Congress keeps Fox home

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

The Mexican Senate has ordered President Vicente Fox not to travel to the United States or Canada on the basis that Fox’s proposed trip for next week would not be an official visit, the Associated Press reported.

For the first time in history, the Congress has stopped a Mexican leader from leaving the country by a vote of 71-4. Fox would have traveled to various Canadian cities, as well as to San Francisco and Seattle with the goal of strengthening economic and political ties between Mexico, Canada and the U.S., and showing support for Mexicans abroad.

Fox, speaking at the United Nations, said he had to refuse the trip to the United States, Canada and Europe, adding that he would not give an official visit to those countries for two years.

The Mexican lawmakers meet Monday in Mexico after the Mexican Congress voted 71-41 that President Vicente Fox, the 2002 Notre Dame commencement speaker, could not leave the country for a planned visit to the U.S. and Canada.

By GRACE ARREDONDO
News Writer

After faithfully completing six years at Saint Mary’s, Dana North, the director of Residence Life, will be leaving the Saint Mary’s community at the end of the year to accept the position of assistant dean of students at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio.

“The reason that I decided to take the job is because it is closer to my home and family,” said Dana North, Saint Mary’s director of Residence Life.

North decided to leave Saint Mary’s for a number of years because she felt unfulfilled in her current position.

North, who co-chairs the Institutional Revolutionary Party, which is in opposition to Fox’s National Action Party, said Fox’s “re-election is because it is closer to my home and family.”

North finished her degree training at the University of Ohio. North then took a job at Drake University in Iowa but found she wanted to be closer to Ohio, her family and their roots.

Soon afterward Fox accepted a job at Saint Mary’s, and North was told she’d have to leave the position as assistant dean of students for two years.

North said she would not be an official director of Residence Life, but she accepted the position because it would not hold her until her promotion to the director of Residence Life for a year. During this time, North successfully managed the change of programming model from the wellness model to the present-day model found in the residence halls at Saint Mary’s.

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In addition to these duties, Bensen-Piscopo does a great deal of grassroots campaigning, going door-to-door and accompanying Meissner to speeches and events.

“I try not to speak for Mark and let him represent himself,” Bensen-Piscopo said. “So too are U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh, D-IN, and U.S. Rep. Tim’s moving her.”

Malloy steps down as ResLife director

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By LIZ KAHLING
News Writer

While most Notre Dame seniors are giving into “senioritis” and letting up in their studies, senior Katherine Bensen-Piscopo is putting in 60 hours per week as campaign manager for Congressional hopeful Mark Meissner.

Bensen-Piscopo thought she was done with politics last summer and stayed in South Bend to work at Lula’s Café. But after some support­ers came into the campaign and spoke with Bensen-Piscopo, she was persuaded into meeting with and speaking with Meissner. She joined Meissner’s staff that summer and by mid-semester last fall she was named campaign manager.

Community activism and politics have always been present in Bensen-Piscopo’s life, with grandparents and parents both actively involved in party politics.

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Malloy speaks out on college alcohol abuse

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

Just in time for National Alcoholic Screened Day on Thursday, University President Father Edward Malloy shared findings on the risks of college drinking from research by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA).

Tuesday morning at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., Malloy, along with three other panelists involved in alcohol research, released a study by the NIAAA’s Task Force on College Drinking titled "A Call to Action: Changing the Culture of Drinking at U.S. Colleges.”

The task force concluded that drinking by college students ages 18 to 24 contributes to an estimated 1,400 student deaths, 500,000 injuries and 70,000 cases of sexual assault or date rape each year.

The study also reports that a quarter of students in the 18-to-24 age group have driven while under the influence of alcohol in the past year. Also, in the same age group, 400,000 students reported having had unprotected sex as a result of drinking.

Malloy, who co-chairs the NIAAA, which is part of the National Institutes of Health, has also chaired three other separate studies dealing with alcohol behavior in colleges.

“This has been an area that he’s been interested in and active in for a number of years now,” said University President Father Edward Malloy.

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Part of Bensen-Piscopo’s motivation in joining Meissner’s staff was his commitment to the area. "He is one of the most genuine politicians I’ve ever met, if not the most. He really cares about people here and has a solid investment in this area," Bensen-Piscopo said.
INSIDE COLUMN

The benefit of scandal

I don't think I'm going out on a limb assuming that most of you have probably heard about the recent problems the Catholic Church has been experiencing. Let me assume that we all want to see a constructive solution to the problem. Oh, wait a minute, actually I am.

After reading Johnny Burn's dissertation Monday, I was reminded why this whole problem has become so noteworthy: people like him want to forget about it and give the Church a rest. The truth is that this is no small problem to brush away. It is being given massive amounts of media attention for good reason; namely that it is possibly the largest and most well-deserved scandal in the history of the Church. In his rigorous defense of the Catholic faith, however, Burn kindly offers excuses that's right, excuses — for the Catholic Church.

His defense of Catholicism amounts to listing reasons why it is popular to bash the Church and liken the recent scandal to being just so much wood on the fire. I hate to butt in, but this is just plain wrong. Comparing the unopposed requirements of a genuine faith to the molestation of children is tragically misguided, even if it is for the purpose of exonerating the Church.

I contend that there is absolutely, positive no reason for the media to lay off the Catholic Church. As a matter of fact, its recent coverage of the problem has produced positive effects on the Church and is the only way for beneficial change to occur when dealing with an institution such as the Catholic Church.

Since the scandal has broken out, the archdioceses in Boston has suspended several priests from performing the sacraments or identifying themselves as priests. Further, it has actually cooperated with law enforcement agencies by turning over names to them in order to facilitate investigation. Some devout Catholics are certainly outraged that the Church has given up some of its own, but consider this: Men who molest children cannot be any further from God and have no place in the Church. Can you disagree with a clear conscience?

Having established this, we are led to ask why this reflects poorly on the Church. The answer is simple and disturbing. The Church has been sheltering these men for decades, knowing full well the things they have done. Its policy of brushing things under the carpet to prevent scandal has only built the dam higher and higher, and it is culminating in an immense wave of scandal and shame which will rightly drench the Church for years to come.

And this is a good thing.

It is good because the Church finally admitted there is a problem. It is good because the Church is finally taking responsibility for its sins. It is good because the Church cannot afford to and will no longer do it. It is good because the Church will do whatever necessary to prevent such men from joining it or being in its ranks in the future.

The scandal has made the Catholic Church a better institution. Disagree with me. I dare you.

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This Week on Campus

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Thursday
- Screening: "All About You" (2001), Christine Ashford-Swanson '94 and Michael Swanson '93, Carey Auditorium, Hesburgh Library, 7 p.m.

Friday
- Lecture: "The Woman on the Road: The Homeless Woman in Modern Irish Drama," Mary Trotter, IUPUI, Room 1125, Flanner Hall, 3 p.m.

Saturday
- Workshop Opera performance, Moreau Little Theatre, 7-30 p.m.

BEYOND CAMPUS

Syracuse hosts mother of murdered gay student

SYRACUSE, N.Y.

Judy Shepard urged individuals to channel their commitment and effort to personal, worthy causes because "it is possible the largest and most well-deserved scandal in the history of the Church"

Whether an individual feels passion for the gay rights movement, AIDS awareness, sexual abuse or the homeless epidemic plaguing America, it is most important to remain involved, said Shepard.

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Texas A&M

Rice sets U. sights on Iraq

COLLEGE STATION, Texas

America's day of reckoning with Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein is coming soon, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice said Monday at Texas A&M University, hinting that the White House is leaning toward military action to topple Hussein.

"Sooner or later the world will have to come to terms with this urgent threat to national security," Rice said. She also mentioned about the gay rights movement that it is most important to remain involved, said Shepard.

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New York University

AUP honors NYU's abroad appeal

In a recent ranking, the American Universities Admission Program (AUP) named New York University the top American undergraduate university for international students because of a "tidal wave" of interest from students abroad, an AUP official said.

The ranking comes only weeks after an announcement from NYU officials that international students would be subject to more scrutiny at the University, including stricter immigration reporting standards. Despite the changes, NYU managed to beat out a wealth of Ivy League schools for the top spot.

The study was put together by the AUP, a business started in 1995 that offers counseling and assistance to foreign students applying to American universities. The organization also claims to be the only one of its kind that ranks American universities specifically for international students.

This is the first time since the rankings began that Harvard University, now tied for second with Columbia University, has not been ranked No. 1.

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5 Day South Bend Forecast

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Police rule ND prof Cushing's death suicide

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

The March 29 death of Notre Dame physics professor James Cushing was a suicide, police said.

Two neighbors found Cushing, 65, dead in his South Bend home in the 200 block of East Angela Boulevard about 10:30 a.m., according to Capt. John Williams, public information officer for South Bend police. Investigators also discovered a note in the home, Williams said, but he would not specify the letter's content.

Cushing had been receiving treatment for depression, Williams said.

A 36-year professor at Notre Dame, Cushing was an internationally renowned physics scholar. He specialized in the history and philosophy of modern physics and taught in both the Philosophy and Physics departments at one point in his career.

Cushing had planned to retire from Notre Dame at the end of the academic year. A memorial service for family and friends was held April 3 at Clay United Methodist Church in South Bend. A campus memorial service is scheduled for April 21, and University officials expect to release the location and time of that service visitors.

Cushing is survived by his wife, Nimbilasha, and two adult daughters.

Family members could not be reached for comment.

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Hagopian to lead Kellogg Institute

Special to the Observer

Frances Hagopian, associate professor of government and international studies at Notre Dame, has been appointed director of Notre Dame's Kellogg Institute for International Studies. She succeeds Scott Mainwaring, director since 1997.

Hagopian studies the comparative politics of Latin America, with an emphasis on democratization and the political economy of economic reform in Brazil and the Southern Cone. Her current research focuses on economic liberalization and political representation in Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Mexico.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1999, Hagopian earned her bachelor's degree from Brandeis University and a doctorate in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

She is the author of "Traditonal Politics and Regime Change in Brazil," which was named a Choice Outstanding Book in Comparative Politics, as well as several articles on democratization which have appeared in World Politics, Comparative Political Studies, and other journals and books.

Hagopian has held fellowships from the Center for Latin American Studies and the Howard Heinz Endowment of the University of Pittsburgh, the Social Science Research Council, the American Council of Learned Societies, and Fulbright-Hays. She previously taught at Harvard University, Tufts University and MIT.

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spokesperson Dennis Moore. Malloy spoke to the National Press Club’s audience in a 10-minute presentation highlighting the drinking culture that has emerged on college campuses. The other panelists included Raynard Kington, acting director of the NIAAA; Ralph Hingson, associate dean for research at the Boston University School of Public Health; and Mark Goldman, director of the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Research Institute.

"All you have to do is look at a couple of cable television channels that cover spring break, where endless groups of drunken students get up and say ‘I’m having the greatest time here,’ and then you recognize on the basis of these statistics what the fallout of the great time is," the Associated Press quoted Malloy as saying.

During Malloy’s trip to Washington, he also met with U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., later Tuesday to discuss his work to reduce drinking among college students.

"Although a minority of college students engage in high-risk drinking, all students... suffer from the negative consequences of alcohol abuse, including assault, vandalism and traffic accidents," Fother Edward Malloy, University president.

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party, told the Associated Press, "It’s not an official visit. It’s not a state visit. It’s considered a private visit."

Although there has been no sign that this recent incident will affect Fox’s May 19 Commencement trip, this latest event has presented itself as a new issue in U.S. foreign affairs while increasing the rift between Fox’s administration and lawmakers.

"It sounds like a complicated political situation," said Notre Dame spokesman Dennis Moore, who said he had not yet anticipated any obstacles to Fox traveling to the University next month.
**World News Briefs**

**Botswana fighting AIDS epidemic:**

Botswana has started distributing medicine to patients with the AIDS virus because it has one of the highest infection rates in the world and its skilled work force is dying off, President Festus Mogae said Tuesday. This African nation is the first country on the continent to commit to a widespread program through its public health system. 38 percent of its adults are infected — the highest rate in the world.

**Countries pushing U.N. resolutions:**

Arab nations pushed for a new Security Council resolution Tuesday condemning Israel's defiance of the council's demand to withdraw its troops immediately from Palestinian cities, but the United States said it would veto the resolution if necessary.

**National News Briefs**

**Racial lawsuit set in Cincinnati:**

A settlement in a lawsuit accusing Cincinnati police of harassing blacks received final approval Tuesday from the last of the groups that needed to sign on. All 27 representatives of the American Civil Liberties Union in Ohio who voted supported the deal, said Scott Greenwood, the chapter's general counsel. The ACLU was the fourth and final party to approve the settlement, which was reached last week. Rejection by any of the parties could have sent the year-old lawsuit on to trial.

**Priests removed from parishes:**

22 priests in the Cleveland diocese have either been removed from their parishes or forced into a leave of absence, regarding sexual misconduct allegations. Elsewhere in the country, Re. Kevin Dem Houjandie, the chapter's general council, said the fourth and final party to approve the settlement, which was reached last week. Rejection by any of the parties could have sent the year-old lawsuit on to trial.

**Indiana News Briefs**

**St. Joe County reviews pensions:**

The St. Joseph County Police Pension Committee on Monday voted to order the pension program's actuaries to adjust the benefits of some retirees by May 1. The committee voted unanimously to review the department's adjusted pension benefits following a ruling by a LaPorte County judge that declared an earlier pension formula was illegal. Pensions have been a divisive issue among some members of the department. An Indiana State Police investigation will determine whether pensions were miscalculated.

**Iraqi demonstrators protest U.S. threat to attack Iraq and Israeli incursion into Palestinian territories in Baghdad:**

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein announced that he would suspend oil exports to force Israel's withdrawal.

**Hussein organizes oil boycott**

Associated Press

**United Nations:**

Iraq's decision to suspend oil exports until Israeli troops withdraw from Palestinian territories will exacerbate financial problems facing the U.N. humanitarian aid program in Iraq, the United Nations said Tuesday. Halting exports will result in an estimated revenue loss of $1.3 billion for the oil-for-food humanitarian program which is funded by Iraqi oil revenues, according to the U.N. Office of the Iraq Program. The program was already facing a revenue shortfall this year as Iraqi oil exports slumped by about 25 percent because of what Iraqi officials say is a controversial pricing policy instituted by the U.N. committee monitoring sanctions on Iraq. Iraq announced Monday that it was halting its oil exports through the oil-for-food program for 30 days or until Israel pulls out its troops and tanks.

As a result of the announcement, the U.N.'s Iraq Program projected total revenue generated by oil sales during the current six-month phase of the oil-for-food program at $4.2 billion, down from an early estimate of $5.5 billion. The current phase ends on May 30. Because of the expected loss of revenue, the oil-for-food program is now $3.6 billion short in funds to purchase humanitarian goods already ordered by Iraq, the U.N. program said.

Under an exemption to sanctions, the program allows Iraq to sell unlimited amounts of oil to buy humanitarian goods for its civilians.

President Bush, aides said Tuesday, was not seriously considering more dramatic action such as gasoline tax cuts or the use of oil reserves to respond to increasing demands and raising prices.

"We need to do less dependent on foreign sources of crude oil," Bush said at a Connecticut GOP fund-raiser. "It was made pretty clear the other day when Saddam Hussein stands up and announces he's going to try to organize the oil boycott." Iraq and Libya have expressed sympathy for Iraq's call, but other oil-producing countries have publicly declared that they won't take part in any embargo. The Israeli occupation is causing upheaval in the world's oil markets.

**Zemin pressured on human rights**

Associated Press

**BEIEN:**

Chinese President Jiang Zemin faced pressure over his country's human rights record Tuesday as he held talks with Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and other German leaders here on issues from economic relations to cultural exchanges between the two countries.

With human rights activists holding demonstrations across the German capital, Schroeder's government presented the Chinese delegation with a list of prisoners in China prepared by Amnesty International, German officials said on condition of anonymity.

President Johannes Rau also raised human rights during his meeting with Jiang, Rau's office said.

Chinese officials said Jiang had pledged China's commitment to universal human rights and a push to improve the situation in China. There are "fireless efforts" to improve human rights there, said Kong Quan, a spokesman for the Chinese Foreign Ministry.

German human rights groups and left-wing lawmakers have pressed Schroeder not sweep the issue of human rights aside in favor of improving business links with China.

Protestors held scattered small demonstrations against torture, the death penalty and discrimination against minorities in China in Berlin Tuesday.

Hours before Jiang's arrival Monday, about 250 supporters of the Falun Gong meditation sect, which is banned in China, demonstrated in mitzow Berlin, accusing China of "state terror" against the group.

German officials insist the goal of better human rights is also served by supporting economic and political reform in China.
Suicide bomber attacks commuter bus, kills 8

Associated Press

A Palestinian suicide bomber has blown up a commuter bus in northern Israel during rush hour Wednesday morning, killing at least eight people. The attack came a day after 13 Israeli soldiers died in a refugee camp ambush, the biggest blow yet to the army in its campaign to crush Palestinian militants in the West Bank.

The suicide bombing on an express bus from Haifa to Jerusalem injured at least 14 people, medics said, and brought more horror to the northern port city, which has been the scene of frequent attacks. The explosion went off near Kibbutz Yagur, a communal farm just east of Haifa and about 15 miles from the West Bank.

Hours before the bus bombing, Israeli forces opened the 13th day of their campaign with a predawn attack on a refugee camp in Nablus, the West Bank's largest city. Smoke could be seen rising from the camp as the area was pounded with artillery fire, heavy machine guns and dozens of missiles fired from helicopters.

Fighting also continued in a refugee camp next to the northern city of Jenin, where militants who say they would rather die than surrender have battled Israeli troops in a war of narrow alleys. Troops were firing mortars into the camp early Wednesday and bulldozers were demolishing homes, Israel Radio reported.

"This is a battle for survival of the Jewish people, for survival of the state of Israel." Ariel Sharon

Israel prime minister

The skirmishes came one day after militants in the Jenin camp delivered the bloodiest blow yet to the Israelis since the offensive began.

Thirteen soldiers were killed in a carefully timed double ambush Tuesday. A military spokesman said a rapid series of blasts went off in the alley — one of them detonated by a suicide bomber — and collapsed part of a building on several soldiers. Another soldier was killed in later fighting in the camp.

Defying U.S. demands that Israel wrap up its campaign without delay, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon vowed "Operation Defensive Shield" will go on until it the army completes its mission: "the destruction of the infrastructure of the terror groups."

"This is a battle for survival of the Jewish people, for survival of the state of Israel," Sharon said on Israel TV. There were signs, however, that U.S. efforts were having an effect. Earlier Tuesday, Israel pulled out of Tulkarem and Qalqilya, two of six Palestinian towns it has occupied; troops remained in Nablus, Bethlehem, Jenin and Ramallah and several villages.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, due to arrive in Israel late Thursday, said he was optimistic his mission could bring a truce and lead to negotiations. Speaking in Cairo, Powell said he would meet Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat as well as Sharon and said the United States was willing to deploy observers to monitor any cease-fire. Israel had said it would keep Arafat isolated in his Ramallah headquarters, where he has been confined since the West Bank campaign began. But Israeli officials said Tuesday they would not prevent Powell from meeting the Palestinian leader.

Israel launched its offensive on March 29 to crush militias after a series of Palestinian suicide bombings.

At least 124 Palestinians and 25 Israeli soldiers have been confirmed killed during the incursion, according to Palestinian medics and the Israeli army. The toll was expected to rise; there were reports that dead Palestinians had not been brought out of some areas, especially in the Jenin camp.

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area," she said. "Besides finishing up exams and looking forward to graduation, Benson-Phuco has her eyes set on May 7 as the primary election. She's confident that Meissner will emerge among four other Democrats running and anticipating staying on full-time until the general election in November. However, she will be moving on after the election, hoping to campaign more and travel to other states."

She said, "That's the great thing about politics — there's almost always a job anywhere in the country."

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Kauffman entrepreneurial internship expands

By MEGHAN MARTIN

In keeping with the Notre Dame tradition of blending practical skills with social responsibility, the Mendoza College of Business has launched its second annual Social Entrepreneur Intern Program through the University's Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies.

Although officially sponsored by the College of Business, the program is open to students from every college and major, drawing participants with such diverse interests as government and the performing arts. The fusion of real-world experience with community involvement lies at the heart of the program, conceptualized by the Gigot Center as a part of the nationally competitive Kauffman Internship Program. Only 15 to 20 universities are awarded Kauffman grants for their self-designed internship series annually, and Notre Dame's program has consistently received the financial backing to facilitate its success and offer a stipend to each participant.

Central to this success is the Gigot Center's unique approach to the internship experience. "It's one way to bring social awareness to the business school," past participant Jeffrey Stuffings said. Last summer, Stuffings worked with the staff of the Broadway Christian Parish in the south neighborhoods of South Bend. "I worked with some neighbors of the community and helped them start their own businesses," he said, detailing a job that entailed everything from obtaining startup capital to marketing the business once it was made public.

Primary among the goals of the program's administrators is to provide participants with the experience of a true social entrepreneur, which, to program director Jim Faulkiner, entails allowing students to dive headfirst into the organizations with which they work. "Our unofficial slogan is "Throw them in the deep end," he said, which emphasizes the Gigot Center's goal to give its participants tasks that a typical intern would never do.

"We want students to be able to do the crummiest jobs in the business and the best jobs in the business at the same time," Faulkiner said. He noted that, as they begin to build their businesses, entrepreneurs are forced to perform all levels of menial and specialized tasks, sweeping the floor or creating an advertising campaign.

Part of the Gigot Center's unique process requires that each participant "sell" the concept of the program to the organizations which they have an interest in working with. "This, we feel, is part of being an entrepreneur," Faulkiner said.

Unlike many institutions of its kind, Kauffman staff members do not place students in specific positions or organizations. "Starting with this year, we're relying more and more on helping the students find their internships," Faulkiner said, stressing the significant role that such a search will play in the student's future, especially after graduation.

The first question Faulkiner, as the program's adviser, asks each student is "What do you love to do?" From there, they begin to undertake such indispensable endeavors as family networking, conducting the presentment of their ideas to local alumni and club and conducting Web-based Google searches.

By doing so, participants are able to find those internships that cater to their personal interests and preferences.

Current participant Mary Godwin, for instance, decided the performing arts were her passion. After conducting a search under Faulkiner's advising, she found a perfect match and is now in the process of negotiating an internship with the Manhattan Theater Project in New York City.

"That's what she found when she thought about what she loved," Faulkiner said. Godwin, as a member of the growing minority of women involved in entrepreneurial ventures, is also one of the audiences that the Kauffman program has made it a goal to target. "This is designed to encourage women and minorities," Faulkiner said. "One of the things we want to do is especially get the word out to women that there really is a place for them in business. Including your own business is a key to economic success."

Although promoting economic success is a significant element of the learning process that goes hand in hand with the Kauffman program, exploring new avenues of interest is also an area of strong emphasis. "I wanted to do some kind of service work over the summer, and when I heard about this business program, it wasn't for me," Stuffings said, adding that it was the social service aspect of the program that won him over. He soon found that the opportunity would afford him much more than just a summer job.

Although Stuffings has no intention of shifting his major from government to the College of Business, his experience with the Kauffman program has fueled an involvement in the upcoming Social Venture Plan Awards sponsored by the Gigot Center. As a part of this endeavor, he is competing with a number of current students and alumni who have submitted social venture plans in an effort to garner $10,000 in cash and services.

"The competition, as I experience it, gives me an appreciation for the community last summer, Stuffings has conceived the plan for what he calls "Broadway Gardens," a greenhouse co-operative in which neighbors grow herbs and vegetables to sell to local restaurants. His project is also part of the three-credit follow-up class that all Kauffman entrepreneur interns are required to attend in the academic year following their summer experience.

On April 26 at the Social Venture Plan Awards, Stuffings and his competitors will vie for the ultimate entrepreneurial prize: capital and backing, through which they will be able to see the manifestation of what can happen when social consciousness and entrepreneurial skills collide.

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Study: fish oil good for women's hearts, not just men's

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Women can significantly reduce their risk of heart disease by eating fish at least twice a week, researchers say in a study that found benefits similar to those previously seen in men.

It is one of three studies published this week bolstering evidence that fish oil is good for the heart.

The study of almost 85,000 women found those who ate fish two to four times weekly cut their risk of heart disease by 30 percent, compared with women rarely eating fish. Women who ate fish five or more times weekly reduced their risk 34 percent.

Past studies showed similar benefits for men, but this was the first to look specifically at the effect in women, said Dr. Frank Hu, assistant professor of nutrition at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

"It was very important to confirm that the beneficial effects of fish are also tied to women," said Hu, assistant professor of nutrition at the Harvard School of Public Health.

The findings add to the mounting evidence about the heart health benefits of omega-3 fatty acids, which are especially plentiful in dark, oily fish such as mackerel, salmon and sardines.

Researchers examined 16 years of data on 84,688 participants in the Nurses' Health Study. The women were ages 34 to 59 and had no sign of heart disease at the outset. In the following 16 years, researchers documented 1,513 cases of heart disease, including 484 deaths and 1,029 heart attacks.

While eating fish reduced the risk of nonfatal heart attacks, it appeared even more protective against sudden death from heart failure.

Besides preventing clotting — much as aspirin can — omega-3 fatty acids help prevent irregular heartbeats, which can lead to sudden death, Hu said.

Similarly, a study of men with no history of heart disease — published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine — found that those with the highest blood levels of omega-3 fatty acids were more than 80 percent less likely to die suddenly from heart disease.

The 17-year study involved 94 men and was led by Dr. Christine Albert, a cardiologist at Massachusetts General Hospital and an epidemiologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Mental evidence about omega-3 benefits proves it is important for people to maintain a healthy diet that includes fish, said Dr. Sidney Smith, chief science officer at the American Heart Association. The association recommends two servings of fish a week.

"It does appear that a diet rich in fish and omega-3 has benefits beyond taking an aspirin a day," Smith said.

Neither study took into account the consumption of fish oil supplements. But a study in Tuesday's issue of the journal Circulation suggests that fish oil supplements reduced sudden cardiac death by 42 percent in the three months after patients had a heart attack.

Researchers stressed those findings must be confirmed, and the American Heart Association said it will not recommend supplements until there is more evidence.

Some types of fish can contain high amounts of mercury. A study released last year by the Food and Drug Administration said pregnant women and those who might become pregnant should not eat shark, swordfish, king mackerel or tilefish because the mercury could hurt a fetus' developing brain.

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White House monitoring oil troubles

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush on Tuesday used the Iraqi oil embargo to promote his stalled energy plan, but aides said he was not seriously considering more dramatic action such as gasoline tax cuts or the use of oil reserves to respond to price increases.

"We need to be less dependent on foreign sources of crude oil," Bush said at a Connecticut GOP fund-raiser. "It was made pretty clear the other day when Saddam Hussein stands up and announces he's going to try to organize the oil boycott."

The administration predicts that drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge could yield as much as 1.3 million barrels of oil a day, or 20 percent of the nation's domestic production. A bill aproving the drilling is stalled in the Democratic-controlled Senate.

"You know my opinion about Saddam; the world's not going to follow him," said Bush, a former Texas oilman. "But it just goes to show how important it is to diversify our supply away from places like Iraq."

Secretary of State Colin Powell, trying to broker peace in the Middle East, also expressed sympathy for Iraq's call, but other oil-producing countries have publicly declared that they won't take part in any embargo. Signs of a possible Israeli withdrawal from Palestinian territories restored calm to world oil markets Tuesday.

Bush advisers said the president would not be inclined to tap oil reserves or promote a reduction in gasoline taxes - two options he rejected or dismissed during the presidential campaign.

President Clinton tapped into the reserves during the 2000 campaign, a move that drew criticism from Bush's campaign because it was viewed as an attempt to boost then-Vice President Al Gore's prospects. At the time, Bush said reserves should not be drawn from unless there is an emergency - and an administration official said Tuesday that seasonal price fluctuations are not normally considered emergencies.

As for the gas tax, Bush did not join Republican lawmakers who clamored for a reduction as gasoline prices rose during the presidential campaign. He said then and, aides said, believes now that the money is needed for roads and other infrastructure.

In an interview with the Wall Street Journal published Tuesday, the president did not rule out tapping the nation's strategic petroleum reserve or reducing gasoline taxes.

"We'll look at all options" if the Iraq threat creates a problem, he said. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said Tuesday that Democrats may offer an amendment on ANWR drilling if Republicans don't, just to demonstrate that the proposal doesn't have the support of oil senators needed to break a filibuster.

Daschle said Iraq's decision to cut off oil exports should prompt Congress and the administration to reconsider their opposition to compelling automakers to produce more fuel-efficient cars.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, said Republicans could introduce an Alaska drilling amendment this week with the idea of not holding a vote on it until next week.

"There are people in our caucus who would prefer to not have to vote on it," Craig said, acknowledging that drilling supporters have only between 49 and 54 votes. "But it's important that we send a clear signal to the American people, that we took up the issue and dealt with it."

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College: a time to challenge, learn and grow

Joe Larson
Principles of Idiocracy

As we all know, college is a bewildering and fascinating institution that we all struggle through in some way or another, trying not to hurt ourselves and most of the time, anyone else. It has become a rite of passage in the United States for any high school senior who can spell his own name to attend a post-secondary university in order to, if not anything else, just kind of delay the inevitable and hang around kids his own age for a little while longer. We are all extremely fortunate that this is the case and are lucky we all grew up in a time when we don’t have to go to the army or start working in our father’s bakeries after high school graduation. Instead, we get to move out of our parent’s houses and go to college, which means we can take classes and immerse ourselves in college culture.

Now, college culture, if we can call it that, isn’t necessarily the most mature and adult establishment in our generation’s milieu, but as much as I’ve heard it’s just like Poorman and his supporters are right. College students drink a copious amount of alcohol. Really, we do. When you go to a bar or a party around here, there are certainly a lot of drunk people walking around. But, doubts and naysayers, this is the point.

College is the only time when drinking copious amounts of alcohol is not only socially acceptable, but encouraged. And subsequently rewarding because people think you know how to party. We are young people who no longer living with our parents any more. Everything is taken to the extreme. College is the first time in young people’s lives when they are finally and totally in charge of themselves as people. Not as real people, because most of the time they’re not flipping the birds or taking care of the serious and less fun things, but as college students they are in charge of themselves as social entities. This is why college is a time for young adults to be a little wacky and even a tiny bit reckless within the boundaries of safety. It’s like the first time you try to ride a bike. I don’t think anyone ever just jumped on their first BMX and rode it around the block without any imperfections. You either fell down or used training wheels or were made fun of so much by the other kids in your neighborhood that you had to learn how to ride. But you learned, didn’t you? It took time and practice, but you learned how to ride the bike. And once you learn, you can pick it up again any time, right?

Well, if that’s what it takes to ride a bike, why should it be any different for someone learning to be an adult? After my high school graduation am I supposed to be magically transformed into a fully functional, bill-paying, wholly responsible adult? Hell no. I’m not.

College is a place where people are allowed to try things and experience things that they haven’t before. And, as the person grows and learns from his mistakes, only then can he become an understanding and competent adult. Wisdom is gained through knowledge, and knowledge comes from screw-ups.

This is why college kids are so wacky. They’re trying to figure stuff out. And that’s also why it’s wholly detrimental to the development of the students here to be stifled by rules and regulations. As we all know, college is a bewildering and fascinating institution that we all struggle through in some way or another, trying not to hurt ourselves and most of the time, anyone else. It has become a rite of passage...

Joe Larson is senior English and History major. His column appears every other Wednesday. He would like to invite any of you who have read this column and don’t find it entirely annoying to Inforgraphic Bathroom on Thursday at 7 p.m. for two original one-act plays. Joe wrote and directed the first play, entitled “The Common Room,” in which four freshmen males discuss beer, freshmen females and yoga. Contact him at jlarson@nd.edu. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
ND must respect employee rights and concerns

Working in Notre Dame Food Services for two and a half years allowed me to meet many of the workers who cook and prepare food, clean dishes, take out trash, mop floors and clean what we drop — among many other things that you would be disgusted by if you realize what people do for a wage. I've met their families; they tell me about their children, their troubles and what's been going on lately in their lives. Through talking with workers, I've discovered that many have complaints about the way they are treated at work. Their lives are difficult and they can't be sure that whatever it was, it was competent when they are at work.

Due to the fact that Notre Dame is a Catholic university, these complaints are disturbing. The Church has a tradition of over 100 years of Catholic Social Teaching which, according to St. John Paul II, 'is a Christian teaching regarding many social issues. This tradition includes such moral truths as: the right of all laborers to earn a living wage, to join unions and to bargain collectively. According to these teachings, work is a valuable part of human life. More importantly, the dignity of each person must be valued above capital and profit. Notre Dame prides itself on its Catholic identity; therefore, CST should be an integral part in every aspect of University life. So, why is it that the workers here earn just over the poverty level, are overworked, feel as if they are not allowed to organize and generally feel that they are treated poorly?

According to CST, Notre Dame must pay its workers a living wage, whether they clean, cook or answer phones. Neither the market nor their position should influence the definition of their value. The average campus worker is classified either as level two or three, based on the type of work. A level two worker earns at minimum, $7.72 per hour. At 40 hours a week, a level two worker will earn only $16,957.40 annually without time off. Human Resources' pay philosophy states that "the rate of pay for staff positions is based on the market for competitive market as well as on the level of responsibility of the position." In CST the dignity of all labor is more important then the market.

The University's mission statement is that we grant them priority over individual issues like getting the Vatican to acknowledge "covering up the whole ordeal for decades." The truth is that Mr. Butland's cause, the Vatican has wronged with its actions. Our cause is not the Church. They are challenging their leaders not just the members of the priesthood. The priesthood may act as laggards, but only insofar as they are stories — stories for our causes. Brave causes, causes that give credence to our cause. Would you do more? Could you do more? Could Notre Dame do more?

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Letters to the Editor

False humanism ignores true victims

Brodie Butland's April 8 letter warrants some serious scrutiny. It is not reflective of our university's values but, rather, of some cánse, however, is its insensitivity. Mr. Butland undermines the victimization of sexually molested children. He refers to this violence as "just a few priests in Boston (being) a little overactive with children." Whether this reference was a careless misprint or a lack of understanding, it is a mistake. If we lack empathy for others, we can certainly be sure that whatever it was, it was certainly an inappropriate statement.

Was it a joke, an invitation to laugh about something that plays on our nerves? Or is Mr. Butland guilty of comedic narcissism? Does he so value the egoistic benefits of his own causes that he would impose the vic­ timization of these children? Mr. Butland invites us to make light of the agony of these children in order that we may feel more sympathy for the victimization of these children? Mr. Butland invites us to make light of the agony of these children in order that we may feel more sympathy for the victimization of these children. He refers to this violence as "just a few priests in Boston (being) a little overactive with children." Is it true that the Vatican has covered the whole ordeal up for decades?

One thing, Mr. Butland suspects that the real issue for these children both presently and as an issue for the future will be something a bit more personal. The real issue for them will be their reaction to their sexual molestation. It will be very concrete, you see, as children, they'll rage at such a betrayal; in rest, and as adults, they'll curse it out in therapy. Day by day, night by night, minute by moment by second — there will be no forgetting.

"Overactivity," you say, just "a little." Let's focus on the real issue: the way we've gotten so wrapped up in our causes that we grant them priority over individual persons. So we make a little joke here and there, at the kids lightly from behind and move on to bigger and better things: "real" issues like getting the Vatican to acknowled­ edge "covering up the whole ordeal for decades."

Meanwhile, we'll make light of their sexual molestation and make them poster-kids for our causes. Brave causes, causes that are bold and noble and protest for children but only insofar as they are stories — stories that give credence to our cause. Would you say instruments, Mr. Butland, for the advancement of the real cause?

The truth is that Mr. Butland's cause, the Church, the Vatican has wronged with its actions. This is the peculiar breed of "humanism" that's all the rage these days — go grab your picket signs.

Kelly Fabrega senior
Web Family April 8, 2002

Challengers, but do not attack, Church leaders

In response to the April 9 letter "Give the Church a rest," I have a few quick points for Johnny Burns to consider.

First of all, the decision by the Church's leaders to cover-up the crimes in Boston and other places was not "an impulse judgment error." Using the word "impulse" implies that the decision was quick and not thought out. Due to the serious nature of the crimes, making such a snap decision would have been grossly immoral, but in reality the decision to cover-up the crimes was not impulsive. It was systematically carried out for years. So can the leaders of the Church be blamed for covering up these scandals? The answer is yes, not perhaps. Anyone willing to give the Church leaders a pass on the cover-up is the one who is "ignorant and often atrival.

Secondly, we, the members of the Catholic faith, are the Church, not just the members of the priesthood. The priesthood may act as leaders of the Church, but all Catholics make up the Church. So when Catholics are challenging the actions of the priesthood they are not attacking the Church. They are challenging their leaders who have obviously failed. We are not dwelling on the shortcomings of the Church; we are holding our leaders responsible for their actions.

Doesn't the fact that the Church is calling for its leaders to take responsibility for their crimes and accept punishment prove that the Church as a whole has a deeper understanding of the faith than the leaders who committed and enabled crimes against innocent Church members? Don't the calls for investigations and reforms of the Church prove that the Church is realizing how the priesthood should act than some of the priests themselves?

Mark DeBoy
class of '05
April 10, 2002
In the murky depths of April in South Bend, everyone could use a little warmth, sunshine and celebration to cheer things up. The Hawaii Club is bringing just that to Notre Dame’s campus this Saturday evening.

This year’s annual Hawaii Club lu’au is armed with an ethnic feast that is sure to tantalize the taste buds and real Hawaiian entertainment to enjoy.

The upperclassmen in the club help the freshman with the transition right from the beginning of the year. One event the club held this year was a shopping trip for winter clothes to prepare for the frigid South Bend winter. Between Hawaii and the Midwest, there are many cultural differences, from the music and sports that are played to the role of religion in people’s lives.

"Not that one culture is superior to another, but in Hawaii people are more liberal and more diverse," said August. "Here there is a strong base of morality and Catholic presence.

Offering support during this adjustment period is one of the Hawaii Club’s goals. "The club is very tight-knit and the older students really help you get acclimated," said August, "it’s a really big shift coming here, and the club really helped ease the transition."

Yet not all the members of the club are from Hawaii; a large section of the club is made up of roommates and friends eager to learn about and share in the Hawaiian culture. Similar to the state of Hawaii, it is a very diverse group.

Every year, the Hawaii Club’s most anticipated event is the lu’au. It is an annual sell-out, earning the "Ethnic Event of the Year" award last year as well.

Club members have been fundraising all year to put on the lu’au, but no profit is made from the actual event. In fact, the club actually loses money in an effort to keep ticket prices down for the guests.

"The lu’au isn’t about making money," said Malia Lam, Hawaii Club co-president. "It’s about bringing Hawaiian culture to the Notre Dame community."

This year, as in years past, the event will draw its show straight from Hawaiian culture. In addition to the traditional Hawaiian feast, the lu’au will showcase a hula dance performed by members of the club.

Perhaps the most recognizable tradition from the islands, the hula dance has its origins dating far back into Hawaiian history. The hula is more than a dance; it is a means of communication between the dancer and the viewer. The fingers and feet of the dancer move in specific ways to tell stories to the audience.

Historically, the hula related tales about all aspects of human life, including birth, death, war and even surfing. However, with the 1820 invasion of Westerners onto Hawaiian soil, the hula became extinct for 76 years. Americans thought the hula dance was primitive and vulgar, so it was prohibited, as was the Hawaiian language itself, from being taught in schools on the island.

The dance did not disappear completely; however. Thanks to Hollywood and the American entertainment industry, the hula has become a symbolic representation of Hawaii. Extensive tourism has also done its part to make the rich history of the hula available to all Americans. Only since the 1960’s have Hawaiians been rediscovering the true nature of their roots that were submerged in the past for so long.

Interestingly, many of the Notre Dame students from Hawaii learn more about their native culture here in Indiana rather than back home. For example, most of the students had never hula danced or prepared ethnic foods before they went away to college. Of all the club members, only two had significant experience with hula dancing before coming to the Midwest.

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day flavor, the club has been selecting recipes and preparing ethnic foods for Saturday's event. The main dish will be a kalua pig, which entails much preparation before feasting. Traditionally, a kalua pig is placed into an imu (a hole dug in the ground), and is smoked with spices and other delicacies for a number of hours to ensure perfect flavoring. Of course, due to campus regulations, digging a hole in front of the main building to smoke a pig isn't exactly permitted, so the club has to make do with what they have by attempting to smoke the pig in an oven.

Many other ethnic foods will be served as well: shoyu chicken, which is simply soy sauce with chicken as derived from Japan; poi, which is taro roots; lau lau pork, a dish of pork and spinach wrapped in ti leaves; and lomi lomi salmon shipped from Hawaii straight from Hawaii. White rice, the Hawaiian starch served with every meal, will be also be available, along with fruit punch with a distinctly Hawaiian taste. For dessert, traditional treats such as haupia, which is coconut jello, and coconut cake will be served.

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**Bookstore Basketball**

By MIKE CONNOLLY

Sport Writer

The winner of Bookstore Basketball XXXI may have to travel the toughest path to the title in tournament history.

From top to bottom the top 32 spots in Bookstore Basketball XXXI stack up as one of the strongest fields in history, according to head commissioner Brian Clemency.

"This was one of the toughest years to rank the tournament," Clemency said after releasing the name of the top-32 teams Tuesday.

Bookstore commissioners usually have 20 to 25 "rank-eligible" teams to consider for the top 32 spots. "Rank-eligible" teams are those that either return proven bookstore players/taught-in-school coaches or seniors men's basketball players.

This year there were nearly 40 such teams and only 32 spots to rank them.

"Usually by the time we get to our top 20, we have to start reaching for teams," commissioner Al Ostick said. "But this year there was a whole bunch of teams that could fall between 15 and 32."  

Black J.A.C.K.S. emerged from the pack of quality teams to earn the No. 1 seed. Clemency said this was the best team he had ever seen in four years at Notre Dame.

"This could be the most stacked team in the history of Bookstore Basketball," Ostick said.

The team features two members of the 2001 Champions. Ryan Storkson, in Vitter and senior football player Courtney Watson. Clemency was also named the MVP for the 2001 tournament.

For this solid core, Vitter and Watson added former basketball players Brian Ostick and Jason Sullivan, a former member of Versatility, led the team to the semifinals last year and the finals in 1999. He was also named second-team All-Bookstore in 2001.

After being rivals last year, Vitter and Sullivan decided to team up for senior year.

"We had just decided fresh- men year that we were going to play together as seniors," Vitter said.

Kevin Muenpfer, a 2001 first team All-Bookstore from Five Reasons Your Girl Left You, and Sean McCarthy, a 2001 third team All-Bookstore from the Majestics, round out the top team.

No. 2 Adworks All-Stars feature three bookstore players — Carl Hilty, Bob Ryan, and a former member of Versatility, led the team to the semifinals last year and the finals in 1999. He was also named second-team All-Bookstore in 2001.

The fourth-ranked Splitters return four starters from last year and picked up Matt Woblick from the Majestics to form a strong squad. Woblick earned the dubious honor of the Hoosier Award last year as the player who shoots the most but makes the least.  

No. 5 Mmm ... Cheese played as the Freeballers last year and returns all five players. Last year they upset Tony Fisher and Cocoa Butter.

Other notable ranked teams include No. 6 Varsity Grill, which is made up of many play- ers from Cocoa Batter, No. 13 Nunc Dimittis, the seminarian team, and No. 11 We Get Wet, an all-freshman squad.

"They have been at Rolfs's no-stop," Vitter said about We Get Wet, which includes four high school basketball players. "But they are very talented. They earned our respect.

"We Get Wet hopes to follow in the footsteps of previous freshman surprise teams like Versatility in 1999 by making a run deep into the tournament."

"We definitely make a run," We Get Web head Justin Funk said. "We were all kind of defensive stoppers in high school. We are smaller than the top-10 teams, but we play tough defense.

Commissioners believe they have identified the best 32 teams in the original rankings but know there will be plenty of surprises in the early rounds. They will re-rank the teams on April 24, when only 16 teams remain.

"You have to make your most educated judgment possible," Clemency said. "But the re-ranking is always a better seed- ing because you have seen people play and know what they can do.

Play begins Thursday with the preliminary rounds. Preliminary and first-round games continue through Tuesday.

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**Bookstore Basketball XXXI Top 32 Teams**

**Top Ten Names**

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2. Just Like Dancers, We Got Busy After Parietalas
3. Fennigals, Dolly Parton, and Three Other Huge Busts
4. Tenacious STD
5. Out Faster Than George O'Leary
6. Jack, Jim, Jose, and Two Other Guys That Won't Be On Next Year's Team
7. The Only Thing We Stuff Is Our Bra
8. We Just Want to Put the Tip In
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**Irish softball combine for no-hitter**

By AARON RONSHEIM

In the first game of Tuesday's doubleheader against Valparaiso Steffany Stenglein and Carrie Wisen combined for their first collegiate no-hitter. The Irish (18-12) extended their winning streak to 10 games and defeated the Crusaders 4-0.

"That was nice," Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf said. "I am sure they enjoyed it. They really need that with a big weekend coming up."

Stenglein pitched the first three innings, while Wisen pitched the last four innings for her sixth victory of the season. Both pitchers had five strikeouts and two walks.

Wisen and Stenglein presented different styles for the Crusaders. Stenglein used her rising fastball to keep runners guessing.

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Even though Stenglein missed the sign, Gumpf was happy about the end result.

"That was a good sign. Gumpf was happy about the end result. Anything else would have made me angry."

Stenglein continued her strong pitching performance in the second game with a one-hit shutout leading to an 8-0 victory. Wisen (7-4) would not give up a hit until the fourth inning.

By that time, though, the Irish already jumped out to a 2-0 lead. In the third, Cioli and catcher Jarrah Moyers hit back-to-back RBI singles to give the Irish the lead.

In the fourth, the Irish put six runs on the board. Irish designated player Annie Dell'Aria lined a base hit down the right field line to drive in two runs. After a walk to Kriehe loaded the bases, Cioli's sacrifice fly brought home a run and all Irish base runners moved up one base. Bledsoe then followed with a two-run single to finish the Irish scoring.

Even though the Irish have played well over the last few weeks, there are still a few areas where they are looking to improve.

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**Women's Lacrosse**

Notre Dame falls by 1 to Ohio State

By CHRIS COLEMAN

With just 56 seconds left in the game, the Irish women's lacrosse team still had a chance. But Ohio State's Shannon Wilson ended Notre Dame's comeback by scoring her second goal in four minutes to defeat No. 9 Notre Dame 12-11.

Both of the losses for the 8-2 Irish have been by one goal. In their loss to Ohio State, the Irish fell behind early. The No. 15 Buckeyes scored six consecutive goals to make it 7-2. The Irish came out of their slump quickly and rallied to take an 8-7 lead.

Annie Riley and Lauren Fischer, who both had three goals on the day, countered the second Ohio State run to make the 10-10. Wilson's two unassisted goals in the last 4:42 put the game out of reach for the Irish.

The game was one of individual offensive achievement, with six players scoring 20 of the 23 goals. Ohio State's Megan Mirick scored six, while Notre Dame's Danielle Shearer finished with four. In addition to Shearer, Riley and Fischer, Meredith Simon recorded an Irish goal and two assists, and Natalie Loftus had two assists.

Fischer started the scoring on a pass from fellow sophomore Simon just 25 seconds into the game. Mirick responded with her first of the day, making the game 1-1. Riley, who has steadily shown improvement this year after switching positions, countered the goal and reclaimed the lead for the Irish.

Then OSU went on a scoring year, netting six goals in 11 minutes, with three coming from Mirick. Simen finally stopped the scoring run with 10 minutes left in the first half.

Shearer, not to be outdone by Mirick, put in two quick goals and combined with Riley's second of the day to bring the Irish within one, 7-6, at the end of the half.

The first 10 minutes of the second half was dominated by stingy defense, but Shearer scored two goals to give the Irish the lead 6-7.

Mirick struck again on a free position goal, and Ohio State got two more goals to retake the lead.

With the score 10-8, Fischer and Riley scored off passes from Loftus and Simon to tie the game at 10.

The game was scoreless for five minutes until Wilson scored her first goal of the day to put the Buckeyes up one. Wilson did it again with 56 seconds left to finish off the Irish.

Fischer's goal with 36 seconds left to play gave a flash of hope, but the Irish could not find the net again before time expired.

The Irish face two more ranked opponents this weekend, No. 6 Duke Friday and No. 12 Yale Sunday.

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FENCING

Irish finish 6th at world championships

Special to The Observer

Three members of the Notre Dame fencing program concluded competition with the U.S. team at the World Junior Championships, with the United States posting an impressive sixth-place finish in the overall team standings after registering several noteworthy finishes in the earlier individual events.

Notre Dame’s three U.S. competitors represented the most from any college team, with the 18-fencer U.S. junior squad including just four other collegiate fencers — two from Ohio State and one each from Stanford and Yale.

Notre Dame sophomore fencer Kerry Walton — fresh off her stunning first-place showing at the NCAA Championships — took home the bronze medal at the World Junior Championships, becoming the second U.S. fencer ever to earn a medal in any weapon category up to age 16. Walton, the bronze medalist at the World Junior Championships, is just the eighth U.S. women’s fencer in any weapon category ever to earn a medal in the World Junior Championships.

Walton joined her mother Yvonne were featured in the April 2 edition of USA Today, as the first parent-child combination ever to compete concurrently for the U.S. fencing in the World Championships.

Walton joined her brother Forest, who finished ninth at the 2001 NCAAs as the first brother-sister combination ever to earn All-America honors in the history of Notre Dame fencing — and second in epee — to post a medalist finish at the World Junior Championships. In women’s epee team competition, Walton helped the U.S. squad finish ninth overall, with a 45-34 loss to Ukraine in the round of 16. Notre Dame freshman women’s foilist Andrea Amm finished fourth on Saturday in the individual competition before helping the U.S. women’s foil team reach the round of 16 on Sunday, with the United States losing a tight 45-40 match to Romania, while finishing ninth overall.

Another Notre Dame freshman fencer, Derek Snyder, was a member of the U.S. men’s foil team that finished 19th in Monday’s team competition, losing a close 45-39 decision to Korea in the round of 32. In the individual foil event, Snyder finished 45th.

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attend Notre Dame was born watching those games. When the opportunity to pitch for the Irish was presented, Stenglein jumped at the offer. "It's always been a dream to come here for me. I remember my mom telling me we are big-time Catholics — we would watch the football games. We would do the fight song," Stenglein said. "When I found out I was being looked at and they had an interest in me, it was my No. 1 choice."

Stenglein received a withdrawal from Southern Mississippi after learning of the coach's departure. She had to sit out a year to officially transfer to Notre Dame. During her off year, Stenglein attended Golden West Junior College in Huntington Beach, Calif.

Raw talent
During her senior year at Marin High School, Stenglein ranked third in the nation in strikeouts. She was able to overpower the batters and not have to worry about scouting reports. When Stenglein arrived at Notre Dame, her ability was not enough to get batters out.

"In the fall, we broke down Steff's mechanics and taught her the basics," said Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf. "She came in with a lot of raw talent. She is a work in progress, but if she continues to work hard, she could be very good."

Awaiting Stenglein in her first collegiate game was a match-up against Jennie Finch and the Arizona Wildcats.Coming into the game, Finch, the 2001 national Player of the Year, had won 45 straight decisions. Stenglein lasted only 3 1/3 innings, yielding three runs and five walks.

"It was against the defending national champions," she said. "It was very nerve-wracking, of course. But I wasn't as nervous as I thought I was going to be going into that game."

In her first 14 innings pitched, Stenglein walked 20 batters. The adjustment to college softball had not only improved her mechanics but also her mental game and team reliance.

"In high school, I thought, 'I can do it all. I'm going to strike them out. I'm going to get them out.' Here, you have to rely on your defense more," Stenglein said. "It is a lot more mental, because I think so much more here than I did in high school. Knowing the batters better, knowing what pitch to throw."

Captain Jarrah Myers has helped Stenglein become more comfortable on the collegiate level. As her catcher, Myers knows close games can affect a freshman pitcher's mindset. "Steff came in as a winner. She knows how to win," the senior said. "We worked together on her mechanics to help her in those tight situations."

Climbing to the top
After a rough start to the season, Stenglein has regrouped and is now the ace of the staff. On the year, she has worked 123 2/3 innings and has a 2.15 ERA. During Notre Dame's current 10-game winning streak, Stenglein has struck out 43, walked 17 and given up only six runs. Stenglein has also won her last four decisions to improve her record to 11-8. Gumpf attributes the improvements to Stenglein's hard work.

"Steff is stronger, her mechanics are better and her pitches move better," Gumpf said. "I expect her to be better and better every day she competes both physically and mentally."

Myers also notices the improvement.

"Steff's improvement is tremendous," said the senior captain. "She is a much better pitcher with her ball movement. At the beginning of the year, people were concerned about the amount of walks, but the stats speak for themselves now."

Stenglein knows personally she is a better pitcher through the experiences of her first college season.

"I've improved a lot more with Coach and Jarrah Myers helping me out, just my attitude going into the game, knowing that I can beat the hitters," Stenglein said. "Knowing it's just one pitch at a time. Not worrying about things and knowing that my defense will help me."

Future expectations
Coming in with so much ability, Stenglein needs to continue her hard work and dedication to softball in order to achieve her maximum potential.

"Steff has the capability to be one of the best ever at Notre Dame," Gumpf said. "Is she there yet? No. But, if she continues to work hard, as she is now, then she could be."

In her first eight weeks of collegiate competition, Stenglein has not had one standout moment to define her season. But being on the team is good enough for her.

"Being on the team, (is my) No. 1 accomplishment, playing with these girls," Stenglein said "I think how we are starting off really well in Big East. So far we are (undefeated) in Big East, that's great. I don't think I have had one moment stick out yet, but I'm hoping it's going to come in the next two months."

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Stefany Stenglein winds up in a game earlier this season.
**Men's Basketball**

Pizza was the last thing on anyone's mind.

So when you saw that men's NCAA Tournament draw for the first time about a month ago, with Duke looming just above Notre Dame on the bracket, what did you think?

Maybe: "Well, making it to the second round means something," or the infinitely more eloquent: "Well, the Irish can beat Charlotte, but then... then, it's friggin' Duke!"

I know both crossed my mind, and a big part of head coach Mike Brey's job involved making sure his players didn't adopt that gut reaction of basketball fans everywhere.

"Every timeout," Brey said, "I was into our guys hard about, 'We're going to Lexington, we are advancing, we're gonna play in the Sweet 16.' I think they needed to hear that because there was a little bit of 'Man, we didn't think we'd be up seven. Maybe we'd be down six or within striking distance.'"

"The psychology of that part of the game was huge."

Of course, the Irish lost that second-round game to the Blue Devils 84-77 as Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski continued his dominance against his former assistants. But Brey, now 42-21 at Notre Dame, is becoming less and less like "former Coach K assistant" and more a name that stands alone as the Irish reappear in the national hoops consciousness.

"I basically wanted to kick his [butt] for two hours on Saturday, and he wanted to kick mine. I love him, he's a good friend. We'll hang out and have a pizza and stuff this summer, but I wanted to kick his [butt], and he wanted to kick mine," Brey said.

"Someone find me the Tool Man so we can have an 'Ar, Ar, Ar' grunt after that. Who wouldn't want to come play for this guy, especially after his team went toe-to-toe with Duke in front of a national audience?"

"I was excited when I saw the brackets flash up that way," he said, "because I thought it was an opportunity for us to shine... and put our program in new company."

"The opportunity and competing well, given the poor play we've been in the '90s, helped us. So I didn't look at it like, 'Oh, man, (we're) going to play Duke in the second round. I'm thinking, 'If we can get past Charlotte, what an opportunity.'"

Notre Dame didn't fully seize that opportunity, as another team from Indiana did against Duke in the next round, prompting Brey to tell his wife: "They got our darn win — that was ours."

But it's hard to get down about that loss and not get psyched for next season already, even when it's only April. Basketball News and Basketball Times have named point guard Chris Thomas Freshman of the Year and Brey is ready to put him in with some more elite company.

"He's the best [point guard] I've ever been around," Brey said. "He's better than [former Duke standout] Bobby Hurley. His feel for the game, his shouting, is better in that sense, and his maturity and his poise for a freshman... that was the impressive thing."

"I think what really helped Chris, and he allied to this... when you start a game with those three guys [pointing to pictures of David Graves, Ryan Humphrey and Harold Swanagan] and Matt Carroll, it helps you because you've got some men around you out there."

"...I think as he turns toward his sophomore year, he's one of the best guards in college basketball. And the neat thing is... he's got his feet on the ground, and he knows he's got to get stronger this summer, and he knows he's got to work on things..."

After last season, the great speculation around Irish basketball centered on another great player, Troy Murphy, and whether he would turn pro. Once he did, speculation moved to guessing what kind of season Notre Dame would have.

Twenty-two wins later, and coming so close to what would have been a huge No. 23, Notre Dame men's basketball is once again, in the words of Brey, looking like a "program" with a maintained level of success.

That doesn't mean things are supposed to come easy now. "We lose a lot," he said. "I slept better over the summer even though we lost Murphy and Ingelsby because we still had a lot of maturity on the team. When you lose three guys like that [Graves, Humphrey and Swanagan], I'm a little more concerned."

"You know, I get back to, where will we be picked in the West Division? Probably third or fourth, again. Every time we're picked there, we've been pretty good from there. I think this group will go into it... Looking to get back to the NCAA Tournament a third year. That's gotta be our goal."

Now, I can't speak to how young guys will step in for the departed seniors or how much bulk Chris Thomas will add.

But with this whole program's newfound attitude, I don't think they'll have to say someone else got their win too much longer.

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**SMC Softball**

**Belles unable to play**

By SARAH RYKOWSKI

Rain and snow have plagued the Saint Mary's softball team all season, and Tuesday's game was no exception. The Belles were forced to reschedule their afternoon doubleheader against the Calvin Knights to Wednesday after Monday's heavy rain.

The Belles will face the Knights at 3:30 p.m. today.

Other MIAA softball teams with games scheduled Tuesday were also cancelled. Alma will now travel to Holland, Mich., to play Hope. Kalamazoo's match against Adrian was also cancelled, although a make-up date has yet to be scheduled.

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Senior Annie Knish returns the ball in her first victory over Hope College for the Belles.

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just part of it, the physical part today."

Before the match even began you could feel the rivalry. The tennis courts, usually occupied by quiet fans and quiet players, was full of yells from both sides of the court. Knowing how much Tuesday's match would be a head game, both teams spent the time prior to the first serve trying to psych out their opponent.

The Belles took control of their mental game, and their physical game fell in line.

"It's always [good to get a win]. [Hope] is a class act," said head coach Dee Stevenson. "[The Belles] are smart players, they know what they have to do on the court."

The battle between the conference rivals manifested itself in the final match. Even though Saint Mary's had already clinched the win, taking six of the eight matches that had been played, everyone was focused on the No. 3 doubles match that was in the second set.

Sophomore Kris Spriggle and junior Angie Sandner had gone off to a good start, winning the first set. But early in the second set, Hope's Dee Clause and Megan McDowell were making a comeback. The Flying Dutch had taken four games, and the Belles had only taken one.

But some carefully placed shots by Spriggle and Sandner allowed them to even the set at four and eventually pushed the Belles ahead. They won the set and took home a 2-0 match victory to give the final 7-2 score.

The win at No. 3 doubles gave the Belles a clean sweep in doubles after Ryan and Kaitlin Cutler took home a solid 6-4, 6-1 victory at No. 2.

That doubles win was a little bit of payback for Ryan, who dropped her No. 5 singles match to Springer. For the junior, who hadn't lost since her freshman year, Springer provided tough competition Ryan hadn't faced in a while. "I definitely wasn't playing my game," Ryan said. "I think that she's a very, very talented player and without giving excuses for my match, I'm skeptical as to why she's playing the fifth spot."

Sandner suffered the only other loss of the match, dropping No. 6 singles to Clause, 6-0, 3-6, 6-1. Jeannie Knish, Cutter and Spriggle won their matches at No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 singles, respectively.

The win moved the Belles record to 5-0 in the MIAA and dropped Hope to 1-1 in the conference. The Belles have a week-and-a-half break before facing DePauw April 20.

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Baseball

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high fastball. Vergara then walked second baseman Steve Horn but got a fly-ball out to right field from the next batter to avoid any more trouble.

With the Irish ahead 3-0, the Bronco hitters finally got to Vergara in the third, scoring four runs on three hits while drawing four walks in the inning.

Duff came into the game for Vergara with the bases loaded and two outs and induced a first-pitch ground ball from shortstop Adam Rosales to end the threat.

The Irish chipped away at their three-run deficit in the bottom half of the third. First baseman Joe Thaman led off the inning with a single to left, taking second on the left fielder’s error. A bunt single by center fielder Adam Rosales to end the threat.

The Irish bullpen has not allowed a run in its last 19 innings pitched and has given up only two runs in its past 11 games for an ERA of 0.48. In this span, opponents are hitting .155 and the Irish will take the lead in the first inning and cruise to victory, but when you fight from behind like that and win it late, it does unbelievable wonders for your team’s spirit and camaraderie.”

The Irish return to Frank Eck Stadium Thursday, when they host Big East rival Pittsburgh for a doubleheader starting at noon.

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Freshman Martin Vergara throws a pitch in the Irish 5-4 win over Western Michigan.

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FOOTBALL

Wide receivers thrust in the spotlight

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

Following the announcement that Tyrone Willingham would lead the Irish, Notre Dame wide receivers found themselves in the spotlight—a group that had been focused in the past on blocking, taking an occasional pass to mix things up and, in general, promoting the option-oriented offense.

But on Tuesday at practice, it was obvious that things had changed.

With Willingham's new offensive scheme, the wide receivers will find themselves back on the receiving end of two things—national attention and the pass. And although it may seem like a big change for the team as a whole and the receivers in particular, they're ready.

"I was a receiver when I came here, so my mentality is make a play, that's it," said flanker Omar Jenkins. "Running, blocking, I mean, I'm still going to have to block so changing my mentality wasn't difficult because it's still playing ball."

That kind of mentality, one that puts the focus on being ready now, is just the kind of mentality wide receivers coach Trent Miles is looking for. He understands that his team is going to be spending the next three weeks learning, but that doesn't mean they cannot be accomplished right now.

"I'm going to demand that they be good right now," Miles said. "If they're not, at least they're working towards it and they know what to expect from me. I'm never going to give them a way out, never going to give them an excuse. If they don't have a good practice, I don't expect them to settle for that, to just put it off as if I'm only learning. Let's go out there and expect to be good right now."

An experienced coach with inexperienced teams, Miles had a similar challenge at Stanford. His group last year had as its most experienced player a 13-catch veteran. The Irish, with their limited game-time experience, present the same kind of challenge, and Miles thinks he has the kind of group that can meet that challenge.

"I feel very good about what we've gotten out of them, and I think we communicate well together, and I feel very good about the fact that they're good and they're a good group of men.

Returning wide receivers Jenkins, Arnaz Battle, Ronnie Rodamer, Carlos Campbell and Matt Shelton had limited game experience in passing situations last season. Notre Dame's offense was one that used the run—quarterback Carlyle Holiday was a leading rusher. Now the receivers have some new things to focus on.

"We want to learn the offense, get everything down and just get in shape," said Rodamer. But Miles was more specific in his goals.

"I'm a fundamentals and techniques coach, so basically I'm going to spend a lot of time teaching them techniques and fundamentals," Miles said. "I coach scheme. Don't get me wrong, we're going to spend a lot of time on our scheme, but for the most part, right now I have to teach them techniques, fundamentals and scheme."

Part of that scheme will be creating explosive plays. Long passes and long runs will become part of the Notre Dame offense, and although some natural talent helps, that offense will be trained to make it habit.

"We always teach what we call 'finish,' " Miles said. "There are certain people that play football that are just naturally explosive but you can also be kind of a guy that learns how to be that way by your work ethic. They're hard workers, and we always preach finishing down the field. Running after the catch, just catching the ball and ball and stopping and always making a move.

With the returning players having limited experience in the offensive style Miles is coaching and with two incoming freshmen who were recruited as wide receivers, the position is wide open. Miles thinks that is a good thing.

"We have the mentality that if something happens to one guy and some other guy goes in there, we don't expect it to fall off; we expect the level to stay the same," Miles said. "So we don't expect any kind of drop, and it doesn't matter who's the quarterback or who's receiving. They're all expected to do it."

And three days into practice is too early to pinpoint anyone as the go-to guy. "Too early, too early," Miles said. "I think they're all trying hard; they're all every now and again making mistakes."

Regardless of who will be stepping out onto that field in the fall, the wide receivers are glad to be back in the action.

"How can I not be happy about that?" Jenkins said.

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FOXTROT

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4. A type of building used for meetings.
5. A type of dance.
6. A type of coffee bean.
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8. A type of bird.
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11. A type of drink.
12. A type of fish.
13. A type of fruit.
15. A type of wine.

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1. A type of music.
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**ND SOFTBALL**

By MATT LOZAR  
Sports Writer

As Steffany Stenglein signed a national letter of intent to play softball at Southern Mississippi in 2000, she thought she signed away her lifelong dream of going to Notre Dame. But when the Southern Miss head coach left the program, Stenglein asked the school for a release from her scholarship. During her search for a new school, Notre Dame expressed interest, and she realized her dream was about to come true.

Today, the freshman pitcher is No. 1 on the Notre Dame staff and has enough raw talent to become one of the greatest pitchers in Irish history.

**Dream Comes True**

Coming from a Catholic background, Stenglein and her family watched Notre Dame football on Saturday afternoons. The dream to see STENGLEIN/page 18

**BASEBALL**

Rally in 9th inning sparks victory

By CHRIS FEDERICO  
Sports Editor

It seemed as if Western Michigan had Notre Dame’s number. In fact, it looked like the Broncos would upset the Irish Tuesday for the third consecutive time in three years.

But then an unheralded sophomore stepped to the plate with the Irish down 4-3 in their last at-bat.

With third baseman Andrew Bushey on second base and one out, shortstop Javier Sanchez came to the center of the order and lined a left field line to score Sanchez for the winning run.

“Javy [Sanchez] has been doing some good things. He made some big plays today, and he got the big hit there in the last inning.”

Tuesday’s game was only the most recent installment in a series of tough games between Notre Dame and Western Michigan.

The Irish were defeated 11-7 by the Broncos two years ago and then dropped a 7-6 game last season at Frank Eck Stadium. “We always seem to play some great games with Western Michigan,” Mainieri said. “Since I’ve been here, we’ve played them close.”

The story for most of the game was the continuing dominant pitching of the Irish bullpen. Reliever Drew Duff and Ryan Kalita contributed 6 1/3 innings of scoreless work, allowing only five hits, while fanning seven batters on strikes.

“The bullpen has been phenomenal,” Mainieri said. “Our pitching overall lately has been phenomenal.”

After some early-season troubles, the Irish relievers have locked down recently, besides Hope to win the conference title. That win came without a victory at the No. 2 singles spot, where Knish was playing, and the No. 1 doubles spot where she teamed with Natalie Cooke.

But this year the results were different. Knish already had one win under her belt against Hope’s Emily Reyes when she stepped off the court after her No. 5 singles match. That 6-3, 6-4 victory was augmented when she teamed with younger sister Jeanne to defeat Jennifer Coleman and Stephanie Springer at No. 1 doubles.

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Knish led a Belles charge that started by knocking out Hope’s individual win against Hope. The senior, against former MIAA tennis powerhouse Hope, the Belles laid low the Flying Dutch at the end of her No. 1 doubles match.

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Belles earn 7-2 victory

By KATIE McVOY  
Associate Sports Editor

It was a benchmark day for senior Annie Knish as the Belles led by the Flying Dutch of Hope College 7-2.

As Knish stepped off the court at the end of her No. 1 doubles match she was smiling for more than the fact that her team had chalked up a victory against former MIAA tennis powerhouse Hope. The senior, four-year player was smiling because for the first time she could add her own point to the team’s win with her first individual win against Hope.

“I’ve never beaten Hope, ever,” Knish said. “This is my first time beating Hope, let alone at No. 1 singles so it was a great day. It was one of the best matches of my college career.”

Last season, the Belles made MIAA history as the first team besides Hope to win the conference title. That win came without a victory at the No. 2 singles spot, where Knish was playing, and the No. 1 doubles spot where she teamed with Natalie Cooke.

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