbia University, and a certificate in nonprofit management from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. Harvey education named Harvey one of the 51 leaders in the field of social work during the past 50 years. Harvey earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Charles Borromeo College in Philadelphia, master's degrees in sacred theology from the Gregorian University in Rome and in social planning and community organization from Columbia University, and a certificate in nonprofit management from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. Contact Kelly Bale at kbale01@smn.du.edu and Erica Rangel at rangel46@smn.du.edu

Fire alarm interrupts reception

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

University donors were surprised to learn they would be asked to evacuate the Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts during a reception Friday evening due to a false fire alarm. The Edward Frederick Sorin Society, which honors those who annually give $1,000 or more to Notre Dame, was in the middle of a function in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DPAC when the fire alarm went off and guests were forced to leave the premises until security could be assured.

Manager of Guest Services Jacqueline Schmidt said the alarm went off at 7:30 p.m. "Our staff followed all of our standard procedures appropriately and efficiently and evacuated the building," Schmidt said. "Once we had accounted for all of our guests and confirmed that there was no threat to their safety, we brought everyone back in and resumed all of our scheduled activities.

According to Megan O'Hara, a member of the event staff, a special effect used in the play "The Laramie Project" caused the fire alarm to falsely sound. "It was a two events took place at simultaneous times in the building. There is a scene that uses fog, and apparently that is what set off one of the alarms below the stage in the Decio Theater," O'Hara said.

Despite the inconvenience, Schmidt said the guests made no complaints and in fact gave compliments regarding how well this situation was handled. "It shouldn't have been a mess, but actually we got people reseated for the Laramie Project fairly quickly and the actors didn't miss a beat," O'Hara said. "The Sorin Society performance was almost over anyway so the people just finished with the reception in the PAC lobbies.

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Director named for Master of Program

Special to the Observer

Thomas J. Harvey has been appointed director of the Master of Science in Administration (MSA) Program in the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame. Harvey most recently served as senior vice-president of the member-elected board of the Alliance for Children and Families in Milwaukee. He also taught in a certificate program on nonprofit management for the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay.

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using our facility," Storin said. "The original interest was, I think, more coming to St. Bensus than Notre Dame." Storin said the Century Center Downtown was not available for the president's visit in the necessary time frame, so the JACC was the next best option.

However, Storin added that while the president's visit will have no more connection to Notre Dame than was the case with the JACC, the University will still be looking for additional sources to help the president in the facility. "We're working with them -- he is the president of the University of Texas," Storin said.

Storin said he could not comment on any additional security measures or restrictions related to the upcoming visit.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran's nuclear secrecy criticized VIENNA, Austria — The chief U.N. atomic watchdog chided Iran on Monday for delays in disclosing details about its nuclear program, saying the omission is on Teheran to turn into a "confidence deficit" caused by past cover-ups.

As Mohammed ElBaradei criticized Iran at a meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Bush administration suggested it was considering a major strategy shift — joining Europe in offering Teheran economic incentives to abandon its uranium enrichment program.

Russia, meanwhile, sought to disavow concerns that an Iranian nuclear reactor it helped build and will supply with fuel could be used to develop weapons. The accord signed Sunday is key to bringing Teheran's first reactor on line.

Bin Laden, al-Zarqawi plan attacks WASHINGTON — New intelligence indicates that Osama bin Laden is railroading Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, his top operative in Iraq, to plan potential attacks on the United States, federal officials said.

Al-Zarqawi has been involved in attacks in the Middle East. He has not been known to have set his sights on America.

The Homeland Security Department issued a classified bulletin to officials over the weekend about the intelligence, which spokesman Brian Ro Burkusse described as "credible but not specific." The intelligence was obtained over the past several weeks, the officials said.

The government has no imputed plans to raise its national terror alert level, Ro Burkusse said, but, he said, the intelligence "reiterates the need to remain vigilant and its associates to target the homeland."

National News

Suspect cannot be held indefinitely WASHINGTON — A federal judge ordered the Bush administration Monday to either charge terrorism suspect John Padilla with a crime or release him after more than two and a half years in custody.

U.S. District Judge Henry Floyd in Seattle said the government cannot hold Padilla indefinitely as an "enemy combatant," a designation President Bush gave him in 2002.

Floyd wrote in a 24-page opinion that a warrant rebole to the government. He gave the administration 45 days to take action.

Concerns aired over Medicaid cuts WASHINGTON — The Bush administration's proposal to cut some $40 billion from Medicaid would reduce access to health care for the poorest Americans, governors said Monday after meeting with the press.

"His budget would have a dramatic effect on the health care of millions of Americans," said Democratic Mark Warner of Virginia.

Addled Republican Bob Taft of Ohio: "The governors are very nervous about getting to any spending plan."

Some governors, however, said they realized some cuts must compromise, but their bigger desire was to win freedom.

Local News

Court sets convicted's execution date INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Supreme Court set Tuesday for a man convicted in the 1987 torture-hanging of an 18-year-old Terre Haute woman.

William McCord, who is serving a life sentence for the murder, is set to be put to death by lethal injection April 21 at the federal prison in Terre Haute County.
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Vagina Monologues was housed under an academic department. "It's not and has never been the role of the Office of Student Affairs to dictate-who speaks, what speakers, or whom students hear," Poorman said in the letter.
Poorman also said he saw the CLC's resolution as seeking "to circumvent the club recognition process by asking the Office of Student Affairs to endorse the action of a non-member student group." "This [Poorman's] response is no different from the response of body president Adam Isitan, who disagreed with Poorman's statement that the CLC was underhandedly trying to win the administrator's support for a specific group. "We're not asking them to approve a group, but to endorse an ideal," he said.
In addition, Poorman expressed frustration with the administration's lack of visibility for the V-Day campaign by describing an explicit reference in the "stall notes" of a men's dorm as "explicit and salacious." "I couldn't identify...the name of the type of action, given by the rector, was 'boys will be boys,'" Isitan said. "I didn't see why we couldn't do this...really gets the problem here.
According to Isitan, this incident was indicative of prevailing sexist attitudes at Notre Dame, "believing in a rector's inability to combat them.
"We have no powers beyond what the administration will give us," Poorman said.
Several members expressed concern that the resolution would make too much emphasis on a connection between the administration and the Vagina Monologues and the dorm incident.
"I don't think the two events are as strongly correlated as you make them out to be," Cavanaugh senator Jordan Bongiovanni said. Knott rector Brother Jerome Meyer agreed with Bongiovanni, saying, "To say that the administrators of the University are underestimating the problem, that's a sweeping accusation.
Siegfried senator James Leito said he felt most disheartened by the rector's accusations.
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"I assume he'll have Mitch Daniels and other local politicians appear with him, such as Governor [Mitch] Daniels, [Rep. Upton]." Hero said.
Bush's visit is a "great opportunity for the region, it will be equally beneficial for the Notre Dame community's response is not as clear," Hero said.
"He said that Bush's visit with the University — in conjunction with an expected integration of Catholic ideals in his speech — will likely lead to a cordial reception.
"My sense is ND has been seen as hospitable toward the president — he was the commencement speaker in May 2001," Hero said. "He may be seeking to implicitly link some of his policies to ideas attractive to Catholics.
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come to visit our campus," Ronderos said. "I am really excited about prospect of passing tax reform and social security reform. I hope that the president speaks on these issues.
According to Ronderos, the College Republicans are planning to attend the event itself in order to display their support for the president.
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The Riley Prize in History and Criticism
The Department of Art, Art History and Design is pleased to announce its annual competition for the Riley Prize in Art History and Criticism.
Current Notre Dame undergraduate and graduate students are invited to submit essays on any topic in the history of art or art criticism for consideration in the competition. Essays must deal with the visual arts. They may have been written in conjunction with a course taken at the University, but need not have.

Rules governing the competition are available in the Art Department Office, 306 Hall.
Fears over inflation decrease stocks

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The former WorldCom CEO was arrested Saturday, his lawyer, Ebbers, said Monday in announcing his not guilty Monday and was dismissed by the jurors his defense that he was honestly trying to turn the business around, he said.

"We believe passionately that department stores have a very important place in the ever-changing, ever-changing environment," said Tony J. Lundgren, Federated's chairman, president and chief executive officer, Monday in announcing the cool-down stocks.

Macy's department stores eventually will be converted to the Macy's name as Federated accelerates its strategy of creating a nationwide brand that would give it pricing leverage with suppliers. The transaction also would bring together the operator of Bloomingdale's with Macy's Marshall Field's, Lord & Taylor and H cheque's chains.

Federated would not say how many jobs would be cut or what the company would do in the future with control multiple department stores in malls. Analysts at Smith Barney estimated that 94 malls have stores with Federated and Macy names.

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A sign for Famous and Barr, owned by May Department Stores Co., hangs above in St. Louis. May was acquired by Federated Department Stores in a deal on Monday.

CINCINNATI — Federated Department Stores Inc. plans to acquire St. Louis-based May Department Stores Co. in what amounts to an all-cash bid that the department store has a future even as consumers increasingly shop at discount stores and specialty stores.

"We believe passionately that department stores have a very important place in the ever-changing, ever-changing environment," by Terry J. Lundgren, Federated's chairman, president, and chief executive officer, Monday in announcing the cool-down stocks.

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WASHINGTON — Telecommunications entrepreneur Walter Anderson was arrested and charged with evading $83,752 in federal and local taxes in what government said was the largest tax fraud case in the United States.

The indictment announced Monday charges Anderson with hiding income from tax collectors through offshore corporations and financial instruments and claiming to be a Florida resident to avoid paying income taxes in Washington, D.C.

Anderson, 51, also was accused of using false documents and using a wine ship to Virginia to avoid Washington taxes, according to the indictment for fraud, tax evasion and obstructing the IRS.

Arrested Saturday, Anderson pleaded not guilty Monday and was ordered held without bail until a hearing Thursday.

"He was living the high life," said the Internal Revenue Service commissioner, Mark Everson. "Because of his dishonest dealings, Mr. Anderson's lavish life style was subsidized by honest, hardworking Americans.

If convicted, Anderson could face up to 80 years in prison. Messages left with his lawyer, John Mouat, were not immediately returned Monday.

In documents requesting Anderson's detention until trial, the government alleged he could be linked to at least seven aliases and that officials seized from his apartment forged identification and manu- als detailing ways to create fake identities and hide from authorities.

Among them were "Poo! How to Disappear and Create a New Identity" and "The ID Finder: Homemade Birth Certificates and Other Documents Explained," the document said.

Anderson started a long-distance telecommunications business at the time the fraud was being deregulated.
Dueson continued from page 1

This morning, we'll see what transpires between now and the next stop.

Activity on the case could occur before this formal status report is issued, because Dueson chose to retain private counsel.

Tuszyński did not return calls seeking comment Monday.

Dueson, 44, of Highland Park, Ill., is charged with two counts of battery and two counts of domestic battery in alterations stemming from an incident on the morning of March 3 incident at the Morris Inn on the Notre Dame campus.

All four of the charges are class 4 misdemeanors, carry¬ing a maximum penalty of up to one year in jail and a $5,000 fine each.

According to the prosecutor's supplemental affidavit on the case, Dueson instructed his wife, Alicia Dueson, and pushed her out of their hotel room during the early morning of Feb. 3. Alicia Dueson was treated at a local hospital and released, the prosecutor's statement said.

The said incidents were staying on campus for the winter meeting of the Board of Harbor, he continued. Feb. 3-4. Dave Dueson, a trust for the 1991, resigned his post on Feb. 4.

Dave Dueson is also the overnight on the Monogram Club, but he is also said to be the charges that he expected Dave Dueson, the 1960 Monogram Club Member of the Year, to resign that post as well.

Storin said Monday night that he was not sure if Dave Dueson had officially resigned as the president of the Monogram Club but that he did not expect him to retain his position.

"We were told by his repre¬sentatives that a letter was in the mail," said Storin, who is officially going to resign," Storin said.

Dave Dueson's two-year term expires in June, when John Dueson was expected to take over. Storin said the Monogram Club is not sure if any formal activity until its June meeting.

Dave Dueson was the second-year co-president of the Monogram Club.

The new president is expected to be announced at the Monogram Club's dinner meeting on June 3.
Habitat for Humanity nears goal

Associated Press

AMERILUS, Ga. — Habitat for Humanity, the Christian homebuilding organization, said Monday it is close to its goal of raising $25 million to build 25,000 houses for victims of the Asian tsunami.

"It was a terrible tragedy, but we have a tremendous response," Habitat spokesman Chris Clarke said.

Thanks to some large corporate donors — including the home improvement chain Lowe's Cos. as well as smaller contributions from individuals and churches, Habitat had raised more than $23 million for tsunami relief, Clarke said.

Lowe's donated $200,000, and raised another $440,000 by matching customer contributions. The National Association of Realtors raised another $1.3 million, he said.

Habitat, which has been working in the Asian-Pacific region for about 10 years, plans to focus its recovery effort on four of the hardest-hit countries: Sri Lanka, India, Thailand and Indonesia.

Habitat said it has beefed up its Asian staff. It also has formed new partnerships with relief agencies.

"I've never seen such devastation," said Maria Chomyszak, manager of Habitat's disaster response office, who visited India, Thailand and Sri Lanka in January. She said the tidal wave damaged or destroyed 130 homes Habitat had already built in Sri Lanka.

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Watch for wild cows

Certain questions have fascinated humans for centuries. How does one rec-ognize an omnipotent, omniscient and benevolent God with the existence of evil? What is the "good life"? Does the lost city of Atlantis really exist? What is the origin of the creature currently referred to as the "cow"? Above, maybe this last quandary was only fascinating to my high school cross-country team as we traveled north across the bovine-rich state of Wisconsin. Trips to meets outside the Milwaukee city limits always included such picturesque scenes of farm ... after farm ... after farm. After the boys had garnered all the insight they could into the female psyche via a borrowed "Cosmopolitan" magazine, entertainment invariably turned to making signs to put in the window of the van. Through this rudimentary form of brill-iant expression, we were able to communi-cate with the rest of our teammates, who were dispersed in the several vehicles surrounding us on the highway. While the initial conversations were mainly limited to "Give us the Cosmos" and "Over my dead body," our veritable smoke signals soon took a more philosophical shape. "Hey - where do cows come from?" someone asked. In high school, sincerity is never a good idea, as irony invariably achieves better results. "Come on man, didn't your mom ever teach you?" If I ever got the memo telling him that he didn't know, I'd have never bothered to google the phrase. Looks like I just found another way to procrastinate before starting on my next novel. I also grew up in the suburbs, where the only thing likely to be grazing the lawn in your neighbor's new riding mower bought to amuse his middle-class crisis. Apparently, he never got the memo telling him that he was supposed to buy a Harley. I'll still ponder about the origin of the cow and the mystique behind those demure bovine eyes. In India, many Hindus view the cow as a sacred animal. And in Wisconsin, I don't know if there exists a higher calling than the provision of cheese. "Who cares? I'm trying to sleep."

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From such conversations came the Greek Myth, An Sophia's Fables and fairy tales by the Brothers Grimm. This unapproachable curiosity and need-to-know has been an inspiration for the arts for ages. So, watch for wild cows, and when you read the next great American novel on the origin of the bovine, I hope you think of me.

In the meantime, I've moved on to another one of life's great questions: Where is Waldo, anyway? Katie Boyle is a senior English, political science and Spanish major. She can be reached at kboyle@smc.edu.

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Editorial Cartoon

"HEY, WE'RE ONLY SELLING NUCLEAR FUEL TO IRAN. WE DON'T TELL THEM HOW TO USE IT."

Observer Poll

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Quote of the Day

"Patience with others is Love. Patience with self is Hope. Patience with God is Faith."

Adel Bestrasov

author

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Meaningful debate finally arrives

In honor of Notre Dame's first Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning (GLBQ) Awareness Week, it is crucial to clear up any misrepresentations regarding the Notre Dame events that showcase gay issues.

First, as a former resident assistant, diversity counselor and multicultural community manager, I can assure you that the Catholic perspective on homosexuality has had, and continues to have, many varied interpretations on the nature, hate crimes and other issues related to homosexuality, however, has been severely lacking on campus.

Second, the various people that have responded to Bishop John O'Arcy's recent comments have highlighted valuable points, ranging from O'Arcy's historically prejudiced stance towards homosexuals in general to the Princeton Review's naming Notre Dame the most homophobic campus in the U.S. With a few movements like the Queer Film Festival and GLBQ Week, real and meaningful debate about the issues of homosexuality are finally becoming part of the Notre Dame dialogue.

Notre Dame tradition is evolving in order to preserve the meaning of Catholic ideals in modern society. I personally believe that with enough sustained commitment and dialogue, Notre Dame will be able to develop its "distinctive identity" in the confines of the truth and common good.

The question most clearly to disallow gay and lesbian students the right to organize, raise awareness and support each other with needed resources offered to other organization campus, such as the Multicultural Student Programs and Services office.

Human dignity is at stake, and Notre Dame must continue to change and create a safer and more positive environment for its GLBQ community.

As an alum, it has been encouraging to see national coverage of Notre Dame's unprecedented series of events. This includes a story in the New York Times, even without uninformd critics such as Bill O'Reilly ridicule Notre Dame.

Notre Dame, however, should be commended for its efforts aimed at fostering inclusion. The ND Queer Film Festival is an excellent way to heighten awareness of the issues and discrimination that face gays and lesbians, and this will provide a crucial perspective to the Notre Dame community. I can only hope that the momentum to build a more compassionate, accepting, educated and tolerant campus for gay and lesbian students at Notre Dame will continue and continue.

Anything less would truly be un-Notre Dame.

Ken Seifert
Class of 2003
Feb. 28

U-WIRE

Democracy on destructive world tour led by U.S.

As the United States continues to build and rebuild the new Iraq with help from the rest of the world, here's a fun fact about another little country where we just got done waging a war. Afghanistan ranks 174 out of 175 countries on the United Nations 2004 Human Development Index, according to a new U.N. report. That puts Afghanistan at the bottom of the world trash barrel of human conditions.

If we've seen both in Afghanistan and Iraq, fighting the war is the easy part of "building" a democracy. After it, the real work starts. But this report shows that we are not committed to focusing on the hard work.

President George W. Bush announces the offensives in Iraq, announces the offensives in Afghanistan, nothing is the easy part of "building" a democracy. After they battle for their lives, they need basic living conditions are some of the worst in the world?

But worse, how should Afghans feel about this? Where will our priorities be if we invade Iraq? And then North Korea? Will Bush be busy with a demented dominion of democracy? We occupied both for several years, helping create better conditions than either Iraq or Afghanistan had. We pumped in aid with the Marshall Plan. We brought order, which led to peace and stability, before giving sovereignty.

As the United States builds democratic governments in Afghanistan and Iraq, there has been no large-scale recovery efforts to maintain peace, yet both have already had elections. Afghanistan is lacking in every measure of a nation's development, as shown by its abysmal Human Development Index rating.

"The fragile nations could easily tumble back into chaos," wrote the authors of the report, according to The New York Times.

"Author for democracy? I don't think so. Yet Bush has already moved on, shifting attention and capital to Iraq. The United States is currently spending $4.3 billion a month in Iraq fighting that war. The war in Iraq takes money, soldiers and media attention away from the problems of Afghanistan.

The report has painted a gloomy picture of the states of human development in the country after two decades of war, yet Afghani President Hamid Karzai said in a foreword of the report it's "true that the United States isn't the sole reason for Afghanistan's plight — our war is only the latest in a long series of conflicts there."

But if the United States and Bush don't fully and patiently support human conditions and rebuilding after invading a country, democracy cannot survive. Our policy of bringing democracy to the world becomes a sham.

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Comedic magic of 'Seinfeld' shines in first two seasons

The antics of Kramer (Michael Richards), left, Elaine (Julia Louis-Dreyfus), George (Jason Alexander) and Jerry (Jerry Seinfeld) can films, have been as highly anticipated by die-hard fans as the show focuses on the short length of the first season, and being...
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Scene

THE ACADEMY AWARDS

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Hollywood scores car knockout

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losing the Best Picture Oscar. He could not have been

more right than with this, a welcome sur­

prise that awards Kaufman for what is unques­
tionably the Best Original Screenplay of the

year. In my original assessment, I claimed that “The

Aviator” had a less-memorable script than pre­
vious Scorsese films, and the Academy took

notice, giving the award to the more deserving
“Eternal Sunshine.” This was a surprise, but

certainly a welcome one. Kudos to Kaufman,

Genius and Bismuth for their wonderfully

original work, and kudos to the Academy for ha­
ving the good sense to recognize it.

Breakdown of the other awards:

Spain’s “The Sea Inside” won the Best Foreign Film award, defeat­ing Miramax’s French film “The Chorus.”

Pixar’s “The Incredibles” won the Best Animated Feature award. This came as no sur­
prise as the film was far and away the finest

animated film of the year. It was also one of

the best pictures of the year, but a nomination

in that category was unlikely (the only animated

film to ever be nominated for Best Picture was

1991’s “Beauty and the Beast”).

Jan A.P. Kaczmarek won the Best Original Song Oscar for “Finding Neverland,” beating out such veterans as five­time Academy Award winner John Williams for “Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban” and Thomas Newman for “Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events.”

Jorge Breaux’s “Al Otro Lado Del Rio” from “The Motorcycle Diaries,” per­
formed at the ceremony by Antonio Banderas and Carlos Santana, won the Best

Original Song. It was the film’s solo win in two nominations.

The film was also nominated for Best Adapted Screenplay.

Robert Richardson won Best Cinematography for “The Aviator” in a crowded field of

contenders, which included Zhao Xiaodong for “House of Flying Daggers” and Caleb

Dechanel for “The Passion of the Christ.” “The Passions”

took neither award for which it was nominated (Best

Cinematography, Best Make­

up). Thomas Sterri’s beauti­

fully dark, atmospheric cine­

matography for “Million Dollar Baby” was not even nomi­

nated.

Zana Briski’s “Born into Bushels,” a documentary about the red light district of Calcutta, won the Best Documentary Feature award, defeat­ing Morgan Spurlock’s “Super Size Me.” “Farenheit 9/11,” which was withdrawn from documentary contention in order to maintain Best Picture eligi­
bility, was not nominated for any awards. It won the Palm D’Or at the Cannes Film Festival last year.

Scott Millan, Greg Orloff, Bob Beemer and Steve Cantamessa won Best Sound Mixing for “Ray,” the film’s only technical award. It was

also the only technical nomination in which

“The Aviator” was defied.

Michael Silvers and Randy Thom won the Best Sound Editing for “The Incredibles.”

During their acceptance speech, one of the

recipients derided claims that Sound Editing is a technical award, calling it an art.

Theda Schoonmaker won her second Best

Editing Oscar, this time for “The Aviator.” It

comes 24 years after her first win for “Raging Bull” in 1981. It also marks the second time that Schoonmaker won the editing award while

Scorsese failed to win Best Director and the film itself failed to win Best Picture.

Who won:

Alexander Payne and Jim Taylor ("Sideways")

Who said would win: Alexander Payne and Jim Taylor ("Sideways")

Who said should win: Richard Link­

later, Ethan Hawke, Julie Delosy and Kim Kirsten ("Before Sunset")

As a picture, "Sideways" was beaten out of the gate. Before awards season rolled around, it was the best­reviewed, best received motion pic­
ture of the year. The backlash that set in all but killed its chances of winning the Best Picture award. As consula­
tion, and in recogni­

tion of the film’s strengths, the Aca­

emy awarded it the Best Adapted Screen­

play Oscar, a category in which it was the heavy favorite.

Though “Million Doll­

ar Baby” might have given it a run, the

other awards given to it assured Sideways that it would emerge with at least the

screenplay Oscar (the only major award the picture won).”

Best Original Screenplay

Who won: Charlie Kaufman, Michel Gondry and Pierre Bismuth ("Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind")

Who said would win: John Logan ("The Aviator")

Who said should win: Charlie Kauf­

man, Michel Gondry and Pierre Bismuth ("Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind")

Quentin Tarantino once called the Best

Original Screenplay Oscar a consolation

award for the hip film

Napoleon. Every perfor­

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acting in the year

that a great actor

was nominated

would be the

most memorable. But Fox caught it.

The 81st annual Academy

Awards are

a tale of two winners: the

elder statesmen

(a tie between Hilary Swank and Cate

Blanchett) and the younger, more</ref>
NFL DRAFT COMBINE

Clarett’s speed hurts stock

Miserable 40-yard dash time might drop running back in draft

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — All that baggage Maurice Clarett has been carrying for years seemed to be on his shoulders when he ran at the NFL combine. Clarett expected to blow away everyone with his work Saturday. Instead, he might have blown his chance to go early in April’s draft.

While fellow running backs J.J. Arrington and Ronnie Brown were running very quickly, working so long to get to this day, Clarett’s, the five fastest, no official time was provided.

That’s not nearly fast enough for a first-day draft prospect. Some running backs, especially those with a history as cloudy as Clarett’s, don’t get selected at all when they seem so slow for the position.

“It was a rough one,” Clarett told NFL Network. “I’ve been working so long to get to this day, doing better at practice, and I kind of mess it up. I’m frustrated. I’ve been working a long time, waking up at 5:30 and going back at 12:30 and then at 7 o’clock, and I totally blew it.”

He certainly didn’t make any teams think about drafting him in a big way. Instead, he claimed he used the interview sessions with the teams, then bungled the physical stuff.

“A lot of coaches said I was a lot more humble and approachable,” he said. “I thought they’d ask a lot more about what happened in the past.”

Clarett’s 4.48-second time was running from Auburn, who turned in a 4.48 on either side of Clarett’s poky pace.

“After two years out, he has to grasp the premium fill shape,” Cardinals coach Dennis Green said of Clarett. “We don’t even think about how fast he has run before. If you look at the 2002 season, he can play football.”

That’s what Clarett hopes NFL people do until his personal files found that “I told them that after my dash was going to go to college and get my degree, I was going to play football, and they laughed,” he said.

Now thelinbacker might be close to being cut by the NFL. McCune, among the 332 players invited to this year’s combine, will be 26 by the time of the April draft, and he might be the oldest player selected.

“My plan was to go into the military and walk on at some Division I school,” McCune linebacker Robert McCune said.

McCune had hoped to play in college at Alabama or Auburn. The only offers came from places like Alabama A&M, Alabama State, Southern University and Grambling.

Both McCune joined the Army in August, one in the NFL, the other in the military.

“Maybe this is the only time you can only get a field where you can’t move. During the next three years out, he has to assume he has a character that’s very important to all of us,” Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher said.

“Whoever gets it, you can only have one,” McCune said.

“People look at the guy, they look at the football player, you don’t take into account what he has to go through day by day. The bigger picture is a lot more important than that.”

“People who not in the worst possible situations, the biggest difference, of course, is the quality of who they have to protect. Wide receiver is the deepest and surest position in the league. Guys like Rogers or Rollie or Jones played against top-level pass catchers in college, but rarely did they see one every week. In the pros, who might see one more time than each other week.”
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On March 17, the world’s most acclaimed Irish tenor Ronan Tynan will begin his U.S. tour with a special concert in the Leighton Concert Hall. The concert, which will feature performances from guests Vince Gill and Linda Eder, will be recorded for an upcoming TV special on Tynan’s life and music.

Tynan’s fans include U2’s Bono, Rudy Gulliett, Billy Crystal, the Bush family, Regis Philbin, and the New York Yankees. Come be a part of the audience for this once-in-a-lifetime concert, and watch for yourself when the TV special airs in the fall.

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More event information available at http://performingarts.nd.edu

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**Men’s NCAA Basketball**

Phil Hellman's 10 Tournament is set to start Thursday, according to the commissioner's office. Lawrence’s executive vice president for labor relations, said Monday.

"We’re going to be in the camps testing the third of March, and I expect the language to be wrapped up in the next couple of days," Rob Manfred, management's executive vice president for labor relations, said Monday.

**MLB plans to begin steroid testing Thursday**

**NEW YORK — Testing under baseball's new drug agreement will start Thursday, according to the commissioner's office. Lawyers for players and owners have been drafting the deal since they announced the agreement for tougher testing on Jan. 13.**

"We’re going to be in the camps testing starting the third of March, and I expect the language to be wrapped up in the next couple of days," Rob Manfred, management's executive vice president for labor relations, said Monday.

**Michael Weiner, the union's general counsel, said the sides hoped to complete the drafting before the testing starts. The deal replaces the agreement that began in September 2002.**

**In Brief**

Irwin comes from behind to win Outback Pro-Am

LUTZ, Fla. — When one aspect of Hale Irwin’s game isn’t working, he simply turns to another.

"I feel in my heart I have several ‘A’ games," he said.

Irwin, the career victory leader on the Champions Tour, finished a second-round 68 Monday to slip past Morris Hatalsky and win the rain-delayed Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am by one shot.

"It wasn’t spectacularly played golf ... I didn’t drive the ball well and I certainly didn’t putt all that well, but I did what I had to do when I had to do it," he said. "Maybe the bottom line to that is experience."

Taking advantage of improved weather, which made the TPC of Tampa Bay course less demanding than the previous three days, Irwin played his remaining 12 holes in 2 under to end with a 3-under total of 8-under 134.

Venus Williams falls in first round of Dubai Open

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Venus Williams struggled with a blister on her right palm and lost in the first round for the first time in four years, beaten by Italy’s Silvia Farina Elia 7-5, 7-6 (4) in the Dubai Women’s Open on Monday.

Williams’ previous first-round ouster was to Barbara Schett at the 2001 French Open. She also lost her opening match at Moscow in October 2002 to Magdalena Maleeva but after a first-round bye.

Farina Elia had lost all nine of her previous matches to Williams since 1997. Williams, seeded fifth, made 66 unforced errors in a match lasting 2 hours, 4 minutes.

"It would normally have been a quick match," she said. “She really doesn’t have the weapons to hurt me. The blisters was really a factor. I just couldn’t serve well and I just couldn’t keep the balls in."

Chaney suspends himself for A-10 tournament

Temple coach John Chaney has suspended himself for the upcoming Atlantic 10 Tournament. In a game last week, Chaney encouraged hard fouls that led to a broken arm for a St. Joseph’s player.

**Associated Press**

PHILADELPHIA — Temple’s John Chaney will not coach in the Atlantic 10 tournament, part of a self-imposed punishment for ordering rough play by one of his players in a recent game that resulted in an opponent’s injury.

The Hall of Fame coach was already suspended for the final three games of the regular season. Chaney sent in a player he described as a "goon" against Saint Joseph’s last week, and Hawks’ senior John Bryant wound up with a broken arm.

Chaney had sent Nehemiah Ingram in to send a message" over what he said was Saint Joseph’s use of illegal screens. The Hawks and Owls could have met in the A-10 tournament.

"I believe the fair thing is for me not to coach during the Atlantic 10 championship tournament in Cincinnati," the 73-year-old Chaney said in a statement Monday. "John Bryant is unable to play in the tournament because of the injury he sustained last week against Temple. Neither should I be able to coach." Saint Joseph’s athletic director Don DiJulia declined to comment to The Associated Press on Monday.

Chaney had apologized to Bryant and his family and offered to pay his medical bills. Chaney originally suspended himself for one game before the extent of Bryant’s injury was known.

When an MRI on Friday showed Bryant had a broken arm, Temple suspended Chaney for the final three games of the regular season.

"I never intended — nor did any of my players intend — for anyone to be injured, regardless of what may have been said emotionally before, during and after the game," Chaney said. "But the unfortunate fact is that John Bryant was injured. I have taken full responsibility for my words and actions, and have apologized from my heart."

Chaney apologized again in his statement Monday to both schools and the conference.

"Last week, my words and actions were wrong, wrong, wrong," he said.

Chaney is still coaching the Owls at practice, though he won’t attend any of their games. Assistant Dan Lehovitz is coaching the team.

The Owls (14-11, 10-6) clinched a tie for second place in the Atlantic 10 East Division.

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**College Basketball**

Mississippi State at Arkansas, 7 p.m., ESPN

Saint Joseph’s at George Washington, 7 p.m., ESPN

Indiana at Wisconsin, 9 p.m, ESPN

**NBA**

Sacramento at Charlotte, 7 p.m., NBA TV

**POKER**

2004 World Series of Poker, 5 p.m., ESPN2
Knicks recover to defeat Lakers in overtime, 117-115

New York holds on to win despite LA's comeback attempt

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tim Thomas scored a season-high 35 points, and the New York Knicks recovered after blowing a 10-point lead in the final 46 seconds of regulation to defeat the Los Angeles Lakers 117-115 in overtime Monday night.

The victory was the third straight for the Knicks, matching their longest winning streak of the season. New York remained in last place in the Atlantic Division but pulled within five games of the first-place Boston Celtics.

Kobe Bryant fired overtime by making a 3-pointer with 4.4 seconds left in regulation, but he couldn't come up with another big play at the end.

The Lakers had a chance for the final shot, but Bryant passed to Luke Walton instead of the key, and Walton tossed the ball back to Bryant rather than taking a shot. Bryant wasn't exasperating the pass and fumbled it briefly — just enough time for Kurt Thomas to recover and block Bryant's look at the basket.

Bryant tried to dribble a few steps away for a buzzer-beater, but the clock ran out. He spiked the ball to the ground and shot an angry glance at Walton as the Knicks celebrated.

Michael Sweetney tied his career high with 19 points and grabbed a career-high 12 rebounds, but Thomas had 15 points and 12 rebounds as New York's front line dominated.

Bryant had 30 points, eight assists, five rebounds and seven turnovers, and Lamar Odom had 26 points and 15 rebounds for the Lakers.

Tim Thomas 13-for-19, including 4-for-5 from 3-point range, and topped 30 points for the first time this season as the Knicks won at home for the fifth straight time.

Los Angeles has lost three in a row.

The Lakers opened a 115-111 lead midway through overtime on a three-point play by Bryant, but they didn't score again. Marbury's layup was gobbled up by Odom with 1:10 left, and Jamal Crawford came up with a steal while guarding Chucky Atkins.

Marbury missed a shot and Kurt Thomas missed a patbuck, but Tim Thomas converted a dip-in to it, Bryant lost control of the ball on the Lakers' next possession, and Marbury was foiled on the perimeter by Atkins with 12:1 seconds remaining. Marbury made both foul shots for a 117-115 lead, settling up the Lakers' final possession.

The final 3 by Bryant came after Marbury went to the line 12.7 seconds remaining with a chance to put the Knicks ahead by four. Marbury missed both, but Bryant missed the front of the rim, and Bryant stunk a 25-footer over Kurt Thomas with 4.4 seconds remaining.

San Antonio 94, Cleveland 92

Tim Duncan made a 19-foot jumper just before the final horn sounded, giving the San Antonio Spurs a 94-92 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers, who dropped their third straight.

Duncan missed his first seven shots and didn't score in the game's first 19 minutes. But with the game on the line, he took a pass from Tony Parker, gathered himself and calmly knocked down his shot without a hand in his face.

After going 0-for-7, Duncan went 9-for-10 from the floor and added 11 rebounds, Parker added 19 points, eight rebounds and 10 assists — none bigger than his short pass to Duncan after drawing Cavs center Zydrunas Ilgauskas on a pick-and-roll.

Ilgauskas had 26 points and LeBron James finished with 20 points, eight rebounds and seven assists for the Cavaliers, who have lost four of five and are winless in a stretch of upcoming games.

San Antonio's Manu Ginobili, who finished with 17 points, could have put the Spurs up by four points, but missed a pair of free throws with 19.2 seconds remaining.

The Cavaliers called timeout and after an inbounds play, Spurs center Baco Nesovitz_ec's left Ilgauskas wide open under the hoop. Simmons slipped a pass to Cleveland's big man, whose dunk tied it 92-92 with 14.2 seconds remaining.

With Duncan setting a pick near the top of the key on Jeff Van Gundy, who finished with 17 points, wanted more energy. Cleveland's coach reinforced the message by writing, "Start with desperation" on the locker room's erasable board.

The Cavaliers followed orders. Ilgauskas scored 13 points in the first quarter, helping Cleveland take a 25-20 lead after one.

Ohio State 87, Los Angeles 86

Mehmet Okur converted a three-point play with 21.7 seconds remaining and the Utah Jazz held on for an win over the Los Angeles when Bobby Simmons missed a layup at the buzzer for the Clippers.

The Jazz won back-to-back games for the first time in a month and a half, but barely.

Keith McLeod could have sealed it for Utah, but missed both free throws with 6.5 seconds remaining. Rick Brunson rushed the ball up the court for the Clippers and threw a pass to Simmons, who had a good look, but the ball bounced off the backboard and rim as the horn sounded.

With 7.4 seconds left, Utah's Jerry Sloan passed Rick Motta for seventh in NBA coaching victories with 630.

McLeod had 18 points and eight assists and rookie Kris Humphries pulled down a career-high 12 rebounds for the Jazz, who hadn't won consecutive games since beating San Antonio and Phoenix Jan. 10 and 11.

Utah hasn't won more than two in a row since opening the season with four straight wins.

Simmons led the Clippers with 17 points, including a 3-pointer to get Los Angeles within a point in the last 10 seconds. Corey Maggette added 16 points for the Clippers.

Raja Bell scored 14, Andrei Kirilenko had 11 points, six assists and four steals and Okur finished with 11 points for Utah. Matt Harpring added 10 points and seven rebounds for the Jazz.

Zeljko Rebraca scored 12 off the bench and Elton Brand had 10 points and eight rebounds for the Clippers, who have won just once since in the Delta Center.

Although it was sloppy at times, the game was intense throughout. Neither team led by more than six, and the teams went back and forth with a one-point lead for the first half of the final period.

The Clippers pulled ahead by 17 points twice, but couldn't seal it with a free throw and a jumper to give Utah an 82-81 lead that ended standing through the freewheel.

With about a minute left, McLeod tried a dunk and the ball bounced off the rim right to Jarrett Colins, who pulled it down on the rebound and Utah was able to rest the defense and burn more time off the clock.

McLeod let the clock winds down some more and put it up a jumper from just inside the 3-point line. He missed, but Bell was there for the rebound, and the Jazz got another new 24 seconds on the shot clock.

After about 20 more seconds, Mekol started to drive then fed Okur for an offensive foul that shot bounced off the rim three times before dropping. Okur was fouled by Brunson on the play and made the free throws to get Utah up 83-81 with 21.7 seconds remaining.

It looked like the Jazz had the game wrapped up, but the Nuggets hit a 20-footer to get the Clippers to 85-83, then after McLeod hit two free throws with 11.6 seconds left, Simmons hit a 3-pointer to make it 87-86.

The Lakers' Kobe Bryant sits between Kurt Thomas and Michael Sweetney of the Knicks in New York's 117-115 win.

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Nominations are due by Friday, March 4, 2005.

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Franco returns to Majors, becomes oldest player

46-year-old infielder is enjoying spring training with Braves

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Julio Franco arrived in camp not long ago, a Dominican Republic during the offseason, enjoying life with his family. Then that familiar urge struck.

“I got bored,” Franco said. “I thought to myself, ‘maybe we might as well start playing a little winter ball.’”

So he did. And now baseball’s oldest player is back at spring training with the Atlanta Braves, showing no signs of slowing down and preparing to make a bit of history.

Retirement isn’t even on the radar for Franco, who wants to play until he’s 50. There was nothing in his performance last season to indicate that he’s playing a little winter ball.

“Franco has always said it’s time to trade in his bat for a rocking chair — Franco batted .309 with six homers and 57 RBIs, sharing first base with a guy young enough to be his son. 25 years old…

“We have to set goals that we think one’s reachable,” Franco said after Monday’s workout. “I think that one’s reachable.”

Surely if he makes it to 50, he’ll be ready to do something else other than baseball…

“Franco’s still playing until he’s 50,” Franco said.

It’s an amazing concept, he keeps himself in, said Brian Jordan, no spring chicken himself, as he approaches his 38th birthday. “It’s an inspiration.”

Franco, a former NFL player, still remembers his first encounter with Franco, as a rookie outfielder going through spring training with the St. Louis Cardinals in the early 1990s. Before an exhibition game, Franco walked over with some bits of advice.

“I thought a couple of guys from the Dallas Cowboys were visiting camp. That’s the kind of shape they were in,” Jordan said. “And Julio is still in the same shape.”

Lafkoche, who platoons with Franco at first base, picked up some valuable off-the-field lessons as a rookie, things such as preparation and staying sharpmentally, even when you’re on the bench.

It doesn’t hurt to watch how Franco conducts himself at the plate, either.

“I learned from him that you’ve got to stay with yourself. Period,” Lafkoche said. “There’s a lot of ways to say that, but basically it comes down to this: Don’t try to do more than you can do. Don’t try to make something out of nothing. That’s the biggest key.”

Even Jordan, at this late stage of his career, figures he can glean a lesson or two from Franco.

“He’s come to a point where he’s really driven by the love of the game,” said Jordan, who still has that football mentality. “He doesn’t play like I play, going all out for every ball. You’ve got to pace yourself. Hopefully I can learn from him.”

During batting practice, Franco sits atop a bench behind the cage, focusing in on the ball, studying the little nuances of each hitter, doing a bit of mental bit of advice.

“Stay up to it a little longer,” he tells second baseman Marcus Giles.

When Giles lines a pitch to left field, he immediately turns to Franco for validation.

“Better?”, Giles asks.

“Better.” Franco replies.

But when a rookie goes up two straight pitches off the top of the cage, Franco shakes his head in disgust.

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Questions? Contact Michael Marshall at mmmarshall@nd.edu or the Office of the Treasurer at 631-4557.
Tuck gets attention at combine

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Justin Tuck's decision to leave Notre Dame a year early became a lot easier when the Irish fired coach Tyrone Willingham prior to the Insight Bowl in December.

"I think I would have considered coming back a little more if he would have been there, but I don't think that had any bearing on my final decision," the defensive end said.

Tuck is taking part at the NFL combine with hopes of improving his draft status.

He is projected as a late first-round or early second-round pick.

"He told me that I was ready and that the decision came down to me," Tuck said. "He wasn't going to pull me either way."

The last Notre Dame player to leave school early and get picked in the first round was center Jeff Faine, who was taken 21st overall in 2003 by the Cleveland Browns.

"Justin is a good guy, and he plays the way he's supposed to play," said LSU defensive end Marcus Spears, who is expected to be a high-first-round pick.

"I've seen him play, and he can play the game."

The 6-foot-5, 265-pound Tuck showed his ability to get the quarterback while at Notre Dame. He set the Irish career sack record with 24.5, and he broke the single-season sack record in 2003 with 13.5.

Tuck said he would like to play defensive end in the NFL, but he would be willing to move to outside linebacker in a 3-4 defense.

"I would definitely rather play down in a 4-3, but I'm versatile and I can play both," he said. "I played linebacker sometimes this year in different packages that we had. Either way, I'm going to be a steal in the draft." 

NFL coaches have varied opinions about players that leave college after three years. The top guys will be able to make it, but every year we get X amount of juniors that don't get drafted and they probably won't make a team," Lions coach Steve Mariucci said. "They can't go back to (college) football and they are far from graduating. There is a risk involved."

Tuck did not specify which events he will take part in at the combine, but he did say it was unlikely he would go through all of them. Defensive ends took physicals on Saturday, weight lifting is scheduled for Sunday and running drills are on Monday.

Tuck has a pro day planned for March 16, where NFL scouts can get a better look at his skills.

NCAA

Colleges may lose team scholarships

More than 400 schools face penalties for poor academic performance

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — At least one team at half the nation's Division I schools could lose scholarships next year because of poor academic performance, according to a preliminary report released Monday by the NCAA.

Of the 5,720 teams at 328 Division I schools, about 410 teams risk penalties.

"We hope the behavior changes and the number of teams will actually go down over time," NCAA president Myles Brand said in a conference call.

Most of the scholarship losses, which would be for one year, are expected to come in football, baseball and men's basketball.

Those were the only sports with averages below a 925-point cutline at which penalties would be assessed. Baseball teams averaged 922, while football and men's basketball were at 923.

The most prominent programs below 700 were the men's basketball teams at Fresno State and Baylor. Fresno State received a 611, while Baylor scored 647 — a figure affected by the transfer of several players after the 2003 shooting death of Patrick Dennehy.

"I'm not sure exactly how much they are expected to be notified by December of the final results, which also include scores from the 2004-05 school year. Programs must take the penalties as they are, but there are possibilities for appeal."

The 2003-04 data only gives schools an indication of how they are doing. Under the new format, NCAA officials hope to improve both academic eligibility and retention of athletes.

Stronger penalties, including postseason bans for consistently poor academic performance, are expected to be enforced by the fall of 2008.
**LIFE IN THE BALANCE**

**DEATH PENALTY PERSPECTIVES**

**FEBRUARY 28**

**Monday**

7 PM  Keynote: Former Governor George H. Ryan of Illinois
The Death Penalty: A Search of Justice & Reconciliation?
The Death Penalty in Indiana: Panel Discussion
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, Notre Dame

**MARCH 1**

**Tuesday**

Noon  "From Rage to Reconciliation,"
Lunch with Bud Welch
Lounger, Coleman-Morse Center, Notre Dame

7:30 PM  "Oklahoma City Bombing: From Rage to Reconciliation"
Bud Welch, daughter killed in Oklahoma City bombing
Little Flower Catholic Church, South Bend

**MARCH 2**

**Wednesday**

Noon  National Debate on the Death Penalty

4:15 PM  National Debate on the Death Penalty
Discussion Panel: D. Peter M. Hooley, B. Parker, & Faculty
Hesburgh Center Auditorium, Notre Dame

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South Bend Civic Theatre's Firehouse
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Irish Athletics
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In a unanimous decision by the five judges, junior Mike McCann beat senior Kevin "The Last Name Means Laxative" Rycyna, 20-19, in an off-cam­

pus resident, put Rycyna, from Keenan, on the ropes early and used a hurricane hook that knocked the junior out in the first round. Rycyna went on to face senior

Galen Loughrey, who had a bye.

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Graduate student Charles Frenzy Hussell was forfeited.

Sophomore Greg O'Brien outlasted

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**ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

**Big East title lies within reach**

Irish need win, some help from conference foes

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**BENGAL BOUTS**

First punches thrown at this year’s Bengal Bouts

In 155-pound fight, Calderone defeats Townsend easily

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Ruthrauff’s early season success no surprise

Irish record-holder has proven her ability to produce on offense

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With just one regular season game remaining, Notre Dame needs some help from a fellow Big East team if it wants to win the regular season conference title. The Irish are currently in second place behind No. 9 Rutgers (22-5, 13-2 Big East). To claim a share of the title, Notre Dame needs to beat Seton Hall tonight, and have the Scarlet Knights lose to Villanova.

Regardless of how the Rutgers game turns out, if the Irish defeat Seton Hall (14-12, 6-9 Big East) tonight, Notre Dame will finish in the top two of the Big East for the ninth time in the 10 years Notre Dame has been a member of the conference.

No. 10 Notre Dame (24-4, 12-3 Big East) is red-hot coming making the big-bang Saturday afternoon blowout of West Virginia for Senior Day. The Irish have won 11 of their last 12 games coming into tonight’s matchup with the Pirates. During this stretch, Notre Dame has been led by senior Teresa Burton.

Burton, named last week’s Big East Player of the Week, had 18 points, nine rebounds and five blocks in her home finale Saturday on 8-for-9 shooting. Burton, who has not missed a game in her four years at Notre Dame, was honored Saturday along with fellow senior All-American Jacqueline Ryan-Batteast, who is a midseason candidate for the Naismith Trophy and Women’s Wooden award, is averaging 17.5 points, 6.5 rebounds and 2.9 assists per game.

"I can’t even put into words what Teresa and Jackie mean to me," junior point guard Megan Duffy said. "I don’t even want to think about what it’s going to be like next year without having my two sidekicks next to me. Their work ethic is something I’ve always looked up to.

Duffy has run the show this season for the Irish, and is averaging 11.7 points per game and 5.6 assists per game. On Saturday, she had a double-double against West Virginia with 12 points and 10 assists.

"I’m really pleased," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We don’t want to lose our edge."