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STUDENT SENATE

Members pass FMB budget 22-3

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Assistant News Editor

After tabling the Financial Management Board's budget last week, senators on Wednesday approved the budget 22-3.

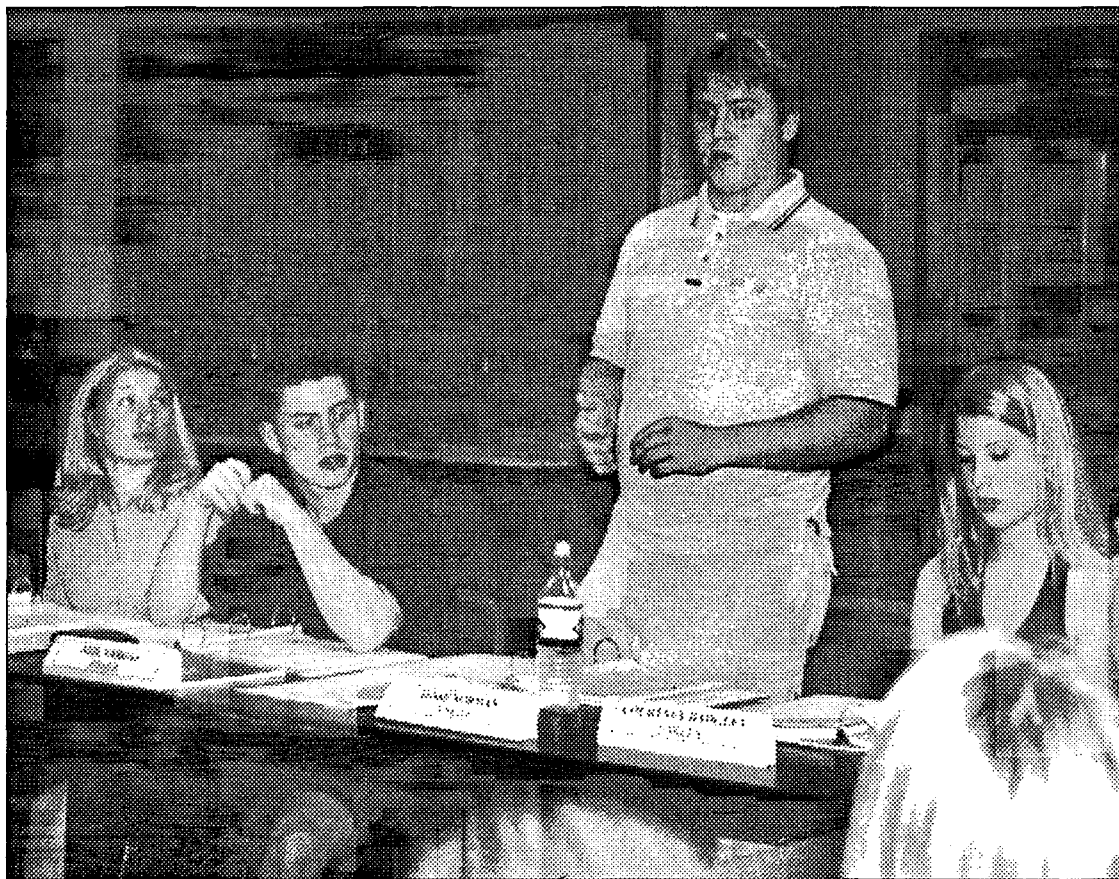
At the regular meeting, senators resumed their debate about how much money should be allocated to the Club Coordination Council.

Rick Harris, Siegfried Hall senator, suggested that an amendment be made to the constitution to deduct a \$47,000 rolling debt from the budget before the budget was distributed among student organizations.

"I don't think we should consider who did the debt but how it will affect students," said Harris.

Harris said by not deducting the debt beforehand, the CCC would receive about 39 percent of the total available funds. If the debt were deducted beforehand, then the CCC would receive the minimum share of the budget, 36.75 percent.

The concern held by Harris and Jesse Norman, O'Neill Hall senator, was that the CCC was receiving too large of a percentage of the funds that are actually available, while



LISA VELTE/The Observer

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

other student organizations, such as Hall Presidents Council, were not receiving sufficient funding.

Danielle Ledesma, Judicial Council president, said after reviewing the constitution, the correct percentage interpretation is 36.75 for the CCC.

"If you choose to take away money from the clubs, you will be in violation of the constitution," said Ledesma.

Pointing out that the April 15 deadline for approving the budget had lapsed, Norman suggested that if senators approve the budget, the over-

sight committee should review it.

"Keep in mind every single member of the FMB and every single club manager has approved the budget, and they are looking for you to approve," said Jim Ryan, the Senate representative to the FMB.

Ryan acknowledged that there is little time left in the school year to restructure the budget. He also stated that if the Senate opted to do so, they would discredit the FMB and call into question its process.

In other Senate news:

◆ Senators bestowed the title of emeritus upon former chief of staff Jonathan Jorissen.

◆ Senator Kate Schlosser was elected the Senate representative to the Advisory Committee on Academic and Student Life.

◆ Senators Sarah Bates, Blake Haan and Neil Vargas were elected as the Senate representatives to the Campus Life Council. Harris was elected as the alternate.

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SMC plans to break ground on center

By EMILY FORD
News Writer

The official groundbreaking ceremony for the new Saint Mary's student center is set for Friday at 4:30 p.m. on the Library Green.

"It was really a student-generated idea," said Vice President of Student Affairs Linda Timm. "Starting in 1997-98, student government began exploring the idea of a Student Center."

According to Timm, the project's first phase will be finished in June of 2003 with the construction of the new Noble Family Dining Hall. The Dining Hall will change its service drastically, preparing meals in front of diners instead of buffet style. The entire layout will also transform with new tables, booths and three small spaces that can convert into a large area capable of seating 45 patrons. There will be the addition of a private dining room, complete with its own kitchen, as well as a terrace area for outdoor dining.

"Clearly, the dining situation is going to get much, much better," said Vice President of Finance and Administration

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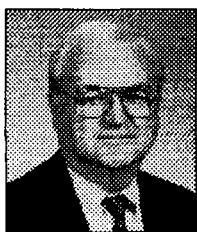
NEWS ANALYSIS

Priest scandal has several roots, solutions

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

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

The problem of sexual misconduct among priests and members of their parishes or dioceses has grown to the point where the issue is no longer about the individual crimes of



McBrien

priests, but a Catholic crisis, clergymen say.

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

McBrien traced the beginning of the Church's problem to the scandal in Boston, where former priest John Geoghan was convicted of child sexual abuse. The case generated a \$30 million lawsuit.

Since the rumors in January began circulating about the former priest's conduct, the media has picked up related stories involving the Church, piquing public interest in the scandals.

"When something significant

happens in the Catholic Church — whether the election of a new pope or a scandal of this sort — it's front-page news," said McBrien. "If the story is really big, with continually unfolding new developments, it just doesn't go away."

Campus focus on the crisis

On a campus recognized as one of the most prominent Catholic institutions of higher learning, Notre Dame priests are beginning to address the issue of sexual misconduct in the Church. Several clergymen believe now is the time for the Church to promote open discourse, as well as honesty about the issue.

McBrien has courted the media frequently to talk about

the Church crisis and its national impact. But he said Notre Dame should provide a forum for people to talk about the recent scandals.

"The polls show that the overwhelming majority of U.S. Catholics have lost confidence in the Church and its hierarchy," said McBrien. "It is likely that the same is true among our own faculty and student body."

The Washington Post reported on April 4 that seven in 10 Americans believed the Church "has been harmed by the revelations" of sexual misconduct by clergy, according to a recent poll by the Washington Post, ABC News and Belief.com.

Father Nicholas Ayo, a professor in Notre Dame's

Program of Liberal Studies, said people should realize that the problem of sexual abuse, should be treated as an illness but that students and the Church have a responsibility in addressing the problem.

"I'd like to see the issue truly, fairly, openly talked about," Ayo said.

He added that students need to better educate themselves on what the Bible teaches about sexuality and that the Church should handle the issues of sexual misconduct candidly.

"I think there was an attempt to hide some of this, to keep the bad publicity away," Ayo said. "And that, I think, is the bigger problem."

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INSIDE COLUMN

Mincing Words

It is interesting to see how things work out. Everything happens for a reason. I am sure of that. I tore my ACL in the 10th grade while running hurdles. I learned to find strength within me to heal and repair both the physical and mental aspects of my life, with the help of my friends and family. My bike, which was stolen in October, was recovered this weekend. I realized that I was doing too many things and relying on my bike so much that I was running myself ragged. Without the bike, I learned restraint and patience as I rearranged the tight schedule I had planned for myself this semester.



Angela Campos

Lab Tech

So what does this have to do with anything? It has a lot to do with how we look at our everyday lives and how we respond to the challenges with which we are faced and how we deal with how people respond to us. Life is a chain reaction. If we look at everything that way, we might smile more often, hold our heads up high more often and not be as worried about what someone might think about us as how they will take what you give them.

I have three calendars in my room that have sayings on them for each day of the year. The first one is about friendship. The second one is about God's love. The third one has inspirational sayings on it. If you would indulge me to focus on the lattermost calendar, there are some sayings I have found most helpful in the past few days.

In dealing with hard times, Confucius said, "Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall." John Powell said, "The only real mistake is the one from which we learn nothing." Eddie Rickenbacher said, "Courage is doing what you're afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you're scared." To me, these things mean that you learn more from going through times of trial. When you go through hard times, and you strive to make your way out of them, then you achieve and learn more than you ever could have if you had not had that challenge.

In dealing with situations where you don't have all the facts, Confucius said, "Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance." Lao Tzu said, "Those who know do not talk. Those who talk do not know." For me, these quotes refer to when you find yourself at a loss of information, to know when and when not to speak. Often by speaking you can cause more harm than good to yourself and the one's you are trying to support. At the same time, you must know when to speak and when to be silent. And you cannot try to please everyone or try not to step on their toes. We can try to mince words, fight about meanings, or even debate causes, but if we are truly knowledgeable, we will know when we do not know any more and when we need to be quiet.

I guess the quote from Goethe sums up what I'm trying to say, "Everybody wants to be somebody, nobody wants to grow." To be yourself, to be a fuller, richer person, you need to take chances, to speak up and to stay silent. You need to fall and get back up. You need to make mistakes, to fail, to feel horrid. You only fail when you cease to learn from your mistakes. Let's never fail, and only grow.

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

Thursday

◆ **Movie:** "Apocalypse Now,"

Hesburgh Library, Carey

Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

◆ **Play:** "The Life of Galileo,"

Washington Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Friday

◆ **Lecture:** "Religion, Repression,

Revolution: The Churches in Eastern

Europe and the Soviet Union Before

and During the Upheavals of 1989-

1991," Jan Kubik, professor at

Rutgers University, Hesburgh

Center Auditorium, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday

◆ **Game:** Softball vs. Virginia Tech,

Ivy Field, 11:00 a.m.

◆ **Play:** "The Life of Galileo,"

Washington Hall, 7:30 p.m.

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Penn State rally planned to 'Take Back the Night'

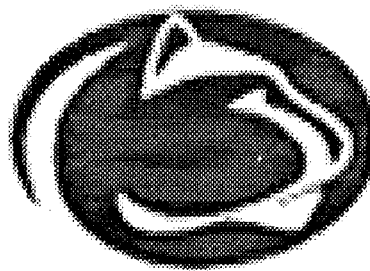
UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.

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

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

Sometimes, they have silently defied the whistles and shouts. Other times, they have drowned out the hecklers with their own chants: "What do we want? No rape! When do we want it? Now!"

Occasionally, the marchers have encountered problems along Fraternity Row. "'No means yes, take off your dress,' is one I remember," said Laurie



Rosenberger, co-director of Womyn's Concerns, her voice choking with emotion.

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

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

Women of Courage, a group that works to end violence against women. Her sadness, she said, was both for the women who had to endure the taunting and for the men who were doing it.

"Jesus, how did we get this divided?" she remembered thinking. "It made me sad for the guys who were doing it. I mean truly, how pathetic are they?"

But she said the harassment indicates the march's strength. "When people retaliate like that, they feel threatened," she said. "Obviously, there was a threat to their power, or their privilege, or their self or group identity. Anytime you deal with that retaliation, you're doing good work. You're pissing people off."

The periodic harassment along Fraternity Row, McQuaid and Rosenberger said, was not a reflection of all fraternity members, who often applaud, chant along and light candles.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Number of non-tenure profs soar

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

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

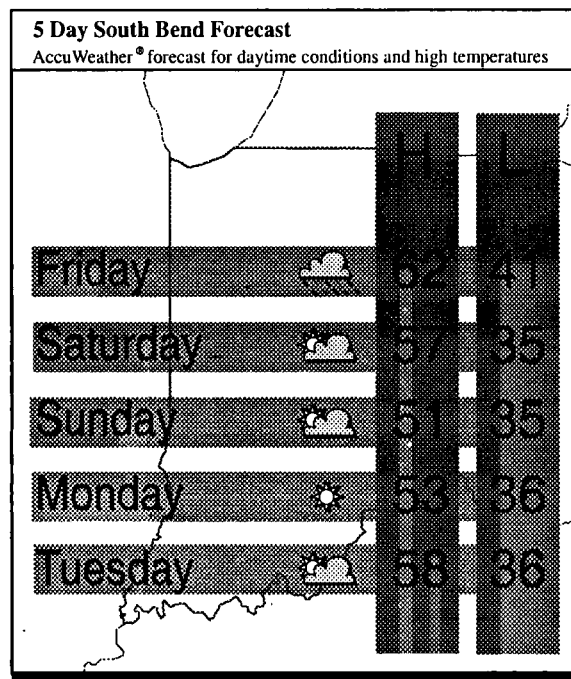
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

School's budget cuts not severe

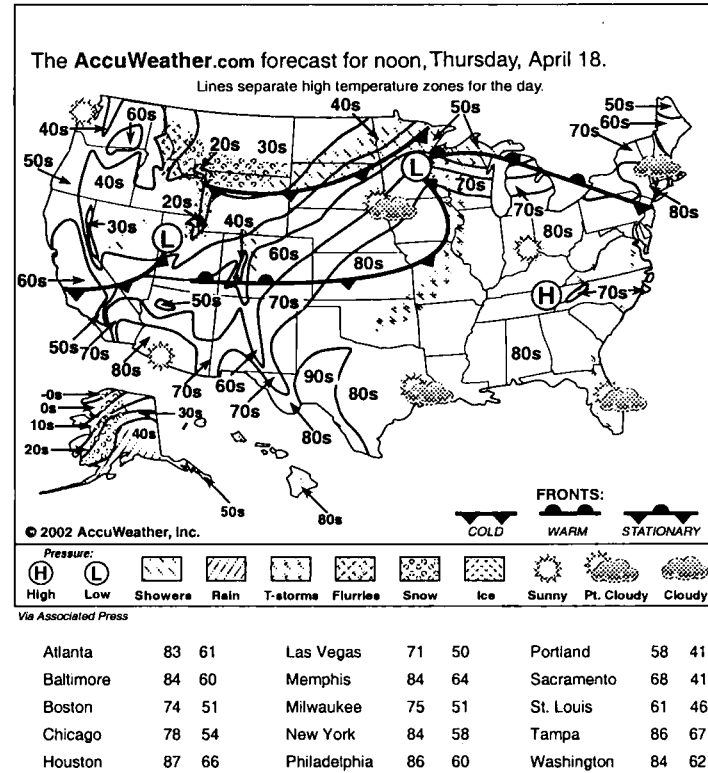
STILLWATER, Okla.

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

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Study finds binge drinking on the rise

◆ But ND surveys indicate binge drinking down in last five years

By JOHN FANNING
News Writer

A recent study done by the University of Michigan revealed that binge drinking among college students is on the rise, especially among undergraduate females.

But according to Notre Dame's Gina Firth, director of the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education, "Binge drinking levels are not up here. In fact, it has actually gone down in the last five years."

Although Firth maintains the numbers are on the decline, binge drinking is still a serious problem at Notre Dame and the efforts being made to combat the problem certainly need to continue.

"The levels are still problematic," Firth said, "Even though they are starting to go down, we still need to continue our efforts."

Firth's statistics are based on an online survey sent out to the student body that received over 2,200 responses, far more than the traditional mail survey that had previously been used. After analyzing these numbers, Firth said, "The numbers are down from five years ago, both online and in the mail."

The surveys look at student's perceptions of the problem on campus, in addition to their individual behaviors. Firth indicated that the perceptions are beginning to match the behaviors, which is a positive in that it helps to dispel the myth of a campus where everyone drinks.

However, Firth agreed wholeheartedly with the studies' revelation of an increase in binge drinking among undergraduate females.

"Women are drinking harder and faster than ever before," Firth said, an. "There has been a definite increase of the amount of female referrals over time."

"However, the number of women not choosing to drink is higher than ever," Firth added.

While there is a strong non-drinking female population at

have women competing with men on a regular basis," she said. "They are also trying to out-drink the guys."

Firth's idea was also seconded in the Time article.

"In recent years, however, some colleges have found a new cause for concern: young women who drink as dangerously as, if not more so than, their male classmates," the article says.

The article also cited college females who saw their high tolerance and drinking abilities as

"Our society is not getting any easier for women. It's getting more confusing as the traditional gender roles are getting more and more mixed up."

Gina Firth
director of Notre Dame's
Office of Alcohol and Drug Education

a "badge of honor", which they used to retain equality with their male friends in social situations.

"Our society is not getting any easier for women," Firth said.

"It's getting more confusing as the traditional gender roles are getting more and more mixed up. The stress of the new competitiveness with males can be tough on personal identity."

Overall, the problem seems to be gradually improving, as reflected by Zahm junior Jesse Fa.

"A few students engage in binge drinking, but in the end they normally learn their lesson," Fa said.

However, if the trends indicated by the University of Michigan study are true, there remains much work to be done in order to bring the problem under control. Firth urges any student who feels that they are having a problem with alcohol to contact the office of Alcohol and Drug Education for a free and confidential screening.

"Its an opportunity to slow down and get some objective feedback on the problem," Firth said. "We are really dedicated to helping our students. That's what we are here for."

"Especially in this environment where we have a traditional male curriculum, we

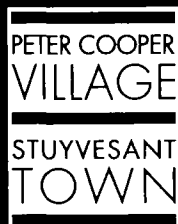
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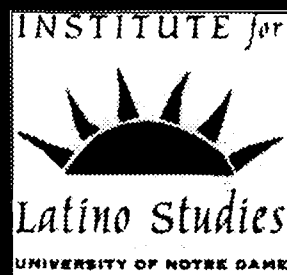
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Keith Dennis. "The existing facility, wonderful as it is, has some real limitations in terms of the different varieties of the ways they can cook food and present food and seating arrangements. Plus, handicapped accessibility is a real problem in that facility."

The second phase of the project, the student center, is meant to be the hub of the college. It will provide a place for students to convene with its various lounges, cyber café and 100-seat theater room.

New conveniences include a "Grab 'n' Go" facility, a two-story bookstore and a copy shop, according to Timm.

The offices currently located in Haggar College Center will move to the new building along with offices for The Observer, Blue Mantle and student government.

The gallery, President's Dining Room and Terrace will be a few of the highlights of the new structure. The most important aspect of the new Student Center will be the sense of community it aims to bring to campus, officials said.

"Since we really don't have an anchor on campus where students can go to gather ... we'll have several different kinds of venues within the space. ... So just having real common, large enough space on campus where all students can go to and gather is probably the biggest advantage," Dennis said.

The entire project will cost

about \$17 million.

The majority of the cost — about \$12.8 million — will pay for the actual construction, according to Dennis, with the remainder covering kitchen equipment, furnishings, design and testing fees. Though students' tuition will contribute to some operating costs and utilities, the additions are subsidized by other sources.

"Most of the funding for the project is going to come from gifts. We have raised about \$14.5 to \$15 million worth of gifts from trustees and alumnae and other folks," Dennis said.

While students do not have to shoulder the burden for the cost of the project, they must deal with the inconveniences that progress brings. Since groundbreaking of the new Noble Family Dining Hall has already begun in the LeMans Lot, there is a parking shortage for students and staff.

"Everyone has had to alter their parking habits. Students, faculty and staff have all had to adjust to the loss of a major part of LeMans lot," said Timm. "However, over the summer, it is expected that another lot, north of the Facilities building, will be graded and paved. The end result, the new building, is going to be well worth the current slight adjustment in parking."

People will have the opportunity to view the construction via Web cams to be installed and linked to the Saint Mary's Web page, Timm said.

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Church

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Clearing up confusion

Fellow Notre Dame theologian, Eugene Ulrich, reiterated the theme of disclosure as a way for the Church to restore its members' — and other Americans' — confidence.

He said the scandals have overwhelmingly damaged the image of candidates for the priesthood, men he called mostly "healthy and good human beings trying to offer a service to the Church."

Most priests, Ulrich said, are "honestly trying to do a good job," but the recent controversies highlight a problem among a small percentage of the approximately 45,000 priests in the nation.

"There is, nonetheless, a frighteningly large number of humans who have been severely physically damaged while they were innocently seeking an avenue to God," said Ulrich.

He suggested "absolutely full disclosure" of information regarding sexual misconduct by clergy and said the Church needs to exercise its role as moral teacher and set an example.

"The Church should not act like a corporation — denying, stonewalling, minimizing," Ulrich said.

Despite the fact that the Church is not a corporation, Ayo said it is a "large bureaucratic organization." That makes all of its members responsible for dealing with its problems, including sexual misconduct, he said.

Vocation and career

The priesthood itself doesn't attract the large numbers of men that it once did.

The priesthood has been a career option for many Catholic men in the past, McBrien said,

but an increase in average household income for Catholics in the last century has led fewer men to consider lives as clergy. The result has been a limited pool of priest candidates for the Church.

"Back in the 1950s, most Catholic young men had limited options: a police officer, a firefighter, an FBI agent or a priest. Of these, the priesthood was the most respected and honored calling," McBrien said.

Now, the number of men choosing to become priests has plunged, so much so that the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports the line of work as having a "very favorable outlook through the year 2010." The shortage of priests, according to McBrien, has attracted more homosexual men and pedophiles.

"As the number of heterosexual candidates for the priesthood declined, the percentage — not necessarily the number — of homosexual candidates increased, along with the sexually immature," McBrien said.

Although some argue that the Catholic policies mandating celibacy and banning marriage for priests have turned away many qualified men, Ulrich said

the issue cannot be simplified.

"On the one hand, if priests had a satisfying sex life, they might not prey on young boys; on the other, married adults, male and female, abuse their own children, male and female," said

Ulrich. "Celibacy, like marriage, can be a good thing, if freely chosen. But both can and do fail despite one's best efforts."

"Celibacy, like marriage, can be a good thing if freely chosen."

Eugene Ulrich
Notre Dame theologian

Waiting it out

The current crisis of the Catholic Church has sparked both dialogue and debate from a variety of perspectives, but with the rising number of exposed scandals and the decreasing number of priests, the outlook of the Catholic Church remains unpredictable.

Next week, the 11 U.S. cardinals will convene in the Vatican to talk with Pope John Paul II about the scandals. Because the pope has long called the alleged incidents of sexual misconduct among priests an "American problem," the meeting marks a critical turning point for discussion of the issue.

The University, too, has been taking steps to develop a committee to address the Church crisis. In the mean time, many Notre Dame priests are encouraging disclosure and discourse.

"Universities are places where societies think, so we should think about these things," Ayo said.

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Rebel presence increases in Congo:

The United Nations warned Wednesday of what it called a "dangerous and troubling" intensification of fighting and buildup of forces in rebel-held east Congo. The warning comes even as Congo's government and rebels move into the scheduled last days of South African-sponsored power-sharing talks.

South Africa alters AIDS drug policy:

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

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Military admits lack of information:

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

Virginia's abortion ban rejected:

State lawmakers failed Wednesday to override Gov. Mark Warner's veto and revive Virginia's ban on a late-term abortion procedure. The House of Delegates voted 71-28 to override the veto, but the 24-14 vote in the Senate was three votes shy of the two-thirds majority needed to pass the bill. Two senators did not vote.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Officials launch contamination probe:

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

VENEZUELA



Oscar Sabetta

A Venezuelan man walks past a Caracas wall covered in graffiti that reads "The People Triumph and Chavez is Back." Former president Hugo Chavez faced a military coup last week and has since been reinstated as the country's leader.

Ultimatum issued to Venezuela

Associated Press

CARACAS

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

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

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

Chavez, whose initial popularity in office allowed him to run roughshod over opponents, has admitted errors and appealed for the country to calmly retreat from violence.

Gaviria is to report his findings Thursday to the General Assembly of the Organization of American States. He declined to say what he might recommend.

"I think that if in the international community we are not able to do something, there is a risk

— probably not of another coup — but that social unrest will come again soon," Gaviria told foreign reporters.

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

"On both sides there is a theory that confrontation is

inevitable, as if this is impossible to solve," Gaviria said. "Those theories lead to instability and war."

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

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

SIERRA LEONE

Sierra Leone celebrates election

Associated Press

FREETOWN

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

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

The occasion was a re-election

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

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

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

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

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

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

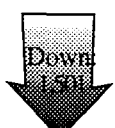
The national election council earlier this month officially barred Sankoh from the race.

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House hopes to pass senior drug benefit

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

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

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

Democrats said there is not enough money to upgrade Medicare, provide a prescription drug benefit and increase reimbursements for Medicare health providers — all items on

the GOP agenda for Medicare. Republicans are raiding the budget with tax cuts, Democrats said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cigarette-maker pulls 'light' label

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

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

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

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

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

The tobacco industry generally uses the term "light" to describe cigarettes with less than 15 milligrams of tar, a carcinogen produced when tobacco is burned. Tar helps deliver nicotine to smokers.

In the letter to other companies and lawmakers, Star Chairman Paul Perito cited a National Cancer Institute study published last year that found

smoking light cigarettes does not decrease smoking-related disease.

The study found that while the cigarettes yield less tar and nicotine when tested on government-approved machines, real smokers tend to inhale more deeply and take more puffs.

"In taking this step, we hope to challenge all tobacco manufacturers to follow our lead," Perito wrote. "Fundamental changes in the industry must take place, so that tobacco users can make informed decisions about the use of tobacco products and their inherent risk."

Brendan McCormick, a spokesman for Philip Morris Inc., said the nation's largest

tobacco company would continue using the terms.

"We think they provide useful points of comparison regarding the characteristics of various cigarette brands, such as strength of taste and reported tar yields," McCormick said.

"In taking this step, we hope to challenge all tobacco manufacturers to follow our lead."

Paul Perito
Star Scientific Inc. chairman

Lawyers in 11 states have filed class-action lawsuits against Philip Morris, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and Brown & Williamson Corp. over the use of terms such as "light," saying they constitute a deliberate attempt to mislead smokers. The lawsuits seek billions of dollars in damages for alleged violations of consumer protection laws.

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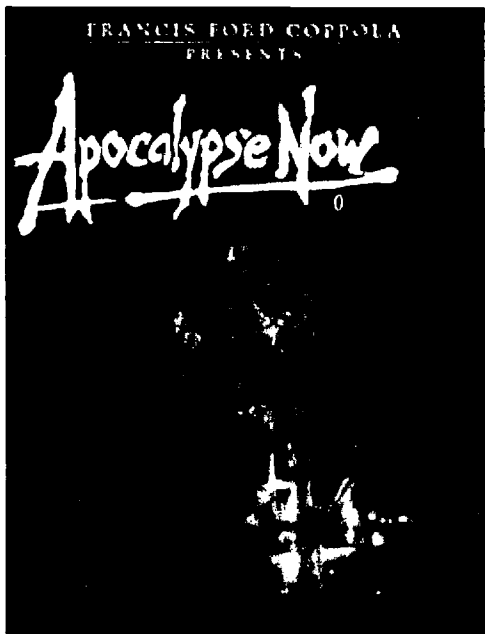
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Powell fails to secure cease-fire after peace mission

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

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

Powell also was snubbed in

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

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon gave assurances of "real results in the next few days," Powell said. "Only with the end of the incursion and with the engage-

ment in security talks can a cease-fire be achieved."

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

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

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

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

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

The president will assemble his national security team Thursday to hear from Powell and discuss the possibility of a Mideast peace conference. Bush wants to be sure the idea makes sense before embracing it, said a senior administration official.

CIA Director George J. Tenet is likely to head to the region next week, but a final decision will be made after Powell's White House meeting, the official said. Bush and Powell also will discuss when Powell plans to return.

The United States hopes to "restart the clock" to conditions

that were in place before the Passover bombing that killed 28 people in Netanya on March 27, with Israel getting a resumption of Tenet-led security talks and the Palestinians knowing that the political process is not far behind, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

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

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

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

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

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

attacks.

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

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

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

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

Just next door, Israeli gunners peeked through half-opened windows.

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

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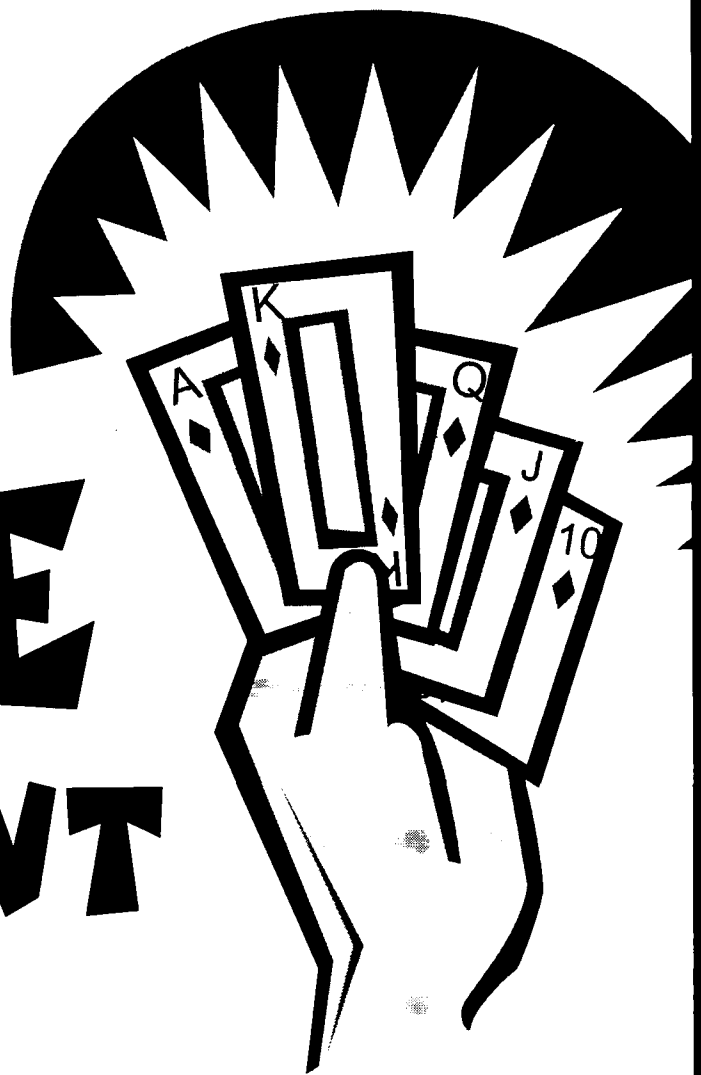
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Success brings a crushing, poignant burden

"What could we do to make it into your next article?" asked the giggling freshman from Lewis.

"No, like, guarantee we'd be in an article?" clarified her equally giggly friend.

Guarantee themselves a spot in my article? I could think of at least one thing they could do. Sadly for me I wasn't cocky enough to say it.

Actually, for the record, sadly for them.

It all started a week before when an innocuous-looking envelope bearing my name slid under my door. Inside I found an invitation to the Lewis Crush. This caused me no small amount of concern, especially considering that I don't hang out with any girls from Lewis, and I definitely am not on the verge of a romantic relationship with one.

Being paranoid enough as it is without being sent anonymous invitations, I pondered whether or not to go. I had a notion deep down that it was a trick. I kept picturing myself going to Lewis, asking to meet my date and being shown into a basement room where a group of University administrators and FlipSide members would be waiting to beat the living piss out of me using heavy prayer books and whatever metal-based crafts they had been working on at Saturday night Crafting Corner, respectively.

In the end, despite misgivings, I decided to go, if only to see which lucky lady had made the best decision of her life. Plus, I just can't find it in me to pass up free booze.

The lady in question turned out to be a group of ladies. "We're all members of your fan club!" exclaimed the bright-eyed freshmen, looking much younger than their age to my jaded 20-year-old eyes. They insisted on posing for pictures with me, and although I couldn't help but feel a little like the Elephant Man, I let myself enjoy the moment. Writing for the school paper is not supposed to get you dates. It's supposed to get you beat up by the cool kids. And here I was getting invited to a dance anonymously. Ahh ...

Notoriety, you fickle wench! You're mine at last!

As much as you hear Hollywood celebrities gripe about it, it's nice being recognized by total strangers. In Jamaica on spring break, when muscle-headed state-school frat boys were scooping up sorority girls with alarming regularity and thought-provoking skill, imagine my shock when four good-looking girls in Pangborn T-shirts came up to me and asked, "Are you the sex

guy?" This seems to be my nickname of choice.

As demoralizing as it is sometimes to have all of one's literary achievements for an entire year condensed into one title, I guess it could be worse. I could be the "Follows girls home from the library late at night while breathing suggestively several paces behind them guy."

Lord knows it would be more accurate than "sex guy."

My biggest problem is that my notoriety was totally unexpected.

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

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

I would like to thank those of you who have supported me this past year.

Thanks for reading. This article's my little gift for you, what I choose to leave you with to meditate over this summer. And you should thank me for it. I could have left you with a totally, egotistical, self-aggrandizing fluff piece, but I like you too much for that.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Allegations do not prove guilt

I would like to respond to Erin Kennedy's letter regarding the support of victims of sexual assault. As Erin stated, I too am a "silent supporter of every assault and rape victim." However, not all persons alleging sexual assault or misconduct are necessarily victims. People lie, people deceive and people exaggerate the truth. It is sad, but it happens. Comments such as "I have never met you, nor do I need to, in order to know that you are telling the truth," are inappropriate and unjust. Judgments should not be made until all facts from both sides come out. To believe

that an allegation indicates guilt is naive. If this girl was actually raped or sexually assaulted, she has my full support. If the rape did not occur, then I hope that those accused may not be affected unjustly. However, until the facts are out, my judgment will not be made.

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junior

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British rock band

VIEWPOINT

Thursday, April 18, 2002

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Celibacy offers unique freedom

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

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

Christine Niles

For some, self-confrontation is better avoided. The profound emptiness it can reveal is terrifying. Most people attempt to erase this loneliness by surrounding themselves with acquaintances or lovers. Indeed, the message society transmits reinforces this idea.

As I See It ...

Hollywood romanticizes love: You meet your soulmate, fall in love, experience physical intimacy and never suffer loneliness again. Most young girls are expected to grow up and eventually become wives and bear children. Young boys are raised believing they should sow their wild oats before finally settling down. If not, they have the option of remaining sexually active bachelors.

For men and women who choose the nonconformist vow of celibacy, an alternative path to fulfillment is embraced. Their motives are generally questioned by skeptics, who view such people as sexually repressed and abnormal. In a society obsessed with sex, the average person wonders how anyone could make a vow to abstain from what many deem a necessity. Sex, so says the norm, is the requisite accompaniment to any romantic relationship.

Anyone who chooses to abstain until marriage is considered a prude. Those who choose to abstain for life are thought to be downright aberrant.

These are unfortunate stereotypes. They stem from a fundamental misconception of the significance of chastity and celibacy.

Although all are called to be chaste, whether single or married, only some are called to the vow of celibacy, which is the commitment to remain unmarried. True, people exist who make the vow of celibacy for the wrong reasons. But the vast majority do so for the right reasons. And, contrary to popular misconceptions, the celibate are joyful, deeply fulfilled individuals.

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

Some think of God as an abstract principle floating in the sky, utterly irrelevant to us on any level, or a vengeful judge ready to strike us with holy lightning. However, if you believe that God is Love itself, that He knows you intimately and desires only good for you, then one can more readily understand the willingness to trust oneself wholly to Him.

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

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

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

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

Despite society's demand for absolute sexual freedom, it is the celibate, I surmise, who are truly free. St. Augustine was tortured by doubt before his conversion. He was 32 years old and had lived the life of the common bachelor. It was his fear of losing female companionship that kept him from totally committing himself to God. After a tearful struggle, he finally took that courageous step of faith — and his writings attest to a life fulfilled, a life of true freedom.

Thus, the message of celibacy is one society should respect and celebrate. It is truly a path for the courageous, who seek less of themselves in order to receive more of Him. Those who are called to this life experience the richness and depth of a life free from many fears that burden the rest of us. And that, above all, is to be envied.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Catholicism lacking

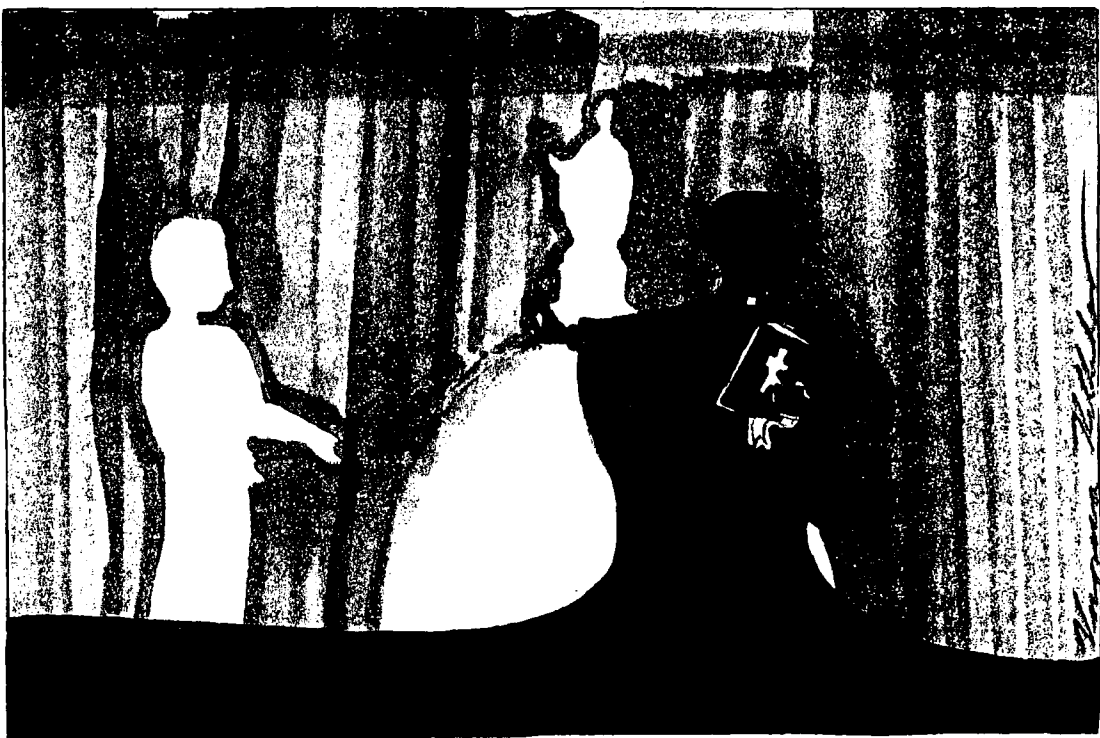
In my time at Notre Dame, I have been struck by the difference between the purported Catholicism of its students and administration and the lack of real Catholicism expressed in many of their actions. Two opinion pieces have recently been published in campus newspapers regarding the blatant contradiction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

If Notre Dame's religious affiliations can ever be reconciled with its extreme privilege and influence, then this must be done

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

Reuben Keller

first-year biology graduate student
O'Hara-Grace Townhouses
April 17, 2002



Lack of response reflects respect of privacy

This letter is in response to Sarah Edwards' letter to the editor on Tuesday. She questions why the classmates of the woman who reported being raped have not come to her side with articles expressing our support of her.

The horrible things that happened to the student have not been discussed because they are too severe to trivialize by blanket articles of students' opinions over the Viewpoint section. The majority of the student body does not know exactly what happened to her. It would be presumptuous to think that the half-story we know is grounds enough to write an article about the terrible, intimate things that happened to this woman. If I were her, I would not want people who do not know me, speculating about the details of my rape and what they think.

Edwards asks, "What kind of message does this send?" The message is: The students of Notre Dame do not know enough about what happened to comment on it, and because of that, we respect this woman's privacy and her feelings enough to not write letters about our views. There is no lack of support shown here.

Edwards wrote, "Students are more concerned about their drinking 'rights' and SYRs than they are about the alleged violation of one of their sisters." The comparison to the reaction about the alcohol policy and the reaction to the rape is completely inappropriate. The policy change is something that there is a debate about.

When something covers three pages of the Viewpoint section, it is because there is a controversial issue that has many sides to it. What happened to the student is not a controversial issue. There are not two sides, one claiming rape is bad, the other that rape is good. I hope that there is not a person on campus that does not feel pain for the victims of such a horrible crime.

Edwards calls for a "re-evaluation of priorities." I believe we have our priorities straight: We know what is our business to discuss and what is someone else's personal life that is inappropriate for a public forum of debate.

Meghan McCall
freshman
Pasquerilla West
April 16, 2002

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Cult movies' reigning dynasty, Troma

By MATT HOLMES
Scene Writer

Some days, a hard-working student wants to watch a thought-provoking film with a great script, talented actors, great special effects and high production value. Other days, students need to kick back and enjoy a purely entertaining or offensive film. On those more prurient days, the perfect way to celebrate cinematic gratuituity is to view a Troma Film.

Troma Films is an independent film company based in New York City's so-called Hell's Kitchen.

The company began when two Yale students, Lloyd Kaufman and Michael Herz, started producing violent and erotic low-budget comedies such as "Squeeze Play!," "Waitress!" and several other films (with titles ending in an exclamation point) produced in the early '70s.

Troma Films are characterized by their extremely low budgets and production values. They are best known, however, for their over-the-top attitude toward on-screen sex

and violence. A typical Troma release will contain scores of topless women, exploding heads, blood, guns, gore, toxic waste and loud punk rock music.

Troma Films scored a fiscal and critical success in 1984 with the release of "The Toxic Avenger." The film recounts the exploits of a humble health club mop boy who is transformed by toxic waste into a hideously deformed crime fighter with superhu-

man strength and powers. While fighting evil with his mop, "Toxie" falls in love with a blind woman. They live happily ever after.

The '80s also yielded Troma hits in the form of such Generation-X classics as the "Class of Nuke 'Em High" trilogy, "Surf Nazis Must Die," "Sgt. Kabukiman NYPD" and the sequels to the original "Toxic Avenger."

The mission of Troma Films is to keep independent films truly independent and to push the envelope regarding what can and can't be shown on film. The films it creates and produces are an attempt to give independent filmmaking back to the people by encouraging

young artists to make films without the help of major studios and financiers.

Fans of the early Troma films have gone on to major Hollywood success and include such directors as Quentin Tarantino, Kevin Smith and "South Park" creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone.

Troma Films continued their mission of giving the medium of film back to the people in January 2000 with the creation of the Tromadance Film Festival. The Festival, hosted every year in Park City, Utah, has no entry fees for potential films, offers free tickets to all patrons and throws a gala concert/party with no admission charge. Since its inception, Tromadance has grown in popularity and has drawn some of Hollywood's elite away from the nearby Sundance Film Festival.

Troma Films are not for everyone. Compare them to the shock comedies of John Waters or the Italian horror films of Lucio Fulci and Dario Argento. They are extremely violent and often blatantly offensive. Kaufman and Herz's intention to show that "Art ain't always pretty" comes across clearly. The Troma answer is best described by a fan in one of its recent flicks "Terror Firmer."

When asked, "How can you like this offensive garbage?"

The fan responded, "I like it because it's offensive garbage."

Not all Troma films are alike; although each film attempts to demolish or parody cinematic convention, there are distinct categories within the Troma production group. Comedies like "Cannibal! The Musical" and "Teenage Cat Girls in Heat" vary greatly from horror films

like "Sergio Lapel's Drawing Blood" and "Parts of the Family." The Troma Team also produces action films like "Wizard of the Demon Sword" and the infamous "Toxic Avenger" series.

Troma's forays into television include the "Toxic Crusaders Animated Series" and "Edge TV," both ill-fated attempts at targeting mainstream television audiences.

Viewers interested in beginning their Tromatic experience should begin with one of the more accessible films. "The Toxic Avenger" and "Sgt. Kabukiman, NYPD" offer a good starting point. They are ridiculous without being overly offensive. "Kabukiman" is an undercover cop in New

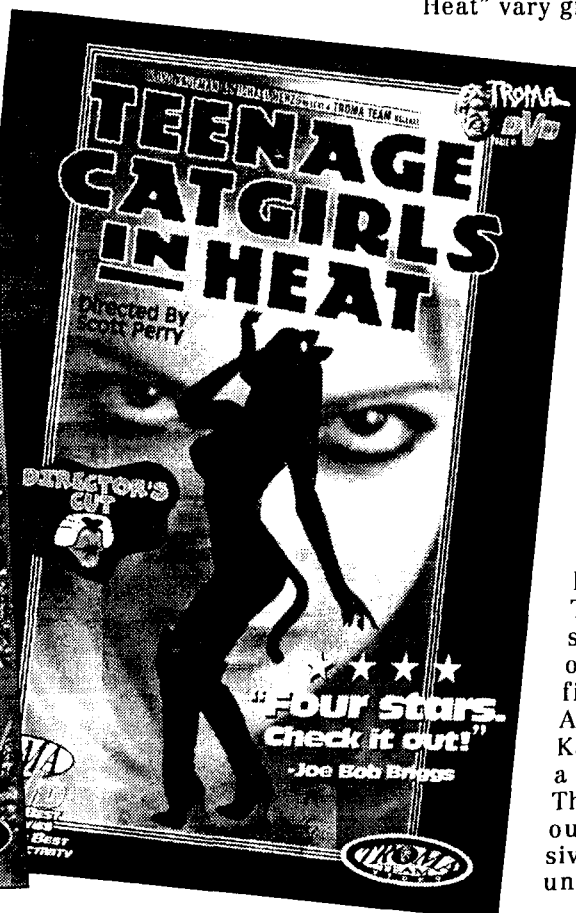
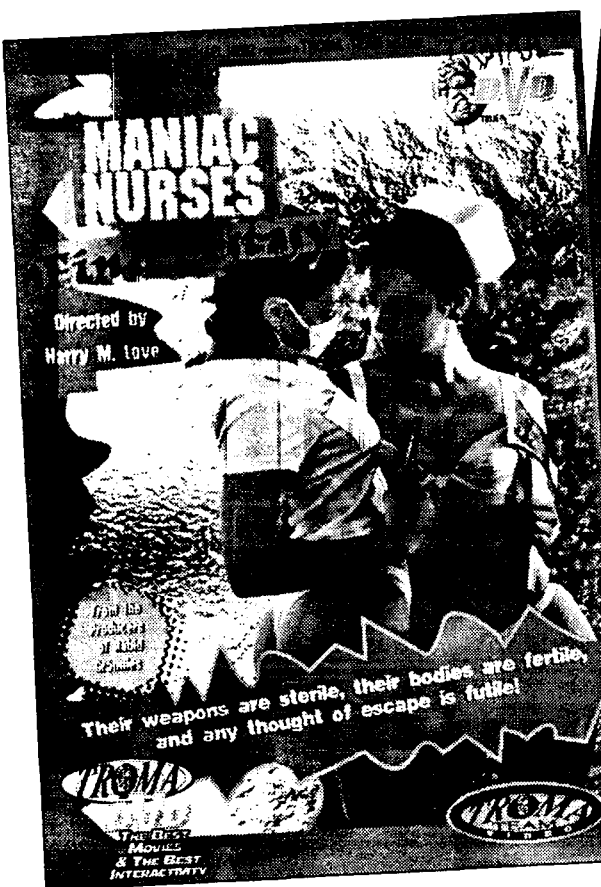
York City until he is possessed by an ancient Japanese spirit and is transformed into a superhuman crime fighter armed with an awesome array of antique Chinese weapons. Viewers also get to hear the classic line, "I can't believe this. I'm eating a smelly dead fish and I'm loving it."

If Tromaheads have the stomach for those two, they could consider moving on to gorier subject matter. "Cannibal! the Musical" is probably the most easily digested of the Troma Films. It recounts the true story of Alfred Packer, the only American ever convicted of cannibalism in the United States. After incompetently leading a group of miners on their way to Breckenridge, Colo., from Provo, Utah, he and his group of latter-day travelers encounter harsh conditions in the wild Rocky Mountains. In order to survive, they resort to horrible acts of violence and truly original musical numbers.

Along their journey, they meet greaser-like trappers and a very Chinese tribe of native Americans. Created by Trey Parker and starring Matt Stone, "Cannibal! The Musical" is like "Grapes of Wrath" meets "West Side Story" meets "Bloodsucking Freaks."

If a more erotic or comedic Troma experience is what you seek, "Teenage Catgirls in Heat" or "Nymphoid Barbarian in Dinosaur Hell" is the answer. "Catgirls" is the story of a town about to be overrun by an evil Egyptian cat goddess and her

- TOP 10 TROMA FILM NAMES**
1. Stuff Stephanie in the Incinerator
 2. Fertilize the Blaspheming Bombshell
 3. Teenage Catgirls in Heat
 4. Maniac Nurses Find Ecstasy
 5. Nymphoid Barbarian in Dinosaur Hell
 6. Cannibal! The Musical
 7. Class of Nuke EM High
 8. Blondes Have More Guns
 9. Fat Guy Goes Nutzoid
 10. Rabid Grannies



Troma films' biggest star, movie must-see.

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Photo courtesy of www.toxicavenger.com
The Toxic Avenger, is a B-

litter of nubile and very naked teenage beauties, all risen from the ashes of suicidal cats. The towns only hope lies in the hands of a hitchhiker and the town's deranged "cat catcher."

"Nymphoid Barbarian in Dinosaur Hell" is a Tromatic throw-back to the claymation dinosaur films of the '50s. It features a B-movie feel complete with cheesy latex gore with a kind of "Mysterious Island" dinosaur charm. "Nymphoid Barbarian" is a good example of Troma's titillating titles to market their product.

After sampling these offerings, the Troma viewer is ready for the most offensive offerings of the production company. Released just last year, "Terror Firmer" is among the most bloody and ridiculous of the Troma line. Directed by and starring

Lloyd Kaufman himself, "Firmer" is the story of a serial murderer stalking a Troma film set. Among its most offensive moments are a man being beaten to death with his own severed leg, a man being sucked into an escalator and a man being crushed by a falling sedan.

"Terror Firmer" is the most self-aware of the Troma films. It melds offensive material and jokes about censorship into its already excessive scenes of violence and sex. Kaufman drops his movie persona to interrupt the film at its most graphic points making hysterical comments about the problems the MPAA (Motion Picture Association of America) had

with rating the film. Cameos by various underground celebrities, including a particularly gory appearance by former adult film star Ron Jeremy, and an all-star punk and metal soundtrack complement the already audacious screen shocker.

If viewers are willing to sacrifice even the minimal production value of the rest of the Troma line, they can view the most offensive of the Troma films. Shot in another country and badly dubbed into English, "Maniac Nurses Find Ecstasy" is far and away the most offensive thing Troma has ever produced. The film revolves around a group of insane nurses and their sadistic head surgeon, Ilsa, as they strive for entertainment in an abandoned hospital.

If you choose to view this film expect to see rampant drug use, sado-masochism, cannibalism, amputations, live dissections and plenty of exploding heads. A particularly memorable scene involves an innocent gardener getting shot in the forehead and then impaling himself on a garden gnome.

The significance of Troma films does not lie entirely in their extremely entertaining feats of cinematic obscenity, but in the effect that they have had on the rest of film culture. Several critics cite Troma Films as the inspiration for such cult hits as "Cecil B. Demented" and "Scary Movie." It is a common opinion that raunchy blockbusters such as "There's Something About Mary," "Me, Myself, and Irene" and "Kingpin" would not have been possible if Troma had not been pushing the envelope of acceptability for the last three decades.

The punk rock feel of Troma Films exudes the kind of youthful energy that was traditionally reserved for hard core rock-and-roll and alternative fiction. Troma has emerged as the voice of people who are tired of films like "Titanic" and "Pearl Harbor." Troma fans are those who can't stand to see another preachy, lofty, themed film pontificate about the goodness of mankind.

The minimalist budget and planning of the films along with their in-your-face attitude represent the do-it-yourself ethos of the punk movement. Kaufman compares it to the art exhibit "Sensations" which recently made its appearance at the Museum of Modern Art in New York. The exhibit featured formaldehyde and a cow cut into foot-thick slabs and then suspended in glass. It is not art that is designed to please the eye. It is designed to affect you on a



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The very Chinese-looking Native Americans from "Southpark" creators Matt Stone and Trey Parker's Troma film "Cannibal! The Musical."

more primal level. The effect may be nausea, but the art will be preserved in the manner intended by the artist no matter how graphic.

So, if it's one of those days when "Memento" just sounds a little too heavy or you are afraid you'll fall asleep before the end of "Wings of the Dove" or you've seen "Office Space" one too many times, Troma is the solution. Get a bucket of popcorn, snuggle up

next to your roommate and watch a cinematic atrocity. Your Tromatic experience may not be pleasant, but it is guaranteed to be an enlightening experience you will never forget.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Butler looks toward NBA career

◆ Sophomore to announce decision to go pro today

Associated Press

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

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

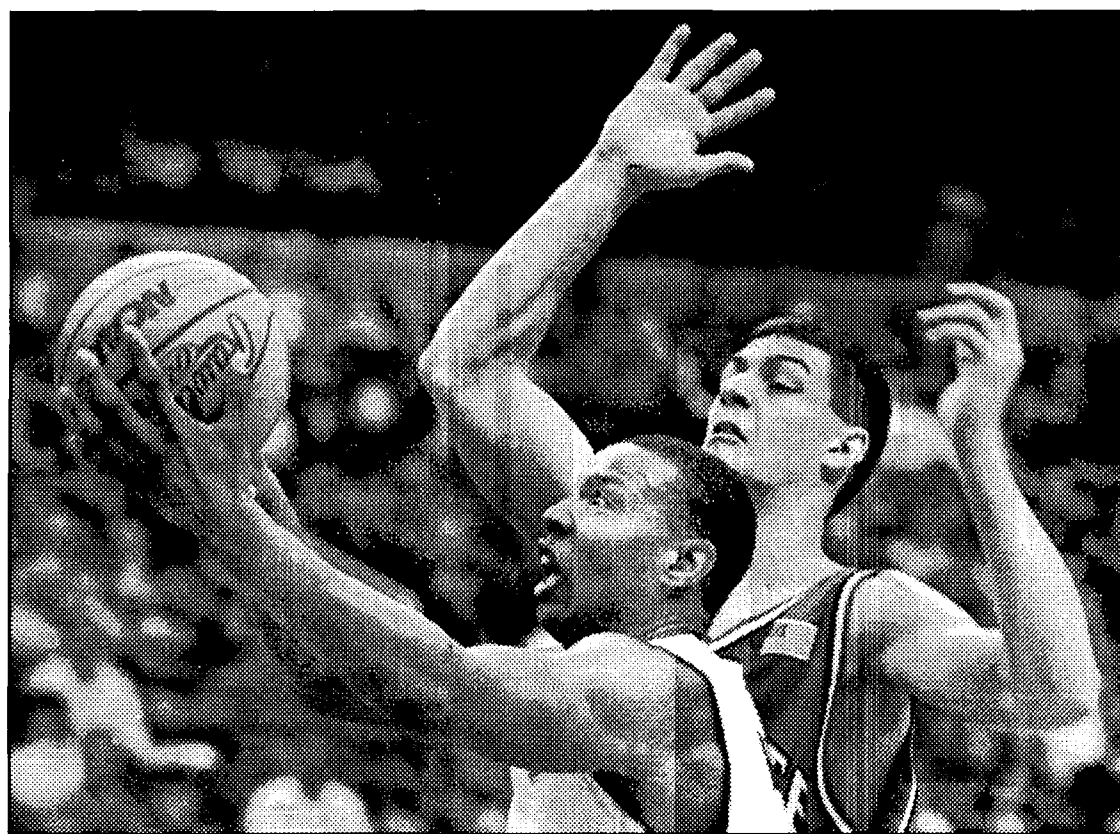
Butler and Calhoun have scheduled a news conference for Thursday at 2 p.m. at Gampel Pavilion on the Storrs campus. A news release said Butler "will address his future plans."

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

Calhoun, who said he talked with Butler on Wednesday, agreed it is hard to ignore the mounting evidence that the 6-foot-8 forward was heading to the NBA. Calhoun said information he's received from NBA scouts is that Butler will most likely be a top 10 pick and that his draft position would not likely change much if he were to stay one more year.

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

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



AFP Photo

Connecticut's Caron Butler attempts a layup in this year's NCAA tournament. The Co-Big East Player of the Year will forgo his junior season and enter the NBA draft.

and then had 32 in the loss to eventual national champion Maryland in the East Regional final.

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

In an interview with WTNH before the Big East tourna-

ment, Butler hinted that an NBA contract would be a big help to his family.

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

The father of two children, the 22-year-old Butler spent the weekend in his native Racine, Wis., to help his son, Caron,

celebrate his second birthday and to discuss his decision with his mother, Mattie Paden.

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

Donyell Marshall, Ray Allen and Richard Hamilton all left Connecticut after their junior year and were first-round draft picks.

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

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Freshman will leave for draft

◆ Wagner departs after leading Tigers to first NIT title

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn.

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

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

The 6-foot-3 Wagner averaged 21.2 points and shot 41 percent from the field this season. He also averaged 3.6 assists, 2.5 rebounds and 1.2 steals. Wagner was selected the MVP of the NIT, Memphis' first postseason basketball championship.

Tigers coach John Calipari said he hates to see Wagner go, but supports him.

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

Wagner, a projected lottery pick in the draft, was a high school sensation in Camden, N.J., averaging over 40 points and scoring 100 in a game as a senior.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Bonds home run not enough in loss

◆ Klesko leads Padres in victory over Giants

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

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

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

Bonds gave the Giants a 1-0 lead in the first inning with his eighth homer, a 442-foot shot that reached the second deck in right field at Qualcomm Stadium. Bonds is tied for the major league lead with Houston's Lance Berkman, who hit his eighth on Wednesday.

After the Giants scored twice to close to 4-3 in the seventh, reliever Jeremy Fikac got Bonds to ground out to end the

inning with runners on first and second.

Padres starter Kevin Jarvis (1-3) left after five innings with soreness in his right elbow. He allowed one run and three hits.

Trevor Hoffman pitched the ninth for his sixth save in as many opportunities. It was the 320th of his career.

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

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

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

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

Klesko homered to right off Aaron Fultz in the fifth, his third. Nevin was aboard on his third straight single.

Nevin was 7-for-12 with four RBIs in this series, including 4-for-5 with a game-winning homer in the ninth in Monday night's 4-3 win.

Benito Santiago had an RBI

double and Rich Aurilia an RBI single in the Giants' seventh.

Tom Lampkin had an RBI single in the Padres' eighth.

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

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

drove in three runs.

Byrd, who has three of Kansas City's five wins this season, said: "The key today was our outfielders, tracking balls the way they were, diving the way they were. The effort out there, Kieley hits a home run and Beltran's climbing the wall like Spiderman."

Beltran's first homer of the season made it 7-3.

"That was the big hit, it started it," Royals manager Tony Muser said. "Those are the things that can happen in a ballgame that can change the emotion and the momentum."

Beltran added a sacrifice fly and Raul Ibanez singled and hit a three-run double in the eighth. Brent Mayne ended the outburst with a flyout, bringing sarcastic applause from the crowd.

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

Brad Radke (2-1) has given up nine runs in 10 innings against the Royals this season. Minnesota's ace continued the latest trend for the Twins starters, who have struggled this year to a 5-6 record with a 7.47 ERA.

"I didn't really get my groove until the fourth inning. It was a good ballgame until almost the

end. We almost pulled it off after trailing 4-0," Radke said.

Radke's troubles started in the first when Mike Sweeney hit an RBI single and Randa had a two-run double. He was pulled in the sixth after Randa drove in Michael Tucker with a single that made it 4-1.

The Twins pulled to 4-3 in the sixth on Ortiz's two-run homer. Ortiz was in a 2-for-22 slump before hitting his fourth home run of the season.

But Twins reliever LaTroy Hawkins got in trouble after walking Mayne to lead off the seventh. Chuck Knoblauch followed with a grounder to first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz, who overthrew Cristian Guzman at second. One out later, Beltran homered.

In the eighth, the Royals hit five consecutive singles with one out off Bob Wells. Reliever Jack Cressend gave up an RBI double to Neifi Perez that made it 11-3, Beltran hit a sacrifice fly, Tucker had an RBI single and Ibanez doubled.

While Byrd frustrated Minnesota with his solid pitching, it was a pitch thrown by Cory Bailey in the bottom of the eighth that upset the Twins.

With the Royals already ahead 16-3, Bailey's pitch just missed hitting Jacque Jones, creating a brief scene. An angry Jones, who hit an opening day homer off Bailey, exchanged words with Mayne and players from both dugouts ran onto the field to separate the two.

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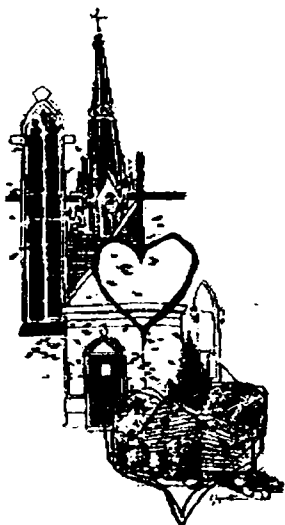
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NFL 49ers continue to build

◆ Team returns 20 starters, signed 7 free agents

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. With the San Francisco 49ers back in their customary spot among NFL contenders, Terry Donahue and Bill Walsh have a much different approach to the latest draft.

"Now, a draft pick is going to have to go through somebody to make this team," said Donahue, the first-year general manager who will get the final say on Saturday's selections. "In the past, that wasn't always the case. They just had to show up, have a pulse, and they had a pretty good chance of wearing our uniform."

The 49ers rebuilt a large portion of a team mired in mediocrity with outstanding selections in the past two drafts.

They acquired seven full-time starters, everywhere from the first round (linebacker Julian Peterson and defensive end Andre Carter) and the seventh round (tight end Eric Johnson). Several more picks and a few undrafted free agents were found to add depth.

That patient, judicious roster management paid off last fall during San Francisco's 12-5 season, in which the 49ers returned to the playoffs. Twenty starters return, with key free-agent signees Tony Parrish and Ron Stone filling

the two remaining spots.

"Since I've been here, we haven't been able to keep a team together," said coach Steve Mariucci, who will return this fall for his sixth season. "Ever since '97, we've been losing players like crazy. ... This time, we're able to keep this young team together so we can build it."

That's why the 49ers aren't terribly worried about the relatively poor draft position they hold. San Francisco's first-round selection is 27th in a draft in which Donahue can see only 20 bonafide first-round-caliber players.

What's more, the 49ers forfeited their third-round pick for salary cap infractions committed by the team's previous management regime five years ago. That's a concern to Donahue, who sees a large pool of capable players likely to be selected between the late second round and the fourth round.

Donahue makes no secret of his desire to trade the Niners' first-round pick to get more selections from that mid-draft pool, but San Francisco doesn't have much to offer. Three of its nine selections are compensatory picks that can't be dealt.

"There's this pool of players, and unless we do something, we're going to be sitting there eating a bagel while they're being selected," Donahue said. "If we could move back and get in this pool, we'd like that."

The 49ers' last two drafts focused primarily on defense, but San Francisco is interested in upgrading depth on its offense. Stone's signing obviated the need for an offensive guard, so Donahue's first desire on the line would be a left tackle or a backup center.

San Francisco also hopes to pick another tight end, at least

one line-backer and a receiver. Several quality wideouts figure to be available when the 49ers' first-round pick comes up, but Donahue said if the team picks a receiver, it won't

mean the end of J.J. Stokes' days with the Niners.

Overall, the 49ers are relieved to enter the draft with no dire needs. Their focus is on improving the young players already in their locker room, not finding players to fill empty spots.

"Being very careful and very thorough is important this year, because we're drafting for the future," Mariucci said. "It's nice to be in this position."

"There's this pool of players, and unless we do something, we're going to be sitting there eating a bagel while they're being selected."

Terry Donahue
general manager

Lions ink free agent wide receiver Ricks

Associated Press

ALLEN PARK, Mich. The Detroit Lions on Wednesday signed unrestricted free agent tight end Mikhael Ricks.

Contract terms were undisclosed.

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

career.

The San Diego Chargers drafted Ricks out of Stephen Austin in the second round of the 1998 draft. He spent 2 1/2 seasons with the Chargers before signing with the Kansas City Chiefs in October 2000.

Ricks played in all 16 games last season at tight end and on special teams for the Chiefs. He had 18 catches for 252 yards and one touchdown and blocked a punt for a safety.

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- 5:15 p.m. Daily Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- 7:00 p.m. Film: *Apocalypse Now Redux*, Hesburgh Library Carey Auditorium
- 7:00 p.m. *A Debate Between Republican Primary Candidates for The State House of Representatives: James Ehrhard and Carl Baxmeyer*, DeBartolo Hall 155
- 7:00 p.m. Book talk and signing, Ruthann Knechel Johansen, Hammes Bookstore
- 7:30 p.m. Performance: *The Life of Galileo*, Washington Hall*
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- 7:30 p.m. Concert: Jiangnan Silk & Bamboo Quartet, Eck Visitors' Center
- 8:00 p.m. Performance: *Lalo & LaChola, Together at Last*, Annenbuerg Auditorium, Snite Museum
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Friday, April 19

- 5:15 p.m. Daily Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Spring Breakdown (Karaoke contest), South Quad
- 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Drop-In Badminton, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center
- 7:00 p.m. MFA Creative Writing Program Graduates Thesis Reading, Hesburgh Center for International Studies Auditorium
- 7:30 p.m. Movies: *Black Hawk Down* and *Lady and the Tramp*, DeBartolo 101 and 155*
- 7:30 p.m. Performance: *The Life of Galileo*, Washington Hall*
- 8:00 p.m. Trip to Hackers* (buses leave Main Circle at 8:15 p.m.)
- 8:00 p.m. Pat McGee Band, Stepan Center*
- 8:00 p.m. 807 Mass, Coleman-Morse Center Student Lounge
- 8:30 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, free billiards, LaFortune Student Center
- 9:00 p.m. Crafting Corner: Earth Day Project, LaFortune Student Center Dooley Room
- 10:00 p.m. Movies: *Black Hawk* and *Lady and the Tramp*, DeBartolo 101 and 155*
- 10:00 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Tournament Fridays: Euchre, LaFortune Student Center Notre Dame Room



Saturday, April 20

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- 6:00 p.m. Exhibition: ND Women's Soccer vs. Illinois, Alumni Field
- 7:30 p.m. Performance: *The Life of Galileo*, Washington Hall*
- 7:30 p.m. Movies: *Black Hawk Down* and *Lady and the Tramp*, DeBartolo 101 and 155*
- 8:30 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, free billiards, LaFortune Student Center
- 9:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. FASO Island Formal, Ballroom, LaFortune Student Center*
- 10:00 p.m. Comedy Doubleheader featuring Adam Garrien and Laura Lifshitz, Reckers
- 10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Open Karaoke, LaFortune Student Center Huddle
- 10:00 p.m. Movies: *Black Hawk Down* and *Lady and the Tramp*, DeBartolo 101 and 155*
- 10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Class of 2005 Late Night Grill, Fieldhouse Mall

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Baseball

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inning, the Irish were able to get 13 batters to the plate and put nine runs on the board. After three inning-opening walks loaded the bases, Bushey hit a single to right, driving in Stanley. The next batter, O'Toole, smashed a

towering grand slam to right-center field, extending the Irish lead to 8-1 and driving the Rockets' starting pitcher out of the game after just over two innings of work.

"O'Toole's grand slam was a big blow for us; we were able to take control of the game right away," Mainieri said.

After the pitching change, an error by Toledo, a single by Irish

shortstop Javier Sanchez and a walk to Joe Thaman re-loaded the bases for Stanley, who lined a single to left, extending his hitting streak to 11 straight games and driving in another run for the Irish, and push the Irish lead to 10-1.

The Rockets scored twice more in the top of the fourth, which chased Jones out of the game for the Irish. However, reliever Scott

Bickford retired the first three batters he faced to end the inning.

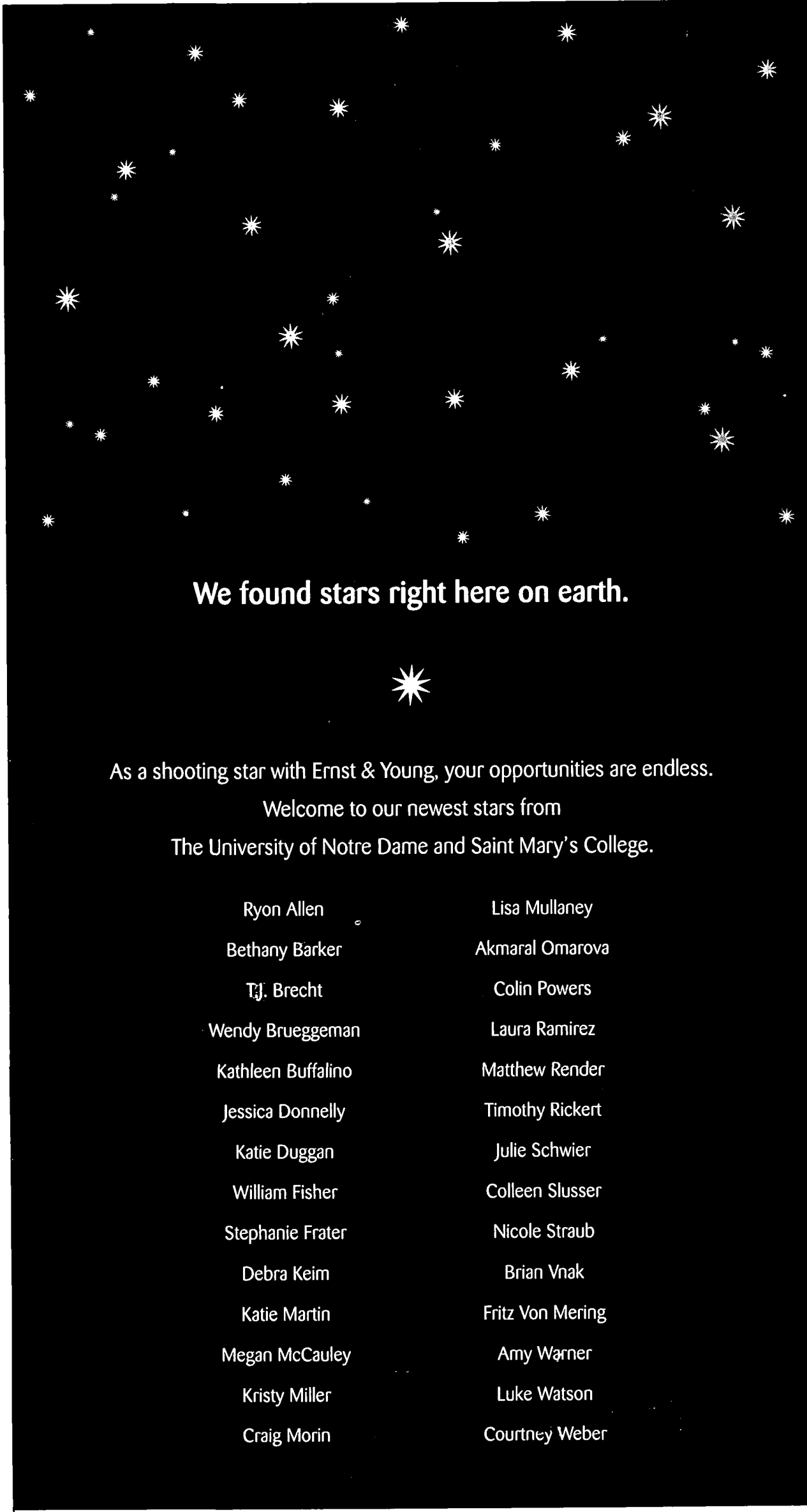
With such a big lead the Irish were able to play many of their non-starters. One such player, second baseman Geoff Milsom, took full advantage of his playing time, notching the first hit of his career at Notre Dame — a two-run home run in the bottom of the eighth inning.

"The more pitches I saw, the

better I felt," Milsom said. "After the couple of pitches that I took, I knew I was going to get a base hit, I just didn't realize it was going to go out."

The Irish will play a critical three-game series at Seton Hall this weekend.

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NBA

Warriors beat Clippers by 4

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif.

Antawn Jamison scored a season-high 35 points as the Golden State Warriors held off the Los Angeles Clippers 107-103 on Wednesday night in the season finale for both teams.

Jason Richardson added 23 points as the Warriors snapped a six-game losing streak. Gilbert Arenas added 19.

Golden State finished in a tie with Chicago for the league's worst record, giving the teams equal chances — 225 out of 1,001 — to win the top pick in the NBA draft lottery.

Corey Maggette scored 27 points for the Clippers, who lost for the 10th time in their last 13 games. Jeff McInnis added 22 points.

Pistons 123, Bucks 89

The Milwaukee Bucks failed miserably in their last chance to clinch a playoff spot, losing by 34 points to the Detroit Pistons as Ben Wallace all but locked up the rebounding title.

The blowout loss was the final act in a dramatic Milwaukee collapse, as the Bucks — who came within one game of going to the NBA Finals last year — lost 16 of their final 22 games.

With both Toronto and Indiana winning Wednesday night, the Bucks dropped into ninth place in the conference.

SuperSonics 109,

Grizzlies 94

Desmond Mason scored 33 points on 13-of-16 shooting and Gary Payton had 30 as the Seattle SuperSonics clinched the No. 7 playoff berth in the Western Conference with a victory over the Memphis Grizzlies.

The Sonics (45-37) will open their best-of-five first-round series Saturday at Midwest Division champion San Antonio (58-24). The teams split four regular-season games.

The Grizzlies (23-59) were led by Stromile Swift's career-high 31 points. Memphis' Paul Gasol, the leading candidate for NBA Rookie of the Year with a 17.6 scoring average coming into the game, had 13 and shot just 3-for-10 from the free throw line.

Trail Blazers 92,

Rockets 79

Damon Stoudamire got a warm ovation in his first game since his drug case became public, and the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Houston Rockets in an otherwise forgettable regular-season finale.

Stoudamire, whose felony case will be sent to a grand jury by a county prosecutor, had eight points and three assists in 26 minutes. Steve Kerr added 16 points for the Blazers, who will play the Lakers in the first round of the playoffs.

Kenny Thomas had 19 points to lead the Rockets, who were without Steve Francis (right shoulder), Cuttino Mobley (flu) and Kevin Willis (sprained left wrist).

T'wolves 104,

Nuggets 90

Enough of this regular season stuff. The Minnesota Timberwolves are craving for the playoffs to start.

Wally Szczerbiak scored 20 points in 23 minutes as the Timberwolves tuned up for the postseason with a meaningless victory over the depleted Denver Nuggets.

The Timberwolves, who clinched the Western Conference's fifth seed last week, closed the regular season by winning eight of 12 and tied a franchise record with 50 wins.

Minnesota will play the Dallas Mavericks in the first round.

Pacers 103, 76ers 80

When they couldn't afford to lose, the Indiana Pacers put together a season-high winning streak to make it into the playoffs.

Brad Miller scored 19 points and Jermaine O'Neal added 18 as the Indiana Pacers beat the Philadelphia 76ers, winning their fifth straight and clinching eighth place in the Eastern Conference.

The Pacers needed a victory and a loss by either Milwaukee or Toronto to make the playoffs. Toronto won, but the Bucks lost to Detroit. By the time the Bucks score was posted, the Pacers held a 15-point lead.

Indiana will play No. 1 seed New Jersey. The Nets went 3-1 against the Pacers this season.

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Basilica of the Sacred Heart

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April 19-20
Sacred Heart Parish Center

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April 19-21
Fatima Retreat Center

**04/21
sunday**

RCIA-Mystagogia
10:00 a.m.
330 Coleman-Morse Center

**04/22
monday**

The Way Bible Study
8:30 p.m.
331 Coleman-Morse Center

Eucharistic Adoration
Monday through Tuesday
11:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Fisher Hall Chapel

**04/23
tuesday**

Campus Bible Study/CBS
7:00 p.m.
114 Coleman-Morse Center
Fr. Al D'Alonzo, csc, Director

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11:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Fisher Hall Chapel

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
Mass Schedule**

**■ Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Saturday, April 20
5:00 p.m.**

Rev. Peter A. Jarret, c.s.c.

**Sunday, April 21
10:00 a.m.**

Rev. Gary S. Chamberland, c.s.c.

11:45 a.m.

Rev. Peter A. Jarret, c.s.c.

■ Around Campus

Sunday, April 21

Spanish Mass

1:30 p.m., Zahm Hall Chapel

Law School Mass

5:00 p.m., Law School Chapel

MBA Mass

7:00 p.m., Mendoza COB Chapel

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Further Reflections on the Church Scandals

Signs of Hope

■ by Fr. Richard V. Warner, C.S.C.

Counselor to the President & Director, Campus Ministry

Just before the ordination to the priesthood of four young Holy Cross priests on Saturday of Easter Week in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, and in the midst of the unprecedented and negative publicity against the Catholic Church, several hundred priests and several bishops, I tried to acknowledge that the actions of priests who violated their vows by sexually abusing minors was sinful and a betrayal of a sacred trust, and the actions of the Church authorities who covered up these abuses, through transfers or other means, were simply wrong and completely unjustified.

Now, on the eve of Pope John Paul II's all but unprecedented summoning of the U.S. cardinals and the president and vice president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, to gather in Rome for a two day meeting to begin next Tuesday, I would like to share further reflections on this crisis with you.

Many of the cases of sexual abuse of minors which appear daily in the secular press, occurred from 20 to 70 years ago. This time frame predates your birth at the very least, and your grandparents' birth at the extreme! Yet the stories appear in the newspapers, especially *The Boston Globe*, where the crisis began three months ago, and *The New York Times*, on a daily basis. Sometimes the coverage includes a full page or more; sometimes slightly less. The current crisis is, in part, media-driven. Indeed, one can legitimately claim that the Catholic Church in the United States (not the "American Catholic Church") is as weak and vulnerable as it has been perhaps for scores of years.

Yet at another level, judging from the example and the lives of Notre Dame undergraduate students, there has never been a group of young people as committed to the faith as there is now on our Campus. Notre Dame undergraduate students today are as intelligent and as talented as ever before. But, at the same time, there has rarely been a more fervently religious group of young men and women than you. You practice your religion with intensity and deep feeling; and you serve others on an unprecedented scale, both during your undergraduate years and in the years following graduation.

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Many Notre Dame faculty members serve as your mentors and guides, in the intellectual and religious spheres. They teach you to think critically and to assist you in your efforts to believe without reserve.

We know what an incredible privilege it is to offer the sacrifice of the Mass. And at Notre Dame, we know what a thrill it is to offer Mass for and with you, the Notre Dame undergraduates, whether in the Basilica or a hall, on a retreat or in a locker room, on an extraordinary day like Freshman Orientation, JPW or Commencement or on a quiet Thursday night in the dorm.

Many commentators claim that the current crisis and scandal is due to celibacy. Yet it is clear that despite the all-too-public and all-too-publicized sins of a relatively few priests, tens of thousands of others have served the Church and the people they love well. We are sinful men, but so often at the end of the day, we are incredibly grateful to God for the grace of being called to serve God's people as priests. It is hard sometimes, not to feel even for just a fleeting moment some type of "guilt by association." But that does not happen too often, and it never lasts more than a second.

For as priests, we know who we are. We know our strengths and our weaknesses. We know who we have been called by Jesus Christ to be and to become. We know the joy of brotherhood in the Congregation of the Holy Cross. We know too many astounding moments in our lives when we have been an instrument of God's grace for others. We know from first hand experience how humbling it is to hear a confession, and to encourage a penitent well on the way to holiness to continue to strive to grow in God's love and grace, because we, too, know how essential it is for us to be willing again and again to recommit ourselves to God through the Church and the Church's sacramental ministry.

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I pray for current and former priests in the Catholic Church in Boston and everywhere else, who have brought the Catholic Church in the United States to such a terrible moment of scandal and horror. I pray, too, for the victims of their sinfulness.

But I know and believe with all my heart that the Catholic Church, in the United States and throughout the world, today and until the end of time, is the instrument of God's salvation for all people of all cultures, and tongues and moments, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

And I know and believe with all my heart that the ministry of the Church is entrusted to all Catholic believers, priests and faithful alike, each according to the call they have received, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ and His ministry until the end of time.

I am confident that out of the current moment of crisis and horror, the Catholic Church in the United States and the priesthood, will emerge renewed through a crucible of pain and error to a moment of new faith, strength, hope and trustworthiness before God and for all God's people through the instrumentality of the Church.

■ Sunday's Scripture Readings 1st Rdg Acts 2:14a, 36-41 2nd Rdg 1 Pt 2:20b-25 Gospel John 10:1-10

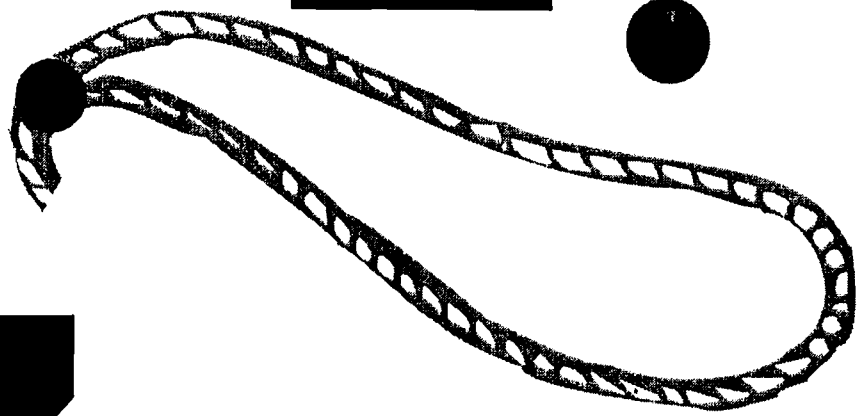
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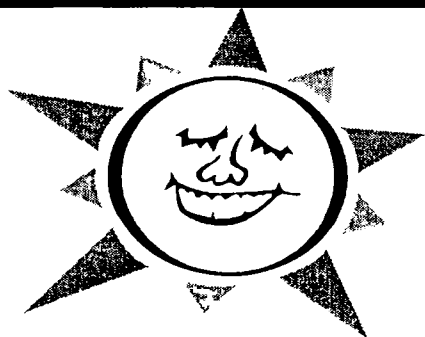
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SOFTBALL

Irish bounce back, pound Indiana State

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Losing Sunday for the first time in almost a month reminded the Notre Dame softball team that it is not perfect. But behind a powerful offense Wednesday, the Irish returned to the win column with two dominating victories.

Led by Andrea Loman's two home runs, Notre Dame swept a doubleheader against Indiana State, 14-1 and 11-2.

Suffering its first loss in 15 games to Syracuse made the Irish re-evaluate their approach for their game against Indiana State.

"I think they needed a couple of days to figure it out, and they did," head coach Deanna Gumpf said. "They came back here and gave everything they had, and they did a much better job getting after it."

In the doubleheader, Loman went three for four, scored five runs, drove in five and hit two home runs. After Sunday's 3-0 loss to Syracuse, the Irish came out with a different attitude.

"We know that we can be beat, just like anybody else," said Loman, who played first base for an injured Lisa Mattison. "We get in that winning mode and get after it. I think it was really important, just to put things into perspective, to come out and get two big wins today."

Up 1-0 in the bottom of the second, the Irish batted around and scored five times, all with two outs. After a Carrie Wisen double and Annie Dell'Aria single, center fielder Jenny Kriech brought them home with a single to left.

Kriech scored on a Megan Ciolli single to make the score 4-0.

Loman came to the plate and sent the first pitch to center field making the score 6-0.

"I am just seeing it [the ball] really good," said Loman, who also hit two home runs as a freshman on March 17, 2000. "It's really big coming in there. I'm just trying to keep my eye on it and take it for a ride."

In the bottom of the fourth, the Irish sent 10 batters to the plate and added six more runs to their 8-1

advantage. Loman drew a lead-off walk and scored on catcher Jarrah Myers' home run, her sixth of the season. Jessica Sharron singled with one out in her first at-bat of the season.

With two outs, Dell'Aria singled and Sharron scored on Kriech's double to left. Ciolli drove in two more runners with a single to center and made the score 14-1.

Wisen and Sharron combined to allow only one hit in Game 1.

Loman took no time putting the Irish on the board in Game 2. The Sycamores scored a run in the top of the first but Loman put the Irish ahead 2-1 with her second home run of the day.

"She's [Loman] a great player," Gumpf said. "You want to take her wherever you go."

Tied 2-2 in the bottom of the third, Notre Dame broke the game open. Kriech and Ciolli singled to right, and Loman walked to load the bases. Myers drew a bases-loaded walk to make the game 3-2.

Shortstop Andria Bledsoe brought Ciolli home with a sacrifice fly. Loman scored on a wild pitch, extending the lead to 5-2. Wisen singled home Myers to make the game 6-2.

After Nicole deFau reached on an error, Dell'Aria hit a sacrifice fly to center to score Wisen. Second baseman Alexis Madrid's single to center scored deFau and made the game 8-2.

"They [Irish hitters] hit the ball. They hit it well," Gumpf said. "This is the kind of day where they can play with them or they can play above them."

They did a great job of playing above them."

Wisen (10-4) went the distance for the Irish. In the doubleheader, the freshman threw eight innings, gave up two runs and two hits and struck out five.

Mattison and left fielder Liz Hartmann both sat out Wednesday's doubleheader but are expected to play in the game on today against Bowling Green. The Falcons are 14-20-1 on the season and 5-9 in Mid-American Conference action.

Shortstop Libby Voshell leads Bowling Green with a .330 batting average, 18 RBIs and 13 doubles. Left fielder Kandice Machain is first on the team with 35 hits and is second with 14 runs scored.

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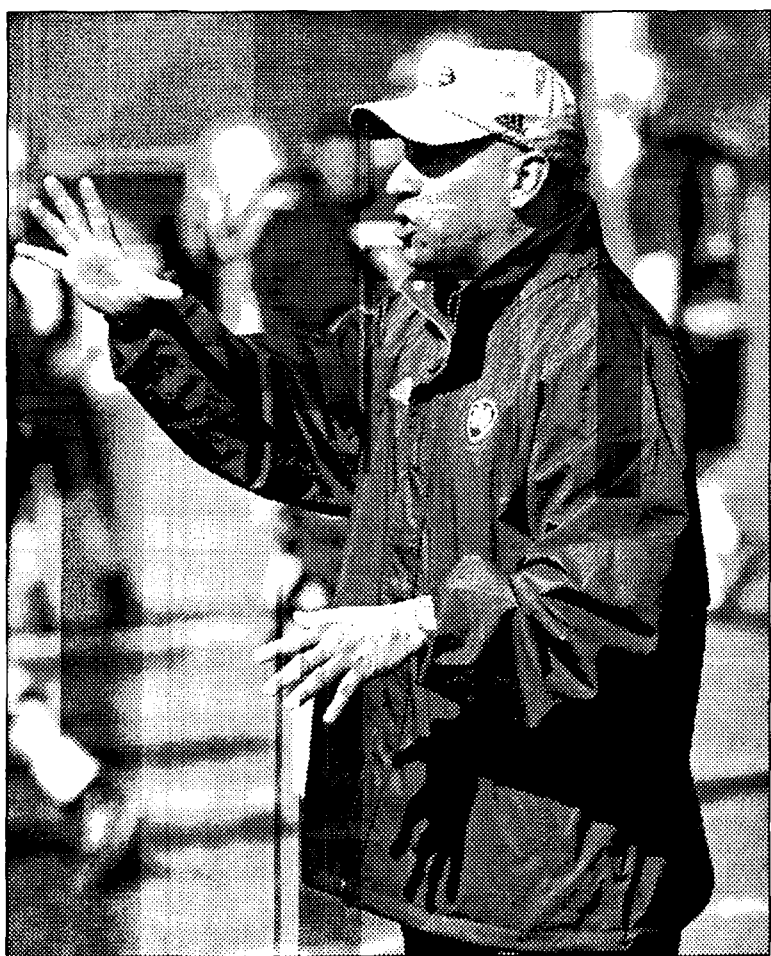
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Irish coach Trent Miles instructs his players during a recent practice. Miles met fellow coach Trent Walters 25 years ago.

Coaches

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in."

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

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

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

Walters has a slightly different take on the relationship.

"I hate his guts," he said Tuesday after practice. Then

he laughed and added, "No, we have a great time."

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

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

Twenty-five years after they first met, the two seem to have one thing in common now that they didn't have in common back then — their

respect for head coach Tyrone Willingham. Both cited him as the main reason for coming to coach for the Irish.

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

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

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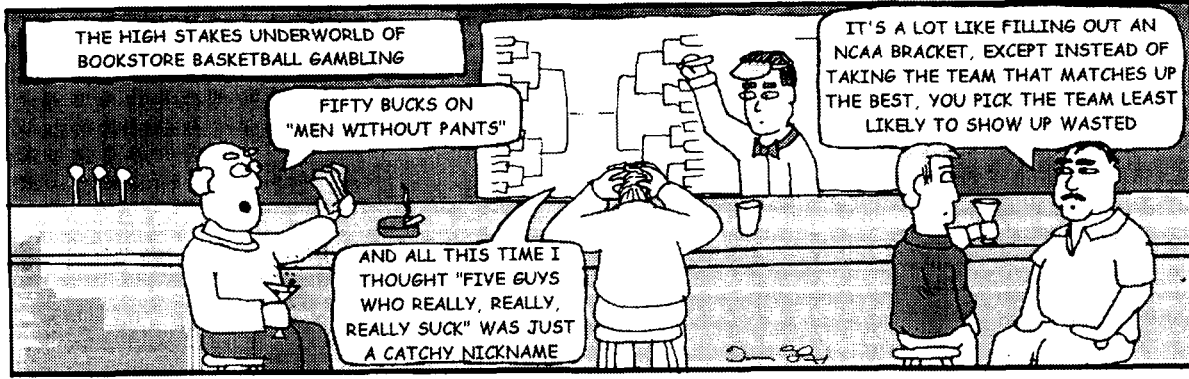
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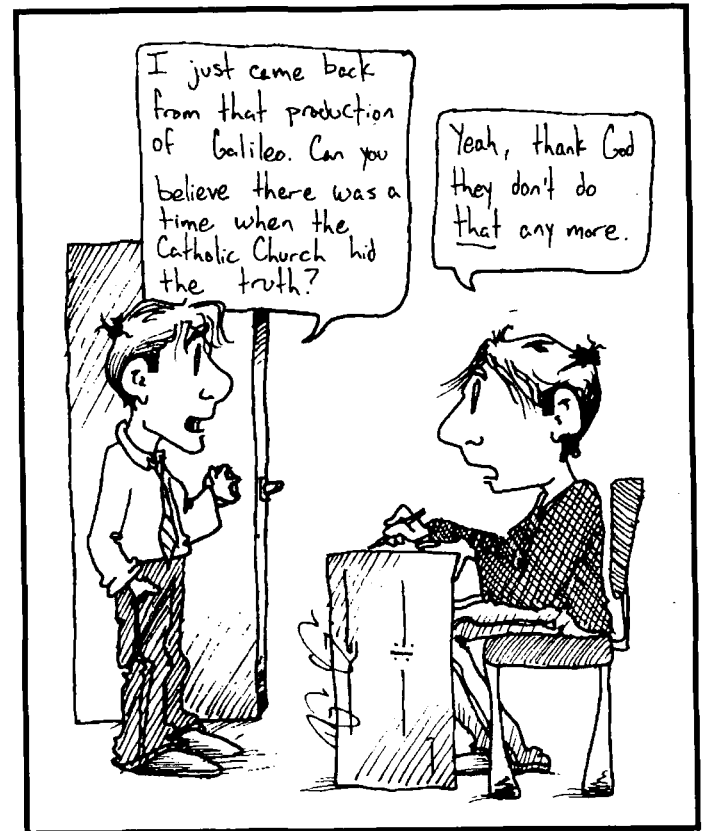
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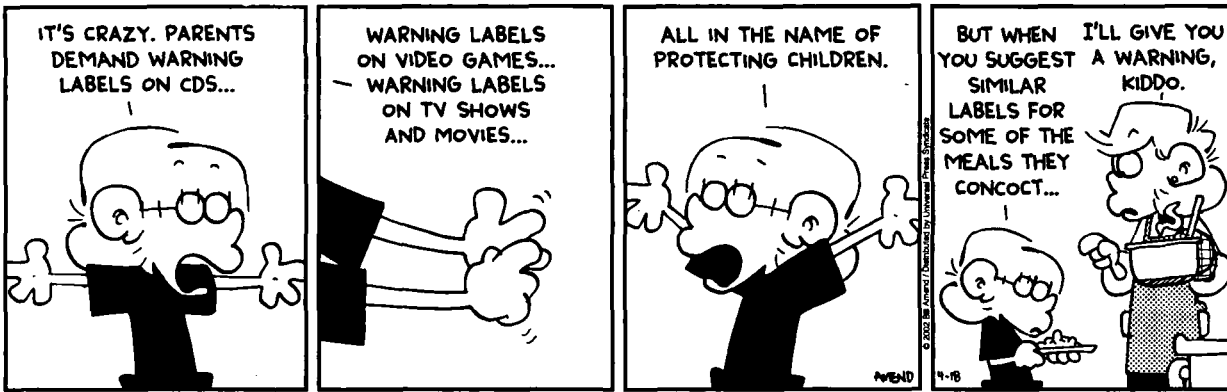
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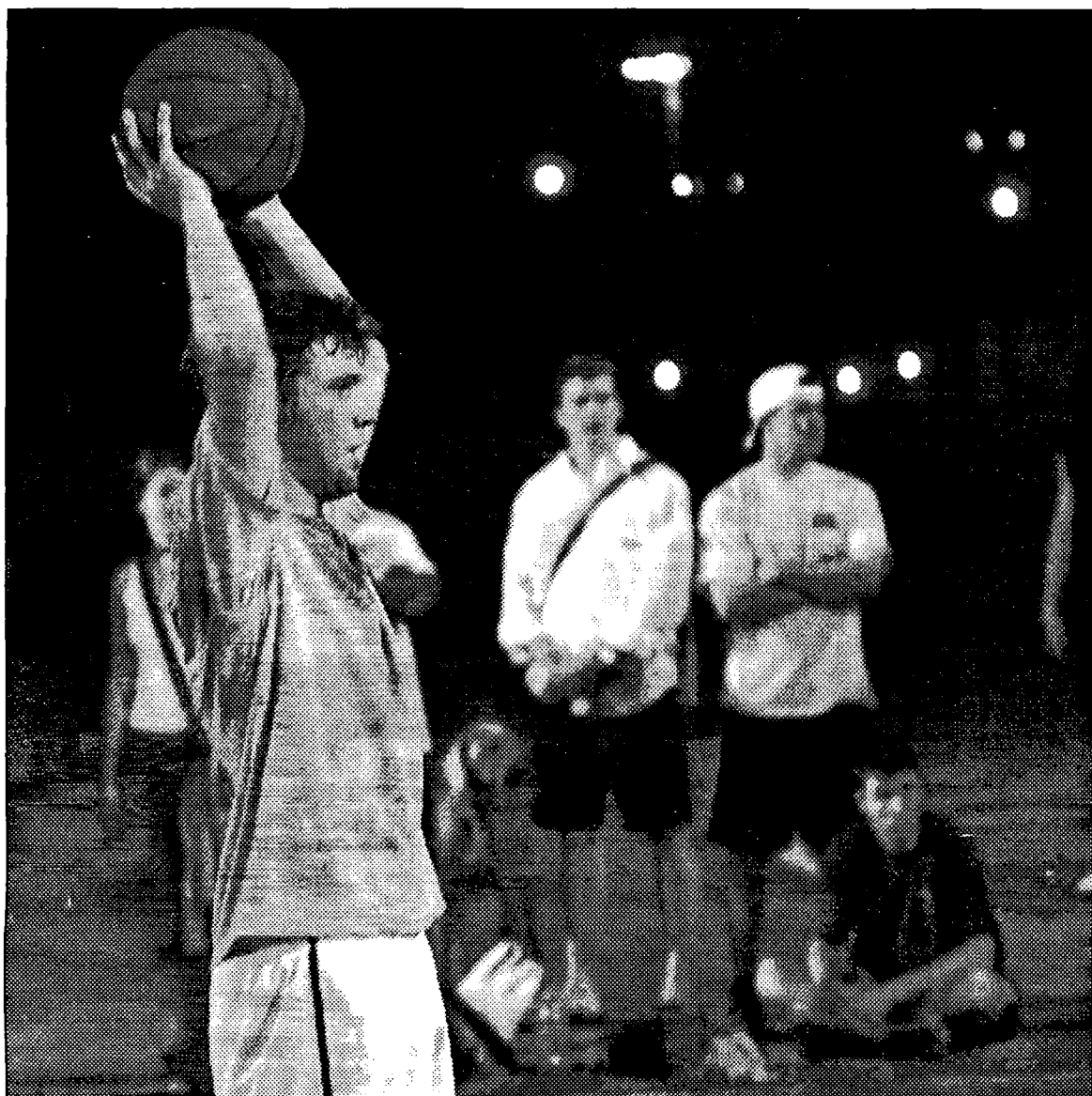
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SPORTS

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXI

Ballers get bounced



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A Bookstore basketball player attempts to make a pass in a recent game. Four Gaijins and a Guido defeated Naughty Ballers in the second round of the tournament Wednesday.

◆ Four Gaijins and a Guido advance with 21-12 victory

By TIM McKENZIE
Sports Writer

There was nothing clean about the 21-12 second-round Bookstore Basketball victory by the Four Gaijins and a Guido against Naughty Ballers.

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

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

The Ballers' cheering section followed suit by thoroughly dousing the Gaijins from the sidelines with handfuls of water balloons.

"It was really a group effort," said Lyzinski.

"We wanted to bring a surprise attack," said Riley. "We think it definitely caught them off guard."

Undeterred, the Gaijins continued the game in a fun atmosphere.

The Gaijins, a team of four

friends who'd studied in Nagano, Japan, was made up of students Grant Kreizenbeck, Paul DeJarnatt, Kris Zemlyak, Chas Grundy and their namesake, Guido DiStefano.

They didn't disappoint with their antics either, attempting to play without their hands.

"We wanted to even the game up," said DeJarnatt. "When that wasn't enough, we started playing on just one foot."

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

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

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

Soggy Pillow Sandwich got a boost in its win from the addition of former Irish tailback Tony Fisher. Sandwich attributed its victory to a solid game plan that allowed it to pull an upset on the taller Boat Club squad.

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BASEBALL

Grand slam leads Irish past Rockets

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

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

The Irish finished their homestand with a 12-2 record and have won 15 of their last 17 games dating back to the end of March.

The Irish opened the scoring with three quick runs in the bottom of the first inning. Center

fielder Steve Stanley led off the inning with a walk. Two batters later, Brian Stavisky hit a double to left field, advancing Stanley to third. Andrew Bushey then tripled down the right field line, scoring Stavisky and Stanley and setting up a sacrifice fly by Paul O'Toole which put the Irish ahead early, 3-0.

Notre Dame freshman pitcher Tyler Jones, in his first career start in an Irish uniform, got into a jam in the third inning when he issued two walks to Toledo hitters, before giving up an RBI single which cut the Irish lead to 3-1.

Then the floodgates opened. In the bottom of the third

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FOOTBALL

Coaches meet again

◆ Miles, Walters met each other 25 years ago

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

When Notre Dame receivers coach Trent Miles went to football camp at Indiana University, he found the only other person he had

met at that point in his life whose name was Trent. And now, 25 years later, he is coaching with that other Trent — Notre Dame secondary coach Trent Walters.

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

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

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

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

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

"I'm sorry he has to bring that up 'cause it kind of dates me by saying that," Walters said. "But it was a great experience. Now, I barely remember it but I do remember the time when he came in."

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- ◆ Baseball at Seton Hall, Saturday, noon
- ◆ Women's Lacrosse at Georgetown, Saturday, noon
- ◆ Men's Lacrosse vs. Fairfield, Sunday, 1 p.m.

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