Students reflect on new dance policy

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

Planning hall-sponsored dances became more expensive and problematic when Notre Dame banned the events from residence halls, students said at a forum Tuesday to glean feedback on the revamped dances.

Student government officials called the forum to compile anecdotal information for their report to the Board of Trustees next month. The report will focus on the changes to the dances since the University revised its alcohol policy last fall.

"The big problem is money — we don't have enough," said Tarnowski, a sophomore Eric Tarnowski.

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"We can't afford to pay $500 for a dance floor in South Dining Hall and $500 for cookies since you have to be Tuesday to glean feedback on the revamped dances.

"The basement of the Knights of Columbus building was a poor substitute for the Zahm Hall basement, where that dorm's dances were held in the past, said sophomore Eric Tarnowski.

"It's a good alternative but not ideal," said Tarnowski, the hall's social commissioner.

Mugged student files police report

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Associate News Editor

A Keenan Hall freshman was mugged early Friday morning three blocks south of campus filed a report with the South Bend Police Department Monday said he.

After thinking he left his cell phone at a South Bend bar, the victim said he was walking back to campus on Notre Dame Avenue and crossed St. Vincent Street when four individuals showed him from behind, causing him to roll on his left ankle.

"It happened really quickly," said the victim. "I fell down and they grabbed money from my wallet and cell phone. Then they asked me to empty my pockets."

After the attack, the victim flagged down a cab and returned to campus, where he said he felt no pain and went to bed. When he awoke, he discovered his ankle was swollen.

University Health Services treated his ankle injury.

The victim described his attackers as four males, three Caucasians and one African-American, between the ages of 18 and 25.

South Bend police did not return calls seeking comment. Both Rex Rakow, Notre Dame Security and Police director, and Matt Storin, associate vice president for news and information, declined comment.

Hartney said he saw the confrontation as a stern lecturing and added that Scully was correct in asking them to move the vehicles.

Drucker moved the vehicles while Hartney returned to Fisher Hall to cover the Mass and left by 10:10 p.m., a time previous established by the University when media representatives had to leave the chapel.

Hartney did not witness any further confrontations involving the priest.

Notre Dame Security and Police Officer David Austin interviewed Drucker and Hartney at the WNDU-TV station shortly after midnight Friday morning and Drucker filed a report. Hartney did not file a report but provided witness information.

"I honestly think it was unfortunate," said Hartney. "He had his reasons for doing what he did and I think he overreacted. As far as I am concerned the situation..."
You can't stop reality

When you turn on the television, you may find yourself watching someone performing an outrageous stunt in order to receive $50,000. Flip the channel and you will see amateurs attempting to become Hollywood stars, with many of them being ripped off by some English guy in the process. Turn to another channel and you will see amateurs looking to choose who he likes the best with many of Hollywood stars, on by some ridiculous. Maybe the whole reality television thing has spun a little out of control, but honestly, who with a little spare time on their hands can resist these real people are so outrageous they can resist watching some of these shows? You would think that after a while the idea of reality television would spill. In some cases it has: shows such as "Survivor" are no longer as big as they once were. Yet networks are coming out with more and more reality series. Some shows have lasted through all the criticism. Much of reality TV that exists today originated from MTV's "The Real World," which is now in its 12th season. Will it ever end? I hope not.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- Interfaith Christian Night Prayer. 10 p.m. Morrissey Hall Chapel
- Graduation Student Christian Fellowship. 8 p.m. Wilson Commons
- Girl Culture: Lauren Greenfield Photographs, All day, Snite Museum of Art

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- Faculty Assembly, noon, LeMans Stapleton Lounge
- Adult Children of Alcoholics meeting, 7 p.m., Lounge
- Program, 7 p.m., Madeleva Carroll Auditorium

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall
Today Lunch: pasta alla carbonara, oil & garlic sauce, chicken fajita pizza, breadsticks, mushroom struganoff, kluski noodles, green beans, apple cobbler, tuna casserole, barleys greens & risotto, baked potato, corn, grits, sausage links, blueberry pancakes, scrambled eggs, tater tots

South Dining Hall
Today Lunch: turkey tetrazzini, mushroom mariniara, spinach-cheese tortellini, calzones, pretzel sticks, garden quiche, baby lima beans, baked potato, horse pepperoni, beef tips & mushroom, kluski noodles, roast top sirloin of beef, long grain & wild rice, Italian chicken sandwich, crinkle fries, soft pretzel, zucchini chicken stir-fry, chicken enchilada

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

NDSP tows vehicle
NDSP tows vehicle parked Monday at the Moose Krause Circle for parking violation.

Car towed at Circle
A car was towed Monday by campus police at Main Circle after a parking violation.

Ring, money found
A ring and money were found Monday at Ralph Sports Recreation Center and turned into Notre Dame security.

Fraud reported
NDSP is investigating a Monday complaint of fraud that occurred this week at LaFortune Student Center.

Sick employee cared for
A University employee was treated Monday at South Dining Hall after becoming ill.

WHAT'S WEATHER

TODAY: Sunny, high of 40 F, low of 30 F
TOMORROW: Mostly sunny, high of 45 F, low of 30 F
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Athletic director Kevin White recently received a contract extension through 2012.
DeBolt returns to Jacksonville

By ANDREW SOUKUP
News Writer

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The changes last fall also brought a revision to campus tailgating rules. Tarnowski said at the forum that a more appropriate course of action by the University would have been to outlaw only the liquor and to warn students that unruly drinking would threaten future in-hall dances. After a year, he said, officials could evaluate the change and decide whether a dance ban was necessary.

When they announced the policy changes last spring, administrators feared that students would be partying in individual residence hall rooms and too often showing up drunk to the dances. Students at the forum couldn't say with certainty whether the dance ban had hurt attendance or curbed drinking. Student Affairs promised each hall $1,000 to help defray expenses connected with moving dances out of residence halls. Still, hall presidents and dance commissioners at the forum said organizing dances has become troublesome financially. Finding and reserving space for dances is also a hassle, they said.

Greenberg, from Carroll Hall, recommended the University establish relationships with owners of off-campus dance venues to make identifying and paying for dance spots easier. Others supported a centralized office for organizing dances.

"We can't leave dances the way they are," Greenberg said. Last spring, student outcry over changes to the alcohol policy focused on the in-hall dance ban. Students worried that the ban would hurt residence life. Student Body Vice President Trip Foley, who protested the changes after taking office last April, wasn't surprised by student sentiment Tuesday. The forum "confirmed things we've been hearing all along," he said, "but students are smart to realize things won't change overnight."

Foley was optimistic that University trustees would be receptive to the student input that Student Body President Libby Bishop will present to the board Feb. 6 in Naples, Fla. Student government officials present to the board three times each year, at the trustees fall, winter and spring meetings. Trustees and administrators praised Bishop and Foley's full report on residence life. Some proposals in the student government report were mirrored in the Office of Student Affairs' 10-year plan released later last fall.

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Students to march for life in Washington

By LUKE BUSAM

Students from ND/SMC Right to Life and opponents of abortion within the Notre Dame community are participating in the March for Life in Washington, D.C. today.

Nearly 150 students from Notre Dame and SMC will make the trip this year, which marks the 30th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that ruled abortion is protected by the Constitution.

The trip begins with a rally on the national mall featuring pro-life speakers and musicians. The protesters will make their way to Capitol Hill and the Supreme Court building.

Students from ND/SMC Right to Life, participating in their first march this year, hope to present a united front not only for the Notre Dame community, but for the greater community of college students as well.

Because one in three abortions happen to a college-age woman, we hope to present a strong front in defense of life and offer support for college women to show them they have options and that we are here for them," said Hoppe.

The March for Life is part of a movement to increase awareness on the issue. The group's long-term goals include the overturning the Roe decision.

"The Marches will never fully accomplish their goal until the Supreme Court decision is overturned. We will keep fighting until we have accomplished that goal, the goal of respect for life in all its stages," said Hoppe.

Teresa Hansen, a sophomore who attended the March for Life twice as a high school student, said, "I'm not attending because women in this country have certain rights afforded by the constitution. People may have certain religious beliefs, like me, and believe its wrong to have an abortion, but I don't think all women should have to adhere to those beliefs.


"I have talked with women who have had an abortion," said Hansen. "I believe [Roe v. Wade] was the correct decision. The justices made the best decision in light of the scientific evidence presented. Hansen said she commends all Americans who communicate their individual points of view by traveling to D.C. to express them.

"I've been on many marches, not just Right to Life marches. It is our right to exercise our freedom of speech and we need to exercise it. I admire those who go," said Hansen.

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Navy doubles air power near Iraq as U.S. forces grow

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has ordered the Navy to double the number of aircraft carrier battle groups positioned within striking distance of Iraq, defense officials said Tuesday.

The doubling of naval air power is part of a broader buildup of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf region. More than 60,000 troops already are there, to be joined over the next few weeks by about 120,000 more. When the buildup is finished, before Christmas and would normally not deploy for at least 12 months.

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The 4th Infantry Division, equipped with tanks, attack helicopters and artillery to defeat armored forces, is heading a group of 37,000 soldiers, ordered to reposition in the Persian Gulf region. Their equipment will be shipped first, with the soldiers to go when final basing arrangements are worked out, officials said.

KUWAIT

U.S. civilian contractor slain in highway ambush

Associated Press

A gunman ambushed two Americans driving near a U.S. military base Tuesday in Kuwait, killing one and wounding another in what U.S. officials branded a terror attack.

The shooting was the first against U.S. citizens in Kuwait and the third on Americans since October in the oil-rich emirate, where pro-U.S. sentiment is usually strong and where thousands of U.S. troops are assembling for a possible war on Iraq.

The man killed as Michael Rene Pouliot, 46, of San Diego, an employee of a software development company. He was in stable condition in Kuwait, where 8,000 U.S. civilians also live.

In Washington, the White House said Americans were working with Kuwaiti investigators to determine who was behind the attack, which underscored the hostility some feel toward Americans even in Muslim nations considered sympathetic to the United States.

"The president's heart goes out to the families affected by this attack," spokesman Ari Fleischer said. "It's a reminder of the dangers and risks serious women and men face every day.

The men attacked Tuesday were in Kuwait developing software technologies that help military planners coordinate and gather information, their Tapestry spokesman said.

"We are stunned by this senseless act of violence which has taken a great man and friend from our family," said Mark Young, Tapestry vice president.

A Kuwaiti security official agreed the shooting was a terrorist act. The government was quick to denounce the attack and tried to portray it as an isolated incident.

Kuwait military police and investigators look at a pair of sneakers and the shell casings left behind at an intersection where one American civilian contractor was killed and another wounded on the way from Camp Doha to Kuwait City on Tuesday.

A convicted killer set to die this week won a reprieve Tuesday from a Texas appeals court because state prison records show he may be mentally retarded. Tests administered to the inmate, Elkie Taylor, while imprisoned for an earlier crime showed he had an IQ of 63, according to Taylor's attorney. A second test yielded an IQ score of 57, the government's ability to ensure Americans are protected by environmental laws, investigators say.

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Iraqi VP convinced U.S. will attack:
The Baghdad government will work more closely with arms monitors under a new U.N. accord, but the U.S. military will probably attack Iraq anyway, a senior Iraqi official said Tuesday. "It is possible any minute, any second that while the inspectors are still here, the aggression takes place, because U.S. administration doesn't care," Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan said.

N. Korea quiet about nuclear program:
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self from the case without providing a reason. Korzan said, Manier then named three judges for the postponed trial. Each side has 10 days to eliminate a judge and the remaining judge will preside over the case.

Michael Anderson, the other attorney for the plaintiff, eliminated one of the judges and asked Jefferson to make his elimination in open court, said Korzan.

Korzan escorted his client out of the courtroom when he could see the direction the trial was headed.

Korzan said he and Anderson will still pursue the case and wait until the new judge takes over the case before determining what actions they will take.

"She is going to get her day in court. We are going to get that guy, and we are going to hold him accountable for what he did," said Korzan.

He said it is unclear whether the new judge will consider the rulings made by Manier and he did not rule out the possibility of an appeal.

"We are dealing in uncharted territory because neither Manier nor I, in our many years of practice, have ever handled a case like this," said Korzan.

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at Boat Club. He asked the cab driver to return to Boat Club and then got out of the cab when the driver informed him he would have to pay $6 in addition to the regular $2 cab fare.

The victim said he started walking back toward Boat Club when he realized his cell phone was in his pocket and turned back towards campus.

He said he decided to report the incident after friends urged him to and in light of freshman Chad Sharon's Dec. 12 disappearance.

"I reported (the incident) for safety issues. I never expected this to happen when I left my friends," said the victim.

The victim said he will not put himself in a similar situation again but does not intend to curtail his social activities.

The incident prompted the rectors of Sorin and Keough Halls to send e-mails warning residents about their off-campus safety.

Bobby Brown sent from jail to hospital Tuesday

Associated Press

ATLANTA

Bobby Brown, who was sent to jail last week for drunken driving, has been hospitalized, authorities said Tuesday.

The singer was taken from the county jail to Grady Memorial Hospital around 3 a.m. DeKalb County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Mikki Jones said. She declined to provide details, saying inmates' medical information is confidential.

Brown entered the DeKalb jail Friday after pleading guilty to a 1996 drunken driving charge.

He was sentenced to eight days, but Jones said Brown is eligible for release Wednesday under a "good time" policy that reduces sentences by 25 percent for good behavior.

If Brown is still in the hospital Wednesday, he could be released from custody without returning to the jail, she said.

Brown, who was put on two years' probation, was also ordered to perform community service and not to drive for a year.

He was arrested Nov. 7 on charges of possessing less than an ounce of marijuana, speeding and having no driver's license or proof of insurance.
Feds challenge airline alliance plan

Three of the biggest airlines — Delta, Northwest and Continental — plan Tuesday that construction activity during that month, 5.2 percent above family homes.

February's U.S. market share fell 1.6 points to 21.2 percent. That's the lowest since 1978 when builders broke ground on 1.43 million single-family homes. The world's second largest automaker lost 7 cents a share in the fourth quarter — a penny a share — and allowing them to reach more destinations and allowing them to reach more destinations, the nation's largest financial institution, said Tuesday it made available to sell tickets for all three airlines they will go ahead with a planned marketing decision prompted an immediate legal challenge to curb anticompetitive behavior. The Feds challenge airline alliance plan

Motorola reports $174 million profit
Motorola Inc. reported a $174 million net profit for the fourth quarter on Tuesday, boosting its second straight gain even in the face of a difficult business climate. The company said it also earned $1.06 billion in the third quarter, down 2 cents to close $10.14 on the New York Stock Exchange. Earlier this month, Bill Ford, Ford's chairman and chief executive, reiterated in a conference call Tuesday that he expects the company to improve market share in all global regions in 2003 and to post full-year earnings of 70 cents a share — well ahead of recent Wall Street forecasts. "With the plans we have in place and our growing momentum, I'm confident we can do this," Ford said. Nonetheless, Ford shares fell 2 cents to close Tuesday at $10.14 on the New York Stock Exchange. After Ford's initial 2003 earnings and market share comments to analysts Jan. 10, Credit Suisse First Boston raised its 2003 earnings forecast for Ford to 56 cents a share from 40 cents. Still, the brokerage said, "We're less optimistic than Ford is about the company's ability to increase its market share in the U.S. in 2003." The automaker said it expects to receive a boost from the introduction of several new products, including the new F-150 pickup later this year, part of the world's best-selling F-Series lineup. The company said it also has identified $1 billion in non-product expenses that can be slashed and that it plans to increase North American production by 25,000 vehicles in the first quarter. Earlier this month, Bill Ford said the company's year-old turnaround was on track but acknowledged that increasing competition and economic uncertainties pose challenges for meeting future financial goals. For example, while Ford lost ground in the United States last year, Toyota Motor Corp. and Honda Motor Co. — the two largest foreign automakers in the United States — both saw their share gains.

DEARBORN, Mich. — Ford Motor Co. narrowed its loss to $860 million in the fourth quarter, primarily due to its ongoing restructuring, but some observers are skeptical of the company's forecast for market share and hefty earnings growth this year.

The world's second largest automaker lost 7 cents a share in the October-December period compared with a loss of $5.07 billion, or $2.83 a share, a year earlier. Excluding charges for restructuring and other one-time expenses, Ford earned $150 million, or 9 cents a share, in the fourth quarter — a penny a share more than the forecast of analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call. Excluding charges, Ford lost $86 million, or 48 cents a share, in the fourth quarter of 2001. Revenue in the latest quarter was $41.6 billion, up $869 million from a year ago, despite a decline in the number of vehicles sold worldwide to 1.79 million from 1.8 million in 2001.

Ford's global automotive operations trimmed full-year losses in 2002 to $1.66 billion, but remained $500 million in the red. Domestically, heavy incentives have eaten away at profits at Ford, General Motors Corp. and others, and the trend continues. Ford expects automotive operations to break even this year.

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Even Jack Nicholson was taken aback by Lara Flynn Boyle's pink tutu outfit at the Golden Globes. Boyle breezed alone down the red carpet Sunday in a dress resembling a ballerina Barbie, complete with a pink bow anchoring her ponytail and spike-heeled shoes secured by pink satin ribbons that wrapped around her bare legs.

"Lara's tutu was startling," said Nicholson, who noted his on-again, off-again girlfriend is a former dancer. "I slipped out for a cigarette and I saw her from the back. I wasn't sure it was her.

Boyle's dress was the most talked about fashion spectacle since singer Bjork wore a feather strapless Valentina as she walked the man-made red carpet in 2001, was asked what he thought of her.

"I can't tell you," he said, smiling and snickering. "I think she's known for his sartorial splendor."

Oscars two years ago. Presenter Samuel L. Jackson, known for hisatorial splendor, was asked what he thought of Boyle's fashion statement.

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Globe winner Renee Zellweger, who wore a black strapless vintage Valentino dress, offered her endorsement.

"Did you have a tutu on? Good for her!" she said.

Winners were considerably drier this year, with only Kim Cattrall of "Sex and the City" getting choked up backstage.

At 46, Cattrall earned her first Golden Globe award for playing sexually adventurous Samantha Jones on the HBO comedy.

"I never expected to have a career in my 40s. I thought it was over. The amount of jobs I was up for were basically cut in half," she said.

It took three tries before Cattrall took the role that has revitalized her career.

"I, too, believed that women aren't supposed to be sexual or sexy in their 40s and not empowered and strong in the world," she said. "I'm so proud and pleased to be the actress who got to play a character like that and get to break those stereotypes.

The Emmy-winning show will end after its sixth season, with the final episode airing early next year.

"I'm very sad. It was an executive decision," said Cattrall, who plans to produce a documentary for HBO.

Tony Shalhoub admits he possesses some of the same fears as the obsessive-compulsive detective he plays on USA Network's "Monk."

Adrian Monk has a fear of heights, milk, darkness and germs. So what would the character do with the award Shalhoub won for best actor in a TV series, musical or comedy? He would have it steam-cleaned and disinfected because it came directly out of the hands of someone else, he said, referring to presenters Kiefer Sutherland and Jennifer Garner. "God knows where they were before they walked on stage."

Shalhoub said his wife, actress Brooke Adams, gave him grief about his neurotic tendencies.

"I'm a bit of a control freak," he said. "I manage in my everyday life to squelch it."

Falco recalled backstage, struggling through laryngitis to answer reporters' questions. "I remember he told me he was up for a part as John Belushi, and I said, 'Yeah, so am I.' We were these out-of-work actors. He got the part and I've followed him ever since."

"It was a terrible job, but it's turned out very well for both of us."

The early reviews on Gene Hackman? Not good, since his dramatic TV actor honors for the FX cable drama "The Shield." Tony Shalhoub did more than thank the audience. "I like the subtleness of this achievement," he said. "The doors in my hotel are open and I'm so star-struck. Isn't that nuts? It makes my hiccups look really good."

Meryl Streep won the evening's first award as supporting movie actress for "The Hours" and was told she looked glamorous in her beaded jacket and flowing pants.

"Thank you. Don't get near me. I smell like a camel," she said, explaining she had just flown in from Rome, where she is shooting "Angels in America" about the AIDS crisis.

Asked if she harbors any dreams of an Academy Award for the role, Streep said: "No, I'm just going to try to make it to the bathroom."
Why we don't understand each other

Men and women just don't seem to get each other. As much as we try, as much as we think about it and as much as we talk about it, maybe the myth is true. We are from different planets.

Whether it be Mars, Venus or somewhere in between, men and women are often light years away from reaching an understanding of each other. To try and explain this phenomenon, let's start with the basics.

Physically speaking, men and women are obviously very different. That part can be explained in simple, freshman-level biology terms. We may use the same language, and interpret it in entirely different ways. We may have sent a man to the moon, but as far as men and women are concerned, it's not rocket science either. It may not be written in the stars, but the explanation of these differences between the sexes is a phenomenon to be considered seriously.

When we get to the point of talking about communication, things get even more complicated. After all, men and women, it seems that we may not only be from different planets, but entirely different solar systems.

The reason that we don't get each other isn't because we're light years apart. Rather, it's because we expect members of the opposite sex to act, think and be the way we ourselves act, think and are. We want our relations- ships to go the way that we ourselves see them in our head. It follows that men expect women to communicate and react the way men do, and women expect men to communicate and react the way women do.

Houston, we have a problem.

These unrealistic expectations can be absolute Armageddon for our relationships (or at least its lesser counterpart, "Deep Impact"). We have to realize that the ways in which men and women look at the world and each other are often at opposite ends of a bipolar scale.

Men really are simple. They're kind of like plants. As long as they are fed, watered and pollinated every once in a while, they're happy. Women, however, are as complicated as men are simple and require a great deal more. They also like "getting there" and the process of creating a relationship. Consider it the eternal road trip. While women enjoy the scenery, the company and the music on the radio, men count miles, avoid traffic and comment on what great time they're making.

With such different perspectives, two people can look at the same situation and interpret it in entirely different ways. We may use the same language, same words and same sentences, but what we say and what we mean can take on entirely different meanings. In assuming our significant others to be as simple or complicated as we are, we expect that they not only understand and adhere to our own personal convictions. The problem is that they expect us to adhere to theirs. This miscommunication can land us on different planets, in different solar systems, in galaxies far, far away from each other.

It may be true that we just don't get it. We may have sent a man to the moon, but as far as men and women are concerned, we may never understand each other. It's a fact. Men and women are different. They're supposed to be.

However, Mars and Venus aside, it is possible to recognize our differences and maybe even appreciate them a little. This can improve communication and make it possible for us to discover something about ourselves — and our significant others. After all, one small step for man (or woman) can be one giant leap for our relationships.

Jacqueline Browder

Happily Ever After

Monday, January 20, 2003

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While honoring King, remember lost values

Monday was the national day of celebration and remembrance of a figure who fought to end systemic and social racism and injustice in America. Dedicated to Martin Luther King, Jr., it is a day on which America is to reflect on a history filled with violence and oppression. In doing so, we must analyze the present state of our country and ponder our progress as a nation since the days of King’s fervent teachings of nonviolence and of social and economic justice. We must examine how far we have come to end poverty, homelessness and injustice of all kinds.

Since his death, much of the successful organizing of the civil rights movement has faded, and few efforts have succeeded in keeping the principles of our country in check. We have replaced the values and morals that once attempted to be our country’s foundation, for the most part, given up. We have lost the values that cry out for justice, tugging at our hearts. We have replaced values of old with new values that look and sound the same but that are radically different at their very core.

Assessing our values as a nation and examining the current state of affairs of our country is not as tedious as it may seem. We value, quite simply, war over education, profits over people and the "me" before "us." These societal values have prevented us from realizing that the University offers a subsidized insurance policy the University offers to support, and 900 of those use the non-subsidized insurance policy the University offers for about $600 an academic year (if you have)

Paul Graham

Another Perspective

Wednesday, January 22, 2003

Letters to the Editor

Top schools support their grad students

Recently, The Observer and Scholastic have reported that Notre Dame is striving to become one of the premier teaching and research universities in the United States. But for all the rhetoric concerning the University’s rise to the top, Notre Dame still falls short of the mark in their goal to become an elite institution. By failing to provide basic needs to a group that will ultimately be responsible for a large part of the University’s success, it is condemning itself to failure.

Graduate students at Notre Dame account for a large portion of the academic teaching, research and administrative responsibilities that bring Notre Dame the recognition it desires to achieve. Yet, these same graduate students, who, if they suddenly disappeared from the campus, would bring the University to a grinding halt, are not offered a reasonable insurance policy with the benefits necessary for an individual or family to cover common illnesses.

There are approximately 1,500 graduate students on this campus, many with families to support, and 900 of those use the non-subsidized insurance policy the University offers for about $600 an academic year (if you have no other policy you must take the one the University offers). For the University to subsidize the price of benefits in addition to what graduate students currently pay for the plan it would $300 per student — roughly $270,000.

If Notre Dame is to be competitive with schools like Brown, whose graduate student union recently announced that the entire cost of graduate student health insurance is fully subsidized, or Cornell, who pays for the entire cost of all full-time graduate student health insurance, they must find a way to subsidize an insurance plan for their graduate students.

A mentor of mine used to say, "Your walk talks and your talk talks, but your walk talks louder than your talk talks." The recent "talk" of the University has been progress, but its "walk" has given graduate students and those wishing to see the University succeed a collective slap in the face. America has too many people and too many families unable to buy food, afford quality homes and obtain an adequate education. According to the Economic Policy Institute, one in four of those employed earn poverty wages or less. Two out of every five people live in poverty. One in three families cannot meet its basic needs. Fifty-two percent of blacks are unable to meet these needs, along with 56.3 percent of the Hispanic population and 20.3 percent of the white population.

How does this reflect our progress as a nation?

Having a national holiday dedicated to both a person and a powerful movement, we have the opportunity to reevaluate ourselves. We have the opportunity to remember past struggles and revitalize our social conscience. We can revivse lost values and morals, and we can work for justice founded upon our very own nature to respect the dignity of one another and of our communities.

We must seize this moment of reflection and begin to work for a more just world. This is not the world in which we as humans are meant to live. We have the power to change our situation. We have the power to work together to transform our world into a better one.

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Come, join the dialogue on Iraq

As crucial upper-level decisions regarding a war with Iraq near, many Americans (indeed, people everywhere in the world) are noticing the polarity of public opinion. It is natural that people want to share their ideas and opinions about the pros and cons of this potential war, but it is often difficult to find a neutral, peaceful forum for such discussion.

Next Monday, Jan. 27, the United Nations weapons inspections report on Iraq will be submitted, and presumably, the war debate will take a definitive turn. That evening, while people throughout the United States are debating the proper course of action, students here at Notre Dame will have the opportunity to share their ideas and opinions about this war from all viewpoints. At 7 p.m. in the Reckers Hospitality Room, there will be an informal all-student dialogue. Students representing the full spectrum of opinions regarding war with Iraq will share ideas and reasoning, and everyone present will have the chance to discuss these issues in a neutral environment.

Everyone is invited to come get involved in the discussion, and there will be free food. To further promote the diversity of the featured speakers, any student who wants to be on the panel should email me at lupdike@nd.edu. One person will be randomly selected.

Hopefully, ongoing open dialogue will help us all feel more informed and involved in the present situation.

Lindsay Updike
law student
South Bend
Jan. 21
By LIAM DACEY

Deep inside the loft of O'Shaughnessy Hall, the Notre Dame Department of Film, Television, and Theater will unlock its vault Thursday to showcase the 14th annual Notre Dame Student Film Festival. In the past, student films have pushed the boundaries of conventional filmmaking, creating many thought provoking works that are as much experimental as they are fresh. And this year, word has it that Irish football guru Tyrone Willingham will make a guest appearance in one of the films. So hold on tight, take a deep breath, and prepare yourself for another round of titillating entertainment.

In 1988, Professor Ted Mandell envisioned a venue where students could show their films to the entire Notre Dame community. Mandell realized that the films were meant to be seen and not just shown in class. However, with limited resources the department was forced to hold the screenings in the basement of the Center for Continuing Education (CCE), with only 25 people who attended the first year's showcase. Since those turbulent times, the campus has embraced the Film Festival and helped it relocate to larger facilities: first the Snite Museum, and presently the state of the art Carrey Auditorium in the Hesburgh Library. In recent years, the Festival has sold out nearly every show — over 2,600 tickets!

While production programs such as NYU or USC are often thought of as the premier schools to learn filmmaking, Notre Dame has found its niche in providing a rigorous and intimate setting that strives for creativity and ingenuity. The words "low budget film" don't quite accurately describe these movies. "No budget" would be a better term. And not only are the students responsible for writing a screenplay, casting a film, finding a location, getting a crew, and shooting the film itself, but they also must edit it all into short films and documentaries that capture their message. In short, the students must do in three months time what professionals do for a living.

Julia Dickinson, who acted in last year's film "This Time You'll Watch Me On You" and this year's film "Billboard Liberation," has been very impressed in the amount of time and effort that goes into the projects. At first, Dickinson says that she thought setting up shots for movies would be easier than the stage because there is no live audience; however, her first impression rapidly changed. "Every time I messed up and forced a reshoot of the take, it cost the director $100 out of their own pocket, so everyone really has to be on top of things," she realized.

An example of the intense production regimen can be found in Jill Dickinson's Advanced Film class, a 6-credit graduate-level plunge into the depths of filmmaking. Students in Dickinson's class must make an eight- to 10-minute 16mm color film and edit it by hand. In order to do this, they have to splice the film with a razor and then tape it together, while also making sure that the sound stays in sync with the picture. Editing by hand teaches skills that the aspiring students can use throughout life: organization, rhythm and a plethora of patience.

Past Notre Dame film grads have taken these lessons and gone on to jobs in everything from NFL Films to HBO. Some, like Maggie Moran, have gone to more exotic places to pursue their passions. Moran traveled home to Alaska after graduation last year and is presently working at an advertising agency. She is also the producer of the Anchorage Film Festival.

While many venture to New York and Hollywood after graduation, Moran felt that going home to Alaska was the right choice for her. "Opportunity sprung up everywhere and I was sure that if I came back, I would find my way easily and meet the other nutty folks who moved up/back here with the same intentions." In part, her documentary featured in this year's Student Film Festival reflects the decision. "The Two of Us Here" is a dialogue about the past, present and future that relies heavily on photographs and animation.

"I manipulated photographs as a way of acknowledging that the "truth" I was telling was my truth, not the truth or a truth, but mine," Moran says. "Documentaries are often times manipulative devices which are left unacknowledged. I didn't want to pretend that what I was showing was a polished document worthy of trust. I wanted instead to reveal my hand in the creation."

Some other directors have chosen to stay closer to Notre Dame after graduation. Ryan Lockwood, who directed the documentary "Flate the Rangers" in this year's festival, graduated last semester and is currently working at WNDU as the weekend morning producer. "FTT was the best thing I could have done," Lockwood says. "I learned that working with others can be difficult but keeping a good attitude and outlook helps... so does laughter."

Lockwood's documentary looks at diehard Scottish football fans at a Chicago bar. First, though, Lockwood said it was necessary to share a few drinks with the fans for the first hour to make them comfortable before they even began shooting. "After about 30 minutes I asked them to sing me a verse of 'The Fields of Athenry', and it was perfect. It couldn't have been any better."

This year, Mandell has arranged the diverse blend of films to provide a
filmmaking

at the 14th Annual Student Film Festival

The Two of Us Here (Maggie Moran and Brent Buckman)
This stunning visual piece questions where home really is found while also reflecting on the four years that both Moran and Buckman spent at Notre Dame. The informal portrait of scrapbook memories also discusses their futures.

Seven Nights a Week (Aaron Perri and Matt Peters)
This documentary examines the inside world of the South Bend bingo scene. Everyone from the people who play the game to the ones who rake in the money are featured in this film.

How To Love Yourself (Taylor Ronigh and Dan Ackerman)
This "self-help" video features six vignettes that deconstruct the empty phrases of "trusting ourselves," "believing in love," and "forgiving ourselves," to ultimately show that life is more complex than words can summarize.

Adam’s Puzzle (Todd Boruff and Andy Gomez)
This silent black-and-white film is about a boy whose Rubik’s Cube-like toy becomes the center of attention at a playground. A well-crafted and fresh film.

Racist (Dustin Park and Peter Richardson)
This intriguing documentary takes a close examination of Matthew Hale, the leader of a white supremacist movement in Peoria, Ill. A daring and disturbing piece.

Two Boys (Chris Bannister and Liam Dacey)
A seductive musical fable about the sexual education of the American boy. A teen tries to seduce three sexy women using the lines he heard from the media. When the bravo does not pay off, he falls into a state of rage against the female — the same type of rage that can fuel a serial killer’s delusions.

Backhorn Berry Pie (Scott Little and Tom Griffin)
The tale of a relentless curmudgeon who is mourning the death of his wife and avoids contact from his friends and family. One day, his wife appears before him and his outlook on the world changes forever.

Empty Orchestra (Jeremy Renteria and Scott Little)
Ever wonder what happens late at night at karaoke bars in South Bend? This documentary takes a look at the many players who make up this world: from the performers to those who spin the discs.

Perhaps the most amazing thing about the Film Festival is how it is able to draw such large audiences year after year, and how excited people become about participating or even watching the films. When asked if Dickinson would participate in acting in another film in the future, she didn’t hesitate in saying that she would jump at the chance. “All the people I’ve met in the film department are very interesting and it’s amazing to get to see the final product.” And it is easy to see how the talent displayed in the festival will help students find jobs after graduation. Moran describes her experience at Notre Dame as essential to her current work in Alaska. “In the ‘real world,’ I understand as much as if not more about film, equipment and technology than everyone I work with, and I learned it all at ND.”

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"roller coaster" effect for the audience. The films are kind of like watching a "roller coaster" effect for the audience. Everything from digital documentaries to a black and white silent film are represented in this year's festival, which totals eleven films. These pieces come from three of the four production classes offered at Notre Dame: Intermediate Film, Advanced Film, and Advanced Digital Production. Here is a sneak preview of the films that will be featured in this year's Student Film Festival.

Hate the Rangers (Ryan Lockwood and Angela Grimmer)
An entertaining look at rabid Scottish football fans at a Chicago bar who cheer hard for their teams but bitterly smear their archivals.

Billboard Liberation (Adam Weitlter and Tim Ryan)
Is it possible to live outside the world of the ad? This film explores this question and takes an intimate portrait of those radical citizens who take and make the omnipresent billboard their own.

Tangled Up In Blue (Brian Galla and Paul Ybarra)
A beautifully acted story of a college grad who can't get going with his life. The film explores the perils of a troubled 25-year-old who still lives home with his grandmother.

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Super Bowl XXXVII

Trying to focus on football

Gruden wants focus on game, not his history

Associated Press

Squinting into the sunlight, grinning down at the reporters, Jon Gruden did his best to be a good sport.

"You guys are killing me," the Tampa Bay coach said when the 50th or 100th question floated his way.

With the Super Bowl approaching, Gruden only wanted the story of his strange breakup with his former employer, Al Davis and the Oakland Raiders, to disappear into the "rearview mirror." But reassembly mirror stories like Gruden's are what the Super Bowl is all about. And days like Tuesday — Media Day at the biggest single sporting event in America — are what tales like Gruden's are made for.

"I don't try to keep any of it to myself," he said. "Sometimes, it becomes inevitable. Things have gone well since then. Hopefully, we can all continue to have a nice life."

Indeed, they are all having a nice life.

Gruden, the 37-year-old wondercoach, got a raise and expense-paid move to the place where he spent his childhood, Tampa, Fla., to coach the team he has always adored, the Buccaneers.

Davis got a king's ransom by NFL standards — two first-round draft choices and two seconds, plus $8 million in exchange for a guy who will never play a down.

Bill Callahan got Gruden's old job.

The whole gang made it to the Super Bowl — Davis and Oakland for the first time in 19 seasons and the Raiders for the first time ever.

And the rest of the football world?

They got Gruden Bowl I, possibly the most intriguing Super Bowl since the Giants coach of the present and past, Mike Shanahan and Dan Reeves, reeled their dirty laundry before the Denver-Atlanta Super Bowl.

"What's created here is a situation where anybody would want to play for the Raiders," said Mike Munchak, Davis' St. Louis Linebacker.

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"It's real," said Rod Woodson, who was one of Oakland's most bitter rivals.

"I don't think they lost it, but if so, it's definitely back."

"The Raiders are an organization that had won three Super Bowls and have proven they can get the job done. It might be 19 years, but they'd still done it. It could have been 100 years ago, but they've won championships three times and there's a lot of you that wish they'd done half that."

Added Woodson, an All-Pro safety who won his fistic two years ago with Baltimore: "I think as a player you know the mystique before you get here. Al is the black sheep of the league. He kind of likes that image and I think everybody here likes it."

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"They were losers from the get-go, dropping all 14 games in their debut season, then the first 12 of the next season. They had a stretch where losing 10 games was a given, and until they beat Philadelphia for the NFC championship last weekend, they never made it this far."

To many NFL fans, the Bucs were the guys in the ugly orange jerseys and a pirate with a feather in his mouth on their logo. You always wanted them on your schedule.

Now, they wear red, the buccaneer on their helmet breeks fierce, and they play some hellacious defense. Nobody looks forward to facing Tampa Bay.

"They once called us the 'Yucks,'" we were ticked that said, "told linebackers" Derrick Brooks, the NFL's top defensive player in 2002. "I was the first one to say something to Warren (Sapp) that this guy has got to stop. There's not no way.

"Warren said, 'You're right. We've got to get this turned around."

Led by their All-Pro defenders and coach Tony Dungy, who was hired in 1996, the Bucs did, indeed, become a force in the NFC. They just couldn't all go the way, and when Dungy was fired a year ago, the team paid a heavy price — $8 million and four high draft choices — to the Raiders to pry away Jon Gruden.

Gruden's chore: Change the perception of the Bucs even more by turning them into champions.

"I get a lot of credit," said Dungy general manager Rich McKay, "because he came into a situation that wasn't the easiest and he made it as smooth as it could be."

Sure, it is a great irony that the final obstacle for Tampa Bay is the Raiders. Many Buccaneers believe, however, that despite all they have done to erase the memories of awful football, a loss on Sunday will be a huge step backward.
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Agassi, Williams advance in tournament

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MELBOURNE, Australia - Now Andre Agassi gets to pick on someone his own age. Using the slick strokes and relentlessness that have carried him to seven Grand Slam tournament titles, the 32-year-old Agassi easily dismissed another younger opponent Tuesday to reach the Australian Open semifinals.

The matter-of-fact 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 victory over 19-year-old Sebastien Grosjean kept Agassi unbeaten at Melbourne Park since 1999, a 19-match streak. He won the title here in 1995, 2000 and 2001, then skipped last year's tournament with an injury.

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Venus Williams tennis player

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The 31-year-old Ferrera, the only unseeded quarterfinalist, upset French Open runner-up Juan Carlos Ferrero 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5), 6-1. Ferrera called it "one of my greatest wins."

The South African is playing in his 49th consecutive Grand Slam event, but the match against Agassi will be his first semifinal at a major since the 1992 Australian Open.

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Williams - owner of the fastest recorded serve in women's tennis, 127 mph in a 1998 match - will play Justine Henin-Hardenne in the semifinals.

During the first set of her victory Tuesday, some spectators yelled to indicate that some of Williams' shots were out, once in the middle of a point.

She responded by hitting winners on six of 10 points in the next two games to gain a key break.

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CLEVELAND

King of the North take over the Cavaliers.

Tracy McGrady scored 35 points to spoil Keith Smart's coaching debut with Cleveland, leading the Orlando Magic to a 103-94 win over the Cavaliers Tuesday night over the Cavaliers. McGrady came in as the league's leading scorer at 30-29. He had 33 points after three quarters, and Orlando coach Doc Rivers planned to rest his star before the Cavs rallied.

Cleveland fell to an NBA-worst 8-35 with its fifth straight loss and 11 of 13, didn't play much better with Smart calling the shots than they had with Lucas for the first 45 games this season.

Ricky Davis, Cleveland's leading scorer this season, had just 11 points — 11 below his average.

But as long as McGrady's healthy, the Magic look as if they can compete with anyone. He added 11 rebounds and six assists.

The 6-foot-8 guard did whatever he pleased from the outset against the league's second-worst defensive team. He started 6-of-7 from the floor and scored 15 points in the game's first 5:05. McGrady cooled off in the second period, but had 24 points in the first half as Orlando took a 61-48 lead at the break.

The Magic opened the third quarter with a 7-0 spurt and then McGrady hit a 13-foot jumper, a layup and two free throws to give Orlando a 22-point lead.

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SMC Basketball

Belles looking to lance Knights

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's basketball team has had its share of struggles of late, dropping five of their last six games. However, tonight's trip to Grand Rapids, Mich., may be what the Belles need to change their luck. They face the Knights of Calvin (10-5, 1-3) in a key MIAA conference matchup.

Kim Wolthuis leads the Knights in scoring, averaging 10 points on 51 percent shooting from the field. Another key contributor has been Emily Beard (8.7 points, 8.9 rebounds). The Belles, like the Belles, have struggled in conference play, losing to Albion, Kalamazoo, and, most recently, Hope. The Belles' side conference win, like the Belles', came against Olivet.

Saint Mary's, meanwhile, looks for a much-needed victory on the road, as the Belles are only 2-8 on the road this season due to a tough road schedule.

Regardless, Wednesday's conference game is crucial for the Belles.

"It is absolutely a must-win game," Belles coach Suzanne Beilina said. "We have lost a lot of games that we knew we should have won." The matchup promises to be an exciting one, as the Knights defeated the Belles at Angola last year on Parents' Day, 52-51, after handily beating the Belles earlier in the season. And after such a narrow defeat last year, Saint Mary's is looking for revenge.

"We have already talked about last year's game," Beilina said. "Once again, we should have won." Strategically speaking, Saint Mary's will look to mix up its defenses to keep the well-balanced Knights guessing.

Wolthuis is the only Knight who averages double digits in scoring. "One big thing is to mix up our defenses," Beilina said. "Our go-to defense is definitely man, but sometimes to give ourselves a mental break, we can play zone, half-court trap, or press." Defense will be key for the Belles if they want a key MIAA victory on the road.

"We want to keep them on their toes," said Beilina.

Offensively, Saint Mary's has been led by the inside-outside tandem of Emily Creachbaum and Bridget Boyce. Both have played well of late, despite the team's struggles.

Saint Mary's and Calvin tip off at 7:30 at Calvin Fieldhouse in Grand Rapids, Mich.

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**NHL**

**Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division**
- Philadelphia: 27-11-8, 62 pts
- New Jersey: 27-12-9, 63 pts
- NY Islanders: 21-18-3, 45 pts
- Pittsburgh: 29-13-6, 64 pts
- NY Rangers: 23-25-6, 47 pts

**Eastern Conference, Northeast Division**
- Ottawa: 30-11-5, 66 pts
- Toronto: 25-18-6, 56 pts
- Boston: 23-18-5, 52 pts
- Montreal: 19-10-8, 46 pts
- Buffalo: 14-27-2, 37 pts

**Eastern Conference, Southeast Division**
- Florida: 26-13-7, 56 pts
- Atlanta: 16-20-4, 36 pts

**Western Conference, Northwest Division**
- Vancouver: 23-15-9, 55 pts
- Minnesota: 34-19-7, 78 pts
- Edmonton: 22-15-6, 55 pts
- Colorado: 18-24-4, 40 pts
- Nashville: 14-29-4, 32 pts

**Western Conference, Central Division**
- St. Louis: 28-13-9, 65 pts
- Dallas: 25-21-6, 56 pts
- Chicago: 21-16-3, 45 pts
- Columbus: 18-23-4, 40 pts
- Nashville: 14-29-4, 32 pts

**Western Conference, Northeast Division**
- Boston: 25-18-3, 53 pts
- San Jose: 18-28-4, 42 pts

**Western Conference, Pacific Division**
- Dallas: 25-16-11-1, 57 pts
- Anaheim: 19-20-4-4, 46 pts
- Los Angeles: 19-25-4-4, 44 pts
- Phoenix: 15-24-6, 36 pts
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- Virginia Tech: 1-0, 100 pts
- Miami: 1-0, 100 pts
- West Division

- Pittsburg: 1-8, 100 pts
- Notre Dame: 3-1, 750 pts
- Syracuse: 3-1, 600 pts
- Georgetown: 2-2, 500 pts
- Seton Hall: 2-2, 500 pts
- Washington: 1-3, 300 pts
- Rutgers: 0-4, 300 pts

**Tennis**

Tennis star Andre Agassi promises he and wife Steffi Graf (above) will compete as doubles partners in the French Open if Agassi wins the mens title at the Australian Open.

Graf and Agassi may partner up again

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia - Steffi Graf might make a comeback to tennis at Roland Garros to honor a promise to husband Andre Agassi if he wins a fourth Australian Open.

Agassi said Tuesday that if he can win the men's title at Melbourne Park on Sunday, former world No. 1 Graf would have to partner with him in mixed doubles at the French Open.

"For the record, and you're the first to know this, if I win here Steffy has to play doubles with me in Paris," Agassi told the Australian Open's official Web site when asked who his dream mixed doubles partner would be.

"You can print that and I'll hold you to it," he was quoted as saying. Agassi had earlier told the centre court crowd at Melbourne Park that he had been practicing with Graf and she was still in good form. "You think I'm an inspiration at 32, you should see her at 33," Agassi said.

"She always wins ... the problem is, I can't keep my eye on the ball." Agassi and Graf were married in Las Vegas in October 2001, and have a son, Jaden Gil, who is 15 months old.

Graf retired in July 1999, weeks after collecting a sixth French Open title with a win over Martina Hingis in the final. Graf won 22 Grand Slam singles titles, putting her second on the all-time list behind Australia's Margaret Court with 24.

Graf is in Melbourne with Agassi for the Australian Open. Agassi is the favorite to win the title after advancing to the semifinals Tuesday with a powerful 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 win over France's Sebastien Grosjean.

Graf previously played mixed doubles with John McEnroe at Wimbledon in 1999, when they reached the semis before she withdrew due to illness.

**IN BRIEF**

Walker will miss up to two weeks with knee injury

Antoine Walker is expected to miss up to two weeks with a knee injury sustained in the Boston Celtics' comeback victory over the Philadelphia 76ers.

An MRI taken Tuesday, one day after Boston's 100-99 win, showed a mild ligament sprain of his right knee. Walker was hurt in the third quarter of the game in which his 3-point pointer provided the last points, capping a rally from a 23-point deficit.

Walker finished with 33 points and, on Tuesday, was chosen as the NBA player of the week in the Eastern Conference.

He sat out Tuesday's practice, and coach Jim O'Brien said he would not play against Milwaukee on Wednesday night in Boston.

Walker's 21.8-point average ranks 15th in the NBA and second among the Celtics, who have won four straight games.

Brind'Amour tears tendon, could miss three months

Carolina Hurricanes leading scorer Rod Brind'Amour will need surgery and could miss three months after tearing a tendon in his right hand.

Brind'Amour, who has 14 goals and 23 assists, was placed on injured reserve Tuesday. He was hurt on a first-period faceoff of Monday night's 5-3 loss to St. Louis, although he had wound up scoring in the third period.

"I didn't know exactly what was going on, but I felt it kind of pop," he said. "It just kind of gave out." Things weren't going too well as it is for the defending Eastern Conference champions, who have lost seven straight games and dropped to 13th in the playoff race.

"This is just the way bad years go. You get bad breaks," general manager Jim Rutherford said.

Brind'Amour, a 15-year veteran, is one of the best face-off men in the NHL and a top penalty-killer. He leads the team with 20 points on the power play.

Surgery is needed because "there is potential damage to two fingers if he doesn't get this done," coach Paul Maurice said. "There really is no option. If there was one, he would play and get it fixed at the end of the year. This guy has played with broken bones in his feet. He's played with just about everything you can imagine."

Maurice added: "If you've got a guy that is considered one of the hardest workers in the league."

Some of Brind'Amour's penalty-killing time could be filled by 39-year-old captain Ron Francis.

"It's a blow, there is no question about that," Maurice said. "We can't replace him with an individual." Brind'Amour will also be missing off the ice. The alternate captain is considered one of the hardest workers in the league.
White

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athletic programs qualified for postseason play last year, eight
won Big East championships, and the Irish finished 11th and
13th in the Sears Cup, now called the NACDA Cup, in White's first
two years.

Most impressively, besides the school's 90 percent graduation
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White

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the glowing 28-26, to beat the

Golden Eagles for the first time
in four years. Buoyed by the three
closing wins, the Irish will travel
this week to Ann Arbor, Mich. for the Michigan

Skiing

Tell you all about the

ski world this season about

the quality and depth of Notre

Dame's women's squad. With

strong returning performers
Molly Munsterer, Emily
Helmuth, and Alanna Lungren
back, the Irish have been
bolstered by the return from study abroad of All-American
Leigh Heiring, and freshman standout Mary Butler. Expectations
were high as the club opened the 2003 MSCA season at Crystal
Mountain this weekend. And they were met, as the Irish won
both the womens slalom and giant slalom.

Munsterer, Lungren, and Butler took second, third and
sixth in the slalom as the Irish
dropped some games, and defending conference champion Michigan
State, 149-87-154-75. Western
Michigan's Andrea Gerling took
1st, edging Munsterer 49-45-
45-43 in a race that lasted the
day. The Irish placed first, second,
third and eighth, as the Irish
again placed first, edging
defending champion Michigan
in the team standings.

Michigan placed 3rd,
followed by Western Michigan
and Western Michigan
reversing their finish in the slalom.

The mens squad was very
close in a closely bunched field, yet finished fifth
in team standings. Jesse
Hensle, 21st, and Cory Ryan,
38th were the lone Irish to
cross the finish line as poor
conditions were prevalent. Sunday's improved conditions
saw much better results, high-
lighted by Mike Ryan's 4th in
the giant slalom, followed by
teammates Bill Leinkuhler,
22nd, and Eric Hanson at 27th.

The men's volleyball club
opened regular season play
with the first qualifying tourna-
ment of the year at Marquette.
The Irish dropped three tightly
played early matches to Northern Illinois, 27-25, 20-25, 15-13;
Wisconsin Oakshus, 25-19, 25-23;
and Ball State, 25-19, 22-21. Yet
the continued strong play of setter
Tom Bradbeer and key support from
outside hitters Jim Lowder,
Brian Michalek and Brad
Weldon turned the tide as the
Irish defeated Wisconsin
Milwaukee, 25-15, 25-15; and

Munsterer has sty m ied
the bulky hitter Dan Zenker, and fresh-
men Todd Strobel closed out
the first game at 25-13 for the
Irish. Paul and Drew
Mascarenhas stymied Marquette's efforts to establish
any rhythm in an intense sec-
ond game, as the Irish pre-
valed 25-24, to beat the
Eagles for the first time in four
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Odds look good for Irish in home opener

By JOE LINDSLEY

Statistically, the odds are against the Western Michigan Broncos as they visit the Irish at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Over the past nine years, the Irish have only lost one home opener.

Currently 22nd in the preseason rankings, Notre Dame will face a Western Michigan squad that includes one of the nation's top doubles duos, Melanie Peters and Frederika Girsang.

"I'm excited to get the season started," freshman Lauren Connelly said. "We've been practicing hard."

The Irish, who have been ranked in the top 30 for each of the past ten years, are returning five letterwinners — junior Allea Salas, sophomores Sarah Jane Connelly, junior Emily Neighbors, senior captain Kate Conna, and junior Caitlin Leslie, who is returning to the courts after a 14-month recovery from a shoulder injury.

Despite the number of returnees, the team remains fairly young.

The Irish have only lost one home opener.

"I think everyone is really excited," Connelly said. "They played a bunch of big players in the fall, and they were scared.

"I personally have really high expectations for the team. They did really well in the fall."

Katie Cunha

The freshmen are extremely excited. I think we might be able to take a lot of teams by surprise because we are young.

Leslie will be returning to team play for the first time since her shoulder injury early last fall. Last weekend, she played in the Collegiate Tennis Kick-off Classic in Las Vegas along with Conna and freshman Kelly Nelson.

"I wish I could have won a few more matches [in Las Vegas], but all in all it was a good weekend," Leslie said. "The most important thing was that I got out there and got some match experience again. I went out there and I was very nervous. It was just a lot different to be competing again. It was nice to go out there and play well."

Leslie's return adds to the positive outlook for the Irish, who advanced to the first round of the NCAA tournament last season.

"I personally have high expectations for the team," Cunha said. "They did really well in the fall. I expect them to carry that out in the first match."

The Broncos will probably prove to be one of the minor challenges for this Irish squad, which has at least three teams ranked in the top ten on its schedule.

"We want to focus on winning our regional matches and those big ones coming up against Wisconsin and Northwestern," Cunha said. "We set a lot of short-term goals."
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Another date to remember

White's contract extension gives him more time to serve Notre Dame

By ANDREW SOUKUP

Even though Kevin White jokingly says he has trouble remembering his anniversary, the Notre Dame athletic director can quickly tell you the significance of other dates.

There's Mar. 12, 2000, when he flew from Arizona State to interview in an O'Hare Airport hotel room with a select group of individuals, including University President Father Edward Malloy, who impressed White with his vision for Notre Dame in general and athletics in particular.

There's Mar. 13, 2000, when White was publicly introduced as Mike Wadsworth's successor and vowed to uphold Notre Dame's standards of excellence without truly understanding what those standards were.

The date that defined Notre Dame for White didn't come until he had been on the job for a year and a half. On Sept. 11, 2001, less than six hours after the World Trade Center collapsed, White and his family were among the 5,000 participants in a Mass on South Quad.

"Where else in the country could such a thing happen just five to six hours after that tragic event with such meaning and purpose?" he said last week. "...It showed us a side of Notre Dame that we knew existed but hadn't yet experienced.

Spend any amount of time with White and he'll inevitably begin pushing about one aspect of Notre Dame or another. It was this passion for Notre Dame that initially chased him away from hiring Tyrone Willingham the first time because White felt Willingham didn't appreciate Notre Dame enough. It is this passion that motivates him to lead an athletic department that ranks among the best in the nation simply because he believes excellence and Notre Dame are synonyms.

And it is this passion, coupled with a successful track record, which gave White another date to remember. On Dec. 30, 2002, Malloy announced he had extended White's contract by two years. The second extension White has received in his nearly three-year tenure with Notre Dame, his contract will now run out in 2012.

Yet White dismisses the stability such a long-term deal provides his family, and rather looks at the increased time as a way to increase his goals for the department.

"When Father Malloy was very kind and generous in extending the opportunity to come serve, we talked about being the very best in the country when you looked at it from every dimension," he said. "That's what we're in pursuit of, and we're making progress."

A simple look at Notre Dame athletics under White reveals just how much progress the University has made. White hired Willingham, mens basketball coach Mike Brey and mens soccer coach Bobby Clark, three coaches who turned their respective programs around in a relatively short time. Twenty of Notre Dame's 26

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Athletic director Kevin White will have time to make many more dates to remember after University President Edward Malloy in December extended White's contract through 2012.

MENS BASKETBALL

Irish shooters return to form in victory

By CHRIS FEDERICO

Following a shaky offensive performance last Saturday in its 88-73 loss on the road to No. 8 Kentucky, Notre Dame needed its top scorers to be more accurate when it returned to Big East play at Providence Tuesday night.

The 16th-ranked Irish got just that, as guards Chris Thomas and Matt Carroll combined to shoot 40 percent from the floor and score 44 of Notre Dame's 71 points as the Irish edged the Friars 71-65. However, it turned out to be Notre Dame's solid free throw shooting, especially down the stretch, that saved the Irish. The team shot 21-for-25 from the line and was 10-for-13 during the last 5:04 of the game to enable the Irish to escape Providence's Dunkin' Donuts Center with the victory. The win was the first true road victory for the Irish this season, who had dropped their only other two previous games at their opponents' home gym with losses to now-top-10 foes Pittsburgh and Kentucky.

The Irish, who improved to 15-3 on the season and 3-1 in Big East play, struggled early offensively and trailed the Friars 34-33 going into the locker room at half. With 5:54 left to play, Carroll hit a crucial 3-pointer to put the Irish up 59-55, but a scoring spark led by four points from Matt Carroll helped the Irish maintain their lead.

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