IU med school keeps low profile
Students study, dissect, research in Haggar basement

By KEVIN ALLEN
News Writer

Tucked away in the basement of Haggar Hall, lies one of Notre Dame’s best kept secrets — a medical school. Since 1972, Indiana University has been renting space in Haggar Hall for the South Bend Center for Medical Education, one of eight centers in the Indiana University Medical School system.

When the South Bend Center first opened, just one IU faculty member worked there. The rest of the teaching staff was made up of Notre Dame faculty, primarily from the biochemistry department. The Center was eventually taken over by full-time IU faculty, eight of which are currently on staff.

With only 16 students in each class at the centers, the IU School of Medicine system.

Students attend class at the South Bend Center for Medical Education located in the basement of Haggar Hall. The Indiana University Medical School system has eight such centers in the state.

University employee struck by vehicle

By ANDREW THAGARD
Associate News Editor

A University employee was struck by a vehicle Wednesday morning as she attempted to cross a stretch of jumping road adjacent to Grace Hall.

The female employee, whose identity was not released by Notre Dame Security/Police assistant director Chuck Hurley, was attempting to climb over a snow embankment in order to cross the jumping road when she lost her balance and fell onto the road. The victim hit her head on the side of a southbound vehicle as she was falling, Hurley said.

A witness and the driver contacted police, and police and fire rescue vehicles responded to the call, Hurley said. The victim was transported to St. Joseph’s Medical Center, though it was not clear what treatment, if any, she received or whether she had been discharged.

“She was alert and conscious at the hospital,” Hurley said.

The victim attempted to cross the street at an area not designated as a crosswalk — places that Hurley said can be especially dangerous at this time of year with ice and excessive buildups of snow.

“The crosswalks are cleared,” Hurley said. “If you try to cross in areas where there aren’t crosswalks ... you still have [snow] embankments on the sides of the road. We would advise people to always be crossing at the crosswalks.”

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Campus organizations sponsor blood drive

By KATE GALES
News Writer

RecSports, in affiliation with the University Health Services, Irish Health and the South Bend Medical Foundation, will be sponsoring a blood drive today and tomorrow.

"Normally we fill up just about every time slot," said Andrew Szwak, a RecSports supervisor. "Usually we even have people on a waiting list."

Szwak said slots were about half full as of Tuesday afternoon. The event, which will run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Rolfs, has two time slots per 15-minute period.

"We provide the facilities, and the South Bend Medical Foundation provides nurses, along with Health Services," he said.

Freshman Brigitte Sanchez participated in the last RecSports-sponsored blood drive.

"It was my first time donating," she said. "I was kind of scared ... I always wondered what it would be like, if you would really help someone." After the drive, Sanchez received a card telling how her contribution was used.

"You don’t realize how much you can make a difference," said Brigitte Sanchez.

Freshman "You don’t realize how much you can make a difference,"

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Representatives from The Observer addressed the Senate at Wednesday’s meeting to clarify viewpoint section policies and procedures that have recently been called into question.

Editor-in-chief Andrew Soukup, managing editor Scott Brodfuehrer and next year’s editor-in-chief Matt Lozar defended the decision to publish controversial viewpoint letters, explaining that the section’s purpose is to promote debate on campus.

"One of The Observer’s responsibilities is to encourage discussions on viewpoint and perspective, and that’s what these letters do. However, I have to make it clear that the opinions of the writers do not reflect the opinions of The Observer staff," Soukup said.

Addressing the issue of two letters in particular — one regarding homosexuality and the other, affirmative action — Soukup said that they met the standards of good writing and were neither hateful nor ignorant, and therefore there was no reason not to run them.

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By MERYL GUYER
News Writer

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Voting seriously**

Most students on the Notre Dame campus do not seem to think student body presidential elections matter very much. Possibly they are right. However, the attitude of the student body in the last election infuriated me. I encountered far too many students who clearly voted on whom they perceived to be the candidate's personality instead of genuinely considering the candidate's proposals. This is far more disturbing than the stereotypically shallow high school popularity contest it resembles. Students apparently did not even vote for a candidate they personally liked as much as against a candidate they thought they might personally hate.

I do not intend to criticize the new student body president, or to criticize anyone who compared the candidate's platforms and goals and chose to vote for Adam Istvan. However, anyone who did choose to vote for Istvan should have made sure they were voting based on their faith in his ability to achieve the things he ought to achieve and not on a poorly backed or secondhand notion of Charlie Ebersol's personality. There are cases where it is legitimate to oppose a candidate on the grounds that he or she is not a good person. People would not be a moral wasteland, whether it be on the level of student government or in the highest governmental offices. However, in the case of our student body presidential elections, there was no possible moral issue that should have effected any student's vote more than the legitimacy of the candidates' platforms.

I am not attempting to attack or defend Ebersol himself. I don't know what kind of person Ebersol really is. Nevertheless, I know Ebersol as well as many of the students who voiced the opinion that they weren't going to vote for him because they didn't like him. This attitude is juvenile, and epitomizes exactly what can go wrong on a larger scale with a governmental system which our country goes to great effort to defend despite its flaws. Not taking the time to look past the unreliable impression of a candidate's personality charmed out by the rumour mill leads to poor decisions and unjustified biases on the parts of too many voters.

Don't just jump on the bandwagon to vote, figure out what it is you want done and decide who you think is best qualified to do it. If you don't care about an election enough to spend any time researching candidates' actual qualifications for an office, don't vote. And more than that, don't encourage people's tendency to exaggerate and misconstrue the actions and possible flaws of people they can't possibly claim to know or understand.

We are not high school students, and student government is not the prom court. Don't base your opinion or your vote on rumors.

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**CORRECTIONS**

The Observer regrets errors in a previous publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If you have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY: ARE YOU DOING ANYTHING SPECIAL THIS WEEKEND TO AVOID JPW?**

Philip Wells
Sophomore
Dillon

"I would go to Windsor, but I have to do a concert."

Lisa Lu
Freshman
Breen Phillips

"No... it will be interesting to find out what JPW is all about."

Adam Frisch
Freshman
Keough

"I'm going to Florida to surf with the ND Surfing Club."

Michael Gerardi
Freshman
Keough

"I am the slave of JPW. I have to perform in the band concert."

Maria Smith
Scene Editor

**NOTE**

Japanese Prairie Warbler. A film that chronicles the National Spelling Bee. The film will be shown tonight at 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Carey Auditorium.

The class of 2007 will host a dinner in the Lobby Room of LaFortune tonight at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale for $1. The dinner will be catered by Famous Dave's BBQ.

O'Neill Hall is sponsoring "Holy Hour," an opportunity for prayer through meditation, the rosary and Eucharistic adoration in the O'Neill chapel tonight at 8:30 p.m.

Senior Night will take place at Legends tonight from midnight until 4 a.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observewnd@nd.edu.
Ends nears for constitution changes

By KATE DOOLEY
News Writer

The SGA Constitution Committee, composed of 15 members, began the process by looking through the constitution and informally debating what needed to be modified.

Brown said "It's been a big project."

The South Bend Tribune editorialized on the matter.

Our main goal is making the document timeless," she said.

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Guthrie Theater presents 'Othello'

Summer Shakespeare at the University of Notre Dame will welcome the Guthrie Theater of Minneapolis to its national tour of William Shakespeare's tragedy "Othello" in five performances Feb. 26 and 27 at 7 p.m., Feb. 28 at 2 and 8 p.m. and Feb. 29 at 2 p.m. in the O'Laughlin Auditorium Theatre at Saint Mary's College.

Admission ranges in price from $12 to $22.50 and tickets are available in advance at the O'Laughlin box office or by calling 574-284-4626.

The production is one of six Shakespearean plays that will tour the country as part of the National Endowment for the Arts' Shakespeare in American Communities initiative.

Junior Class Office Candidates

The candidates running for junior class office are listed from top to bottom in order of President, Vice-Presen, Treasurer, and Secretary. Elections will be held on Monday, February 23, 2004

Candidates:

Mike Tallarico
Kathryn Reynolds
Luke Maher
John Roche

Stephen Miller
Ben Zerante
Patricia Adams
Erika D'Addabbo

Erik Powers
Greg Parnell
Mike Malatt
Steve Rzepka

Vijay Ramanan
Lauren Mullins
Emily Short
Lauren Hallemann
Students advanced to semi-finals of moot court

University of Notre Dame third-year law students Carah He Finn and Julissa Robles reached the final four of the National Moot Court Competition held earlier this month in New York City.

Both Finn and Robles, coached by Edward Sullivan and Robert Garavan-Oskielunas, have been making concerted efforts. Earlier the two chairs attended the National Association of College Activities conference to plan entertainment for Saint Mary's. "Most of the acts that come to campus we saw at NACA," Garavan-Oskielunas said. "It's basically a showcase of every act that could come to your campus so you can book them."

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Some students are noticing that difference. "I think they try. They make good attempts, like the comedians and Finding Nemo," senior Jessica Millanes said. "This year has been better with Wednesdays at Dalloway." The Wednesdays at Dalloway's program is put on by SAB and the campus eatery. While Millanes' favorite activity was Jeopardy, other games such as "How Well Do You Know Your Roommate?" and "Friends" trivia have been popular played. Dalloway's also invites local artists, such as Notre Dame's Tom Schreck to perform.

Saint Mary's may draw Notre Dame artists, but it does not seem to attract Notre Dame students. "I have never attended any event at Saint Mary's," junior Mark Ellestad said. "There haven't been any really big events coming to Saint Mary's, but nothing has really drawn me there."

None of the Saint Mary's students interviewed reported attending any events on Notre Dame's campus. Ellestad said she blames the weather. "Whenever it's winter, they seem to hibernate over at Saint Mary's," he said.

For now, Saint Mary's students say they would like to see a few changes on their own campus before heading to Notre Dame. Dunker said more mainstream artists will lure a larger crowd. "There should be one big activity night, with a bigger-name concert or a popular play," she said. Ellestad and Saint Mary's senior Robin Illese agreed. "A good concert or something like that would draw crowds, but I'm not sure if Saint Mary's students have the venue or money for it," Ellestad said. "Or maybe we'd like to put more movies than SUB plays so people won't care about the commute."

"I think a lot more people would go to that," Blume said. "They should also do more to include off-campus students. We never hear about anything."

SAB hopes that there will be high attendance rates for year-end activities such as Midnight Madness, featuring "Last Comic Standing" funny man Dai Phan and the SMC Tostal, which will host two bands and the movie "Mona Lisa Smile." Rising stress levels may attract students to what Garavan-Oskielunas calls the "big event" for this semester. "March 2, Antigone Rising, a big female rock band, will be in the dining hall at 8 p.m.," she said. "It's in the middle of midterms, so we're going to do a take a study break, close down on junk food and have some fun."

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Saint Mary's senior Fran Dunker is one of the students who have never been to campus-sponsored events during their time in college. Senior Fran Dunker is one of those who say they don't really participate in activities. Dunker said: "Nothing has ever appealed to me before."

Other students would like to participate but said finding time for campus entertainment is not easy. "I'm just too busy," freshman Lisa Goepfrich said.

Goepfrich also said that the times at which activities are held makes it difficult to attend. "It's seven o'clock on a Wednesday night," she said. "That's my time that I do my homework; that's my time that I do other things."

To change this situation, the SAB and its two entertainment chairs, Stacey Stark and Maureen Garavan-Oskielunas, have been making concerted efforts. Earlier the two chairs attended the National Association of College Activities conference to plan entertainment for Saint Mary's. "Most of the acts that come to campus we saw at NACA," Garavan-Oskielunas said. "It's basically a showcase of every act that could come to your campus so you can book them."

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Haitian cops refuse to fight rebels

WASHINGTON — Frightened police barricaded themselves inside their station Wednesday and said they could not repel a threatened police attack on the nation's largest city, the last major government bastion in the rebel stronghold.

Democratic criticism.

National News

AAA: Elderly drivers at risk

WASHINGTON — Drivers over 65 are more likely to crash — and to die — in a crash as drivers between 55 and 64. Drivers over 65 are nearly twice as likely to die in a crash as drivers between 55 and 64. Drivers over 85 were nearly four times as likely to die in a crash as drivers between 75 and 84.

As they grow older, some drivers are more likely to cause a crash because of a decline in perception and motor skills, but the biggest risk is to themselves, not others on the highway, says a study based on nearly 4 million traffic accidents.

The study, released Wednesday by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, also found that drivers 65 or older are twice as likely to die in a crash as drivers between 55 and 64. Drivers over 85 were nearly four times as likely to die in a crash as drivers between 75 and 84.

Bush backs away from job claims

WASHINGTON — President Bush distanced himself Wednesday from White House predictions that the economy will add 2.6 million jobs this year, the second embarrassing misstep in a month, the Associated Press reported.

The President, who earlier this week rejected predictions that the economy will add 2.6 million jobs this year, the Associated Press reported.

Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean announces the end of his campaign in a Burlington, Vt., hotel on Wednesday. The former Vermont governor vowed to continue his work to defeat President George W. Bush.

Train derails, explodes; 200 dead

NEYSHABUR — Runaway train carrying a lethal mix of sulfur, cyanide and chemicals derailed, caught fire and then exploded hours later Wednesday in northeast Iran, killing more than 200 people, injuring at least 45 and blowing buildings that trapped hundreds of mud-bound villagers.

Most of the dead and injured were villagers in the 24 villages that had extinguished most of the blaze outside Neyshabur, an ancient city of 170,000 that lies in a farming region 400 miles east of the capital, Tehran.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

The explosion devastated five villages, where authorities rushed in blood supplies and appealed through loudspeakers for donors. Hardest hit was Hashemabad, where 41-year-old Zabah Rezae, whose mud home was near the tracks, was cooking lunch for her family when she heard the explosion and felt the ground shake.

"It knocked down and broke some dishes," she said, adding she could see thick, black smoke billowing about 500 yards ahead. The blast was so powerful that windows were shattered as far as six miles away. In an apparent indication of the explosion's force, Iranian seismologists recorded a 3.6-magnitude tremor in the area, IRNA reported.

Many of the buildings that collapsed in a Dec. 26 earthquake in Bam, in southeast Iran, also were mud-brick structures. That tragedy killed more than 41,000 people.

Authorities were investigating what caused the 51 cars to roll off the Abu Muslim train station, outside Neyshabur, at 4 a.m. Forty-eight of the cars derailed on reaching the next stop at Khayyam, about 12 miles away, and caught fire.

Iranian TV showed footage of black plumes of smoke and orange flames billowing into the sky from the cars, 17 of which were loaded with sulfur, six with gasoline, seven with fertilizers and 10 with cotton.
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allows for an intimate intro­
duction to medical school. Students graduating have the
opportunity to learn and teach in a personal setting that is
courageous to informal discus­
sions.
"We really get to know your
professors," said Minhaj Khaja,
a first-year student at the South
Bend Center.
According to the Center's Web site, students at the South
Bend Center are considered "special graduate students" of the
University of Notre Dame. This means that even though
they are actually students of
Indiana University, they are still
afford the privileges of full-time
graduate students, which allows them to use University facilities and buy
tickets to sporting events. The
Center also participates with the
University in graduate pro­
grams for Master of Science, Ph.D and combined M.D./Ph.D
degrees. Despite attending classes on
campus on a daily basis and
their status as "special," many
students at the South Bend
Center still do not feel like they
are a part of the Notre Dame
student body. Nevertheless,
students who have an interest
can find ways to get involved with the larger Notre Dame
community.
And some do.
Hayne Pantea, a first-year medical student at the Center, has been involved with two
campus theater productions this year. Pantea, who also attended Notre Dame as an
undergraduate, said opportuni­
ties do exist for students at the
Center to become part of the
University community.
"I think there are ways for students to get involved," she
said.
After students at the centers complete their second year of
medical school, they continue
their studies at the Indianapolis
campus, where their time is
spent almost exclusively in hos­
itals. Medical schools require
what Robert Kingsley, a faculty
member at the Center since
1974, calls large referral hos­
pital facilities — those that per­
form specialty procedures that
smaller hospitals cannot
accommodate. Indianapolis
hospitals have the ability to
perform those procedures in a
cost-effective manner that is
not possible in South Bend.
"Indianapolis is the only
place in the state that has
those hospital facilities," Kingsley
said.
Students spend their fourth
year of medical school taking
elective courses, which do not
need to be taken in Indianapolis.
Kingsley said many students choose to return to
South Bend at this time and
complete their elective work at
St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center.

U.S. soldier
charged with
trying to aid
al-Qaida

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — A
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also refused to discuss how
Anderson's activities came to
the Army's attention or how
the Army set up the sting
that led to his arrest.
Anderson is being held at
Fort Lewis.
In the first count, Anderson,
also known as "A.M. Abdul Rasheed,"
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provide information about U.S.
Army troop movements, equipment, tac­
tics and weapons systems, as well
as methods of killing U.S.
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**In Brief**

**Int’l Steel to buy Weirton**

**WASHINGTON** — International Steel Group Inc. struck a $255 million deal for bankrupt Weirton Steel Corp. on Wednesday, giving the 7-year-old company a chance to surpass the nation’s largest steel producer.

ISG, based in Cleveland and built from the remnants of steel companies that went broke, would acquire one of the nation’s largest steel-making plants if its offer for Weirton wins approval from a bankruptcy judge.

The steel company is expected to hold name over the years that it must be very conscious of the power of the media, he said. **"We take compliance and integrity to build the business,"** Ghoshwalam said.

His PowerPoint presentation indicated that GE values define "who we are, what we believe, how we’re going and how we’ll get there." In addition, he said GE encourages its employees to adapt to values of curiosity, passion, resourcefulness, accountability, teamwork, commitment, energy, and internal and external pressures impose a very high risk, and, therefore, GE focuses a lot of its attention on integrity, he said.

GE operates in an environment where consciousness is kept at the top of its list. **"We take compliance and integrity to drive it into the business,"** Ghoshwalam said.

His PowerPoint presentation emphasized GE’s emphasis on integrity. **"GE wants to provide its employees with a comfortable forum for presenting both see and unforeseen problems and therefore, we create periodic compliance reviews, he said. Certain leadership responsibilities are established, and individuals are asked to lead by example, checklists are made for how to handle compliance problems and frequent meetings are held, all so that GE can maintain integrity as a multinational corporation.**

"Key leadership is imperative, and at GE, it is the way we run our business," Ghoshwalam said. **"It is a two-way street between values and integrity."**

Finally, Ghoshwalam discussed the lack of tolerance GE has for employees who cannot adhere to GE values. **"We move swiftly if we believe people aren’t buying into the GE commitment,"** he said. **"People won’t be employed if they can’t comply with this.**

**The last of the Ethics Week lectures will be held in the Giovanni Commons in the Mendoza College of Business this afternoon.**

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**Corporate SCANDAL**

Enron ex-CEO to face indictment

**Associated Press**

**HOUSTON** — Jeffrey Skilling, the former Enron chief executive who resigned less than four months before the company imploded in scandal, was expected to surrender Thursday on charges related to the company’s collapse, sources told The Associated Press Wednesday.

The criminal charges come almost exactly two years after Skilling told Congress he was not aware of serious problems at the energy trading company.

Two sources close to the investigation, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said they expected Skilling to surrender to the FBI early Thursday and then appear before a federal judge on charges related to Enron’s collapse.

It was not immediately clear what charges Skilling would face, although the sources said they would likely be conspiracy and fraud.

Skilling, 50, would be the highest-profile former Enron executive to date to face criminal charges. One of his lawyers, Bruce Hiler, went to the federal courthouse in Houston Wednesday to familiarize himself with its layout.

Skilling’s former boss, Enron founder and former chairman Kenneth Lay, has not been charged, and the sources said it was unclear when or if he would be.

Both men through their lawyers have staunchly maintained their innocence of any wrongdoing since Enron collapsed into bankruptcy in December 2001.

Two years ago, Skilling insisted during testimony before two congressional panels that he believed Enron was financially healthy when he abruptly quit after only six months as CEO, citing personal reasons he has not explained. Other former executives, including Lay, invoked their Fifth Amendment rights and declined to testify before Congress.

Enron would be the 28th individual to be charged in the Justice Department’s methodical investigation, which passed its two-year mark last month.

Former Enron finance chief Andrew Fastow pleaded guilty last month to two counts of conspiracy and agreed to help prosecutors pursue other cases.

Fastow was one of Skilling’s first hires shortly after Skilling joined Enron in 1999. In his guilty plea, Fastow admitted that he and others manipulated Enron’s books so the company would appear successful while using various partnerships to enrich himself, his family and chosen colleagues.
**Labels to fight counterfeit drugs**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government says smart prescription drug labels — bearing tiny hidden transmitters — should lead the way in fighting counterfeit drugs.

But Mark McClellan, the Food and Drug Administration commissioner, said Wednesday the government will not order pharmaceutical companies to adopt the technology or other measures to combat what he described as a small but growing problem.

Instead, McClellan said, he expects the industry to come up with its own plan for putting in place technology that can track drugs from manufacturer to consumers’ medicine cabinets.

Widespread use of radio frequency identification, or RFID, is expected by 2007, said an FDA report on counterfeit drugs that McClellan and Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson released Wednesday.

"By 2007 Americans should expect to know with confidence exactly where their drug was made and where it’s been," McClellan said.

He called RFID technology one aspect of a comprehensive approach "that uses 21st century solutions to combat criminal efforts to inject counterfeit drugs into our drug supply." To that end, he said, the FDA will continue to hold off on rules that would require a paper trail to validate every sale between drug makers and distributors.

Critics say bringing back that "paper pedigree" would be a good interim solution, but McClellan said the paper trail rules would be costly and still leave gaps in the system.

FDA officials provided a demonstration of how an electronic pedigree might work, using a database that would record each stop made by a shipment of drugs from manufacturer to wholesaler to pharmacy to consumer.

For now, questions remain about the system’s cost and whether it could compromise the quality of drugs.

The report also said companies could cut down on counterfeiting by shipping in smaller "unit of use" sizes — say, 30 pills in a blister pack instead of hundreds per shipment that smaller distributors then repack. The FDA will encourage its adoption, the report said.

Anti-tempering technology alone will not solve the problem, the report said. Other recommendations include increasing penalties for counterfeiters, drawing up a national list of drugs likely to be counterfeited, enhancing international cooperation.

Fewer than 1 percent of drugstore sales involve counterfeit drugs. McClellan said the FDA has investigated about 20 counterfeit cases a year since 2000, compared with five a year in the 1990s.

One of the biggest cases came last year, when more than 150,000 bottles of the cholesterol medicine Lipitor were recalled. Consumers complaining of a bitter taste alerted the FDA that knockoffs from overseas were mixed into the real version.

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"We do routinely pull offensive letters off the page... but in the case of a traumatic incident, many of the instances cited were based on what the author had actually seen. There is a difference between actual experience and broad generalization," Soukup said.
Soukup also said the apology requested by the Diversity Council was not necessary because other letters questioning those in print were written afterward, and that it was a viewpoint that needed expression.
The meeting also questioned The Observer's policy of endorsing a candidate in the student body presidential election.
"Endorsement is commonplace. It allows the editorial staff to say if they think one candidate is better than the others. We also strive to make sure those on the editorial board do not report on the election," Soukup said.
In response to a question about last Tuesday's letter falsely accusing Bishop Daniel Jenky and Father Richard McBrien of creating an inferno on campus through their use of VistaPoint fast-checking policies because of the incident, "We will be publishing a VistaPoint section all the policies and procedures, even though some of these are already on the Web site, because we hope to clear all of this up," Soukup said.
Brodfehrer also encouraged students to contact The Observer directly if they had campus concerns.
"The Observer is an independent student newspaper, so we don't have a staff member like the Senate or other organizations," Brodfehrer said. "So we encourage students with concerns to contact The Observer staff directly."
Adam Stein and Karla Bell, student body president and vice president, respectively, did not attend Wednesday's meeting.
In other Senate news:
Howard senator Brin Anderson told senators to participate in Operation Rice Bowl, a drive to raise $50,000 for 40 countries and the local diocese sponsored by the Junior Class Council and the service and spiritual committees. Students will be provided with boxes in the shape of rice bowls, into which they can collect their extra change during the 40 days of Lent. After collection, 75 percent of the proceeds will go to a global cause, while 25 percent will go directly to the local diocese. Organizers will distribute the boxes on Monday and Tuesday in DeBartolo, O'Shaughnessy, LaFortune and north and south dining halls, as well as Ash Wednesday mass.
A resolution requesting the creation of a campus life council task force to address social awareness issues was passed with only one dissenting vote.
The task force would investigate the need for a campus council to create a common base of social understanding among students.
"We don't want to make any demands—we just want to see if it is feasible to get a three-credit course, or incorporate social awareness into freshman seminars," said Badin senator Laura Peene.
Zahon senator Drew Sandstrom asked senators to encourage their constituents to be more involved in the community.
"Moral's getting low—some are 20, some are no older than 22, so they really appreciate support from here," said Sandstrom.

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By ANGELA SAoud
News Writer

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Sports have much power in our society. But what is the focus of that power? Athletic programs, which are the focus of this essay, defy our human weaknesses and make us believe in the impossible. Yet sometimes the athletic courts seem to be breeding grounds for terrorism, crime, scandal and violence. Is the character of sports eroding away to the vices of uncontrolled passions? 

On one hand — and for good reason — sports will always be held up as a way to promote virtues such as perseverance, responsibility and teamwork. Over two-thirds of our student body played sports growing up, which adds a special element to our community that few other universities can match.

On the other hand, teamwork can be a one-sided, destructive force. In the book, Lessons of the Locker Room: The Myth of School Spirit, Andrew Miracle and Roger Bees report studies showing that some athletes have a tendency to shrug off moral decisions as not their responsibility and exhibit a self-serving bias when judging what violent behavior is appropriate. Examples from sports media immediately come to mind as support.

In this competitive society, sportsmanship becomes increasingly important in keeping our community firmly grounded in character. It's a classic battle of good versus bad on a moral playing field. Where does this put Notre Dame, a bastion for both ethical and athletic excellence? When Sports Illustrated was talking in Knott Hall about the professors where he would like to see more Notre Dame graduates, Former Notre Dame running back Max McGee relayed the view one may expect from a university president: the Presidency of the United States, higher education and politics. But on the end of this academic list, MonkHommer is still coaching Why? 

Psychology Professor and Krae Fellow Gregory Howard, who teaches a summer course in coaching youth sports, explained Monk’s reply: “If we really put other values more-oriented than our institutions, then we should work harder to get our people to appreciate what sports do, and have them be centrally involved.”

To counter a shift from fair play to winning at all costs in the sports culture, Howard teaches that coaches are to be educators first. This shifts the focus to player development before winning. He believes that “if you’re always focused on winning the next game, you sacrifice the long-term interest of the players and the team.”

This view seems idealistic. Then one name comes to the surface: John Wooden. Ninety-three-year-old John Wooden is ESPN’s Coach of the Century for his record 10 NCAA championships (the second-best record has four) at UCLA. Since that early high school coaching days in South Bend, he has intensely focused on developing players according to their ability. Last week at the Air Force Academy, the poet at heart quoted lyrics that explained his rationale: “A God’s Foot¬

...nd or coaches. / I failed,” he cried. The Master said, “Thou didst thy best, that is sufficient.”

Ironically, however, the Center for Social Concerns pays little attention to the student body, and great help is needed in this area. The Office for Students with Disabilities is not united by shared scars from common ties. Students who use wheelchairs have discovered that people who use wheelchairs are not united as a part of diversity. In 1995, Notre Dame Disability Awareness Week has generated support from the university. To exclude or ignore the value of students with disabilities suggests that Notre Dame is failing to widen its perception of diversity. What is diversity here if part of the diversity that exists is not recognized? 

Diversity means being open-minded and looking beyond ourselves to the needs, struggles and value of others. If we are going to strive for a commitment to diversity, we must be sure we are not leaving out a valuable part of our Notre Dame family.

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Loyola Hall
Feb. 18

Students who use wheelchairs have discovered that Notre Dame is the most accessible place for them. This is because in 1995, Notre Dame made its first attempt to increase disability awareness. Only then in the last few years that Notre Dame Disability Awareness Week has generated support from the university.

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Experiencing McCarthyism at Notre Dame

The personal attacks and property damage that Mr. Ebersol has been subjected to are deplorable by any account. These actions, though perpetrated by a minority of our students, are an embarrassment to the entire student body as a whole. Beyond that, I cannot agree with the pro-Ebersol letters to the editor of the last two days. The underlying bitersmanship of these articles exuded the condescension that "Notre Dame, you don't know what's good for you," and could only explain the election results on superficial grounds, such as Mr. Ebersol's current mode of transportation and the apparent sentiment that "he's not nice." However, I do not dispute that those disappointing claims are certainly true to some extent.

Nevertheless, as an informed student and former office-holder, I find these insinuations to be simply more mention arrogant, when applied in the blanket fashion to the entire voting constituency. They assume that, aside from these five considerations, it would not be possible to cast one's vote in another, less experienced direction. I'd like to briefly suggest why this sentiment is false. My electoral observations lead me to believe that experience benefits candidates for two reasons: 1) it teaches the potential candidate how to work within the system and 2) it gives the candidate an opportunity to prove his aptitude for further service and subsequently "earn" positions of greater responsibility.

Mr. Ebersol has held a major student government position for almost one year, but experience does not necessarily equal success.

I would like to suggest to his supporters that it is possible that many of the informed individuals evaluated his record of service and decided not to vote for him — shocking, I know. To the majority of the nation, the Ebersol/Leito term in SUI has been marked by misadventures such as the UM football lottery and the costly David Spade show.

Furthermore, I don't recall attending one "Top 40 concert" this year, let alone the two that were promised. It has been a year of experience and I believe many people are not satisfied with his performance in the past year.

If voters are dissatisfied with a candidate's past performance, it is probable that they would not be willing to essentially "promote" that individual to the highest office a student can hold.

By all counts, this was the weakest field I have observed in four elections. There was a definite lack of experience, with the exception of the Ebersol/Leito ticket. Past experience certainly adds a degree of certainty to a vote, but in this case, experience is just one of the factors.

In the past term, I believe that the kind of certainty that Mr. Ebersol provided was not necessarily of the sort that begs for a repeat performance. Of course, it is always more of a gamble to vote for an unproven individual. However, implicit assumptions of incompetence and unfairness unwarnted at this time. Istvan/Bell will not have the chance to prove themselves worthy — or otherwise — soon enough. I, for one, am interested in seeing how they will do.

Kevin Conley

Accepting the popularity contest

On Feb. 17, Miss Distler and Miss McCarthy expressed their disdain with the student body because the candidates they supported did not win. While students may feel like the people they vote for really are no place for meaningless mudslinging — everyone knows you have to wait until they run for real political office for that to mean anything — these two young ladies have failed to see the glaring realities of the situation.

Miss Distler and Miss McCarthy that the day before the election Ebersol's main platform promise — a large concert — was rejected by University administration. That has nothing to do with the fact that people may or may not like Mr. Ebersol.

Secondly, it is just as unfair for Miss McCarthy to attack Istvan's and Bell's lack of student body experience as it was for people to make remarks about Mr. Ebersol's car. Why must we underestimate two young people who decided that they wanted to try their hand at something new.

Also, and this is before anyone's time and durability is recognized, we must see beyond those fancy plaques in LaFortune, from 1972-1973 the official Students Body Vice President was a cat. I'm sure that Miss Bell will be able to do her job just as competently, if not more so, than a feline. Finally, did either Miss Distler or Miss McCarthy in their research of this fantastic election notice chart on the cover of Monday's Observer? Something more than throwing votes behind another candidate was going on when only three women's dorms voted for the Istvan/Bell ticket. I'm sure everyone can put two and two together. For as long as most of us have been in school, from elementary to today, student-body elections have been popularity contests.

I'm a senior, so none of this election nonsense really affects me — did it ever? Why not give Adam and Karl a chance? I am confident that they will be able to do what every student-body administration has done before: try very hard, not always successfully, to give the students a vote. Instead of everyone getting so upset, move forward and try to get things done. It's never been a separate thing, no matter who is in charge.

By the way, the people in charge work in the Dome, not LaFortune.

Voting responsibly

In Tuesday's issue of the Observer, Michelle McCarthy talked about how immature the student body was in its refusal to elect Charlie Ebersol. She claims that people voted for the Istvan/Bell ticket because they did not like Ebersol as a person and then she declares that this was immature because so few of those who voted truly knew Charlie Ebersol.

At the same time, though, she believes she knows exactly why people voted the way they did. The whole argument is hypocritical. In fact, there are many students who voted for Istvan/Bell without taking into consideration that Ebersol drives a Hummer or that they heard he was a jerk from other people. I admit that I did not necessarily vote for Istvan/Bell because I didn't like them and was just casting a vote against Ebersol/Leito. However, the reason behind this had nothing to do with the things I heard about his personality or Hummer.

The reason I voted against Ebersol was because he was head of SUI. Of course, he showed that he was incapable of leading the school. The day of the primary election, The Observer ran a perfect example of Ebersol's incompetence on the front page. His plan for the benefit concert at Notre Dame Stadium failed. Lots of readers probably saw this as good publicity for Ebersol's campaign to show that he wanted the best for the student body. Only Charlie Ebersol being an ineffective leader.

As a result, I lost total faith in Ebersol as a leader at Notre Dame. On the same day that his platform promised great changes and major programs for the school, I read about his failure at one of his latest endeavors. Charlie Ebersol had already given me more than enough reason to lose faith in him. It would be much rather someone else's chance instead of rewarding someone who has already proven his own inability.

Joe Lutal

Letters To The Editor, Notre Dame
ALBUM REVIEW

Nelly offers 'derrty' versions

By ARIENNE THOMPSON
Scene Music Critic

Nelly's latest effort may disappoint those fans expecting a disc containing entirely new music, but his remixes of old songs — "Derrty Versions," as he prefers to call them — will surely please those who appreciate a good musical makeover and artistic innovation.

By restructuring and reformulating the beats, melodies and even lyrics of many chart-toppers from the past albums Country Grammar (2000) and Nellyville (2002), Nelly (Cornell Haynes) and his gang of producers, most notably David Banner and Jason "Jay E" Eppserson, prove that the "Nelly sound" is rooted in musical creativity and clever reinterpretation. Perhaps taking a cue from the trampled king of the remix R. Kelly, Nelly proves that making over an old song is a great strategy for creating a new hit. The somewhat unnecessary but thumping remix of the 2000 hit "E.I." is the prime example; it has received substantial radio play and is accompanied by a quasi-cinematic video showing regular rotation on a late-night cable show. On the guitar-heavy "Air Force Ones," Nelly delivers a totally new rap with the help of David Banner and E-11, injecting his now-popular brand of fast-paced humor and mild-mannered thuggery. In what has become a popular technique in rap, he shouts out to popular Southern cities, claiming them as his city. "This is for anybody out of that city that used to be a plantation... We hold it down for country folk / (I'll) be in the same boat / Trippin'? Get that "Force One" print on your t-shirt / It's no joke." Employing another technique from the rapper's handbook, Nelly is no stranger to the collaboration. He enlists the help of Ronald Isley on the even funkier version of "Finga Juice" and the voice of Destiny's Child star Kelly Rowland on the pop smash "Dilemma." The most unexpected of these collaborations, however, occurs on the "derrty" version of an ever-popular party song, "Ride Wit Me." Cleverly combining genres and musical interests, the remix is guided by an interpolation of college-favorite John Mayer's breakthrough single "No Such Thing," which Nelly halves as one of his favorites. Despite these successes, some of the remixes fail to be anything more than largely recycled versions of their former selves. This is especially apparent on "Country Grammar" and "Hot In Herre," which ironically are the two singles that catapulted Nelly into stardom during the summers of 2000 and 2002, respectively. The attempts to "reinvent" these singles show that such things are better left untouched. Sprinkled among the remixes of a few new songs from soundtracks and compilation albums, including "It" from the Neptunes' latest album. The most prominent of this group is the frenetic and fun "Iz U?" released for last year's Eddie Murphy sitcom "The Haunted Mansion." The song is backed by an interpolation of the theme from television's "People's Court" and features Nelly's standard female-oriented banter about cars, sex and money. With this album and its hits, Nelly manages to tweak an old adage by showing that you can fix it even if it ain't broke. He certainly "reinvents" past hits with a competence and strategy that point to a seasoned understanding of the need to remain fresh and consistent in an industry of fads, favoritism and finances. Sure to add to his already mammoth popularity, Da Derrty Versions will satisfy those fans and newcomers with an ear for creativity and enough patience to wait for the next group of new hits coming this summer.

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ALBUM REVIEW

The Red West begins its migration

By BRIAN FOY
Scene Music Critic

Few bands possess the talent and diversity necessary to branch out and play several styles of music on a single album, but that is exactly what The Red West has done on their self-titled debut. The band came together a little more than two years ago, when college roommates Andy Smith and Jayson Belt began collaborating on several songs that would go on to become the bread and butter of their debut album. The nature of some of the tracks made a full band a necessity, so Jayson enlisted the help of his cousin, Ryan Gleason, to play the drums. Subsequently, Matt Bethancourt would be recruited as the bassist and The Red West would be complete.

The Red West hails from the Southern California community of Thousand Oaks, and it was there that they began to gain popularity. Their good friend and professional surfer Tim Curran helped support them as they recorded a demo in a home studio. The demo would prove to be a catalyst to the band needed to get their sound to the masses. Their relationship with Curran allowed The Red West to find their niche in the Southern California surf scene and land them on numerous surf soundtracks, as well as the WJ's summer reality series Boarding House: North Shore. Although The Red West might conjure up images of surfing and the Southern California coast, they are anything but your state traditional surf music. The boys of The Red West have managed to create a depth of sound and emotion that is as close to the Beach Boys sound as Siberia is to San Diego. On The Red West's debut album, they evoke memories of everything from Jack Johnson to Dispatch. The self-titled disc is the work of a band that has the ability to mesh different genres of music together and create musical anthology rather than a feeble attempt at musical harmony.

The Red West excels in a few areas, but none more so than their accessibility and familiarity. The band's sound is not groundbreaking or revolutionary, but it works because it does not have to be. Songs like the disc's second track, "Don't Fall In," are comforting because they contain sounds similar to ones we may have heard before. However, The Red West's ability to transcend what makes us feel comfortable — by using a myriad of sounds — allows them to succeed where others fail.

The best song on the album might be the one that made Smith and Belt realize they needed a full band to achieve the full potential of their work. "Crazy Cold" is a hybrid of quick acoustic picking and power chord rock that sets the bar high for the band's sophomore release. It is this song that stands out from the rest because it sounds more unique than any other track on the album. The Red West is not reinventing the wheel with its self-titled debut album, but it doesn't have to for the record to have quality or for it to be deemed a success. The band's first attempt shows that The Red West is clearly capable of having a positive future. As the band travels away from its musical influences toward its own sound, the songs will gain more depth and uniqueness. If this happens, The Red West will spread east to new horizons.

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**ALBUM REVIEW**

**In the name of Africa**

By REBECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Music Critic

There are not many musical groups brave enough to cover a classic U2 song—not in the name of money, music or success, anyway. Bands and performers seem to think differently, however, when the cover is done in the Name of Love. Jars of Clay album has just released an album composed of hit U2 songs performed by various Christian recording artists, showcasing all of the sides of U2, with rock bands, gospel singers, musically middle-of-the-road Christian bands and singers, and even a little rap thrown into the mix.

In the Name of Love, by Artists United for Africa, was recorded to raise money and awareness for issues in Africa. Part of the proceeds from the album sold will go to World Vision and Sparrow Records, and then directly to the Mwakankomba village in the African nation of Zambia. The village has a total of 246 children and 55 orphans and is just a miniscule part of the whole continent, but the artists reason that every bit helps. U2, especially its lead singer, Bono, have always been strong advocates for Africa, so the album focus is very appropriate. While it is initially hard to hear anyone but Bono and the Edge singing, the album overall is very successful. The best song renditions are "Beautiful Day" by Sanctus Real, "Grace" by Nichole Nordeman, and "Pride (In the Name of Love)" by Delirious? Sanctus Real's "Beautiful Day" features a harder and dirtier sound, changing up the melody a bit, but it ends up being a great interpretation of the song. Though not quite as powerful as the original, this album's "Beautiful Day" is a terrific track. Nicho Nordeman does an incredible job making a musically and lyrically similar cover sound (the instrumental begins to seem a hit drawn out in Nordeman's version) unique from the original. Delirious? sounds similar to U2 as it is, so it is no surprise that "Pride (In the Name of Love)" sounds like the original, sounding like U2, however, especially while singing one of their songs, can never be a negative thing, and the song sounds terrific.

Other highlights are a more folksy and acoustic version of "All I Want Is You" by Jars of Clay and a slower, different but beautiful version of "One" by Tait. "Where the Streets Have No Name" by Chris Tomlin, "Sunday Bloody Sunday" by Pillar, "Mysterious Ways" by Toby Mac and "Glory" by Audio Adrenaline are overall successfully done as well. "40" by Starfield, sounds like a great worship song, and "When Love Comes to Town" by Chris Tomlin and "Love is Blindness" by Sixpence None the Richer are both mediocre, but not all bad. Any hardcore U2 fan will appreciate this album for the most part, although it is possible to simply feel offended when "With or Without You," one of the greatest rock ballads in history, is remixed (think P-Diddy remixing The Police's "Missing You") and backed with rap. However, beyond that one seemingly serious offense, the rest of the album is interesting, different and overall a good project. Beyond the great music and great ideas, there is a great cause: In the Name of Love is an album to own in exactly that: the name of love.

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**Jars of Clay develops new style 'instead'**

By REBECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Music Critic

As one of the best known Contemporary Christian bands in the industry today, Jars of Clay, a four piece band originally from Illinois, had quite a bit of attention because by the end of the album, that question, in terms of the band, is answered. Who We Are Instead is a large departure from the previous Jars of Clay albums. There is no "Flood," "Love Song for a Saviour" or "I Need You" on this album. As far as comparable songs, many of the songs on the album sound similar to "The Valley Song (Sing of Your Mercy)," which was released on Furthermore, the greatest hitsnew songs album Jars of Clay toured with last year. This change is by no means a bad thing, but it is unquestionably different from what many Jars of Clay fans may have been expecting.

Of this supposed musical change on Who We Are Instead, Jars of Clay feels help has not changed that much. In fact, "they are happier with the new album than ever, and feel that a lot of people may hold memories from the times when the first album came out, and have a nostalgic feeling about it now, if anything, the band has purposefully changed their sound slightly because they must change with the times, and not continue to write songs that sound exactly like "Flood." Who We Are Instead carries themes of bluegrass and old gospel in more than half of the songs. This album is a step away from rock for Jars of Clay and a step toward more adult contemporary sound of Christian music.

The band is maturing along with its fans and is undoubtedly aging well.

lyrical, the album is terrific, deep and moving. Jars of Clay has often claimed to begin its albums with a question, and Who We Are Instead tackles the "issue of who we are truly called to be as Christians in a world that is not our home." The band found answers in songs like the slow, acoustic, bluegrass/sounding "Only Alive," with lead singer Dan Haseltine claiming, "I'm only alive with you / I won't get by and I won't get through / 'Faith Enough,' another high point on the album, is a bluesy song inspired by a line from Ernest Hemingway's novel A Farewell to Arms: "The world breaks every one and afterward many are strong at the broken places." The lyrics bring up issues of weakness bringing greater faith. "This body frail enough for fighting / I'm home enough to know I'm lost" and ultimately asks the question, "Should the world rely on faith tonight" at the end of the chorus. "Show You Love," "Jealous Kind," "Sunny Days" and "Sing" are also standout songs on the album.

In their fifth original record, Jars of Clay show exactly who they are instead. This is not a band that sings upbeat rock songs for entertainment, but instead committed Christian artists whose musical styles change just as their faith grows and matures in their lives. While it may not be a classic Jars of Clay album, any real fan will grow to love the album as soon as the initial shock wears off.

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Wake Forest upsets Duke in ACC showdown

Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Chris Paul scored 12 of his 23 points over the last 5:10 to help No. 15 Wake Forest hand No. 3 Duke its fifth ACC loss of the season with a 90-84 victory on Wednesday night.

In a testy game that came down to the final seconds, Paul, a fearless freshman carrying the Demon Deacons (16-5, 6-5 Atlantic Coast Conference) scored 19 points in the second half as Wake Forest overcame a 15-point deficit. He added eight assists and kept his teammates calm as Duke (21-3, 10-2) tried to pull it out.

But Paul capped his scoring with a three-pointer with 6.5 seconds left to seal the win. Wake Forest started honoring the floor in celebration of the Deacons’ second home win over Duke in two years.

The loss didn’t hurt the Blue Devils in the ACC standings, though, since second-place North Carolina State lost to Clemson two hours earlier. North Carolina State beat then No. 1 Duke last Sunday.

But Paul, who scored over the Blue Devils with 20 points, Daniel Ewing scored 18, and Eric Williams, who had a streak of 50 consecutive starts snapped three games ago when he was benched, ended a nearly six-week long slump. He had 16 points and 11 rebounds in reserve role and gave Wake Forest a strong inside presence.

After Paul scored on a fast-break layup that drew a foul, and a 3-pointer Strickland added a basket for an 85-80 Wake lead, the game tightened up on Duke’s 3-pointer and a follow from Deng that made it 85-82 with 3:15 left. Eric Williams made two free throws to put Wake back up by five and a 3-pointer with 16 left cut it to 87-84.

Strickland made one of two free throws to put Duke up 88-84, but Wake turned it over on Paul’s steal, he made both his free throws to seal the win.

The game got off to a rough start with Paul showing Paul in the face away from the basket, but only receiving an offensive foul for it. Although Paul partially pro- voced it by talking trash before the swat, he was stunned Redick wasn’t called for a technical but didn’t back down and responded with a long-streaked star.

It was the first of a flurry of star-downs, shows, tie-ups and foul trouble.

Wake Forest coach Skip Prosser was called for a technical for his reaction on a call against the Deacons. Duke’s Nick Hurvitz was hit with a technical for swatting at Strickland after the two locked up and Strickland turned him with a wide-eyed glare.

That prompted Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski to scream at the referee to “call the game” while admonishing the Blue Devils to compose themselves.

After a brief conference with the coaches, the referees tried to restore order with quick whistles. They called 19 personal fouls in the first half and 38 for the game.

No. 2 St. Joseph’s 72, Fordham 54

Saint Joseph’s stayed unbeaten with another easy win.

Jamier Nelson had 18 points and nine assists to lead the second-ranked Hawks to a 72-54 victory over Fordham on Wednesday night.

Saint Joseph’s (22-3, 12-0 Atlantic 10) and No. 1 St. (21-3, 13-0 Atlantic 10) are the only unbeaten teams remaining in Division 1, and the Hawks made sure they stayed that way with a 33-4 run bridging halftime.

The Hawks clinched the Atlantic 10 East Division title with the win and will have a bye into the quarterfinals of the conference tournament. The victory also makes Nelson and fellow senior Tyrone Hines winningest players in school history with 91.

Nelson had 10 of his 14 rebounds on offense, one look closer by closing the game with a 14-2 run against the Hawks’ reserves.

Deonte West had 16 points for Saint Joseph’s, which has won nine straight over Fordham, including a 79-35 victory on Feb. 13.

Michael Haynes had 24 points for the Rams, who have lost nine in a row overall.

Fordham, playing in front of an enthusiastic sellout crowd of 2,300, was within 21-19 when the Hawks went on a 16-2 run to close the half. Nelson had eight points and two assists during the run in which the Rams made one field goal over 7 1/2 minutes.

The Hawks opened the second half with a 17-2 run to go up 54-23, and again it was Nelson leading the way with seven points.

Both Nelson and West, the starting backcourt that accounts for 50 percent of the Hawks’ points, were out the game with 9 minutes to play.

The Hawks play Temple at the Palestra on Saturday and then have games at Massachusetts and Rhode Island before playing their final home game against St. Bonaventure.

The Atlantic 10 tournament will be held in Dayton, and the Hawks are thinking to become the first team since UNLV in 1991 to enter the NCAA tournament without a loss.

The Associated Press

ILLINOIS 65, No. 12 Wisconsin 57

Deron Williams scored 31 points and Illinois overcame some cold first-half shooting to defeat No. 12 Wisconsin 65-57 Wednesday night.

Williams was 5-of-9 from 3-point range to lead the Illini (17-5, 8-3 Big Ten) to their fifth straight win and average a 76-56 loss to the Badgers on Jan. 24. He finished 9-of-19 from the field and was 8-for-8 from the free throw line.

The win moved Illinois into a second-place tie with Wisconsin in the Big Ten, percentage points behind Michigan State.

Wisconsin (17-5, 8-3) led by as many as six points before halftime, but couldn’t hold off a 12-4 Illinois run in the final five minutes of the half that gave the Illini a 30-29 lead.

The Badgers got 16 points from Devin Harris, 14 after halftime, and 10 points from center Zach Morch. Harris overwhelmed Illinois with 30 points and Mike Wilkinson had 24 in the game last month.

Wilkinson scored only seven points. Wednesday Head coach 10 points and James Augustine added nine for the Illini, who also got six assists from Dee Brown.

The Badgers took a 31-30 lead when Wilkinson hit a 3-point pointer to start the second half, but Illinois quickly regained the lead for good as a 13-3 run put Illinois up 44-36 with 12:36 to go.

Illinois built the lead to 58-49 and coasted after Wisconsin was forced to foul.

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**Baker released, Celtics terminate his contract**

**Associated Press**

BOSTON — Vin Baker's short, disappointing stay with the Boston Celtics may be over.

The Celtics released Baker on Wednesday after the forward cleared waivers following his suspension for violating the terms of his alcohol treatment program.

The move terminates Baker's contract, and may allow the team to avoid paying Baker the $36 million he's owned for the remaining 2 1/2 years on his contract. It also is likely to initiate a showdown between the team and the NBA players' association.

The team has said it would file a grievance over any attempt to void the contract. That could thwart the Celtics' plan to release him, but Celtics attorney Neil Jacobs said Baker wasn't ready to play as his contract required, and the team had a right to let him go.

"He has not been performing and that is the basis of the decision," he said.

Jacobs added that there was "sadness" about releasing Baker, a Connecticut high school star whose return to New England was viewed as a hometowncoming.

"The team had always hoped that the issues Vin has been involved with would be worked out," he said.

The team placed Baker on waivers last Friday after he missed the 10th straight game of his latest suspension for violating the terms of his alcohol rehabilitation aftercare agreement. That triggered a clause in the agreement that gave the Celtics control over his future.

Baker missed two months and the playoffs last year after he checked into a Connecticut rehab center. He agreed at the time to a follow-up program this season that would involve frequent testing.

Baker failed to meet the terms of the agreement at least three times before being suspended indefinitely on Jan. 23. According to the agreement, only a doctor agreed to by both sides could determine when he's ready to return. The doctor didn't clear Baker to play before the suspension reached 16 games, giving the team the right to release him, said Jacobs.

"It's difficult to imagine the team could have done more for Vin than it's done," he said.

The matter is now likely to wind up in arbitration. Billy Hunter, head of the National Basketball Players Association, said last week that the union will fight any attempts at "subterfuge."

In his last public comments last Thursday, Baker issued a statement saying he'd done everything required of him to remain in compliance with his program.

Baker averaged 21 points and 10 rebounds over his last two seasons in Milwaukee before he was traded to Seattle for the 1997-98 season. The Celtics signed Baker before the 2002-2003 season, but he averaged just 5.2 points per game before he was suspended on Feb. 27, 2003 amid reports of a drinking problem. Baker, later said he was an alcoholic who began binge drinking during the 1996-1999 lockout, but returned in better shape to make it up to his teammates.

He scored in double figures in 21 of his first 35 games, but then his production dropped off again.

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Colorado rocked by scandal

Associated Press
BOULDER, Colo. — Nobel laureate Carl Wieman figured he had the craziness of college football behind him when he left the University of Michigan 20 years ago. What he is seeing at Colorado may be far worse.

For three weeks, professors, students and residents have been hit with an almost daily barrage of accusations against Colorado’s football program, including rapes and alcohol-fueled sex parties for recruits. After a former kicker came forward to say she was raped by a teammate, coach Gary Barnett described her as a “terrible” player.

Wieman, a physics professor, said the focus over the football team has taken the focus away from more pressing issues, such as the state’s vulnerable higher education budget.

“Out of that program, we regularly have issues that embarrass the university,” Wieman said. “That tells you that they occupy much too much importance. Something’s fundamentally wrong.”

While proud of its academics, the school has caused embarrassment for Boulder over the years.

In 2000, raucous off-campus parties turned into student riots. Princeton Review recently declared Colorado the No. 1 party school, based on its students’ lack of studying and affinity for marijuana and alcohol.

The football team has a long history of scandal: In 1962, questions over whether recruits were paid to attend cost a coach his job. A Sports Illustrated cover story in the 1980s documented how players were accused of everything from drunken driving to serial rape. The school was slapped with NCAA sanctions two years ago for recruiting violations.

The latest scandal appears to be the worst yet, and its roots date at least to 1997, when a 17-year-old high school big man alleged a football player of rape after a recruiting party.

No charges were filed, but three women have since sued the school, saying it fostered an environment that led to their rapes by football players or recruits at or just after an off-campus party in 2001.

Boulder County Prosecutor Mary Keenan decided against assault charges but has reopened the investigation and says she believes the athletics program entices recruits with sex and alcohol. That allegation was denied by university officials but prompted a demand for action from Gov. Bill Owens.

University officials are looking into recruiting practices and are hiring a special assistant over athletics, but the allegations have not been resolved. A player admitted to a school cell phone to call an escort service for his personal use.

On Tuesday, former kicker Katie Hnida, one of the first women to play college football, said she was raped by a teammate at Colorado four years ago.

While university officials urged Hnida, 22, to tell her story to police, Barnett said he was unsure of who could back up her claim. Asked why she left Colorado after the 1999 season, he said, “Katie was not only a girl, she was terrible.... There’s no other way to say it.”

University President Elizabeth Hoffman criticized Barnett for making “an unacceptable remark” that essentially blamed the victim. She also said she wants to know what Barnett knew and “if the allegations are true, we’ll probably have new personnel.”

Boulder has been abuzz with the scandal.

“I’ve always been much prouder of the fact CU won the solar deration than that CU had a winning football team,” said Mayor Will Toor, also director of the University of Colorado Environmental Center.

Players, their parents and alumni say the media have blown the cases out of proportion and insist no sex parties are arranged for recruits.

Players after they acquire Rodriguez from the Texas Rangers earlier this week in exchange for Soriano and a minor leaguer to be named.

But the number would come down by about $4.5 million if three players are not used. Rodriguez is released. Boston is expected to be second at about $125 million.

One thing is certain the status quo will not be preserved.”

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MLB Owners argue over Rodriguez

Associated Press
BOSTON — Red Sox owner John Henry thinks a salary cap could be good for baseball after watching the rival Yankees trade for Alex Rodriguez — a deal his own franchise could not complete.

Henry, whose team failed to obtain Rodriguez from Texas in December, said in an e-mail response to reporters Wednesday that he is changing his mind on whether the sport needs a salary cap “to deal with a team that has gone so insanely far beyond the resources of all the other teams.”

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner quickly responded, saying: “We understand that John Henry must be embarrassed, frustrated and disappointed by his failure in this transaction.”

The Yankees’ payroll is about $184.8 million for 25 signed players, far above the $125 million limit. The Red Sox were apart by about $15 million, and the Red Sox wanted Rodriguez to lower the present-day value of his contract by $20 million more than the players’ association would allow.

“Unlike the Yankees, he choose not to go the extra distance for his fans in Boston,” Steinbrenner said of Henry. “It is understandable, but wrong that he would try to obstruct the accountability for his mistakes on to others and to a system for which he voted in favor. It is time to get on with life and forget the sour grapes.”

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Newly acquired Chicago Cubs pitcher Greg Maddux holds up his jersey with Cubs general manager Jim Hendry.

The pitcher signed a three-year deal on Wednesday, rejoining the team with which he began his career.

Maddux rejoins Chicago, signs with Cubs

Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — Bringing his career full circle, Greg Maddux is back home with Chicago Cubs.

Maddux signed a $24 million, three-year deal Wednesday, returning to the team that gave him his start in the big leagues. His return delighted Cubs fans, his new teammates — and Maddux himself.

"It's a privilege to have the chance to come back and play in Chicago," Maddux said at an evening news conference. "I spent nine great years here when I first started, and I never forgot that. I'm just glad this day has come again where I have the chance to come back and finish what I started."

He'll also have an opportunity to earn his 300th career win while wearing a Cubs uniform. He needs only 11 more victories to reach the mark.

Maddux will make $6 million this year and $9 million each of the next two seasons. But the Cubs can void the final year of the deal — with no buyout — if Maddux doesn't pitch 400 innings over this season and next.

Maddux has failed to reach 200 innings just twice in his career. In 1987, his first full season in the majors, and in 2002, when he pitched 199 innings.

"As great a story as it is, it's really about the fact that Greg Maddux can still win a lot of baseball games," Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said.

"It's a feel-good story, but it's a story based on Greg making us a better ballclub.

Chicago already had one of the NL's best rotations in Kerry Wood, Mark Prior, Matt Clement and Carlos Zambrano — a foursome that took the Cubs within five out of the World Series a year ago.

Add Maddux to that mix, and the Cubs' rotation has to be considered one of, if not the best in the game.

"The more the merrier," Wood said. "He would definitely help our ballclub, no question."

Maddux, who turns 38 in April, may not be the same pitcher he was in his youth, but he's still one of baseball's best. Despite a slow start, he was 16-11 with a 3.96 ERA last season — his 16th straight year with at least 15 wins.

His 289 wins are second to only the 305 victories of the active pitchers.

Maddux rejoins Chicago, signs with Cubs

IN BRIEF

Raptors Carter suffers ankle injury

TORONTO — Toronto star Vince Carter was no crutches and scheduled for an MRI exam after injuring his left ankle in the fourth quarter Wednesday night against San Antonio.

The All-Star guard will be examined Thursday.

Carter wondered whether San Antonio's Bruce Bowen intentionally tripped him up.

"I question whether it was an accident or whether it was on purpose because it's not very often where you see somebody put their foot right under you like that," Carter said.

The Spurs, who won 86-82, had already left the arena when Carter spoke.

Carter rolled his ankle after going up for a jumper. He remained down for several minutes clutching the ankle before two teammates and the trainer helped him to the bench.

He scored 22 points.

Earlier in the game, Toronto rookie center Chris Bosh re-sprained his left ankle and didn't return.

Bosh missed three games earlier this month because of the injury, and left Toronto's previous game against Seattle after aggravating it.

"It's a nagging injury that won't go away," Bosh said. "It's frustrating. I'm tired of sitting out games. I'm tired of being bored before the game."

He was listed as day to day.

The Raptors are already missing Julian Rose, who will miss at least a month with four broken bones in his left hand.

U.S. boxers advance to finals

TUNICA, Miss. — Flyweight Ron Siler Jr., one of America's brightest boxing hopes for a boxing medal in Athens this summer, easily advanced into the championship bracket finals of the U.S. Olympic team trials on Wednesday night.

Siler posted a 32-10 decision over Aaron Alafat of Visalia, Calif.

Siler, from Cincinnati, took a fast 15-2 lead. At that point the only one unhappy in his corner was his father and coach, Ron Siler Sr.

"I had to fuss at him for a few minutes," the elder Siler said. "I don't like seeing them show the score because when you get up, you get lazy."

Siler, 23, competed at the 2000 Olympic trials but failed to make the team.

If he wins his next match Friday night, he'll advance to the Feb. 27-28 box-offs in Cleveland.

"I'm going to wait until I'm victorious before I celebrate anything," he said.

The winner of the box-offs in each of the 11 weight classes earns a spot on the U.S. Olympic team.

Andre Berto advanced to the final of the championship bracket in the welterweight class with a 20-19 victory over 17-year-old Vanes Martirosyan of Glendale, Ariz.
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makes us a very competitive team when the meet is at the same spot that we are. If we are in the meet, we're going to be all over it because of that depth."

No. 16 Pittsburgh (12-1) looms as the biggest obstacle standing between the Irish and the Big East title. The Panthers feature seven divers, while the Irish will only send one to Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh looks like a solid bet to take home the crown for an eighth consecutive season.

"Pittsburgh will have the strongest diving team in the field and is the opposite from us in the sense that they're a team that prides themselves as a team of depth," Welsh said.

"If you were handicapping the meet, you would say that Pittsburgh has the advantage not only as defending champions but also on the year," he added. Another stumbling out of the blocks to a disappointing 1-5 start, the Irish have been a different team in 2004, finishing 7-2 to preserve a winning dual meet mark for the seventh time in the past nine years. According to Welsh, several factors account for the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde season record splits.

"This is, without question, the toughest schedule we have ever faced," Welsh said.

"We were able to measure our progress against teams that have traditionally been on our schedule [second semester], whereas first semester we were racing against teams that traditionally were not on our schedule."

In addition to the strength of the schedule, Welsh points to the squad's consistent improvement as a crucial factor not only in causing the turnaround, but also in sparking success this weekend.

"We improved all year long," Welsh said. "That's been the key, and it will be the key this weekend, also."

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**SPORTS**

Men's Basketball

Thomas honored for week

Associated Press

Named the BIG EAST Conference Player of the Week on Monday, junior Chris Thomas, who has averaged 26.3 points and 3.8 assists in the Irish last four outings — three of them victories — also was selected as ESPN.com's 2004 Naismith College Player of the Year Award, it was announced Tuesday afternoon by Jackie Bradford, President of the Atlanta Tipoff Club. With Tuesday's selection, Batteast remains poised to become the second Irish player in four years to win college basketball's most coveted award, following in the footsteps of All-America center Ruth Riley, who claimed the honor in 2001.

Batteast is averaging 14.4 points and 8.3 rebounds per game with eight double-doubles this season, while leading Notre Dame to a 16-8 record ranked opponents.

Jacqueline Batteast has been the key, and it will be the key this weekend, also.

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Voice Your Choice '04

ND Women's Basketball

Batteast named Naismith Finalist

Junior forward still in running for Player of the Year

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame junior forward Jacqueline Batteast has been chosen as one of 20 finalists for the 2004 Naismith College Basketball Player of the Year Award, it was announced Tuesday afternoon by Jackie Bradford, President of the Atlanta Tipoff Club. With Tuesday's selection, Batteast remains poised to become the second Irish player in four years to win college basketball's most coveted award, following in the footsteps of All-America center Ruth Riley, who claimed the honor in 2001.

Batteast currently ranks among the Top 10 in the Big East in scoring (10th), rebounding (fifth), field goal percentage (10th), blocked shots (seventh) and double-doubles (second). She also was a preseason all-Big East First Team selection and was named to the WBCA Classic All-Tournament Team on Nov. 15 after averaging 20.0 points and 7.5 rebounds with a .529 field goal percentage against nationally-ranked Auburn and Colorado.

The Naismith Award winner will be honored in Atlanta on April 9. The Naismith Awards program was founded by the Atlanta Tipoff Club and is in its 36th year of recognizing top college basketball players in the United States.
what's happening

friday 02.20
Mass for Peace
First Friday dinner & discussion follows at CSC
5:35 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

saturday 02.21
Junior Parents Weekend
Rejoice! Mass
South St. Edward's Hall Chapel

junior Parents Weekend Liturgy
5:30 p.m.
JACC

sunday 02.22
RCIA Session
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Coleman-Morse Lounge
Celebration and Handbell Choir Concert
8:00 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

relationships workshop

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mass schedule

basilica of the sacred heart
Saturday Vigil Mass
5:00 p.m.
Rev. John Jenkins, c.s.c.

Sunday Mass
10:00 a.m.
Rev. John Jenkins, c.s.c.
11:45 p.m.
Rev. Robert Pelton, c.s.c.

seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time
around campus (every Sunday)
11:30 a.m.
Spanish Mass
St. Edward's Hall Chapel
12:00 p.m.
Low School Mass
Law School Commons
5:00 p.m.
Low School Mass
Law School Commons
7:00 p.m.
MBA Mass
Mendoza COB
Faculty Lounge

Lent

God brings the image of Christ to perfection in us

by Rev. Richard Warner, c.s.c.
Director, Campus Ministry

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. The Mases that day, in the Basilica and in the residence halls, will be filled with students who will receive ashes on their foreheads as a symbol of their desire to change aspects of their lives and "believe the Good News." Because the pace of life at Notre Dame is so hectic, it is probably a good idea to think about how we want to live the Lenten season this year before it is upon us.

Lent is a season of conversion and grace during which we prepare ourselves to celebrate the great feast of Easter. During the forty days, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, and in this way, to be renewed and invigorated in the way we try to live our lives as disciples of Christ.

Two days of Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, are days of fast and abstinence, when Catholics are required to refrain from meat and to fast, which means having smaller meals and not eating between meals. The Church calls on all of us to make use of traditional ways of marking Lent, namely, through fasting, prayer and almsgiving. It is customary to make a resolution for each of these three disciplines as our "Lenten resolution" and to be as faithful to it as possible.

Fasting, except as described above, means that we "give up" something that would be a normal part of our way of life (desserts, candy, alcohol or smoking). This small sacrifice reminds us of the season we are living and the reason for it. We examine where we are in our relationship to God and as people of prayer, we try to intensify our prayer life in some way (an extra daily visit to the Grotto or our residence hall chapel, attending daily Mass once or twice a week, reading and thinking about part of the passion narrative from each of the four Gospels, saying the rosary or attending Stations of the Cross in the Basilica).

Almsgiving means that we make the poor a part of the forty days (placing money in the "poor box" at the Basilica or in our residence hall Sunday collection, volunteering once a week, thinking about how we will serve the poor now and later as professionally). These are only examples, of course, and over my years at Notre Dame I have discovered that friends and roommates often find ways to celebrate Lent together. Unfortunately, the Spring Break comes in the middle of Lent, and those welcome days can be a time when we are tempted to set aside our Lenten resolutions and become discouraged.

What is important is for us to find a way of using Lent as a very important time when we deepen our personal commitment to Jesus Christ, to our discipleship and to our relationship to God and other people. Words from the Lenten prefaces might serve to remind us of what we are about:

"As we recall the great events that give us new life in Christ, you bring the image of your Son to perfection within us." (Lent I)

"This great season of grace is your gift to your family to renew us in spirit. You give us strength to purify our hearts, to control our desires and to serve you in freedom." (Lent II)

"You ask us to express our thanks by self-denial. We are to master our sinfulness and conquer our pride. We are to show to those in need your goodness to ourselves. " (Lent III)

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The women know what it takes to win the Big East Championship. They have won the last seven.

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"We'd like to win at least three of the relay events," Weathers said. "We also want to put kids in position to qualify for NCAA's — that's always important."

Although some might view the lengthy Big East Championship winning streak as an albatross of added pressure, Weathers believes the exact opposite.

"I think (the seven-year streak) is extra inspiration for the girls. They realize that they can win," Bailey Weathers head coach

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Petcoff expects standout performances from senior Megan Ramsey and sophomore Sarah Nowak. Ramsey is competing for a berth to the NCAA Championships in the 100-yard freestyle after missing the cut by 1.07 seconds last season. Nowak will compete in her first MIAA championship meet after joining the squad midway through the season.

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The Irish have swum the pool. Hamstrung by the outbreak, the Irish swam to a disappointing seventh place finish in the seven-team field at the Texas A&M Invitational in late November. Once the sickness cleared up, however, Notre Dame got back on track, finishing the year 4-1 in dual meets and winning the Puerto Rico Training Meet in Encantada, Puerto Rico over winter break.

Healthy and well-rested, the Irish are primed to defend the title and continue their streak.

"We had a stretch of illness in the fall, but we've been healthy for the last couple of months," Weathers said. "We're where we need to be to swim well at the meet, and we're excited about that."

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Petcoff expects the rest of the team to feed off of Ramsey and Nowak's success.

"You have to take care of your business individually, and that is what helps the team," Petcoff said. "Having the best times breeds confidence. This will have a snow­ ball effect on how well the team does."

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Saint Mary’s held forward Ashley Riley to 10 points on 5-7 shooting. The Belles played great defense all night on Riley, who came into the game leading Kalamazoo in scoring with a 13.5 points per game scoring average. Mary Brown, who scored 20 points on 7-of-14 shooting from the field and 2-of-5 from three-point range, led Kalamazoo. Her offense kept Kalamazoo in the game in the second half, as she made several key baskets during the Kalamazoo 15-0 run.

Not only is the win important for the Belles, allowing them to regain some confidence going into their regular season finale Saturday — it was the last home game of the year for Saint Mary’s. Katie Miller, who was honored before the game as the lone senior on the young Saint Mary’s squad, scored 10 points and 5 rebounds. Miller scored 7 points on 3-of-7 shooting and had three assists and two steals in the final home game of her career. She received a nice ovation as she exited the court in the final seconds of the game following a Bridget Lipke free throw.

Saint Mary’s will travel to Olivet this Saturday in what will be their final regular sea-

son game of the year.

The last meeting with Olivet on Feb. 3 resulted in a 77-69 Belles win. The victory ended a seven-game conference losing streak. The Belles surrendered 32 points to Olivet center Amanda Johnston, but the Saint Mary’s bench contributed 33 points over the course of the night.

Stopping Johnston will be the key for a Belles victory.

SAINT MARY’S 64, KALAMA-

ZOO 59

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SAINT MARY’S (7-17, 2-11)

KALAMAZOO (13-11, 5-8)

3-point goals: Saint Mary’s 4-14

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Not going in a technical foul by

Kalamazoo 15-0 run.

Saint Mary’s 6-15 (Brown, 5)

Total fouls: Saint Mary’s 13, Kalamazoo 15.

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Diversity is a catch-all word administrators, faculty and students use to describe something that many believe doesn’t exist on Notre Dame’s predominantly white, upper-middle class, Catholic, heterosexual campus. The present landscape is the most diverse in history, and Notre Dame has reached a crucial point in evolution as an academic institution.

Too frequently, discussion about diversity-related issues revolves around numbers and quotas, stereotypes and doctrines. Often ignored are the tangible examples of those who try to carve a niche in Notre Dame’s largely homogeneous culture.

In this three-part series, which began Wednesday and continues through Friday, The Observer illuminates the experiences of a few who struggle daily to assert themselves in the face of actual and theoretical obstacles.

Today, The Observer profiles students, faculty and administrators whose present-day struggles to define themselves will inevitably alter Notre Dame’s identity.
listening to Chandra Johnson, assistant to the president, talk about her work as she sits behind a large desk in her Main Building office, it's hard to imagine that this Notre Dame administrator was an undergraduate student herself only a few years ago.

Then again, Johnson wasn't your average Notre Dame student — and she's not your typical administrator.

Johnson is a black Catholic from the West Coast. She lived in Los Angeles for most of her life, where she served as a Master Catechist for the archdiocese and worked for financial institutions in corporate America for 20 years.

She married shortly after graduating from high school but has been divorced for the past 18 years. Between her marriage, career and family, Johnson never had the opportunity to attend college.

Then in 1992, at her brother's urging, she began the college application process and saw Notre Dame's reputation as a top-ranked Catholic university as an attractive option. When she was accepted, a 38-year-old Johnson packed her bags and headed to South Bend.

The idea of starting college away from her family and friends and at a school halfway across the country was frightening to say the least, according to Johnson.

"I left my family in L.A. and I had never lived outside of Los Angeles in 38 years," she said. "I wasn't quite sure how I would do in the classroom."

Going from the West Coast and the corporate sphere to the Midwest as a student is not a route that is commonly taken. But Johnson said it was one of the best decisions she ever made.

"I really began to see what other people had always seen in me," she said. "Education opened up a whole new world for me."

Johnson majored in theology with a concentration in African-American Studies and graduated in 1996 with honors. She credits her success in part to support she received from students and faculty.

"The students were my greatest allies because they never made me feel like I was different," she said.

Still, Johnson said that she faced some difficulties, particularly inside the classroom. Because of her unique background, professors often struggled to critique her papers and occasionally opted not to make any comments at all. Some of her theology professors, who were accustomed to work from more traditional college-age students, didn't quite know how to react to a paper written from the perspective of a black woman in her late thirties.

Johnson also said that her fellow younger, minority students were not always treated as nicely as she was and that she could often sense tension within the campus community. Because of her unique situation and perspective, minority students often approached her to share their experiences and seek advice. It's a role that Johnson accepted then and continues to relish today.

When she was appointed to her current post in 1998, she found herself in a position to address many of the concerns that current undergraduate students voice. She describes the difference between her time as a student several years ago and today as "right and day," but still acknowledges that the University has work to do in promoting diversity.

"Our students seem to be enjoying a much fuller experience now," Johnson said. "I can definitely say that students of color are being welcomed genuinely. They hear the recognition for the unique gifts that they bring."

Indeed, since 1992 when Johnson first arrived in South Bend, Notre Dame's minority student population has increased by nearly 20 percent and the number of minority students in leadership positions continues to rise.

Johnson attributes the change in part to a renewed commitment by the University to address the diversity concerns and a greater degree of tolerance and open-mindedness within the current student body. The message now, she said, is for minority students to not only come to Notre Dame but to be themselves when they are at the University.

She praised majority students for the progress they've made in embracing diversity and compared the Notre Dame of today to the environment within the early Church of accepting gentiles into an organization with a Jewish tradition.

"They're doing it and it's so wonderful," she said. "It makes sense. [Diversity] makes everybody better. It makes the University truly Catholic, because it is becoming truly universal."

Despite the progress, Johnson said that she still receives visits to her office from minority students with complaints each week. Johnson believes that such problems generally stem from misunderstandings and she encourages minority students to discuss their problems and find a solution, rather than simply internalizing them.

"My job is to give young people the tools to work it out," she said.

Johnson can still relate to some of those complaints. She said that she occasionally feels that her ideas or opinions aren’t valued as strongly or endorsed as readily.

"When I express my insight in meetings, it's rare that it is echoed back to me," she said. "There is a sense that it isn't contributing to the common good. But I do it anyway because my heart's in the right place."

Johnson added that as a top black administrator, she is called upon to deal with issues of race constantly.

"It's difficult consistently addressing race," she said. "For the most part, when you address race, you're addressing negative realities of life. At the end of the academic year, it's almost unbearable." Johnson, however, said she derives tremendous satisfaction from her job and overcomes her temporary feelings of despair by reflecting on the good that has come out of the past few years. In the future, she would like to see Notre Dame continue to increase recruitment of minority students while maintaining the University's Catholic character.

Johnson is unsure what she will do once University President Father Edward Malloy retires from his position of University president, but she knows that she wants to continue to devote her energies toward promoting diversity. Judging from her life so far, Johnson doesn't seem likely to shy away from a challenge.

"I don't have a clue what I'll be doing," she said. "I'm waiting for it to become clear to me what area I want to use my gifts. I will always be in a role where I will be helping people of color and embracing their insight and value because that's what I do best."

A BLACK FEMALE ADMINISTRATOR

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Carolyn Woo

STORY BY BETH ERICKSON

When Carolyn Woo first became dean of the Mendoza College of Business, she felt like an outcast in a white, male, Notre Dame-affiliated world.

"If you were not affiliated with Notre Dame, there was a very strong sense that you were an outsider," she said. “It was very male, and very white. I could not have been more different.”

In her first few years at Notre Dame, Woo learned not to rely on external affirmation or a sense of belonging as markers of success or happiness.

With this realization, she stayed away from the social activities of many of her professional circle, which revolved around golfing, hunting and country clubs.

“That is just not my world,” Woo said. “Now that I am older, I don’t have that sense of a need to belong.”

However, seven years after coming to Notre Dame, the small Asian woman has created a niche for herself in the predominantly white male business school.

According to Woo, the alienating atmosphere she first encountered gradually vanished as Notre Dame became a more welcoming place for minorities.

Woo attributes much of her hard-won success to the support she found in her colleagues in the College of Business, whom she calls “tremendous,” and her friends within the Congregation of the Holy Cross.

"There was no question that [my colleagues] wanted me to succeed," she said. “When I came here, they told me, ‘We’re not going to bring you problems without solutions.’”

Because of these friendships, Woo has developed more of a sense of belonging to the Notre Dame community and she said now she feels cared for.

In addition to the bonds she formed, Woo credits her ability to succeed at Notre Dame to her upbringing, which instilled in her strength and a passion to achieve her goals.

Born in Hong Kong, Woo was raised in a very traditional Chinese family and was the first female in her family to attend college.

Woo was educated by the Maryknoll Sisters in a Catholic, all-girl institution, where she imbibed the language, knowledge, imagination and faith of these American missionaries.

The sisters served as incredibly strong, independent and courageous role models, said Woo. “Where there was a desire, they made things happen,” she said. “They allowed me to imagine a different path from my mother and sisters, and that was very important to me.”

In school, she learned to cooperate in an extremely competitive society, forming deep bonds with her classmates. “We learned to support each other and to succeed as a group,” said Woo.

Woo has maintained these skills of cooperation and has worked her way to the top through collaboration rather than competition.

Woo also ascribes her aptitude in business to the mixed cultural milieu in which was raised. In this atmosphere, she gained a “Western-style individual assertiveness” while retaining her “team-oriented Eastern culture,” she said.

She has never lived in a homogenous environment, and said she has never allowed her race or sex determine her goals or her performance. Because women often have to “run twice as fast as men” to succeed, Woo said that she has let her “work, due diligence, and performance do the talking.”

The Maryknoll Sisters also taught her to follow her own passions, and in striving to do so, she turned down higher positions because of her love for Catholic education. “I’ve only chosen things which I really love to do,” Woo said.

According to Woo, she has achieved success in the once foreign world of business not through competition or conformity, but by enjoying her work and the challenges this world has presented her.

The most unexpected result of her experience at Notre Dame, Woo said, is the way in which she has improved as a mother.

“I have gained some insight and wisdom,” she said. “I have developed a deeper appreciation of what is important in life.”
A FEMALE OFFICER

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Carol Mooney

STORY BY AMANDA MICHAELS

When Carol Mooney used to walk across Notre Dame's campus as a Saint Mary's undergradu­ate, it was not uncommon for a young man to stick his head out of his dorm room window and scream an obscenity at her.

Now, from the office of vice president and associate provost of the University, the future president of Saint Mary's College looks out on a changed campus, one closer to gender equality than she could have dreamed 30 years ago.

"There has been a great deal of progress. It would be hard for [students today] to imagine. When I was an under­grad, the campus was not a hospitable environment for young women. There was clearly a feeling of not belonging — being on someone else's turf," she said.

Mooney graduated from Saint Mary's in 1972 — the year Notre Dame opened up to women. She went on to earn her law degree at the Notre Dame Law School, where her male classmates openly said that women should not be there taking up seats.

"Their taunts] made me made angry," she admitted, "but I just hoped that they would learn better someday."

And learn they did. After graduating first in her class, she joined the law school's faculty in 1980, was awarded Teacher of the Year three years later and was recently named a member of the U.S. Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure by U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist. Today, she stands as the highest-ranking female officer of the University and in December was named the president of Saint Mary's.

"I have always been a goal-oriented person and my parents preached that I could be anything I wanted to be, but growing up in the 1950s, I didn't expect much. I did have an image of adult-life where I wouldn't be doing the things I'm doing today," she said.

In her struggle for advancement, Mooney never faced obvious discrimination, finding that in a close group of peers, even "unconscious prejudices are rare." However, to integrate herself into these groups, she learned she had to follow "the rules of the game" if she was to be considered an equal.

"I faced the challenges of any 'outsider,'" she said. "You must dot every ‘i’ and cross every ‘t’ to prove that you belong. You work without the assumption that you belong. I never expected anyone to be happy with the minimum."

Mooney also attributes her successes to her education in an all-fem ale environment, which gave her a store of confidence to draw upon later in her career, when she often found herself to be the only woman in the room.

Now that same confidence has advanced her to a position that, fittingly enough, allows her to recruit minority faculty members — a task she says takes on both a personal and intellectual aspects for her.

"Just a few years before I entered law practice, a lot of the big firms' doors were not open to women. In fact, a lot of doors were not open to women. If it hadn't been for the political force of those older than me, I might not have gotten where I am today, so my job is important to me personally," she said. "I also believe that the intellectual vibrancy essential to any university campus needs to draw upon a variety of viewpoints, based on gender, ethnic, religious differences. The place is poorer without diversi­ty."

Though the days of open hostility toward women are over, Mooney knows the struggle against discrimination is not.

"You can't divorce Notre Dame from the rest of society, and everywhere, there is still a fair distance to go before people really view women as equals," she said. "Not that much farther, but the journey isn't over yet."

Editor's note: This interview was conducted before Mooney was named the 12th president of Saint Mary's College in December.
Nahyan Fancy

S T O R Y  B Y  C L A I R E  H E I N I N E R G

Nahyan Fancy knows quite a bit about elitism — in religion, in academics and even in football — and always seems to end up on the receiving end of the arrogance.

When the inevitable backlash from the Sept. 11 strikes hit the Notre Dame campus, Fancy, a Muslim, felt the predominantly Catholic student body around him formulate an idea of terrorism that was entirely too convenient.

"It was difficult because there were a lot of people spouting out lines [about Muslims] that were clearly taken from Fox or CNN," he said. "There wasn't a general unwelcomeness when you talked to individuals... but there is always the odd person who will never change their views based on what the media told them and is pretty much a war-mongerer before they have even gone to war."

Unfortunately for Fancy and his Muslim peers, these inflammatory stances were the most sensational, causing sparks that placed them consistently in the public eye.

"You would pick up the paper and read the classic article bashing Muslims completely out of ignorance," Fancy said. "And you just had to dismiss it as an undergrad who believes everything that the government or the media tells them."

It was easier to dismiss explicit discrimination in print, Fancy continued, because outright verbal attacks were few and far between.

"As for the people who did hold hateful views, our paths didn't cross," he said. But despite a lack of individual confrontations or comments directed specifically at him, Fancy couldn't help but sense the tension in the environment. "References," he admits regretfully, "did pop up."

These references, which ranged from the subtly accusatory to the blatantly offensive, clashed with Fancy's expectations for a sincere intellectual dialogue — leaving him longing for the kind of respectful debate he engaged in during his own undergraduate experience.

Before he became a graduate student at Notre Dame, Fancy attended Knox College in Illinois, a school he described as "a second- or third-tier liberal arts college that rankings-wise, doesn't fit in." He said his classmates at Knox were every bit as intellectually gifted as the undergraduates he now interacts with as a teaching assistant at Notre Dame — and much more modestly grounded in reality.

"The students here think too much of themselves," Fancy said. "There's this general impression of elitism that they feel."

This arrogance breeds a sense of entitlement so pervasive, Fancy said, that it borders on the irrational — like justifying football failure with academic success. When the Irish lost 38-0 to Michigan earlier this year, Notre Dame students chose to reassure themselves by asserting their supposed intellectual dominance over Michigan students — a reaction that Fancy found repulsive.

"They said that the game didn't matter because they will be getting the higher jobs that these [school students] won't be," he said. "It was another case of oversimplifying the Notre Dame administration or the U.S. News and World Report at their word."

Fancy was less personally upset with the students' condescension than he was disappointed with their ignorance.

"They haven't interacted with enough Michigan students to know [if] they really are better than Big Ten colleges," he said. "But they still have this idea that Notre Dame is a better academic institution — so that makes them far superior to people at other schools."

From their conceited approach to grades and the gridiron to their divisive comments about religion, Notre Dame undergraduates have a lot to learn about complexity, Fancy said.

"The Notre Dame student body just isn't as critical in their thinking, which perhaps leads them to accept a lot more of what the media is telling them [about other religions]," he said. Instead of engaging in deep exploration of the cultural and religious similarities that link them together, Fancy said, they all too often take the easy way out. He regrets that the same students who can thoroughly learn chemistry or insightfully write a paper have been trained to swallow information instead of to synthesize it.

"So [many] of the undergraduates are sheltered and less aware of things," Fancy said. "I wish they would engage a little more."

He said Notre Dame will only engage in the diverse dialogue that his liberal-arts background makes him crave when Catholics and Muslims, graduate students and undergrads alike drop their self-satisfaction, shed their sense of entitlement and engage in discussions such as those put on by the Notre Dame United Muslim Association, of which Fancy is a leading member.

While he thinks a "pluralistic and tolerant society" is still a possibility, Fancy knows from experience that convincing the complacent will be a challenge.

"It always really difficult to help people who've made up their minds," he said.
I specifically recall ripping up a letter asking me to be a host for spring visitation because I was offended at the wording in it requesting that I host someone in order to help the University recruit 'students of color.'

Upon acceptance to Notre Dame, she immediately received a flood of congratulatory letters from various campus minority groups. Then, as a freshman, she was irritated by the inundation of requests soliciting her help in increasing campus awareness of minority issues.

"I specifically recall ripped up a letter asking me to be a host for spring visitation because I was offended at the wording in it requesting that I host someone in order to help the University recruit 'students of color.'"
Sophomore Ryan Leung didn't want to be labeled, categorized or lumped into a group because of his ethnicity. Leung, whose parents are from Hong Kong, did not immediately become involved in the Asian American Association, though he now serves as the club's president. He said he did not want to be perceived as just another Asian and believed that associating only with Asians would brand him in a way he didn't want to be.

"I didn't want to be labeled as one of the Asian kids," he said. "I wanted to stand out... I wanted to overcome what people put me in a special category."

Although Leung attended some meetings of the Asian American Association as a first-semester freshman, he initially wanted to keep his associations with Asian students strictly inside the club. "I tried not to be seen with them [Asians] in public as much... a huge obstacle I wanted to overcome was being labeled," he said.

Despite these fears, Leung remembered first feeling different from others in grade school, when white students made fun of him for having smaller eyes. "I felt more shocked than anything," he said. "I had never experienced that before — people put me in a special category.

"I got to know a lot of people in the Asian American Association and became good friends with them," he said. Leung said that several activities that he took part in as a freshman, such as the Learning to Talk About Races retreat in November 2002 and the In Focus Conference in February 2003, caused him to re-evaluate his personal views on ethnicity and his involvement in promoting cultural awareness on-campus.

Leung said he encourages students of all ethnicities to broaden their exposure to different cultures. "People need to be challenged to step out of their comfort zone... to seek new experiences," he said. "If you don't actively seek [these], I think college is a wasteful experience."

THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

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STORY BY JOE TROMBELLO

THE PRESIDENT OF VOICES OF FAITH

"People always ask, 'So why do you all sit together in the dining hall?' The reason is it's comfortable. It's important to see someone who looks like you and to relate to them."
THE INDIVIDUAL

"I think the temptation is to associate yourself and act ... according to whatever group you judge yourself to act. I think diversity is about breaking down those [distinctions]."

T he chances of finding Josh Towns at a Notre Dame multicultural event are pretty slim. The junior attended Spring Visitation before enrolling at Notre Dame and participated in Black Images, an event showcasing the talent of the University's black students, his freshman year. Since then, however, Towns has been busy focusing most of his time on an English and PLS double major and juggling Glee Club, marching band and various jobs in student government.

Please don’t misunderstand him. Many Notre Dame students, including some minorities, are hesitant to get involved in the multicultural scene on campus. Some students say they prefer to branch out and are fearful that by becoming involved in these activities they could inadvertently define their friendships solely on race. Others find the students involved too cliquish.

Towns doesn’t really fall into either of these categories. The Alumni Hall resident, who boasts African and Native American ancestry, appreciates the presence of multicultural venues on campus but says he’s more of a free spirit when it comes to celebrating diversity.

"I think the temptation is to associate yourself and act ... according to whatever group you judge yourself to act," he said. "I think diversity is about breaking down those [distinctions]."

According to Towns, individuals show their uniqueness by using their talents to the full potential. Jazz greats like Louis Armstrong and his contemporaries, for example, focused their attention on producing great music and in doing so they created a musical genre with a distinctly African American flavor.

"Through the use of [their talents] they developed something that was essentially black and new," he said.

Likewise, Towns said he tries to use his talents and unique perspective to add flavor to the Notre Dame community, both in and out of the classroom.

"My activities are passion-driven," he explained.

In class, he finds his Native American ancestry to be an asset. Towns’ mom is a professional storyteller and she used to relate tales of the Black Foot tribe, from which his family descended, when he was growing up.

"I love stories," he said. "It adds a new perspective to my literature studies and I think I can bring that to the classroom. It's an element that is not very prevalent in the anthology."

If students wish to promote diversity in a more formal way, the multicultural clubs and events that they host can provide a good opportunity, he said, though he believes some problems exist in the way by which they are promoted.

He said, for example, that many events are not interactive enough and emphasize observation rather than participation.

"[Notre Dame’s] a dynamic community," he said. "It's being presented, it should be a dialogue."

Towns said he is also concerned that multicultural events unintentionally carry a "minorities only" message to a majority of students.

"There's a lot of flyers around that don't seem to welcome other people," he said. "There's no exclusion with activities here, but I think that's an unwritten rule."

For diversity to thrive at Notre Dame in the true sense, Towns said, multicultural events must be inviting to all students.

"In order for diversity to exist," he said, "everyone needs the opportunity to participate."
A BLACK PROFESSOR

"I realized I may as well start telling students what I believe because they are going to assume that about me otherwise."

Alvin Tillery

STORY BY JOE TROMBELLO

He's been called a nigger more times than he can count and was strung up on a tree by a makeshift noose in elementary school, but Alvin Tillery, assistant professor of political science, considers his experiences with prejudice to be mild in comparison with those suffered by his parents and grandfather.

Tillery's early experiences with racism and prejudice — both personally experienced and related to him by family members — have motivated him in part to pursue his current academic work on identity and politics. Tillery said that he wanted to understand why others treated him so differently.

"My push into the field began as a search of answers as I found myself (victim to) forms of racism," he said. "It pushed me to want to know things... why I was being treated differently."

Growing up in Glassboro, N.J., Tillery and his parents lived in an integrated community, and one where he quickly perceived differences between himself and the white majority. Tillery said that as a child, he was often subject to racial slurs.

"It was almost as if my name were 'nigger' when I was growing up," he said. "Every single day, on the way to school, home from school, the playground, I was called that."

Tillery also recounts an experience where a white friend with whom he carpooled asked Tillery's mother to drop him off a block away from school, so he would not be seen walking into school with a black child.

"He said, 'I just don't want the other kids to see me with Alvin, because they'll call me a nigger-lover.'" Tillery said that these early experiences, as well as his suffering of a mock-lynching during elementary school, "devastated" his parents.

They felt like integration was something of a sham," he said.

He also said that despite a comfort level with teachers during elementary and high school, he never felt completely comfortable with some of his peers.

"Interaction with student bodies never made (me) feel like (I) really belonged," he said. In retrospect, however, Tillery said he harbors no ill will toward those who discriminated against him.

After attending Morehouse College, a historically black institution, and Harvard University, Tillery joined the Notre Dame faculty in 2000. He says he has earned a reputation for holding what he calls controversial viewpoints, including support for the payment of reparations to black Americans for the legacies of slavery and segregation.

"I believe that states have a responsibility to fix problems they create, like the race problem," he said. "The state made this problem by failing to enforce the citizenship rights of black Americans until 1965. This means that black Americans missed out on important social benefits, like patronage in the late 19th century and the G.I. Bill for World War II veterans in the middle of the last century, both of which fundamentally expanded the American middle class."

Tillery said that although he was reluctant to articulate these opinions in his early years as a professor, he now uses his positions to encourage students who feel differently to prove his arguments fallacious.

"My job is to encourage debate and to challenge — that might lead me to become unpopular," he said.

"I hope that students would read my opinions on the issue and if they still think that I'm wrong — prove me wrong. If that happens, I've succeeded as a professor."

He recalls a specific incident when a student called him the "Jessie Jackson of Notre Dame" as indicative of the reasons why he began integrating his opinions and research into classroom discussion. Tillery said that he wants to set students straight on his stance on issues rather than have them make faulty assumptions regarding his opinions.

"If I realized I may as well start telling students what I believe because they are going to assume that about me otherwise."

Tillery also said that despite past experiences with racism, he has been encouraged by Notre Dame's public commitment to diversity and affirmative action and feels well-supported by the administration and colleagues.

"Notre Dame is working very hard and has gone on record as saying they are going to put resources behind the African and African-American studies department and the recruitment of more faculty of color," he said. "They are doing this at a time when universities across the country are scaling back their commitments to diversity... they have stood by affirmative action and diversity in a way that is very admirable."
A HOMOSEXUAL STUDENT

"The attitude on campus seemed to be that a lot of people seemed to be much more comfortable. People didn't seem to be having problems. ... People were starting to come into Notre Dame being out."

Rick Friedman is not what you would call an imposing figure. Slight of stature, polite and soft-spoken, he's another sweater-clad, reserved Notre Dame guy.

But Friedman, unlike the majority of Notre Dame students, is openly gay. The fifth-year architecture and psychology student came out to friends and family when he was a freshman at the University. Since then, he has been active in OutreachND and various campus groups and committees dealing with gay, lesbian and bisexual issues.

Just because he's been involved, though, does not mean he has always been confident about his sexuality. In high school, Friedman never had a real romantic relationship with a girl nor did he date guys. He was, according to himself and his friends, "asexual." Inwardly, however, he was questioning his orientation, and when a friend at Notre Dame came out, Friedman began to confront his own homosexuality during January and February of his freshman year.

"He was telling me all about Outreach, how he joined Outreach about a month and a half before," Friedman said of his friend. "I went to Outreach a couple of weeks later and met a bunch of people there — they were all really welcoming."

He told his friends and roommate he was gay several weeks later, and he also told his family — under rather unfavorable circumstances. Friedman hesitated in a phone conversation when his mother questioned him about his sexuality, and his parents subsequently drove to Notre Dame in the middle of the night from Crown Point, Ind.

They arrived after parietals, and Friedman said his rector was "not very understanding at all."

"I went down and explained to him sort of what had happened and explained to him they were coming and ... we needed somewhere to talk," Friedman said.

His rector suggested they go outside or to LaFortune, but, Friedman said, the discussion he anticipated was "not one of those conversations you want to have outside Burger King."

"He pretty much sent me away, told me he was too busy," Friedman said.

So Friedman walked with his parents around campus and the lakes, and they accepted his homosexuality reluctantly but fairly well.

Most of all, though, Friedman's fellow students were the ones who proved overwhelmingly accepting, he said. "It was pretty much a very welcoming thing," Friedman said. "I never had any problems."

When he told his roommate, for example, Friedman said the situation was slightly awkward for about a day, but after that his roommate accepted the fact and moved on. When he told his two sophomore year roommates, Friedman said one was slightly more hesitant, but the other set the tone, saying, "You were our friend before, you're our friend now; I agreed to room with you before, I'm rooming with you now."

And he has found that atmosphere of acceptance to be lasting and even increasing on campus. Since Friedman's freshman year, he said OutreachND membership has largely decreased. He believes this is because fewer people are in need of its support structure now that other avenues, such as coffee hours sponsored by the Standing Committee for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students, have been established.

"The attitude on campus seemed to be that a lot of people seemed to be much more comfortable," Friedman said of his senior year. "People didn't seem to be having problems. ... People were starting to come into Notre Dame being out. People started coming out younger just as a whole."

But Friedman maintains that multiple support structures, including those provided by OutreachND, are absolutely necessary. He cites his junior year, which he spent abroad in Rome and was the only gay student among the Notre Dame group. The separation from Outreach ND left him feeling isolated and detached.

"I guess if you spent your time with all gay people, you'd eventually feel it, too," Friedman said of heterosexuals.

So he looked for a gay bar, discovered one, paced around outside for awhile and then sat down across the street.

"I was scared to go in ... people would look at me if they went in and out," Friedman laughed. "But just being there — just walking down towards it — I could see gay people. And if it just made me so much happier."

That experience made him more committed to providing support to other homosexual students on campus when he returned. He ran for the OutreachND board and got elected. It's too easy, Friedman said, to move on once you have accepted your orientation and forget about the support structures that facilitated your adjustment.

"If you do that," Friedman said, "there's no one left to help the next person."

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A NON-CATHOLIC STUDENT

"Though I don't believe in Jesus as a savior in the Catholic sense, I can still look at Touchdown Jesus and be reminded of all those who were persecuted for beliefs. But the crucifixes in every room are kind of creepy..."

STORY BY AMANDA MICHAELS

Notre Dame students have probably passed Christy Ruggiero's church dozens of times without noticing it. The First Unitarian sits on the corner of Indiana 933 and North Shore Drive, simple and unimposing amidst the bustle of South Bend traffic — much like Ruggiero herself who is a quiet breach of the norms of belief at an overwhelmingly Catholic university.

Though Ruggiero harbors some suspicion that her grandmother secretly had her baptized, she has been a practicing Unitarian Universalist for over 10 years.

The daughter of a former Catholic and a disillusioned Dutch Reformist, both Ruggiero's parents rejected their respective religions at a young age, largely leaving her to her own beliefs.

After her parents' divorce, she and her mother joined a new faith community — one made up of a diverse group of people who lost touch with their own religion, or just sought acceptance.

A largely tolerant religion, as described by Ruggiero, Unitarian Universalism functions on the tenets that there is just one all-loving, all-powerful God who is not divided into the Trinitarian Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Ruggiero said there is salvation for everyone because "such a God would never create the race of Men just to damn them to Hell."

Besides those basic ideals, the practices of the church celebrate the teachings and holidays of a wide variety of faiths, as Ruggiero discovered when her religious education classes examined Buddhism, Islam, voodoo and traditional Protestantism.

"At first, I was a little confused by this new world view and got very angry. I had always thought the Holy Wars were fought over huge difference, but there I was, 12 years old, realizing that Jesus, a man that tried to bring the church together, was causing all of this violence and death," she said.

Coming to Notre Dame was a difficult choice for Ruggiero, for she feared how she would be accepted on the strongly traditional, conservative campus.

"My father is a physics professor [at Notre Dame], so I came for the free tuition and the academics," said Ruggiero. "But I was unsure at first. I have a friend at the University of Indianapolis, which is Methodist, who was singled out for not worshipping with them. Though that didn't happen to me here, Catholicism was uncomfortable for me freshman year, because of my lack of exposure to it."

Three years later, she has gained a deep respect for the religion and the attractions of what she calls "the Catholic Disneyland". "Though I don't believe in Jesus as a savior in the Catholic sense, I can still look at Touchdown Jesus and be reminded of all those who were persecuted for beliefs," she said. "But the crucifixes in every room are kind of creepy, because in my church, we focus on Jesus' life, not his death."

Only once in her years at Notre Dame has anyone ever directly insulted Ruggiero's beliefs, questioning whether it was a "real religion."

"That had never happened to me before, and it moved me to tears," she said. "People are pretty tolerant, but I just want them to realize that we're not some tiny little bizarre sect. So, we don't believe in the Trinity or Hell. When it comes down to it, the differences between our religions are really not that big."

Ruggiero chooses to go off-campus to mass when she can, saying that her services are "very different from the inter-faith services provided by the University." She also thinks that students would benefit from the opportunity to go to a Unitarian mass on-campus, even if only once a year.

"A mass would give students an opportunity to experience different beliefs, especially if they're not from a background like mine," she explained. "It breaks my heart to see some of the intolerance on campus that stems from simple misunderstandings about things like homosexuality. Why not try to expose students to these new ideas while they're still in college?"
THE JEWISH PROFESSOR

"What Notre Dame does not seem to address ... and I can see the reasons, is the question of religious diversity."

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Walking down a second-floor corridor of Malloy Hall, there are so many office placards with the letters “CSC” following the occupants’ names that it’s easy to stop paying attention to the abbreviation for the Congregation of the Holy Cross order altogether.

But another religious man shares the same floor as these priests — Michael Signer, a theology professor and rabbi who has been working to advance Jewish-Catholic dialogue at Notre Dame for the past decade.

Before knowing about his life and work, it might be difficult to imagine what exactly a Jewish professor from the West Coast is doing in Notre Dame at a school that is more than 80 percent Catholic. For this medieval studies scholar, however, the move to Notre Dame made perfect sense.

"I think we were looking for an adventure," Signer said regarding he and his family’s decision. "I was looking for somewhere where I could use the whole Latin side of what I was doing."

Signer grew up in Los Angeles in a community with a rich variety of religious traditions that coexisted well together.

"I lived in a kind of multiracial, multi-religious area. We got along," he said. "L.A. in the 1950’s was a very open place."

From a young age, Signer took advantage of his backyard’s religious pluralism and worked to bring together people of different traditions. As the president of his synagogue’s high school youth group, for example, Signer organized an interfaith program with students from the Buddhist temple and Catholic, Methodist and African-American churches.

After earning his undergraduate degree at UCLA, two priests whom he became friends with and a Vatican II document — “Nostra Aetate” — which affirmed a more positive relationship with non-Christian religions, drew him toward Catholicism in particular, a religion whose tradition of intellectualism he had always admired.

Signer earned his Ph.D. at the University of Toronto’s Center for Medieval Studies. There, he worked with Father Leonard Boyle, and the student and professor became friends.

"He was the best teacher I’ve ever seen in my life," he said of his mentor. "I was the first rabbi he had ever met and he was the first priest I had talked to in an in-depth level."

The experience set the tone for how Signer envisioned communication between members of different faiths.

"He was who he was and I was who I was," he said. "He respected me in the fullness of what I was and I respected him for who he was. I learned so much from him."

Later, Signer returned to Los Angeles and worked with Monsignor Royale Vadakin, the Ecumenical Officer for the archdiocese. Vadakin was impressed with his work and Signer admired the monsignor’s enthusiasm and energy. Signer’s work also caught the attention of a Notre Dame faculty member who invited the rabbi to attend a conference at the University on “Nostra Aetate” in 1985.

Signer said he was received warmly by the Notre Dame community. After the conference, he accepted an offer for a year-long fellowship at the University and he came to Notre Dame permanently in 1992.

Signer uses his time here to expose mostly Catholic students to other religious faiths and traditions, and he distinguishes the general concept of diversity from what he believes its definition to be at Notre Dame.

"When Notre Dame talks about diversity it’s about ethnic and racial cultural diversity among Catholics," he said. "What Notre Dame does not seem to address ... and I can see the reasons, is the question of religious diversity."

Signer can relate to concerns among some members of the University who are wary of promoting religious diversity and said similar hesitations exist within Jewish communities. After all, many Catholic parents — like their Jewish counterparts — send their children to a religious institution to grow in their own faith, or at least meet a future husband or wife with a strong religious background, he said with a smile.

"In many ways there is a resonance between what’s going on here and what’s going on within the Jewish community," he said. "The fear is that if you open the window too wide you dilute the specific claims of your own community. How can we do things that open up doors without opening up the floodgates?"

Signer said that he views Notre Dame as a parish and approaches efforts to promote religious diversity here with that idea in mind. He believes that students here can be exposed to other faiths without compromising or endangering their own. He and his wife Betty take a group of students to the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland every other summer, and he teaches courses on campus that focus on the historical relationship between Jews and Catholics.

"I have to deliver a lot of bad news to my students," he said. "I don’t tell them this to demean the faith community of which they are a part."

Rather, he said, an understanding of the past can facilitate better relationships in the present. Students and members of the Notre Dame community have been supportive of his efforts and presence on campus, Signer said, citing a request from a freshman to discuss his perspective of “Nostra Aetate” as an example. He praised the work of Pope John Paul II in seeking forgiveness for his Church’s prior transgressions against other faiths and emphasis on the value of other religions.

"You can’t have reconciliation without penitence and you can’t have penitence without reflection," Signer said. "At the core of Catholicism is reconciliation and love."

Despite progress in promoting education in different religions and the support of the University community, Signer still sees some problems at Notre Dame.

He said the fact that the University’s calendars don’t include the dates of the other major religious holidays often means that meetings or events get scheduled on Jewish or Muslim holy days. He feels frustrated and detached from the Notre Dame family, he added, during remnants that take place on campus for the anniversary of September 11 because they’re centered on Catholic tradition.

"All public observances at Notre Dame are Catholic observances — there’s the rosary and the Mass," he said. "That’s when I realize how alone those of us who are spiritual people of other faiths are here."

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Michael Singer

STORY BY ANDREW THAGARD

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THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

"I believe in general people should just be well rounded and experience as many things as they can. If they can grab more experiences ... they're better off."

When Emily Chin entered Notre Dame, she was told that diversity was "an experiment."

"That was disheartening," said Chin, the first female Asian student body vice president.

"Because diversity should never be an experiment."

Experience, to Chin, is a much better word than experiment. An active member of the Asian American Association, she believes that diversity events organized by multicultural clubs offer good opportunities for further fostering of open-mindedness. The sophomore plans to use her position in student government to help promote these events, such as Asian Allure.

"We have enough diversity events; we just need to enhance them," Chin said. "Promoting other ethnic shows on campus will remind people to be open-minded — to not close the door to opportunities that you can gain by talking to other people."

"People should just be well-rounded and experience as many things as they can," she said. "If they can grab more experiences ... they're better off."

During her own two years at the University, Chin said shared experience has played a major role in her best interpersonal relationships and her overall positive encounter with the institution.

"I've been surrounded by people who are open-minded and love to share with me their experiences and want to learn about me," she said.

Chin said her time on campus has helped her decide that other facets of the University should be promoted to draw students from all types of backgrounds and to make students more open-minded to the experiences of others.

"I hope we will promote other aspects of the school so we can attract other types of students," she said.

As the second-highest student government official, Chin has had a chance to voice these views. Appointed to the position in January, she works closely with student body president Jeremy Lao, who took his own spot in the University's history when he became the first Asian to hold that office.

And Lao, too, stressed the importance of open-mindedness and firsthand experience. He, however, placed greater emphasis on the need for improvements in these areas.

"The great friends I've had ... have just been excellent guys, and I think we're friends because we like each other as people," he said.

"The fact that we want to get to know each other on that level has made my experience a good one.

"I think at the same time, my experiences could have been better if there was more open-mindedness," Lao said. "I guess there are some nuances that are unique to me and aren't caught by other students."

But an enormously positive stride toward a broader mindset came, Lao said, when two minority students — he and Chin — stepped into the most well-known student positions on campus.

"It's almost like saying that we made a big step forward when we elected the first female [student body] president," Lao said. "It's similar to that. It is a step that shows the students are willing to be open-minded."

And Lao said he will try to implement that increased tolerance, understanding and firsthand knowledge by using the power of the student union, echoing Chin's enthusiasm for events and shared, multicultural participation.

"Student government will have to help clubs champion their events or activities," Lao said.

Both the president and vice president have numerous ideas about their hopes for the future of diversity at the University. Both want minorities to have a greater presence on campus and become more involved, and, once again, Lao reaffirmed the importance of shared experience between people of all races, backgrounds and religions.

"I want whoever comes in ... to maintain their identity — whoever they are — and to share," Lao said.

STORY BY MAUREEN REYNOLDS

Jeremy Lao
Emily Chin

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ND SWIMMING

Irish hope to splash in New York

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

The Irish are ready. And they're bringing all the necessary tools. The men's swimming and diving team hopes to take home its first Big East title when it invades the Nassau Coliseum Aquatic Center in East Meadow, N.Y. to compete in the three-day 2004 Big East Championships Thursday through Saturday.

"We're going in there with a lunch bucket and a lantern because it is going to take us all day and all night," head coach Tim Welsh said. "We're going to keep working at it.

The squad has met with a significant degree of success at the annual Big East Championships in recent years. After finishing second in 1999 and 2000, the Irish (8-7) have finished fourth each of the past three years, landing behind Pittsburgh, Virginia Tech and Rutgers.

Provided that Notre Dame remains competitive, Welsh believes the Irish have a chance to make a splash in the standings and break the string of four place finishes.

"We're balanced and we're deep," Welsh said. "We have a lot of people at about the same speed and that..." see MEN/page 19

SMC BASKETBALL

Creachbaum scores 18 to beat Kalamazoo

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

A strong first half and solid defense throughout the game proved to be key for the Belles Wednesday night, as they defeated Kalamazoo 64-59.

Led by Emily Creachbaum and Maureen Bush, the Belles controlled the pace for most of the game and improved their record to 7-17 overall and 2-11 in MIAA conference play.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles seek the MIAA title

Preparation for championships will combine training, rest

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

At the end of their season, the Belles find themselves in a catch-22. As Saint Mary's heads into the MIAA Championships this weekend, the team must try to achieve a balance between training and rest. Finding this equilibrium could not redeem the team's 0-6 MIAA conference record. It could also establish Saint Mary's as a threat at the championships.

Furthermore, success at the MIAA Championships would erase the memory of a year that has been eclipsed by the loss of a top swimmer and several injuries.

Kalamazoo forward Ashley Riley, the Belles went on a tear, going on a 10-0 run including two wide open threes from Creachbaum. Creachbaum played outstandingly for her third consecutive game, scoring 18 points on 7 of 13 shooting and grabbing 11 rebounds. She faced tough defense defense all game, and Kalamazoo (13-11, 5-8) did a great job of keeping the ball out of her hands down low.

After leading 29-23 at half-time, the Belles went cold to start the second half and Kalamazoo went on a 15-0 run. Creachbaum's two free throws with 12:10 remaining snapped the Kalamazoo hot run.

Sophomore Doug Baum brings expertise in the backstroke.

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The team is also carrying on its tradition of pairing swimmers as "psych partners," which gives each swimmer a person to depend upon in the weeks leading up to the conference meet and bolsterers the entire team's confidence.

The coaches have also kept an eye on each other's physical and mental well-being as tension as the meet increases.

"It is not so much the competition we have to worry about," Petcoff said. "It is having to watch the girls put so much pressure on themselves."

In addition, the swimmers have to concentrate on individual races instead of worrying over the entire meet. The Belles view each competition as an occasion for individuals to do their best for the team. The team hopes for a strong..." see SMC/page 22

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Jacqueline Batteast could win Naismith

The junior forward is a finalist to win the National Player of the Year award.

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