ND: Report, article wrongfully named ND players

By BRIDGET O'CONNOR
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame issued a statement Tuesday contesting the accuracy of a Fox-28 news report Monday — and a subsequent Observer article citing that report — which named four Notre Dame football players in connection with an ongoing NCAA investigation.

The investigation surrounds an outing to a Chicago Bulls game and gifts made to current and former players by South Bend resident Kimberly Ann Dunbar. Five current players have been reinstated following a declaration of their ineligibility to the NCAA, and the Fox report — later cited by The Observer — released the names of six players as being those involved.

"The story as reported by Fox News and repeated in The Observer was inaccurate, students were named who were in no way involved in this ruling," said Dennis Moore, director of Public Relations and Information at Notre Dame.

Moore declined to specify which of those students may or may not be linked to the incident and denounced the network's decision to broadcast the names without University verification or comment.

The University took exception to the decision by The Observer to print the names of the four players and cite the Fox report — which named four Notre Dame players without University verification or comment.

Moore disagreed with Fox-28's decision to air the names of the four players and cite the Fox report.

Students flock to buy new meal plan

By TIM LOGAN
Assistant News Editor

Since it became available, almost 2,900 on-campus students have signed up for the Flex 14 meal plan, a new dining option which allows students up to 14 meals per week in the dining halls and $200 in credit each semester at campus food outlets.

The plan is part of a larger initiative to make the student identification card into a key card which students can use to pay for dining, shopping and potentially even laundry on campus. Flex 14 is being initiated this semester after the necessary electronic infrastructure was installed over the summer.

With Flex 14, students can purchase meals at many campus food outlets, including all those located in LaFortune Student Center and Reckers, the new 24-hour cafe in South Dining Hall. Participants will be able to purchase food with their ID card whenever these outlets are open.

"I think this program makes things more convenient and efficient for students eating at the dining halls as a result of the Flex 14 plan. As a result, Food Services will actually spend more money to implement the program than they did last year under the 21 meal plan.

While there are no hard figures available detailing the amount allocated per on-campus student to Food Services, off-campus students can pay $1,335 for either the Flex 14 or the 21 meal plan.

Students have until fall break to sign up for the Flex 14 plan, but those who join after Friday will have their food credit points prorated.

This development is one in a series of changes which will make the student identification card a "key card" granting access to many Notre Dame facilities and serving as a form of payment at food outlets and retail locations across campus.

The card already allows access to OIT computer clusters, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center, the LaFortune basement at the access office.

WHERE? • Sign up in the SDH basement at the access office.

WHAT IS IT? • The plan allows students 14 meals per day in either dining hall and $200 in points for use at outlets in LaFortune and Reckers.
Welcome to Camp ND

The hot wind tickles your hair as you lug your boxes and sweep under the ruthless sun. You hear boyish voices as you walk to the lake:

Those of The Observer.

Teary parents reluctantly depart from reunions and watch Colleen Gaughen and the boys cabins are on the other. We keep you updated on what's going on around the camp. Most of the rules inflict upon campers are reasonable, but past campers have found creative ways to dance around them. There are annual contingencies, complete with cliques, where you can mingle with campers from another side of the lake and discuss the camp activities of the day. These social functions are key to community life as laid down by the community. The rituals, mysteries, principles, and historical continuity you will meet people and the boys. The rituals, mysteries, principles, and historical continuity you will meet people and the boys. The rituals, mysteries, principles, and historical continuity you will meet people and the boys.

North Carolina State University

Cops punish at least 430 at large party

The totals from the Brent Road party have been rolling in since Sunday morning, with citations abounding and a few arrests as well. Raleigh Police Department Lt. Everett gave a total number of 449 charges, with 13 of those contested by the party. The number of annual cotillions, complete with no arrests as well. Raleigh Police Department Lt. Everett gave an initial estimate of 424 citations issued at the Brent Road party but said his numbers are not complete. Ellis said it was too early to give a definite number, as all information from the numerous checkpoints set up by Raleigh police and N.C. State Public Safety had not yet come in. Citations were issued mostly for underage drinking, Ellis said. There were about 200 Raleigh police officers and NC State Public Safety officers on Brent Road Saturday night, Ellis estimated.

University of South Alabama

Student indicted in 1996 shooting

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"I want to pledge to you this afternoon the notion that I personally will live by this code," Jenkins said.

Jenkins said that he expects the same from the fraternities.

"Confront those who violate the code, logical, or sexual abuse or hazing of any kind, he said.

Jenkins already spoke to active sorority members, sorority rushers and fraternity rushers this fall. Speaking to active fraternity members was the most important discussion Jenkins will have during the semester, he said.

"I have been very supportive of the Greek system through thick and thin," he said.

Jenkins was centrally involved with the fraternities, sorority members, sorority rushees, and the misuse of alcohol and respect the property of others, he said.

"I will work with you, I will assist you. You in turn must assist and support the University," Jenkins said.

Fraternity members have many opportunities at the University, such as developing leadership skills and life-long friendships, participating in service projects and giving to charitable causes, he said.

Outside the Dome

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Summer brings SMC campus improvements

By M. SHANNON RYAN
Save Mary's Editor

Freshmen and transfer students may not know it, but driving up Main Avenue or walking in Le Mans Hall will be quite a different experience this fall. Completion of a five-year, afternoon renovation project and four-week-long repaving of the tree-lined path were just two of the improvements made to the campus during summer break.

"It was a busy summer," said John Marshall, superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. Following the smooth, blacktopped road onto campus leads to more changes, including the newly repaved Le Mans parking lot. The lot has been equipped with gates and a detex system.

Twelve two-parking spaces have been eliminated from the lot to make room for the gates and stone islands, leaving the total number of spaces at 230. While the final utilizations plans are not complete, the new system is designed to ensure public parking space during special events on campus, according to security director Richard Chlebek.

During such events, the gates on the parking lot’s northern entrance will be lowered after 5 p.m., and gates for parking will be raised one hour prior to the event. Once the event begins and its patrons are parked, other motorists will be admitted for parking.

"It’s not going to be too much different other than appearance," Chlebek said.

The Kenyan and Tanzanian embassies were probably burned because of inadequate security, Johnson said. "The emabssies are in close proximity to parts of the world that are angry toward the United States," Johnson said, adding that this is also a part of the world where materials for the construction of explosives can easily be obtained.

The simultaneous explosions in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam collectively killed hundreds and injured at least 5,000. As facts emerged from the blast sites, the U.S. linked the attacks to Saudi millionaire Osama bin Laden, who reportedly funded camps designed to train anti-American terrorists.

On the morning of Aug 20, U.S. President Bill Clinton ordered the U.S. armed forces to strike at centers of terrorist operations in Sudan and Afghanistan. While many Americans applauded the strikes, those in targeted nations, especially those not involved with terrorist groups, condemned the action.

"Within Sudan and Afghanistan, the U.S. made some new enemies," Johnson said. "Some of those who may have felt reservation about or opposition to Bin Laden may have felt that he was more like a hero, because they felt angry about a big country sending weapons into a smaller country. Afghanistan and Sudan are defenseless militarily against the U.S."

While the missile strikes may have temporarily disabled the production of chemical weapons and disrupted terrorist plans, Johnson predicts it will give rise to increased terrorism. "In the long run, U.S. air strikes are likely to increase the conditions that gave rise to terrorism," Johnson said. "I don't think it reduces the likelihood of new terrorists being recruited. In fact, some people were happier to engage in violence against the U.S. after the bombings."

Money found by Joyce Center

Special To The Observer

Notre Dame security and police found money outside of Gate One of the Joyce Center on Monday.

Security suspects it could have been lost by a student on the way to register, said Chuck Hurley, assistant director of security. Anyone who lost money in the vicinity should call Notre Dame security at 631-8338. Once they identify the amount of money and denomination, security will return the money to the owner.

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Alieu Kamara was also among those names, and we reported what we knew," he stated. Huppert concluded his statement by adding that, "Like everyone in South Bend and at Notre Dame, we want the truth, and in a perfect world, we'd much rather talk about football.

Quarterback Jarius Jackson and running back Austin Denson denied their involvement in the matter. The other two players named by Huppert could not be reached Monday or Tuesday for comment.

"I have nothing to do with it — period, point blank," said Jackson. "I haven't had anything to do with it from the beginning, I never had anything to do with it."

Upset that his name was inaccurately linked with the situation, Jackson added, "This just makes me look bad."

"I don't even know her. I have nothing to do with it," Jackson called it unfair to assume that, just because someone is on the football team, they either were involved or know who was.

"I'm not speaking for anyone else because I don't know," he said.

The convictions are the first under Kabbah's restored government, which has pursued treason cases against at least 40 other civilians. Another 38 soldiers face court martial. The country's foremost warlords, former rebel leader Foday Sankoh, also faces charges.

"Junta and allied rebel forces continue to kill, rape and maim villagers as part of their campaign against the government and have threatened mass killings in retaliation against the jailing of Sankoh and other rebels.

The Observer is always looking for good writers.
Wenzhi, vice minister of water resources, said the crest was expected to reach the city enter the middle Yangtze today. Zhou left millions homeless — Was expected to — the seventh so far in a summer of flood-some places have been inundated for 60 plunge through the Three Gorges Dam and water levels stood at his to ric highs and flood control headquarters described the threat of a summer of devastating floods. China's coasting to overwhelm dikes weakened city of Lubum bashi while his capital was move east to the heart of rebel-held terro- waving crowds. Kabila had been away for areas. Kabila's motorcade — a caravan of commandos — zipped through black limousines flanked by pickup trucks by a summer of devastating floods. China's Kinshasa's rutted streets past cheering and people filled with commandos — zipped through Kinshasa's rutted streets past cheering and people filled with commandos — zipped through Kinshasa's rutted streets past cheering and people filled with commandos — zipped through Kinshasa's rutted streets past cheering and people filled with commandos — zipped through Kinshasa's rutted streets past cheering and people filled with commandos — zipped through Kinshasa's rutted streets past cheering and people filled with commandos — zipped through Kinshasa's rutted streets past cheering and people filled with commandos — zipped through Kinshasa's rutted streets past cheering and people filled with commandos — zipped through Kinshasa's rutted streets past cheering and people filled with commandos — zipped through Kinshasa's rutted streets past cheering and people filled with commandos — zipped through Kinshasa's rutted streets past cheering and people filled with commandos — zipped through Kinshasa's rutted streets past cheering and people filled with commandos — zipped through Kinshasa's rutted streets past cheering and people filled with commandos — zipped through Kinshasa's rutted streets past cheering and people filled with commandos — zipped through Kinshasa's rutted streets past cheering and people filled with commandos — zipped through Kinshasa's rutted streets past cheering and people filled with commandos — zipped through Kinshasa's rutted streets past cheering and people filled with commandos — zipped through Kinshasa's rutted streets past cheering and people filled with commandos — zipped through Kinshasa's rutted streets past cheering and people filled with commandos — zipped through Kinshasa's rutted streets past cheering and people filled with commandos — zipped through Kinshasa's rutted streets past cheering and people filled with commandos — zipped through Kinshasa's rutted streets past cheering and people filled with commandos — zipped through Kinshasa's rutted streets past cheering and people filled with commandos — zipped through Kinshasa's rutted streets past cheering and people filled with commandos — zipped through Kinshasa's rutted streets past cheering and people filled with commandos — zipped through Kinshasa's rutted streets past cheers. People are in panic, in panic and fear. There are the walls of women and children," resident Samir Suhlan told Israeli radio. The barrage fell only hours after an Israeli helicopter gun­ ship fired a rocket of its own, killing guerrilla­ rama commander Hossam al-Amis, reportedly the second-in-command of the military fac­ of Shiite Muslim guerrilla group, Amal, as he was driving along a south-to-north coastal road not far from the Israeli border.

Kabila returns to Kinshasa

BEIJING

China's exhausted flood fighters remained on guard today as a new surge of high water barreled down the Yangtze River, threatening to overwhelm dikes weakened by a summer of devastating floods. China's flood control headquarters described the situation as "extremely serious." It warned that along a 1,400-mile stretch of the river, water levels stood at historic highs and some places have been inundated for 60 days or more. The new Yangtze flood crest — the seventh so far in a summer of flood­ ing that has killed thousands of people and left millions homeless — was expected to plunge through the Three Gorges Dam and enter the middle Yangtze today. Zhou Wenzhi, vice minister of water resources, said the crest was expected to reach the city

Cape Town explosion kills one

CAPE TOWN, South Africa

A bomb exploded inside a crowded Planet Hollywood restaurant on Tuesday, killing one person and injuring 24. A man claiming responsibility said it was revenge for U.S. attacks on targets in Sudan and Afghanistan.

The caller in the radio station Cape Talk claimed responsibility on behalf of a group called Muslims Against Global Oppression, according to Marianne Merten, a journalist at the station. Police refused to comment on the call.

In Washington, the State Department said the group was anti­ Jewish and anti-Israel. It was unknown to the department's counter-terrorism office until it staged a demonstration at the vacant Israeli diplomatic office in Cape Town in July 1997, officials said. The marchers shouted angry slogans aimed at Israel.

Seven indicted in assassination plot

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico

The U.S. government on Tuesday announced the indictment of seven aging Cuban exiles, including a director of Miami's influential Cuban American National Foundation, on charges of plotting to assass­ sine Fidel Castro.

While there have been numerous plots and claims of plots to kill Cuba's communist leader since he seized power in 1959, the indictment was believed to be the first such accusation in a court of law.

In the mid-1970's, a Senate committee docu­ mented eight instances in which U.S. agencies attempted to assassinate Castro. The Cuban leader himself has said the figure is closer to 25.

According to the charges handed down Tuesday, the seven accused "did know­ ingly and unlawfully conspire, combine and agree together ... to kill with malice aforethought, Fidel Castro." The indictment suggests more people could be charged, saying the plotters conspired "with other persons known and unknown to the grand jury." It alleged the defendants planned for four years to kill the 72-year-old Castro outside the United States, in particular during his trip to a Latin American summit on Margarita island off the Venezuelan coast in November 1997. If convicted, they face up to life in prison, the Justice Department in Washington D.C. said.

At least one of the defend­ ants, Jose Antonio Llama, 67, is a director of the Cuban American National Foundation, one of the most influential lobbying groups in the United States, which Castro has accused for years of plotting to kill him. The foundation publicly advocates political pressure to spur change in Cuba.

The foundation's president, Francisco "Pepe" Hernandez, was investigat­ ed in the case but not indicted. Lawyers for both men had predicted in Miami last week that they would be charged with such a plot this week. The lawyers said their clients were not guilty, though they admitted that Llama owned a boat used in the alleged plot, and Hernandez a sniper rifle.

In Miami, the foundation issued a statement calling the allegations "politically motivated" and expressed its confidence that Llama was innocent of the charges.

Tuesday's indictment stems from an ongoing FBI investigation that began when the U.S. Coast Guard got a radio call for help on Oct. 27 from the 46-foot yacht La Esperanza, which was in international waters off Puerto Rico.
The University of Notre Dame no longer has a communications and theater department. Effective July 1, the department changed its name to "film, theater and television to clarify what courses the department includes."

By CHRISTINE KRALK
News Writer

The word "communication" could be interpreted in a number of different ways," said Tom Barkes of the film, television and theater department. "[The new name] focuses more on what we do as a department. It is change to reflect what the department has been doing for a number of years," said Barkes.

The department will not immediately implement any new programs with the change, according to Barkes. Department chair Donald Crafton said the switch is mostly intended to better advertise both the major and its courses.

COTH changes name to FTT

Grant brings scholars to Erasmus Institute

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame has received a $1.2 million grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts to support a residential fellows program in Catholic intellectual life and culture with each other intellectually, beyond the bounds of the classroom. Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 to 10:50 a.m.

Associate physics professor Joe Bellina was part of the group that pushed for the Saint Mary's campus to be networked. He continues to encourage students to use e-mail and the Internet outside the classroom.

Through e-mail, Bellina said he is able to minimize the amount of paper he gives to students. "At the start of the semester, I call the Information Technology people and have them set up a list serve for my class," he said. "When the students get on the list, they get homework assignments, information on things we covered in class, and they can e-mail me to ask me what there grade is in the class at any time."

Bellina also encourages students to e-mail him with any questions on material they meet for class that day. He then takes time to answer the questions in class. He also shares with students physics-related Web sites with students.

"As I begin to identify those Web sites for students, they can find the sites themselves, and it become an extension of the library," he said.

With increased access to technology on campus, more professors may begin incorporating the Internet into the classroom, said director of Information Technology Joe Cooper.

Other faculty members have mixed reactions to using the Internet and the enhanced technology as classroom tools. Bellina said, "I would say about 20 to 30 percent are excited about the technology, another 20 percent are reluctant, and the rest of the faculty is in the middle with the issue," Bellina said.

But Incandela said he thinks Saint Mary's is riding the wave of the future with its recent technological advances.

"Using increased technology is the way education is going," Incandela said. "We either get on board or get left behind."
Clinton distances support for Yeltsin

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Ever so carefully, the Clinton administration is distancing itself a bit from Boris Yeltsin—just in case.

In a 30-minute phone call to the Russian president this morning, President Clinton limited his endorsement of Yeltsin to: "I will continue to support you in what you need to do to tackle Russia's economic situation," a White House official said.

Yeltsin's abrupt and drastic shakeup in the Kremlin left U.S. officials stressing they support reform over any particular individual. The clear implication: If Yeltsin gives way to a sapsucker, that person could enjoy U.S. support provided he ed his Clinton limits.

Clinton, due in Moscow next time while involving yourself in the creation of something special on campus.

To meet new people, make new friends, and have a great time while involving yourself in the creation of something special on campus.

Having experienced Yeltsin's "democratic" uprisings, the White House official said on condition of anonymity.

Clinton also signaled that he wanted the summit to focus on nuclear weapons inspections and Kosovo, the official said.

"For us, it has always been true that policy matters more than personality," White House press secretary Mike McCurry said Monday.

The shakeup last Sunday, in which Yeltsin reassigned Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin to that post, served as "a reminder of the volatility that exists in Russian domestic politics," McCurry said on Martha's Vineyard, the island off Massachusetts where President Clinton was on vacation. "We are well aware of that."

The upheaval left American officials hesitant to pledge their unqualified support to Yeltsin's leadership.

Still, Clinton intends to go ahead with his planned Moscow summit next week, which is programmed to give him some access to Yeltsin's political foes instead of possibly a chance to address the Russian people.

Having experienced Yeltsin's rocky rule, administration officials took comfort in his dumping of Chernomyrdin as prime minister.

"I just knew we was going to get run home," said tourist Margaret Boone of Thurmont, Md.

The state of Virginia and some coastal communities elsewhere had already banned swimming because of rip tides and rip currents along the state's southern coast near Wilmington. Residents and tourists were urged to head for the mainland immediately, although there is no legal way to enforce the orders. Oceanoce is accessible only by ferry.

Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore declared a state of emergency today. That authorized community leaders to order evacuations but none had done so by early afternoon.

Large-scale evacuations in Virginia could be a problem for the 1.5 million people in the Hampton Roads area, where even routine holiday weekends produce traffic jams at the two main bridge-tunnels leading out of the area.

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**Letter to the Editor**

**Patty O.** says hello

I would like to extend to you a warm welcome on behalf of all those who work in the Division of Student Affairs — the Offices of Alcohol and Drug Resources, Campus Ministry, Career and Placement Services, Counseling Center, Health Services, International Student Affairs, Residence Life, Security, Student Activities, Student Residences, and the staffs of your residence halls. Although we provide a variety of services, we share a common desire to do everything we can to help facilitate your intellectual, spiritual and personal growth in your lives outside the classroom.

We welcome back the sophomores, juniors and seniors, as well as the returning graduate and professional students. We extend a special welcome to our new students — first-year students, transfer students and new graduate and professional students. You join a proud community with a rich tradition that dates back more than 150 years to the vision of our founder, Father Edward Sorin, C.S.C. We hope that all of you — both those who are new and those who are returning — will be able to achieve the academic, spiritual and personal goals you set for yourselves this year.

I hope that I will have the opportunity to come to know as many of you as possible in the months ahead. Until I am able to greet you in person, please know that you have my very best wishes for a year filled with all God's good blessings.

Professor Patricia A. O'Hara

**Ohio State University**

**Football major? For some it may be a good idea**

(U-Wire) COLUMBUS, Ohio

Here we are in the last week of summer quarter 1998 and it is time to put up or shut up for students like me and football players like Big Kat. I only wish that I could be "taken care of" the way Damon Moore is to see Bob Murphy, and Big Kat will be.

Much has been written about those players taking summer classes to ensure eligibility to play Fall this year. Yes, they must pass the classes that I skipped was that I was completely uninterested and where I see half of the problem. I know what it is like to skip class and have fun and kick-ditch-up. The consistency behind 99 percent of the classes that I skipped was that I was completely uninterested and bored with the classes. Theater 100? Not today. Journalism 101? Why, is there a test? All this coming from a student with no scholarship, but also no interest. So I can imagine how Big Kat feels.

Big Kat is going to be a first-round draft pick in the NFL next year. A high first-round draft pick. Knowing that he will be a professional athlete. This is obvious. His column has been reprinted here courtesy of the U-Wire. But what exactly does this say? How do I want to see him play this fall, I'm going to tell you that they should be taking classes this summer so they can play this fall. I don't know and Ohio State wouldn't care. Nobody seems too worried about me and my major in history finding work after school. What I do know is that my major is teaching me how to use my mind; how to think rationally. This is something that professional athletes, as well as many of our collegiate athletes, are in dire need of.

So maybe a major in football would give the Big Kat some incentive to go to school and at the same time teach him something that he could use. So to Big Kat, the other student athletes, and every plain student, good luck this week and I'll see you at the "Shoe" this fall.

Michael C. Bender is a columnist for The Lantern at Ohio State University. His column has been reprinted here courtesy of the U-Wire.

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**quote of the day**

"I pay the School Master, but 'tis the school boys that educate my son.'

— Ralph Waldo Emerson
Bradley brings poor abortion record to Notre Dame

In addition to the 1,946 freshman joining our community this year, there is one additional member who will be with us: former Senator Bill Bradley of New Jersey who is teaching one one-credit course. Yes, that's right, one one-credit course. Certainly, Senator Bradley does not have in mind a serious academic career. I would not be surprised if Senator Bradley, with a potential bid for the presidency on the horizon, came to Notre Dame to score political points with Catholic democrats, whom he has so alienated by his vote against the partial birth abortion ban. Yes, Senator Bradley voted to allow the brutal partial birth abortion procedure which involves partially delivering a baby and then killing the baby before completing the delivery to continue. Even one of Senator Bradley's colleagues, Senator Patrick Moynihan from New Jersey, voted for the ban, calling the procedure, "too close to infanticide." I do not recommend that the University impose an abortion litmus test on its scholars. But it is hard to imagine that the University has no means acceptable to kill infants who are only moments away from taking their first breaths. Has much, as a scholar or as a politician, to contribute to Notre Dame? Maureen Kramlich

Ranking the rankings at the University of Chicago

Although letters to the editor typically pertain to current events, this epistle concerns an eventful date, namely 13 June 1929. On that date, it is reported that the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Sister Lucia who is still alive, brought the prophetic message to the Catholic hierarchy. No action was taken by Rome or the Pope.

Chicago, III

Anticipating and then complaining about U.S. News' annual ranking is as much a University of Chicago tradition as griping about the food in the dining halls and lamenting over inflated GPAs. At first glance, this year's news is good: our annual descent has leveled off and we remain tied for 14th Best National University for the second consecutive year.

A deeper analysis of the rankings reveals two issues. First, it should be noted that U of C still lags noticeably behind its peers in several heavily-weighted categories. Second, it suggests that fluctuation in rankings within individual categories may be attributable more to changes in U.S. News methodology and data collection methods than to actual changes on campus.

As in past years, the University received high marks this year for its favorably low class sizes and student/faculty ratio, and for its stellar academic reputation. In fact, only five schools had higher academic reputation scores this year, and only Caltech had a better student/faculty ratio. At least 50% of the school in the top 25 had a smaller percentage of classes with 50 or more students.

Less fortunately, our mediocre standing in categories such as student selectivity, rate of graduation and freshman retention, as well as rate of acceptance has also changed little over previous years. As University spin doctors rush to explain about our "self-selecting applicant pool," it is time once again to review the efforts being made to improve this University's marketing.

At the heart of these efforts lay the creation of a Vice President and Associate Dean of the College for Enrollment, and the hiring of Michael Behnke for the position. However, his arrival at the University is too recent to have influenced the data upon which the 1999 rankings are based.

The importance of increased effort is reach out to more high school students and to do so in their junior year (as opposed to senior year) remains paramount. Also critical is that the News Office bolsters its efforts to spread the University's name throughout the popular media, where in the past we have been largely underrepresented. Improvement in these areas seems to be the key to navigating toward a higher ranking.

But at the same time we embrace the importance of these rankings and the University's responses to them, we cannot fail to ignore their peculiarities. In one year Duke fell from third to sixth overall, and Cornell jumped from 14th place to sixth. Closer to home, we surged this year from eighth place to third in the faculty resources ranking. Even President Sommerschein admitted puzzle of the U.S. News rankings leaves us with similar conclusions as years past. First, the University is scoring points where it always has, and should be commended for stopping its rankings skid.

Second, the rankings are once again eclectic in scope and seem to bear the influence of each year's changing methodology.

Lastly, the University's acknowledged weaknesses remain - heavily influencing our ranking - and there is much to be done if we seek to improve upon them. This is a staff editorial by The Chicago Maroon at the University of Chicago. It has been reprinted here courtesy of the U-Wire. The views expressed in this column are of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
"Can't Hardly Wait"

**Director:** Harry E. Saltzman and Deborah Kaplan

**Starring:** Jennifer Love Hewitt, Seth Green, Ethan Embry and Lauren Ambrose

(Out of five shamrocks)

By SARAH DYLAG

Scene Editor

Sometimes the relaxed, easy-going summer atmosphere calls for a simple and predictable movie. Something trendy, cute and marketed to carefree and school-free teenagers. Columbia Pictures’ "Can’t Hardly Wait," released on June 12, fits that mold perfectly.

It did not, however, do it very well.

With a cast of characters representing every possible high school stereotype — the popular crowd, the jocks, the prom queens, the geeks and the misfits — "Can’t Hardly Wait" tells the story of a group of recently graduated Huntington Hills High School seniors who gather together for one last party.

Amanda Beckett ("Party of Five’s" Jennifer Love Hewitt), the school’s misunderstood popular girl, arrives at the party alone after being officially dumped by Mike Dexter (Peter Facinelli), the school’s football star and biggest jock. But she won’t be lonely for long because Preston Meyers (Ethan Embry), the school’s best friend, spends the evening trapped in a severe storm with his new fiancée Frank Miller (David Schwimmer), the school’s homeboy. As the two share a quasi-romantic moment in the bathroom with Kenny Fisher (Seth Green), her ex-childhood friend turned homeboy, the two share a quasi-romantic moment. The only unpredictable moment in the movie comes with an intimate m o m e n t b e t w e e n Denise and Kenny, a highly unlikely couple. Yet as the pieces of the movie began to tie together, even this couple begins to fit the mold of "good guy always wins" and the movie becomes a trite lesson for teenagers — don’t get sucked in by the shallowness of the popular crowd.

As Preston struggles to find Amanda and win her heart, Mike discovers the shallowness of the popular crowd. At this point the movie takes on a "good guy always wins" stance and the story becomes predictable and dull. Yes, Preston will get his girl and yes, the geeks will overcome the popular crowd.

But even the comedy can’t save this movie. The typical high school stereotype movie was perfected with "The Breakfast Club" and although "Can’t Hardly Wait" gives a retro-nineties version, it isn’t worth your time or money.

"Six Days, Seven Nights"

**Director:** Ivan Reitman

**Starring:** Harrison Ford, Anne Heche, David Schwimmer and Temuera Morrison

(Out of five shamrocks)

By KRISTI KLITSCH

Scene Editor

"Six Days, Seven Nights" hit the box office on June 12, as a cross between the romantic comedy and action genres.

Anne Heche plays Robin Monroe, a respected New York fashion magazine editor who is on vacation in Paradise with her new fiancée Frank Martin (David Schwimmer). All is well in lover’s land until Monroe receives news that she must attend an unexpected photo shoot in the neighboring island of Tahiti.

This is where the plot thickens — Monroe’s pilot, on her short excursion is the rugged and rough aviator Quinn Harris (Harrison Ford). Midway through the flight the odd couple finds themselves trapped in a severe thunderstorm with plane trouble, forcing them to make an emergency landing on another island.

Monroe’s nautical couple with Harris’s blunt masculinity and lack of patience makes an interesting combination of personalities and comic scenes, but from this point on the plot lacks sustained creativity.

Soon, the "bad guys" arrive on the scene — a band of pirates who try to rob Harris and Monroe of their belongings. The two escape by jumping over a cliff into the blue waters below, but not before they engage in a very predictable kiss.

The remainder of the film is filled with repeated scenes of sexual tension between Harris and Monroe, who tries to remain loyal to her beau. The two then decide to repair the damaged plane, and alas, all the materials that they need coincidentally appear on the island.

This MacGyver element is part of the predictability of the movie, leaving it short of creative genius.

While the suspense thickens on the deserted island, Martin, left in anguish over the news that his fiancée is missing, engages in a tortured love affair with Harris’s Paradise girlfriend. His infidelity haunts him for the remainder of the movie and he becomes a worried and nervous man.

The climax of the movie is as predictable as the rest of the plot. Monroe is torn between her commitment to Martin and her passion for Harris, and Martin suffers from his unsuccessful act.

Although "Six Days, Seven Nights" is full of wit, clever pens and comic relief, it doesn’t leave much of an impression on the viewer’s mind. The trite love story draws from "older man, younger woman" pairings like in "Subrina," but less skillfully — and hardly does any justice to the idea of fidelity.

Still, it does appeal to men and women of all ages and the light and airy tone of the movie doesn’t lead to late-night worries. But if true suspense and ingenuity is what you are looking for, spend the extra money elsewhere.
Ron Powlus was beat out of the Oilers No. 3 quarterback position Tuesday by third-year pro James McNichol.

NFL teams busy with preseason cuts and trades

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Associated Press

Bill Ralas, a special teams specialist, will be patrolling the sidelines only as a coach for the Dallas Cowboys this season.

The Cowboys on Tuesday deactivated the 15-year veteran for the regular season roster as the team pared down its NFL limit of 75 players. Ralas is tied with Ed Jones and Mark Turgeon for most seasons as a Cowboy.

"Nobody wanted this to be a year for Bill," this was in the best interest of the team," owner Jerry Jones said.

Jones explained that Ralas was deactivated but "not injured".

"Everybody knows how I feel about football," said Ralas, who joined the Cowboys as a free agent out of Tennessee Tech. "Every day I played since Day One has been gravy."

In other moves, Dallas cut fullback Dwayne Chandler, a first-year player from Oklahoma, and linebacker K.D. Rutledge of Henderson State.

The Cowboys also traded future considerations to the New England Patriots for defensive lineman Artie Smith, a 6-3, 355-pound former Arkansas center who was out of football last year.

Jaguars

Steve Matthews, who led Jacksonville to a team-record 40 points in his only NFL start, was one of 18 players waived by the Jaguars. The team also cut defensive tackle Ian Davye, who has not fully recovered from arthroscopic surgery, on injured reserve.

In draft choices were among those waived: Harry Delgudis and Kevin McElroy.

Patriots

Linebacker Ron Merkeros had his fifth-round draft choice out of the Colorado, was placed on injured reserve as New England reached the NFL roster limit. Nine players were released.

Packers

Green Bay released quarterback David Klingler, in the seventh season, offensive guard Doug Thileen and wide receiver Don Freeman, last year.

"It's not over yet but this is just his throw over for the season," the team announced.

"He's an asset to this year's team," he said.

"He's our main man."
Percival delivers New York third consecutive loss

NEW YORK

The Angels ended the Yankees' three-game losing streak, relying on reliever Troy Percival to survive a tense ninth inning for a 7-6 victory Tuesday night.

Not since the opening series with two losses at Anaheim and a defeat at Oakland had New York dropped three in a row. The Yankees had their chance to win one when they loaded the bases with two outs in the ninth, but Percival fanned Derek Jeter, the go-ahead batter, for the final out.

The Angels increased their AL West lead to 3 1/2 games with two losses at Anaheim and with two losses at Albany.

Tommy John started against the Yankees - the only club to hold an edge over the team with the best record in baseball.

Rookie Troy Glaus' double keyed a four-run rally in the seventh inning for the Angels. They won their fourth straight overall and joined Boston as the only teams to take two in a row at Yankee Stadium this year.

Anaheim picked on Mike Stanton (4-3) and New York's shaky middle relief for four runs in the seventh for a 7-4 lead.

Percival, meanwhile, rekindled his perfect game against the Yankees in earning his 36th save in 39 chances. He got five outs, and has now pitched 1 1-3 scoreless innings against the Yankees in his career, striking out 26.

Percival took over after an RBI single by Paul O'Neill, his career high, and four RBIs as the Cleveland Indians defeated the Seattle Mariners 10-9 Tuesday night to stop a seven-game losing streak.

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Ramirez singled, doubled twice and hit a 433-foot homer, missing only a triple in his 36th save in 39 chances. He accomplished four times during his 1997 AL Rookie of the Year season.

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Boston 9, Seattle 7

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Charles Nagy (11-9) won for the first time in three starts, allowing four runs and eight hits in 5 2-3 innings. He walked two and struck out six.

Ramirez had his eighth career four-hit game and is batting .378 with six homors and 15 RBIs against Seattle this season.

Boston 3, Oakland 2

Darren Lewis hit a tie-breaking home run leading off the seventh inning and Nomar Garciaparra went 4-for-4 as the Boston Red Sox beat the Oakland Athletics 3-2 Tuesday night.

Garciaparra, who went 0-5 in his previous game, singled in his first three at-bats before doubling in the seventh to equal his career-high hit game, accomplishing four times during his 1997 AL Rookie of the Year season.

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investigation of Dorrance and the women's soccer program about two weeks ago. "Although we found no evidence of misconduct, we did conclude his conduct did fall short of conduct of the standards of good judgment we expect," Baddour said.

Louise Varchetto, a lawyer from Woburn, Mass., who is representing both players, could not be reached for comment after the news conference Tuesday night.

Keller, of Naperville, Ill., also alleges that Dorrance forced her to come back from a foot injury too soon and coerced her into participating in the U.S. Olympic women's soccer camp in February 1996 without a custom show that would have aided her rehabilitation.

Dorrance also told Jennings to withdraw $400 from her bank account to purchase unspecified supplies for her teammates and members of the Clemson soccer team prior to a September 1996 game, the lawsuit says.

Jennings, of St. Charles, Ill., was on the team during the 1996 and 1997 seasons but quit in 1998, a school official said.

In addition to the school and Dorrance, the lawsuit also names as defendants three assistant coaches and a trainer, Baddour, UNC-Chapel Hill chancellor Michael Hooker, an assistant to Hooker and former Atlantic Coast Conference commissioner John Swofford.

"I am extremely surprised by these accusations which, to individuals unfamiliar with our program, are deplorable and are hurt deep feelings in this matter beyond any indication or even hint of sexual harassment in this program during my time in Chapel Hill. I'm sure it will be handled appropriately by the university," Swofford said.

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Davie said. “I do think Jim Sanson is ahead.”

But the question of who the starting kicker will be is still in doubt and probably will not be answered until the Wolverines come to town.
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Belles’ young team searches for leadership

Without any seniors, Saint Mary’s season rests on four juniors

By M. SHANNON RYAN
Saint Mary’s Editor

This season’s leaders on Saint Mary’s volleyball team will not have that one extra learning year before stepping into the leadership role.

On a squad without seniors, juniors Mary Rodovich, Jayne Ozbolt, Agnes Bill and Melissa Miller will be relied upon as the team’s elders.

Fortunately the Belles, who finished last season just below 500, the juniors have the necessary experience to lead the crew which also includes two sophomores and five freshmen.

"Teamwise, the four returning seniors have enough experience and everyone has the heart and the willingness to become a strong team," Bill said. "We knew we were losing two seniors last year and the four of us juniors knew we’d have to step it up.

As sophomores, they were constant forces on the court.

Rodovich led the team in service aces last season and played all but one game. Ozbolt played in every game and was second in the team in blocks per game. Finishing the season with a total of 90, Bill, who also played in every game, has led in kills the past two years.

"Definitely, they’re my core," head coach Jennie Joyce said. "They have a couple of years under their belt and it’s nice to have experience on the court."

"There’s no question that we’re solid there. Hunter is our holder, too," One of Dave’s major con-

Hunter Smith is likely to maintain his stronghold on the injury-plagued punt unit. Concerns on the punting unit was how to replace Jon Spickelmier, who served as long snapper for

Smith enters the 1998 season as the team’s elders. In the past one history to start for four seasons.

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