SMC discusses sexuality

By JILL MAXBAUER

Saint Mary's will launch a new sexuality education program next week, beginning a series of lectures designed to explore issues of sexuality from a Catholic perspective. The series is titled "Understanding and Embracing Our Sexuality," and features monthly lectures that will run through April.

"We wondered how we could develop an all-inclusive series covering the topics of sexuality and how to have it as a yearly curriculum approach," said Linda Timm, vice president for Student Affairs, who helped create the lecture series.

The series will provide discussion on issues such as dating choices, contraception, sexual abuse, sexual orientation, abortion, different levels of human relationships and moral choices. All talks will be based on a Catholic perspective, but take other views into consideration.

"Students will be surprised. It will be interesting for them to realize how the Church does speak about the beauty of the sexual being and how that impacts spirituality," said Timm.

Both Timm and Sister Rose Schultz, vice president for Mission, said the series provides students with a unique opportunity.

"It is truly an understanding of a new and exciting way to look at being a sexual being, where we all are. It will have a very holistic way of approaching this topic, where mind/body/and spirit are regarded as one," said Timm.

Schultz continued, "We are sexual beings. But it is about more than just sex. As a Catholic institution, we want to bring this up. It is a part of life. This series is interactive and creative and we hope it will really engage the students in dialogue."

This is the first series of its kind to take place at Saint Mary's, which has struggled with intermittent and poorly-attended programming on sexuality. Visiting speakers have typically come twice a year to campus. This program is hoped to appear more visible and consistent.

"We want to appear consistent. The talks are every month... our hope is that it will continue dialogue," Schultz said.

The first lecture, entitled "Friendship and Life Choices: A discussion of four forms of human relationships, love, infatuation, friendship and exploitation," will be held on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge in LeMans Hall.

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Senate plans more student contact

By ERIN LaBUFFA

In its first meeting of the school year, the Student Senate brought up one concept repeatedly: increasing communication between student government and students.

"I definitely want to represent everyone," said student body vice president Brian Moscona. "That means not only telling them what we're doing, but also getting their input."

Dillon senator Jim Ryan suggested that communication might improve if speaking at senate meetings was easier for students and faculty. Ryan explained any non-student who wishes to speak at a meeting must notify the student union secretary ahead of time. Ryan said he would consider methods of allowing anyone who comes to a meeting to address the senate.

"I'd like to make it more of a public forum," Ryan said. "It could greatly increase the involvement of students in student government."

Ryan added that he would also like for the senate to publish its upcoming meeting agendas in The Observer.

"Hopefully, people will see the agenda, and come to the meeting if they have anything to say," Ryan said. See SENATE/page 4
BEYOND CAMPUS

Slur used in Libertarian fliers at Penn State

"When I read it, I was dumbfounded," said Haan Amenaa, Penn State Black Caucus president. "It's malicious, it's insensitive and it's very offensive." Amenaa said he went to report the flier to the Office of the Provost for Educational Equity, where he asked the university for three things: a public apology from Heicklen, an official statement of the university's stance regarding the flier and reconsideration of Heicklen's status as professor emeritus. Amenaa called Heicklen to find out what he was doing and state that he was offended. "I did get a phone call from the head of the Black Caucus to find out what I was doing, and was told that I better stop or there would be dire consequences," Heicklen said.

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SMC searches for new HD

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
News Writer

Unable to find a new residence hall director for Holy Cross Hall, Dana North, director of residence life and housing, has served as the hall director for the first weeks of school. As hall director, she is currently living in Holy Cross.

"Other schools, much larger than us, are also having problems finding hall directors," said North. "It's not a life everyone is going to choose."

This is North's sixth year in her current position at the College. The lack of hall directors is not new to her.

"Two years ago, Saint Mary's was down two hall directors when students moved in. "There has been a national-wide trend in the decline of residence hall directors," North said. "It's an education field and people are finding other jobs. Ideally, hall directors have their masters degree and have had some experience working with residence life while in college. "They need to know the basics, whether it is the lingo or how the building functions day in and day out," North said.

At Saint Mary's, the hall directors live in a part-ments connected to the dorm they are advising. "One thing students don't always realize is the administrator lives on campus and is on call 24 hours a day," North said.

Last March, North began a search for a new hall director for Holy Cross because last year's hall director, Laura Sobieck moved to Le Muns Hall to serve as hall director. Several people expressed interest in the job but all declined job offers from North.

"It was not a good fit for them," she said.

North is currently interviewing two applicants this week and may soon hire a new hall director. She admits she will miss living in Holy Cross when she hires a new director and moves out.

"There is a certain energy level created with living and seeing the students everyday," Dana North, director of residence life and housing, said. "There's a certain energy level created with living and seeing the students everyday, rather than watching them through the office window on their way to the dining hall," said North.

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Coming home retreat offers readjustment

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Writer

Adjusting to a new environment is difficult for freshmen and transfer students but readjusting to a familiar environment can be even more difficult for students who have studied abroad.

To assist those readjusting to American collegiate culture, the International Study Program Office at Notre Dame, in conjunction with Campus Ministry, is attempting to counteract this period of readjustment and uneasiness by sponsoring "2001 Coming Home Retreat."

"The retreat is a part of the services that we feel we can offer to students, and it was developed as a result of the comments and requests that we received from students," said assistant director of the international study program Carmen Nanni, who is spearheading the organization of the retreat.

Students who have come back from studying abroad said the retreat is certainly needed.

"It was different studying abroad sophomore year because I did not solidify myself at Notre Dame in the same manner as my classmates," said Notre Dame junior Molly Herbe. "I think that sophomore year is the year where students define themselves, such as their college, major and friends."

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it and said “These ceilings aren’t as high as they used to be.”

Philbin told the freshmen to enjoy their time at Notre Dame and moved on to his next desti-
nation.

Admissions tour guides who were on a special tour of the University including the 14th floor of the Hesburgh Library, the log cabin and Corby Hall ran into Philbin in the football locker room.

“We were going in to look at the football locker room. He was in there with his film crew looking at footage. We heard about the locker room and we were all try-
ing to pretend that we don’t notice him, but really no one was paying attention to the locker room. When we were about to leave, one girl went up to him and asked if he would be in a picture. He introduced himself and let us take pictures,” said tour guide Shawna Monson.

Philbin also spoke to football players in the locker room.

“The told us to go out there and hit [Nebraska] hard.”

Grant Irons

football captain

In addition to Philbin, major other University donors will also be present at the groundbreaking ceremony. Ed DeBartolo Jr. and Denise DeBartolo York, the children of donor Edward DeBartolo and his wife Marie, after whom the building is named, will be present along with Art and Patty Decio and Judd Leighten. The actual groundbreaking ceremony will occur at 10:05 a.m. at the construction site on DeBartolo Quad.

The Marie DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will contain a studio theater named after Philbin, a 900-seat concert hall, a 350-seat main stage theater, a 200-seat cinema theater and a 100-seat organ and choir hall. The 123,000-square-foot building will cost in excess of $50 million and was underwritten by a $33 million gift by the late DeBartolo and a $2.75 million gift by Philbin.

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**World News Briefs**

**Britain, France OK Concorde flights:** The supersonic contraption got its wings back Wednesday — just over a year after a deadly crash — with French and British officials flying the fleet of four planes for flight once safety modifications are made. The announcement came 13 months and 11 days after an Air France Concorde crashed and burned after takeoff from Paris, killing all 109 passengers and crew and four people on the ground.

**Mother Teresa honored for USS Cole:** Mother Teresa had an exorcism performed on her Wednesday — just over a year after the U.S. military band struck up a Sousa march and the two presidents strolled shoulder to shoulder onto the White House back lawn. Military honor guards stood stone-faced as their battle ribbons, jostled atop flag poles by a cool wind, whipped at their faces.

**Bishops start anti-abortion ads:** An anti-abortion advertising campaign sponsored by the nation's Roman Catholic bishops has started in Philadelphia, and is already drawing criticism from abortion rights advocates. The $500,000 campaign, targeted at this city and southern New Jersey, began Tuesday and includes two radio ads, plus 500 posters that will go up in commuter trains and buses.

**India News Briefs**

**Kidnapper to appear in court:** A man accused of holding nine bank employees hostage with a sawed-off shotgun was charged Wednesday with kidnapping and nine counts of murder, but did not embrace Fox's ambitious deadline. The public challenge shocked U.S. officials who have been trying to lower expectations for a deal on the complex and politically risky issue. Even some Mexican officials said they had no notice that Fox would push for quick action.

**Homicide charges filed on Fujimori**

**Associated Press**

**LIMA**

Peru's attorney general filed homicide charges against disgraced ex-President Alberto Fujimori Wednesday, linking him to two killings massacres by paramilitary death squads in the early 1990s, a statement said. Fujimori is in exile in Japan and Peru hopes that the charges will prompt the Asian nation to extradite him. Prosecutors allege that the now-exiled Fujimori "co-authored" the killings and "knew in detail the operations" of the death squad known as the Colina group, the attorney general's office statement said.

The Colina group is accused of killing 15 people in 1991 during a barbecue at a Lima tennis building. Group members were also linked to the kidnapping and murder of nine students and a professor at La Cantua University in 1992. Prosecutors are also charging that Fujimori had knowledge of the killing of former intelligence agent Mariela Barreto, whose dismembered and decapitated body was found in March 1997, the statement said.

Congress paved the way for the charges Aug 27 by lifting the constitutional immunity of Fujimori, who has been in his parents' native Japan since November when his 10-year rule collapsed in a growing corruption scandal. The homicide and forced disappearance charges, which Peruvian officials say constitute crimes against humanity, are the most serious to date against Fujimori.
Breastfeeding pushed on new moms

New moms in the maternity ward at Boston Medical Center are forced to breast feed

Associated Press

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Boston Medical Center

BOSTON

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The environment won BMC a Baby Friendly designation, granted by the United Nations and the World Health Organization to hospitals that meet the breast-feeding standards. Only 32 U.S. hospitals feed their babies on only breast milk, and infant formula and calendars advertising infant formula could be found throughout the maternity unit.

Knowing the health benefits of breast-feeding, Philipp launched a crusade.

"Breast-feeding really happens or doesn't happen in the first week or two weeks," Philipp said, meaning new mothers have to get the message before they leave the hospital.

Philipp persuaded BMC to discard long-established policies, such as separating newborns from their mothers and imposing feeding schedules, had special breast-feeding rooms built, restrained staff and provided guidelines for mothers in English, Spanish and French Creole.

In an article in the September issue of the journal Pediatrics, Philipp and her co-authors credit those changes in the number of mothers leaving BMC with healthy breast-feeding habits.

By 1999, the number of mothers breast-feeding at the hospital was up from 6 percent to 33 percent. And 87 percent of its new mothers had tried to breast-feed at least once, compared to a national average of 64 percent.

"The numbers in the study support that our mothers want to breast-feed and the system was obstructing them," Philipp said Tuesday as she strolled through the maternity ward at BMC, where she is director of the breast-feeding program. "Like it takes a village to support a child, it takes a hospital to support a breast-feeder."

There is good reason to offer that support. Scientific evidence has shown breast milk protects babies from infection, lowers risk of certain chronic diseases and seems to foster brain development.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that babies be breast-fed exclusively for six months, and that mothers try to continue until babies are a year old.

Sherrice Lewis-Thompson, who delivered her first son, Devon, at BMC on Sunday, said she hadn't considered it before until babies are a year old.

"They're very persistent," Lewis-Thompson said with a laugh, "I felt I really didn't have a choice."

Earning the Baby Friendly designation requires that hospitals teach new mothers how to breast-feed, feed newborns only breast milk unless there is a medical reason not to; allow mothers and infants to remain together 24 hours a day; and that pacifiers be avoided.

For many hospitals, though, the big obstacle has been another requirement, that they give up free formula samples to reduce the use, said Cynthia Turner-Maffei, national coordinator of the Baby-Friendly USA initiative, which was started in 1991.

"When formula is free, it's so plentiful on the unit that it's the first thing you think of to solve a problem," Turner-Maffei said.

Philipp says BMC, an inner city hospital that delivers about 1,800 babies a year, initially balked at giving up the free formula until it determined it needed only about $20,000 worth.

Experts say the formula culture remains ingrained in American hospitals, and that change will be difficult.

According to the Baby-Friendly USA initiative, at least one hospital must have the designation's requirements in place to get the Baby-Friendly USA initiative, which was started in 1991.

"This hospital in Boston did really a very nice turnaround toward becoming supportive after delivery."

Indiana man accused of saw attack

Associated Press

NEW ALBANY

A New Albany man was charged with attempted murder after police said he attacked another man with a chainsaw during a fight outside a pool hall.

Kenneth Kee, 24, also was charged with battery in connection with the attack Friday outside Jack's Pool Hall in New Albany. Kee used a chain saw to strike James E. Brown, 27, of Palmyra "numerous times about the body," cutting his arms and back, prosecutors alleged in a probable cause affidavit filed Wednesday in Floyd Circuit Court.

Brown told officers he fled to a nearby gas station and called a friend to take him to the hospital, where he was treated and released.

An innocent plea was entered on Lee's behalf Wednesday by Floyd Circuit Judge J. Terrance Kody, Kee remianed in the Floyd County Jail Wednesday evening.

Volunteers Needed

The Early Childhood Development Center located at Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame is looking for volunteers who enjoy young children. If you would be interested in spending 2 hours per week reading to children and playing with children, please call ECDC-SMC, 284-4695 or ECDC-ND, 651-5344. For more information, Employment opportunities also available.)
Hitchcock calls for cultural discussion

By LETY VERDУZСО
News Writer

One of the foremost experts in white culture spoke at Haagar Park about appreciating white culture without using a white supremacy point of view. Jeff Hitchcock, co-founder of the Center for the Study of White American Culture, encouraged whites to realize they have their own distinct culture and appreciate their culture. This appreciation will lead to greater racial relations.

"Do we want a multicultural society? We don't need a revolution," he said. "We have the political apparatus we need; we must develop multicultural values.

Jeff Hitchcock, author of "Unraveling the raises awareness of white culture," said his third approach allows people to talk about white culture and race without being racist or ignoring white culture. Hitchcock encouraged the group to realize that white people are also a specific group of cultural and racial values.

"It's not my intent to exclude people of color but this program is directed toward whites." Hitchcock said his third approach allows people to talk about white culture and race without being racist or ignoring white culture. Hitchcock encouraged the group to realize that white people are also a specific group of cultural and racial values.

"Since we are a racialized culture, the dominant culture, we often hear the negative view about white culture," Hitchcock said. "I give a more critical view, and often times it is hard for people to hear what I have presented." Hitchcock said his third approach allows people to talk about white culture and race without being racist or ignoring white culture. Hitchcock encouraged the group to realize that white people are also a specific group of cultural and racial values.

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Small surplus threatens farmers

The shrinking surplus has clouded prospects for passage of legislation this year that would provide tens of billions of dollars annually for crop subsidies and other farm programs.

"It's in serious trouble," said Sen. Kent Conrad, chairman of the Senate Budget Committee. The North Dakota Democrat wanted Congress to pass a bill this year to replace programs that expire in 2002.

Rep. Larry Combest, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, said he hopes to begin House debate next week on legislation approved by his panel in June. The Texas Republican acknowledged that the revised budget projections will make it more difficult to move the bill.

The House committee's senior Democrat, Charles Stenholm of Texas, said the farm bill is dead for the year. The legislation would spend $168 billion over the next 10 years, including $73.5 billion of the surplus that was expected in the congressional budget agreement reached in the spring.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office projected in August that Social Security surplus would be drained by $5 billion in the fiscal year ending Sept. 30 and that lawmakers were within $2 billion of surpassing Social Security funds next year.

Over the next 10 years, the CBO is forecasting a $3.4 trillion surplus, including Social Security, down from $5.6 trillion in its May forecast.

Farm-state lawmakers worry that the smaller forecast will force agricultural programs to compete with other spending priorities of Congress and the White House, including education and defense, to avoid being seen as using Social Security funds.

The chairman of the House Budget Committee, Iowa Republican Jim Nussle, says there still should be plenty of money to go around.

The Senate is unlikely to move a bill of its own before next year, said Indiana Sen. Richard Lugar, senior Republican on the Senate Agriculture Committee. "It doesn't seem to me to be there," Lugar said of the $168 billion needed for the House bill. "I'm not sure it was ever going to be there."

To Lugar, the tighter budget could be a good thing if it lowers farm spending, which he believes has stimulated excess production and distorted markets. "It may bring more of a sense of reason to what should be done," he said.

Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman would not discuss whether the House should delay or move forward with its bill.

"We're still trying to get it done," said John Feerick, a spokesman for House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. "A lot of decisions haven't been made yet. This is one of them."
Bishops sponsor anti-abortion ad campaign

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA
An anti-abortion advertising campaign sponsored by the nation’s Roman Catholic bishops has started in Philadelphia, and is already drawing criticism from abortion rights advocates.
The $500,000 campaign, targeted at this city and southern New Jersey, began Tuesday and includes two radio ads, plus 500 posters that will go up in commuter trains and buses.

“We’re trying to speak to people who consider themselves pro-choice but who would be willing to think again about their views,” said Cathy Cleaver, spokeswoman for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

“What the campaign is doing is bringing these facts to people who have been misinformed. But critics say the opposite is true. They claim “The Second Vice President of the Alliances United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.”

Guttmacher Institute, a non-profit reproductive health research organization, which supports abortion rights, 1 percent of legal abortions occur at 21 weeks or later, while 89 percent are performed in the first 12 weeks.

Richards suspects the bishops will watch to see how the campaign resonates, then take it to the national level in an attempt to influence future Supreme Court appointments.

“The implication is that if you want to change things, change the Supreme Court,” he said.

Tobacco suit fires on

Washington

WASHINGTON
A Justice Department lawyer said Wednesday the government is moving forward with its tobacco lawsuit, even as Democrats accuse the Bush administration of trying to kill the case.

“The case is proceeding well,” said Stuart Schiffer, the acting assistant attorney general in charge of the civil division.

But Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., says he and other lawmakers have been trying to get an official confirmation of that from Attorney General John Ashcroft, to no avail.

He has had seven months to review this case,” said Durbin, who called a hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee to question Justice Department officials on the tobacco case.

Yet despite repeated congressional inquiries, including more than a few from me, the administration’s official position remains that it is still reviewing the case.

Democrats say they fear President Bush will try to settle the government’s lawsuit against the tobacco companies, which was filed by the Clinton administration in 1994.

Justice lawyers sought to recover the $20 billion the government estimates is spent each year treating smoking-related illnesses, but a federal judge is only allowing the government to pursue a racketeering case to recoup billions of dollars allegedly earned through fraud.

Ashcroft was invited to the Senate hearing but did not attend.

Durbin was highly critical of the Justice Department, saying, “The Department of Justice’s management of this case seems unprofessional at best. At worst, they are killing this lawsuit and don’t have the courage to say it.”

Schiffer denied Justice is trying to kill the case, and said he wouldn’t be moving forward with it if he didn’t think the case was strong. “I don’t do unprofessional and I don’t do incompetent,” he said.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, agreed. “I see no indication of mismanagement here,” he said.

Phil Morris Cos. Inc., the nation’s largest cigarette manufacturer, hasn’t lowered its defenses. “We were really disappointed that this administration has decided to pursue the purely political lawsuit that was filed in the previous administration,” said spokeswoman Peggy Roberts.

“We continue to believe it is all politics, it has no legal merit and that it really ought to be dropped altogether,” Roberts said.

The Justice Department has budgeted $1.8 million for the tobacco litigation, but has not sought more money for legal work. That was the same level of funding the Clinton administration requested, but it sought help from other agencies to cover the legal costs.

Schiffer said he expects costs for 2002 to run somewhere in the $44 million range, but no decision has been made on how to get the extra money.

Experts disagreed on whether the government should continue the lawsuit. Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, one of the state attorneys general who spearheaded their tobacco lawsuit, urged lawmakers to force the Justice Department to continue litigating.

“The message is compelling; the Department of Justice will not tolerate law-breaking companies that promote drug addiction and disease,” Blumenthal said.

But Jonathan Turley, a George Washington University law professor, said a lawsuit is the wrong way to go about it. “It is my view that the federal lawsuit is an inappropriate means to achieve a worthy goal,” he said.

An independent analyst said it doesn’t matter either way.

“I do not believe that the DOJ’s tobacco claim represents a significant legal threat to the industry,” said David Adelman, Morgan Stanley’s senior U.S. tobacco equity analyst. “I believe that the lawsuit will ultimately be dismissed or otherwise resolved at little financial cost to the defendants.”

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More walkouts threaten racism talks

Associated Press

DURBAN

Under threat of a devastating European walkout, the World Conference Against Racism held closed-door meetings Wednesday to try to find compromise language on the Israel-Palestinian conflict and reparations for slavery.

France warned that it and the European Union could follow the United States and Israel by walking out on the U.N. meeting, which was meant to highlight discrimination around the world, but has been marred by discord over efforts to condemn Israel for "racist policies."

"If comparisons between Zionism and racism remain, the question of France's and the European Union delegations' departure would be posed immediately," French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin told a Cabinet meeting, according to spokesman Jean-Jack Queyranne. "France and the European Union would seek a departure from this conference, which would mark a failure."

An EU deadline on the issue set for Wednesday night was reached without a compromise, said Koen Vervaeke, spokesman for Belgian Foreign Minister Louis Michel. He said a special drafting committee had finished its work Wednesday night without an accord.

Vervaeke said the EU had given the Palestinian monitors its position and would now wait to see what kind of text they come up with. "It wasn't immediately clear if that would occur during Thursday's session."

Earlier Wednesday, in an effort to save the conference, Norwegian Foreign Minister Thorbjorn Jagland sent his deputy, Raymond Johansen, to Durban to take over leadership of the Norwegian delegation.

"The racism conference is in danger of completely breaking down. I am going to Durban to try to contribute to it reaching a result that does not damage the international battle against racism," Johansen said.

Norway had tried unsuccessfully earlier in the week to broker a deal between the United States, Israel and the Arab states.

Delegates from the 15 EU countries said they would act as a bloc along with 13 nations that are candidates for EU membership.

In the original draft text, Israel is the only nation singled out for condemnation. Among the sticking points were references to the "racist practice of Zionism," and description of the movement to establish and maintain a Jewish state as an ideology "based on racial superiority."

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The debate over the word "Zionism" required compromise language on the issue set for Wednesday's meeting, and the U.S. delegation appeared to harden some positions.

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"For the moment...it's hard to be optimistic," Gama said. "I think (all sides) will have to make concessions before the end of the conference."
**The First Amendment is a good thing**

As I was lazing about channel-surfing and minding my own business, a video by Rage Against the Machine loudly interrupted my torpor. The video contained scenes of the group performing outside the New York Stock Exchange. One of them bore a Soviet Union symbol on his T-shirt. Occasional quotations like, "How many live in poverty?" would flash across the screen with the corresponding answer, "one billion." Where they got their figures, it’s hard to say. I suppose one billion is a nice round number. "Sounds about right," I can hear them say in the editing room. "Let’s put it in there."

Their display of histrionics was a demonstration against — you guessed it — wealth. Apparently, thrashing about one’s dreadlocks, screaming incomprehensible lyrics, gnashing one’s teeth and soiling someone else’s property is an effective way of letting the People’s Republic of China know that Rage Against the Machine stands for the people. I wonder how much money they make off their angst-disguised-as-music, anyway.

What these kids need is an overnightrunner in one of Stalin’s old prison camps. Former inmate Solzhenitsyn would probably put them there himself. After all, if you’re in love with the theory that put communists in power, why not experience the means that keep them there? Yes, Soviet prisons would do very nicely indeed.

But why limit the options? A jail cell in the People’s Republic of China would do just as well. The People’s Republic stands for the people so much it boasts one of the highest execution rates in the world. Not to mention it forces its women to off their young because it can’t stand any more Chinese than it already has. Hey, whatever works — Stalin murdered 20 million comrades in order to collectivize farming.

Let’s not forget Vietnam, due south. Personally, my family fled the country after Mr. Minh seized our possessions in 1975. All my relatives soon followed suit, by boat, by foot, by plane, by whatever means they had, as long as they got out.

The Sandinistas in Nicaragua also stood for the people. When the people showed signs of voting them out of power, they behaved very democratically by chopping off dissenters’ limbs. And then there is our neighbor Cuba, where young boys learn that “Communist Dictatorship” is not an exonymon after all.

Good intentions underlie some economic theories. But good intentions are not enough. After all, the road to hell, etc.

The demonstrations in Genoa over the G8 summit last July are a good example of one great waste of time. Rage Against the Machine would have doled out several thousand capitalistic dollars to fly over if they had known about it beforehand. Out for war, hel­meted protesters carrying shields led the fray. Flute-playing girls baring pasty white midriffs, boys brandishing a thousand peregrines and waving the Guevara flags and bandanna-wearing backpacking raptags on summer break fell in behind. The very sight would have made Abbie Hoffman proud. Except these kids weren’t on a mission to levitate the Palazzo Ducale. The police endured the bottle-rock- and bomb-throwing mob for as long as they could. When anarchy butts heads with law and order, one side has to give — and it’s usually not the side wearing birks. Footage showed the injured with bloody noses moaning about fascist pig police, while reporters flocked around and scribbled madly about the injustices. Protesters crowded around their fallen and wailed as if they themselves were not to blame.

He who slaps cat gets scratched. It is a settled rule of law that poking armed policemen with rocks the size of cabbages does not provoke them into linking arms and singing, “We are the world.” Your underlying leftist, socialist, environmentalist or anti­globalist intentions might be beautiful or even downright gorgeous. But if you are out for war, you will get war — and all the ugly consequences that entails. Needless violence is a tragic thing and much more tragic is needless death. Parents of the young protest­er shot as he startled a police van will no doubt wonder what cause was served by his fight.

If the kids had only stayed in their dorms and read Hayek like dad said, none of this would have happened. Unfortunately, it happened, and it will happen again as long as we have free nations full of angry idealists more in love with theory than with fact, reading “Das Kapital” instead of “The Open Society and Its Enemies.” Heck, forget Popper. They should have opened up a plain history textbook. But cold, hard facts won’t do for the idealist. It is the height of irony to know that such utopian worlds they dream of can only be initiated — and retained — by force.

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Community responds to Observer rape coverage

Answer questions before passing judgment

I am writing out of concern over the alleged incident that has been reported in The Observer Monday and Wednesday. It seems to me that there are many unanswered questions that need to be answered before any judgment should be made. However, it is too late now, since nearly everyone has already formulated their opinion.

I realize that this is a difficult situation, but I am imploring you, when the actual facts are made known, please give the same type of full-page page to the story you gave to the previous two "stories." Whether your assertions be correct or incorrect, telling the truth and how it happened is the only way for both sides to bring any sort of closure to this issue.

Furthermore, (and I am truly trying to remain as unbiased as possible) I feel that The Observer was out of line by mentioning the room numbers. While that may seem like a relatively simple way of adding more facts to the story while preserving the accused's anonymity at the same time, it may not have occurred to the editing staff that anyone on either campus can simply stall into the room and find out if the occupants are the accused or their identity.

I also have come to my attention that there were many other details surrounding the festivities that were not published due to the fact that it would have all been based on hearsay. Yet The Observer proceeded to print other information, clearly in a biased manner, that led to an argument built upon a veritable house of cards. This, in my opinion, is reckless and irresponsible journalism.

Yet, as is done today, the only way for the accused would be to discontinue printing anything at issue from pure, factual information. Additionally, when the truth is made known it will be just as accessible to the masses as the initial two reports. That way, all confusion will be eliminated and students from both campuses can proceed from there.

Joe Muto

Lies inhibit maturity, social adeptness

The Notre Dame administration lies to us. This should come as no surprise to anyone: Any organization with a public relations department worth its salt lies to its constituents routinely. It's just a necessary evil meant to keep the masses happy. And I believe that we as students have come to expect these lies and even in some cases embrace them. Who among us can forget the warm, tingly feeling that we got the first time we heard such lies as "parietals are not enforced for the purpose of stopping sex," or "we don't lower our admissions standards for athletes."

However, the warm tingle stops when lies are spread in order to influence our behavior. Case in point: certain rectors (the student body's eyes and ears) weekly write at weekly section meetings by RAs not to attend the annual "Rally in the Alley" party at the Turtle Creek apartments. The reasoning? "It will definitely be broken up by police. Plus, undercover cops will be there to arrest any underage drinkers." After witnessing the almost total absence of police at what turned out to be a very safe and positive event, the aforementioned statement appeared to be not-so much a warning but a scare tactic designed to steer people away from the festivities.

It's no secret that the school was trying to dissuade students from attending the Flipstock concert. Organized by the campus anti-alcohol group Flipside, was planned in direct opposition to the tradition alcohol-soaked rally. Dorm-wide voice mails from rectors and rectresses urged students to stick to on-campus events. Could this massive effort also have included rectors telling RAs to spread rumors about the event? It's a possibility and gives you the question of where the rectors got their marching papers from.

Am I alleging a conspiracy of lies, rumors and half-truths that leads all the way to the campus, rectors, not really. They have no control over how, stretching the truth and speculating without facts to back me up. However, when the administration presents a solid, unbreakable front that releases little or no information to the students, wild-eyed conspiracy theorizing becomes the norm.

Either way, the plan backfired. For every one student who stayed in that night out of fear of being arrested, 20 students came home safe and sound and maybe looked at their RAs with a little less trust, and looked at their rectors and rectresses with a little less respect and looked at the whole administration with a little more awe after seeing the depths it would plumb in order to get students to bend to their will. Add that to the fact that Flipstock fell short of its goal and the weekend was a triumph for rally in the alley, alcohol and all.

But did Flipstock fall short of its goal? I know I'll be contested on this one, so let me clarify. When kids came drunk to the concert, Flipstock fell short of its goal. When the concert was over and everyone headed from the conveniently located JACC straight to Turtle Creek, Flipstock fell short of its goal. When event organizers had to pull the band SRT? early after the bass player was arrested for oral sex, Flipstock fell short of its goal. When the rectors (and the people they live in) have also been publicly linked to rape. Parents of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students are concerned. Nobody knows what really happened. People are confused, scared and skeptical.

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Sept. 5, 2001

Inform students of crimes after gathering facts

The Observer's reporting on the alleged rape incident in Keough Hall appalls me. I believe that it is important to inform students about crime committed on campus. I do not, however, think it is productive to provide vague and factless information about alleged crime. It is unfair to anyone involved in the alleged incident to report on allegations, especially using headlines that suggest definite information.

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Movie Review

Episode V: Attack of the Stoned

By BILL FUSZ
Scene One Cinema

Finally, Jay and Silent Bob have a movie of their own. In writer-director Kevin Smith's "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back," the dynamic team duo decide it's time to leave the Quick Stop convenience store and venture to Hollywood, all in hopes of stop­ping a movie being made about their comic book, "Bluntman and Chronic." They first learn about the project from Brodie Bruce, Jason Lee's slacker comic fun from Smith's second film, "Mallrats." The Internet buzz is good, they are told by Holden Caufield (Ben Affleck), the comic book artist from Smith's third film, "Chasing Amy.

Indeed, there are a couple actors from Smith's previous films in this cross-country roadtrip, but that's not even the half of it. Practically everyone who has ever been in a Smith movie reptiles his role or, in some cases, roles (Affleck and Lee portray two previous characters). As the movie continues, Jay (Jason Mewes) and Silent Bob (Smith himself) have typical road trip hijinks and run into wacky characters. At one point, Shannon Elizabeth and a gang of vinyl clad coeds trick them into stealing a monkey to cover their jewel heist. Monkey in tow, they get chased across the Southwest by a Federal Wildlife Marshall ("SNL"s Will Ferrell), along with many others, a nun (Carrie Fisher) and a seasoned hitchhiker (George Carlin).

But "Jay and Silent Bob" is much more than just a road trip comedy, and that's due to Smith's always clever and witty dialogue. The movie does not have the emotional range of "Chasing Amy" or the religious depth of "Dogma," but it does have a string of funny one-liners and gags, one after another for almost two hours.

For those who have not seen and loved Smith's previous work, however, the humor could be confusing and unfunny. In many ways, he's constructed the ultimate cinematic inside joke, full of references to Smith's movies and the comic culture. For example, Jay and Silent Bob are used as cameos by James Van Der Beek, Jason Biggs, Matt Damon and others, there is enough in terms of pop culture references to tie you in and keep you laughing.

Even if you are not a die-hard Smith fan, "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back" is witty, clever, and delivers on the type of humor Smith is known for. But it's Smith's home­town friends Mewes who seems to be hav­ing the most fun, enjoying his last turn as the weed-dealing Jay (a role he says he was hoping to play until he was 65). The audience can just be thankful it got to enjoy the ride.

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Video Pick of the Week

Religion and morality crash in 'Waves'

By JOHN DONELLY
Scene One Cinema

Do people really believe that God will answer all our prayers? Do they know with absolute certainty that God will grant their petition—does anyone have that much faith? Is it true that if we "ask" we "shall receive?"

Bess McNeill, the protagonist of 1996's "Breaking the Waves," believes. Set in a small Scottish village sometime during the 1970s, the film is the story of Bess (Emily Watson, "Angela's Ashes") and her husband, Jan (Stellan Skarsgard, "Good Will Hunting"). Jan works on an oil rig at sea, and is viewed warily in Bess's secluded village because he is an "outsider." The film opens with their wedding, which takes place in Bess's extremely strict church. Bess loves Jan madly. Her face beams with joy. She cannot wait for her wedding night, and meets with Jan in the powder room at the reception because she is so eager to give herself completely to him.

A dominating council of church fathers runs Bess's town. The people lead harsh lives, with their thoughts turned to the afterworld. Women are not allowed to speak in church. A priest condemns the dead to hell, for they are sinners. A guest at the wedding asks why the church bells are not rung to celebrate; an elder with a long white beard replies that church has no bells.

A scene at the reception perfectly captures the religious environment. Jan's friend from the rig chugs a can of beer while sitting next to one of the church fathers, mocking his teetotal ways. The elder responds by downing a glass of lemonade. Jan's friend retorts by crashing the can in his hand. The old man breaks the glass in his bare hand, slicing his hand open. Because of her absolute faith, most view Bess as a simpleton. Her best friend Dodo, widow of Bess's dead brother, worries for her because Bess trusts too much. It is true that if we "ask" we "shall receive?"

"Breaking the Waves" is an extremely difficult movie to watch. It runs 150 minutes, but feels much shorter. The viewer witnesses the main character suffer indignity after indignity, and can only question his or her own faith. Watching suffering is not something audiences enjoy. In a time of wishy-washy reli­gion, one is reminded of a quote from author Flannery O'Connor: "What people don't realize is how much religion costs. They think faith is a big electric blanket, when of course it is the cross.

"Breaking the Waves" makes us realize that we need to work on shouldering ours.

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**MOVIE REVIEW**

**Film noir gets the Allen treatment**

By JUDE SEYMOUR

Already having sealed his leg­
end as one of the past century's
great writer-directors, Woody
Allen's 33rd film, "The Curse of
The Jade Scorpion," picks up
right where his last three films
have left off: exploring Allen's
pulpy pleasures.

After making a film about jazz
("Sweet and Lowdown") and a
comic caper ("Small Time
Crooks", "Jade Scorpion") follows
as a homage to the 1940s detec­
tive-film noir pictures. The movie
unfolds as a low brow to all the
pieces from that era, borrowing
equally from classics like "Double
Indemnity" to frighteningly corny
B-movies. While this may seem to
neglect audiences unfamiliar with
such pictures, those moviegoers
still should be entertained by
Allen's penchant for good
scriptwriting.

Allen plays C.W. Briggs, one of
top insurance investigators in
1940s New York. His years of
experience cracking cases has
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**MOVIE REVIEW**

**Shakespeare runs circles around teenage '00s**

By MAROIO BIRD

Scene Movie Critic

The proliferation of remakes, re­
duces, reimaginings and recicling
seems to testify to the lack of ingenuity within
Hollywood. "O," a modern-day retelling of
Shakespeare's timeless tragedy "Othello," is the latest in a long line of
cinematic attempts to instill culture in moviemakers
by spoon-feeding sugar-coated literature.

Mekhi Phifer ("I Still Know What You
Did Last Summer") headlines the title
character, Odia "O" James, the only black
student at an elite prep school in the
southern U.S. As the point guard and off­
the-court leader of the school's nationally
ranked basketball team, O has won the
hearts of the entire school, including the
Dean's daughter. Desil (Julia Stiles, "Save
the Last Dance"), the fiery Coach
Duke (Marita Stiles, TV's "The West
Wing"). While O and Desi enjoy fleeting romances, the narrative
follows Josh Hartnett ("Pearl Harbor") as Coach Duke's
inintroverted son. Hugo, whose jealousy towards O unleashes
a cataclysmic string of events.

The cast ensemble performs fairly. Hugo is alternately
delirious and tender as the inscrutable
coach, and operates at an energy level that can only be
described as dangerous for a man his age, which is exciting and disturbing.
Phifer and Hartnett both begin to explore the psychological pre­
fixes within their respective characters, but stop short of
the depth promised by the irony-laden roles of accepted
outsider and introspective fiend. Given the film's departure
from Shakespeare's original prose, this is somewhat
expected, resulting in shallow acting and shabby metaphor.

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Samparas defeats Agassi, advances to semis

NEW YORK

FULL HOUSE

In 48 games, neither player was on the top of his game for 3 1/2 hours and the difference between them was not as great as racket string. Four sets ended with four tiebreakers. In 48 games, neither player broke serve. If there were any doubts that Samparas shoek his year's slump with a victory Monday over Agassi, he removed them with another poised, polished performance. And Agassi was nearly as easy in their 3rd meeting.

"It was a pleasure playing tonight," Samparas said. "The energy was phenomenal." "Samparas played a really good game," Agassi said. "Quite a powerful evening in my response to his forehand."

In the end Samparas' serve was the difference. Agassi complained too low. When Agassi hit a forehand into the net on match point, Samparas raised his sword in triumph. The two champions met at the net with smiles, a handshake and warm words to each other.

"Agassi told Samparas he entered the Open with the No. 1 seed, his lowest since winning the first of his record 13 Grand Slam championships in 1990. Now he's two victories from his fifth Open title.

On Saturday, Samparas plays a French Open winner - 3-seeded Marat Safin — for the third round in a row. It's a rematch of last year's final, which Safin won in a row, according to slide from the stump from which he has just now emerged.

The president's box overflows with VIPs included Agassi's sexy girlfriend, Steffi Graf, who poked from the corner of a suite. Even a wave couldn't take the occasion. "There hadn't been a show down like this in 12 years. Samparas and Agassi have won a combined 20 major titles, more than any other duo in any Grand Slam men's match since Roy Emerson and Rod Laver — holders of 22 titles — played in the 1969 Open quarterfinals. Samparas ended a three-match losing streak in the revolver and extended his edge over Agassi to 18-3. In the Open, victory didn't mean much.

Both players dominated on their serve. Samparas served 15 aces and erased three break points. Agassi hit 18 aces and erased six break points.

"You've got to do more than hold your serve, I guess," said Agassi.

During the stretch of games without a break point in one of the two sets, Agassi had a break point in the third game. Agassi double-faulted, double-faulted, endured an unbreakable net cord and still held.

Samparas' first set was his. The No. 2 seeded Agassi fell behind 1-0, 2-0, but Samparas committed errors on the next three points and the fourth set.

They pushed on to the first tiebreaker, Samparas held three break points, but could not save them all with a forehand winner, a service winner and a sizzling forehand passing shot. On the final point Samparas hit a volley into the net, then hung his head and swatted the ball in frustration.

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Peter Samparas tennis player

Again the rivals went to 6-6.

"Let Pete win this set, Andre!" a friend in the crowd screamed. "You add the final four points of the tiebreaker."

When he yanked a backhand crosscourt to make it 6-2, he screamed, "Yeah!"

A deep drop volley on the next point gave him the set, and Samparas screamed again and threw an uppercut as he walked to his chair.

In the third set they dueled again on even terms, Samparas played a better set, Agassi hung the baseline. Agassi committed three of his 19 unforced errors in the third set-tiebreaker, and Samparas delivered on the final two points for a 2-set-to-1 lead.

When Samparas faced a break point on the eighth point of the fourth set, he responded with an ace and two service winners.

When the fourth tiebreaker started at 12:07 a.m., the capacity crowd gave both players a standing ovation.

Samparas hit consecutive aces for a 4-3 lead, and Agassi blew a volley to make it 6-3. Samparas squandered the first two match points, hitting a volley into the net and double-faulting for the 12th time.

But he bounced back. In the final two points of the tiebreaker, he hit a volley on the net, then hung his head and swatted the ball in frustration.

"He's the best player in the world," said a fan.
Friday for a spot in the final of the other major. They are the only two women who have not dropped a set so far at the U.S. Open. “It’s going to be pretty tough. She’s been playing well, but I’ve been playing well,” said Capriati, who has a chance at the Open to take over the top ranking for the first time in her career. "Hopefully, I can come out and play my best tennis."

Williams has won all three of their previous meetings, including twice this year on hardcourts.

Venus’ younger sister, 10th-seeded Serena, will play No. 1 Martina Hingis in the other semifinal.

Both Capriati and Mauresmo plugged it out from the baseline, trading powerful strokes and rarely resorting to trickery.

Capriati managed to limit the number of errors better than Mauresmo... Williams didn’t limit hers, but would up OK.

Case in point: With Williams serving for the first set, she sent an 88 mph knuckler of a serve for a deuce, with a 6-1, 6-4 victory over No. 8 Amelie Mauresmo.

That means the winners of the year’s first three Grand Slam events — Capriati at the Australian, and French Open, followed by Williams at Wimbledon — will meet Friday for a spot in the final of the other major.

In the fourth game, on one of the 11 break-point chances Williams tossed away overall, she sent a forehand 40 feet out, then leaned over, slapped her left hand on her knee and looked up as if to say, “Why can’t I get going today?”

“When she’s on top of her game, she doesn’t make that many unforced errors. But she’s always a player that makes a lot of good points and also unforced errors,” said Clijsters, cheered on from court’side by boyfriend Lleyton Hewitt, who beat Tommy Haas in four sets earlier Wednesday to reach the quarterfinals.

“The difference-makers? Williams managed to find the range often enough to produce 21 winners, compared to just five for the fifth-seeded Belgian. And Williams conjured up seven aces to Clijsters’ one."

Williams took control in the seventh game, winning one of the match’s longer rallies with a cracking forehand down the line to open a flood that saw her take nine of the last 10 games.

In a finish as fitting as it was anticlimactic, Clijsters double-faulted to end her career-best U.S. Open showing.

Anticipating a possible encounter for the title Saturday night against her sister, Williams said: “Just one more match to go for each of us, though we’re up against some pretty good players."

“I’m hoping to be in the final — 8 o’clock sharp at the dance.”
Rodriguez ends season early

After Rodriguez left an Aug. 22 game against the New York Yankees when his right knee locked while in his catcher's crouch, an MRI on both knees initially showed no problems. Rodriguez took another night off but then caught 16 innings in an 18-inning win over Los Angeles.

He was scratched from the lineup Friday after Coach Moore was concerned about something he saw in the left knee from the earliest test. Another MRI revealed chronic patellar tendinitis — inflammation of the tendon that connects the kneecap to the leg.

Rodriguez is eligible for free agency after next season. Agent Jeff Moorad has repeatedly approached the Rangers about a five- to seven-year contract extension worth about $20 million per season.

Melvin and owner Tom Hicks have put off talks on an extension until after the surgery. Melvin said he didn’t anticipate any more talks with Moorad until Rodriguez has completed his rehabilitation from surgery.

"We still want to sit down and talk," Melvin said. "But a lot more has to happen before we do that." Moorad said he didn’t anticipate any more talks with Moorad until Rodriguez has completed his rehabilitation from surgery.

"It’s going to be tough not having his bat in the lineup, but he’s better off getting it done now to be ready for the spring," Rangers left-hander Doug Davis said.

The Rangers are out of contention in the AL West since early this season. "It’s obviously going to hurt your team," said Bill Haselman, who becomes the starting catcher. "But for his sake, I think it’s a good thing for him to get his knee better. We’re out of it anyway so he should just get it done." Marcus Jensen will be Haselman’s backup.

Rangers general manager Doug Melvin said. "I look forward to coming back stronger next season.”

Rodriguez has spent May 2-16 of this season on the DL with a bruised heel. His aching Rodriguez has caught more than 1,300 games over his career.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, information may be obtained at the Fellowship Office in room 90 O’Shaughnessy.

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Attention Fulbright Applicants

Students applying for the 2002-2003 Fulbright Scholarship competition should attend a meeting to learn the process for applying through the campus committee.

Thursday, September 6th
4:00 pm
room 117, Haggar Hall

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ATHLETIC TRAINING & SPORTS MEDICINE

There will be a meeting for any Notre Dame freshmen students interested in the student athletic training program.

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Eucharistic Ministry Workshop #1
2:00 p.m.
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8:15 p.m.
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Eucharistic Ministry Workshop #2
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  1:00pm - 2:00pm
• For Sponsors
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Angels break a four-game losing streak against the Kansas City Royals, and won 10-11.

Baltimore has lost five straight and is 13 of 15. Eliminated Monday from play-off contention, the Orioles are already assured of their fourth straight losing season.

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He extended the streak with his two-run homer off Calvin Maduro (3-5) in the fourth, the Angels second hit.

Giambi scored his brother, Jeremy, who had walked. Two outs later, after a sacrifice fly for his third

from the Twins. The game opened on consecutive RBI singles by Hairston and Garret Anderson added a sac-

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**League makes offer to officials**

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NEW YORK

The NFL increased its offer to locked-out officials Wednesday and gave them a day to consider before deciding whether to go with replacements in the regular-season openers this weekend.

The offer includes a 60 percent increase in salaries this year, compared with the 40 percent jump in the NFL's last offer. But the rest of the package remains the same, with officials' salaries doubled by 2003.

Tom Canden, the negotiator for the union, was on his way back to his Kansas City office, from where he would present the new offer to the 119 officials.

League spokesman Greg Aiello said the league had to know by Thursday in order to make plans for the weekend.

"We hope the membership will consider it and respond favorably," Aiello said.

Last week the league locked out its officials, who have been without a contract since March. Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said the NFL didn't want to start the season without a contract, which would allow officials to walk the field off the field at any time.

Last week's final exhibitions were worked with replacements, most from college or the Arena League, and there were no major gaffes. But the league clearly was concerned that once the games were played, mistakes would be magnified.

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Associated Press  
SAN DIEGO

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Williams leads Cardinals in 2-0 win against Padres

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

Woody Williams threw seven perfect innings against his former Padres teammates to win his fifth straight start as Los Angeles beat San Diego 2-0 Wednesday night for a three-game sweep.

Williams didn't allow a runner until rookie D'Angelo Jimenez lofted a fly ball into the left-center gap that fell in for a single on the first pitch of the seventh. Jimenez tried to stretch it into a double and was thrown out at 10 feet by center fielder Jim Edmonds.

Williams (12-9), traded by the Padres to the Cardinals on Aug. 2 for outfilder Ray Lankford, pitched a career-best two-hitter and faced the minimum 27 batters.

The right-hander struck out six and walked none in his second career shutout and eighth complete game.

Williams, who gave up a single in the first to Ben Davis, also threw a complete game in his last start, winning 5-1 at Los Angeles on Friday.

On Monday night, Smith struck out five of the first six hitters he faced, the second time this season the Padres have been held hitless.

Lankford had just nine hits and one run in the three-game series.

Mark McGwire and rookie Albert Pujols homered for the Cardinals. McGwire homered to left with two outs in the second off a 95 mph fastball. The ball staying just inside the left-field foul pole. McGwire took a 1-0 lead and, the third time he reached the majors, took his 323rd run in the ninth to Ben Davis.

Pujols homered for the third time in the series, his 33rd. He hit an opposite-field shot to right with two outs in the sixth. Jarvis allowed two runs on five hits in six innings, struck out six.

Dodgers 7, Rockies 2

Eric Karros hit a two-run single in a seven-run ninth inning, and Paul Lo Duca capped the burst with a three-run homer to help the Los Angeles Dodgersralled to beat the Colorado Rockies

With the Dodgers trailing 2-0 in the ninth, pinch-hitter Dave Hansen drew a leadoff walk from Colorado starter John Thompson. After pinch-hitter Phil Hiatt struck out, Mark Grudzielanek doubled off the wall in left-center to score pinch-runner Mark Grissom. Mike Myers (1-10) relieved and walked Shawn Green. Jay Powell came on and gave up a two-run single to Gary Sheffield, loading the bases.

McGwire gave Los Angeles a 3-2 lead and, after Sheffield singled on an error by third baseman Todd Hundley, Lo Duca's 21st homer made it 7-2. It was the first blown save in eight chances for Powell.

Matt Herges (9-8) got two outs in the eighth, took the loss and walked Shawn Green. Jay Powell came on and gave up a two-run single to Gary Sheffield, loading the bases.

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Javin Hunter grabs a pass during practice earlier this fall. The Irish, who will open their season at night, have suffered their three worst losses under Davie during night games.

Not only have they lost at night, they have frequently been crushed after the sun went down.

Davie’s three worst losses of his career have all come at night including last year’s 41-9 Fiesta Bowl loss.

Although he hasn’t had much success at night in the past, Davie doesn’t think the late start will make a huge difference in Saturday’s outcome.

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To simulate the mental preparation needed for a later game, Davie has held several later scrimmages.

“We tried to have a game plan for the scrimmage days just like a game day would be,” he said.

Killing the time from waking up to kickoff will be one of the toughest things for both teams, according to Cornhuskers quarterback Eric Crouch.

“Obviously the day of the game you want to be thinking about the game as much as possible. I am used to playing at 12 or 12:30,” he said.

“There is a lot of dead space in there. The best thing you can do is focus on Notre Dame and know your assignments.”

Irish players have similar plans for Saturday afternoon. Anthony Weaver plans to watch some college football while Harrison will call his father for some last minute advice.

But he is going to keep the call brief.

“I’ll definitely call home and talk to my dad a little.”

Harrison said. “But just for a little bit because it will get a little too deep. He’ll get too into it and he will get me all excited.”

Overall, however, the Irish aren’t concerned about playing under the lights or under the sun.

“People forget that we played Rutgers at night too,” Weaver said about Rutgers game played mostly after dark last year. The Irish won 40-17.

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threatening to suspend the match, Dasso rolled over Mejia, 6-1, 6-2. It was a monumental win for Dasso, who had gotten knocked out of the singles tournament in the first round all three previous years. "After that first win, that took a lot of the pressure off," she said. "It was a great feeling to get a win. I was feeling the pressure a little — and it was kinda hard not to be home of the history."

Dasso and Varnum also won their first-round doubles match the next day, and Dasso won her second-round singles match 5-7, 6-3, 6-0. But rain forced Dasso's to play both her third-round singles and second-round doubles matches on the same day, something she felt was the reason why Dasso and Varnum lost to an Ohio State tandem they'd already beaten earlier in the season.

"Becky and I were much better than that," she said. "On that day, we weren't playing well, and I was pretty exhausted."

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Michelle played well in the match," said Lowderback. "She didn't just finish the points off."

"Granville doesn't make any errors," Dasso said. "What it came down to is that I made a lot more unforced errors."

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ACROSS

1  Turf defenders          34 Source of ad-free TV         69 Bris, e.g.
2  Wine, in Dundee          36 Odde, part 3                  70 Fin.
3  What you will            40 Pc key                                71 Down
4  Like many a professor    41 Windmill blade                 72 1
5  Old work                 42 Ballantine of Ballantine Books 73 Hair, g.g., e.g.
6  Start of a quote         43 Kinney's place                 74 Sawbones' org.
7  Prepares for further skimmings 44 Fully sufficient 75 Pincon
8  End of the quote        45 Keystone's place                 76 Something in a trash heap
9  Heathrow fip.           46 Just discovered                 77 Man (everyone)
10  Quote, part 2           47 Go for the gold                 78 Roadway
11  Quote, part 3           48 de Cates                                    79 Markings
12  Source of the quote     49 Keep                                      80 Part of the head
13  Keep                    50 Source of the quote             81 Bacon bits
14  To boot                 51 Keep                                     82 Minor third or flattened fifth
15  Amplifier setting       52 Part of the head                83 Letters of credit
16  "Va-va-va-!"             53 Source of the quote             84 List of clues
17  "Va-va-va-..."          54 Hair, g.g., e.g.                85 Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone.
18  "Va-va-va-..."          55 Keep
19  Odde, part 3

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

1  Cleverly
2  Scat
3  Bask
4  Dendritic
5  Awaiting
6  Complimentary
7  At risk
8  Bitterly
9  To the point
10  Tense
11  Unexercise

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**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You're highly energized and will be into everything. Your talents will surface, and honesty can take you to higher levels. OOO

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1. 38 Like the Great Plains
2. 39 Pound's sounds
3. 40 The Lion of God
4. 41 Bottom line
5. 42 Ballantine of Ballantine Books
6. 43 Kinney's place
7. 44 Fully sufficient
8. 45 Keystone's place
9. 46 Dendritic
10. 47 Go for the gold
11. 48 de Cates
12. 49 Keep
13. 50 Source of the quote
14. 51 Keep
15. 52 Part of the head
16. 53 Source of the quote
17. 54 Hair, g.g., e.g.
18. 55 Keep
19. 56 Just discovered
20. 57 Go for the gold
21. 58 Ham
22. 59 Man (everyone)
23. 60 Roadway
24. 61 Markings
25. 62 Man (everyone)
26. 63 Keep
27. 64 Ballantine of Ballantine Books
28. 65 Keep
29. 66 Odde, part 3
30. 67 Amplifier setting
31. 68 Ahdin milker
32. 69 Bris, e.g.
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It was rather ironic that Michelle Dasso advanced as far as she did in the singles tournament at the 2001 NCAA Outdoor Tennis Championships.

The team effort she said was responsible for Notre Dame’s success ended in the Sweet Sixteen. Becky Varum, the doubles partner she praised time and time again, was left watching her partner advance through the NCAA tournament after Varum and Dasso lost in the second round of the doubles tournament.

And so Dasso — the staunchest supporter of the team-first mentality — found herself advancing through NCAA finals by herself.

But it wasn’t easy. She had to play two matches in one day. Twice, she found herself trailing in the deciding third set. And if her competition wasn’t challenging enough, she found herself battling torrential downpours towards the individual competition.

Then again, Dasso’s never been one to back down from a challenge.

“She’s tough to replace as we approach the individual competition,” Louderback added.

Dasso’s run in the NCAA tournament began when the 13th-seeded Irish lost to third-seeded Florida, 4-1. But Louderback said the match was much closer than it appeared.

“It was a really tight match the whole way through,” he said. “If we could have pulled out the doubles point, I think we could have won.”

After the Irish lost the doubles point, Lindsey Green was the only Irish player to win her singles match. Dasso, Caylan Leslie, and Nina Vaughan all lost to give Florida the edge they needed. However, Dasso felt the Irish were seeded much lower than they deserved to be.

“We were all really surprised by the seeding,” she said. “We were ranked much higher and felt like we put ourselves in a better position. We were really disappointed.”

“For us to have to play Florida in the round of 16, the kids felt like it was a slap in the face because we had had such a good seed.” Louderback added.

With the Irish out of the team competition, Dasso turned her attention towards the individual competition. She was seeded fourth in the singles tournament and, along with Varum, in the fifth-eight group in the doubles tournament.

Dasso’s first round singles opponent, North Carolina’s Marleni Mejia, didn’t slap in the face because we had had such a good seed,” Louderback added.

Michelle Dasso returns a serve during the Big East Championship in Coral Gables, Fla., last April. Dasso advanced to the semifinals in the NCAA singles tournament.