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## Hutchison takes SMC election

*Third election finally produces junior president*

By CAROLINE BLUM  
News Writer

After visiting the polls three times, the sophomores of Saint Mary's finally chose Leigh Anne Hutchison, Anna Rafaj, Laura Loh, and Kelly Zermeno to represent their class next year. The Hutchison ticket defeated the ticket including Leslie Field, Emily Ruffner, Becky Kellogg, and Anne Korte yesterday in the run-off elections.

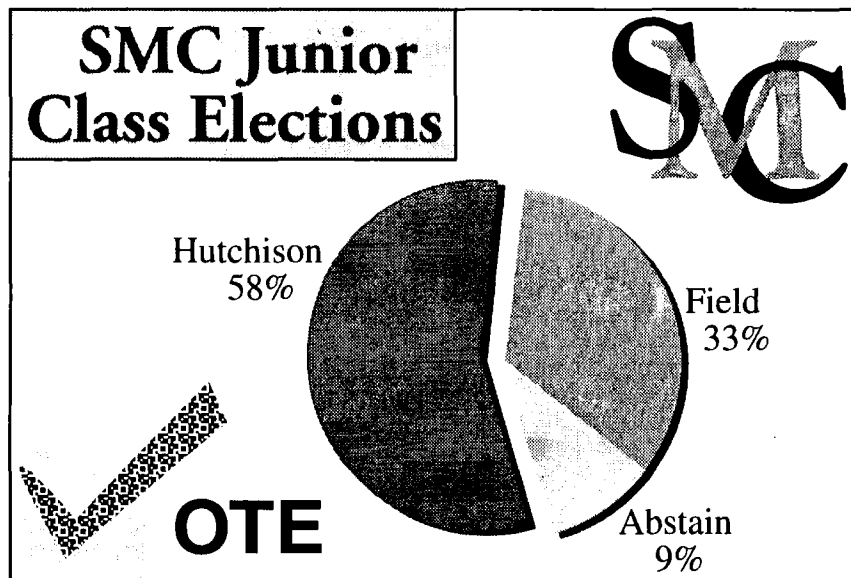
The Hutchison ticket earned 58 percent of the vote, while the Field ticket earned only 33 percent. Sixty-four percent of the class voted, and nine percent of the vote chose to abstain.

The Field ticket ran unopposed in the junior class elections on February 21, but was upset by the abstain vote. As a result, the elections were reopened to all sophomore class members.

Seven tickets entered the race, and after Tuesday's vote, there remained only two.

The two tickets entered the run-off with differing platforms. The Field ticket aimed to throw a Junior Jazz Fest, to start a video yearbook, and to provide a program for the juniors entitled "Balloons for Kids."

The Hutchison ticket wants to plan a class mass with Notre Dame and Saint Mary's in the Sacred Heart Basilica, to bring "Mongo



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Jam" as a junior class sponsored event, and to create a Junior Jamboree Spirit Week at Saint Mary's.

"Obviously, this is what our class wants," Field said. "As we look at it we gave the race a heck of a try."

As the junior class officers, Hutchison, Rafaj, Loh, and Zermeno hope to bring a "fresh start" to Saint Mary's.

"We really want to build class unity through our platform goals," said Hutchison. "The race was very exciting, and we want to congratulate all of the tickets that ran."

The Field ticket also wishes the Hutchison ticket the best of luck. Field, Ruffner, Kellogg, and Korte have all really enjoyed their last two years in office, and express their intentions to continue their role in

student government through other avenues.

Unfortunately, the Field ticket still has several misconceptions as to why the Hutchison ticket did not enter the race the first time.

"We didn't run the first time because we weren't aware that the sophomore class was unhappy with the Field ticket. After they lost to the abstain vote, however, we knew that we were the people the class wanted. We were the people to get things done," said Hutchison.

As to the race Field said, "We feel that we have gained a lot of respect because we hung in the race. We still hope to get our platform ideas of the ground. Just because we won't be holding office does not mean that our voices won't be heard."

## Video discussion brings together UN, Golden Dome

By JAMIE HEISLER  
News Writer

In conjunction with the United Nations World Summit for Social Development, Golden Dome Productions will be hosting a roundtable discussion featuring South African President Nelson Mandela, Brazilian President Fernando Henrique Cardoso, Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, and Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland.

The discussion, titled "Talking Heads of State," will take place today in Copenhagen, Denmark, the site of the UN Summit, and will focus on three topics: poverty, unemployment and social integration. The roundtable will allow the four leaders to focus on common problems as well as possible solutions.

The discussion will be made into an hour long program and is tentatively scheduled for broadcast on Sunday, March 12 on VISA- The Faith and Values Channel, a national cable network, as well as several other local and international stations.

Golden Dome Productions, a full scale video production company owned by Notre Dame, became interested in the concept early in November and through contacts gained the support of the UN.

"It was they're idea and our idea brought together," said Michael Schmiedeler, assistant producer of Golden Dome productions. In January the plan "kicked into high gear."

Golden Dome Productions also plans to feature the UN Summit in a three-part program next fall for their "Today's Life Choices" series, a weekly half-hour documentary.

The program is of importance to the university because "the issues that they are addressing are so important and so global. The program will also be good exposure for Notre Dame and a good way of carrying out the mission of the school, which is to educate," according to Schmiedeler.

## Hopes dashed, gays look beyond recognition

*Editor's Note: This is the last installment in a four part series examining the dilemma of being gay and Catholic*

By DAVE TYLER  
News Editor

The message could not have been any clearer.

On Monday, Mar. 6, a two page advertisement titled "An Open Letter in Response to the Campus Life Council Resolution Calling for Recognition of GLND/SMC," ran in The Observer. In the letter, Vice President of Student Affairs Patricia O'Hara rejected the CLC's call for official recognition of Gays and Lesbian of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College. In the area of recognition, there would be no change from previous University policy.

All eyes now look to the road ahead. In her letter O'Hara said she believed that "the recent debate could be transformed in to a positive opportunity...The energy focused on the recognition question can serve to renew us with respect to the broader question of how—apart from recognition of GLND/SMC or another student group—we can enhance our efforts to meet the needs of our gay and lesbian students." In short, where does the University go from here?

O'Hara's first step towards addressing the future needs of

### Gay and Catholic Part 3 of 4

gay and lesbian students on campus was the formation of a 12 member ad hoc committee. The committee will explore three primary issues: what steps should Student Affairs take to eliminate harassment based on sexual orientation, what programs can Student Affairs sponsor to better equip staff for meeting the needs of gay and lesbian students, and how can the University sponsor a setting for gay and lesbian students to come together as a group to explore common issues and support, without being unfaithful to Church teaching?

O'Hara's answer and proposal met with loud opposition. On Tuesday night, the Faculty Senate became the latest campus body to voice its support of GLND/SMC, voting 30-3 to pass a resolution calling on the officers of the University to immediately recognize the group.

The O'Hara letter, while denying GLND/SMC recognition, noted that the dispute over recognition involved a disagreement over "the appropriate means to an agreed upon end."

John Blandford and Kelly Smith, co-chairs of GLND/SMC,

don't share O'Hara's view.

"We have a different vision of the end, I think," Blandford said. "Gay and Lesbian students need to feel part of the campus just like anyone else." He said that O'Hara's proposals stop short of meeting that need, leaving gays and lesbians to feel only "better treated."

Under the current structure, and the structure proposed in the O'Hara letter "students would sit in a Campus Ministry support group and lament their fate," he said. "We really try to move beyond that. Sexual orientation would be something you hide, rather than integrate into your life and include in your faith."

In addition, Smith said that she is fearful of placing all her trust in the hands of only one option for campus gays and lesbians.

"There's no alternative to the Campus Ministry support groups," Smith said. "If that falls through, what then?"

To come to any solution on the future of gay and lesbian students, discussions should be held between the University and GLND/SMC, Smith said.

"There needs to be some kind of dialogue," Smith said. "We need to be used as a resource—something that has never really happened before," said Smith.



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After protests by the GLND/SMC, Vice President of Student Affairs Patricia O'Hara hopes to create a more inclusive environment for the gay and lesbian community of Notre Dame.

## ■ INSIDE COLUMN

## Where have you gone Joe DiMaggio?

*Ford glances at the runner on third and then turns and gazes over to Berra crouched behind the plate, looking for the sign from the dugout.*

I've got about ten shoeboxes stacked haphazardly in my closet at home in Fort Wayne, Ind., full of baseball cards. They're a reminder of the days I spent in middle school swapping cards with my friends on recess or after school. I've always been a die-hard New York Yankees' fan, so whenever I could, I would trade for the cards of any Yankees' players.

"Hey, Kevin, I'll give you three Nolan Ryan cards for a Don Mattingly and a Dave Winfield."

"Throw in a stick of gum and you've got a deal."

*Williams digs his cleats into the batter's box, adjusts his grip on the bat, and returns the pitcher's empty stare.*

When my Little League playing days ended, I turned to umpiring ballgames. Little League umpires may have all the prestige of a super-market grocery boy and the popularity of a Democrat on the Notre Dame campus, but I had fun when I donned the gear of the men in blue.

The games I saw were the typical Little League affairs: 18-17 scores with probably only one legitimate hit, but the kids had fun. Though their skills didn't match the level of major-leaguers, who was to say that their games were any worse? Most importantly, whether the kids won or lost, the game was only a distant memory five minutes after its conclusion, and boys who were rivals on the field were friends again.

*The umpire raises his fingers to announce the count. Three balls and two strikes, with two outs. The third-base coach whispers the strategy to the runner, and flashes the signs to Williams.*

Whether I've been a card collector, a player, or an umpire, I've always been a fan of the game of baseball. Many critics claim that baseball has lost its magic, that it is no longer the national pastime, pointing to the debacle between players and owners at the major league level as evidence.

But that isn't real baseball — it's a sideshow to the business of making money at the expense of loyal fans. The true game can be found in the sandlots and minor league diamonds around the country.

*Ford goes into his wind-up and fires a fast-ball toward the plate. Williams is prepared for the heater, but the ball is by him by the time he swings. The umpire raises his right fist.*

Making the big leagues is not so grand anymore. Until a baseball commissioner is elected to settle the strike, the papers will be dominated by the names of Donald Fehr and Bud Selig, the two obstacles to progress in the dispute.

It's time for negotiators to put aside their differences in order to save the 1995 campaign — if not for today's owners, players and fans, then for the memories of the players such as Whitey Ford, Yogi Berra, and Ted Williams who made the game great. Otherwise, as the inane baseball strike passes the 200-day mark, it threatens to ruin yet another season.

*Strike three, yer out.*

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## ■ WORLD AT A GLANCE

## Storm hits northern California; Southern California waits

A howling Pacific storm lashed Northern California on Thursday, swamping roads, snapping power lines and raising fears of a repeat of January's disastrous floods.

"The forecast unfortunately is for continued gusty wind and rain. I think we'll be in a roller-coaster situation for at least a day and a half," said Pacific Gas & Electric Co. spokesman Ron Rutkowski. The company called in extra crews to deal with more than 140,000 customers without power.

In Southern California, residents braced for the storm's arrival, especially in La Conchita, the Ventura County town where a hillside collapsed Saturday, burying nine homes.

Streams pushed over their banks in many areas in Northern California; in St. Helena, a small town in lush wine country, more than 350 people were evacuated when the Napa River overflowed.

Rain was falling at a half-inch or more an hour in the Santa Cruz Mountains on the central coast south of San Francisco, and other areas reported that up to 8 inches of rain fell overnight.

Rain was expected intermittently until Saturday morning, raising fears that this latest storm could cause damage rivaling that from more than two weeks of rain in January. During that deluge, 11 people died and more than \$300 million in damage was reported statewide.

Up to 10 inches of rain was expected before a respite late Sunday or Monday.

ST. HELENA

## Storm slams into Northern California

The storm hit Northern California Thursday, causing extensive damage and injury.

- Over 140,000 customers from Santa Rosa to San Jose lost electrical power.
- About 300 to 350 people were evacuated from a mobile home park in the wine country town of St. Helena.
- High wind warnings were issued for the Golden Gate Bridge and other bridges.
- Flooding closed Interstate 5, about 50 miles north of Sacramento.
- Two of San Francisco International Airport's four runways were closed due to high wind.



AP/Wm. J. Castello

## Belfast cheers Queen Elizabeth

On her first visit to Northern Ireland since an IRA cease-fire, Queen Elizabeth II praised its people for their courage and compassion. While members of the royal family usually venture into Northern Ireland with no advance notice, the royal couple's one-day visit was well-publicized. That reflects a relaxed attitude toward security since the Irish Republican Army began a cease-fire on Sept. 1. Addressing church and political leaders in an Armagh chapel, the queen said the people of Northern Ireland "have shown courage and compassion of an extraordinary kind." "Today as they begin to look towards a more peaceful future, Armagh, with its two great cathedrals standing so close together, presents a powerful symbol of the strength, spirit and hopes of people across Northern Ireland," she said. The queen restored city status to Armagh, which has Roman Catholic and Protestant cathedrals on adjacent hills. Legend has it that St. Patrick chose Armagh as his seat in the fifth century.

BELFAST



## Man sets self on fire at Red Cross H.Q.

A man walked into an office of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies on Thursday complaining in broken English about human rights violations in Poland, dumped gasoline on himself, and set himself ablaze. "He screamed, and then became very quiet," agency director Eigil Petersen said. "The tragic thing is, he felt he had to commit suicide." He rebuffed efforts to send him to the Polish consulate or the United Nations, said the other Red Cross worker who witnessed the immolation, Debra Bunt. The man threatened to blow up the office, and as in previous visits, complained about genocide and human rights violations in Poland, Peterson said. Because of his thick accent, the witnesses couldn't tell whose rights the man thought were being violated. The unidentified man was dead when paramedics arrived on the 21st floor of the midtown Manhattan office tower, EMS spokesman David Billig said.

NEW YORK

## Quebec to vote on independence

An independence referendum will be held this year as promised, and Quebec voters will be asked to approve total separation from Canada rather than a political association, Premier Jacques Parizeau said today. Parizeau's Parti Quebecois was elected last year on a platform to take the French-speaking province out of Canada, but opinion polls consistently show support for independence falls short of a majority. There has been widespread speculation recently that Parizeau would postpone the referendum or devise a diluted question on sovereignty that he could be sure to win. "I feel very much convinced, maybe even more so, that it (the referendum) must take place in 1995," Parizeau said today after returning from a ten-day vacation in Mexico. Parizeau said that while the referendum question would not refer to a political association with the rest of Canada, he has not ruled out the possibility of an economic association. A referendum on "sovereignty-association" with Canada was defeated in 1980, partly because the question was awkwardly worded and many people didn't know what it meant.

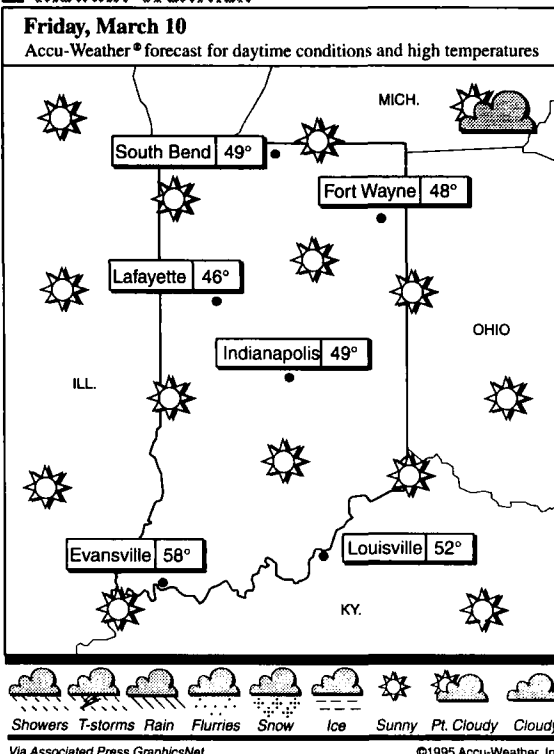
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## Druglord added to FBI's most wanted

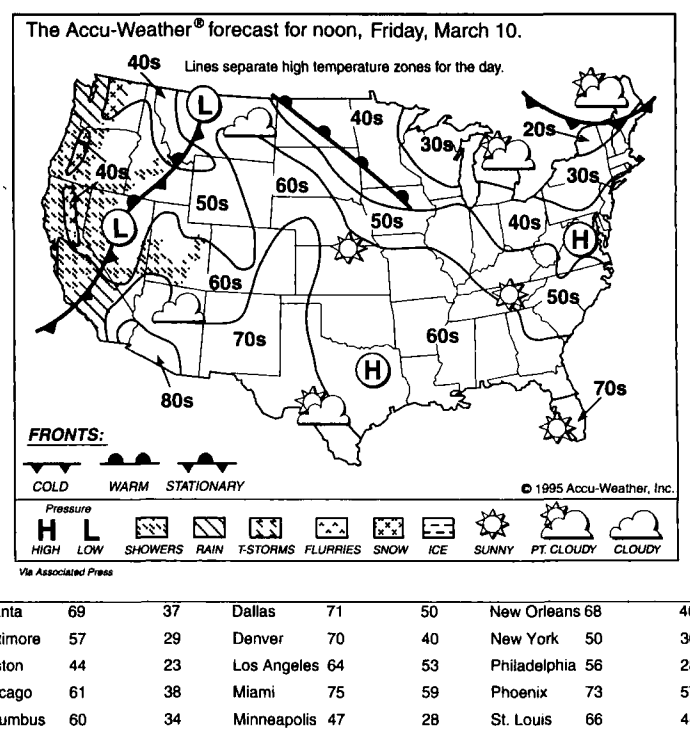
The reputed leader of a Mexican drug organization that brings tons of cocaine to the United States was put on the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list today — the first international drug trafficker ever listed. In an effort to highlight the move, Attorney General Janet Reno personally announced the addition of Juan Garcia-Abrego, 50, to the list at her weekly news conference. Most additions are announced in press releases by the FBI. Garcia-Abrego was indicted in Houston in 1993 on drug trafficking and money laundering charges and the Justice Department characterizes his organization as a major conduit for cocaine from Colombia's Cali cartel into this country. "Placement of Garcia-Abrego's name on the 10 Most Wanted List demonstrates the importance we place on wiping out these self-proclaimed drug lords who deal in human death and misery," Reno said. She also went out of her way to praise the cooperation from the current Mexican government on drug enforcement.

WASHINGTON

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# Collins: Pop culture adds to homophobia

## Desegregation aids learning opportunities

By PATRICK BELTON  
News Writer

Beverly Hills 90210 is "tremendously heterosexist," said Assistant Dean Ava Collins.

Like the rest of the mass media in America, the show primarily depicts rich, white, heterosexual men, and homosexuals only appear in "stigmatized and stereotypic ways that do not begin to get at the reality or complexity of their existences," she said.

Popular culture is by its nature homophobic, according to Collins.

Collins made these remarks in a lecture yesterday in DeBartolo Hall. The talk, "Homophobia and Popular

Culture," formed part of the Gender Studies Forum course of lectures and was sponsored by Gentler Students.

She began by quoting writer Martha Gever as saying that popular names for gays—such as deviants, perverts, and queers—all describe their condition as a distortion of healthy sexuality.

At the same time, popular culture rarely depicts wealthy, white, heterosexual men as constituting a social group. As a result, they come across as the human norm, according to Collins.

Collins suggested film makers try "making normality strange and thus ultimately decentering it" so that the WASP ideals be-

come "just images of identity alongside all others."

Moving the mass media away from homophobia creates a number of questions, she said.

Sympathetic film makers must decide between portraying characters who are only incidentally gay and depicting different "sexual cultures" in their entirety. Also, homosexual producers have to decide whether to support gay and lesbian screenings, which may create homosexual solidarity but also may stigmatize their work to heterosexual audiences.

Collins cited Philadelphia and Northern Exposure as examples of the mass media making the normal strange.

At the same time, she criti-

cized Philadelphia as having "implicit homophobia" in depicting a homosexual white male member of the power elite while ignoring homosexuals of lower classes. The movie succeeded only because it presented the problems of homosexuality, she said.

Collins concluded by saying that those who would reform popular society according to her plan must take into account the effect of socio-economic power in relations between social groups.

"I think the most productive, least homophobic popular culture texts today are those that are in fact self-conscious about those relations of power," she said.

By VICTORIA PRATTE  
News Writer

Controlled choice in public education is the only way to achieve both academic excellence and equity of opportunity for all students, said Harvard Professor Charles Willie in a presentation yesterday. According to Willie, America needs to focus on improving universal school quality, while ensuring racial desegregation.

Willie detailed his plan in a lecture entitled "Controlled Choice: A New Approach to Achieving Equity and Excellence in School Desegregation," as part of a series sponsored by Notre Dame's Urban Institute. To accomplish these goals, Willie proposes giving parents a choice about where to educate their children, provided that they meet certain racial guidelines. Parents can select any

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## Future

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Homosexual students should have their own voice in determining any outcome, Blandford said.

"Part of the message (from the administration) in all of this is you don't know what's good for you," he said. "We'd love to deal with them as adults."

Members of the ad hoc committee expressed hope that their work could be meaningful, and help produce a result all parties could agree to.

Incoming student body vice-president Dennis McCarthy said he and running-mate Jonathan

Patrick were hesitant at first about joining the committee, but felt reassured after talking to other committee members and representatives of the Office of Student Affairs.

"We feel this is a sincere effort from the University," said McCarthy. "We hope some good can come of it, we definitely want to make sure that something comes out of all this."

Patrick and McCarthy's platform urged support for gay and lesbian students in addition to overall student involvement. McCarthy said that both hope to be able to incorporate these planks in the work of the committee.

"We're trying to make sure as many students as possible are

represented, including a representative of GLND/SMC," he said.

Sister Joris Binder, Rector of Pasquerilla East and member of the new ad hoc committee said that communication will be paramount as the group begins its task.

"The best thing to come out of these events so far is the conversation. All levels of the university; faculty, staff, students are talking, and that's healthy," she said. "We've got to be open to listening to all sides in this, and supporting everyone the best we can," said Binder.

Binder said she hopes that sort of attitude will go a long way in finding a workable compromise.

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one of several public schools within their geographic zone, as long as that choice preserves racial balance within the community.

According to Willie, the results of controlled choice are twofold. His plan allows students the opportunity to attend school where they wish, while also exposing them to a mixture of people with varied backgrounds.

"Being in the presence of our opposites, is for our own benefit," Willie said. We can learn something from everyone we encounter, especially those very different from us.

Beyond the personal and societal benefits of controlled choice, Willie's plan promotes academic excellence. Overall school quality improves as indi-

vidual schools make every effort to attract students. As Willie stated, "Excellence and equity go hand in hand... Excellence can be achieved without compromising equity."

Boston public schools implemented Willie's plan, and have seen improvements in academic quality. Thirty-three schools are now over-demanded by all racial groups. New faculty and exciting programs have attracted more and more students, and pressured other schools to follow suit. Most importantly, for Willie, desegregation and quality must exist simultaneously.

Parents are very positive about the opportunity to select schools for their children. Willie's studies show that "people prefer quality over convenience." Parents do not mind having their children bussed out of the neighborhood if it means that they will receive a quality education.

### CAMPUS BRIEFS

Donald Gothard, a 1956 alumnus of the University of Notre Dame, was named 1995 Engineer of the Year at the ninth annual Black Engineer of the Year Awards Conference Feb. 16-18 in Baltimore.

A systems engineer with General Motors for 39 years, Gothard currently is the director of quality and manufacturing engineering at GM's North American Automotive Operations Prototype Shops in Warren, Mich.

Gothard worked for eight years on GM's Delco Electronics team that designed guidance and navigational systems for Apollo spacecraft. He also has been involved in the design of GM's Blazer sport utility vehicle and the S-15 GMC pickup truck.

A member of GM's University Relations Team at Notre Dame since 1981, Gothard has served on the University's College of Engineering Advisory Council since 1991 and received the college's 1994 Honor Award. He also has been active in the Black Alumni of Notre Dame as well as various community organizations.

Parking lot configurations on the south side of the University of Notre Dame campus will begin changing next week due to expansion of DeBartolo

Quadrangle.

A portion of the visitor parking lot adjacent to the Hesburgh Center for International Studies will close permanently Monday (March 13). A new entrance to the remainder of the lot will be constructed south of the Hesburgh Center, and faculty and staff with a valid decal and "Kontrol Kard" will continue to have access to that area.

The B-1 lot east of the University Club will close permanently in April when the quadrangle is extended from DeBartolo Hall to the south end of the soon-to-be-completed College of Business Administration complex.

For information on parking, call (219) 631-5053. Information on campus construction is available at (219) 631-4200.

Saint Mary's Road on the University of Notre Dame campus will be closed beginning Tuesday (March 14) to accommodate work on a utility project. The road is scheduled to be reopened by Friday (March 17).

For more information on traffic and parking call 631-5053. For information on construction, call 631-4200.

Tornado Awareness Week is March 13-17. There will be a county wide test between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

### SECURITY BEAT

#### MON. MARCH 6

11:31 a.m. A University employee reported the theft of his CD player from Cushing Hall.

1 p.m. A Lyons Hall resident reported the theft of her license plate from her vehicle which was parked in the D6 parking lot.

3:15 p.m. Security arrested a South Bend resident for trespassing and disorderly conduct.

#### TUES. MARCH 7

2:42 a.m. Security transported a Dillon Hall resident to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a ear injury.

3:34 a.m. Security transported a Morrissey Hall resident to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a laceration.

12:37 p.m. Security responded to a two car accident on Dorr Road. There were no injuries reported.

#### WED. MARCH 8

7:55 a.m. Security responded to a two-car accident on Old Juniper Road. There were no injuries reported.

10:10 a.m. A University employee was transported by Security to the Student Health Center for treatment of a laceration.

3:59 p.m. A Flanner Hall resident reported the theft of his laundry bag from the Flanner hall laundry pick-up area.

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# Anti-Semitic bible recalled House GOP leaders delay term limit vote

Associated Press

PARIS  
A Roman Catholic bishop said Thursday he has ordered the recall of a new Bible that portrays Jews with old-fashioned stereotypes long considered

derogatory.

Jean-Charles Thomas, the bishop of Versailles, acknowledged the "Bible for Christian Communities," for which he wrote the preface, had an "anti-Semitic aspect."

About 60,000 copies have

been sold in France and Belgium since May 1994.

The Bible is the work of Bernard Hurault, a missionary in Chile who intended it for poor people. Eighteen million copies in English and Spanish have been distributed in South America.

According to the text, the Jewish people killed Christ because they "were not able to control their fanaticism."

The bible also reduced Jewish custom to "folkloric duties involving circumcision and hats."

Responding to protests, Thomas withdrew his approval of the text and ordered publishers to make revisions and add his apologies. Dissatisfied with the result, French Jewish leader Jean Kahn complained to the Vatican, which agreed that the text "contradicted the teachings of the Vatican II."

By DAVID ESPO

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Facing likely defeat on a key provision of their "Contract With America," House Republicans are delaying a vote on a constitutional amendment for term limits on lawmakers to rally support.

"In the next few weeks the leadership will be working hard to cultivate the votes necessary to pass term limits," Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, wrote other lawmakers Wednesday in announcing the bill would not come to the floor as scheduled next week. A vote in late March is likely.

But even as Armey vowed to fight for the measure, two other members of the House

GOP leadership voiced continued opposition, underscoring the difficulty of rounding up the two-thirds majority necessary for passage.

"Most people have not thought through the unintended consequences," said six-term Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas, the party's whip. He said a limit on congressional terms would simply transfer power to unelected bureaucrats. DeLay said he had made that case to first-term lawmakers last winter during his leadership race, and noted he was elected despite his opposition to the measure.

Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, chairman of the GOP caucus, serving his third term, also said he was standing firm in opposition.

In contrast, the 73 GOP first-termers, many of whom pledge strong loyalty to the "Contract With America," are expected to vote solidly for a term limits amendment.

"It's in the nature of the freshman's message that we be out front" on the issue, said Rep. George Nethercutt, R-Wash. He defeated then-Speaker Thomas Foley last year in a race that turned in part on Foley's opposition to a statewide, voter-passed term limits law.

Before they can round up votes for an amendment, the party leadership must first decide on the details of a bill.

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## Peso slides to new low despite emergency plan

By ANITA SNOW  
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY President Ernesto Zedillo's delay in releasing a plan for addressing Mexico's financial crisis sent the peso tumbling Thursday for a fifth straight day.

Treasury Secretary Guillermo Ortiz said Thursday afternoon that the emergency plan would be unveiled in the evening, but not before the peso closed at an all-time low.

After weeks of delays, the Mexican currency market was little assured.

It lacked any clear signal that Zedillo could come up with enough of a plan to surmount the crisis.

The peso opened at 6.995 to the dollar but closed at a new low of 7.45 Thursday after trading as low as 7.7 during the day. The peso has eroded for nearly a week, closing at all-time lows each of the past five days.

The peso, worth about 28 cents when it began sliding on Dec. 20, is now worth less than half that.

The stock market closed up 2.8 percent above Wednesday's close as some traders hedged their bets on the new economic plan.

Businesses and labor were reported to be bracing for new austerity measures, including potentially heavy tax increases and restraints on wage increases.

Jose Madariaga Lomelin,

president of the Bankers Association of Mexico, exhorted Mexicans to accept any tax increases as a necessary step.

"This is like a bitter medicine: You have to take it even though it is disagreeable," Madariaga was quoted as telling *El Financiero*, a Mexico City business daily.

Media reports said the 10 percent value-added tax could be raised along with the price of gasoline and electricity, while minimum wage increases could be held to as little as 6 or 8 percent.

Those reports could not be immediately confirmed.

Nonetheless, business leaders have already begun protesting expected tax hikes. Some 400 of them demonstrated Wednesday in the northern industrial city of Monterrey.

Ordinary Mexicans said they feared life would soon become even more difficult.

Everything from telephone service and transportation to basic foodstuffs have become more expensive since December while paychecks lagged.

"We can't afford any more increases," said Juan Carlos Aguilar, who runs a photography shop in Mexico City. "Business has fallen 80 percent in the last several months and everything costs more, including film."

Market vendors said business had plunged some 50 percent as the prices of food, particularly meat, has soared in recent months.

## N. Korea signs new reactor deal

By TONY CZUCZKA  
Associated Press

NEW YORK

The United States and its allies signed a deal Thursday to supply North Korea with new nuclear reactors made by its chief rival: South Korea. The communist North indicated it would reject them.

The deal to finance and build two 1,000-megawatt light-water reactors worth \$4 billion is intended to wean the reclusive North from a nuclear program suspected of developing atomic weapons.

North Korea agreed on Oct. 21 to phase out its nuclear program in return for a U.S. offer of improved ties and help in providing the new reactors.

South Korea has offered to foot most of the bill — provided its companies supply the reactors. South Korea also sees the reactor deal as a possible way to promote political talks with the north.

U.S. chief negotiator Robert Gallucci reiterated after the signing that there was no alternative to South Korean reactors.

"It is what we agreed to (with North Korea) and that's what we plan on doing," he told reporters, adding that the project "is much to the advantage" of the North Koreans.

The October deal had set an April 21 target date for a reactor contract.

As Thursday's accord approached, the North ratcheted up its campaign against the

proposal for South Korean-made reactors, calling them unproven. Experts say the real reason, however, is pride.

The North warned the United States it may rescind its freeze on operations at the Yongbyon nuclear reactor without a contract by April 21, the South's Yonhap news agency reported Wednesday, quoting unidentified

diplomatic sources.

The warning was reportedly contained in a March 2 letter from North Korean Vice Foreign Minister Kang Sok Ju to Gallucci, the sources said.

Experts have suspected the graphite-moderated reactor at Yongbyon produced weapons-grade plutonium that could be used for nuclear weapons.

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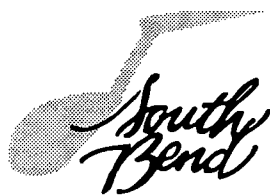
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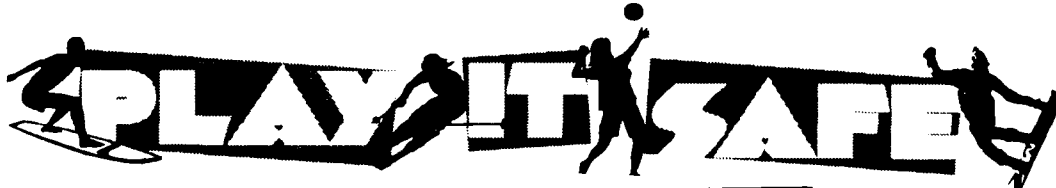
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# Christopher denounces Conoco contract US pledges defense of weak dollar

By BARRY SCHWEID  
Associated Press

TEL AVIV

A major American oil company's contract with Iran to develop a Persian Gulf oil field came under severe attack Thursday from Secretary of State Warren Christopher. He accused Conoco of assisting an "outlaw nation" that supports terrorism.

"We are working to contain Iran," Christopher said, accus-

ing the Tehran government of having "an evil hand" everywhere in the Middle East.

The contract by Conoco Inc., worth an estimated \$1 billion, is the first energy agreement involving Iran and the United States since the Carter administration severed relations with Tehran in 1980.

Christopher was in the Middle East trying to promote the expansion of Palestinian self-rule on the West Bank and to reopen negotiations between Is-

rael and Syria.

Iran cast a long shadow over Christopher's shuttle mission. The State Department for years has accused Iran of supporting terrorists bent on sidetracking the peace process with attacks on Israelis, of a major role in the Mideast drug trade and of abusing its Kurdish and Shiite citizens.

Israel, meanwhile, explains its unwillingness to submit to international nuclear inspection by pointing to potential attack

from such adversaries as Iran, Iraq and Libya.

The no-inspection stand has strained relations with Egypt and provoked formation of an Arab bloc that threatens to oppose the Clinton administration's drive to extend the 1968 Nuclear Non-Proliferation treaty indefinitely.

"We feel that Iran is an outlaw nation," Christopher said in a joint news conference with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

## US pledges defense of weak dollar

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The world should be "absolutely clear" that America will defend its currency, the Clinton administration declared Thursday, striking a resolute note as financial markets continued to pound the dollar.

While Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin was offering the administration's most detailed defense yet of the U.S. currency, markets were driving the dollar down against the Japanese yen.

Economists said traders shrugged off Rubin's statements and concentrated instead on further economic chaos in Mexico, where the peso fell to a third straight record low. Markets remain worried that turmoil in Mexico, America's third-largest export market, will harm the U.S. economy.

In late afternoon trading in New York, the dollar was quoted at 90.45 yen, down from 91.33 yen the previous day. The dollar did manage to eke out a small gain against the German mark, closing at 1.3945 marks, up slightly from 1.3935 Wednesday. Even with the further drop against the yen, it remained above a record low set earlier in the week.

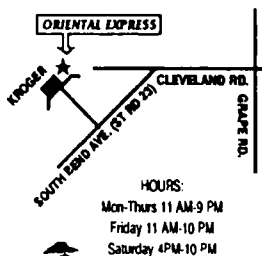
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### O'Hara's group lacks expertise

Dear Editor:

As a member of both the Campus Life Council (CLC) and GLND/SMC, I would like to share some insight with the campus regarding the recent controversy on campus over the CLC's call for the administration to recognize GLND/SMC.

The CLC was initiated by the Board of Trustees to advise the Vice President for Student Affairs (Professor O'Hara) on issues relating to campus life. On Feb. 20, the CLC advised Professor O'Hara through the passage of a resolution calling on her office to formally recognize GLND/SMC.

Although CLC was designed to advise O'Hara and adhered to this duty, it seems that the advice was inconsistent with the advice that O'Hara wished to receive. The result? The creation of another committee wherein the issue can be shelved for another nine months (the "new" committee has until Dec. 6 to issue an official response), and perhaps this time the advice will be better received (the "new" committee has already been informed, prior to their first meeting, that recognizing GLND/SMC is not an option).

The University has spoken on the issue, through the Student Senate, Faculty Senate, Hall Presidents' Council, Graduate Student Union, Graduate Theological Union and the CLC. Yet, Student Affairs chooses to blatantly ignore these opinions, and seeks further, perhaps more 'popular' solutions. It seems that creating more committees only

expands the bureaucratic mess we already have, and tables a crucial issue even further.

This "new" committee is comprised of eleven heterosexuals and two homosexual students (to be appointed by O'Hara and not to be declared representatives of GLND/SMC), who are to plan, initiate, and install the administration's new policies regarding homosexuality. In no way do I intend to question the credibility of the members of this committee, and I have no doubts that these individuals share a genuine desire to remedy this problem in a humanistic and spiritual manner. However, I remain unsure as to how the needs of all gay and lesbian students can be adequately assessed through a committee with only two homosexuals, and only four students.

Furthermore, I am curious as to how the staff of Campus Ministry will appropriately run a support group for questioning students in light of the fact that they have no experience in dealing with homosexuality themselves. I am skeptical as to how eleven heterosexuals can address the needs of hundreds of gay and lesbian students when they have no idea what it feels like to experience the prejudices gay and lesbian students face on a daily basis.

There is a distinct advantage and unmatched wisdom in those individuals who have experience in dealing with homosexuality that gives them the authority to support and counsel another student in the same predicament. I

may not be an expert on Church teaching or psychological assessment, but I do know what it feels like to hate myself, and to lie about who I am. I know what it feels like to "come out" to parents and friends and to be told that I have let people down, that I have failed as a person, and that I will be hated for the rest of my life by a conservative society. I know countless people who have been evicted and cut off financially due to their sexuality, and I know people who have taken their own lives as a result of society's hatred of this delicate issue. These things can not be fully understood by a heterosexual, all the good intention in the world can not compensate for the experience.

Regardless, I am hopeful that this new committee will shed some light onto this controversial and urgent issue. However, the GLND/SMC recognition issue is far from resolved. GLND/SMC will continue to flourish and will remain recognized by the students and faculty, regardless of the administration's attempts to disband the group and to rid campus of all traces of the group. Someday, I believe that it will be against every sort of law and every conscience to treat an individual as I and other gay and lesbian students have been treated. Until that day, thank you to all of those who have and who continue to support the efforts of GLND/SMC.

NIKOLE NEIDLINGER  
Senior  
Off-campus

### Prof. Rice's brand of hate not welcome in this family

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to Law Professor Charles Rice's Monday, March 6 column. While I am certainly not a proponent of censorship, there comes a time when good conscience must question what effect a column such as Rice's has on the University. How do Rice's columns affect the way in which the outside world views this University? And, perhaps more importantly, how do his columns affect the way Notre Dame views itself and treats particular members of the University?

In his latest column, Rice equates a Gay/Lesbian support group to "the Aryan Nation or a student bestiality club" as an example of "hopeful, constructive teaching of the Church." I strongly suggest we need either to closely examine this teaching, or Prof. Rice's interpretation.

Hate has no place at an institution that claims to be a "family" on virtually every piece of paper it produces.

ROBERT VEGA  
Doctoral Student in Medieval History

### Student baiting inappropriate

Dear Editor:

On March 6th—the very day on which Vice President for Student Affairs Patricia O'Hara was publicly welcoming gay and lesbian students as "valued members of the Notre Dame community"—I read Professor Charles Rice's column in the Observer. Rice's column indicates that he has done a lot of reading about the issue of homosexuality, has given it much thought, and has a desire to contribute to the ongoing debate about the morality of homosexuality in the light of Church teaching. But in his March 6 column, Professor Rice has mingled "baiting" with "debating."

In the 1950's, the author Paul Blanchard was characterized as a "Catholic-baiter" because of his inaccurate and bitter attacks on the Church, whose political influence at the time was still quite small in this country. Rice indulges in a different kind of baiting when he discusses whether GLND/SMC should become a recognized student group. He offers this comparison: "To recognize GLND/SMC would be roughly comparable to recognizing a chapter of the Aryan Nation or a student bestiality club." No useful, or even meaningful comparison can be made between Aryan Nationalists or "bestiality clubs" and those Notre Dame students who belong to a gay support group. Professor Rice has thus injected a frivolous comparison into a serious debate that has grave implications for real, live human beings.

This is irresponsible behavior; and it is also insulting behavior—insulting, demeaning, and contemptuous behavior. And since his insult is leveled at a relatively powerless and vulnerable minority group—Notre Dame gay and lesbian students—the insult clearly constitutes "gay-baiting." Baiting is offensive in ordinary discussions, and it is egregious in any forum at a Catholic university.

FATHER DAVID GARRICK  
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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The man who worships the ground his girl walks on, probabaly knows her father owns the property."

—Lawrence J. Peter



# The search beyond The Great Wall

By CHAD SMOCK  
Special to The Observer

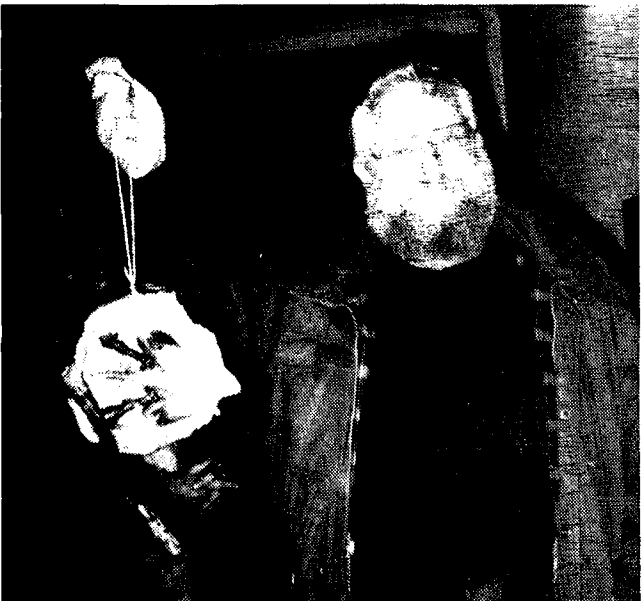
While many Notre Dame students are packing their bags and preparing to travel to a Spring Break hot spot, a particular group of students is still talking about how they spent Christmas vacation. These students didn't travel to one of the top beaches of the world. This group of Notre Dame students, led by Professor J. Keith Rigby Jr., traveled to the Far East to visit China. Not only was their destination a little out of the norm, but also their reason for going. This group traveled to the Far East in search of something... something rare... something very few people ever find... something that has been buried for millions of years... that something was not gold, silver, or oil... it was dinosaurs.

It all began last fall when the group of Dan Drew, Felix Knoll, Elizabeth Morris, Chad Smock, Jim Ely, Chrissy Brown and a few others joined the Geological Sciences 495, Dinosaur Evolution and Extinction. "When I was younger I enjoyed crawling around and acting like a dinosaur, so I thought it would be neat to learn more about them so I could improve my technique," said Dan Drew. Elizabeth Morris said, "I really enjoyed GEOS 142 last year and I wanted to learn more about the Pele Hypothesis, so I signed up for (Professor) Rigby's class."

This class was taught by Professor J. Keith Rigby Jr., one of the most renowned scientists in the field of dinosaur research. Professor Rigby is co-author of a new extinction theory that is gaining momentum throughout the scientific community. In his theory, the Pele Hypothesis, he claims that dinosaurs did not have a mass extinction at the end of the Cretaceous period due to a meteor striking the earth, but rather experienced a more drawn out extinction pattern due to falling oxygen levels that allowed some dinosaurs to live even in the Tertiary period.

Professor Rigby is continuously gathering information to help support his theory. One of the areas where the dinosaur record is very complete is in China. Last semester during one of his lectures in class, Professor Rigby mentioned the possibility of having students join him in his research for dinosaurs in southern China over Christmas vacation. Several students responded by quickly checking bank statements or calling home to sweet talk mom and dad. Felix Knoll stated, "When Doc offered us the opportunity to join him in China I jumped at the chance." Chrissy Brown felt "...it's not every day you get to join an internationally renowned scientist on his research in a foreign country."

In the end there were six students who showed interest in the trip. For many the cost was still too steep and their hopes of actually making it to China were fading. Then the University stepped in and gave a helping hand.



Professor Rigby and pressed duck



Excavating in Danu with Professor Rigby

Photo courtesy of Chad Smock

Dean Castillino of Science and Dean Michel of Engineering made an unprecedented move by financially assisting the students in their endeavor. The University covered the airfare from the U.S. to Hong Kong. Now the possibility of going to China was more of a reality. The group met the rest of the research team in San Francisco and on December 28 they left for China in search of dinosaurs.

They arrived early in the morning in Hong Kong and didn't have much time to get adjusted before they hopped on a train and traveled north into the Peoples Republic of China, to the border town of Shen-Zhen. The first day was spent trying to recover from the jet lag and fitting in with the culture. Dinner was their first chance to get authentic Chinese food. The meal consisted of glazed chicken feet for starters, snake soup, hill-rat stew and some assorted vegetables and rice. Throughout the trip the food was a major topic of conversation. After a day and a half of adjusting the group left for Xi-Xing to begin their research.

While in Xi-Xing the group was able to see their first dinosaur. This area had several sites where the remains of dinosaur eggs, ancient turtles, and other bone assemblages that could be of dinosaur origin were found.

The rock in which the dinosaur was embedded was extremely hard, and the crews worked with equipment that was a little less than modern. After a day's hard work the group had removed the foot of the dinosaur and had sent it to the local museum to be prepared.

There were several other experiences, non-science related, which will also be remembered. While in Nanxiong, several of the students were interested in playing basketball at the local arena.

Professor Rigby spoke with the governor of the county and requested a game for the following evening. The following day the group was walking around the city when they came across a giant sign at the intersection of the two major streets. The interpreters started laughing and explained the sign invited all to attend the international game between the U.S. vs. China that night at 7:30. The group wasn't sure exactly how to respond. It seemed as though their request of a little pick-up game was turning into something larger.

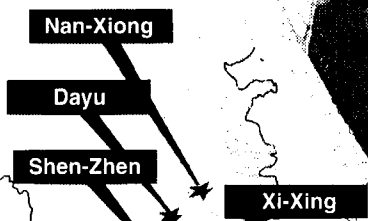
As night came and the team made its way to the arena they thought it was a little odd that the streets were actually empty and many of the shops were closed for the evening. The traffic that was seen was all headed in the direction of the arena. Once the arena was in sight, a chain of people 250 yards long could be seen extending from the doors. When the team walked on the floor they were greeted by a standing room only crowd. Overall the crowd was around 8,000 people who came to see "Dream Team III." The Chinese team was the local All-Star team for Nanxiong County. Only a small handful of the Americans had ever played basketball before, so the talent level was slightly mismatched. In the end the Chinese (1-0) were victorious by a score of 89-60 over the Americans (0-1).

"I had never played basketball before, but I had played water polo, so I knew a little about the game, and I couldn't believe the response we got from the Chinese. They truly enjoyed our presence," said Chrissy Brown. When the game was over the Americans were swarmed by the Chinese children asking for autographs and wanting to know if they played in the NBA.

If asked, any of the students will tell you the China trip was one of the most rewarding experiences of their education here at Notre Dame. Dan Drew felt "...this was definitely one of the highlights of my time at Notre Dame. Someday I'll be able to tell my kids that I spent a couple of weeks in China digging up dinosaurs and being an internationally known basketball player. It was amazing." The students were able to see things they had read about for years and could now actually discover them on their own. They visited areas of China where the Chinese had rarely seen Caucasians and they had to rely on their interpreters for everything. Through the University's assistance they were given memories they will always cherish.

## Searching for Dinosaurs...

Over Christmas Break, six Notre Dame students visited China to research dinosaurs. Headed by Professor Keith Rigby Jr., the team excavated 4 sites, unearthing bone assemblages and dinosaur eggs.



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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Purdue clinches share of Big Ten title

Associated Press

Cuonzo Martin scored 26 points and keyed a second-half surge as No. 14 Purdue defeated Minnesota 72-59 Thursday night and clinched at least a share of the Big Ten title.

Purdue (23-6, 14-3), which won its seventh straight game, has a one-game lead over Michigan State with one game to go in conference play.

Michigan State is at home against Wisconsin on Saturday, while the Boilermakers host Michigan.

Martin, the Big Ten Player of the Week after consecutive 29-point games against Iowa and Illinois, got off to a slow start.

The senior forward suffered through a 5-for-14 first half, but still scored 14 points. He had three 3-pointers in the

first half, however, including one with six seconds left to tie the game 35-35.

Martin scored seven straight points for Purdue midway through the second half as the Boilermakers forged a 47-41 lead and began to break the game open.

Minnesota (19-10, 10-7) led by as many as nine points in the first half.

Senior Voshon Lenard, playing his last regular-season game at Williams Arena, led the Gophers with 17 points. Jayson Walton, another senior, had 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Matt Waddell added 15 points for Purdue.

**No. 20 Alabama 55, Tennessee 43**

Jamal Faulkner had 15 points and No. 20 Alabama led all the way in downing deliberate Tennessee 55-43 in the

Southeastern Conference tournament Thursday night.

The Crimson Tide (21-8) saw a 9-point first-half lead dwindle to 26-24 when Alico Dunk converted a three-point play with 15:56 remaining, but the Vols (11-16) never were able to get closer.

The victory sends the Crimson Tide into a Friday night quarterfinal game against Georgia. In other first-round games earlier Thursday Vanderbilt crushed Louisiana State 85-61 to draw fifth-ranked Arkansas, and Auburn hammered South Carolina 81-66, setting up a test against No. 3 Kentucky, which won its 37th SEC title in the regular season.

Tennessee played a deliberate style throughout the game, content to run the shot clock down on each possession to keep the score down.

Antonio McDyess was the only other

Alabama player in double figures, scoring 12 points and grabbing 11 rebounds.

Kevin Whitted led Tennessee with 16 points and Steve Hamer added 10.

The Tide took a 21-12 lead on a basket by Jason Caffey with 3:13 left in the first half. Tennessee cut the halftime margin to 21-17 on a 3-point basket by Shane Williams and a layup by Hamer.

After Dunk cut the lead to 26-24, McDyess and Whitted swapped baskets before a baskets by Faulkner and McDyess and free throws by Caffey stretched the lead to 34-26.

Tennessee never got within 5 points the rest of the way, with Alabama stretching its lead to 47-33 on Faulker's third 3-pointer of the game with 5:27 remaining.

The opening round finale later Friday night matched Florida and Mississippi.

## NBA

# Curry, Mourning lead Hornets to victory

Associated Press

Alonzo Mourning scored 35 points and Dell Curry connected on three key 3-pointers in the final four minutes to lead the Charlotte Hornets over the Seattle SuperSonics 112-99 Thursday night.

The Hornets, who ended the game with a 20-9 run, posted their first home victory over Seattle in more than two years. The Sonics lost for the fourth time in six games.

Charlotte was protecting a 92-90 lead with 4:25 left when Muggsy Bogues hit a jumper from the corner and Curry followed with a 3-pointer to give the Hornets a seven-point lead.

After Shawn Kemp hit two free throws, Mourning scored and Curry connected on his fifth and sixth treys of the night to give the Hornets a 105-94 lead with 2:00 to play.

Mourning also grabbed 13 rebounds. Curry finished with 22 points, including 18 on his 6-of-12 shooting from outside

the 3-point line. Larry Johnson added 21 points and eight assists for the Hornets.

Seattle was led by Kendall Gill with 23 points and 11 rebounds. Gary Payton and Detlef Schrempf each scored 20 for the Sonics.

Seattle erased a 13-point Charlotte lead and went ahead for the first time since the early minutes of the game on Gill's dunk to make it 71-70 with 4:21 left in the third quarter.

After that, neither team was able to take control of the game and the lead changed hands several times until Curry took over.

The Sonics had won five of the seven games against Charlotte in the Hornets' building.

**Spurs 100, Cavaliers 98**

Sean Elliott got free on an in-bounds play with one second left and scored the winning layup at the buzzer as the San Antonio Spurs beat the

Cleveland Cavaliers 100-98 Thursday night.

The Spurs, masters of the close game, won for the ninth time in the last 10 games overall and for the ninth consecutive time in games decided by three points or less.

Cleveland has lost five of its last six games.

David Robinson scored 26 points and Elliott 19 for the Spurs. Dennis Rodman grabbed only 10 rebounds, nearly eight under his average, but got the biggest one of the game by running down Terrell Brandon's missed 20-foot shot with one second left.

After a timeout, the Spurs' Doc Rivers inbounded the ball from halfcourt, finding Elliott open near the right side of the basket after he spun away from Cleveland's Chris Mills near the foul line. Elliott then took Rivers' pass and banked in the winning basket as the horn sounded.

Brandon, who missed his first seven shots, led the Cavs with

24 points. Tyrone Hill battled Rodman on even terms on the boards all night and finished with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

The Cavs trailed by as many as 11 in the third quarter and were still behind 84-78 early in the fourth before Brandon converted a three-point play to start a 16-4 flurry that put Cleveland ahead 94-88 with 4:12 left. Danny Ferry capped the surge with a 3-pointer.

Robinson answered with a dunk and a short jumper, making it a one-point game, and the Spurs tied it for the last time at 98 on Robinson's two foul shots with 23.1 seconds to go.

**Trail Blazers 99, Heat 90**

Otis Thorpe had his highest point total as a member of the Trail Blazers, getting 22 points as Portland kept up its mastery of the Miami Heat with a 99-90 victory Thursday night.

The Blazers ran their career record against Miami to 14-1.

Guard James Robinson came off the bench to score 16 points, and forward Cliff Robinson added 14 for Portland, which made eight 3-point shots.

The Heat was paced by Glen Rice and Billy Owens with 16 points apiece.

Miami trailed 76-75 before James Robinson made two 3-pointers and Cliff Robinson made another to help Portland to a 91-79 lead with 4:13 left.

Led by Rice, Miami pulled to 93-90 with 1:41 left, but Terry Porter helped seal the win for Portland, knocking down a pair of free throws with 1:07 left to make it a 97-90 game.

Miami fought back from a 53-46 halftime deficit to take a 66-65 lead on a three-point play by Bimbo Coles with 37 seconds left in the third quarter.

The lead was short-lived, though. Thorpe hit a pair of free throws and James Robinson converted a steal into a layup as Portland opened a 69-66 lead after three quarters.

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# West

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hurlers should be able to make do without her. Terri Kobata is 3-0 with a 0.39 earned run average, and has given up only ten hits all season.

"Terri has tremendous wrists," Miller said. "She has great spin, and her ball moves really well. She can miss as far as target location, and get away

with it. It's not necessarily her speed. She doesn't pitch harder than the majority of pitchers we face. It's movement."

Kobata, Brandenburger, Kelly Nichols, and Joy Battersby have a combined ERA of 1.34.

Defensively, the Irish are starting to jell. With inexperienced players in key positions, they struggled in fall tournaments. But first sacker Andy Keys, shortstop Meghan Murray, and center fielder Jennifer Giampaolo have fallen

into place, and the defense has meshed as a unit.

"In the fall we struggled at the NIT tourney. We were kicked around. It was a rude awakening that defense would not come easily. We had to work at it." And they did. During the first two tournaments of the year, Notre Dame's defense has been solid, limiting the opposition to 14 runs in seven games.

Offensively, Miller needs the Irish to be aggressive. The club will look to senior catcher Sara Hayes and Meghan Murray to set the tone. Hayes is batting .421, and Murray an even .300. Liz Perkins is hitting .304, but her production fell off last weekend after a hot start at the Arizona State Tournament to open the year.

## ■ SLED DOG RACING

# Mushers catching up with leader in Iditarod

Associated Press

IDITAROD, Alaska

More than a dozen well-rested mushers in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race steadily gained ground Thursday on frontrunner Doug Swingley, who blasted way ahead of the pack before taking his required 24-hour layover in this abandoned gold-rush community.

While Swingley gave his 14-dog team some time off, the 90-mile stretch of trail between Ophir and Iditarod got plenty

crowded.

Tim Osmar, who took his mandatory layover miles back in McGrath, was first among the pack into Ophir, arriving at 5:22 a.m. Alaska time and departing three minutes later.

Leaving Ophir within a half-hour of Osmar were Bill Cotter and Dee Dee Jonrowe, both of whom took their 24-hour layovers at Takotna.

After the first three came defending champion Martin Buser, Charlie Boulding, five-time winner Rick Swenson, last year's runner-up Rick Mackey, 1993 winner Jeff King and Vern Halter.

Most of the top mushers joined Cotter and Jonrowe for their layovers at Takotna, where some commented that Swingley's hard push to Iditarod was a mistake. Swingley himself wasn't sure.

"Maybe at the end we'll find out it was," he told KNOM radio. "It wouldn't be fun if you didn't make one or two mistakes."

The teams from Osmar to Halter were all within about two hours of each other out of Ophir. All are expected into Iditarod by early Thursday evening.

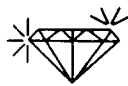
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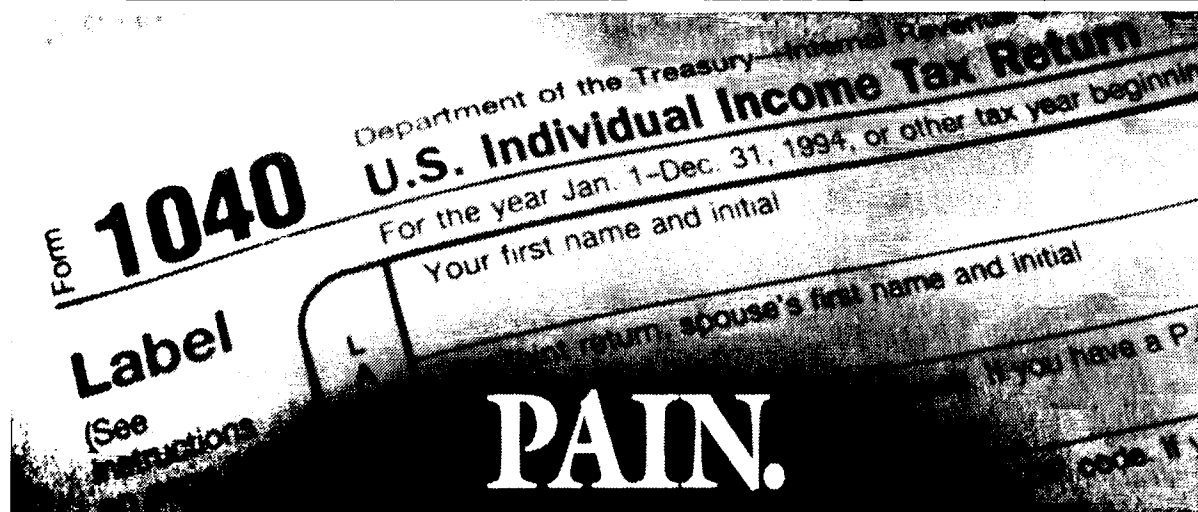
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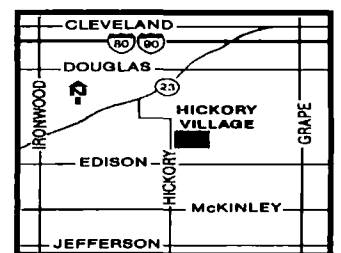
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## ■ LACROSSE

# Irish home after trip East

By DAVID TREACY  
Sports Writer

The lacrosse team has an exciting Spring Break planned.

While the Bahamas are not in the picture for the squad, they will be traveling away from warm and sunny South Bend, at least for a little while.

On Sunday and Tuesday, the team will play in exotic Baltimore, Maryland, against the Retrievers of the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, and the Princeton Tigers.

Of course, all good things must come to an end.

On Sunday March 19, the Irish will be back on campus to face the Villanova Wildcats.

The team enters next week's busy schedule coming off a close contest against the Tarheels of North Carolina. While a loss is a loss, the Irish stayed in the game against the Tarheels, trailing 9-8 with ten minutes to play. Unfortunately,

the Tarheel squad pulled out the game, winning 11-8.

"We're not satisfied with coming close to North Carolina. But, we went down to Chapel Hill and played well, and had several opportunities to pull out the game. We just didn't capitalize on those chances," Coach Kevin Corrigan remarked.

The Retrievers are a young squad who come into the game with a 1-1 record. "They are a well coached, highly disciplined team that executes," Corrigan said. The game plan the UMBC team will employ against the Irish is to try and keep it as slow a game as possible. "They lull you to sleep," stated Corrigan.

This game plan should go right down Notre Dame's alley. A strong defensive club, the Irish are more concerned with a ball-control offense than run-and-gun lacrosse. With Randy Colley and Will Sutton coming off two straight strong games, the Irish could have the Retrievers eating out of their

hands.

Princeton, the defending NCAA tournament champions, will again provide the Irish with an opportunity to compete against a top ten team. Ranked fourth in the preseason, the Tigers have lost once already this year to a strong Johns-Hopkins squad. Of course, Corrigan and the Irish haven't had time to worry about this one yet, with the Retrievers scratching at the door.

Finally, the trip back to South Bend will find the squad up against Villanova, which will be their first home game of the season. The game will start a five match home streak for the team.

Coach Corrigan is ready for Notre Dame to kick the habit of losing close games. "We're doing several things well every game. We just haven't put it all together yet," said Corrigan.

These three games should give the Irish an opportunity to improve their record, if not their tans.



Photo Courtesy of Notre Dame Sports Information  
Junior defenseman Mike Iorio will help the Irish attempt to shut down defending champion Princeton on Tuesday.

## ■ SPORTS BRIEFS

**WRESTLING** - Attention ND wrestlers. Interested in reviving wrestling here at Notre Dame. A group of students is trying to start a club on campus. If you are interested please call Marcus or Andrew at 4-2230 and you will be sent details.

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## ■ BIG EAST BASKETBALL

## Panthers upset Red Storm

Associated Press

Andre Aldridge hit four free throws in the final 1:17 and finished with 19 points as Pittsburgh upset St. John's 74-71 Thursday night in the first round of the Big East Conference tournament.

Jason Maile, a sophomore who averaged 4.2 points last year, came off the Panthers

bench to score a career-high 28 points, 17 in the second half. The 6-foot-4 guard was 5-for-8 from 3-point range, where Pitt hit 11 of 26.

The victory, which snapped a five-game losing streak in the conference tournament, matches Pitt against No. 6 Connecticut (23-3), the regular-season champion and top seed in the tournament, in the second half of Friday's quarter-final doubleheader.

Jaime Peterson was Pitt's only other double-figure scorer with 11 points.

James Scott's 27 points, which came on 10-for-17 from the floor, topped the Red Storm (14-13) which will play in the NIT. Zendon Hamilton was next with 17.

Felipe Lopez, St. John's highly-regarded freshman, finished with a season-low 8 points as he shot just 3-for-10.

After Orlando Antigua's 3-point goal gave the Panthers a 69-68 lead with 2:12 to play, Scott hit the front end of a 1-and-1 for a 69-69 deadlock with 1:50 to play.

Peterson's first of a 1-and-1 put Pitt on top for good, 70-69, with 1:34 left. Aldridge hit his first pair of foul shots with 1:17 to go to increase the margin to 72-69.

Lopez then scored his only basket of the half with 4.4 seconds to go to make it 72-71. Roshown McLeod of St. John's fouled Aldridge on the in-bounds play with 1.6 to go, and Aldridge hit his two shots for the final victory margin.



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Orlando Antigua's late three-pointer helped Pittsburgh upset St. John's last night in the first round of the Big East tournament

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## Texas

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in a double-header on Wednesday and a single game on Thursday. The Irish finish their stay in the Lone Star State Friday, with a game against Texas-San Antonio.

"In order to do well with this many games," Mainieri says. "We're going to have to establish a solid starting rotation."

That rotation will be led by sophomore right-hander Darin Schmalz (1-1).

"Darin has had two good games and one great start," according to Mainieri. Schmalz went eight innings against Washington State last weekend, giving up four hits and one earned run in earning his first win of the season.

Freshman Christian Parker, who got his first collegiate win against seventeenth-ranked Nevada, will likely face Baylor. Senior Craig Allen will start

against Nebraska and sophomore Larry Mohs (0-1, one save) will pitch in the championship game.

The resurgence of sophomore Scott Sollman means that the offensive fire-power for the Irish will likely be coming from the outfield. Sollman started out slow in California, but redeemed himself in Washington, going 6-for-13 with a double, triple and seven runs scored.

"Scott really turned it up last weekend," Mainieri said. "I think he was off to a slow start after missing fall practice with football, but now we are counting on him to set the table for the big guys."

The big guys for the Irish thus far have been juniors Ryan Topham and Rowan Richards. Both have two home runs and 12 RBI, and Richards leads the team with a .522 batting average.

The back injury to senior captain Bob Lisanti has given starting catching duties to junior George Restovich. The Irish have won all four games Restovich has started, and Mainieri calls him "a big lift" in the line-up, batting between Topham and Richards.

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■ HOCKEY

# Bowling Green presents first-round challenge

By MICHAEL DAY  
Sports Writer

The much anticipated moment has finally arrived.

Ready or not, the CCHA playoffs are here, and the Notre Dame hockey team will attempt to resurrect a losing season this weekend when they travel to play second place Bowling Green.

Face-off for the first game of the best of three series is tonight at 7 p.m. at BGSU Ice Arena. The No. 9 seeded Irish enter the matchup having won five of their last 10 games while playing their best hockey of the season.

"The effort has been there all season, but it is finally starting to pay off," said senior right wing Jeff Hassleman. "Over the last half of the season, we've been competitive in every game and have had plenty of opportunities."

Upsetting the 23-10-2 (18-7-2 in the CCHA) Falcons won't be easy. With an average of 5.26 goals per

contest, Bowling Green boasts one of the top offenses in the country. Center Brian Holzinger finished second in the CCHA with 63 points and is considered to be one of the favorites for the Hobey Baker Award.

Right wing Mike Johnson (45 points), left wing Tom Glantz (32), and right wing Curtis Fry (43) are also a major reason for the Falcons' success at the offensive end.

Defensively, Kelly Perrault (45 points) is considered one of the best at his position, and goaltender Will Clarke (3.14 Goals Against Average) has been outstanding since earning the starting position at midseason.

"They are tough to match up with because they have so many weapons," said Irish defenseman Justin Theel. "But if we play our brand of hockey, it should be a pretty even series."

Prior to last weekend's below average performance against Illinois-Chicago and Western Michigan, Notre Dame had made significant strides at the offensive end. Junior center Jamie Ling (41 points) and

sophomore right wing Tim Harberts (19 goals, 13 assists) have been solid all season, but the improved play of junior left wing Jamie Moreshead (25 points) and sophomore left wing Terry Lorenz (27 Points) has been the key to the Irish's second half surge.

Lorenz has been Notre Dame's leading scorer over the last eight games, recording six goals and eight assists during that span. By scoring 11 points in his last eight games, Moreshead set a career high in both assists and total points.

The entire defense has been solid over the last eight games, but one player sticks out above the rest. Freshman goaltender Matt Eisler has limited opponents to just 2.71 goals per game over his last eight games and has raised his save percentage to .869 for the season.

"He seems to be coming up with more and more sensational saves every game," said head coach Ric Schafer. "The team has a lot of confidence in him at this point in the season."



The Observer/ Brian Hardy

Goaltender Matt Eisler will have to get hot if the Irish expect to win in the first round of the CCHA playoffs.

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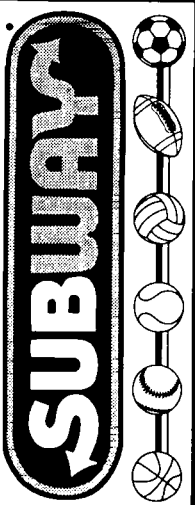
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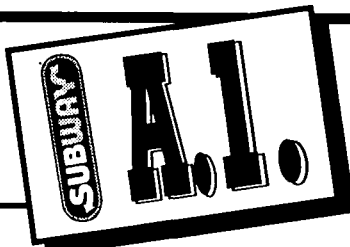
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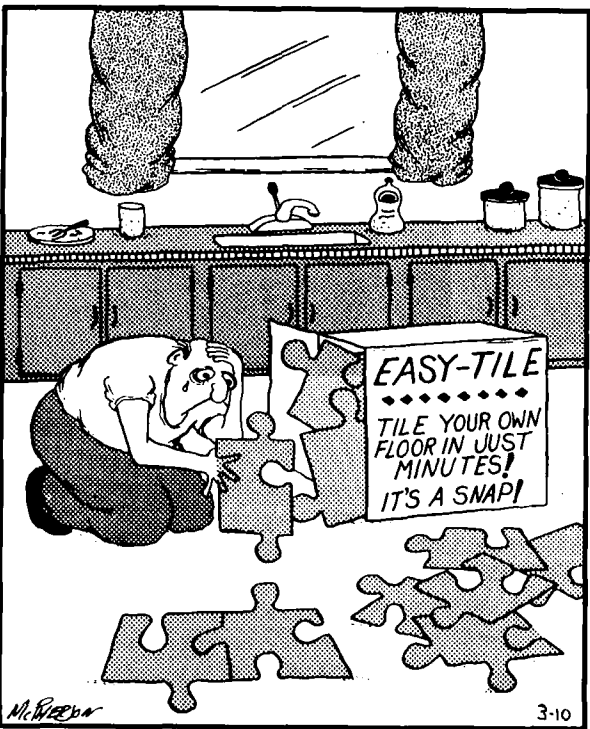
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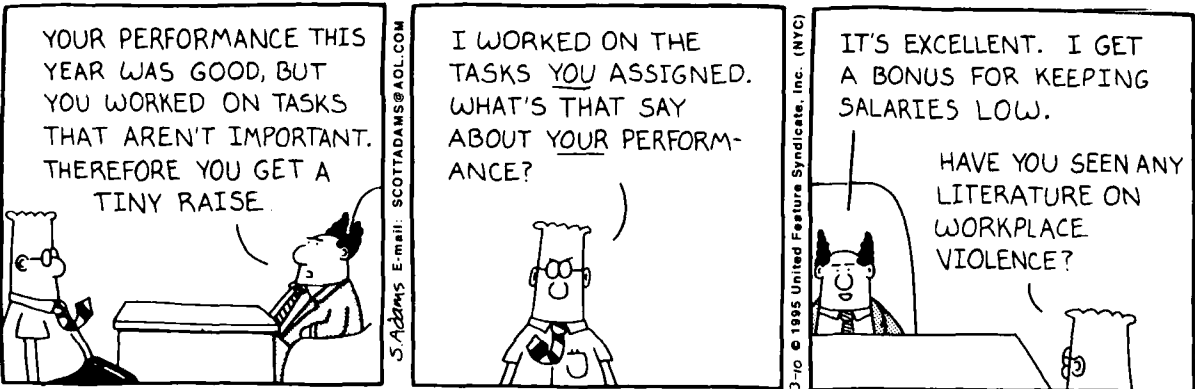


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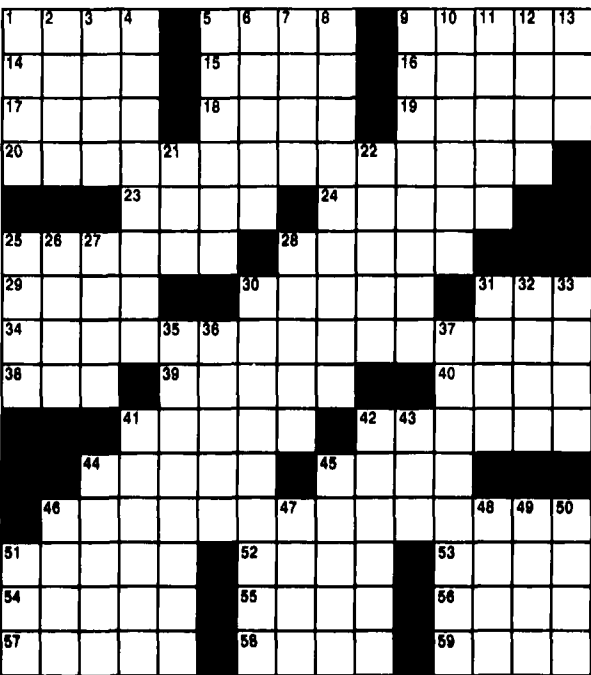
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- 19 Being male or female
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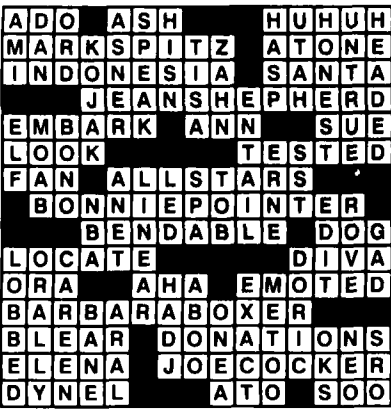


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## ■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Xavier's upset effort crushed

By THOMAS SCHLIDT  
Sports Writer

And David put his hand in the bag and took out a stone and slung it.

Last night he could not hit water if he was falling out of a boat.

The top-seeded Notre Dame women's basketball team destroyed the eighth-seeded Musketeers of Xavier 83-52 to advance to the semifinals of the Midwestern Collegiate Conference tournament.

"We're used to the pressure of being the number one seed in the MCC Tournament," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said of her team. "So I don't think that bothered us much. Right now we're just worried about taking one game at a time."

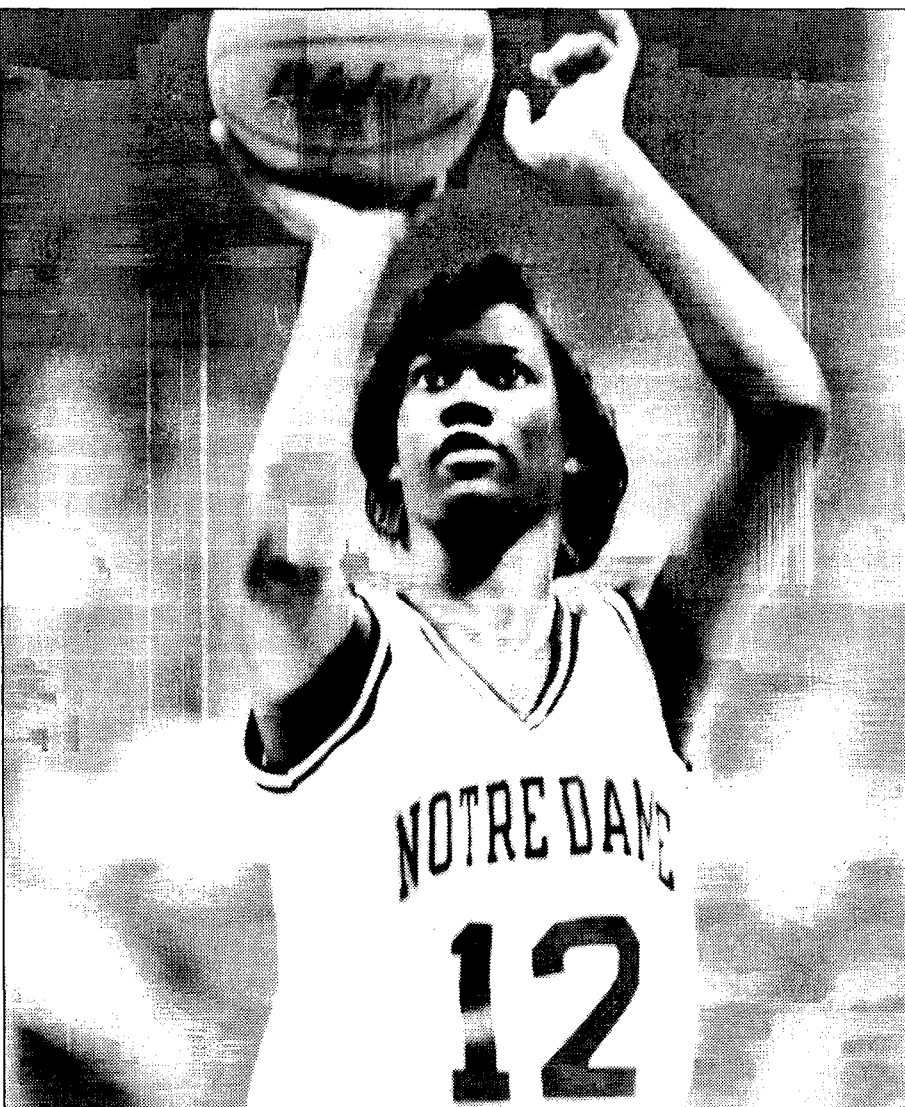
After center Katryna Gaither's five footer to put the Irish up 7-6, they never looked back. Three minutes later they should have called it a game because it was over.

The Musketeers were unable to handle the inside offense of Gaither and forward Carey Poor. Poor knocked down a game high 18 points and ripped down 10 rebounds.

"Carey Poor had an outstanding game," McGraw said. "Xavier was concentrating so much on containing Gaither that this helped free Carey up."

But this was not a two women show. The Irish team defense took over the game early and took the Musketeers out of it. The Irish used fullcourt pressure to bewildered the Musketeers as they only shot a pathetic 19 for 61.

"We played well defensively and that was a key to the game for us," McGraw explained. "We stayed ahead of them because of our defensive play. We wanted to put pressure on the ball. We put more fullcourt pressure on in this game than we have all season and I think that distracted them a little bit."



Sophomore Katryna Gaither's 18 points and 8 rebounds were instrumental in Notre Dame's 83-52 win over Xavier last night in the first round of the MCC tournament.

Senior Letitia Bowen led the Irish with a game high 12 rebounds. Freshman guard Mollie Peirick paced the Irish with six assists, and fellow freshman Kari Hutchinson swiped a game high five steals.

Although Beth Morgan did not start,

she played for 16 minutes in the blowout and knocked down three of her four three-point shots.

With the easy victory, the Irish were able to rest their starters for the MCC tournament semifinal game today. No Irish player played more than 26 minutes.

The Observer/ Kyle Kusek

## ■ SOFTBALL

## Irish swing west to face Aztecs, Rainbows

BY NEIL ZENDER  
Sports Writer

For most students spring break will either be spent tanning in the sun at some dreamy resort chic enough for James Bond, or being spoiled by Mom and Dad in the confines of home. Not so for twenty girls of the Notre Dame softball team. They will be under the sun, but they won't be working on their tan as they compete in California and at the Hawaii Tournament.

The Irish (5-2) have a pair of doubleheaders on Sunday and Monday. The former against gritty San Diego State, and the latter against No. 4 ranked Cal State-Fullerton.

"We're playing the best teams we've played so far," Coach Liz Miller said. And her Irish won't settle for the competition. "We want to beat those teams."

Notre Dame will fly to Hawaii on Tuesday, practice on Wednesday, and then play in the Hawaii tournament which includes games against DePaul, Long Beach State, and Loyola Marymount.

However, for Miller, the balmy conditions of California and Hawaii are not a day at the beach. "For many of the players on the team, this is their first trip to either place. The toughest challenge will be for them to know what is free time and when they need to get ready for a game. They need to avoid distractions."

But when asked whether or not her club will avoid distractions, Miller responded with confidence.

"The pitching staff has been coming along well the last two weekends. This will be the next step for them."

Although junior Kara Brandenburger is recovering from tendonitis following arm surgery during the off-season, the Irish

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## ■ BASEBALL

## Irish look to extend streak

*Tournament to benefit ND alumni club in San Antonio*

By MEGAN McGRATH  
Sports Writer

Like most of the campus, the Notre Dame baseball team is taking advantage of the upcoming spring break to flee the Indiana weather for a warmer climate.

But instead of soaking up the rays in San Antonio, the Irish will be looking to extend their four game winning streak in the Notre Dame Spring Invitational and in games

against Texas-Pan American and San Antonio.

"There's no let up in the level of competition," says head coach Paul Mainieri. "All of the teams we are playing have challenged some strong competition and we're looking for eight tough ball games."

The Notre Dame Spring Invitational is sponsored by the University, the Notre Dame Club of San Antonio and hosted at Municipal Stadium. It is the first year of the tournament, and the proceeds will help the San Antonio Club establish a local scholarship fund.

The Irish open the Invitational this Saturday against George Washington, and then Sunday the squad takes on Baylor. While

Mainieri is careful not to look past either squad, Monday's match-up against Nebraska could be the marquee game of the tournament.

"Nebraska is a very tough team," Mainieri says. "They beat the number three team in the country, giving Oklahoma State their only loss."

The Cornhuskers competed in the NCAA regionals last spring, and have one of the nation's top players in left fielder Darin Erstad. Mainieri believes that Erstad and leading pitcher Cody Winget could be high picks in the upcoming amateur draft.

After the tournament's championship on Tuesday, Notre Dame will play Texas-Pan Am

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The Observer/ Eric Ruethling

Irish hitters hope to put up some big numbers in Texas next week at the Notre Dame Spring Invitational.

## NOTRE DAME HOCKEY

The hockey team will face Bowling Green in the first round of the CCHA tournament.

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of note...

The women's tennis team hosts Clemson tomorrow at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.