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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Student Affairs refuses to endorse play

Topic sparks question of CLC influence

By MADDIE HANNA
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Backlash from The Vagina Monologues dominated discussion at the Campus Life Council meeting Monday, a topic that sparked questions about the group’s overall ability to make an impact on campus.

In response to the resolution passed in support of V-Day and The Vagina Monologues at the Feb. 14 CLC meeting, Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, sent a letter to the committee stating the Office of Student Affairs did not endorse the proclamation or “the activities of an unrecognized student group.”

While Poorman said in the letter that “the University embraces the larger goals of the V-Day campaign and calls every member of this community to participate in making our campus a ‘rape- and violence-free zone,’” he also said The White House confirmed George W. Bush’s visit to Notre Dame as scheduled.

Former Notre Dame football captain and two-time All-American Dave Duerson deferred his court appearance on Monday for misdemeanor assault charges until April 28.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Too aware?

Violence against women. Heart disease. Animal rights. The death penalty. Eating disorders. These are all perfectly worthy causes and pressing issues in our society. And they have all become jokes to Notre Dame students because of the rash of Awareness Weeks that hit campus in the month of February.

It all started in January as the first round of Virginia Monologues hit the Observer. At that time the debate was fresh. Students debated the merits of the performance, its relevance to issues of violence, the Catholic Church’s position, and the position of women at Notre Dame and in the world.

However, by the time the Monologues were performed in mid-February, they had become at best a joke and at worst an annoyance. V-Day was everywhere. It put up plant posters in O’Hare Commons and told people to wear red on Valentine’s Day. Did we do that anyway? and brought in Eve Ensler. Unfortunately for Ensler, when she finally arrived, the campus was in a state of total apathy. Worst, female victims of violence, instead of being helped by usually charitable Domers, became the topic of no one felt like discussing any more.

Then came the other issues. The Queer Film Festival had to deal with a letter from a Bishop denouncing it, but it created little dialogue among the students.

Proponents of heart disease awareness got totally overshadowed because, like V-Day, they decided to have people wear (red) on Valentine’s Day.

The week after the Monologues commemorated Student Government’s Eating Disorder Awareness Week. No one seemed to notice.

A sympathy on the gymnodea in Sudan was held in Jordan Auditorium. Few students attended.

A group of national rights activists plead with seniors not to use sheepskins on their diplomas. People laughed. Finally, a series of lectures on the death penalty have arrived, but by then students were so burned out and busy with midterms that the discussion was muted.

It is truly a tragedy that these worthy events was to promote awareness, but it works when you fail. With all the issues jumbled together, and the students more interested in fear to be a bigot who doesn’t understand the problems of the world.” Instead of focusing on the issues being presented, students scoffed at yet another awareness week. To paraphrase the words of the Tommy Tucker, “We’re already aware! We can’t get any more aware!”

It is truly a tragedy that these worthy causes (some more worthy than others, but that’s a different column) could not be evenly spaced throughout the year but instead had to be lumped together and thrown at the Notre Dame student body. I’m thinking that the work after spring break, we should have Awareness Week every week. Perhaps then students would be more aware of the major problem of under-recognized Awareness Weeks.

We could put up posters and flyers and do a performance where people talk about their Awareness Weeks.

We could even wear green on St. Patrick’s Day.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Chris Khorey at chkhor909@nd.edu.

CORRECTION

Due to an editing error, a letter that appeared in the Viewpoint section of the Feb. 25 issue of The Observer, e-mail detailed information entitled "Oklahoma City Bombing: Two Fathers & Forgiveness" today from 12 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Lounge.

Marvin D’Lugo of Clark University will hold a seminar Thursday in 207 DellaTerra Hall from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. This seminar is in conjunction with the screening of "Te Maia: Edu­ca­tion/Hat Education" at 7 p.m. the same evening.

Stacked readings of "Dead Man Walking" will take place tonight from 7:30 p.m. to 9:15 in the DellaTerra Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets may be purchased at the PAC box office or by telephone at 774-631-2000.

PrepHealth will conduct blood pressure and body fat screenings from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Wednesday in the Grace Hall lobby. The wellness assessments are available to all ND faculty and staff and no appointment is necessary.

A panel discussion entitled "National Debate on the Death Penalty," will take place from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 Wednesday in the Hedges Center auditorium. The panel will feature Madison Hobley, found innocent of murder after serving 14 years on Illinois’ death row; Dick Dieter, Notre Dame ‘68, director, Death Penalty Information Center; and Bill Pelke, president, National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

Submit your information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information entitled "Oklawatch" to chkhoro908@nd.edu.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD BE A SUPERHERO, WHO WOULD YOU BE AND WHY?

Macarena Ivansevich
freshman
"Spiderman, because it would be fun to swing around the city."

Lindsay Dougherty
freshman
"I would be Wonder Woman because I like the costume."

Joe Jost
freshman
"I would be Superman because I want to work with Wonder Woman in her sweet outfit."

Jorge Villarreal
junior
"I would be Danigian. I would have Dablent's powers."

Trish Murphy
junior
"Bubbles, She does it all, flies, shoots fire from her eyes and speaks rapid Spanish."

Julie McElroy
sophomore
"I’d be the invisible man so I could watch men undress."

Daniel Uem, left, defeated Kevin Loria in the 150-pound weight class in Monday’s preliminary round of the 75th annual Notre Dame Bengal Bouts.

OFFBEAT

Nude man caught in cheese gets probation

MARYVILLE, Tenn. — A man caught by police last summer on his 23rd birthday running naked and covered in nacho cheese pleaded guilty Monday to burglary and four other charges.

Michael David Monn of Maryville appeared before Blount County Circuit Court Judge D. Kelly Thomas and pleaded guilty to burglary, theft, vandalism, indecent exposure and public intoxica­ tion. In a plea bargain with prosecutors, Monn was sen­ tenced to three years in prison but was given super­ vision probation.

He also was given a judicial deferral, which means if he stays out of trouble for the next three years the charges will be expunged from his record. Thomas warned Monn that if he violates the sentencing requirements, he must serve the sentence in a state penitentiary.

Early on the morning of July 18, 2004, Monn "was highly intoxicated, broke into the John Sevier Pool snack bar area, stole some snacks and did some damage and was caught naked with some stolen snacks," Blount County District Attorney General Mike Galgon told the court.

Kangaroo remains mystery

DODGEVILLE, Wis. — Authorities in southern Wisconsin have discovered that capturing a kangaroo in a snowstorm isn’t the hard part. It’s finding out where the animal came from.

Authorities recently gave up their hunt for the owner of a red 30-pound marsupial, saying its origin will remain a mystery.

The Iowa County Sheriff’s Office has given the Henry Vilas Zoo in Madison permission to keep the kangaroo, nicknamed "Roo."
COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

SUB, administration nominees approved

Student body president-elect Dave Baron shows support for newly-appointed officials

By MARY KATE MALONE

The Council of Representatives met briefly Monday night to approve two nominations for the upcoming school year.

The Council approved Jimmy Flaherty’s nomination for Student Union Board Manager. This will be his second year in the position. Student body president-elect Dave Baron told representatives that Flaherty will continue to bring new energy into SUB.

“We want Jimmy to take over as manager once again. He has a freshness with what he wants to do. He’s going to make SUB a brand name across campus,” Baron said.

COR also approved Liz Kozlow as Chief Executive Assistant to Baron’s upcoming administration. Kozlow, who served as chairperson of the Oversight Committee on the Student Senate, will begin her new position April 1.


Performer addresses gay issues

By KATE ANTONACCI

To kick off Notre Dame’s first Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning (GLBQ) Awareness week, local performer Bradley Bogaert spoke Monday about being a gay man in South Bend.

Bogaert, a 1979 graduate of Marian High School in South Bend who currently works at Truman’s Night Club as a drag queen, discussed coming out, gay bashing and drug and alcohol problems. He himself suffered from a drug and alcohol addiction from age 16 to 36. In 1996, he entered a six-month rehabilitation program, which led him to sobriety.

“I was doing drugs and thought I was the best entertainer there was,” Bogaert said. “But I have never been happier being sober.”

After discussing his personal struggles, Bogaert said he has learned to deal with the many societal struggles that come with being gay.

“They say being gay is a choice, I wish it was a choice,” Bogaert said. “I would choose to, and everyone’s going to have to deal with this. I’m saying this, be straight. There are times I love to be gay, but it really is not a choice.”

Despite these difficulties, Bogaert said that gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender individuals today live in a far more welcoming society than that of his youth.

“People today have so many opportunities that we didn’t have,” Bogaert said. “Still, I’m proud to be what I am. I love being gay.”

According to event organizers, many University officials and students expected to have Bogaert speak on campus.

“The administrators that I spoke with personally were fairly enthusiastic about it coming, as they realized he would be dealing with many taboo subjects that perhaps haven’t been discussed in a meaningful way,” said Chris Vierig, organizer of the Senate Diversity Committee.

“For example, it was very important for gay, lesbian and bisexual students to hear the story of a gay man who was addicted to drugs and alcohol but who overcame his circumstances to find his true identity,” Vierig said.

Several audience members seemed offended by parts of his talk, such as discussions about drug and alcohol use, gay bashing, prostitution and pornography. Others questioned Bogaert’s choice to call audience members to ask about their sexual orientation.

“Personally, my support of GLBTO rights has nothing to do with whether I am hetero or homosexual, it has to do with human rights and civil rights at large,” said Anna Gomberg, graduate student and co-coordinator of the unofficial student group AllianceND. “I think that student leaders working in this arena have a different responsibility to realize that this is a question that is really hard for someone who is questioning or closeted.”

However, the audience responded positively to Bogaert’s often humorous speaking style, which made discussion of difficult topics easier.

“It’s entertaining style is very candid and upfront, and his willingness to disclose his own orientation seemed to make that (sexual orientation) question a little more comfortable to me,” Gomberg said.

GLBQ Week came about through efforts by the Senate Diversity Committee and student body president Adam Istan and Karla Bell.

“Usually, people said it was‘difficult to get the University to approve Bogaert to speak on campus. The event’s turnout was greater than expected. Although the planners expected a core group of gay, lesbian and bisexual students to come, they said they were pleased to see many straight students attend.

“Overall, I think the University is, however, open to a multiplicity of opinions and welcomes numerous discussions so that students may engage in a critical thought process of their own beliefs,” Vierig said. “This, I believe, is at the heart of any university education.”

On Wednesday, other events for GLBQ Awareness Week will take place, including an orientation meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the La Fortunato Ballroom. Additionally, the Gamma Project, a play about the murder of gay college student Matthew Shepard, will be performed today, Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

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Congregation of Holy Cross

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Fr. Sura with Holy Cross priests and brothers

“Thanks to the favor God showed me I laid a foundation as a wise master-builder might do, and now someone else is building upon it.” (1 Cor 3:10)

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Notre Dame Leprechaun

Leprechaun

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Information Meeting March 15 @ 5:30 p.m.

Gym 2 (above Gate 10 of the Joyce Center). All are welcome — come see what cheerleading at Notre Dame is all about....

And Cheerleader Tryouts 2005

Men: No prior cheerleading experience required.
BOG members present Dr. Cyril Pulapilly with a check for the Salesian Fathers of India.

Boys and girls! We should know better to think such a tragedy was good, it gave us the opportunity to be humbly kind and to give. It gave them a chance to be kind to all of us.

"I used to think that the fact that we work in this field would be enough for everyone to have a chance to reflect on the event," Moran said. "I thought that we could do all this and it was just the beginning because we didn't know how. And now I think it's a different kind of beginning because we know."

BOG's goal of $1341, or $1 per student, was nearly doubled at $2610.10. White, Moran and executive treasurer Molly Welton presented the final check to history professor Dr. Cyriac Pullapilly. Pullapilly will pass the Saint Mary's funds onto the Salesians of Faisalabad, a new program that will help raise and educate orphans and street children.

"All of the student body cooperated and contributed ... we should keep up this spirit," Pullapilly said. "I thank you on behalf of the Salesians of Faisalabad for the people of India who will benefit from this."

"It's such an amazing thing. I am so proud of these girls for putting together a successful campaign. It says a lot about the ladies that come to Saint Mary's."

White, Moran and Welton also presented BOG with a poster that will be signed by members and displayed in the new student center thanking students for the funds they raised.

White also acknowledged Welton, whom White said put a large amount of work into organizing the fundraiser and helping it run smoothly.

BOG placed containers in each of the residence halls and other locations on campus to collect donations. A face-to-face collection effort also took place in a series of three "Night Knocks." Members of BOG went to each dorm room asking each resident for $1.

BOG approved a co-sponsorship through the Student Academic Council for three seniors and three freshmen from the Social Work Department to travel to Medin during spring break. The students will be attending the El Salvador Encounter where they will do service work and attend various workshops. A brown bag lunch presentation about their trip is scheduled for when they return.

In other BOG news:
- Student Activities Board will hold a "write the troops session" tonight at 8 p.m. in the Le Mans Lobby.
- Saint Mary's Alumnae will be on campus from March 14-20. Alumnae will participate in activities like Midnight Madness and will also attend lunch with current students throughout the week.
- The second part of the formal formal events are being sold this week. Money is due Wednesday and table signups are due on Friday.

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Director named for Master of Science Program

Special to the Observer

Thomas J. Harvey has been appointed director of the Master of Science in Administration (MSA) Program in the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame.

Harvey most recently served as senior vice-president of the member schools of the Alliance for Children and Families in Milwaukee. He also taught in a certificate program on nonprofit management for the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay.

Harvey's experience, network, energy, and vision will be a tremendous asset for the MSA Program and for efforts of the College of Business and Notre Dame to serve the needs of the nonprofit sector," said Carolyn Y. Holm, Martin J. Gillen Dean of the College.

In 1954, the MSA program was designed to house the administrative leadership skills of people working in social service organizations. The program was restructured in 2001 to include a core curriculum of courses on grant writing, development, financial management, marketing, accounting, human resource management, communications, writing, public relations, ethics, all tailored for the nonprofit sector.

Harvey, who has held a variety of positions in the social service field for 35 years, served as president of Catholic Charities USA from 1982 to 1992. In 2003, the Council on Social Work Education named Harvey one of the 51 leaders in the field of social work during the past 50 years.

Harvey earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Charles Borromeo College in Philadelphia, master's degrees in sacred theology from the Gregorian University in Rome and in social planning and community organization from Columbia University, and a certificate in nonprofit management from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

University donors were surprised to learn they would be asked to evacuate the Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts during a reception Friday evening due to a false fire alarm.

The Edward Frederick Sorin Society, which honors those who annually give $1,000 or more to Notre Dame, was in the middle of a function in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DPAC when the fire alarms went off and guests were forced to leave the premises until safety could be assured.

Manager of Guest Services Jacqueline Schmidt said the alarm went off at 7:39 p.m.

"Our staff followed all of our standard procedures appropriately and efficiently and evacuated the building," Schmidt said.

"Once we had accounted for all of our guests and confirmed that there was no threat to their safety, we brought everyone back in and resumed all of our scheduled activities."

According to Megan O'Hara, a member of the event staff, a special effect used in the play "The Laramie Project" caused the fire alarm. Since the fire alarm didn't go off, the event took place at simultaneous times in the building.

"There is a scene that uses fog, and apparently that is what set off one of the alarms below the stage in the Defoe Theater," O'Hara said.

Despite the inconvenience, Schmidt said the guests made no complaints and in fact gave compliments regarding how well the situation was handled.

"It shouldn't have caused chaos, but actually we got people repeat ed for the Laramie Project fairly quickly because the actors didn't miss a beat," O'Hara said. "The Sorin Society performance was almost over anyway so the people just finished with the reception in the PAC lobby.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran's nuclear secrecy criticized

VIENNA, Austria — The chief U.N. atomic energy agency's top official on Monday for delays in disclosing information about the nuclear program, saying the onus is on Tehran to overcome a "confidence deficit" caused by past cover-ups.

As Mohammed ElBaradei criticized Iran at a meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Bush administration suggested it was considering a major shift -- joining Europe in offering Tehran economic incentives to abandon its uranium enrichment program.

Russia, meanwhile, sought to dissuade concerns that Iran's nuclear reactor it built and will supply with fuel could be used to develop weapons. The accord signed Sunday is key to bringing Tehran's first reactor on line.

Bin Laden, al-Zarqawi plan attacks

WASHINGTON — New intelligence indicates that Osama bin Laden is plotting to launch new terrorist attacks in the Middle East. He has not been known to have his sights on America.

The Homeland Security Department issued a classified bulletin to officials over the weekend about the intelligence, which spokesman Brian Roebke described as "credible but not specific." The intelligence was obtained over the past several weeks, the officials said.

The government has no immediate plans to raise its national terror alert level, Roebke said. But, he said, the intelligence "reiterates the desire by al-Qaida and its associates to target the homeland.

National News

Suspect cannot be held indefinitely

The court found that the president has no power, neither express nor implied, neither constitutional nor statutory, to hold petitioner indefinitely as an enemy combatant," President Bush gave him in 2002.

Presidential Judge Henry Floyd in a 23-page opinion that was a stern rebuke to the government. He gave the administration 45 days to take action.

Concerns aired over Medicaid cuts

WASHINGTON — Medicaid would reduce access to health care for the poorest Americans, governors said Monday after meeting with the president.

Governors are very nervous about agreeing to an 18-year-old Terre Haute woman. Court sets convict's execution date

Bill益 Benefiel, 48, is scheduled to be put to death by lethal injection April 21 at the Federal Correctional Complex in Terre Haute.

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Wisconsin's proposal to cut some $40 billion from Medicaid would reduce access to health care for the poorest Americans, governors said Monday after meeting with the president.

"His budget would have a dramatic effect on the health care of millions of Americans," said a Democrat. "We must depend on the hands of the Iraqi people who believe in the new Iraq, and not on those bad elements that infiltrated the security circles and turned it into a problem," a official said.

Prime minister resigns amid protest

Lebanon's Prime Minister Sabahi resigns amid protest after his government was toppled by a combination of political and sectarian powers.

Syria remained silent about the rapidly changing atmosphere in Beirut, where Damascus ruled unopposed for five years, even deciding on the Lebanese leaders.

But the dramatic developments -- reminiscent of Ukraine's peaceful "orange revolution" -- and broadcast live across the Arab world could provoke a strong response from Syria, which keeps 15,000 troops in Lebanon. It also could plunge a nation of 3.5 million back into a period of uncertainty, political vacuum or worse.

Like their counterparts in Ukraine, the Lebanese demonstrators took their ground and held it -- they planned to stay in Martyrs' Square again Monday night. And like Ukraine, their movement had trade-mark colors: the bright red and white of the Lebanese flag, waved high in the air and worn as a scarf.

The White House welcomed Karam's resignation, saying it opens the door for new elections that are "free of all foreign interference" from Syria, but called again on Damascus to pull out its soldiers.

"Syrian military forces and intelligence personnel need to leave the country," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said.
Council
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Vagina Monologues was housed under an academic department.
"It is not and has never been the role of the Office of Student Affairs to handle these sorts of matters," said one particular speaker or events host.
"The department was not called," Poorman said in the letter.
Poorman also said he saw the CLC's resolution as seeking "to circumvent the process by asking the Office of Student Affairs to endorse the action of an unrecognized student group."
"This (Poorman's response) is no different," said student body president Adam Istan, who disagreed with Poorman's statement that the CLC was underhandedly trying to win the administration's support for a specific group.
"We're not asking them to approve a group, but to endorse an idea," he said.
Istan went on to express frustration with the administration's lack of initial support for the V-Day campaign by describing an explicit reference in the "situation report" from the administration to the "passing the V-Day inability to combat them.
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**Federated will acquire May stores**

**Associated Press**

CINCINNATI — Federated Department Stores Inc. plans to acquire May Department Stores Co. in a deal that would make it one of the nation's largest department store chains.

"We believe passionately that department store divisions have a very important place in the ever-changing, ever-changing retail environment," Terry J. Lundgren, Federated's chairman, president and chief executive, said Monday in announcing the cash-and-stock deal.

May's department store divisions eventually will be converted to the Macy's name as Federated accelerates its strategy of creating a nationwide brand that would give it pricing leverage with suppliers. The transaction also would bring together the operator of Bloomingdale's, which May owns, with Macy's Marshall Field's, Lord & Taylor and Hecht's chains.

Federated would not say how many jobs would be cut or what the company would do in cases where it would control multiple department store chains.

Analysts at Smith Barney estimated that 94 malls have stores with Federated and May names.

The company wants to hear what regulators say about whether and how many of the overlapping stores will remain open if sold, Lundgren said at a news conference in New York.

The combined company would have about 1,000 department stores and an additional 780 bridal and formal-wear stores. It would operate in every state except Alaska, along with Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia.

Department stores have been losing sales in part because young people regard them as the places where their parents shopped, retail industry analyst Kurt Barnard said.

"I wasn't advised by Scott Sullivan of anything about accounting," the former WorldCom CEO said he fancied about shopping and leaving his "Vogue"-covered footprints in fancy stores. It would have about 950 associates in New York.

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"When you have the [Standard & Poor's 500] index up three days in a row like we had last week, you'll definitely see some money coming off the table," said Neil Massa, equity trader at John Hancock Funds.
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sion this morning, so we'll see what transpires between now and 1 p.m."

Activity on the case could occur before this formal status conference, but Dueson chose to retain private investigators.

Tuszyński did not return calls seeking comment.

Dueson, 44, of Highland Park, Ill., in charge with two counts of battery and two counts of domestic battery in allegations stemming from a Feb. 3 incident at the Morris Inn on the Notre Dame campus.

All four of the charges are Class A misdemeanors, carrying a maximum penalty of up to one year in jail and a $5,000 fine each.

According to the prosecutor's supplemental affidavit on the case, Dueson supposedly struck his wife, Alicia Dueson, and pushed her out of their hotel room during the early morning of Feb. 3. Alicia Dueson was treated at a local hospital and released, the statement said.

The Duesons were staying on campus for the winter meeting of the Board of Trustees, a meeting that kicked off Feb. 3-4. Dueson, a trustee, resigned his post on Feb. 4.

Dueson is also the president of the Monogram Club, but University Provost Matt Storin said at the time of the charges that he expected Dueson, the 1960 Monogram Club Member of the Year, to resign that post as well.

Storin said Monday night that he was not sure if Dueson had officially resigned as the president of the Monogram Club but that he did not expect him to retain his position.

"We were told by his representatives that a letter was in the mail that he was going to resign," Storin said.

Dueson's two-year term expires in June, when John Cross, Dueson's replacement, will take over.

Storin said the Monogram Club is not involved in any formal activity until its June meeting.

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He is also founder and CEO of Dueson Foods, LLC, a high-volume meat processor for major restaurants and retail chains.

Dueson was the 2001 recipient of the Sorin Award from the Notre Dame Alumni Association.

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about it," said Ryan, "who couldn't understand how an innocent man could sit on death row for 16 years.

Ryan concerns grew even more serious after the Chicago Tribune released revealing statistics about the death penalty in Illinois. The information caused Ryan to believe the system was failing.

According to the Tribune series, nearly half of the capital cases in Illinois went back for a retrial, 33 percent of the defendants were represented by lawyers who were later either disbarred or suspended and blacks were sentenced by virtually all white jurors.

In January 2000, more death row inmates were exonerated than executed in Illinois and this moved Ryan to action.

"I did the only thing I could do," he said, which was to put an end to the death penalty in Illinois.

He formed a commission to investigate the Illinois justice system, and after his evaluation of this thorough two-year study, Ryan concluded that they needed to fix the system. But after wrestling with the facts and figures, he concluded that the system was, in fact, irreparable.

"There was no doubt that it was arbitrary, capricious, unjust, racist and unfair to the system," said Ryan.

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Associated Press

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Israel

Court orders case to be reopened

Associated Press
JERUSALEM — Israel's Supreme Court ordered the military on Monday to reopen the case of a U.S. activist who accused Israeli troops of shoot­ ing and seriously wounding him in the West Bank two years ago without provocation.

Brian Avery, 26, of Chapel Hill, N.C., was shot in the face in the West Bank town of Jenin on April 5, 2003. He was part of a contingent from the "International Solidarity Movement," a pro-Palestinian group whose activists often insert themselves between Palestinians and Israeli forces to disrupt military operations.

Avery said he and a colleague were wearing bright red body vests and were standing still with their hands over their heads when soldiers in approaching military vehicles opened fire with no warning shots.

Avery asked the court to order a criminal investigation, putting soldiers on trial. An internal army inquiry said his allegations were baseless, but the court ordered the military to reopen the case and take testimony.

"I'm just happy that the judges believe the case requires further action," Avery said.

After six reconstitutive operations on his face, Avery's disabilities from the shooting include impaired vision in his left eye and several missing teeth.

The army said Monday it regrets the pain caused to the Avery family and will follow the Supreme Court's ruling.

Avery's attorney, Michael Sfard, said the ruling "shows the military that even internal inquiries should be managed professionally and with care to get testimony from all sides, not just from military." This coerces the military to change its stand on things," Sfard added. "This is definitely not an out­ law." Human rights groups have criticized the military during four years of Palestinian-Israeli violence when army attacks that resulted in civilian casualties have been handled through internal inquiries rather than criminal investigations.

The groups say few soldiers have been tried or punished for harming civilians.

The military regularly replies that civilian casualties are unintentional, blaming Palestinian militants from operating in civilian areas.

During Monday's hearing, Justice Edmund Levy explained the rationale behind the ruling. With Avery seated in front of him, Levy said, "The man wants to know what happened to him. Surely you as a state, as a court, should want the same ... It's the least we can do."

Habitat for Humanity nears goal

Associated Press

AMERICUS, Ga. — Habitat for Humanity, the Christian home­ building organization, said Monday it is close to its goal of raising $25 million to build 25,000 houses for victims of the Asian tsunami.

"This is an extremely terrible tragedy, but we've had a tremendous response," Habitat spokesman Chris Clarke said.

Thanks to some large corporate donors — including the home­ improvement chain Lowe's Cos., as well as smaller contribu­ tions from individuals and churches, Habitat had raised more than $23 million for tsunami relief, Clarke said.

Lowe's donated $320,000 and raised another $60,000 by matching customer contributions. The Ameri­ can Red Cross and Disaster Relief Association of Israel each donated another $1.3 mil­ lion, he said.

Habitat, which has been working in the Asian-Pacific region for about 10 years, plans to focus its recovery effort on four of the hardest-hit countries: Sri Lanka, Thailand and Indonesia.

Habitat said it has beefed up its partnerships with relief agencies.

"We've never seen such devastation," said Maria Chomyszak, manager of Habitat's disaster re­sponse office, who visited India, Thailand and Sri Lanka in January. She said the tidal wave damaged or destroyed 130 homes Habitat had already built in Sri Lanka.

Inspectors find less E. coli in hamburger

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Fewer cases of contaminated ground beef infected with a dangerous strain of E. coli turned up in ground beef last year, even as the government increased its testing.

The bacteria, spread mainly when people eat undercooked ground beef, infects about 7,300 people and kills 61 each year, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The organism can cause bloody diarrhea and kidney failure.

Of 8,010 ground beef sam­ ples analyzed last year, 0.17 percent tested positive, com­ pared with from 0.3 percent the year before, the Agriculture Department reported Monday. That is a 43 percent decline.

Federal inspectors at meat plants also increased the num­ ber of samples, which had been around 6,000 to 7,000 a year.

Agriculture Department offi­ cials credited efforts since 2002 to have plants update plans for guarding against meat and changing plant operations after the government's Food Safety and Inspection Service has reviewed those plans.

"When you look at the num­ bers from year to year, I don't think it's a matter of coinci­ dence that these numbers have gone down," said Merle Petersen, acting undersecretary for food safety.

He pointed out that the rate of infection also has dropped. According to CDC, the number of E. coli infections declined 36 percent from 2002 to 2003, the most recent dates for which figures are available.

Caroline Smith DeWaal, head of food safety for the Center for Science in the Public Interest, said she is troubled by what the government is "not testing, which is imports, meat coming in on some plants and also much of the meat coming out of retail stores."

FSIS spokesman Steven Cohen said most ground beef is produced at plants and that retailers are increasingly buy­ ing already-packaged meat.

CDC officials say people can avoid infection by thoroughly cooking ground beef, avoiding uncooked meat juices and washing their hands.

Attorney general to prosecute obscenity

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said Monday he would move aggressively to prosecute obscenity cases, and laid out a broader agenda much like that of his predecessor, John Ashcroft.

In his first lengthy address since becoming attorney general in early February, Gonzales said people who distribute obscene materials do not enjoy constitutional guarantees of free speech.

"I am committed to prosecut­ ing these crimes aggressively," he said at a Washington meet­ ing of the California­based Hoover Institution.

The Justice Department is appealing the dismissal of an obscenity case in Pittsburgh in which a federal judge said prosecutors went too far in try­ ing to block the sale of pornog­ raphic movies over the Internet and through the mail.

The case initially was prosecut­ ed under Ashcroft.

Gonzales, the son of Mexican immigrants, said the Justice Department also would contin­ ue its recent stepped-up activ­ ity in human trafficking investi­ gations and prosecutions. Its victims are often aliens, many of them women and chil­ dren who are smuggled into our country and held in bondage," he said.

The trafficking division also is sending teams of federal agents to five more cities struggling with violent crime, Gonzales said, expanding a pro­ gram begun last year in 15 cities. Investigators focus on prosecuting people for firearms violations, which often accom­pany gang activity, illegal drugtrafficking and organized crime groups.

The cities are: Camden, N.J.; Fresno, Calif.; Hartford, Conn.; Houston and New Orleans.

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Watch for wild cows

Certain questions have fascinated humans for centuries: How does one recognize an unimpeachable, eminent and benevolent God with the existence of evil? What is the "good life?" Does the lost city of Atlantis really exist? What is the origin of the creature commonly referred to as the "cow?" Aha, maybe this last quandary was only fascinating to my high school cross country team as we traveled north across the bovine-rich state of Wisconsin. Trips to meets outside the Milwaukee city limits always included such picturesque scenes of farm ... after farm ... after farm.

After the boys had garnered all the insight they could into the female psyche via a borrowed "Cosmopolitan" magazine, entertainment invariably turned to making signs to put in the window of the van. Through this rudimentary form of brilliant expression, we were able to communicate with the rest of our teammates, who were dispersed in the several vehicles surrounding us on the highway. While the initial conversations were mainly limited to "Give us the Cosmo" and "Over my dead body," our veritable smoke signals soon took a more philosophical shape.

"Hey — where do cows come from?" someone asked.

In high school, sincerity is never a good idea, as irony invariably achieves better results.

"Come on man, didn't your mom ever explain that to you?"

Nevertheless, the inquirer persisted: "No, seriously. Like, have you ever seen a wild cow?"

The interchange quickly began to capture the attention of the rest of us. "Well, the Spaniards brought horses, right?" another voice chimed in. "So who brought the cows?"

The brain-bending escalated into a clamor. Of course, someone else muttered, "Who cares? I'm trying to sleep!"

Despite the din of these various opinions, a plan was soon formed and ready for execution.

Not two minutes later, we plastered our newest and most profound message in the van's window:

"Watch for wild cows."

"Now perhaps you already know the origin of our bovine friends. Or maybe you just don't care you livestock-hating jerk."

But our collective lack of knowledge about such a simple question pertaining to our common environment was startling.

Of course, humanity will always ponder the rhetorically-unanswerable questions. But on our quest for some holy grail of truth, I wonder, how many smaller glimpses of knowledge slip past us each day? I've never seen a wild cow, and I've never bothered to google the phrase. "Watch for wild cows." Looks like I just found another way to procrastinate before starting on my next paper.

I also grew up in the suburbs, where the only thing likely to be grazing the lawn in your neighbor's new fencing mower brought me to some midlife crises. Apparently, he never gets the memo telling him that he was supposed to buy a Harley. At one point, I scanned the basement hoping to find the cow and the mystique behind those demure bovine eyes. Or maybe we like to have some mystery left in our lives — room to create the elaborate tales and fables of our child.

In India, many Hindus view the cow as a sacred animal. And in Wisconsin, I don't know where it all began. Where is Waldo, anyway?

Katie Boyle
"or What It's Worth"
Meaningful debate finally arrives

In honor of Notre Dame’s first Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning (GLBiQ) Awareness Week, it is crucial to clear up any misrepresentations regarding the Notre Dame events that showcase gay issues.

First, as a former resident assistant, diversity educator and multicultural counselor, I can assure you that the Catholic perspective on homosexuality has bad, and continues to have, many variations in explanation. Hate crimes and other issues related to homosexuality, however, has been severely lacking on campus.

Second, the various people that have responded to Bishop John D’Arcy’s recent comments have highlighted valid points, ranging from D’Arcy’s historically prejudiced stance towards homosexuals in the priesthood to the Princeton Review’s naming Notre Dame the most homophobic campus in the U.S.

Third, we need to look beyond movements like the Queer Film Festival and GLBiQ Week, real and meaningful debate about the issues of homosexuality are finally becoming part of the Notre Dame dialogue.

Notre Dame, however, should be commended for its efforts aimed at fostering inclusion. The ND Queer Film Festival is an effort to provide a crucial perspective to the Notre Dame community.

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We need to make sure you have a better understanding of the use of state power in both countries in order to avoid making more haphazard false claims as you did in your column.

Ken Seifert
Graduate Student
Feb. 28

DRING respond to unfair
comparisons

In his column Monday’s The Observer, Joey Falco demonstrated a considerable ignorance of the political situation in both Russia and the United States with regards to a freedom and independence of the press.

One, President George W. Bush’s point was that when journalists in the United States are fired, that are done so by their employers. But as Afghanistan and the United States are fired, that are done so by the United States government. Either Falco completely missed this point, or he fails to see the difference between this and the case in Russia, where Putin has brought all television news agencies and most newspapers under state control. When Russian journalists are removed from their posts, they are done so as the behest of the government in Moscow. For all of Falco’s warning that the situation in America is analogous to Russia, he fails to provide any specific example where an American journalist was removed from his job under the explicit orders of the U.S. government or the Bush administration.

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Democracy on destructive world tour led by U.S.

As the United States continues to build and rebuild the new Iraq with help from the rest of the world, here's a fun fact about another little country where we just got done waging a war. Afghanistan ranks 1st out of 178 countries on the United Nations 2004 Human Development Index, according to a new U.N. report. That puts Afghanistan at the bottom of the world trash barrel of human conditions.

As we have seen in both Afghanistan and Iraq, fighting the war is the easy part of "building" a democracy. After it, the real work starts. This report shows that we are not committed to focusing on the hard work.

President George W. Bush announces the overthrows and elections, but what good are they when basic living conditions are some of the worst in the world? But worse, how should Iraqis feel about this? Where will our priorities be if we invade Iran? And then North Korea? Will Bush spend us with a demented domino chain of democracies?

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Comedic magic of ‘Seinfeld’ shines in first two seasons

By MOLLY GRIFFIN

Few television shows, or even feature films, have been as highly anticipated on DVD as “Seinfeld.” The first three seasons of the hit show are now available and have plenty of extras. Season 1 and 2 are packaged together due to the short length of the first season, and the extras are spread among the four discs.

“Seinfeld” is frequently described as being “about nothing,” and in some senses this is true. Instead of elaborate film sets, have been as highly anticipated the show’s creators, including writer Larry Charles, the creative duo of Seinfeld and David or the trio of Louis-Dreyfus, Richards and Alexander.

The commentary from Seinfeld and David, who has since gone on to success with his own show, “Curb Your Enthusiasm,” is by far the most entertaining. While the commentary from Louis-Dreyfus, Richards and Alexander is somewhat disappointing. They don’t really have much insight to offer and what they do have say isn’t really interesting or engaging.

The setup of the disc menus is extremely clever, as each one looks like a place or item from the series. However, they can be somewhat hard to navigate. The sound and video quality is much better than viewers would find when watching syndicated episodes, but it isn’t always perfect.

Along with the episode commentaries, there is a vast amount of extra material available along with the first two seasons. First, there are “Inside Look” for various episodes, which are composed of interviews with cast and crew that explain the episode’s background. “Master of His Domain” is a feature that spotlights Seinfeld’s stand-up and “How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Fries” details how the show became a reality. There is also a compilation of clips from cast members’ appearances on “The Tonight Show” and a photo gallery.

Overall, while the early seasons of “Seinfeld” aren’t perfect, they show the seeds of what the show would later become. The fact that everything — including had episodes — included shows just how much the creators wanted to please their die-hard fans.

The antics of Kramer (Michael Richards), left, Elaine (Julia Louis-Dreyfus), George (Jason Alexander) and Jerry (Seinfeld) can finally be found on DVD.

By BRIAN DOXTATER

The 77th Academy Awards Ceremony was certainly a memorable one, with more surprises and controvery than in past years. While there were some obvious winners who were expected to take home statuettes, many of the biggest awards were uncertain until the moment the envelope was opened.

As for myself, I predicted exactly half of the major awards correctly. In every category where I predicted incorrectly, I at least had the good sense to choose the eventual winner was deserving of the award, so I had narrowed the field down to two major contenders in each case — which was much better than the award ceremony played out. Although this was two of five, at least I didn’t think that “Ray” would win Best Picture, as New York Times critic A.O. Scott did.

Unlike last year, when “Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King” took all kinds of wins for which it was nominated, there was no clean sweep this year by any major film.

“Million Dollar Baby” overcame its dark horse status to become the major winner, taking Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actress, Best Supporting Actor and Best Supporting Actress. It lost Best Adapted Screenplay award to Alejandro Payne and Jim Taylor’s “Sideways.” It marked Barbara Bel Geddes’ last Best Picture and Best Director award (both for 1941’s “The Little Foxes”).

“The Aviator” took most of the technical awards, including Art Direction (Dante Ferretti), Cinematography (Robert Richardson), Costume Design (Sandy Powell) and Editing (Thelma Schoonmaker). Its only major win was in the Best Supporting Actress category; it lost Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor and Best Original Screenplay. Martin Scorsese once again walked away empty-handed; this was his fifth Best Director nomination since his first in 1980.

What won: “Million Dollar Baby”
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The success of this picture played out like its plot: a small film that nobody wanted to make suddenly rises to greatness, just as it follows a small-time boxer whom nobody wants to train as she rises to greatness. The low-budget, extremely intimate film obviously won great favor within the Academy voters, overcoming the massive, more glamorous and big machine to take home the highest honor. It was refreshing to see such a well-made, personal film take home the Best Picture Oscar, since the winners in the past several years have all been major blockbusters (“Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King,” “Chicago,” “A Beautiful Mind,” “Gladiator”).

Eastwood crafted a surprisingly affecting and powerful film and was rewarded accordingly. The Academy got it right.

Best Director
Who won: Clint Eastwood (“Million Dollar Baby”)
Who I said should win: Clint Eastwood (“Million Dollar Baby”)
Who I said should win: Martin Scorsese (“The Aviator”)

Ah, the irony runs deep and rich. It is only fitting that Scorsese lost his fifth Oscar nomination to actor-turned-director Clint Eastwood. Eastwood even chided that Scorsese should have won for Raging Bull, the director’s 1980 boxing biopic. Instead, Scorsese lost again to a director who made ... a boxing biopic. At least the 62-year-old director remains in good company — neither Alfred Hitchcock nor John Huston ever won a Best Director award. And as the 74-year-old Eastwood, who collected his second directing Oscar, he aged like a fine wine, getting better and more austere with age. “Million Dollar Baby” marks his second straight win after last year’s “Mystic River.” May both he and Scorsese continue to make fine motion pictures for years to come.

Best Actor
Who won: Jamie Foxx (“Ray”)
Who I said should win: Jamie Foxx (“Ray”)
Who I said should win: Leonardo DiCaprio (“The Aviator”)

No surprise here. This was the most obvious of the awards, as Fox’s impeccable music-man transformation was the unquestioned acting highlight of this film and one that will likely one day have a place with the likes of the “Wizard of Oz” itself.

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The success of this picture played out like its plot: a small film that nobody wanted to make suddenly rises to greatness, just as it follows a small-time boxer whom nobody wants to train as she rises to greatness. The low-budget, extremely intimate film obviously won great favor within the Academy voters, overcoming the massive, more glamorous and big machine to take home the highest honor. It was refreshing to see such a well-made, personal film take home the Best Picture Oscar, since the winners in the past several years have all been major blockbusters (“Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King,” “Chicago,” “A Beautiful Mind,” “Gladiator”).

Eastwood crafted a surprisingly affecting and powerful film and was rewarded accordingly. The Academy got it right.

Best Director
Who won: Clint Eastwood (“Million Dollar Baby”)
Who I said should win: Clint Eastwood (“Million Dollar Baby”)
Who I said should win: Martin Scorsese (“The Aviator”)

Ah, the irony runs deep and rich. It is only fitting that Scorsese lost his fifth Oscar nomination to actor-turned-director Clint Eastwood. Eastwood even chided that Scorsese should have won for Raging Bull, the director’s 1980 boxing biopic. Instead, Scorsese lost again to a director who made ... a boxing biopic. At least the 62-year-old director remains in good company — neither Alfred Hitchcock nor John Huston ever won a Best Director award. And as the 74-year-old Eastwood, who collected his second directing Oscar, he aged like a fine wine, getting better and more austere with age. “Million Dollar Baby” marks his second straight win after last year’s “Mystic River.” May both he and Scorsese continue to make fine motion pictures for years to come.

Best Actor
Who won: Jamie Foxx (“Ray”)
Who I said should win: Jamie Foxx (“Ray”)
Who I said should win: Leonardo DiCaprio (“The Aviator”)

No surprise here. This was the most obvious of the awards, as Fox’s impeccable music-man transformation was the unquestioned acting highlight of this film and one that will likely one day have a place with the likes of the “Wizard of Oz” itself.
The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Brian Baxter at baxs170@nd.edu
NFL DRAFT COMBINE

Clarett’s speed hurts stock

Miserable 40-yard dash might drive running back into draft

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — All that baggage Maurice Clarett has been carrying for years seems to be riding on his shoulders when he ran at the NFL combine.

Clarett expected to blow away everybody with his work Saturday. Instead, he might have blown his chances to get early in April's draft.

While fellow running backs J.J. Arrington and Ronnie Brown were running very quickly, impressing scouts and personnel directors, Clarett managed a 40-yard time above 4.7 seconds; because he was not among the fastest five, no official time was posted.

That's not nearly fast enough for a first-day draft prospect. Some runners, especially those with a history as cloudy as Clarett's, don't get selected at all when they seem so slow for the position.

"It was a rough one," Clarett told NFL Network. "I've been working so long to get to this day, doing better at practice, and I kind of mess up a bit. I'm frustrated. I've been working a long time, waking up at 5:30 and going back at 12:30 and then at 7 o'clock, and I totally hated it.

He certainly didn't make any teams think about drafting him in a blink. Instead, he claimed he heard the interview sessions with the teams, then hung the physical stuff.

"A lot of coaches said I was a nail, a wriggling nail," he said. "I thought they'd ask a lot more about what happened in the past.

Such as challenging the league's draft rules in court, winning the right to have a right to appeal late court overturn the decision, making him ineligible for the 2004 selection after he missed the '03 season under Ohio State suspension.

Or pledging guilty to lying on a police report after claiming $10,000 in merchandise was stolen from his car.

Or accepting benefits in college to which he was not entitled.

_or accusing Ohio State of arranging for a no-work, job and providing improper academic aid.

Or showing up unprepared for last year's combine.

Or not playing football in '04, either.

 Those things are on his resume, however. So is his spotty workout schedule Saturday in which he skipped several drills after his slow run.

"I think we all were as disappointed in his time as he was," Titans general manager Floyd Reese said. "It looks like he's in better shape than last year. It wasn't quite what he had hoped for. And he didn't help when guys around him run 4.4s.

That would be Arrington, of Cal, who ran a 4.48, and Carlos Rogers of Auburn, who turned in a 4.48 on either side of Clarett's poky pace.

"After two years out, he has to get the premium stop," Cardinals coach Dennis Green said of Clarett. "We don't even know how fast he has run before.

"If you look at the 2002 season, he can play football."

That's what Clarett hopes NFL people do until his personal workout in two weeks. And he might get the benefit of the doubt from some, such as Cardinals executive Rod Graves.

"I will say this, because there is a lot that goes on out there that you have to keep it within the context," Graves said. "Maurice Clarett, when he had the opportunity to perform without the distractions that went on off the field, performed very well. I think you have to keep that in mind when you're evaluating Maurice Clarett. That he is a good football player when his focus is there. And when he's on the field."

Maurice Clarett’s best 40-yard dash at the NFL combine this week was 4.7 seconds, earning him his position in the draft.

New coverage rules favor speedy cornerbacks

NFL policy protecting wideouts from tight play will impact draft

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Grab that receiver and hold on tight.

That's how cornerbacks covered wideouts in the NFL before last season. Then, after outrage over the way New England's defenders mugged Indianapolis' receivers in the 2003 AFC title game, officials were instructed to strictly interpret the non-contact coverage rules.

They did, and it worked well last season, not exactly hampering the Patriots, either, as they won their third Super Bowl in four years.

The upsurge in illegal-contact penalties had a side effect, because cornerbacks heading to the pros had to make a significant adjustment in their technique, as it will affect this year's draft crop, as well.

"It's different, because you can't beat them up and down the field like you used to," said Miami's Antrel Rolle, generally rated the top cornerback this year, "but that just means you have to be physical in the first five yards.

Rolle says that's no problem.

"For me," he added Sunday at the NFL combine, "I don't think it's a major adjustment because I try to do the majority of my dammiting on the line of scrimmage anyway.

"He'd better do it there. Even though most of the cornerback prospects can run with anyone — including the Randy Mosses and 6-11 inches of Johnson of the N FL — they need to upgrade their fundamentals before heading off to the pros.

There is no contact at the combine, in pre-workouts. So scouts and personnel directors must go by the college tapes, where coverage rules and interpretations are different.

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The biggest difference, of course, is the quality of who they have to cover. Wide receiver is the deepest and strongest position in the league. Guys like Rogers or Rolle or Jones played against top-level pass catchers in college, but rarely did they see one every week, in the pros, who might see more than one each week.

Army hero hopes for chance in NFL

INDIANAPOLIS — When Robert McCune hears football players talk about going to war, he just shakes his head.

Three years of Army service taught him how football is a game, war a battle for survival.

McCune earned a living on the football field with the Buffalo Bills and San Diego Chargers, a career that included two Super Bowl victories.

"I was there and I know how fast he has run before.

"If you look at the 2002 season, he can play football."

McCune was not even a starter for the 332-pound rock.

McCune endured it all so he could keep playing football.

His Army buddies found that funny.

"I told them that after the draft, I was going to go to college and get my degree, and they laughed," he said.

Now the linebacker might be close to making it in the NFL. McCune, among the 332 players invited to this year's combine, will be 26 by the time of the April draft, and he might be aloud to be selected.

"If the guy is a real good football player, you don't worry about it," he said of Clarett. "He can play football."

Robert McCune linebacker

"My plan was to go into the military and walk on at some Division I school."

Robert McCune had hoped to play in college at Alabama or Auburn.

The only schools that came for the gifted linebacker from a division II school, Alabama State, Southern University and Grambling.

So McCune joined the Army in 1999, and got to move with moving. During the next three years, he played Army football in Va.; Fort Stewart, Ga.; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Knox, Ky.; and Fort Irwin, Calif.

"I always have to look for big backers to match up with elite receivers," he said.

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**Women's Open**

- Venus Williams fell in the first round of Dubai Open.
- Williams, seeded fifth, lost 66 unforced errors in a match lasting two hours, four minutes.
- Williams' previous first-round ouster was to Barbara Schett at the 2002 Dubai Open. She also lost her opening match at Moscow in October 2002 to Magdalena Maleeva but after a first-round bye.
- Farina Elia had lost all nine of her previous matches to Williams since 1997.
- Williams' statement was in his first round of Dubai Open.
- Men's College Basketball.
- College Basketball.
- Mississippi State at Arkansas, 7 p.m., ESPN.
- Saint Joseph's at George Washington, 7 p.m., ESPN.
- Indiana at Wisconsin, 9 p.m., ESPN.
- NBA
- Sacramento at Charlotte, 7 p.m., NBA TV.
- Poker
- World Series of Poker, 5 p.m., ESPN2.

**Chaney suspends himself for A-10 tournament**

- Temple coach John Chaney has suspended himself for the upcoming Atlantic 10 Tournament. In a game last week, Chaney encouraged hard fouls that led to a broken arm for a St. Joseph's player.

- Chaney said, "But the unfortunate fact is that John Bryant was injured. I have taken full responsibility for my words and actions, and have apologized from my heart.
- Chaney apologized again in his statement Monday to Bryant, both schools and the conference.
- Chaney still coaches the Owls at practice, though he won't attend any of their games. Assistant Dan Lebowitz is coaching the team.

**In Brief**

- Irwin comes from behind to win Outback Pro-Am.
- The Owls clinched a tie for second place in the Atlantic 10 East Division.

**MLB plans to begin steroid testing Thursday**

- New York - Testing under baseball's new drug agreement will start Thursday, according to the commissioner's office.
- Lawyers for players and owners have been drafting the deal since they announced the agreement for tougher testing on Jan. 13.
- We're going to be in the camps testing starting the third of March; and I expect the language to be wrapped up in the next couple of days," Rob Manfred, management's executive vice president for labor relations, said Monday.
- Michael Weiner, the union's general counsel, said the sides hoped to complete the drafting before the testing starts. The deal replaces the agreement that began in September 2002.
The Office of Student Affairs is now accepting nominations for the Denny Moore Award for Excellence in Journalism

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Nominations are due by Friday, March 4, 2005.
Franco returns to Majors, becomes oldest player

46-year-old infielder is enjoying spring training with Braves

Franco

Franco's conditioning program is the stuff of legend. His narrow waistline and rock-hard stomach meld into wide shoulders and massive biceps. In fact, some skeptics — former major leaguers — have questioned whether he has what it takes to maintain such a physique at that age through entirely natural means.

Franco has always laughed off that sort of talk, saying he has no need to use performance-enhancing drugs. And no one can doubt his dedication to the game.

"It is amazing," Pendleton said. "The only other guy I thought could do it was Willie McGee. Even late in his career, he still had great hand-eye coordination, and his body weighed about the same as he came in.

But McGee was done at 40 after an 18-year career. Franco just keeps on going.

"It's amazing the great shape he keeps himself in," said Brian Jordan, no spring chicken himself, as he approached his 34th birthday. "He's an inspiration."

Jordan, a former NFL player, still remembers his first encounter with Franco, as a rookie outfielder going through spring training with the St. Louis Cardinals in the early 1990s. Before an exhibition game, Franco walked over with Juan Gonzalez.

"I thought a couple of guys from the Dallas Cowboys were sitting in camp. That's the kind of shape they were in," Jordan said. "And Julio is still in the same shape."

LaRoche, who platoons with Franco at first base, picked up some valuable off-the-field lessons on a rookie: things such as preparation and staying sharp mentally, even when you're on the bench.

It doesn't hurt to watch how Franco conducts himself at the plate, either.

"I learned from him that you've got to stay sharp, you've got to stay yourself, Period," LaRoche said. "There's a lot of ways to say that, but basically it comes down to this: Don't try to do more than you can do. Don't try to make something out of nothing. That's the biggest key."

Even Jordan, at this late stage of his career, figures he can glean a lesson or two from Franco.

"It's come to a point where you really know the game," said Jordan, who still has that football mentality. "He doesn't play like I play, going all out for every ball. You've got to pace yourself. Hopefully I can learn from him.

During batting practice, Franco sits atop a bench behind the cage, focusing in on the ball, studying the little nuances of each hitter, doling out subtle bits of advice.

"Stay through it a little longer," he tells second baseman Marcus Giles.

"When you go in, pitch a little left, he immediately turns to Franco for validation.

"Better?" Giles asks.

"Better," Franco replies.

But when a rookie goes up two straight pitches off the top of the cage, Franco shakes his head in disgust.

\[ \text{MLB} \]

\[ \text{Men's NCAA Basketball} \]

Pittsburgh's Antonio Graves celebrates after nailing a long jumper in the Panthers' 72-50 victory over Boston College.

Boston — No. 24 Pittsburgh impressively snapped a three-game losing streak and made sure the Big East race will come down to the final weekend of the regular season.

Chris Taft had 12 points and eight rebounds to lead the Panthers to a 72-50 victory over No. 5 Boston College Monday night. That kept the Eagles, who are leaving for the Atlantic Coast Conference after the season, from clinching a share of the Big East title.

The Eagles (23-3, 12-3) could still win the conference outright or share it if they beat Rutgers on Saturday, No. 15 Connecticut, which is a half-game behind BC, plays Georgetown on Wednesday and No. 13 Syracuse on Saturday.

Antonio Graves scored 13 points and Carl Krauser and John DeGeat each had 10 points and seven rebounds for Pitt (19-7, 9-6), which has beaten Boston College six straight times, including victories in the last three Big East tournaments. Pitt, which has been ranked as high as 10th this season, lost three straight to drop from 17th to 24th in the Associated Press poll.

Craig Smith scored 12 points for BC but, as a sign of the team's failure, airballed a free throw with 5:47 left and the Eagles trailing 59-45. The second shot hit the back of the rim and slowly rolled off.

For BC, the loss was shockingly similar to the one posted by its football team in the Big East final that knocked it from the lucrative Fiesta Bowl to the Continental Tire Bowl. Like that 47-17 loss to Syracuse, this one wasn't even close.

Smith hit a jumper in the lane to make it 64-52 with 3:28 left. But Pittsburgh scored the next 11 points, putting consecutive putbacks from DeGeat to make it 45-32. Pitt outrebounded the Eagles 49-27 overall and outshot them 48 percent to 31 percent. It was BC's lowest offensive output of the season.

Boston College won its first 20 games and attained its highest ranking ever — No. 3 — before losing two of its last three games. Another sellout crowd came to say goodbye to the senior class and Heisman Trophy-winner Doug Flutie just missed the hand, playing the drums on "Johnny B. Good."

BC went 7-19 without scoring while Pitt ran off 11 consecutive points — five from Krauser and four from Chevon Troutman — to take a 16-9 lead.
Tuck gets attention at combine

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Justin Tuck's decision to leave Notre Dame a year early became a lot easier when the Irish fired coach Tyrone Willingham prior to the Insight Bowl in December.

"I thought I would have considered coming back a little more if he would have been here," the defensive end said.

Tuck is taking part at the NFL combine with hopes of improving his draft status. He is projected as a late first-round or early second-round pick.

"He told me that I was ready and that the decision came down to me," Tuck said. "He wasn't going to pull me either way."

The last Notre Dame player to leave college after three years, Tuck is projected as a late first-round pick.

"I've seen him play, and he can make it, but every year we get X amount of juniors that don't get opinions about players that leave college after three years."

"I would definitely rather play defensive end in the NFL, but he would be willing to move to outside linebacker in a 3-4 defense."

"I would definitely rather play down in a 4-3, but I'm versatile and I can play both," he said. "I played linebacker sometimes this year in different packages that we had. Either way, I'm going to be a steal in the draft."

NFC coaches have varied opinions about players that leave college after three years.

"The top guys will be able to make it, but every year we get X amount of juniors that don't get drafted and they probably won't make a team," Lions coach Steve Mariucci said. "They can't go back to (college football) and they are far from graduating. There is a risk involved."

Tuck did not specify which events he will take part in at the combine, but he did say it was unlikely he would go through all of them.

"We hope the behavior changes and the number of teams will actually go down over time," NCAA president Myles Brand said in a conference call.

Most of the scholarship losses, which would be for one year, are expected to come in football, baseball and men's basketball.

"It's very embarrassing and it hurts our recruiting," Brown said. "It's extremely upsetting that the NCAA released something to the public when they know there are some flaws."

The new calculation gives athletes one point each semester for remaining eligible and another point each semester for staying in school. The points for each team then are divided by the highest possible total of points a team could score. That percentage is assessed a point total, with 1,000 being the highest. Schoools scoring below 925, or 92.5 percent, could face penalties.

The NCAA will use a statistical adjustment, similar to the margin of error used in presidential polls, to prevent statistical anomalies for teams with small rosters.

Correction to the scores are expected to be announced in April. The NCAA also will institute a yet-to-be determined waiver process to avoid penalties.

Points are expected to be notified by December of the final results, which also will include figures from the 2004-05 school year. Programs must take the penalties as early as possible and those that are far below the cutline now could take the scholarship losses next fall.

The 2003-04 data only gives schools an indication of how they are doing. Under the new format, NCAA officials hope to improve both academic eligibility and retention of athletes. Stronger penalties, including postseason bans for consistently poor academic performance, are expected to be enforced by the fall of 2008.
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**The Death Penalty in Illinois: Panel Discussion**

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mark was set despite being rotated between positions – Ruthrauff has played first base, shortstop and third base during her Notre Dame career. Ruthrauff might not be the best overall hitter on the team, but it's hard to find a player who is more well-rounded.

On a team that features a national player of the year candidate in Caiti, Ruthrauff has still done plenty to prove her worth to the Irish. In 2003, she was named a member of the Big East all-rookie team as well as a starter on the all-conference team. She repeated that all-Big East honor in 2004, joining six fellow Notre Dame teammates.

Ruthrauff is one of several Irish players from the state of California and was a prep star for La Serra High School in Whittier, helping her team win two Division III state championships. While at La Serra, Ruthrauff set the school records for batting average and hits in a season.

It was Notre Dame's atmosphere that led Ruthrauff to leave the sun of California for the harsh winters of Northeast Indiana.

“There’s just something special about this place,” she said. “When I took my recruiting trip up here, I realized right away that the people were friendlier and the campus just had this special feeling that I didn’t sense from any of the other schools I visited.

“I really think it’s one of those things Notre Dame has that separates it from the other universities.”

Despite starting the season 5-6, albeit against several highly-ranked teams, Ruthrauff believes her team will prove itself to be a formidable force this season because of its close-knit teammates.

“The camaraderie on this team is stronger than it’s ever been,” she said. “I think that we treat each other like sisters, whether we win or lose, and that’s really going to be a big help for us when we go into the postseason this year.”

You can be sure that Ruthrauff will do her part to make sure the Irish win more than they lose.

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Water polo sweeps weekend

The women’s water polo club swept all four opponents this weekend, defeating Western Michigan, 15-2, and Eastern Michigan, 15-4 on Sunday. They then topped Grand Valley State, 15-4, and the University of Illinois, 14-3, in a rematch on Sunday. The club is preparing for its trip to Cal San Bernardino, to challenge both the top clubs and some varsity teams in California.

Gymnastics

The Irish Gymnastics team traveled to Bloomington to compete in Indiana’s Big Bed Invitational this weekend. The Irish women led by Caitlin O’Brien, who finished fifth in all-around competition. Wendy Jo Svartvold also placed in the top five in vault, finishing second. The Irish finished seventh overall in the team standings.

Brian Dunn and Paul Kane were among the Irish men’s competitors, where they were won by Triton, with Purdue and Virginia Tech placing second and third. The Irish will return to competition on April 2, when they host the Clove Classic at Gymnastics Michiana.

Men’s Volleyball

The Men’s Volleyball team traveled to Northern Illinois University this weekend to wrap up the second half of their conference regular season and to compete in the conference championship. The Irish fell 0-8 to conference leaders. The Irish fell to 0-8 in conference play last year and were determined to return to the upper echelons of conference play. They accomplished that and more with a 6-3 conference record and a strong tournament showing.

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### Bouts

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in a split decision. Whiting fought well, but took too many of Hagan's jabs in the face.

Sophomore Mike Rycyna came out swinging right from the opening bell against Brian “The Southern Gun” Wierzen. Wierzen must have been shooting blanks, as he couldn’t seem to stand up to Rycyna’s attack. Wierzen was given a standing eight-count early in the second round and was sent to his corner twice to stop a no contest that kept coming back throughout the fight. The fight was stopped and the decision awarded Rycyna just 22 into the second round. Rycyna goes on to face Sean Galen Loughreigh, who had a bye.

160 pounds

The conference, a law student, showed that prospective voters don’t always need to use rhetoric and legal precedents to settle their disputes. He garnered the unanimous decision in his bout against sophomore Kevin “Captain of the Starship Enterprise” Hendersen. Hendersen started strong but couldn’t get his fists back up to warp speed in the third round, when Christorforetti took over for good. Christorforetti will next take on junior Mark Bassa, who earned a bye into the quarterfinals.

Adam “The Steel Ghost” Burns, one of the few southpaws in the competition, took a decision over Conor “Con-man” McFaully with a series of ferocious left hooks. Burns will face low生活 student “Excelsior” Henderman, who defeated freshman Hunter Land in an absolute brawl of a fight that brought the crowd to its feet. The fight was stopped numerous times as both boxers were bleeding by the second round.

Preston “The Punching Idahoan” Carter took a unanimous decision over Dan “You’re Only Going to Hear My Nickname Once” Olson. Olson recovered from a trip in the first round, but his late charge wasn’t enough to take out Carter. Carter will now face junior Daniel Liez, who made quick work of sophomore Kevin Lorin. Lorin managed to knock Loria down twice, forcing the referee to give Lorin two separate standing eight-counts, one each in the second and third rounds. The fight was stopped 24 seconds into the third round.

Tim “The Nevada Nailer” Udahle won a unanimous decision over Sean Wieland. Wieland tipped in the first round, but recovered to put up a challenge for the more experienced Udahle. Udahle goes on to the quarterfinals to face Bobby “The Polish Pistol” Gorynski. Gorynski managed to force Steven Barbera to take two standing eight-counts within the first ten seconds of the second round. The fight was stopped and awarded to Gorynski just 13 seconds into the second round.

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### Fights

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rounds. Beuzonka responded to a fan’s request to “do it for the fans” as he couldn’t seem to stall McCann, an off-camera sophomore James “Toaster” Russell was forfeited, as his match against Mike Rooney outlasted the day. Hennig knocked Jaeger down again in the second round, Hennig’s left hand knocked Jaeger to the floor before the referee called the fight.

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Sophomore Zach “Phat Junha” Jara unanimously beat Kevin “Big Red” Martin. Jara initiated punches throughout the fight, showing quicker footwork and better balance that avoided some of Martin’s big but off-balanced swings — almost knocking Martin down in round three. Law student Guillermo “Mighty Memo” Tijerina defeated his opponent, using a pin by falling Panchito in a split decision. Tijerina’s big, open punches made Panchito stay on defense early on. Although Panchito used his arm reach to fight off Tijerina, Tijerina follows him with his own hits, Tijerina’s offense never ceased.

In unanimous fashion, more than one Brian Tyrell beat freshman Jessee “The Brawler” Brawer. Tyrell bloodied Brawer’s nose in the first round and, though often on defense, stayed disciplined to record nice head and body shots. Tyrell re-opened Brawer’s wound later in the match, out-reaching Brawer’s punches. Though Brawer came on strong in the third round, forcing the referee to give the round to Brawer, the referee almost knocked him down, the early damage was too much for Brawer to overcome.

155 pounds

A 155-pound Super Welterweight class featured the quickest fight of the night, as sophomore Chris Calderone overmatched junior John Townsend in a RSC in an RSC. Townsend failed to respond to the referee’s standing eight-counts at the end of the first round. Calderone landed a penning series of left-handed jabs and hooks to Townsend’s head before the fight was called. Sophomore Bryan “The Mongolia” Grissinger defeated senior Brad Amir by unanimous decision. Grissinger’s constant display of aggressive jabs set up his attack against Amir, who spent all three rounds trying to set up his big right hand. Although Amir landed one shot that drew “Mongoose” blood, it was not enough to stop Grissinger.

MBA student and southpaw Brian Weldon overcame senior Joseph “Sweet Pea” Hyppig in an RSC 58 seconds into the third round. Weldon’s left hand delivered big punches early on as Schuppig wildly fought off Weldon and the two traded blows for a while. Weldon’s hooks finally fatigue Schuppig, who failed to block his exposed face before the referee stopped the contest minutes after Weldon knocked Schpushing to the floor.

Sophomore “Big Stevie” Wiggins’ butchers beat Sophomore Ryan “Souol Man” Smith who, indeed, hails from Seoul, South Korea. Hutchings, who was in control most of the fight, effectively used his longer arm reach to deliver his own jabs to Smith’s head. Smith was also on route to a unanimous victory.

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### Pirates

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right now, so I’m anxious to keep playing.”

And while the Irish are red-hot, the Pirates have struggled lately. Seton Hall lost its third in a row and fourth in five games Saturday at Syracuse. The Pirates shot just 15.5 percent in the first half, connecting on only five field goals, on route to the St. John’s loss.

The Pirates are led by senior swing player Ashley Bush, who averages 13.3 points and 8.3 rebounds per game. Sophomore forward Monique Blake also has solid numbers, averaging 11.3 points and 7.6 rebounds per game, while registering 1.5 blocks per game as well.

The last time these two teams met was on Jan. 2, Seton Hall was at the peak of its season, with two of its three losses coming at the hands of ranked teams. Notre Dame won that matchup, its Big East opener, with a 54-33 margin, but since then the Pirates have struggled offensively — averaging just 43.2 points per game in their last five games, and scoring above the 50-point mark just once, against lowly Providence.

Tipoff is 7 p.m. at Welsh Gymnasium in South Orange, N.J.

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**BENGAL BOUTS**

**First punches thrown at this year's Bengal Bouts**

*In 155-pound fight, Calderone defeats Townsend easily*

By JOHN EVERETT  
Sports Writer

Chris Calderone, a sophomore with a quick jab, needed little time to come away the victor in a match against John Townsend. The fight was stopped upon the conclusion of the first of three scheduled rounds. Calderone will go on to face Paul “Paulie” Pugliese in the second round. The junior combination was much easier for the 155-pound lightweight division.

Lawrence Sulley beats Mike Piery, prefers contest in third

By TIM DOUGHERTY  
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The first day of preliminary rounds for the 75th annual Notre Dame Bengal Bouts started off with a bang. The first match showcased freshman Lawrence “Sully” Sulley defeating sophomore Mike Piery. The referee stopped the contest referred to as an 82-27 Saturday afternoon blowout of West Virginia for Senior Day. The Irish have won 11 of their last 12 games coming into tonight’s matchup with the Pirates. During this stretch, Notre Dame has been led by senior Teresa Burton. Burton, named last week’s Big East Player of the Week, had 18 points, nine rebounds and five blocks in her home finale Saturday on 8-for-9 shooting. Burton, who has not missed a game in her four years at Notre Dame, was honored Saturday along with fellow senior All-American Jacqueline Batteast. Batteast, who is a midseason candidate for the Naismith Trophy and Women’s Wooden award, is averaging 17.6 points, 6.5 rebounds and 2.9 assists per game.

"I can’t even put into words what Teresa and I mean to me," junior point guard Megan Duffy said. "I don’t even want to think about what it’s going to be like next year without having my two sidekicks next to me. Their work ethic is something I’ve always looked up to.”

Duffy has run the show this season for the Irish, and is averaging 11.7 points per game and 5.6 assists per game. On Saturday, she had a double-double against West Virginia with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

"I’m really pleased," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We don’t want to lose our edge."

**ND SOFTBALL**

**Ruthrauff’s early season success comes as a surprise**

Irish record-holder has proven her ability to produce on offense

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The weekend did not begin as all planned. The Irish had already amassed an 0-4 record at the Palm Springs Classic and were in danger of going 0-5 as they faced a dominating Tennessee team with a 16-1 record and a No. 5 national ranking.

But after Meghan Ruthrauff came up to bat in the third inning and smacked a three-run home run over the left field fence, the team’s bunting bats finally came to life and Notre Dame knocked off the vaunted Vols 5-2.

Not that anyone should be surprised. Ruthrauff has a history of making the big play. "When I go up to the plate, I just look for something in my zone, and if it’s there, I swing at it," Ruthrauff said. "Against Tennessee, the ball just looked like a beach ball on its way up there, and I really think I’ve been seeing the ball better just in general this season and it’s really made me a better hitter overall.

"Already this season, the junior first baseman is hitting .276 and has four RBI, second on the team to senior Megan Ciocchi. But Ruthrauff has already put her name in the record books after having 54 RBI last season and placing herself second overall for the Notre Dame field in a season mark — Melanie Alkire’s 64 in the 2000 season is first.

Ruthrauff has also proven herself to be a patient hitter in addition to coming through in the clutch — in the 2003 season, she set the Notre Dame single season record for walks with 26. "When you see pitches well, it’s a lot easier to realize which pitches are ones you should lay off of," she said. "I’m a much more disciplined hitter this season.

And if that wasn’t impressive enough, she’s also ranks first on the all-time fielding percentage list with a .995 mark. And that