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MARILOU ELDRED
PRESIDENT OF SAINT MARY'S

Rally for a chance

Fight for Alliance recognition inspires protest

By LORI ALLEN
Saint Mary's Editor

In order to actively protest Saint Mary's College President Marilou Eldred's decision to deny official club recognition to The Alliance, members, along with students from both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame and faculty supporters, gathered outside of Stapelton Lounge in Le Mans Hall yesterday afternoon.

The protest, unlike last Friday's silent demonstration and petition, included drums, music, and chants and was strategically planned to begin at 1:45, when students would be walking back and forth through the hall in between classes.

Senior member Kelli Harrison officially began the protest by reading aloud a statement that she wrote in accordance with The Alliance members responding to Eldred's letter to the College community denying the group club status.

The statement acknowledges the positive aspects of Eldred's alternative to The Alliance, including the president's proposal to expand the educational and programming components of the Committee on Relationships. But the statement also strongly emphasizes the lack of support from the students in a student-run venue.

According to Harrison, "This [support] must be a key component of an honest attempt to address sexuality on campus."

"I think this goes back to the way students are sometimes afraid to chal-

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Above: Students, faculty and members of the Alliance gather to protest president Marilou Eldred's decision not to recognize the group officially. Left: Notre Dame student Aaron Kreider's t-shirt expresses a fundamental aspect of the protesters' argument.

Photos by Kristy Sutorius

Faculty denies proposal to discuss Eldred's decision

By ALLISON KOENIG
Saint Mary's News Editor

At the faculty assembly meeting yesterday, a motion to postpone discussion of formal agenda topics, in order to discuss the events surrounding College president Marilou Eldred's decision to deny The Alliance official club status, was denied in a quorum vote.

Just before assembly, president Patricia Sayre commenced discussion on the agenda, which included a controversial family leave plan, and associate professor of philosophy Ann Clark voiced the motion to address issues surrounding The Alliance. Her motion was quickly seconded, yet the quorum vote was not met and the discussion was not permitted to take place.

The assembly decided, in an informal, vocal majority vote, to gather for another special session to discuss the Alliance.

Announcement from members of The Alliance did surface at the meeting, via assembly secretary Susan Alexander.

Alexander passed on the group's invitation to the faculty for the sit-in rally, to be held shortly after the meeting. She also informed them of the

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Classes choose presidents for 1998-1999 school year

By HEATHER MACKENZIE
Associate News Editor

The changing of the guard continued last night with the election of new class officers and off-campus representatives to the 1998-1999 student government.

The class of 2001 was the only class ticket requiring a run-off election; a run-off election will also be held for the position of off-campus senator.

Class of 2001

The ticket consisting of Hunt Hanover, Anna Benjamin, Meghan McCurdy and Brian Smith will face-off against Gerry Olinger, Megan Strader, Maggie Wood and Drew Olejnik in a run-off election Thursday.

Holding 30 percent of the vote,

the Hanover ticket edged out the Olinger ticket's 23 percent in this election, but both sets of candidates promise that this will not be a close race.

"We feel pretty comfortable," Olinger said about their place in the primary election. "Our platform is really strong, with a stress on 'excellence through unity' and communication with the upcoming sophomore class."

"We have a lot of great ideas," Strader added. "I think we know what the class wants to do. We are running for them."

The members of the Hanover ticket were equally optimistic about the upcoming primary election.

"I think that people saw that we had more posters [than the other ticket] and that we had different ways of getting to people. Our

effort really showed through the results of this election."

Both of the tickets' platforms emphasize a constantly-updated Web page for better communication with the sophomore community; the Hanover ticket especially wants to integrate the Web into their platform as the mainstay of their communication efforts.

"We are really working for a class link and weekly or bi-weekly e-mail," McCurdy said. "That way the class will know what we are doing."

Both tickets plan to step up their campaigning for the run-off election.

"We are working hard for this election, and we will work equally hard next year if elected," Benjamin said.

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Class Election Results

Class of 1999

Farrell/Miner 61.58%
Hand/Cirone 37.00%
Other 1.42%

Class of 2000

Kippels/Viegas 66.91%
Cowan/Boam 33.26%
Other 0.55%

Off-Campus Co-Presidents

Church/Hendrickson 51.64%
Cochran/Hildebrand 48.36%
Other 0.47%

Class of 2001

Hanover 30.33%*
Olinger 23.09%*
McCurdy 16.88%
Benjamin 15.45%
Micek 8.58%
Other 1.12%

Off-Campus Senator

McCarthy 39.33%*
Doyle 36.25%*
Olinger 22.37%
Other 2.06%

*Indicates Run-Off Election Candidate
Other includes write-in and invalid

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INSIDE COLUMN

Foreseeing a change

I'll never forget the night freshman year when one of my best friends came to me with an uncanny expression on her face.

"I think I'm gay," she said.

It was the early spring of 1995, and the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community was still embroiled in debates over the officially disbanded GLNDSMC.

My friend could have really used a student support group. Our circle of friends was truly open and willing to listen to her qualms and confusion, however, none of us could really relate. We had never questioned our sexuality.

My experience with that friend, and subsequent conversations with other students dealing with issues of sexuality, have reinforced my belief that every college and university is in need of a peer support group for those students.

Especially ours.

My upbringing also plays a significant part in this belief.

I was raised in a family which some people probably would characterize as liberal. My parents have numerous gay friends. I attend a parish that welcomes gay Catholics to worship. In grade school, I had a friend who had two moms. I grew up on a street where two gay couples happily and peacefully resided.

I realize that for most Saint Mary's students, their first encounter with a gay individual occurs in college. I fear that students may assume that just because their college will not allow gay students to establish a formal identity, that as individuals, they do not have to respect gay students.

What worries me even more about the ongoing dialogue regarding the recognition of an official group for students raising issues of sexuality, is that we are considering all feelings and viewpoints except for those of the people who are really at the heart of the controversy: the homosexual and questioning students.

These students have questions, concerns and fears that are very real. They deserve a formal STUDENT outlet to share their needs.

I found truth in a simple phrase that Linda Timm, vice president of student affairs at Saint Mary's College, pointed out to me in an interview earlier this week that "change does not happen overnight."

Saint Mary's students are encouraged, via our mission statement, to "pioneer change," and I find the Alliance members to be very respectable pioneers.

The recognition of a support group for lesbian and bisexual women at our college may not happen overnight, but the wheels of change are definitely in motion.

We can credit and should absolutely respect president Marilou Eldred for some of that change. The discussion of sexuality issues on campus is different than it was even two years ago.

I can foresee only improvement in the dialogue on sexuality issues in future months, in future years.

I can foresee a day at Saint Mary's when a first-year student questioning her sexuality walks into her best friend's room, and says, "I think I'm gay."

And the best friend can reply, "I know of a great group of students for you to talk to."

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Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Student remains in hospital after drive-by shooting

PHILADELPHIA, Penn.

One person was killed and three others — including a university student — were wounded in related on-campus shootings following the Philadelphia public league high school boys basketball championship yesterday afternoon.

The incidents all occurred on 33rd Street north of the Palestra at about 4:10 p.m. Witnesses described hearing a series of gunshots that sounded like "fireworks" shortly after the tournament ended and throngs of fans began leaving the building and filling the street.

According to witnesses and police, the incidents were the result of a drive-by shooting in which a suspect inside a car fired an automatic or semi-automatic gun at least 15 times before fleeing west on Walnut Street. Several police officers at the scene said that they suspect the shootings



were related to a fistfight between two fans inside the building during halftime of the game.

After the shootings, police stopped at least four people for possessing weapons. It is unclear if any of the people questioned were directly related to the incidents, or whether they were arrested as suspects.

A 22-year-old man was pronounced dead at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania after being shot in the back, according to HUP and university police officials. A

HUP spokesperson refused to release the victim's name.

The Penn student wounded in the shooting, college senior John La Bombard, is being treated for a gunshot wound to his left leg and remained hospitalized in stable condition as of 12:45 a.m. today, according to a spokesperson for Allegheny University Hospitals-Hahnemann in Center City.

La Bombard, 21, was working on a project for a design of the environment class inside the Blauhaus — the blue, shed-like fine arts building at 33rd and Chestnut streets — when a stray gunshot went right through the wooden wall and hit him in the left leg, police and witnesses said.

A woman who was taken to HUP after being shot in the elbow remained in fair condition as of last night. Her name and age were not immediately available.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-AUSTIN

Law school seeks to improve ranking

AUSTIN, Texas

After plummeting in the U.S. News and World Report rankings released this month, the UT school of law is aggressively tracking down former students to improve its employment statistics for future rankings. Law school officials held a symposium Thursday to discredit the drop from 18 to 29 in this year's ranking. About 50 students attended. "We are taking a whole series of aggressive steps to counteract this outrageous treatment from U.S. News," said Brian Leiter, a UT professor of law. The magazine attributed the drop to the law school's failure to track students' employment status after graduation. The law school reported that the status of 61 former students was unknown. Of those, the magazine classified 75 percent as unemployed. The law school is going to debunk those numbers, said Leiter, adding that the career services office is working to track down former students. "We are going to get on the phone and get on the internet, and use whatever data sources we can find," Leiter said.

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Funds for 2002 Olympics in limbo

PROVO, Utah

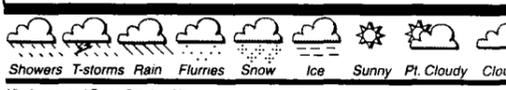
Gov. Leavitt met with the press Feb. 16 to discuss Utah's future and how it will be funded. After returning Wednesday from the Nagano Olympics and a national governor's meeting with President Clinton, Leavitt was anxious to discuss issues concerning Utah's future, especially its financial future. The discussion focused on funding the I-15 project and the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City. Leavitt said he was optimistic about the progress on I-15. Construction is far ahead of schedule, he said, adding that the project will be completed on time and within budget. When asked if it would be difficult to raise the remaining \$480 million to fund the \$1.59 billion project, Leavitt said the money is guaranteed, but the source of funds depends on timing. Legislators in Washington, D.C., are currently considering a bill that would provide federal money to fund transportation.

SOUTH BEND WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

	H	L
Tuesday	33	26
Wednesday	34	24
Thursday	39	26
Friday	41	25
Saturday	38	25



OHIO UNIVERSITY

Stranger rapes remain unsolved

ATHENS, Ohio

In the past two years six forced stranger rapes have been committed in Athens — none of which has been solved. During 1996 and 1997, two stranger rapes were reported to and verified by the OU police department, and four were reported to the Athens police department. Despite some students' beliefs, the problem of unsolved cases usually does not stem from police failing to do their jobs, said Beverly Harris Elliot, executive director of the National Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Many cases of rape remain unsolved because of routine obstacles law enforcement officials face when investigating stranger rapes, especially in a university setting, she said. "The reporting and solving of rapes in university communities is harder because a high instance of un-reporting is suspected," Elliot said. In 1995, national law enforcement agencies reported only about half of all reported acquaintance and stranger forcible rapes were "cleared with an arrest," she said. But, of those arrests, not all suspects were convicted.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Comments draw death threat for prof

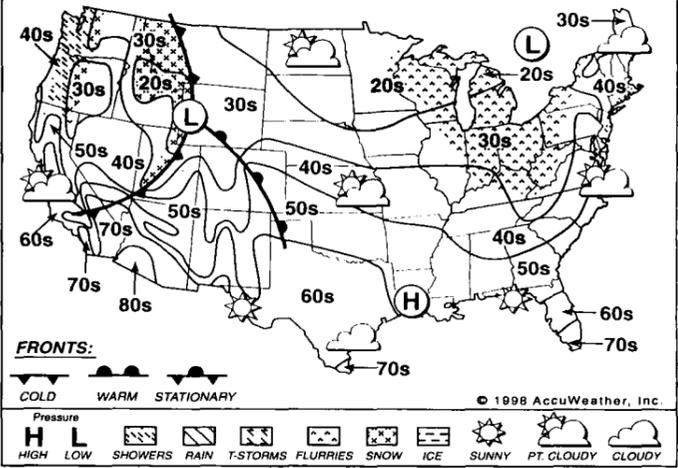
COLLEGE STATION, Texas

A Texas A&M University tenured professor said he received a death threat over the phone Friday morning, the day after he was indicted on two felony counts that charge him with misappropriating state funds for personal profit. Dhiraj Pradhan, once the school's highest paid computer science endowed chair who was suspended with pay last August, said he believes the death threat is a response to several quotes that ran in a Feb. 27 article in the Bryan-College Station Eagle. The quotes were taken out of context from private faxes he had sent to his colleagues, Pradhan said. "These comments were off-the-cuff remarks," Pradhan said in a phone interview. "I apologize to anybody who was offended by the comments, but somebody called and threatened my life."

NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, March 3.

Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.



Atlanta	48	31	Hutchinson	52	21	Phoenix	74	48
Boston	42	35	Key West	73	60	Sacramento	62	43
Cleveland	37	30	Milwaukee	35	26	St. Louis	38	28
Fargo	21	12	New Orleans	62	38	Skokie, Ill.	31	26
Honolulu	82	66	Philadelphia	48	39	Seattle	45	36

New administration chooses chief of staff

By HEATHER MACKENZIE
Associate News Editor

Embracing their new roles as president and vice president-elect, the Peter Cesaro/Andréa Selak administration announced last night that junior Deanne Weiss will serve as their chief of staff for the 1998-1999 academic year.

Weiss served as the Walsh Hall co-president during the past year and also served as the freshman class secretary, sophomore service chair, assistant to the academic delegate, and assistant chief of staff during the Miller administration, a role which she feels most prepared her for this new appointment.

"I have already, in essence, done this job before," Weiss said. "I think that having the year of different perspective from being on [Hall President's Council] will help me in my new position."

Weiss asserted that while she did not expect to be appointed chief of staff, she is sure that her past experience in several aspects of student government will prove a valuable asset to Cesaro and Selak.

"I'm really excited," she said. "There is so much that can be done with this position, and there is a lot that I see that needs to be done."

Having served under both the Miller and Griffin administrations, Weiss is looking forward to gleaming the positive aspects of each year's leadership and incorporating them into next year's government.

"I have seen the strength and weaknesses of both administra-

tions," she said. "I think that this is to my advantage. I have a good idea of what is going on in the many aspects of student union."

Weiss first plans to help Cesaro and Selak choose their new staff members. After that, she wants to delve straight into her new-found duties as chief of staff.

"The chief of staff's main duty should be to push ideas through and work within the departments to ensure better communication," she said. "Peter and Andréa shouldn't have to do everything. I am here to assist them in whatever way I can."

And Weiss plans to do just that; as chief of staff, she wants to eliminate some of the ambiguity surrounding her role and student government in general.

"I should not be solely concerned with SafeRide," she said, referring to the large amount of time former chief of staff Mary Gillard spent implementing the program. "I want student government to put more of a focus on other things as well, such as the role of HPC and Executive Cabinet."

Cesaro and Selak both expressed excitement about their choice; the new president and vice president are convinced that their personalities will mesh quite well with that of Weiss.

"I am really excited to work with Deanne again," Selak said.

"Deanne is an excellent leader," Cesaro added. "Next year will be productive if we work as a team. We are all hard-working and interested in government; I am looking forward to this opportunity."



Students exercise their right to vote in yesterday's elections for class presidents and off-campus sco-presidents and senator. Sorin resident Ryan Epstein, seated, helped collect votes.

■ CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Cards to bring more food options

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
Associate News Editor

Director of food services Dave Prentowski attended last night's Campus Life Council to inform the members of the council about the debit card system that his office has planned for next fall. "We are trying to come up with a more flexible work plan," he said. "Next fall, we will offer a second option of 14 meals and a \$200 credit."

The plan would consist of 14 meals and \$200 credit per

semester. The credit will roll over between semesters in an academic year, but will not roll over from year-to-year.

Prentowski indicated that

could use the debit card at once.

"The students who choose the \$200 credit are welcome to use the money as they see



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DIRECTOR OF FOOD SERVICES

f i t . " Prentowski said. "With the card you can buy five or six hamburgers if you want."

When asked if the new terminals could be used to bring visitors to

the dining halls, Prentowski said, "Yes. You will have to pay the guest meal rate but you can still use it."

"The entire system is as simple as one point equals one cent," he continued. "Of course, you can always add more value to your card throughout the year. And that added money keeps rolling over until you part from this University, hopefully through graduation."

One fear that the council raised in the discussion was the question of theft.

"Your ID can be invalidated immediately," Prentowski assured council members. "All you have to do is notify Security as soon as it is lost."

He added that the faculty and staff ID cards will be finished by the end of the year.

At one point, the discussion centered on how many people

student IDs could be scanned at terminals that will be installed in the restaurants in LaFortune Student Center or South Dining Hall.

However, he clarified that a student who chooses the 14-meal plan cannot switch back to the 21-meal plan.

Members of the council expressed some concerns about the process and the use of student IDs as a debit card.

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lenge the views of those they see as authority figures, and that when this happens, students don't feel comfortable and don't feel safe expressing their views in an honest way. Therefore, they aren't able to truly address issues of their own sexuality in that atmosphere," said Harrison.

Alliance members, students, and faculty sat on the floor in the middle of the great hall of Le Mans, and in between music, chants, and drum beats took turns expressing their views on Eldred's decision.

"We will not silently go away," said junior member Kelly Curtis, "this is an issue between the students and the administration, and the goal is to get a student run group. I am protesting the administration telling me that I'm not mature enough to engage in discussion about sexuality with my peers."

But discuss they did, and the protest provided a forum to bring up issues of sexuality. In the middle of this discussion, they were paid a visit by Eldred.

The president remained on the outside of the circle, observing the group's activity until she was invited to speak. Once acknowledged, she remained where she was and answered questions from the group of protesters.

"I entered into this decision

knowing that it would be a no-win situation, but the point is that we need to be able to talk to one another, and I don't want this decision to cut off discussion," Eldred said.

Dialogue continued and several students brought up different aspects of The Alliance and Eldred's decision to deny the group. Harrison, however, asked the question most of the protesters had in mind, "why won't a group like The Alliance work?"

Eldred appeared a bit flustered, but stood behind her

English department said.

"I do commend President Eldred for making this decision openly during the school year, when we are all here to argue with her," said Clark.

Eldred continued to answer student questions and mentioned that she felt she made the best decision for the College, but if it had been a personal choice, it might have been different, stating that this was a decision that may have put her job in jeopardy.

"I think any issue of social justice is crystal clear. You take a stand for justice no matter what the personal ramifications are for you," said Susan Alexander, assistant professor of sociology.

"I am a big believer in Ghandi and King, and if you believe in justice, you take a stand for those who are oppressed."

The rally itself was received well by those in attendance, and according to Alliance member Poogie Sherer, "it built an unprecedented sense of community on the Saint Mary's campus."

"I think that the student support was amazing, and the fact that the College president came out and directly responded was moving. I really think that this direct interaction between the students and the administration adds to the quality of Saint Mary's," said Notre Dame student body president Matt Griffin who attended the protest rally.

"The chances of that happening at Notre Dame are slim."

With Eldred's comments and the students' reaction to her

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National Day of Silence, which will take place on April 8. The purpose of the day is to commemorate the contributions and achievements of gay and lesbian people, and to recognize the fact that their voice has often been silenced in the world.

Alliance members encouraged professors to promote a few minutes of absolute quiet in their classes that day as observance of the National Day of Silence.



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decision and answered that, "as a Catholic College, we [the administration] have to take the position that the Church teaches."

Students responded aggressively and brought up examples of other Catholic colleges accepting groups similar to The Alliance, and that the issue moved beyond just the Church.

"This is an issue of human rights, and there is no space on-campus for lesbian, bisexual, straight and questioning students, faculty or staff to meet and discuss issues of sexuality. Every time this issue is mentioned in class, there is a tension that surrounds it," Rosalind Clark, chair of the

presence, the rally began to come to a close. But before everyone disbanded, Eldred emphasized that the issue would certainly not die.

"I would very much like to get together with a small group of students here who will act as representatives of the whole to discuss other ways to make this happen," she said.

"I think that the way the rally ended made it clear to President Eldred how strong the feeling is; there needs to be a bigger umbrella of issues being discussed so that there are student discussions going on all of the time," said Constance Majeau, Notre Dame graduate student in theology.

False alarms cause library evacuations

Observer Staff Report

Contractors working in the Hesburgh Library inadvertently set off fire alarms twice yesterday, causing brief evacuations of patrons and staff.

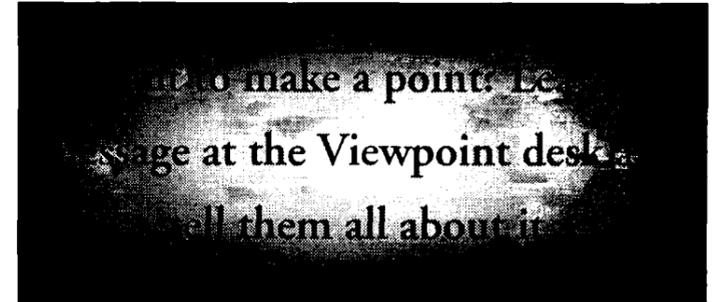
While the contractors were working on the southwest side of the second floor at 8:50 a.m., smoke resulting from their work tripped a beam detector, according to fire-

fighter Wayne Bishop.

The detector was tripped again at 4:25 p.m. when the beam was reset after the contractors completed their work for the day, Bishop added.

Although the false alarms forced about 150 library patrons and staff to evacuate, Bishop noted that the alarm system worked correctly.

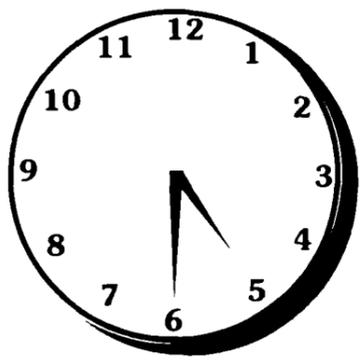
"The system did what it was supposed to do," he said.





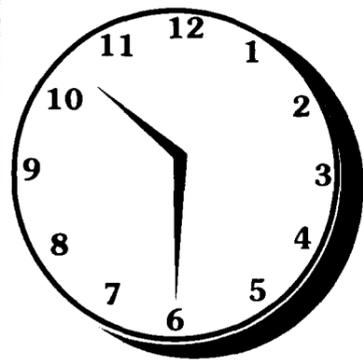
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'Republic of Texas' group faces fraud trial

DALLAS, Texas

Potential jurors were asked if they had ever had problems dealing with the government as jury selection began yesterday for members of the anti-government Republic of Texas accused of defrauding businesses with bogus warrants. U.S. District Judge Joe Fish asked 65 potential panelists in the federal bank and mail fraud case whether they recognized any of the 100 names on the witness list. He also asked if they had encountered any problems with the government or "any experience that left sort of a bad taste in your mouth that the government would not be starting off on equal footing with the defendants if you are a judge in this case." Richard McLaren, his wife, Evelyn, and seven followers are accused of issuing the worthless warrants, which looked like cashier's checks.

Priest-killer gets 50 years

BERNALILLO, N.M.

A man who killed a retired priest with a rock after he was picked up hitchhiking was sentenced yesterday to 50 years in prison. Dennis Carbajal, 38, had recently finished serving time on an assault conviction when he met up with 62-year-old Armando Martinez in May of last year. He attacked Martinez while the two were driving in the Jemez Mountains northwest of Albuquerque, but Martinez managed to run. A group of people in a car said a screaming Martinez ran up to them in a panic. "A man is trying to kill me," he was quoted as yelling. "Please help me, I'm a priest. I gave a ride from Jemez Springs, and he just got out of prison. He's going to kill me. You must believe me it's my life." At that point a younger man came over and said, "Don't listen to my friend. He's drunk."

Nigeria takes Cameroon to court over dispute

THE HAGUE, Netherlands

Nigeria asserted its claim Monday to an oil-rich peninsula in a territorial dispute with Cameroon, accusing its West African neighbor of provocation. On the opening day of hearings before the World Court, Nigeria contended that the contested Bakassi peninsula lies in its territory and that its nationals in the area are under threat. "Bakassi belongs to Nigeria ... Cameroon hopes to take Bakassi from us to use it to enlarge its territory," said Nigerian attorney general Alhaji Abdullahi Ibrahim. Cameroon "consistently seeks to raise the temperature in a volatile way," he added. The court, the United Nations' highest judicial body, is trying to settle the bitter boundary quarrel that brought the two nations to the brink of war in 1981.

U.N. Security Council warns Iraq

ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS

The Security Council reached tentative agreement Monday on a resolution warning Iraq of "severest consequences" if it violates an arms inspection deal.

The council began meeting in the evening to vote on the resolution.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan, in a rare speech to the council, said it was now up to the Iraqis to honor the agreement and determine "whether the threat to international peace and security has been averted for all times."

"With today's Security Council resolution, however, the government of Iraq fully understands that if this effort to ensure compliance through negotiations is obstructed, by evasion or deception, diplomacy may not have a second chance," Annan said.

But agreement on the resolution came only after several council members insisted on guarantees that it would not give automatic approval to a military attack if Iraq breaks the accord.

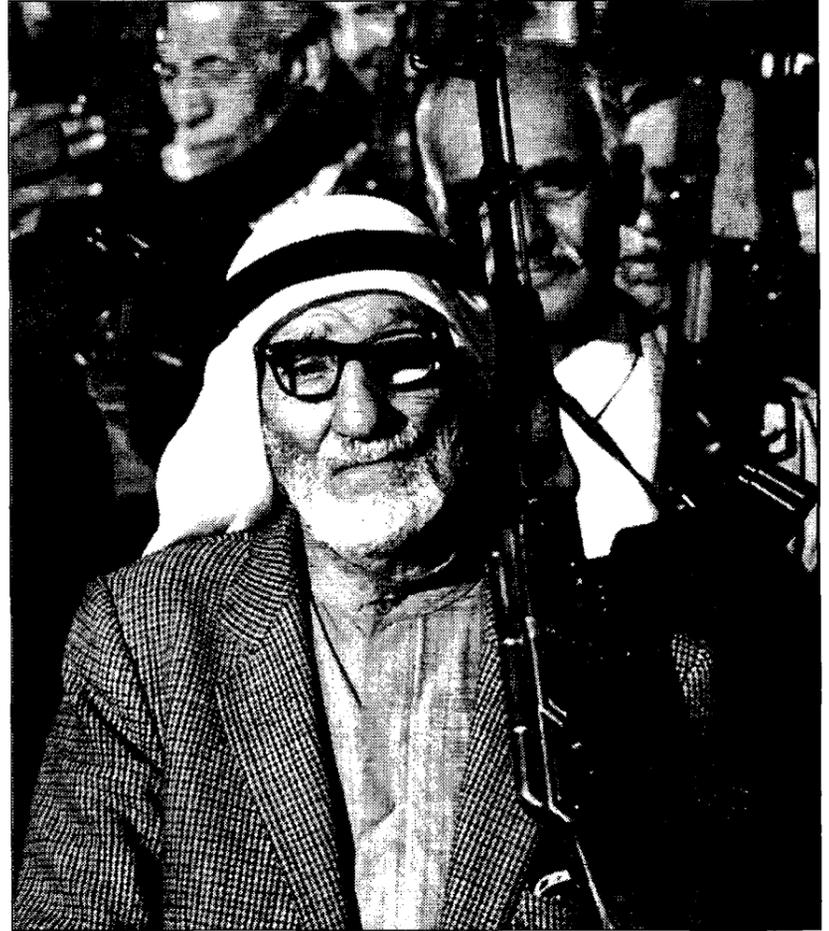
Diplomatic sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said China became the last of the 15 members to agree to the much revised text.

"This is a very clear, strong resolution that we are very pleased with that will now go into force," U.S. ambassador Bill Richardson said before the vote.

Since last week, the British and Japanese, who sponsored the resolution, have circulated several versions in an attempt to satisfy all council members. The original draft warned Iraq of "severest consequences" if it violated the accord.

That was softened Friday to "very serious consequences," but, in an apparent attempt to placate Washington, the "severest consequences" phrase was reinserted into the text on Monday.

The difficulties encountered in reaching a consensus cast doubt on the Clinton administration's claims that if Iraq violated the deal there would be strong international support for mili-



AFP PHOTO

Iraqi volunteer Abdel Aziz trained yesterday in Baghdad. Iraqi volunteers are continuing their arms training despite the recent accord which defused the crisis over weapons inspections.

tary action.

During lengthy meetings throughout the day, envoys from such countries as Brazil, Costa Rica and Portugal, which normally support the U.S. stand against Iraq, made clear they opposed any resolution that would give Washington a blank check for an attack if Iraq doesn't honor the accord.

"It is very clear that only the Security Council has the authority to approve an armed military action," said Costa Rican ambassador Fernando Berrocal Soto.

The United States has maintained

that it has sufficient authority to use force under several resolutions enacted since 1991. But France, Russia, China and others dispute that interpretation.

Yesterday in Baghdad, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz told CNN that the proposed resolution is an attempt by the United States and Britain to lay the foundation for an attack.

The resolution would endorse an agreement reached last week in Baghdad by Annan that allows U.N. inspectors to visit eight presidential palaces.

Boy Scouts lose court battle over gays

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TRENTON, N.J.

The Boy Scouts of America suffered its first defeat Monday over its ban on homosexuals when a state appeals court ruled it discriminatory and said a gay scoutmaster should not have been expelled.

Eight years after James Dale was kicked out as an assistant scoutmaster because he is gay, the court said "stereotypical notions about homosexuals must be rejected."

The ruling came as the Boy Scouts are fighting court challenges to its exclusion policies around the country.

In California, for example, the state Supreme Court is expected to rule this month on two discrimination lawsuits, one filed by a man who was expelled because he is gay and the other by twin boys

who were thrown out because they do not believe in God.

The Boy Scouts said it would appeal yesterday's decision to New Jersey's Supreme Court. Spokesman Gregg Shields said the Scouts "have long taught traditional family values, and a homosexual is simply not a role model for those values."

Dale, now 27 and working in New York for a publishing company, said he was elated by the decision. "This is everything that I was taught in the Boy Scouts, that justice will prevail," Dale said. "It's a wonderful victory for scouting."

After 12 years in scouting, Dale was expelled in 1990 after the group learned from a newspaper article that he was gay. He sued.

A lower court judge ruled in the Scouts' favor in

1995, calling homosexuality "a serious moral wrong" and agreeing with the Boy Scouts that the group is a private organization and has a constitutional right to decide who can belong.

The state appellate division overruled that decision Monday, saying the Boy Scouts and its local councils are "places of accommodation" that "emphasize open membership" and therefore must adhere to New Jersey's anti-discrimination law.

The court said there is "absolutely" no evidence that a gay scoutmaster "does not possess the strength of character necessary to properly care for, or to impart BSA humanitarian ideals to the young boys in his charge."

The court said Dale's "exemplary journey through the Boy Scouts of America ranks as testament

enough that these stereotypical notions about homosexuals must be rejected." The ruling left the reinstatement of Dale to a lower court judge. Dale said he would consider rejoining. "I think the scouting program is a wonderful program," he said.

Dale's attorney, Evan Wolfson, also with the Manhattan-based gay-rights advocacy group, Lambda Legal Defense and Education, said the decision "sends a very important signal to people, gay and non-gay, across the country."

He said New Jersey's is the first appellate court in the country to look at the ban and reject "the Boy Scout's attempt to wriggle out of this."

"It says flat-out that allowing gay people to participate is not going to hurt the organization," Wolfson said.

Market Watch: 3/2

DOW JONES	710.24	+4.12
Nasdaq	1758.54	-11.97
NYSE	544.63	+0.37
S&P 500	1047.70	-1.64
Composite Volume	717,275,840	

BIGGEST PERCENTAGE GAINERS

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GOLDEN ISLES	GIFIV	53.13	4.25	12.25
SIGNATURE BRANDS	SIGB	52.98	2.78	8.03
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TRIGEN ENERGY	TGN	18.67	0.687	16.08
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'Repairman' blood tests spark hope for genetic cures

By MALCOLM RITTER
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK
Scientists have altered a gene in rat livers by injecting a "repairman" molecule into the bloodstream, a startling advance that may lead to cures for such genetic diseases as hemophilia and cystic fibrosis.

What surprised researchers was how well the technique worked.

The treatment produced a specific change in about 40 percent of the liver's supply of the targeted gene. Other techniques have success rates more like one in a million in much easier tests, where cells were in laboratory dishes rather than in an animal.

If it works in people, the technique might someday be able to cure a host of disorders caused by defective genes, like hemophilia, cystic fibrosis, sickle cell anemia and an inherited form of high cholesterol that affects about one in 500 people, produc-

ing heart attacks around age 40. But gene therapy experts cautioned that it's not clear whether the technique would apply to a range of disorders. They also said many scientists have not been able to make it work.

Most gene therapy experiments haven't tried to fix a bad gene. Instead, they've supplied cells with working copies of a gene to step in for the defective version. Fixing the bad gene would be better, but the low efficiency in past experiments has been discouraging.

"We were surprised ourselves by how efficient it was," said Dr. Clifford Steer of the University of Minnesota, who reports the work with colleagues in this month's issue of the journal *Nature Medicine*.

The experiment altered a healthy gene in the rats rather than correcting a defect. Researchers now plan a study in dogs to fix a flawed gene that causes hemophilia.

The repairman molecule had

two main parts. One was a tag to make liver cells pull the repairman out of the bloodstream. The other part contained a mix of DNA and its chemical cousin RNA, designed to seek out a particular piece of the gene for a clotting substance called factor

IX. Once the repairman showed up there, the cells replaced that piece with the substitute brought by the repairman. How that works is still a bit of a mystery, but it probably involves the body's natural mechanism for

repairing genetic flaws, Steer said.

Dr. James Wilson, a gene therapy expert at the University of Pennsylvania, said a big question is how well the technique would work against a variety of genetic flaws.

Election

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And though they trailed by eight percent in this election, the members of the Olinger ticket are not dented.

"We have know-how and experience, and if we are elected, we can get things done," Olejnik said.

Class of 2000

With 601 of the 908 votes cast in this election, the ticket consisting of Joe Kippels, Michelle Viegas, Erin McGee and Vin Kurian prevailed as the new representatives for the upcoming junior class. Hailing their experience and platform ideas as reasons for the victory, the new leaders of the class of 2000 are excited about their plans for the upcoming year.

"Most of us have a lot of experience with class council," Viegas said. "We have some great ideas."

The newly elected officers plan to jump start communication within their class, citing that a main reason why students are apathetic about student government is because they are not adequately informed.

"One of the main things we want to do is publicize out

events a lot more," Kippels said.

Viegas agreed: "We want our activities and even ourselves to be more accessible to the students."

Class of 1999

For the class of 1999, the ticket comprised of Jim Farrell, Emily Miner, Erin Wysong and Todd Manegold was the overwhelming winner, with 66 percent of the vote.

"We are going to plan a lot of events that will bring the seniors together in their final year here," Farrell said. "There should be a lot of unity in our last year together."

With events such as senior night at BW3's and class dinners, the Farrell ticket hopes that their final year in student government will be a success.

"We really want to stress communication between on-campus and off-campus students," Farrell said. "A lot can get lost if those ties are not maintained."

Manegold agreed, adding that the diversity of their ticket was a definite asset to implementing their platform's goals.

"We have realistic goals that are possible to achieve," he said.

Off-Campus Co-Presidents

In a close race, the Todd Church/Bret Hendrickson ticket for off-campus co-presidents

won with 52 percent of the vote. Stressing communication and interaction from different off-campus venues, the ticket hopes that next year will bring a more cohesive class unity.

"Todd and I are very excited about our victory," Hendrickson said. "We want to work with the off-campus senator as soon as they are elected."

An important part of the Church/Hendrickson platform will be the possible formation of an off-campus executive council, with representatives from each off-campus apartment complex and even individual houses. This way, Hendrickson said, there will be more interaction between members of the off-campus community.

"This council will help our ideas to be well-publicized and well-know," Hendrickson said. "We will hopefully organize a lot of events that the off-campus students can take part of."

Off-Campus Senator

In a close race for off-campus senator, Mickey Doyle and Kevin McCarthy took the top two spots in the election, taking 36 percent and 39 percent of the votes, respectively.

These two tickets will compete in the run-off election on Thursday. Both Doyle and McCarthy were not available for comment.



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- Charles Swindoll

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SHADES OF GRAY

Separate and Unequal?

On issues like affirmative action, Americans fall into two categories. Generally, the battle is fought between the "things aren't so bad, definitely not as bad as they used to be, and they're getting better" crowd and the "white people get all kinds of advantages, have more strings to pull, and minorities deserve special treatment" crowd.

Isaac Ruiz



Everyone agrees that America's treatment of blacks and minorities has been rotten. And despite substantial improvements in the last few decades, racial

division and poverty remain. However, to say that in America the question of economic and social inequality reduces itself to the distinction between white and black is an oversimplification.

In 1968, the Kerner Commission, in the federal government's first official recognition of the problem, reported that the country was "moving toward two societies, one black, one white — separate and unequal." Thirty years later, some say this prediction has come true.

KERNER REVISITED

According to "The Millennium Breach," a report by the Milton S. Eisenhower Foundation, the Kerner Commission's famous forecast has been realized. "While leaders and pundits talk of full employment, inner city employment is at crisis levels. The rich are getting richer, and the poor are getting poorer, and minorities are suffering disproportionately."

The foundation cites alarming statistics. For example, 40 percent of minority children attend urban schools, where more than half of them are poor and more than two-thirds fail to reach basic achievement levels. And the national incarceration rate of black men is four times higher than that in South Africa during apartheid, with one in three young American black men in prison, on parole, or on probation.

Statistically, poverty does have a grip on minority communities. The unemployment rate for blacks is twice as high as for whites, and nearly one in three black or Hispanic families live below the poverty line, a rate three times that for whites.

STUCK IN THE '60s

Despite the numbers, Jim Sleeper, author of "Liberal Racism," argues that the significance of race is overstated

when discussing poverty. Quoted in The Washington Post, Sleeper called the foundation's report self-serving and noted that while economic gaps continue to exist, the reasons have less and less to do with race.

"We have a race industry in this country," Sleeper told the Post. "They downplay the good news because they feed on the bad. They draw their funding and moral cache from the bad."

After all, there is good news. Robert Woodson, head of the National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise, said that the number of black families earning between \$35,000 and \$75,000 doubled between 1970 and 1990. "Racism and discrimination still exist," the black conservative admits. "But they aren't the biggest problems facing blacks in America today. The real issue is the growing economic rift within the black community." In his opinion, the authors of "The Millennium Breach" are "stuck in the '60s."

SEPARATE AND UNEQUAL?

At the heart of the Kerner report was the idea that blacks were trapped in inner cities. The report said that white society was "deeply implicated in the ghetto" and credited white institutions with creating, maintaining, and condoning racial and economic inequality.

Now, this characterization is inappropriate. The urban battleground is fought on many fronts — white versus black, black versus Hispanic, Hispanic versus Asian, and so forth.

And it isn't necessarily true that blacks and minorities are trapped in inner cities. Harvard University professor Stephen Thernstrom explains that since the Kerner Report, there has been a "massive movement of blacks from inner cities to suburbs."

Economic inequality affects minorities disproportionately. But the problem is more complex than race. According to Thernstrom, the income of intact black families is within 13 percent of white family incomes. He says that when you take into account that blacks have fewer college degrees and live disproportionately in the low-wage South, the figures are nearly equal.

All of this suggests that inequality in housing, education, or employment is not purely a problem of race. At least, we can say that special treatment based on race, like certain forms of affirmative action, can never make up for white society's prejudice over past centuries.

As Woodson puts it, "If we keep banging the drum of racism, we will never find a way to close this economic rift."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Keep Brumbaugh's Spirit Alive

I have spent much time since the death of Justin Brumbaugh meditating on what it means to be a part of the Notre Dame family. I became a member of this family in August when I took up residence as Rector of Knott Hall. I began my ministry to the men of Knott with many questions whose answers I am still searching for. One such question is what is the value of the Notre Dame way of life? Is the phrase "Notre Dame family" just a neat sales pitch or does it really mean something?

I have experienced the living out of that phrase ever since I set foot on this campus. I arrived here with a bad leg and was the recipient of the utmost concern from the service areas on campus and from the residents of our Hall. I have seen people who go out of their way to be of assistance to others.

During the weeks following Justin's death, Knott Hall experienced a real outpouring of love and concern by the people of Notre Dame: administrators, faculty, staff, students and other residence halls. The love and concern expressed to us was immeasurable. The University demonstrated that it really does put its money where its mouth is by providing transportation and lodging for many students to be able to attend the funeral in Dayton. In all of this, I have come to the realization that we need to be aware of all of those qualities which unite us, as well as being aware of those that divide us, and need to be addressed in order for us to grow even to higher levels.

Let us not let the spirit which Justin's death brought to this campus die.

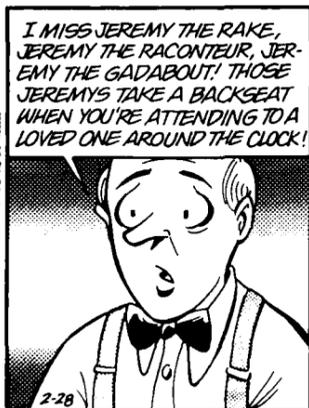
Let us grab the opportunity as one which will enable us to continue the love and respect which he had, and which we brought to the fore following his death.

Brother Jerome Meyer
 Rector, Knott Hall
 March 2, 1998

DOONESBURY

GARRY TRUDEAU

QUOTE OF THE DAY



"Never fight an inanimate object."

—P.J. O'Rourke

■ ALL ABOUT YOU

Snail Mail vs. E-mail

Empty.

That's the one word that best describes my mailbox.

I call it the black hole. I reach in and there is nothing there. It's a deep void.

But I check it everyday anyway. I am always hopeful it will one day contain some scrap of paper.

Bridget Rzezutko

I guess I am just wondering — whatever happened to good old fashioned letter writing?

In the old days people wrote letters a lot. I know. I am an English major. I am constantly reading someone's journal, correspondence, or a book containing upper class people who can't wait for the mailman to arrive, hoping to receive some "favorable" letters from "agreeable" people.

Now we have new technologies like fax machines and e-mail that to some people, are just more convenient than "snail mail."

Maybe so, but writing letters has always been a big part of our lives.

Remember when you were younger and your parents made you write "thank you" after every holiday or birthday, even for those items you returned the next day anyway, like fuzzy pajamas, complete with footies? Or when we were in grade school and passing notes to one another, containing questions like, "Will you go with me? Check the box yes or no."

I know not everyone is a letter writer. For example, my parents send me a card almost every week. It never says anything more than their names, but it is the thought behind it that makes my day a little brighter. It might also be because I got something besides campus mail telling me all about some club I apparently signed up for in the beginning of the year, but really have no clue what they are talking about, and haven't been active in at all.

I remember I read a book on handwriting analysis once. Supposedly the way a person writes gives insight into his or her personality. In scientific fact it rates right up there with numerology and horoscopes, but it's fun anyway. How big your name appears at the top of the page corresponds to how the writer feels about you. So basically if your name is so minuscule you need a magnifying glass to read it, there is a problem. Also, where a person crosses his or her T's shows his self-esteem level. If anything, these are fun things to look for, especially if it is a letter from a love interest, or even some distant relative and all he is talking about is the weather and you have no idea who he is. (This actually happened to me once, so beware. It can happen to you, too. But knowing this information, you will now have something to do while reading it.)

In a handwritten letter you can hear your friend talking. The way a certain word is written bigger than others or in a different color accentuates the way he or she would say it. Also, it is always easier to sort out feelings and thoughts on paper, in order to make sure you say exactly the right thing.

But perhaps the greatest reason to write someone a letter is "just because" — just because you want to put a smile on someone's face.

And even if the letter doesn't contain money, I guarantee you will.

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■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Win or Lose, Bouts' Participants Are Still Champs

I write in an attempt to explain the incredible dynamics involved with the boxing program and Bengal Bouts. A lot of people see us up there in the ring one week out of the year and fail to get the full description of what the entire experience is about. I hope this writing can in some small way allow the students of Notre Dame to understand some of what goes on both inside and outside of the ring.

To fully describe what exactly the program is all about, I have to start at the beginning. It was on an evening in September, when I was strolling through the activities fair, that I started the process of becoming a part of the greatest tradition at Notre Dame.

Though the formal process for beginning the program started when I signed the dotted line for participation, it was a long time ago that I actually was drawn into the program. I can recall vividly the tournament when I first saw it as a 10-year-old spectator. I saw boxers climb between the ropes and give their heart and soul to a cause that was greater whole than any single person could hope to be. I viewed the struggle for oxygen in the third round, when lesser people would have let their bodies crumble to the ground in exhaustion. But for these individuals, to give up when so much had already been given to the program would have been failure.

It was this determination that possessed me to donate my body and soul to the Bengal Bouts mission for six weeks. I never could have imagined that such an undertaking would be as rewarding as it has turned out to be.

However, during that first week of practice, I found that my determination was wavering. Doing multiple hundreds of push-ups, sit-ups, and jumping-jacks can do that to a person. But gradually, over the course of several weeks, I found that practice was getting a little bit easier. Some of that was that my body was becoming more fit. But more than that, I found that a great source of my determination was the other people involved with the program. How could I give up when so many others were laying their heart and soul on the line to continue in the program?

One of the people who was the greatest source of admiration for the program was senior captain Ryan Rans. Whenever I found myself not wanting to go to a practice, I would look to his example to inspire me. Every practice I ever went to, Ryan was there at least two hours before me. Ryan would dedicate this time before practice so that he would be able to help others in their technique and skills during the actual two hours of practice. Whenever a person had difficulty in some aspect of boxing, Ryan was there more than willing to dedicate his time and effort so that others may learn.

Ryan has become one of the greatest tragedies of the program, one that all of the boxers truly understand more than anyone else. Ryan suffered severe breakage to both of his hands during the fight on Wednesday. Though the cause is not known for certain, the most probable reason is that he suffered stress fractures during the course of the six week training program and the fight caused the bones to finally give way. What makes this such a tragedy is that Ryan dedicated his life to the program. Without him, I am convinced that the program would not have progressed to such greatness this year.

An example of Ryan's love for the program occurred on Thursday. The finalists were enjoying their final meal together before the championships on Friday. The atmosphere was joyous, but also subdued because we had heard the news that our leader, Ryan, was in surgery to put his mangled hands back together.

Who should appear halfway through the meal but Ryan, fresh out of surgery not a half an hour. He walked in with both hands bandaged heavily and sat down to eat. The entire room immediately began to applaud. Ryan tried valiantly to subdue the tears, but it was no use. He finally laid his head in fellow captain Brian Gaffney's chest and let the emotions flow freely. I sat with a tremendous lump in my throat, unable to do anything to mend the sadness which held heavy over Ryan's heart. There was not a person at the table who wished they could have done something to fix that which was not fixable. Where we had seen a person who had delivered thundering jabs to his opponent, we now saw a person who struggled to feed himself. We had seen courage from Ryan inside the ring, and now we saw even greater demonstration of courage simply by making himself present at nothing more than a ceremonial dinner.

This example is just the greatest out of many of what kind of people participate in the program. The tournament was the most incredible experience I have ever been a part of. The pure nervousness, the raw emotion, was unlike anything I've ever felt before. Walking into the ring, hearing the roar of the crowd, having your name announced, it was all incredible. I could do very little to maintain my composure when the semi-final fight started. I ended up winning the fight in a unanimous decision. The feeling when the referee raised my hand was incredible. The cheers from my friends made my heart leap. It was pure craziness.

So then came Friday and the finals. As emotional as I was for the Wednesday fight, I was 10 times more so for the finals. The stadium was packed with about 4,000 people cheering wildly. I was one of two competitors in the first fight, so the crowd was really into it. The adrenaline buzz I got before the fight is unlike anything I've ever felt. When I got in the ring before they announced my name I was in ecstasy. When the fight started I could do little to not expend all of my energy in the first minute. During the second round my opponent Matt Peacock landed a flurry of punches that had me reeling, but I

stayed in. I'm not sure what kept me from falling to the ground. I think it was a combination of all the things I have already mentioned. I thought back to the fighters I had seen as a child and their determination to not let their bodies drop. I recalled the dedication of the other fighters. I thought about the people in Bangladesh whom I was fighting for so that they may be nourished. The dedication of Ryan Rans to make it to a simple dinner just to be a part of the program crossed my mind and I found strength in that example.

I knew my opponent had won when we hugged in the middle of the ring when the final bell sounded. As we hugged I offered my congratulations. I felt great for Matt Peacock because he was a senior and had never won a championship. Plus, he, like all the other boxers, is an incredible person, to whom I feel a closeness that I expect we will feel for the rest of our lives. As I walked out to the middle of the ring for the decision to be announced, I lost it. My eyes started tearing up and I tried to hold them back until I could get back to the locker room, but it was no use. I was incredibly joyful that I could be a part of such a noble cause. I thanked God that I could be a

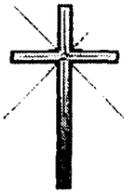


part of such a great tradition, for the absolutely tremendous people I had met, for the University for offering a program that could get me so emotionally wrapped up.

Most of all, I thanked God for giving me the ability to have the determination and strength to fulfill my goal of getting in the ring. As I walked from the ring to the locker room, I lost it. Everyone was offering congratulations on my effort. I was thanking them as I tried to no avail to hold back my tears. When I got to the locker room, I was so emotional that I was hyper-ventilating. And then when I thought I couldn't get any more emotional, my Dad walked into the locker room to offer congratulations. We hugged and I was crying and he had tears in his eyes. It was one of the moments I will treasure for the rest of my life.

After my dad left I was sitting in front of my locker thinking about the whole thing, trying to take it all in. I sat there crying. Jack Mooney, an 85 year old man who has been a part of the program for 50 years, walked up to me and said, "I'm proud of you." Mike Romanchek walked up and offered words of wisdom which I will always remember. He said, "Did you give it your all?" I replied that I had. He said, "Anyone who gives their all in the ring is automatically a champion." I sat there, not wanting to take off my shorts, because that would mean the whole thing would be over. But I knew that the end had come. I changed my clothes, and walked out of the dressing room with my head held high.

David Frick
Sophomore, Keough Hall
March 1, 1998



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■ ACCENT ASKS...

Did you give up something for Lent?



"I gave up drinking during the week. I gave it up because I can't afford it. It has many layers — physically, mentally, spiritually, economically."

*Ryan Smith
Senior, Off-Campus*

"I gave up smoking because my boyfriend says I have a dirty mouth."

*Rebeccah Sanders
Senior, Off-Campus*



"I can't tell you that, for religious reasons."

*Michael Mirro
Sophomore, Alumni*

"I gave up fighting. I don't believe in violence."

*Maura Brennick
Freshman, Welsh*



"No, because I wanted to do something. Like spending more time with my friends."

*John Fernandez
Senior, Morrissey*



By MICHAEL PEPPARD
Accent Writer

Perhaps one can relate to this common exchange between Notre Dame student and one of his non-Notre Dame friends. The student makes a reference to some strange and apparently cultish tradition that he practices as a Catholic, without remembering that his friend has no idea what genuflecting, veils, or "getting my ashes" is all about. So his friend replies with a condescending, "Catholics are so weird and exclusive with your silly mythological traditions" retort. The Notre Dame student tries to explain the source of the allegedly exclusive myth, but the damage is already done. In his friend's mind, the world of Catholicism is exiled to a lonely ancient island of rules that just no fun.

The season of Lent and the rules and restrictions which accompany it are just the stuff of such traditions which confuse many people. But despite the initial appearances, Lent is not an adherence to rules. It is rather about denials of particular gratifications — a time set aside to focus on these denials which should exist all year.

The self-imposed temperance and abstinence, which seem exclusively Catholic to many non-Catholics in America, is actually the most ecumenical aspect of Catholicism. After all, Islam has the fast month of Ramadan. Buddhism maintains the notion that denial of desire is the only way to truly combat suffering. It seems, upon close examination, that every major religion in the world — and even secular forms of wisdom about the self — agree on this concept. It is a good thing to deny gratification to one's desires.

What does it mean, though, that religions across space and time

Days of Lent



Freedom



agree about a certain practice? If we hold the ecumenical belief that portions of truth are revealed in different ways to different religions, then this agreement can only mean one thing. The denial of selfish desire gratification is the most religious movement we can make with our bodies.

God has revealed through different people and different customs that human desires can never be totally satisfied, and they always point to a higher sensation which we try to tap into. By attempting to eradicate such self-serving desires, we then move toward a paradoxical human freedom.

The true freedom of a Christian, and indeed of a human being, thus lies in the restrictions of Lent. How can that be — that freedom stems from restrictions. Our modern minds, shaped by Kantian philosophers concerned with the primacy of the will, have difficulty receiving the truth of such a stark paradox. But when we get past our normal conceptions of freedom, we find the brilliance of Lent.

After all, from where does freedom derive? Are we free because we have the ability to make choices? Republican or Democrat, for here or to go, paper or plastic, and the like? No, the true freedom of a human being comes through battling the addiction to desire gratification. How can one be truly free when she can't proceed without a cigarette? How can one be truly free when he can't go on without another beer?

The ecumenical charge of Lent certainly runs much deeper than nicotine and booze. The season resides at the heart of Christianity and, more than any other aspect of Catholicism, at the heart of the universal spiritual quest. The varieties of practical worship and religious experience are wound up into the season of Lent.

In respecting the ecumenical import of these 40 days, we can vanquish the false freedom felt through self-gratification and approach the true freedom of a suffering servant.

■ ACCENT SPEAKS

The Ultimate Lenten Sacrifice

Accent Copy Editor

In March of 1993 I knew virtually nothing about Notre Dame. A senior in a public high school and a child of two Baptist parents, I decided that Notre Dame was the place for me. Five years later, I can say that I made the right choice and that I've learned a lot more than I ever thought I could have in five years.

Before coming to Notre Dame, I never fully understood the significance of the Lenten season's meaning: It represents the 40 years of Noah in the Ark, the 40 years of Israel in the desert, and most importantly the 40 days of Jesus in the wilderness (not to mention a plethora of other significances not mentioned here). We celebrate Lent in anticipation of the resurrection of Jesus, and by giving up something important, we constantly remind ourselves of where our minds should be focused.

During my freshman year here, I was baffled by the idea of "no meat on Fridays" at the dining hall, even though I knew it was a Catholic practice. I didn't understand why people didn't want to go out on Ash Wednesday. And I couldn't believe that an enormous population of people actually fasted for the entirety of Ash Wednesday.

At first, these ideas confounded me and made me somewhat uncomfortable, but as I explored their meanings as symbolic and physical reminders of Catholicism, I grew to admire and appreciate them.

The appreciation goes further than the many rituals and activities that I've seen people at Notre Dame participate in during Lent. It is an appreciation for the community's devotion to Catholicism, and its devotion to God. All in the Notre Dame community are fortunate to have so many opportunities to participate in Catholicism in so many different ways, and I must say that as a non-Catholic, I've felt welcomed to participate in the Catholic aspect of the Notre Dame community.

Since then, I've become a Theology major, exploring my understanding of Christianity and developing a deeper understanding for Catholicism. Through both exploring and developing, I've come to love Notre Dame's deep and diverse religious foundations in way I never dreamed of as a high school senior.

Which brings us to March 1998.

We're nearly a week into the Lenten season and many, including myself, have made their Lenten commitments. For me, this year is a very special one because it is the first time I have given something up for Lent.

I guess I should say "we" because this involves all eight of my roommates. And now that I have you on the edge of your seat, I bet you can't wait to find out what it is.

The answer is: electricity.

Living off-campus in a large house, we as a group decided to give up electricity for all but the bare essentials. All that's left are the phones and alarm clocks (we don't think giving up classes for Lent is fair) and at night, we survive by candlelight.

So far, it's been great. Instead of coming home and turning on the television, we come home and talk to each other. Or we come home and pick up guitars and djembes while I sit down at the piano. Instead of focusing on inanimate things, we're now focusing on each other. I can't tell you how much I've already benefited.

I've had my frustrating moments and admit to giving in to flipping a switch a couple of times. It's hard to clean the house at night when you try to feel your way through a closet to find the lysol and then trip and fall on your face, knocking everything over. But as long as I've prepared what I need before nightfall, everything goes as planned.

So what is the point of all this?

We at Notre Dame face a daily barrage of technology, of sensory overload, and of activities at nearly every turn. I often struggle to make time for reflection, to make time for the people and ideas that are the most important in my life. It is difficult to focus on what is important, but Lent arrives at the time when we most need to begin focusing. For Christians, the most important season will soon arrive, as we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In the meantime, we give up something for Lent to constantly remind us that the Easter season is approaching, and that we should refocus our spiritual lives for that reason. Use this time to not only better understand yourself, but also to better understand Notre Dame and all it has to offer. We are lucky to be in such a deeply rooted religious institution, rich in religious diversity and filled with history and meaning of Catholicism. The first preface of Lent says: "Each year you give us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed." Make this season one of renewal with open hearts and minds, and you too can make Lent a truly joyful season.

■ NHL

Penguins sweep Maple Leafs

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH, Penn. Alexei Morozov and Stu Barnes scored goals 1:33 apart early in the first period to lift the Pittsburgh Penguins to a 3-1 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs at the Igloo. The Penguins swept the two-game season series and have won four straight over the Leafs.

Morozov and Barnes capped a burst of four goals in the first 4:49 of the game. Morozov snapped a 1-1 tie with a goal on a shot from the left circle at 3:16 and Barnes converted a cross-crease pass from Jaromir Jagr on a power play for his 25th goal of the season.

Tom Barrasso shut the door from there. He made seven saves in the first period, then turned aside all 11 shots he faced in the second. Barrasso made nine saves in the third period and finished with 27.

Felix Potvin was also stellar in net for Toronto. He stopped 35 shots, including 30 in the final two periods.

Devils 4, Flyers 3

Steve Thomas's strange goal on a breakaway with 6:06 remaining Monday night lifted the New Jersey Devils past the Philadelphia Flyers 4-3.

The victory moved the Atlantic Division-leading Devils 13 points ahead of the runner-up Flyers. The Devils, who have won seven straight, extended their unbeaten streak to eight.

Thomas saved New Jersey after it blew a three-goal lead.

As Thomas broke into the Philadelphia zone, goalie Ron Hextall came out to cut down the shooting angle.

Thomas nudged the puck between the goalie's pads and it trickled into the open net before any other Flyers could track it down.

After the embarrassing score, an enraged Hextall shattered his stick by smashing it over the crossbar.

Brian Rolston scored twice and Randy McKay added a goal as the Devils continued their season-long mastery of the Flyers. New Jersey has won the three meetings by a combined 13-4.

Chris Gratton, Colin Forbes and Mike Sillinger scored for the Flyers, who have lost six of their last eight (2-6-0).

NHL Standings

Atlantic Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	Div	Conf
New Jersey	37	16	6	80	17-3-2	29-7-3
Philadelphia	30	17	9	69	12-5-3	22-7-7
Washington	26	22	11	63	10-8-4	18-15-7
NY Rangers	18	25	16	52	5-12-6	10-18-9
NY Islanders	20	31	8	48	6-11-4	13-21-5
Florida	18	29	12	48	10-10-4	17-16-5
Tampa Bay	12	38	9	33	5-16-3	8-27-7

Northeast Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	Div	Conf
Pittsburgh	30	17	13	73	12-4-6	21-11-9
Montreal	28	23	7	63	8-11-2	14-20-4
Boston	25	22	12	62	9-7-5	15-14-10
Buffalo	23	21	14	60	7-5-5	17-14-8
Ottawa	23	28	10	56	5-11-5	15-19-7
Carolina	21	30	7	49	9-12-1	14-24-3

Central Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	Div	Conf
Dallas	38	13	9	85	10-6-3	25-9-6
Detroit	32	15	13	77	7-5-6	18-11-10
St. Louis	32	22	8	72	10-7-1	21-13-4
Phoenix	24	25	11	59	7-7-3	18-16-5
Chicago	23	26	10	56	6-10-4	15-20-10
Toronto	20	30	8	48	8-13-1	15-18-6

Pacific Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	Div	Conf
Colorado	31	14	16	78	13-6-4	21-10-9
Los Angeles	27	21	10	64	12-6-1	18-14-4
Edmonton	21	29	10	52	8-15-1	17-21-4
San Jose	22	29	7	51	9-10-2	15-20-3
Anaheim	20	30	9	49	8-12-2	12-21-5
Calgary	17	30	12	46	9-9-3	11-23-8
Vancouver	18	33	9	45	9-10-5	13-23-8

Sabres 1, Rangers 0

Dominik Hasek just keeps on stopping everything sent his way.

Hasek got his second shutout in two days as the Buffalo Sabres extended their unbeaten streak to 13 with a 1-0 victory over the New York Rangers on Monday night.

Hasek, who blanked Washington 3-0 Sunday, recorded his NHL-leading ninth shutout in carrying over his great work from the Olympics, when he led the Czech Republic to the gold medal.

It was the third straight time Hasek held the Rangers scoreless, extending his shutout streak against New York to 198 minutes, 46 seconds. It was the first time in Sabres history they shut out a team three times in a row.

The Sabres, 7-0-6 over their last 13 games, have not lost since Jan. 20, when they were beaten 3-0 by Philadelphia. Hasek, starting his third game

since returning from Nagano, extended his personal unbeaten streak to 11 (6-0-5).

Hasek made 32 saves, including an outstanding performance in the first period, when the Rangers outshot the Sabres 13-3. He preserved the shutout when he made three fine stops on Brian Leetch from in close in the last five minutes of the game, two on deflections, then made a great left-pad save on Pat LaFontaine in the final 10 seconds.

The game marked John Muckler's first coaching appearance against the team that fired him as general manager last year. Since taking over for the fired Colin Campbell during the Olympic break, Muckler is 1-2.

The Sabres went ahead at 2:05 of the second period. Zhitnik beat a screened Mike Richter with a quick shot after skating into the right circle.

Otherwise, Richter was perfect, making 17 saves.

Olympians confront adjustment problems

Associated Press

ODENTON, Md.

Ron Wilson was angry. February was bad enough for the U.S. Olympic coach, and March hasn't started any better.

"You need a lucky bounce," Wilson said Monday after the Washington Capitals' morning practice. "And we haven't had many."

Wilson was talking about the Capitals, but he could just as easily have been describing himself.

After his Olympic team finished in sixth place in Nagano and was then embarrassed after some players trashed a suite in the Olympic village, Wilson returned home to find his NHL team in disarray.

First, the Capitals lost consecutive games to the worst team in the league, the Tampa Bay Lightning. Actually, it's three straight counting the Lightning's victory when the two teams met in the last game before the Olympics.

On Sunday, Wilson ran into a nemesis, Czech goaltender Dominik Hasek, who ended the U.S. team's hopes in the quarterfinals at the Olympics.

Back with Buffalo, Hasek shut out Washington 3-0 for the Capitals' fourth straight loss. Combining the play of the Capitals and the U.S. team, Wilson has won just two of his last 13 times behind the bench.

All of which made for a somber practice as Washington prepared for Tuesday night's home game against Boston. Wilson tried to shake things up by changing lines and imploring his defense to be more aggressive. Afterward, Wilson was in little mood for conversation.

"What's it matter to you?" Wilson shot back when asked if he was going to keep his crewcut. Wilson cut his hair before the Americans' final game in Nagano, a failed attempt to inspire his players

with the same look he had when he led the United States to the World Cup title two years ago.

While many Olympic players have said the readjustment to the NHL routine has been difficult, Wilson is not complaining.

"That's not a problem at all," he said. "It's like you don't even think you've been gone."

Wilson then gave a few thoughts about his Capitals players, calling them "passive" and lacking chemistry. He then refused to do a promotional sound bite for a local radio station and disappeared into his office.

Defenseman Joe Reekie said the coach's bleak mood was understandable.

"He's the same. We're all on the same page. It's just frustrating any time you lose," Reekie said. "You've got to find answers. We're just trying to find ways to win."

To Wilson's credit, he has already taken his share of the blame for the U.S. performance.

"I kept saying the first three games didn't matter," he said before leaving Nagano. "Now I look back and we should have done things differently."

He was also quick to decry the vandalism of the Olympic village.

"I'm embarrassed by it," Wilson said. "It is inexcusable what they did. It shows no class at all. Unfortunately, everybody is guilty by association."

In a television appearance last week, Wilson cited the U.S. women's gold medal performance when asked to pick out a positive experience from the Olympics.

He said there will "always be a hole in my heart" because he couldn't help the men bring home a medal.

But don't ask Wilson about the Olympics now. There's no more time to wallow in far-away failures. His Capitals are on a skid and it's up to the coach to figure a way out.

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■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Spring training gives way to start of exhibition ball

Associated Press

While Roger Clemens was hit hard in his spring debut, Mark McGwire once again flashed the form that makes him a threat to Roger Maris' home-run record.

Dmitri Young singled in two runs and Eddie Taubensee had a two-run homer as the Cincinnati Reds rocked Roger Clemens and beat the Toronto Blue Jays 7-0 Monday at Sarasota, Fla.

Cincinnati scored five runs on seven hits in the first inning against the AL Cy Young Award winner. He threw 75 pitches in two innings, struck out five and walked three.

Reds starter Pete Harnisch gave up one hit in three innings. Mark Hutton gave up one hit and struck out four in four innings.

At Jupiter, Fla., Mark McGwire hit a three-run homer, his second home run of the spring, as the St. Louis Cardinals piled up 15 hits and routed the Los Angeles Dodgers 13-5.

McGwire, who hit a 450-homer Saturday in his first spring game, connected in a five-run second inning off Dan Hubbs. Rookie Juan Munoz, 0-for-7 in the first two games, hit a three-run homer off Eric Weaver in the seventh.

Devil Rays 6, Royals 2

At St. Petersburg, Fla., Tampa Bay, which started 0-2, scored four runs in the seventh and won for the first time against major league competition.

Mike Kelly began the seventh with a single off Rod Steph, stole second, took third on Mike DiFelice's bunt and scored when Steph mishandled Aaron Lodesma's chopper for an error.

Miguel Cairo had a run-scor-

ing single, Russ Moorman drew a bases-loaded walk and Cairo scored on a passed ball as Tampa Bay batted around in the inning.

Red Sox 13, Pirates 8

At Fort Myers, Fla., Boston scored 10 runs in the first two innings and Nomar Garciaparra homered for his first hit in 11 spring at-bats.

Garciaparra, the AL Rookie of the Year, made the score 12-4 with his solo homer in the seventh. John Valentin hit a two-run homer in Boston's four-run first after Al Martin's solo homer had put the Pirates ahead.

Dennis Eckersley retired all three batters he faced in the sixth inning, his first appearance for the Red Sox since they traded him to the Chicago Cubs in 1984.

Marlins 5, Mets 4

At Melbourne, Fla., Luis Castillo singled home the go-ahead run in the eighth inning as Florida rallied.

Marlins starter Livan Hernandez, the MVP of the World Series and NL championship series, made his first appearance of the spring and allowed two hits in two shutout innings.

Tigers 6, Rangers 3

At Lakeland, Fla., Damion Easley hit a grand slam as Detroit sent Texas to its first loss in four games this season.

Bryce Florie, obtained in an offseason trade with Milwaukee, followed starter Scott Sanders and got the win, allowing one run and one hit in 2 1-3 innings.

Yankees 12, Indians 8

At Winter Haven, Fla., Dale Sveum hit a two-run double and Tino Martinez followed with a two-run homer in a six-

run second inning.

Martinez, Chad Curtis, Tim Raines and Luis Sojo each had two of New York's 19 hits in the first meeting between the teams since Cleveland eliminated the Yankees in the AL division series last October. Sojo was in the left hand by Jaret Wright's first pitch. X-rays were negative.

Phillies 8, Twins 4

At Fort Myers, Fla., Kevin Jordan had four hits and Philadelphia took advantage of six errors.

Defense spoiled the Twins debut of Mike Morgan, pitching for his 10th team in a 20-year career. Three errors in the first led to three unearned runs. But Morgan also looked rusty, giving up three hits and two walks in two innings.

Orioles 11, Expos 9

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Eric Davis homered and doubled. Davis, who battled colon cancer last season, gave Baltimore a 4-2 lead in the third with an opposite-field shot to right off Carl Pavano. He also doubled and scored on a double by Cal Ripken in the second.

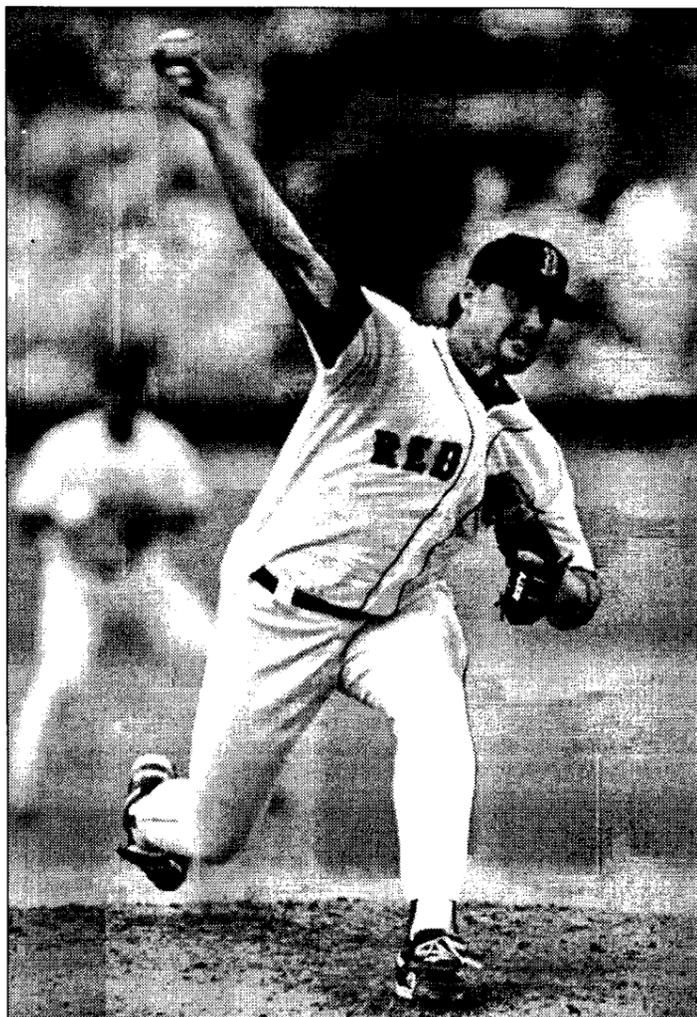
Shane Andrews went 3-for-3 for the Expos, outscored 23-11 in three losses this spring.

Astros 7, Braves 6

At Kissimmee, Fla., Mitch Meluskey hit a tiebreaking, bases-loaded double in the ninth inning following a pair of errors.

Houston got two walks in the ninth by Pedro Borbon, making his first appearance in a game since tearing the medial collateral ligament of his left elbow in August 1996.

Borbon felt something in his elbow after walking J.R. Phillips — the fifth batter he faced — and took himself out



Roger Clemens, last year's AL Cy Young winner, was rocked in a spring season matchup against the Cincinnati Reds. KRT Photo

of the game. He will be examined Tuesday.

Angels 11, Giants 10

At Tempe, Ariz., rookie Troy Glaus tied the game with a two-out homer in the ninth, and Frank Bolick's run-scoring single two batters later gave Anaheim the victory over.

Giants reliever Erik Plantenberg was one out away

from a save when Glaus homered. Justin Baughman tripled before Bolick drove in his second run of the game.

Diamondbacks 7, Brewers 4

At Phoenix, Andy Benes allowed one run and three hits in two innings, and Travis Lee went 2-for-3, homered and drove in two runs for Arizona, which improved to 4-0.

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■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Possibly no 'Mo' driving for Red Sox slugger Vaughn

Associated Press

DEDHAM, Mass. — Mo Vaughn had been drinking at a strip club before he crashed into a car parked beside the highway and flipped his pickup, according to testimony Monday at his trial on drunken driving charges.

"It was obvious that he was intoxicated," Trooper Paul McCarthy said, reaching the conclusion after the Red Sox first baseman failed eight sobriety tests. "There's no doubt in my mind."

But defense attorney Kevin Reddington tried to show that the sobriety tests were tainted because Vaughn had a "recurrent" knee injury, was on wet ground and taking allergy medication and had gained weight in the offseason — all affecting his balance.

Vaughn was driving in Norwood early Jan. 9 when he struck a Ford Escort parked on the shoulder and rolled his pickup truck.

Richard Ball, the first officer on the scene, said he was satisfied that Vaughn was not injured and then took him away from the crowd that had gathered. On their way back

towards the patrol car to administer the sobriety tests, Ball testified, Vaughn bumped into him several times.

On the actual tests, Vaughn performed even worse, including failing three times to recite the alphabet correctly, Ball testified.

That, combined with what the officers described as blood-shot and glassy eyes, confusion about the cause of the accident and Vaughn's admission that he had been drinking led the officers to arrest him. He was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol; if convicted, a first-time offender typically gets his license suspended for 45-90 days.

Vaughn, who has said he will not testify in his defense, sat quietly at his lawyers' table in a black and white, five-button suit with gold hoop earrings.

After an hour of jury selection, District Court Judge Gerald Alch acknowledged that the defendant is famous, then warned the jurors to disregard that fact.

"The defendant in this case is a professional baseball player. He is a member of the Boston Red Sox," he said. "That's not a factor in this

case. It is to work neither for nor against him."

The clerk, who referred to Vaughn repeatedly as "Morris" — his real name is Maurice — didn't need any such admoni-

tion. And the jury did not seem overly interested that one of the city's most beloved athletes — at least until his current contract negotiations turned acrimonious — was among

them.

A handful of Red Sox fans, however, waited outside the courtroom in the morning holding a sign that said, "Free Mo."

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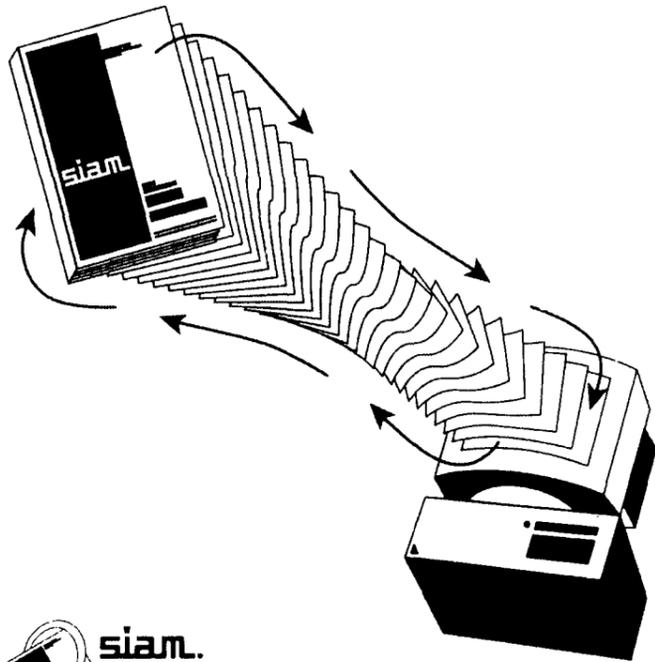
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Blue Devils secure top spot with win over Tar Heels

Associated Press

Duke's dramatic victory over North Carolina kept the Blue Devils No. 1 in the AP college basketball poll Monday, while Mississippi broke into the Top Ten for the first time in school history.

The next-to-last poll of the season had Duke (27-2), which beat the Tar Heels 77-75 Saturday, easily on top for the second straight week with 48 first-place votes and 1,724 points from the national media panel.

Arizona (26-3), which extended the nation's longest current winning streak to 19 games with a 90-58 victory over Stanford on Saturday, held second with 20 No. 1

votes and 1,684 points.

Kansas (31-3), which closed the regular season with a win at Oklahoma State on Sunday, switched places with North Carolina, moving into third with the other two first-place votes and 1,580 points, 17 more than the Tar Heels (27-3).

Those teams have held the top four positions in different orders for the last five weeks.

Utah, Connecticut and Kentucky held places 5-7, while Princeton moved up one spot to No. 8 and Purdue jumped two places to ninth.

Mississippi (21-5) closed the regular season with wins over Arkansas and Auburn and moved from 13th to No. 10. The Rebels had never been

ranked until last season, and that was just for one week. They were 23rd in the preseason poll and have been ranked every week this season.

Stanford dropped three spots to lead the Second Ten and was followed by Michigan State, Texas Christian, Cincinnati, South Carolina, Arkansas, Michigan, Illinois, UCLA and New Mexico.

The last five teams were Maryland, Syracuse, West Virginia, Temple and Oklahoma State.

The No. 13 ranking is the highest for Texas Christian since the Horned Frogs were 12th in the poll released Jan. 22, 1992.

Maryland (18-9), the third-

place team in the Atlantic Coast Conference behind Duke and North Carolina, re-entered the rankings after a one-week absence. The Terrapins have won three straight games, the last an 83-66 non-conference victory over Temple on Saturday.

Massachusetts (20-9), which lost 74-66 at Temple on Sunday after losing in double overtime at St. Bonaventure earlier in the week, fell out of the rankings after a four-week run that saw the Minutemen get as high as No. 18.

Two Big Ten teams — Michigan and Illinois — made the week's biggest jumps, each improving four places. The Wolverines went from

21st to No. 17 with wins over Penn State and Wisconsin. Illinois moved from 22nd to No. 18 with a road victory over Indiana.

Three teams dropped four places this week: Arkansas, New Mexico and West Virginia.

Arkansas went from 12th to No. 16 after losses at Mississippi and Alabama. New Mexico fell from 16th to No. 20 after falling to Brigham Young to end the nation's second-longest home winning streak and at Utah. West Virginia dropped from 19th to No. 23 following road losses to Boston College and Miami.

The final poll of the season will move the day after Selection Sunday.

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were able to bounce back."

With ten minutes remaining in the first half, the Irish were able to cut the lead to nine when they put together a 6-0 run, capped off by a Ruth Riley layup. But it seemed like the Huskies always had an answer as they went on an 8-2 run of their own and built the lead back to 30-15.

The Irish gained some momentum heading into the locker room as Niele Ivey scored the final four points of the half. The Irish found themselves down only 10 despite their slow start.

"We felt we were still in the game," commented McGraw. "We didn't think we could possibly play any worse and we were only down 10."

Although UConn, who had

played poorly in the second half against West Virginia, connected on two straight three-pointers to open the second half and the Huskies pulled ahead 41-23.

"They put us away when they came out 8-0 and hit those two three-pointers," said McGraw.

The Huskies never looked back as they built their lead to as many as 24 before rolling to victory, 73-53.

"They play hard and with tremendous intensity," said McGraw. "Unfortunately we backed down. I thought we learned that lesson earlier this year, but we didn't."

Aside from their 31 turnovers which included at least half a dozen traveling violations, the Irish shooting woes carried over from the Villanova game, as they continued to struggle from the outside. Notre Dame shot just 37 percent from the field as a team and Sheila McMillen, who connected on a

Big East tournament record eight three-pointers in the first round game against St. John's, was held to just one-for-10 shooting.

The Irish also weren't able to go inside for the easy basket like they had in their two previous tournament games. Freshman Kelley Siemon and Riley were held in check by UConn's own big men, Kelley Schumaker and Paige Sauer, both of whom stand 6-foot-5. Riley, who fouled out with just under five minutes remaining in the game, and Siemon finished with 12 and six points, respectively. Niele Ivey was the Irish's second leading scorer with 10 points despite a three-for-10 shooting performance. Danielle Green added nine points and nine boards for Notre Dame who surprisingly out rebounded Connecticut 38-32. Senior Mollie Peirick dished out 5 assists, but committed six turnovers.

Amy Duran, who played sensational defense against McMillen, scored 15 points for

Connecticut. Stacy Hansmeyer, who was scoreless in the teams' last meeting, finished with 21 to lead all scorers. Svetlana Ambrosimova added 19, including 10 first-half points.

Despite the disappointing loss to UConn, the tournament was not a total loss for Notre Dame. The Irish recorded the fifth-

consecutive 20-win season and solidified a berth in this year's NCAA tournament which gets underway March 13.

"I think we definitely deserve to be in the tournament despite what you saw out here," said McGraw. "I don't think we'll get a home game, but I have no doubt that we should be there."

Women's All-Big East

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lot of games. I hate to be the kind of coach who sits here and gives you their record, but I think a lot of people forget that we are 30-2."

Still, for one moment, the Irish hoped that the UConn iguana would stay in the shadows and shrivel up without its tail. No chance.

"I know they all doubted that we could play without Nykesha, and we just wanted to show that we can," Huskies guard Rita Williams said after the rout of the Irish.

Well, they showed the Irish. And they did it for the eighth

time in three years.

No matter how fast or how confident the Irish, or how many all-Americans the team boasts, it remained like a defenseless fly, and was snatched up by Connecticut for lunch.

On occasion, the UConn iguana would draw the Irish in, letting it think it had a chance to escaped unscathed, or even outsmart it, and fly away with victory. Such is the case as in the Feb. 24, 1996, game in which the Irish only lost to the Huskies by six; or the March 4 game in last year's finals of the Big East tournament, in which Notre Dame only lost by nine.

But most of the time, UConn wastes no time, putting the Irish out of their misery before

they even know what hit them. Last night was one of those times.

"I think Connecticut showed why it is the No. 2 team in the country," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said last night.

Deep down, though, she must have been wondering if her team will ever get the chance to reverse the roles. Will the Irish ever be strong enough to outmuscle and outsmart the Huskies? And will the Huskies ever be weak enough that they just do not have the strength to regrow their tail?

The Irish are a young team, graduating only two seniors, but unfortunately, so are the Huskies. Granted, Connecticut will graduate Sales and Williams, but the Irish will lose

captain Mollie Peirick and forward Kari Hutchinson.

The Irish have 6-foot-5 freshman sensation Ruth Riley, but the Huskies have 6-foot-5 freshman sensation Kelley Schumacher waiting in the wings behind Sauer.

Notre Dame went to the final four last year, a major attraction to young recruits, but Connecticut has the trophies.

So the Irish are left searching and dreaming of what it will take to escape the jaws of Connecticut and fly away having beaten the Huskies at their own game.

But for now, they remain a countless victim of the big Connecticut iguana. As the Huskies stand at 30-2, at least the Irish know they are not alone.

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M. Tennis

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line-up, it was the top one through four spots that proved top-notch.

Sachire, at No. 1, dominated

as usual, posting a 6-3, 6-2 defeat of scrappy Mark Loughrin. The sophomore was able to pass effectively, forcing Loughrin to play from the baseline and ultimately break down the Badger's game plan.

"I had to nullify his athleticism and play through him,"

Sachire said after his seventh win this season. "I didn't give him an opening."

The most comforting win for the Irish had to be at the No. 2 position where Pietrowski played his most solid match of the season.

When the drowsy Chang yelled at himself to "wake up," Pietrowski took the opportunity to put the match to bed.

With tremendous serves and hustling after the short balls, Pietrowski jumped out to an early lead. The senior did not look back as he climbed to a 6-3, 6-2 deletion of Chang for his second singles victory of the season.

"I know I'm playing better," the California native said. "I really went out for shots and didn't hold back. I feel I held him back pretty well."

The Irish also harnessed Wisconsin's John Thomsen, with Patterson proving the extra hours he put in before and after practice were worth

it. After a cumbersome first-set win in a tie-breaker, Patterson ignited the courts at the No. 3 position in the second set. Dousing Thomsen's pace with a powerful backhand, Patterson triumphed, 7-5, 6-1.

After Rothschild's win in three sets, the match was already clinched for the Irish as Eric Enloe and Horsley were unable to execute.

As a storm ensued outside, indoors Wisconsin poured down on Notre Dame's No. 5 and 6 positions.

Enloe forced his match to three sets, playing a strong middle set but lacking on the ends. The long-haired Reist of Wisconsin endured to put down Enloe, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

Matt Horsley, taking the place of Andy Warford, put in his fair share of overtime losing and winning tie-breakers in the first and second sets, respectively.

Although he was able to set up his points, Horsley could not deliver the finishing touches.

His lack of consistent execution cost him the match, 6-7, 7-6, 2-6.

"He's close to a breakthrough," Bayliss said of Horsley, who is now 1-1 on the season after recently healing from a wrist injury. "It's not a weakness; it's a matter of timing. He's close to being able to do damage."

But until the end of the line-up becomes a wrecking ball, the bottom positions are up for grabs. In addition to Enloe, Horsley, and Warford, Freeman and Matt Daly have put their names in contention for starting jobs.

"We can and need more productivity at the end of the line-up," Bayliss said. "Each one has only one or two things holding him back."

At the final home match Wednesday, the No. 23 Irish are hoping to come out unbri-dled against Michigan State before hitting the road for the rest of the regular season.

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FOOTBALL

Borbely joins ranks as offensive coach

Special to The Observer

Dave Borbely, offensive line coach at Stanford the last three years, has joined the University of Notre Dame football coaching staff as Irish offensive line coach.

The hiring of Borbely allows Irish offensive coordinator Jim Colletto to concentrate his attention on that role. Colletto, who coached the Notre Dame offensive line in 1997, will tutor the Irish tight ends beginning in '98.

In a related step, Irish recruiting coordinator Bob Chmiel moves into an administrative role in the Notre Dame football office. He will continue to direct all administrative aspects of the Irish recruiting process, in addition to handling a wide range of other duties in conjunction with head coach Bob Davie and the Notre Dame football program.

"I'm excited about these changes because I think they'll help us both on and off the field and they enable us to fully utilize our personnel," says Davie.

"On the football end, our team obviously will benefit from having an additional full-time coach on the field every day. Dave Borbely has done an outstanding job at Stanford — we witnessed that first-hand last fall in Palo Alto — and he'll be a significant addition to what we're doing offensively.

"Bob Chmiel's focus the last four years has strictly been recruiting, and this will give us the opportunity to utilize his talents in many

other areas that will benefit our program. We all are confident that our recruiting program is on a firm foundation."

Borbely joined the Stanford staff in January 1995 and has coached the Cardinal offensive line these last three seasons — helping Stanford earn Liberty and Sun Bowl invitations following the '95 and '96 campaigns.

In 1997, Borbely's all-underclassman offensive line helped pave the way for veteran running backs Anthony Bookman and Mike Mitchell, who finished third and fourth, respectively, on the Stanford career rushing list with 2,523 and 2,446 yards. That duo had three straight games early in '97 (including versus the Irish) in which both players ran for 100 or more yards.

Prior to his tenure at Stanford, the 38-year-old Borbely coached the offensive line for three seasons at Tulane from 1992-94 (he was on the same staff there with current Irish running back coach Desmond Robinson). He also coached that same position area — including the standout Tre Johnson (now with the Washington Redskins), at Temple from 1989-91. He was offensive line coach at Rice from 1986-89 where he coached all-star center Courtney Hall, now with the San Diego Chargers. He worked on the same staff at Rice as Tyrone Willingham, Borbely's boss as Stanford head coach the last three seasons.

A graduate assistant at Evansville in 1981-82, he was as assistant offensive line coach at Pennsylvania in 1983, then was a graduate assistant offensive line coach at Tennessee in 1984-85.



Borbely

BASEBALL

Irish sparkle at Diamond Classic

Special to The Observer

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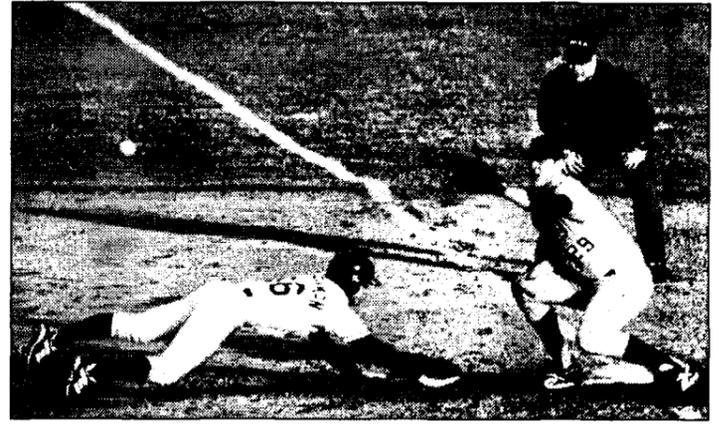
Senior second baseman Todd Frye gained redemption for a costly eighth-inning error by singling to lead off the bottom of the ninth and scoring the winning run on a single by sophomore leftfielder Jeff Perconte, as Notre Dame emerged with a 6-5 victory over Indiana University in the championship game of the Diamond Classic, late Sunday night at Bosse Field.

Notre Dame (6-6) held a 4-0 lead going into the eighth inning but IU scored five unearned runs, after Frye's error on a leadoff grounder by Benji Klause. But Irish junior catcher Jeff Wagner tied the game in the bottom of the eighth with his second home run of the game, setting the stage for Frye and Perconte's big ninth-inning hits.

Notre Dame's Aaron Heilman (2-0) bailed out fellow freshman righthander Danny Tamayo, who allowed the five unearned runs on two hits and three walks, with two strikeouts. Heilman allowed two walks but no runs in the ninth, after striking out two IU batters. Sophomore lefthander Tim Kalita had no decision after tossing five shutout innings, with four hits, four walks and five strikeouts.

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IU senior left-hander Greg



The Observer/Jeff Hsu

Senior Dan Leatherman, seen sliding, gave the Irish a 4-0 lead in the seventh with a homerun en route to a 6-5 victory over Indiana.

Schabel (1-1) took the loss after serving up Wagner's home run and Frye's single while sophomore righthander Tom Willerer gave up Perconte's game-winning hit to left field. Sophomore righthander Chris Wilson pitched the first four and one-third innings, allowing three runs on five hits and two walks before yielding to junior righthander Jason Torres, who pitched through the seventh while totaling five K's and allowing one run on two hits.

Perconte opened the game with a single and senior shortstop J.J. Brock grounded into a fielder's choice before Wagner stroked a one-out, two-run shot to left field. The Irish added a third run in the fifth, after a leadoff single from senior first baseman Dan Leatherman, a sacrifice bunt by Perconte and Brock's RBI double down the leftfield line.

Leatherman gave the Irish a 4-0 lead in the seventh with his third home run of the season, a one-out solo shot to right-center field.

Clause reached to open the eighth, after Frye's fielding error, and moved up on a groundout by Mike Spisak.

Brandt Childs then walked, followed by an RBI single from Doug DeVore and Roger Rodeheaver's run-scoring fielder's choice. Pinch-hitter Dan Haegele then drew a two-out walk and Tamayo hit Frank O'Connell with a pitch before Jason Williams walked with the bases loaded, cutting the Irish lead to 4-3.

Sam Incandela's two-run single to center field pushed IU into the lead but Williams was thrown out trying to reach third base by junior center fielder Allen Greene, ending the rally.

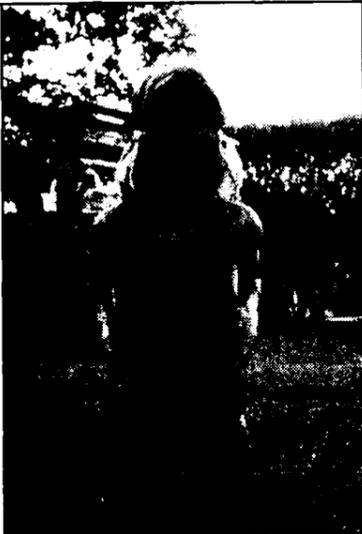
Wagner tied the game in the bottom of the eighth with his fourth home run of the season and third of the Diamond Classic, a leadoff, two-strike blast over the opposite-field fence in right. It was the 31st home run of Wagner's career and marked his sixth career game with two home runs.

Frye led off the bottom of the ninth with a single to left (on an 0-2 count) and moved up on a sacrifice bunt from junior pinch-hitter Mike Knecht, ending Schabel's brief six-batter stint. Perconte then ended the game with his third hit of the game, a single to leftfield.

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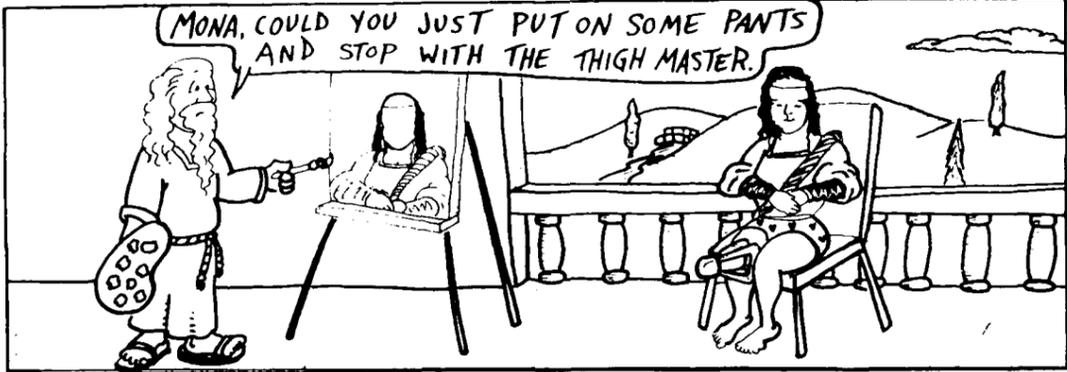
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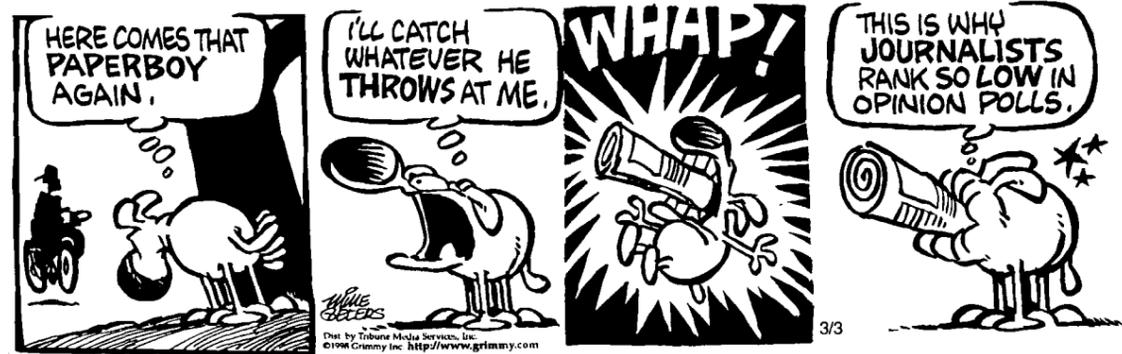
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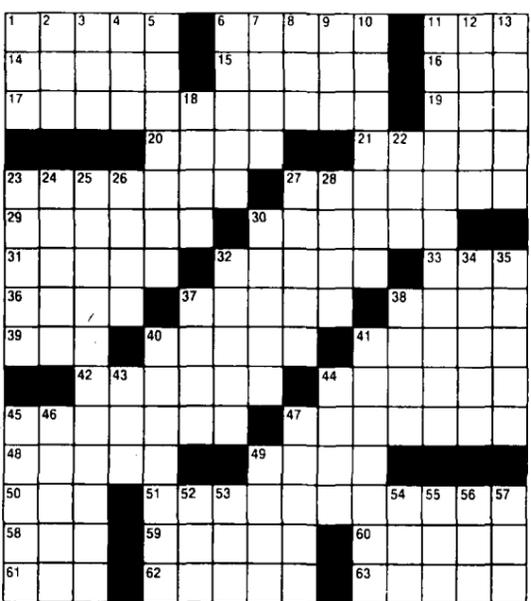
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Put your faith in a higher power and you will never feel alone. A friend who shares your taste in song or dance is the best companion this weekend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your loved ones are in your corner. Any doubts will evaporate once you get the true picture of a confusing situation. Do what will help the greatest number of people needing assistance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): An idea that seems to have merit should be investigated further. However, back off if you encounter determined resistance. Keep spending on a modest scale.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A down-to-earth attitude is vital. Avoid going to extremes. Good humor and a cheerful demeanor are contagious. Romance could be a totally different story with a new partner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Avoid making assumptions; a wrong guess could prove disastrous! Learning more about computers will increase your earning potential. Enroll in an evening or weekend class.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Meeting someone who shares your values gives you a lift. Be careful not to turn into a chatterbox. Your instincts are excellent; put more faith in your hunches.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You and your mate need to socialize with other couples. Why not try ballroom or line dancing? Refuse to allow someone's irritability to rock the love boat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A friend or family member needs your kind words of reassurance. Listen sympathetically, but guard your financial resources. You cannot afford to bail out everyone who encounters difficulties.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It pays to talk out your differences with a friend or neighbor. Harmony can be restored if you admit a mistake. Continue to look on the bright side! Be generous with your mate's relatives.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Try not to get trapped on the social merry-go-round. Spending some time alone will recharge your batteries. Pent-up energy is best released through athletic activity. Invite a friend to join you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Bring out the mop and broom and make your home sparkle. Letting your mate take the lead in romance could make both of you happier. Try not to sound critical of your loved ones' efforts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A busy schedule is fine so long as you set aside time for reflection. A love relationship is vulnerable to discord. Curb your temper in the face of minor irritations.

OF INTEREST

Roger Plant will speak on The Challenge of Multiculturalism: Land, Ethnicity, and the Rule of Law in Latin America, at 12:30 p.m., in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. Applications are available in 102-B O'Shaughnessy Hall for the Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship. All materials must be turned in by April 1, 1998.

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 - Grilled Sole
 - Four Cheese Pizzas
- South**
- Chicken Teriyaki Sandwich
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 - Whole Green Beans
- Saint Mary's**
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■ **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Huskies' ferocious offense devours Irish

Notre Dame likely to earn NCAA bid

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Writer



PISCATAWAY, NJ
For the past two seasons, the Notre Dame women's basketball team has seen its Big East Tournament title hopes dashed by Connecticut. Last night was no different as the top-seeded Huskies (30-2), ranked second in the country, continued their dominance over Notre Dame (20-9), handing the fifth-seeded Irish a 73-53 loss in the semifinals of this year's Big East championship.

"They proved why they are the number two team in the country," commented head coach Muffet McGraw. "They play well as a team and that's how you win games."

Notre Dame had a lot of confidence heading into the game with UConn, who was without Big East player of the year Nykesha Sales. The

Irish, who average just over 20 turnovers per game, committed an uncharacteristic 21 turnovers in the first half, and found themselves down 17-2 five-and-a-half minutes into the game.

"Their quick start was really a mental blow to our confidence," said McGraw. "We never

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Freshman center Kelley Siemon (50) was held to an uncharacteristic six points by the Huskies. The Observer/Joe Stark

■ **IRISH INSIGHT**

UConn's depth defines resiliency

By Betsy Baker
Associate Sports Editor

The University of Connecticut women's basketball team is like an iguana. You cut off its tail and it grows another one.

The team's backbone, top scorer and Big East player of the year Nykesha Sales, got cut off the roster and Stacy Hansmeyer grew in her place.

Hansmeyer's game-high 21 points led the Huskies over Notre Dame 73-53 in the semifinals of the Big East championship.

Or was it Rita Williams and her six steals that grew in Sales's place.

Or maybe Paige Sauer and her three blocked shots.

Any way you look at it, it is impossible to stop a team like Connecticut, unless they stop themselves.

Just like the iguana, the Huskies camouflaged themselves with a poor showing against West Virginia on Monday, winning by only two, then came out of the shadows to walk all over the Irish last night.

"Our kids know how to win and they play to win," Connecticut head coach Geno Auriemma said of his team. "That is why we have won a

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■ **MEN'S TENNIS**

Notre Dame sends Badgers burrowing for home



The Observer/Joe Stark

Junior Brian Patterson's extra effort helped the Irish surge to a 5-2 win over Wisconsin.

By SHANNON RYAN
Sports Writer

He does not want to be called perfect. Nevertheless, Danny Rothschild may become the poster boy for quality after recording his ninth singles win Saturday to remain undefeated on the season.

Rothschild, the captain of the men's tennis team, contributed his win over Jeff Malik to the 5-2 victory over Wisconsin, advancing the Irish to 7-2.

"Malik was a tough match-up," coach Bob Bayliss said. "He likes to play with pace, but [Rothschild] likes to hit the ball hard. He's been our strongest position."

In a challenging match, Rothschild flexed his strength to overcome Malik's efficient passing 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

"I played well in spurts," said Rothschild. "He was passing well so I was falling on my head a lot, diving after balls. But I still need to get better."

Maybe he'll find the place for improvement in doubles, where his usual excellence with Vijay Freeman was lacking as the pair lost their first match.

However, the other two doubles

teams fulfilled their roles to earn the Irish the first point of the match.

Ryan Sachire and Matt Horsley solidly defeated Badgers Stefan Reist and Adam Schumacher 8-4 while Brian Patterson and Jakub Pietrowski shined at the No. 1 spot.

The Patterson-Pietrowski duo won their third straight match against David Chang and Mark Loughrin, 8-5. The Irish pair leaped to a 5-0 start, which helped stifle the Wisconsin mini-comeback and signified a definite turnaround in the 3-3 combo's play.

With a 1-0 lead going into singles, the Irish looked like they had lost the edge at the beginning. But the possible scare for Notre Dame transformed into a pleasurable success.

"Early in singles, we were down in a couple of matches and even in others," Bayliss said. "Early on, it was tight."

But before Wisconsin could acquire even one point, the Irish had already monopolized five points, ensuring victory.

Although the Irish had depended on strong performances from the bottom

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