Week to address sexual violence

Task force tries to raise male awareness of issue

By KAITLYNN RIELY

The members of a new task force, Men Against Violence (MAV), have decided the male population of Notre Dame cannot no longer turn a blind eye to criticism from women about rape and sexual assault — and to address this concern, they are leading an initiative to encourage men to take a proactive stance against sexual violence.

The MAV, a task force that originated within the Gender Relations and Sexual Violence Task Force, was formed in the wake of last December’s rape complaint that led to the resignation of the University’s Dean of Students, Patricia Koster, a decision made after the investigation of the incident continued for two more months.

"Many women are afraid to report sexual assault due to fear of not being believed, to fear of retaliation, or to fear of the university’s response," said Women Against Violence (WAV) Associate Director Melanie McDonald.

In an effort to address these fears, WAV has been working on implementing the MAV.

"I believe men are actually more afraid of their own reactions to this issue than they are of women," said WAV’s Executive Director, Kaitlyn Rielley.

"The men in WAV are just as afraid of being labeled a rapist or of what people will think of them as a result of this issue as the women are of what people will think about them," she said.

A WAV member, Garrett Mandeville, a fourth-year student majoring in Chemistry, is one of the men involved with the MAV.

"I think it’s important for men to get involved and take responsibility," Mandeville said.

"Male involvement is crucial to the success of this task force," said WAV’s Executive Director, Kaitlyn Rielley.

SMC tuition increase to grow for 2006-07

Students express dissatisfaction with rising tuition bill; College credits inflation, high costs

As costs and inflation continue to rise, tuition increases will once again lighten Saint Mary’s students’ pockets next year.

The March 21 announcement of a planned five percent increase in tuition and fees and three percent increase in room and board at the College has raised concern among students across campus.

The Board of Trustees considered the proposed increase at meetings on Feb. 23 and 24, and voted to approve a greater change in tuition than it originally planned. The average cost of attendance for a resident student will rise from $32,538 this year to $34,005 next year.

"A three-percent increase in the room and board rate is the amount used in the multi-year projections we utilize as part of our planning process," Vice President of Finance and Administration Laurie Stickelmaier said. "We had originally projected a four percent increase in tuition, but substantial increases in utilities and benefits costs last year moved the Board to approve an increase of five percent." Though some students are concerned about the increasing cost of attending Saint Mary’s, Stickelmaier said rising inflation rates and expenses incurred by the College have rendered the increase inevitable.

"Saint Mary’s, like colleges and universities across the country, raises tuition and fees in an effort to keep pace with inflation and stay operationally strong," Stickelmaier said.

SMC says NDSP will lead investigation

Alleged assault reported

By AMANDA MICHAELS

A Saint Mary’s student was allegedly sexually assaulted on Notre Dame’s campus late Friday evening or early Saturday morning, according to an e-mail sent to Saint Mary’s students Monday morning by Vice President of Student Affairs Linda Timm.

In the e-mail, Timm said the alleged victim had "just informed" College officials of the situation and "all campus services have been offered to (the alleged victim) for her support and Saint Mary’s will continue to provide assistance to her throughout her healing process.

The alleged victim went to the hospital for "appropriate medical attention," the e-mail said, though information on when that visit occurred was not made available to The Observer.

Saint Mary’s spokeswoman Melanie McDonald would not comment on the details of the situation, noting the investigation of the alleged incident is now in the hands of Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP).

"Saint Mary’s responsibility was to issue a warning e-mail to students about alleged assault that had been reported to us, and we did that," McDonald said. "Saint Mary’s also has the responsibility to offer all the support we can to the student who came to us, and right now we are doing all we can for her.”

NDSP associate director Phil Johnson said NDSP is currently investigating the report of an alleged sexual assault that occurred for Teaching and Learning.

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Potty Training 101

You can stop searching through your course schedule; this is not a class that is being offered next semester as an easy "C." Not yet at least. In case some of you failed to realize, I would like to point something out.

Unfortunately, we are not living in a five-star restaurant equipped with kind bathroom attendants who hand to you a towel and clean up after you once you are finished using the facilities. Most of us are in fact living in dorms. This can only mean one thing — public bathrooms. Which translates into no bathroom attendant, and no, sadly our mothers aren't here to cordon up after us either.

Enter "Potty Training 101." This is designed to give college students a crash course in bathroom etiquette. Now, some of these concepts may seem radical and possibly even crazy. But try to stay strong and keep an open mind, and hopefully we will all learn a little something.

Lesson One: Keeping Your Business Where Your Business Belongs. Now, you might think that since we are college students that by this stage of our lives we would fully understand the purpose of toilets and urinals. The evidence we leave behind however, could lead people to believe otherwise.

This lesson is a simple one, but you will be surprised later so if you feel it is necessary please take notes.

First, there is only one place to go number twos — this may seem like common sense, but believe me for some people this concept is still a mystery — and that place is in the toilet. That's right I said IN the toilet, not near the toilet on the floor, or on the toilet seat, but actually IN the toilet. (And after that you flush. But, let's not get ahead of ourselves here — flushing is a later lesson.)

Second, number one also belongs IN the toilet. Little dribbles on the seat will result in a lowering of your grade. These people are in the bathroom for a reason, crumples sum up (unless you're a folder, then by all means fold) and put it to good use. No one likes a wet seat.

Lesson Two: Those Aren't Redpins, They Do Actually Flush. There has been a continuous casual campus about this subject, so we are going to clear this situation up early. Yes, some of the older "generation" people don't have the power of a Flush-o-matic 2006, but that shiny silver handle-like object on the wall IS for a reason. It is not a decoration. It is in the pot. It's not just there to make the toilet look pretty. It should require more than one push, the little guys can get the job done and remove any unpleasant material that might be occupying the bowl.

Well, we're getting short on time here and I don't want to overwhelm anyone on the first day. Quick review of the key concepts and then class will be dismissed. Remember the key concepts here are "in the toilet" and "flush with the flow."

Practice makes perfect, people, so get out there and use your newfound knowledge.

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

In Brief

Harvard University professor Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "A Midwife's Tale," will be giving a lecture on why "Well-Behaved Women Seldom Make History." Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. as part of the Provost's Distinguished Women's Lecture Series.

Internationally acclaimed collage and montage artists Winston Smith will be Visiting Artist in the Saint Mary's Art Department Wednesday through Friday. He will be giving a public presentation of his work at 7 p.m. Wednesday in room 232 of the Moreau Center for the Arts.

O'Neill Hall will host the "O'Neill Spotlight" — a faceoff with McGlinn — Thursday at 9 p.m. The event will feature singers, comedians and dancers from O'Neill as well as karaoke and free food.

Saint Mary's seniors Emily Fannon, Sinnamon Wolfe, Amanda Caddy and Amber Painter will host a senior comprehensive art gallery opening Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 in the Moreau Art Center. The event is sponsored by Student Government as part of the Catholic Think Tank of America Lecture Series, Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students must present student ID at the door for admittance.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews@stmarys.edu.
**BOARD OF GOVERNANCE**

New officers take over

By LIZ HARTER
New Writer

Student government officers said goodbye to senior leaders and welcomed fresh faces at the Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) meeting Monday night at the second floor of the Student Center.

The transition meeting took place with all members of the old BOG board present so the new board could get a better understanding for how the meetings operate. student body president Kellye Mitros said.

"This is a little bit different than normal, but you guys get the idea," Mitros said.

Student body president-elect and current student body vice president Susan Mcilduff introduced the new board members who will officially take their position at next week's meeting.

Mcilduff and vice president-elect Maggie Siefert have appointed 16 of the 23 board members, seven of whom they introduced at the meeting. These board members will be presiding along with Siefert over the BOG meetings during the 2006-07 school year.

After introducing the new board members, current Residence Hall Association president Jacob Martinez was confirmed as co-director of the Dance Marathon is taking place April 21 from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

"It is 10 dollars per dancer, but you do get a free t-shirt," Wright said.

Dance sign-up packets are due by Friday afternoon, freshman class president Francesca Johnson said.

At the end of the meeting, Mitros became tearful as she addressed the board for the last time as president.

"I just wanted to say thank you to all of you ... from the bottom of my heart for making this such a wonderful experience for me," Mitros said.

In other BOG news...

* We already started our Facebook ads, and tickets are already being sold for the Saint Mary's Tostal," Student Activities Board (SAB) president Megan Cahill said.

The Tostal will take place Thursday, April 6 and will feature nationally touring music group Phantom Planet.

* SAB and Student Diversity Board (SDB) are hosting a dance April 28 from 8-10 p.m., Cahill said. Prooods will go to the new SDB scholarship.

* The F-word, a women's issues news letter, will be distributed the week of April 3, women's issues commissioner Katie Kelly said. The publication is accepting submissions of poetry and essay excerpts until April 3.

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**COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Group concentrates on transition

By KATHLEEN McDONNELL
New Writer

At the final Council of Representatives (COR) run by the current student government administration Monday night on the second floor of LaFortune, members discussed the year's operations and approved a number of key council members for next year's term.

The meeting focused on transition, as COR members evaluated this year's progress and planned for the student government turnover April 1.

Student body president Dave Baron thanked council members for their time and effort, and cited the difference COR has made this year in student government, particularly in the area of community relations.

He then opened the floor to suggestions as to how the Baron administration could have done a better job running student government.

Representatives praised the administration's progress and offered suggestions to improve relations with the entire student body in the face of increasing apathy.

Topics of discussion included ideas for improved campus programming, director of Judicial Council president-elect Liz Kozlow said she intends to improve the peer advocacy program and initiate a get-out-the-vote campaign.

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occurred in a Notre Dame resi­
dence hall early Saturday morn­
ing. But he could not confirm
whether this case was the same as
or related to the one reported by
the Saint Mary’s student.
When asked whether the cases
said the case was undergoing fur­
ther investigation.
On the March 25 NDSP crime
blotter, an entry was made at 6:10
p.m. regarding a “sex offense”
incident involving “deviate con­
duct” that occurred in Zahm Hall
between 2:30 a.m. and 9 a.m.
Saturday morning.
Johnson could not confirm
whether this was either the
alleged sexual assault case under
investigation or the alleged inci­
dent reported by the Saint Mary’s
student, but again said NDSP
received only one report of an
alleged sexual assault last week­
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The former “Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Students” is expanding and seeking new undergraduate student members, regardless of sexual orientation. The newly structured council, the
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is now accepting applications.

Applications are available in the Office of Student Affairs (316 Main Building)
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Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday,
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Tuesday, March 28, 2006

Awareness week to
address sexual assault

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

Notre Dame student govern­
ment has dubbed this week
Sexual Assault Awareness
Week, and has planned several
featured events to educate
University students about sexual
assault and other gender rela­
tions topics.
The Senate Gender Issues
Committee, chaired by Ali
Wishon, is responsible for plan­
ning the week.
This is the second year for the
event, which began when Senate
Gender Issues Committee
chairperson Lizzi Pangborn
was charged with starting an awareness week
challenging the campus to think
about issues of sexual assault.
The first flagship events marking this year’s week is “Dating, Relating and the Hook­
up Culture,” a performance in
which FRESater peer educa­
rors perform sketches and
involve audience members in a
presentation designed to address
campus relationships and
sexual assault issues.
The first event took place in
Pangborn Hall Monday night
and the second will take place
tonight at 9:15 p.m. in Farley
Hall.
The play “Sex Signals: The
Real Life, Funny, Sort-of Improv
Show about Dating and Other
Stuff” is an educational play
about issues of sexual assault
and date rape relating to the
college experience to be per­
formed Tuesday at 9 p.m. in the
Hesburgh Library’s Carey
Auditorium.
“Must Sex TV,” is a video
showing that will take place
Thursday, March 30 in various
residence halls.
The video uses childhood tele­
vision shows to “assess how we
may have been exposed to gen­
der stereotypes and sexual
assault in our favorite pro­
grams,” Shappell said.
Shappell said those interested
in watching the video should
talk to their hall president for
more information about show­
ings.
In addition to specific events,
Sexual Assault Awareness Week is related to the launch of the
newly created Men Against
Violence (MAY) group, a Gender
Relations Committee (GRC)
task force composed of men com­
ted to ending sexual violence
and domestic abuse.
“Student Government Sexual
Assault Awareness Week has
brought together the Student
Senate Gender Relations
Committee and the Gender
Relations Center (GRC), in addi­
tion to many generous sponsors,
to offer programs and aware­
ness campaigns,” Shappell said.
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A unity government involving Shiites, Sunnis was a mosque. Fresh violence erupted in the Tuesday, March 28, their more angry followers as sectarian violence used by Afghan convert evades death penalty for converting from Islam to United Afghan officials did not say whether Abdul Rahman had been released after the case against him was dismissed Sunday, but the U.N. statement came amid unconfirmed reports that he was being strip out proposed criminal penalties for sex education. Disguised mother abducts children as the children's father and mother. She was arrested in Roanoke Rapids on Friday, more than two years after she hide her identity or change her appearance. She was accused of poning as a man while on the run, and authorities say the heavyset woman with cropped hair and a slight mustache even had the kids calling her "Dad." Shellie White, 30, said it was all a misuderstanding, claiming in a jail interview with The Associated Press that she never tried to hide her identity or change her appearance. Moussaoui reveals failed 9/11 plans

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Al-Qaida co-conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui testified Monday that he and would-be shoe bomber Richard Reid were never used to hijack a fifth airplane on Sept. 11, 2001, and fly it into the White House. Moussaoui testified in his own behalf stunned the courtroom. His account was in stark contrast to his previous statements in which he said the White House attack was to come later in the United States and used to release an Egyptian sheik imprisoned on separate terrorism convictions. On Dec. 22, 2001, Reid was subdued by passengers when he attempt- ed to detonate a bomb in his shoe aboard American Airlines Flight 63 from Paris to Miami. The plane was diverted to Boston, where it landed safely. Moussaoui told the court he knew the World Trade Center attack was coming and he lied to investigators when arrested in August 2001 because he wanted it to happen. "You lied because you wanted to conceal that you were a member of al-Qaida?" prosecutor Rob Spencer asked. "That's correct," Moussaoui said. Spencer: "You lied so the plan could go forward?" Moussaoui: "That's correct."
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Center has put posters up around campus that show campus leaders committed to ending violence for Sexual Assault Awareness Week. Graduate student Alexa Chapeaux, founding member and co-adviser of MAV, sat outside South Dining Hall Sunday night to encourage men to sign the pledge against rape and other violence. The pledge campaign will continue at both dining halls through Tuesday night.

"Our main goal is to ... educate men and to redefine masculinity in a positive way," he said.

The idea to organize a task force featuring men talking to other men about sexual assault grew out of a conference at DePaul University attended by Heather Rakocy, director of the Gender Relations Center, student body president Dave Baron, student body vice president Lizzi Shappell in April.

Men are often uncomfortable talking about the issue face to face with women in the manner in which it is usually presented, Chapeaux said.

"The issues have always been approached from a woman's approach — women telling men what's right and what's wrong," he said.

Rakocy said the use of male leadership could be instrumental in decreasing the incidence of rape and sexual assault.

"Women have been doing this work ... since the women's movement in the '70s ... but when it comes down to it, men are the ones who hold the special power in this culture," she said. "In order for the violence to actually end, it requires men and women collaborating together."

Chapeaux said men need to take the initiative to prevent assault.

"Some of what society has accepted of them, has told them what it means to be a man, isn't truly what it means to be a man," he said.

Baron, who played an active role in founding MAV, said he hopes the group can facilitate future discussion about what it means to be a man at Notre Dame.

"It is readily apparent that there is a ... Notre Dame male identity," he said. "There are very good things about it but also very destructive things."

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Despite the logic behind the increase, online campus forums have been flooded with unsatisfied student reactions spurring debates about the reasons for and necessity of the decision.

"It can be understood, to a degree, why increases are made," sophomore Mary Catanesi said. "But it is faulty policy given the economic climate, for students to bear the brunt of increased administrative expenditures, some of which may be questionable in validity."

While students recognize the influence of economic changes on the cost of attending colleges, sophomore Erin Scott said the reality of student loans and the incurred debt many students will face after graduation has created a negative perception of rising costs.

"Scott doesn't understand why the tuition increase is so large each year."

"I am faced with the very real prospect of quite a bit of debt," Scott said. "The current issue of rising tuition costs does absolutely nothing to ease my worries."

Questions have also been raised about the effect the increase will have on enrollment and the diversity of students who will consider Saint Mary's as an option — something the College has struggled with in recent years.

Senior Stephanie Mason said tuition increases are nothing foreign to her, as they have occurred annually since her freshman year. She expressed concern, however, that the most recent change will be taking it too far.

"Before we know it, the (number) of students here will probably decrease because tuition plus room and board are going to hit the roof and be too expensive for most students to afford," Mason said.

Stickelmaier said she did not believe the increase would have a negative impact on enrollment.

"As a tuition-driven institution, the money will fund basic operating costs at the school," Stickelmaier said.

The Saint Mary's tuition increase also compares favorably to those at other colleges and universities across the nation, she said.

"Based on a recent analysis, the average tuition increase for selected private institutions last year was 6.2 to 6.4 percent. The Saint Mary's tuition increase is also significantly below the rate of increase at many public colleges across the country, which can reach the double digits. Next year's increase will be higher than the four-percent rise in tuition and three-percent rise in room and board students paid this year, but the change will still be below increases made at other institutions, she said.

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**In Brief**

**Biomet CEO resigns, stays consultant**

CHICAGO — Biomet Inc. said Monday that Daniel Miller — co-founder, president and chief executive of the orthopedic products-maker — has resigned and is retiring after nearly 30 years leading the company.

The Warsaw, Ind.-based company said its board named General Counsel and Senior Vice President Daniel Hans as interim CEO and president. Biomet will consider internal and external candidates to fill the top executive post, and has set a timeframe for making a decision.

"It's difficult to predict how long that process will take," Hans said.

Miller, 60, will remain a Biomet director and will serve as a consultant. He is one of Biomet's four founders and has been president, CEO and a director since the company's formation in 1977. Han, 55, has been with Biomet since 1989 as an officer and director.

**Metals soar amid silver trade rumors**

NEW YORK — Silver rose to a new 19-year high Monday, prompting a rise in other precious metals as buyers poured in amid anticipation of final approval for a silver exchange-traded fund.

The most active April platinum contract settled $16.90 higher at $1,068.00 an ounce. Earlier, the contract rose to a 5 1/2-week high of $1,072.

The developments come as Microsoft, Yahoo, Intel and Warner Inc.'s America Online, as part of efforts to compete for customer loyalty, are aggressively auctioning free e-mail, video and other services that require lots of storage space.

"Data centers like this are what contains the family jewels," analyst Brian Ueberroth said. "We're looking for low-cost real estate and stable sites in terms of weather and geographic activity. It means they've done some work and determined it's one of the least-expensive, safest places they can find.

Quincy, population 5,300, has long been an agricultural hub in Washington. Trains carry railcars loaded with apples, potatoes, onions and hay to points both east and west, and food processors and packing sheds compete for the area's advantages.

"The Quincy area is attractive to Microsoft for a number of reasons: space available, the land, the access to power, and the close proximity to our headquarters here, which is always good for us," Microsoft spokesman Lou Gellios said by telephone from Redmond.

And, as tech companies take work as far afield as India and China, the companies surmise an advantage to boasting of local expansion.

"Washington state is our home. It's where the bulk of our employees reside and work, and here's another example of Microsoft in our state. We're very excited about that, and the folks in Quincy are very excited, too," he said.

Microsoft hasn't released many details about the deal, which could be completed any day.

Documents filed with the city show plans for up to six buildings, totaling nearly 1.5 million square feet, to house racks of computers to store data. The plans include an electrical substation and a diesel-powered generator for backup power "because they can't afford to let it go down for a minute," said Tim Sneed, city administrator.

"My understanding is their objective is to increase their capacity for the Internet, search engines," Sneed said. "All I know is there's a lot of computers.

Still unknown is whether those computers will hold consumer information, miles of code or backups for data stored on servers elsewhere. Gellios declined to provide further details, saying company officials were still finishing plans for the site.

**Zurich American settles fraud suit**

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Thousands of companies and governments nationwide that bought insurance through a broker expecting the lowest rates will share in the proceeds from a $135 million settlement involving Zurich American Insurance Co.

The victims, which include small, mom-and-pop retailers, school districts, governments, and large corporations, will receive $88 million, said New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, who led the investigation and announced the settlement Monday.

Zurich American, a subsidiary of Zurich Financial Services, also agreed to pay penalties and costs of the investigation to the three states in the settlement: $39 million to New York, and $13 million each to Connecticut and Illinois.

Zurich, which admitted no wrongdoing in agreeing to the settlement, will also adopt reforms. Among them will be an end to "contingent commissions" in excess casualty insurance, the line of business that Spitzer said was involved in bid-rigging. Spitz will also stop paying contingent commissions on other products if 65 percent of the industry drops the fees that Spitzer said can cause conflicts of interest that hurt consumers.

Zurich will also disclose more about its transactions.

"With our significantly enhanced compliance structure, and our companywide commitment to ethical behavior and outstanding service, we have in place standards that promote the best interests of our customers, agents, brokers and Zurich," said Zurich Financial CEO James Schiro.

The settlement is part of Spitzer's investigation of Marsh & McLennan Companies Inc., the nation's largest property and casualty brokerage.

Marsh settled with Spitzer last year for $850 million over allegations of bid rigging and price fixing as well as hidden commissions.

Spitzer was one of the companies that Zurich and state Insurance Superintendent Howard Mills accused of participating in an insurance bid-rigging scheme that used phony bids to fool customers into choosing a predetermined company of which the scheme eventually provided all participants with steered contracts and prices not determined by a free market.

"Zurich's willingness to acknowledge problems, adopt reforms and provide appropriate compensation to customers will help the company move forward to help promote full and fair competition in the insurance industry," Spitzer said.

Spitzer said Zurich was among a few companies that would submit bogus high bids to help steer some customers to one company and could expect to have the same done for them.
Jimi Hendrix's stunning and unorthodox version of 'The Star Spangled Banner' is rife with truth and beauty concerning the nature of existence. It is particularly poignant for the times in which we live, and indeed offers much knowledge about stardust and power for any age. Hendrix's version, although more famous by his Aug. 18, 1969 Woodstock performance, was a concert staple as far back as the fall of 1968 and was played into the summer of 1970. The song was symbolic of the entire spirit of the age and generation. Jimi's 'Star Spangled Banner' is a maelstrom of sonic power that instantly grips the listener with shrilly-sustained notes, wailing feedback, and loud distortion. The terrible sounds of war are reproduced by Hendrix's guitar, and his genius. One can bear Jimi's Stratocaster belting out the simulated sounds of guns and bombs whistling through the air — indeed a skill Hendrix would later perfect in the song 'Machine Gun.' As I once heard 'The Star Spangled Banner' described, it seems to be a hulking behemoth that appears to be running on a stream of sonic power that instantly grips the listener with shrilly-sustained notes, loud distortion, and loud distortion. The song was a manifestation and expression of the spirit flowing through the air. It was spontaneous and real, as much as it contains an hollow interpretation of this spirit, whether Jimi intended it or not.

America changed so that the spirit embodied in the apocalyptic version was not borne out, and society stabilized. It would do America well to listen carefully to Jimi's version now, as America is heading down a similar path of discord and unrest. The state of affairs has not yet plunged Americans into the same level of discontent that was present in the late 1960s, but things are clearly progressing towards that end. American foreign policy has become increasingly aggressive and arrogant. The religious right is making an attack upon the secular nature of our government, which our Betes founders determined to be an essential part of the republic. Civil liberties are being eroded in the name of national security, Irie growing for many. Many others buy into our government's policy, which makes a culture clash more than imminent.

The essential problem that confronts us is power. America is the strongest nation in the world, and has thus far managed to keep up with its leaders. We understand that we can vent our strength more effectively than any of the other powers in order to achieve what we will. Sometimes this is for the betterment of mankind, and other times it is for our advantage. This arbitrariness has created resentment domestic and abroad. The government has decided to rule in such a manner as to increase the prosperity of America as an institution, and the nation is conceived of as an abstract concept, rather than a collection of unique individuals. It is their conception of this abstract idea and the desire for its pronouncement that has led to politicians' current flirt with foreign adventurism.

Power is the same problem for Jimi's 'Star Spangled Banner.' His guitar screams and wails is point of breaking. The lives of those explosion can no longer contain itself and the song becomes literally too strong to sustain its sharply violent trajectory. The song descends into some dissonance and chaos. As stated above this is the same problem that contemporary America is facing. The more the nation forcibly imposes itself upon the individual and upon the world at large, the more backlash it creates. America puts pressure upon the common bonds that link all people and nations together; this is a tension that cannot last. The solution can be found in the life and music of Jimi Hendrix. He was a man who based his life upon love. This quotation of his best explains his outlook on life: "When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace." That is the answer; individuals need to make a personal change so that they look upon the world as what it is and affirm the beauty and love found within it. This leads to an appreciation for the common bond all people share. Everything and everyone is beautiful, because they are all contained within the same existence. Jimi Hendrix understood the power of all-encompassing love. When more people can feel this, they will make political change, just as the 1960s generation did. Jimi Hendrix's life was tragically short and his death a hulking behemoth that appears to be running on a stream of sonic dissonance and chaos. Could the world not endure men like him, I sure hope it can.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
I wanted to follow up on Gary Carnes’s March 24 article, “Examining the decline of President Bush.”

I am the Notre Dame ’96 alum who was refer­
dence in the article as having filed a lawsuit in fed­
eral court against the U.S. Army because they would not honor my contract. I signed a ROTC con­tract at Notre Dame in August of 1992 while I was 18 years old. In return for a partial scholarship, I was to serve five years in the Army or Army Reserve.

I did not like the time I spent in the Army Reserve, but quickly realized that it wasn’t going to be a career for me. After my eight-year service obliga­tion, I resigned my commission. My resignation request was denied, I have resigned five times in the last two years and am approaching 16 years of service on an eight-year contract. I am now 32 years old and the contract that I signed as an 18-year-old at Notre Dame still affects my daily life. I have been told by Army reserve personnel that I can be retained until I am 50! A month after I filed a federal lawsuit, I was transferred to a reserve unit in North Carolina (I am not in a position for the sole purpose of involuntary mobilization to Iraq). I am to be mobi­lized on April 28 if my motion for a preliminary injunction fails in federal court.

I am confident that I will prevail in my federal suit, as four other officers who previously filed law­suit, as four other officers who previously filed law­suits were successful. After the cases were filed and motions were made, the officers were granted their Honourable Discharges before going to trial. Unfortunately, these cases cannot have a positive effect on recruiting. I don’t know of many 18­year-olds who want to make what they think is an eight-year decision but is slanted so that it directs the rest of their lives. I just hope that my suit results in a final Honorable Discharge.

On Sept. 6, 2005, my second resi­gnation was denied, I contacted both Father Edward Malloy and Father John Jenkins asking them for help in dealing with the Army, as the eight-year contract being signed on Notre Dame’s campus didn’t apply to my eight-year contracts according to the Army or the Department of Defense. Since Notre Dame provides the Department of Defense with hundreds of new officers annually (and since the Secretary of the Army is also an ND alumn), I thought that Notre Dame would try to protect its stu­dents and alumni against these deceitful practices that I described to the then-President and President-elect.

I received no response from then-President Malloy. I called his office and faxed a copy of my letter to him since he wasn’t receiving e­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­…
Are you a music snob?

By MARK BEMENDERER
Assistant Scene Editor

The Don Savoie band. While the name may not ring a bell with the average Notre Dame student, its musical talent and prowess is considered by many to be one of the best in South Bend. I know this because I am one of the few students of Notre Dame who have been able to experience the genius of this band, with the exception of those who have been able to experience it directly through the band’s performances at various South Bend events.

Savoie is the leader of the Don Savoie band. His band has been a mainstay of the South Bend music scene for many years and has released several successful albums. He is considered one of the best guitarists in the region, and his band is known for its high-energy performances and engaging stage presence.

The band's latest album, "The In-Between," was released last year and features a mix of alternative rock, indie, and folk influences. The album has received critical acclaim and has been praised for its catchy melodies and well-crafted songs.

Despite the band's success and its dedicated following, Savoie remains humble and approachable. He is known for his down-to-earth personality and his passion for music. He has been quoted as saying, "I don't think of myself as a celebrity. I just love playing music and I'm lucky enough to get paid for it."

Overall, the Don Savoie band is a must-see for music fans looking for an authentic indie rock experience. If you're in the area, be sure to catch one of their concerts and experience the magic of this incredible band for yourself.
Mega Man faces off against one of the minions of the robot masters. This PSP remake of the Nintendo classic offers near-limitless replay value.

"Powered Up" has near limitless replay value.

One of the better unlockables is the robot masters themselves. If the player plays through the updated version of the game, they can play as the masters after they defeat them. Each of the masters has their own storyline, and unique gameplay that adds to the replay value of the game.

There are also hidden unlockable and downloadable characters, boosting the current character total into the double digits.

This adds a great deal of depth to the game, ensuring a lengthy shelf life in most gamers libraries.

"Mega Man Powered Up" is everything it claims to be. For Mega Man fans, it proves to be an excellent remake of the original classic. New people should also check it out, as a remake of the original is a great starting point for any gamer.

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Mature ‘Date’ fails to deliver

Grant, played by Adam Campbell, will do, or say anything to win the heart of Julia Jones, played by Alysson Hannigan, in the abysmal “Date Movie.”

By CASSIE BELEK

“Date Movie” miserably and awkwardly cr вы through 83 minutes to become the worst and least funny movie of the year.

Co-writer Aaron Seltzer makes his directorial debut, and with any luck, he won’t get behind the camera. The tagline for the movie explains, “From Two of the Six Writers of ‘Scary Movie!’ Clearly the other four writers are desperately needed to craft a funny script. And the absence of the Wayans brothers (Damon and Marlon) makes ‘Scary Movie’ appear like a Picasso painting and ‘Date Movie’ look like the scribbling of a three-year-old.

The plot combines elements from various romantic comedies — so many romantic comedies — in fact, that the audience misses many occurrences. The ending is no surprise given the movie’s title. But just because it is predictable doesn’t excuse the movie from offering us at least one surprise — at least one gag that makes us laugh at loud.

Instead, the funny moments can be counted on one hand. Gags are taken too far and it depends so much on recycled lines from its spoofed movies that it leaves little room for original jokes or witty dialogue. The most painful gag comes when Julia and Grant go to couples therapy (Mr. and Mrs. Smith) slowing down any momentum the movie had.

Equally painful to watch was the ‘My Best Friend’s Wedding’-like song at dinner. Instead of singing a classic, the characters sang an original song — or unoriginal considering the lack of humor — and had the sound quality of a high school film project.

Everything in the movie reeked of poor quality, from the script to the cutting to the sound editing. A film production student could have better crafted this movie. The movie also underplayed the resources it had, especially Fred Willard and Jennifer Coolidge who portrayed Grant’s parents — Bernie and Roz. Both were very funny and could have been better utilized over the course of the film.

Hannigan’s performance was nothing special and the actress should not have taken this role. She proved her comedic talent in the “American Pie” movies and currently in CBS’s “How I Met Your Mother.” She should be beyond appearing in grossly sub-par movies whose star cameo is Carmen Electra in a leopard print bikini.

Bottom line? This movie should have never been made. It is not “Scary Movie.” It’s not even “Dude, Where’s My Car?” For a parody to succeed it must be funny and it must not undermine its audience’s intelligence. Viewers don’t go in to “Date Movie” expecting cinematic excellence, but they also don’t go in expecting the 12-year-olds in the front row will be the only ones laughing by the end. And chances are, those 12-year-olds haven’t even seen half the movies referenced.

The concept of this movie had tremendous potential, but two untalented writers — one of whom is an even less talented director — killed any chance the project had.

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Heat out victory as Haslem ejected for altercation

Nets hold Suns to their lowest point total of the season

Indianapolis, Fla. — Miami's forward Chris Bosh scored 22 points and 11 rebounds as the Heat beat the Phoenix Suns 110-92, snapping a two-game losing streak and improving to 6-4 in the Western Conference playoff berth.

The Suns shot a franchise-worst 26.8 percent (24-91) from the field, including a season-low 14.2 percent (9-63) from 3-point range.

Miami had 20 points and five assists, and the Jazz ended a two-game losing streak by beating the New Orleans Hornets Monday night.

All five Utah starters scored 10 or more points, with Williams scoring 13 for the Jazz.

Booze led the Hornets lost for 12th time in 13 games and fell to 3-11 in the Western Conference.

The Jazz played the Jazz for the second time this season.

In the first half, the Heat was unflappable and the Jazz struggled, holding the Suns' leading scorer, Chris Paul, to 0-5 from the floor.

In the second half, the Heat pulled away with a 20-11 run in the third quarter and never looked back.

Miami outscored the Jazz 72-54 in the second half.

The three-game series between the teams is a must-win for both teams as they head into the final stretch of the season.

The Heat completed the sweep with a 110-85 victory in Miami on Tuesday night.

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**NBA Standings**

**Eastern Conference**, Atlantic Division

- New York: 40-26 (.586, 13)
- Philadelphia: 32-37 (.471, 8.5)
- Boston: 29-42

**Eastern Conference**, Southeast Division

- Atlanta: 21-47
- Orlando: 19-52 (.268)
- Washington: 35-33 (.515)

**Western Conference**, Central Division

- Miami: 46-23 (.677)
- Washington: 35-33 (.515)
- Cleveland: 37-39 (.493)

**Western Conference**, Southwest Division

- Phoenix: 41-29 (.471, 21)
- Dallas: 41-29 (.414, 7)
- San Antonio: 32-36 (.471, 20)

**Eastern Conference, Southeast Division**

- Memphis: 41-29 (.586, 13)
- Indiana: 35-33 (.515)
- Milwaukee: 35-35

**Eastern Conference, Southwest Division**

- Chicago: 31-39 (.443, 24.5)
- Phoenix: 29-41 (.414)
- Minneapolis: 29-41 (.171)

**Western Conference, Pacific Division**

- Los Angeles Clippers: 41-28 (.594)
- Sacramento: 35-39 (.500)
- Golden State: 30-38 (.414)

**Western Conference, Southwest Division**

- San Antonio: 54-16 (.771)
- Dallas: 54-16 (.771)
- Memphis: 41-29 (.586)
- New Orleans: 32-36 (.471)
- Houston: 30-40 (.429)

**Golfstat NCAA Women's Golf Top 20**

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**NCAA Basketball**

Gonzaga forward Adam Morrison answers questions at a press conference before playing UCLA in the Sweet 16. Morrison, along with Duke guard J.J. Redick, was named a first team All-American Monday.

**In Brief**

- Roddick ready for Greul
  - NEW ORLEANS, La. — Andy Roddick heads into the fourth round of the Nasdaq-100 Open with only sketchy knowledge about his next opponent. "I know what he looks like," Roddick said.
  -Qualifier Simon Greul of Germany is a 24-year-old German ranked 130th. He came to Key Biscayne with a career record of 1-5 on the ATP Tour. Unseeded playing on the court Monday, he won a total of four points in the first set against Tim Henman.

- Roddick: I'm going to ask around and try to get more of an in-depth scouting report," Roddick said.

- Man convicted of assault for punching Ron Artest
  - RICHMOND HILLS, Mich. — The man accused of sparking the brawl between players and fans at the Palace of Auburn Hills in 2004 was convicted of assault Monday for punching Ron Artest.
  - John Green was acquitted, however, of throwing a cup at Artest — who was playing for the Pistons at the time — before the forward charged into the stands and began fighting with Detroit Pistons fans.

**Around the Dial**

**NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament**

**Regional Finals, 7 p.m., ESPN**

**NIT Men's Basketball Tournament**

**Old Dominion vs. Michigan, 7 p.m., ESPN2**

**South Carolina vs. Louisville, 9 p.m., ESPN2**

**Associated Press**

J.J. Redick of Duke and Adam Morrison of Gonzaga spent all season locked in a bicostal scoring race. Fittingly, they ended it as the only unanimous selections for The Associated Press' All-America men's basketball team. Redick, the most prolific 3-point scorer in college history, was a repeat choice. He and Morrison were joined on the first team Monday by Redick's teammate Sheldon Williams, Randy Foye of Villanova and Brandon Roy, Washington's first All-America in 53 years. Indiana's Marco Killingsworth and Chris Quinn from Notre Dame, both seniors, were honorable mentions.

Redick and Morrison gave fans a "Can you top this?" scoring competition that ended with both receiving all seven first-team votes from members of the national media panel that selects the weekly Top 25. The voting took place before the NCAA tournament.

Morrison, the only junior on an otherwise all-senior first team, won the scoring title with a 28.4 average, just ahead of Redick's 27.4. Morrison shot 43.7 percent from 3-point range, while Redick hit 42.1 percent from beyond the arc.

"It is a testament to the type of season each of us has had," Redick said. "Adam is certainly a great player and it is an honor to be unanimous pick along with him." Morrison said being an All-America isn't "something you think about receiving when you start your collegiate career, but to be associated with some of the great names of college basketball is an honor. I guess to be an unanimous pick with J.J. seems only fitting since the two of us have been followed so closely this year. He's a great player." Morrison is Gonzaga's second All-America, joining Dan Dickau in 2002.

This is the second time in three years there were two unanimous selections. In 2004, Jameer Nelson of Saint Joseph's and Emeoka Okaz solo of Connecticut were unanimous.

Redick is the first repeat first-teamer since Jason Williams, another Duke guard, in 2001 and 2002. Redick and Williams, a senior center who averaged 18.4 points and 10.3 rebounds while shooting 58 percent from the field, are the ninth set of teammates to be selected to the first team and the first since Jason Williams and Shane Battier of Duke in 2001.

**NFL announces portion of its 2006 Schedule**

**ORLANDO, Fla. — A Thursday night season opener featuring Miami at Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh, and a Thanksgiving night game at Kansas City highlight a portion of the NFL scheduled announced Monday.**

The league's new tradition of opening on a Thursday night moves to NBC, which has taken over one of the prime-time television packages. The Dolphins, who finished 9-7 last season, will play at the Steelers on Sept. 7 at 8:30 p.m. EST.

NBC's first Sunday night matchup will be a brotherlyquarterback feud between the Manning's as Peyton brings his Indianapolis Colts to the Meadowlands to play Eli and the Giants at 8:15 p.m. EST.

The main national TV doubleheader game for the full-opening day Sept. 10 has Dallas at Jacksonville at 4:15 p.m. EST.
Men's and women's Ultimate host, win tournament crowns

Special to The Observer

The No. 21 Notre Dame men's volleyball club took to the courts for the first time since breaking into the top-25 national rankings for the first time in three years. The Irish opened play at Marquette against Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and won decisively 25-15, 25-16. The Irish dropped their second match to No. 2 seed Lakeland with a score of 25-23, 25-18. In the final opening bracket play, the Irish were victorious over Illinois-Chicago, 25-28, 25-24, behind aggressive serving and solid defense.

In their fourth match, the Irish avenged an earlier defeat this season to Northern Illinois, riding the serves of Mike Toomey to a 25-17, 28-30, 15-13 win. The Irish then fell in the semifinals for the first time in three years. The Irish were victorious over Illinois-Chicago, 25-28, 25-24, behind aggressive serving and solid defense.

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Belles finish 11th at Northern Kentucky

By BECKI DORNER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s turned in an overall score of 674 and finished 11th out of 17 teams last weekend at the Northern Kentucky Spring Invitational. The Belles turned in a solid team performance on the 5,983 yard, par-72 course, despite dealing with cold weather and snow during their rounds on Saturday.

Saint Mary’s senior Megan Mattia led the Belles with a two-day 161 (71-over par). She shot an 82 on the first day and a 79 on the second day — good enough for 30th place in a field of 91 golfers.

“We played well this weekend,” Mattia said. “We beat a couple division two teams and a division one team, which is always fun.”

Saint Mary’s displayed its depth with contributions from sophomore Katie O’Brien and freshman Alex Sei. In addition to strong performances by three seniors that allowed them to finish higher than several division one teams, including Dayton.

Drury’s Tonya Choate was the medalist of the weekend. She was the only player in the field who finished under par (143, one-under par). Bolstered by Choate’s score, Drury finished with a first-place 626, 40-over par. Second place Garcia State trailed Drury by four strokes.

The other Belles’ tallies this weekend were O’Brien’s 169 (49th place), Nicole Bellino’s 171 (56th place), Kirsten Fantom’s 175 (63rd place) and Sei’s 177 (66th place).

O’Brien said the team has been putting in a lot of hard work that is starting to pay dividends. “I am very proud of the team and look forward to what our future as a team holds,” O’Brien said.

The Belles have a chance to improve their season when they travel to Capital University in Lockbourne, Ohio for a two-day tournament Friday and Saturday.

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MLB

Bonds hoping to ‘stay sane’ as season begins

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Seven home runs shy of passing Babe Ruth, this should be a time of unbridled joy and excitement for Barry Bonds.

Not so, he says.

“My life is in shambles. It is crazy,” Bonds said Monday — an interview with The Associated Press. “It couldn’t get any crazier. I’m just trying to stay sane.”

Then, clearly joking, he went for what value:

“Go to the Empire State Building and jump off, commit suicide and people can say, ‘Barry Bonds is finally dead.’ Except for San Francisco,” he said. “I’ll leave something for them.”

Despite those pronouncements, the 41-year-old Bonds has been upbeat and approachable — by his standards — this spring despite the recent release of “Game of Shadows,” the book detailing his alleged long-term regimen for taking performance-enhancing drugs.

He appears unfazed at the plate. He’s 10-for-16 with four homers in exhibition play despite being held out of San Francisco’s lineup for the third straight day because of a tender left elbow.

Bonds starts the season next Monday at San Diego with 708 homers, close to Ruth and 48 from breaking Hank Aaron’s mark of 755.

Asked how he blocks out distractions, he says:

“What’s my job description? That’s what I’m doing at that time,” Bonds said. “No, I don’t forget (what is said). I will never forget. I forgive you but I don’t forget. I forgive everybody.”

Bonds teased about starting the season on the disabled list, — saying “it could happen” — then changed his stance completely and said he “will” play in one of the Giants’ exhibition games back in the Bay Area later this week.

Bonds certainly looks healthy and vibrant, though still a little lighter than usual.

He spent the morning surfing a smoothie while sitting in his corner locker and wrestling with his personal videographer in the clubhouse. He stopped by the cart table to socialize with teammates, too. Later, he had a lengthy sidetown with players’ union head Donald Fehr.

Bonds is scheduled to return to California on Tuesday — one day before the Giants officially break camp in Arizona — and work out Wednesday in San Francisco.

Bonds played in only 14 games last season, all in September, following three operations on his troublesome right knee. An exam over the weekend on his elbow revealed inflammation.

“It’s fine,” Bonds said. “The knee is good. I’ve just got to get my strength back. My legs are fine. I just took a couple weeks off from training.”

Bonds joked that he is ready for the season to start because then “it’s closer to being over.”

He is in the final year of a $90 million, five-year contract and will be eligible for free agency after the World Series.

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ranks Notre Dame 15th in the Central region.
Before the season began, Irish head coach Debby King said a
number of her team's long-term goals were to secure a spot in the
NCAA tournament. King said the goal is still very much within
reach but the Irish have not played as well as the coach would have liked.
With poor performances in the Central District Classic February 19-21 and the 'Mo'
Morial Tournament March 10-12, Notre Dame almost killed its
chances for a post-season NCAA
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on the quarterback just to perform at a high level," Sharpley said. "To add another sport on that — and the academics — is a high task.

After "shadowing" starter Brady Quinn for most of last season in practices, Sharpley said this is his time to make a statement in the competition with sophomore quarterback David Weis for the second-string position.

"Right now, it's my opportunity," Sharpley said. "I think it is a crossroad, as I make or break whether I'm going to be." He said he wants to make the most of spring practices before highly touted incoming freshmen quarterbacks Zach Frazer and Demetrius Jones arrive at Notre Dame this fall.

Before committing to football full-time for the spring, Sharpley played in five games — with one start — for the baseball team, going 1-for-4 with four strikeouts and three walks in seven innings. "David has pitched very well," Mainieri said. "We just thought we wanted to give him a chance to start a game and not come out of the bullpen."

Mainieri said Gruener will not pitch deep into the game and will most likely be limited to three innings. He will be replaced by a platoon of relievers to spread experience around the Irish bullpen.

The Notre Dame bats are coming off a strong week, during which Notre Dame scored 32 total runs in three games against Georgetown and one against Central Michigan. The bottom of the order has been a run factory for the Irish this season, with the eight and nine holes producing 35 out of the team's 113 RBIs (31 percent).

Seniors Greg Lopez and Cody Rizzo — who currently bat in the eighth and ninth spots — lead the team in RBIs with 19 and 18, respectively. But despite the recent fireworks of runs, Mainieri would like his team to score on a more consistent basis.

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Weis said Notre Dame's other current baseball-football athlete, rising senior receiver Jeff Samardzija, will stick with baseball while attending six of Notre Dame's 15 spring practices.

"Jeff's already established himself on the football field as well as the baseball field, so that's why he gets all the time on the baseball field right now," Sharpley said. "I haven't established myself at either spot, but I'm here to play football right now."

Sharpley said leaving the baseball team just a dozen games into his first season was difficult. "I definitely would like to play (football)," Sharpley said. "It was fun to get to go on a couple of the trips with the team. I'm still going to be around those guys and support them at some of the games, especially the home ones."

Sharpley said once spring football ends he will rejoin the baseball team full-time.
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Feeling neighborly

By KYLE CASSILY

The Irish look to beat in-state rival Valparaiso as the Crusaders battle a seven-game slump

An Irish batter swings against Central Michigan during Notre Dame’s 11-9 win over the Chippewas March 22. The Irish face Valparaiso in a 5:05 p.m. game today at Frank Eck Stadium.

Belles batters look to ring up Robert Morris

By DEIRDRE KRASULA

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Hubschmann no longer sidelined

By GREG ARBOGAST

Scoring three goals is just another day at the office for Notre Dame senior attack Brian Hubschmann. Hubschmann’s three goals last Saturday against Hofstra brough his season total to 13 — giving him at least five more goals than any other Irish player. The Hofstra game was the fifth contest in a row he led the Irish in scoring.

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