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NEWS ANALYSIS

Priest scandal has several roots, solutions
By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

After months of seeing priests resign and face charges of sexual abuse, the nation and the world have placed a magnifying glass on top of the Catholic Church.

The problem of sexual misconduct continues to haunt priests and members of their parishes or dioceses has grown to the point where the issue is no longer about the individual crimes of priests, but a Catholic crisis, clergymen say.

"The Catholic Church is always big news because it is the largest Christian denomination in the world, comprising nearly 1 billion members," said Father Richard McBrien, a University theology professor.

McBrien traced the beginning of the Church's problem to the scandal in Boston, where former priest John Geoghan was convicted of child sexual abuse.

"I think there was an attempt to convert the bad publicity away," Father Nicholas Ayo, a professor in Notre Dame's Program of Liberal Studies, said in the Church's scandal, the Washington Post reported on April 4 that seven in 10 Americans believed the Church has "been harmed by the revelations of sexual misconduct by clergy, according to a recent poll by the Washington Post, ABC News and Belief.com.

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O'Neill Hall Senator Jesse Norman expresses concern about the balanced allocation of funds to various student organizations at the Student Senate meeting Wednesday night.

In other Senate news:
- Senators bestowed the title of emeritus upon former chief of staff Jonathan Jorissen.
- Senator Kate Schlosser was elected the Senate representative to the Advisory Committee on Academic and Student Life.
- Senators Sarah Bates, Blake Haan and Neil Vargas were elected as the Senate representatives to the Campus Life Council. Harris was elected as the alternate.

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

Mincing Words

It is interesting to see how things work out. Everything happens for a reason. I am sure of that. I tore my ACL in the 10th grade while running hurdles. I learned to find strength, to try, to not be as worried about what someone else is thinking. Sometimes, they have silently defied their self or group identity. Anytime you deal with that retaliation, you're doing something right. I mean truly, how pathetic are they?

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Contacts: My friends and family. My bike, which was stolen in October, was recovered this weekend. I realized that I was running much more and when we need to be quiet.

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and does not necessarily reflect the views of those of The Observer. Women of Courage, a group that works to end violence against women. Her sadness, she said, was both for the women who had to endure the taunting and for the men who were doing it.

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But she said the subdivisions increases the march's strength. "When people retaliate like that, they feel threatened," she said. "Of course, there was a threat to their power, or their privilege, or their self or group identity. Anyone you deal with that retaliation, you're doing something right. I mean truly, how pathetic are they?"

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**QUOTES OF THE WEEK**

**Thursday**

- Movie: "Apocalypse Now."
  - Location: Harvey Library, Carey Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
  - Play: "The Life of Galileo.
  - Washington Hall, 7:30 p.m.

**Friday**

  - Jan Kubik, professor at Rutgers University, Hesburgh Center Auditorium, 3:30 p.m.

**Saturday**

- Game: Softball vs. Virginia Tech.
  - Ivy Field, 11:00 a.m.
  - Play: "The Life of Galileo.
  - Washington Hall, 7:30 p.m.

**BEYOND CAMPUS**

Penn State rally planned to 'Take Back the Night'

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. It has been a long road for the marchers who will rally against sexual assault Wednesday at the 17th annual Take Back the Night.

For years, they have endured shouts of "We want rape," "Men are number one," and "Go home, bitch." They have listened to yells of "Get back to your f---ing kitchens," and "All you girls want is a fat f---ed.

They have shouted "dykes" and "whores.

Occasionally, the marchers have encountered problems along Fraternity Row. "No means yes, take off your dress," one I remember," said Laurie Rosenberger, co-director of Women's Concerns, her voice choking with emotion.

Dora McQuaid, a lecturer in communications sciences and technology, also remembered the heckling along Fraternity Row last year.

My initial response was an unbelievable sense of sadness, but I wasn't surprised at all, because violence against women is so damn rampant," said McQuaid, who is a founding member of

**INDIANA UNIVERSITY**

Number of non-tenure profs soar

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. They tend to be social creatures, congregating in clusters throughout the United States. Many often occur late in life, and migratory patterns level off at 35. The preferred habitat is among books, artifacts, compositions and equations. Species: tenure-track professors. The question is whether or not the classification is protected. A new breed of instructors is increasingly evident in this habitat. Indiana University has seen a 63 percent increase in the number of full-time, non-tenure-track faculty teaching classes from 1991 to 2001. Meanwhile, the number of tenure-track professors has decreased by almost 1.5 percent, while Indiana enrollment has seen a 7 percent upswing. Administrators predict the trend will continue, it has the potential to save Indiana money as state appropriations continue to fall. It also has the potential, some educators say, to undermine the quality of an Indiana diploma.

**OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY**

School's budget cuts not severe

STILLWATER, Okla. Possible budget cuts at Oklahoma State University are not as severe as those at some 12 other institutions. Oklahoma State is looking at possible budget cuts around 2.1 percent for fiscal year 2003, the same percentage that was cut this year. However, some of the other schools in the Big 12 are facing much tougher financial times. Cuba Plain, director for Budget Planning and Development at the University of Missouri, said the University of Missouri is facing possible cuts of 3 percent, which would mean a loss of $45.7 million from its four campuses located in Columbia, Kansas City, St. Louis and Bella. Plain said the cut could be more than 10 percent. The university made a number of changes to combat the drop in state appropriations.

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Keith Dennis. "The existing facility, wonderful as it is, has some real limitations in terms of the different varieties of the ways they can cook food and present food and seating arrangements. Plus, handicapped accessibility is a real problem in that facility."
The second phase of the project, the student center, is meant to be the hub of the college. It will provide a place for students to convene with its various lounges, cyber cafe and 100-seat theater room.
New conveniences include a "Grab 'n' Go" facility, a two-story bookstore and a copy shop, according to Timm.
The offices currently located in Haggar College Center will move to the new building along with offices for The Observer, Blue Mantle and student government.
The gallery, President's Dining Room and Terrace will be a few of the highlights of the new structure. The most important aspect of the new Student Center will be the sense of community it aims to provide on campus where all students can go to and gather is probably the biggest advantage," Dennis said.
The entire project will cost about $17 million.
The majority of the cost — about $12.8 million — will pay for the actual construction, according to Dennis, with the remainder covering kitchen equipment, furnishings, design and testing fees. Though students' tuition will contribute to some operating costs and utilities, the additions are subsidized by other sources.
"Most of the funding for the project is going to come from gifts. We have raised about $14.5 to $15 million worth of gifts from trustees and alumni and other folks," Dennis said.
While students do not have to shoulder the burden for the cost of the project, they must deal with the inconveniences that progress brings. Since groundbreaking of the new Noble Family Dining Hall has already begun in the LeMans Lot, there is a parking shortage for students and staff.
"Everyone has had to alter their parking habits. Students, faculty and staff have all had to adjust to the loss of a major part of LeMans lot," said Timm. "However, over the summer, it is expected that another lot, north of the Facilities building, will be grated and paved. The end result, the new building, is going to be well worth the current slight adjustment in parking."
People will have the opportunity to view the construction via Web cams to be installed and linked to the Saint Mary's Web page, Timm said.
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Vocation and career
The priesthood itself doesn't attract the large numbers of men that it once did.
The priesthood has been a career option for many Catholic men in the past, McBrien said, and an increase in average household income for Catholics in the last century has led even fewer men to consider lives as clergy. The result has been a limited pool of priest candidates for the Church.
"Back in the 1950s, most Catholic young men had limited options: a police officer, a firefighter, an FBI agent or a priest. Of those, the priesthood was the most respected and honored calling," McBrien said.
Now, the number of men choosing to become priests has plunged, so much so that the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports the line of work as having a "very favorable outlook through the year 2010." The shortage of priests, according to McBrien, has attracted more homosexual men and pedophiles.
"As the number of heterosexual candidates for the priesthood declined, the percentage — not necessarily the number — of homosexual candidates increased, along with the sexual immaturity," McBrien said.
Although some argue that the Catholic policies mandating celibacy and banning marriage for priests have turned away many qualified men, McBrien said the issues cannot be simplified.
"On the one hand, if priests had a satisfying sex life, they might not prey on young boys, on the other, married adults, male and female, abuse their own children, male and female," said Eugene Ulrich. "Celibacy, like marriage, can be a good thing, if freely chosen."
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Notre Dame theologian

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Clearing up confusion
Fellow Notre Dame theologian, Eugene Ulrich, reiterated the theme of disclosure as a way for the Church to restore its members' — and other Americans' — confidence.
"He said the scandals have overwhelmingly damaged the image of candidates for the priesthood, men he called mostly "healthy and good human beings trying to offer a service to the Church."
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Waiting it out
The current crisis of the Catholic Church has sparked both dialogue and debate from a variety of perspectives, but with the rising number of exposed scandals and the decreasing number of priests, the outlook of the Catholic Church remains unpredictable.
Next week, the 11 U.S. cardinals will convene in the Vatican to talk with Pope John Paul II about the scandals. Because the pope has long called the alleged incidents of sexual misconduct among priests an "American problem," the meeting marks a critical turning point for discussion of the issue.
The University, too, has been taking steps to develop a committee to address the Church crisis. In the mean time, many Notre Dame priests are encouraging disclosure and discourse.
"Universities are places where societies think, so we should think about these things," Ayo said.
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Rebel presence increases in Congo:
The United Nations warned Wednesday of what it called a "dangerous and troubling" intensification of fighting and buildup of forces in rebel-held east Congo. The warning comes even as Congo's government and rebels move into the scheduled last days of South African-sponsored power-sharing talks.

South Africa alters AIDS drug policy:
In a major shift in policy, the government announced Wednesday that sexual assault victims would be given access to AIDS drugs. The government had long argued that the drugs' safety remained unproven, and ignored pleas that they be provided to rape victims.

National News Briefs
Military admits lack of information:
Despite a massive number of tips, rumors and other intelligence, the U.S. military has never found enough information on Osama bin Laden's whereabouts to mount a mission to go after him, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Wednesday. Some intelligence officials disagree, saying bin Laden probably was at his Tora Bora stronghold during December airstrikes but escaped because too few American troops were committed to the hunt.

Virginia's abortion ban rejected:
State lawmakers failed Wednesday to override Gov. Mark Warner's veto and revive the Senate was three votes shy of the two-thirds majority needed to pass the bill. Two senators did not vote.

Indiana News Briefs
Officials launch contamination probe:
State officials have ordered a gasoline station near a northwestern Indiana school which has had its water contaminated by a gasoline additive to install wells to determine whether the station is to blame. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management on Tuesday ordered Buezemans Oil Co. to install eight monitoring wells despite the fact soil and water borings taken April 10 showed no off-site release of MTBE — methyl tertiary butyl ether, a suspected carcinogen.

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Venezuela

An unusually blunt Organization of American States chief warned embittered Venezuelans to talk to one another in the wake of a failed coup or risk the loss of their democracy — and their lives.

"This country has to learn from the traumatic events of last week," OAS chief Cesar Gaviria said Wednesday as he ended a fact-finding mission into the uprisings that overthrew President Hugo Chavez on Friday and brought him back to power.

"Episodes such as those that occurred have enormous risks in human lives and in the preservation of institutions," Gaviria said.

Chavez, whose initial popularity in office allowed him to run roughshod over opponents, has admitted errors and appealed for the country to calmly retreat from violence. Gaviria is to report his findings Thursday to the General Assembly of the Organization of American States. He declined to say what he might recommend.

"I think that if in the international community we are not able to do something, there is a risk — probably not of another coup — but that social unrest will come again," Gaviria told foreign reporters.

He expressed alarm at the bitterness expressed both by Chavez's foes and friends after three years of growing confrontations that exploded over the weekend. At least 49 people died — some say far more — in massive street protests in the capital as soldiers first ousted Chavez, then brought him back. Both sides blame the other for most of the deaths.

"On both sides there is a theory that confrontation is inevitable, as if this is impossible to solve," Gaviria said. "Those theories lead to instability and war."

Pope John Paul II also appealed for Venezuelans "to leave aside all temptations for revenge or violence." As the 1 million-member Confederation of Venezuelan Workers called for a referendum on whether the government should stay, the National Assembly began a bitter, partisan debate on the coup.

"Let us all resign and go to elections," urged opposition Congressman Julio Borges. "No more deaths!"

Sierra Leone

Sierra Leone celebrates election

Singing and dancing in the streets by the tens of thousands, Sierra Leone's people celebrated on Wednesday in a rally marking the West African nation's first post-war elections.

Market women abandoned their stalls, offices shut down and children spilled out of classrooms, waving palm fronds and turning war refugee-crowded Freetown into a carnival for much of the day.

The occasion was a re-election rally by President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah, who presided over the end of Sierra Leone's vicious 10-year war in January, with the decisive intervention of U.N. and British forces.

Many in the capital seemed ready to seize on any excuse to celebrate. Cheers drowned out Kabbah as he tried to speak to a sea of people in Freetown's Victoria Park.

"That is the best speech the president could make — that is, the fact he could not make one," said one in the teeming crowds, instructor Dennis Bright.

"I have never seen such a thing like this in my life or in the history of the country," said another watchman, businessman Vivian Davis.

Kabbah is one of nine candidates for Sierra Leone's May 14 presidential elections.

The rebel Revolutionary United Front, remaking itself as a political party, also is fielding a candidate — but not former leader Foday Sankoh, now on trial in multiple murder counts stemming from the war.

The national election council earlier this month officially barred Sankoh from the race.
House hopes to pass senior drug benefit

Associated Press

WASHINGTON House Republicans hope to pass a prescription drug benefit for seniors by Memorial Day and include substantial improvements to keep the 37-year-old program afloat.

Hearings Wednesday on the issue showed the sharp differences between Democrats and Republicans on the best way to help the millions of seniors burdened by costly prescriptions.

House Republicans have proposed using $350 billion over 10 years for Medicare improvements while Senate Democrats want to set aside $500 billion. President Bush has proposed $190 billion.

Speaker Dennis Hastert has asked GOP leaders "to have a bill on the floor before Memorial Day so that we can move it to the Senate with sufficient time for the Senate to respond," Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif. and chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, said Wednesday.

The Ways and Means and the Energy and Commerce committees will writing the GOP Medicare proposal.

Republicans insisted at a hearing Wednesday that it would be useless to add a prescription drug benefit to Medicare without making substantial changes to modernize the program, which is projected to run out of money in 2030.

Democrats said there is not enough money to upgrade Medicare. "Unless Congress increases their payments, they constitute a deliberate attempt to mislead smokers. The lawsuits seek billions of dollars in damages for alleged violations of consumer protection laws.

Cigarette-maker pulls ‘light’ label

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Star Scientific Inc. is the first U.S. tobacco company to announce plans to stop identifying its cigarettes as "light" or "ultralight," which critics say mislead smokers into thinking the cigarettes are safer.

The Chester, Va., company sent letters to other cigarette manufacturers and lawmakers Wednesday that said it would drop the terms from its Vegas brand of cigarettes by the end of September.

Spokeswoman Sara Machir said the company will assure whether to remove the terms from its other brands — Main Street, Sport and Gomoke. Star products account for less than 1 percent of U.S. cigarette sales. Machir said.

"Star deserves to be applauded for being the first tobacco company to eliminate the use of light and ultralight," said Matthew Myers, president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. However, Myers said Star should go ahead and remove the terms from all its brands.

"It does not add up," said Rep. Charles Rangel of New York, the leading Democrat on the Ways and Means Committee. "Republicans have no sound fiscal plan."

But GOP leaders said with the nation's elderly population expected to double by 2030 with the aging of baby boomers, the time to modernize Medicare is now.

"We believe strongly that you can't simply add a new prescription drug benefit to Medicare," Thomas said.

Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson told lawmakers, "It's clear that if we add a drug benefit without comprehensive modernization of the system, we will only deepen the financial crisis Medicare faces in coming years."

Thomas said in addition to a prescription drug benefit a Medicare modernization package should reduce paperwork and regulatory burdens for Medicare with providers, improve reimbursement formulas for doctors and strengthen Medicare's managed care program.

HMOs participating in the managed care program have complained that they cannot afford to stay in the program unless Congress increases their payments.

Those issues "while perhaps not as politically headline-grabbing as prescription drugs, are serious. cannot be left for later and need to be done," Thomas said.

This Weekend in the Department of Music

Fri. April 19: Seunghue Lee, violin & Kimberly Schmidt, piano
7:30 pm, Anniversary Auditorium. Free admission.

Sat. April 20: Jacqueline Schmidt, graduate piano recital
2 pm, Anniversary Auditorium. Free Admission.

Sat. April 20: Katie Brown, senior voice recital
8:15 pm, Basilica. Free admission.

Sun. April 21: Karen Burman, cello & Mari Ståhlin, piano
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Powell fails to secure cease-fire after peace mission

Associated Press

Powell failed to get the cease-fire he sought as he ended his 10-day peace mission Wednesday, leaving Israel and the Palestinians mired in violence and recrimination.

Powell was snubbed in Egypt as he returned home to report to President Bush. Still, he pointed to what he called signs of progress, especially a promise by Israel to accelerate military withdrawal from the West Bank.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon gave assurances of "real results in the next few days," Powell said. "Only with the end of the incursion and with the engagement in security talks can a cease-fire be achieved."

He admonished Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat anew to "decide as the rest of the world has decided, that terrorism must end."

But U.S. suggestions before Powell's trip that the peace mission would be Arafat's last chance had vanished by journey's end.

"He holds the office of the presidency of the Palestinian Authority," Powell said at a news conference after his meeting with Arafat. "So whether one approves of that or disapproves it, or likes it or doesn't like it, it's a reality."

Bush, in a speech at the Virginia Military Institute, said Powell had made progress. He, too, urged Arafat to do more to stop violence.

"The Palestinian Authority must act — must act — on its words of condemnation of terror," Bush said.

The president will assemble his national security team Monday to hear from Powell and discuss the possibility of a Middle East peace conference. Bush wants to be sure the idea makes sense before embracing negotiations on political issues, such as dividing up land and deciding the contentious issue of Israeli settlements. He is willing to mix up the formula — or find a new one — if that would jump-start talks.

Powell, after meeting with Arafat Wednesday, met in Cairo to stop Palestinian militants, said a senior administration official.

CIA Director George J. Tenet is likely to head to the region next week, but a final decision will be made after Powell's White House meeting the office, said a senior administration official.

Bush and Powell also will discuss when Powell plans to return.

The United States hopes to "restart the clock" in conditions that were in place before the Passover bombing that killed 28 people in Netanya on March 27, with Israel getting a resumption of Teneel-secured talks and the Palestinians knowing that the political process is not far behind, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Another top official said the region will get a steady stream of visits from U.S. officials producing the parties toward political and security negotiations.

Bush is trying to find a way to give Israel hope for an end to terrorism while giving Palestinians, in return, a reason to believe they will get their own state and land gains, the official said.

U.S. officials said Bush is no longer tied to the old view that security talks must proceed negotiations on political issues, such as dividing up land and deciding the contentious issue of Israeli settlements. He is willing to mix up the formula — or find a new one — if that would jump-start talks.

Powell, after meeting with Arafat Wednesday, met in Cairo with Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher of Egypt and Foreign Minister Marwan Muasher of Jordan before heading home. Powell was supposed to see President Hosni Mubarak, but was told Mubarak was "indisposed," Powell said.

That rebuff came as some in the Arab world complained that Powell had not brought adequate pressure on Israel to end its offensive, which is designed to stop Palestinian militants from launching more suicide attacks.

Israel must leave the West Bank before Arab states supply calls for a peace conference or a cease-fire, the Arabs said. "We explained to him [Powell] that any talk of political or security issues must be preceded by an Israeli withdrawal and an end to the Israeli threats of either attacking Arafat's compound or the Church of Nativity," Maher said.

Powell, who held talks with Arafat in the Ramallah office where the Palestinian leader is confined by Israeli tanks and troops said, "I have a powerful voice and can be heard, so he should use his position of leadership and his powerful voice," to end terror.

Arafat saw Powell to the door of his battered headquarters after their two-hour meeting, but did not step outside. He then complained angrily to reporters about his confinement and appealed for international help.

"I have to ask the whole international world, I have to ask excellency President Bush, I have to ask the United Nations, is this acceptable that I can't go outside the door?" he said, his voice rising.

Just next door, Israeli gunners peeked through windows as Powell opened. windows.

"They are returning," Arafat said, referring to Israel's latest surge into Palestinian areas, after Sharon had said he would withdraw Israeli troops within a week from all towns and villages except Ramallah and Bethlehem.

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Success brings a crushing, poignant burden

"What could we do to make it into your next article?" asked the giggling freshman from Lewis. "No, like, guarantee we're in an article!" clarified her equally giddy friend. Guarantee themselves a spot in my article? I could think of one thing they could do. So far for me I couldn't cocky enough to say it. Actually, for the record, sadly for them, it all started a week before when an innocuous-looking envelope bearing my name slid under my door. Inside I found an invitation to the Lewis Crush. This caused me no small amount of concern, especially considering that I don't hang out with any girls from Lewis, and I definitely am not on the verge of a romantic relationship with one. Being unapproachable as an athlete without being sent anonymous invitations, I pondered whether or not to go. I had a notion deep down that it was a trick. I kept picturing myself going to Lewis, asking to meet my date and being shown into a basement room where a group of University administrators and FlipSide members would be waiting to beat the living out of me using heavy prayr books and whatever metal-based crafts they had been working on for Saturday night长相. Cornerly, especially.

In the end, despite misgivings, I decided to go, if only to see which lucky lady had made the first decision of her life. Plus, I just can't find it in me to pass up free booze. The latter question turned out to be a group of ladies. "We're all members of your fan club!" exclaimed the bright-eyed freshmen, looking much younger than their age to my jaded 20-year-old eyes. They insisted on posing for pictures with me, and although I couldn't help but feel a little like the Elephant Man, I let myself enjoy the moment. Writing for the school paper is not supposed to get you dates. It's supposed to get you beat up by the cool kids. And here I was getting invited to a dance anonymously. Ahh... Notoriety, you little whore! You're mine at last! As much as you hear Hollywood celebrities gripe about it, it's nice being recognized by total strangers. In Jamaica on spring break, when muscle-headed state-school frat boys were caging up sorority girls with alarming regularity and thought-provoking skill, imagine my shock when four good-looking girls in Pangaeh T-shirts came up to me and asked, "Are you the sex guy?" This seems to be my nickname of choice. As demoralizing as it is sometimes to have all of one's literary achievements for an entire year condensed into one title, I guess it could be worse. I could be the "Follows girls home to the library late at night while breathing suggestively several paces behind them guy." Lord knows it would be more accurate than "sex guy." My biggest problem is that my notoriety was totally unexpected.

Coming into this, I didn't think anyone would actually read my articles. My understanding of the average Observer reader is that he reads the Viewpoint page only in inverted ways. He accidentally flipped it to while looking for the comic strips or the roughly two-dozen pages of sports. That being said, I still wake up in cold sweats at night worrying that if someone actually reads my articles closely enough they'll realize how poor of a writer I really am. Anyone can write like me. You just need to think up a couple of jokes about Jesus, the Notre Dame administration, non-drinkers and virgins and string them together loosely while pretending you have a point to make: it's that simple.

Of course, as humble as I try to be, my head swells that much more every time someone tells me they enjoy my writing. At this point I've had a few compliments away from telling people that it was actually me who died on the cross for the sins of humanity. Overall, I'm really uncomfortable with success, mostly because my life up to this point has been a succession of spectacular failures. For example, my high school career was characterized by my senior year, when my girlfriend of a month and a half dumped me the actual night before my prom. And I don't even want to delve into grade school.

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CELIBACY OFFERS UNIQUE FREEDOM

Perhaps our greatest fear is to go through life alone. We fill our daily lives with distractions, whether through work, entertainment or any number of things. Rarely do we have the chance to sit in solitude our emotions unfurled.

Rarely do we ask the hard questions: What is my life's purpose? What meaning is to be attributed to my life? Have I found fulfillment, and if not, how may I find it?

For some, self-contradiction is better avoided. The profound emptiness it can reveal is terrifying. Most people attempt to erase this loneliness in some unmatched desire. Indeed, the message society transmits reinforces this idea. Hollywood romanticizes love: You meet your soulmate, fall in love, experience physical intimacy and never suffer loneliness again. Most young girls are expected to grow up and eventually become wives and bear children. Young boys are raised believing they should sow their wild oats before finally settling down. If not, they have the option of remaining sexually active bachelors.

For men and women who choose the nonconformist vow of celibacy, an alternative path to fulfillment is embraced. Their motives are generally questioned by skeptics, who view such people as sexually repressed and abnormal. In a society obsessed with sex, the average person wonders how anyone could make a vow to abstain from what many deem a necessity. Sex, so says the norm, is the requisite experience physical intimacy and never suffer loneliness again. Most young girls are expected to grow up and eventually become wives and bear children. Young boys are raised believing they should sow their wild oats before finally settling down. If not, they have the option of remaining sexually active bachelors.

For the celibate, the issue is not merely about giving up a sexual need. Celibacy is accompanied by a vow of poverty; thus, the issue is centrally one of giving up possession of all earthly things — including possession of another person. Why? In order to understand, one must first understand the role of God in man's life.

Some think of God as an abstract principle floating in the sky, with irrevocable power to strike us with holy lightning. However, if you believe that God is love itself, that He knows you intimately and desires only good for you, one can more readily understand the willingness to trust oneself wholly to Him.

Celibacy is a gift. It is a calling for some, just as marriage is a calling for others. Both vocations experience their own sacrifices, their own duties, their own blessings. God can be profoundly experienced through both paths.

However, despite the joys of married life, loneliness is not erased through finding a spouse. No human is capable of fulfilling all the deepest yearnings of our hearts. Earthly relationships, as satisfying as they are, can also involve misunderstanding and heartache.

Certainly there have been times in our lives when we have been disappointed by our relationships and disappointed in ourselves. To what, or to whom, do we turn then?

Blaise Pascal wrote that in every heart there is a God-shaped vacuum. Taking the vow of celibacy involves confronting that vacuum and boldly stepping forth in faith. Celibates give up all earthly things — all the things that distract, burden and limit us — in order to be filled with God alone. It is, as the priest Henri Nouwen said, a "holy emptiness" which God alone eases. The thought of making such a sacrifice is formidable — until faith steps in to reassure us that God will, indeed, fulfill our hearts' longings.

Despite what demands a vow of celibacy entails, the freedom to live our lives as we choose, to make our own decisions, is the ultimate luxury the celibate enjoys.

In my time at Notre Dame, I have been struck by the difference between the purported Catholicism of its students and administration and the lack of real Catholicism expressed in many of their actions. Two opinion pieces have recently been published in campus newspapers regarding the blatant contradiction between Catholic teaching and the University’s policy of not paying a living wage if the market allows it. I was also struck by a column on Tuesday in which John Little expressed some pride in his Catholicism, and then proceeded to attack an entire race based on the extreme actions of a few. Not a very Christian analysis of a complex issue, I would argue.

If Notre Dame’s religious affiliations can be reconciled with its extreme privileging of power and influence, then this must be done through a willingness to use its assets to reduce inequalities and increase tolerance. The administration can do this by ensuring that its policies are socially responsible. We as students can do this by educating ourselves about issues beyond campus and ensuring that both now and when we leave Notre Dame we address those issues in compassionate and constructive ways. My two examples, which I feel are symptomatic of broader trends, show distinct failures within the Notre Dame community to follow these simple rules. This compromises Notre Dame’s claim to be a truly religious institution.

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Scenewriter

Cult movies' reigning dynasty, Troma

By MATT HOLMES
Scene Writer

Scene Writer's Thursday, April 18, 2002 edition begins with a feature article titled "The Troma Experience," which discusses the film company's history, filmography, and impact on the independent film industry. The article highlights Troma Films' commitment to creating and distributing low-budget, often controversial, and sometimes groundbreaking films. It covers the company's origins, the films it produces, and its influence on the film industry, particularly in the realm of independent cinema. The article also features interviews with key figures from the company, discussing their work and the ethos behind Troma Films. The piece concludes with a reflection on the enduring legacy of Troma Films and its contribution to the evolution of cinema as an art form.
ms, features gratuitous, well, everything

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Butler looks toward NCAA career

Sophomore to announce decision to go pro today

Associated Press

Although Connecticut forward Caron Butler appears ready to declare himself eligible for the NBA draft, coach Jim Calhoun said Wednesday it's not 100 percent certain.

"He wants one more night to sleep on it," Huskies coach Jim Calhoun said.

Butler and Calhoun have scheduled a news conference for Thursday at 2 p.m. at Gampel Pavilion on the Storrs campus. A news release said Butler "will address his future plans."

WTNH-TV in Hartford and ESPN.com reported Wednesday that Butler has decided to leave school after his sophomore season.

Calhoun, who said he talked with Butler on Wednesday, agreed it would be hard to ignore the mounting evidence that the 6-foot-8 forward was heading to the NBA. Calhoun said information he's received from NBA scouts is that Butler will most likely be a top 1 pick and that his draft position would not likely change much if he were to stay another year in school.

"He's probably one of the most mature kids I've ever dealt with and he really enjoyed this year," Calhoun said. "He was having fun out there."

Butler averaged 20.3 points and 7.5 rebounds and led the Huskies (27-7) to the Big East championship and the round of eight of the NCAA tournament. He had a career-high 34 points in the second-round win over North Carolina State and then had 32 in the loss to eventual national champion Maryland in the East Regional final.

The co-Big East Player of the Year, Butler emerged as the undisputed team leader as the Huskies went from failing to make the NCAA tournament last year to getting within one game of the Final Four.

In an interview with WTNH before the Big East tournament, Butler hinted that an NBA contract would be a big help to his family.

"We came from basically nothing, we had to work for everything," Butler said. "I paid my dues, and now it's time for me to start getting the rich end of the stick."

The father of two children, the 22-year-old Butler spent the weekend in his native Racine, Wis., to help his son, Caron, celebrate his second birthday and to discuss his decision with his mother, Mattie Paden.

If Butler is one of the top 13 picks in the June 26 draft, he would be guaranteed a three-year contract worth at least $3.9 million.

"He wants one more night to get over the schools," Calhoun said.

"I agreed with Dajuan and his family," Calipari said. "Looking at all the factors involved, this is the time for this young man to take all of the shots he can with the NBA. It was a wonderful experience coaching him."

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Connecticut's Caron Butler attempts a layup in this year's NCAA tournament. The Co-Big East Player of the Year for the second season, Butler missed his second game of the Final Four.

Butler's success on the court belied a rough start in his hometown. Arrested 15 times before he was 15, Butler spent a year in jail for bringing a gun and cocaine to school.

An Associated Press file photo.

Freshman will leave for draft

Wagner departs after leading Tigers to first NIT title

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Freshman guard Dajuan Wagner, who led Memphis to the NIT championship last month, said Wednesday he will make himself eligible for the NBA draft.

"This was a difficult decision; however my lifelong dream has been to play in the NBA and I am anxious to begin my professional basketball career," Wagner said. "I am going to continue to attend classes and finish the semester, as I promised my mother that I would get my degree."

The 6-foot-3 Wagner averaged 21.2 points and shot 41 percent from the floor this season. He also averaged 3.6 assists, 2.5 rebounds and 1.2 steals.

Wagner was selected the MVP of the NIT, Memphis' first postsea­son basketball championship for coaches John Calipari and Tubby Smith.

"We knew he was good, but we never thought he was going to be this good," Calipari said. "Looking at all the factors involved, this is the time for this young man to take all of the shots he can with the NBA. It was a wonderful experience coaching him."

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I want to thank all of you for your thoughtfulness and your prayers. I miss all of you. I hope to see you in the fall," Wagner said. "I wish to leave a note to your friends? I want to take out an Observer Classified. Stop by The Observer office in the basement of South Dining Hall during normal business hours.

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Bonds home run not enough in loss

**Klesko leads Padres in victory over Giants**

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

Ryan Klesko homered and drove in three runs as the San Diego Padres overcame an impressive homer by Barry Bonds to beat the San Francisco Giants 5-3 on Wednesday.

The Padres were 7-2 on their opening homestand after a 1-5 start on the road, including a sweep at San Francisco April 5-7. The Padres hadn't won a series against the Giants since also taking two of three from their division rivals at home Sept. 17-19, 1999.

Bonds gave the Giants a 1-0 lead in the first inning with his seventh home run of the season, a mammoth shot to right field at Qualcomm Stadium. Bonds is tied for the major league lead with 10 home runs.

Klesko homered on a 90-mph fastball from Jarvis. Coming in, the San Francisco star had been just 2-for-15 with no homers against Jarvis.

It was the 33rd time in 34 major league seasons in San Diego that a player homered into the second deck, it was the fourth time a player has hit one into the right-field second deck, which was added as part of an expansion in 1997.

Bonds' 33 homers at the stadium are most in any road ballpark, and his 65 lifetime homers against San Diego are his most against any team.

The Giants' lead didn't last long, though, as Kurt Ainsworth (1-1) allowed four straight singles opening the bottom of the first, including RBI hits by Phil Nevin and Klesko.

Klesko led off after five hitless innings with a double and Rich Aurilia an RBI single in the Giants' seventh. Tom Lampkin had an RBI single in the Padres' eighth.

The Padres finally scored two runs for Jarvis, who got his fifth win in seven decisions against San Francisco. The Padres scored just one run in his first three starts, which came against Los Angeles at Arizona and against Los Angeles.

Ainsworth allowed two runs and six hit in four innings, struck out three and walked three. He hit on the right arm by Ray

Royals 16, Twins 4

While Minnesota's starting pitching continued to struggle, the bullpen added its worst outing of the season and the Kansas City Royals beat the Twins for their most lopsided loss since 1994.

Carlos Beltran broke open a close game with a three-run homer in the seventh inning and the Royals added nine runs in the eighth to break a three-game losing streak.

Paul Byrd (3-0) pitched six innings, allowing three runs on four hits with two walks and three strikeouts.

"We needed that, it was a big win tonight. I think we're learning to forget about losing three straight," said Joe Randa, who drove in three runs.

"A bad night, all around. We couldn't stop them. We got our bats kicked, that's all I know," said Ron Gardenhire, manager.

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49ers continue to build

Team returns 20 starters, signed 7 free agents

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SANTA CLARA, Calif. With the San Francisco 49ers back in the playoff mix, it’s no surprise that the team continues to build for the future. This year, the 49ers have returned 20 starters and signed seven free agents, marking the team’s return to contention.

“The 49ers’ last two drafts focused primarily on defense,” said coach Steve Mariucci. “This year, we’re taking a more balanced approach.”

That’s why the 49ers aren’t terribly worried about the relatively poor draft position they hold. San Francisco’s first-round pick is 27th in a pool of players, but Donahue said his team will be sitting there if the Niners’ first-round pick comes up. "We’re going to be sitting there eating a bagel while they’re being selected,” Donahue said.

Donahue’s first desire is to add depth at the tight end position. He mentioned the possibility of signing free agent tight end Mikhael Ricks, who has 91 receptions for 1,166 yards and three touchdowns in his four-year NFL career.

The San Diego Chargers drafted Ricks out of Stephen Austin in the second round of the 1998 draft. He spent 2 1/2 seasons with the Chargers before signing with the Kansas City Chiefs in October 2000. Ricks played in all 16 games last season at tight end and on special teams for the Chiefs. He had 18 catches for 252 yards and one touchdown and blocked a punt for a safety.

Lions ink free agent wide receiver Ricks

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ALLEN PARK, Mich.

The Detroit Lions on Wednesday signed unrestricted free agent tight end Michael Ricks.

Contract terms were undisclosed.

The 6-foot-5, 242-pound Ricks has 91 receptions for 1,166 yards and three touchdowns in his four-year NFL career.

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Kristy Miller           Luke Watson
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Pistons 123, Bucks 89
The Milwaukee Bucks failed miserably in their last chance to clinch a playoff spot, losing by 24 points to the Detroit Pistons as Ben Wallace all but locked up the rebounding title. The blowout loss was the final act in a dramatic Milwaukee collapse, as the Bucks — who came within one game of going to the NBA Finals last year — lost 16 of their final 22 games. With both Toronto and Indiana clinching on Wednesday night, the Bucks dropped into ninth place in the conference.

SuperSonics 109, Grizzlies 94
Desmond Mason scored 33 points on 13-of-16 shooting and Gary Payton had 30 as the Seattle SuperSonics clinched the No. 7 playoff berth in the Western Conference with a victory over the Memphis Grizzlies. The Sonics (45-37) will open the best-of-five first-round series Saturday at Midwest Division champion San Antonio (58-24). The teams split four regular-season games. The Grizzlies (23-59) were led by Stromile Swift's career-high 33 points. Memphis' Paul Gasol, the leading candidate for NBA Rookie of the Year with a 17.6 scoring average coming into the game, had 13 and shot just 3-for-10 from the free throw line.

Trail Blazers 92, Rockets 79
Gilbert Arenas had 21 points and Scott Livings 20 as the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Houston Rockets in an otherwise forgettable regular-season finale. The Rockets, whose felony case will be sent to a grand jury by a county prosecutor, had eight points and three assists in 26 minutes. Steve Kerr added 16 points for the Blazers, who will play the Lakers in the first round of the playoffs.

Tony Williams 104, Nuggets 90
Enough of this regular season stuff. The Minnesota Timberwolves are craving for the playoffs to start. Wally Szczerbiak scored 20 points in 23 minutes as the Timberwolves tuned up for the postseason with a meaningless victory over the depleted Denver Nuggets. The Timberwolves, who clinched the Western Conference's fifth seed last week, closed the regular season by winning eight of 12 and tied a franchise record with 50 wins. Minnesota will play the Dallas Mavericks in the first round.

Pacers 103, 76ers 80
When they couldn't afford to lose, the Indiana Pacers put together a season-high winning streak to make it into the playoffs. Brad Miller scored 19 points and Jermaine O'Neal added 18 as the Indiana Pacers beat the Philadelphia 76ers, winning their fifth straight and clinching eighth place in the Eastern Conference. The Pacers needed a victory and a loss by either Milwaukee or Toronto to make the playoffs. Toronto won, but the Bucks lost to Detroit. By the time the Bucks score was posted, the Pacers held a 15-point lead.

Indiana will play No. 1 seed New Jersey. The Nets went 3-1 against the Pacers this season.
Further Reflections on the Church Scandals

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The Student Activities Office will be hiring a Program Assistant for the Summer 2002 semester. Program Assistants responsibilities include:

- Assist in the planning and implementation of Student Activities sponsored events, including ticket sales, facility setup and clean up and more. Some events you might be working with include our summer music series, summer movie series, tournaments, bus trips and more. Assist in office projects and other duties as assigned.

This position is a stipend position and requires 5–10 hours per week (primarily 8:00am - 5:00pm but will include some night and weekend hours). Applications are available outside the Student Activities Office located at 315 LaFortune. For more information contact Karen Alkema in the Student Activities Office at 631-7308.

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Although Walters coached at Indiana State for eight years, he left in 1980 — two years before Miles joined the Hoosiers as a wide receiver.

Now the two are coaching against each other, helping to incorporate the new West Coast-type offense into the Notre Dame game plan. With that sort of close contact every day at practice, they've begun to have a solid working relationship that expands far beyond that casual remembrance of a football camp.

"This is the first time we've actually coached together. I've known him but I can't say I really knew him," Miles said. "I'd say we've got a really good relationship considering he's [defensive backs] and I'm receivers and we're always working against each other."

Walters has a slightly different take on the relationship.

"I hate his guts," he said Tuesday after practice. Then he laughed and added, "No, we have a great time."

Coaching against each other offers more than just a chance for their players to have some competition. The two men use that opportunity to improve their own coaching as well, but they make sure they don't take that competition home with them.

"It's fun, it's exciting. We challenge each other a lot. It's a challenge," Miles said. "No [we don't compete off the field]. It's a good challenge."

Twenty-five years after they first met, the two seem to have one thing in common now that they didn't have in common back then — their respect for head coach Tyrone Willingham. Both cited him as the main reason for coming to coach for the Irish.

And now they both face one problem working for Willingham, a question they have to answer every day. Who exactly is Willingham talking to?

"Every time Ty or someone calls Trent we both look, we look at each other first and then we look to see who he's talking to," Miles said.

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BASEBALL

Grand slam leads Irish past Rockets

By BRYAN KRONK
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame baseball team finished its 14-game homestand in grand style, as the Irish overpowered the outmatched Rockets of Toledo, 15-4.

"It was a good offensive day for the Irish tonight, we got some big hits early," head coach Paul Mainieri said. "It was a good overall win for us."

The Irish finished their homestand with a 1-2-2 record and have won 15 of their last 17 games dating back to the end of March.

The Irish opened the scoring in the bottom of the first inning. Centerfielder Steve Stanley led off the inning with a walk. Two batters later, Brian Stavisky hit a double to left field, advancing Stanley to third. Andrew Bushey then tripled home the Irish lead to 3-0.

In the bottom of the third, Andrew Bushey tripled again, which cut the Irish lead to 3-1. Brian Stavisky then had a sacrifice fly by Paul O'Toole which put the Irish ahead early, 3-0.

Later, Brian Stavisky hit a double and Vitali Grego scored on the play.

"It was a good offensive day for us," Mainieri said. "It was a good offensive day for the Four Gaijins and a Guido and against Naughty Bailers."

The game promised to be one of the more interesting of the afternoon, as from the opening tip-off, the squad of Naughty Bailers from Cavanaugh Hall resorted to its "secret weapons" to combat the Four Gaijins and a Guido.

In addition to a tenacious defense, the Bailers squad, comprised of Kristin Lesesky, Susan Riley, Emily Lorenz, Angela Luyenski and Angela DeBruno, pulled out water pistoles and silly string bottles from their T-shirts to distract the Gaijins' offense by spraying them in the face as they shot.

"It was really a group effort," said Luyenski. "We wanted to bring a surprise attack," said Riley. "We think it definitely caught them off-guard."

Undeterred, the Gaijins continued to play the game in a fun atmosphere. The Gaijins, a team of four friends who'd studied in Nagano, Japan, was made up of students Grant Kreidenbeck, Paul Delarnatt, Kris Zemlyak, Chas Grundy and their namesake, Guido DiStefano.

They didn't disappoint with their antics either, attempting to play without their hands. They wanted to even the game up," said Delarnatt. "When that wasn't enough, we started playing on just one foot."

Although the game quickly degenerated into a comedic routine, with the Gaijins intermittently dribbling the ball with their foreheads and the Naughty Bailers spraying them in the face with silly string, the Gaijins emerged victorious, though soaking wet.

"It was a very fun game. They were great to play against and it was really sportsmanlike," Delarnatt said.

Another ranked team fell victim to the upset bug Wednesday, as unranked Soggy Pillow Sandwich beat No. 12 Team Boat Club, 21-15.

Soggy Pillow Sandwich got a boost in its win from the addition of former Irish tailback Andrew Bushey. When Bushey joined Walters in the coaching profession, the two met at that point in his life, said Walters.

But bringing it to his attention reminds him of something else too — the age difference between he and Miles.

"I'm sorry he has to bring that up cause it kind of reminds me of something else too — the age difference between he and Miles."

"I'd say, ‘Hey you, remember me?’ and we'd laugh about it," Miles said. "Now that we're working together it's ironic."

Walters remembers a little bit about the boy who came to football camp 25 years ago. But bringing it to his attention reminds him of something else too — the age difference between he and Miles.

"I was a wide receiver by the time he hit Indiana State for college, grade school football camp didn't make those distinctions and he got to spend part of his life with current colleague Walters, who Miles said is a class act all the way."

Miles, Walters met each other 25 years ago

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

Many years ago on a practice field at Indiana University, a relationship began that was recently rekindled. A 13-year old boy made a discovery that day, a discovery he still remembers — someone else had his name.

When Notre Dame receivers coach Trent Miles went to football camp at Indiana University, he found the only other person he had met at that point in his life whose name was Trent. And now, 25 years later, he is coaching with that other Trent — Notre Dame secondary coach Trent Walters.

"It was kind of funny that he was the only person I met at that point whose name was Trent," Miles said.

Although Miles was a wide receiver by the time he hit Indiana State for college, school football camp didn't make those distinctions and he got to spend part of his life with current colleague Walters, who Miles said is a class act all the way.

After joining Walters in the coaching profession, the two would remember that camp.