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## Garrick resigns, protests gay policy



FATHER DAVID GARRICK, C.S.C.

- \* 1966 - Graduated from University of Notre Dame
- \* 1976 - Ordained by Archbishop Bernadin
- \* 1980 - Rector of Howard Hall
- \* 1982-5 - Rector of Keenan Hall  
Adjunct Instructor in PLS
- \* 1985 - Completed process of joining Holy Cross Community
- \* 1992-8 - Asst. Professor of Communications and Theatre

The Observer/Dave Piening

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN  
News Editor

Father David Garrick, assistant professor of communications and theater, announced his resignation from the University last night in protest of the administration's handling of gay and lesbian students and faculty at Notre Dame.

"I think of taking this action as my last, best chance to help my alma mater," Garrick said. "I hope that a protest of this size might draw attention to the fact that this is everyone's problem. If any people are denied their rights, everyone else's rights are diminished."

He quoted a letter that he received from one of his students in response to the announcement.

"You have opened my eyes to a prob-

lem I didn't think was mine. It is," the letter reads. "As a Christian and as a student here it's my problem too, and I know others will realize the same."

Garrick, a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1992, came out as a homosexual, celibate Holy Cross priest in a letter to the editor of The Observer on April 4, 1996. Since then, he claims, in a letter to the editor today that he has been wrongly suspended from his duties as a minister in the Basilica.

"Suppose I was a poor preacher and that they were waiting for a chance to get me out," he said. "So in August of 1996, they finally decided to say, 'We've had enough, Garrick is done.' Why was I not notified for weeks?"

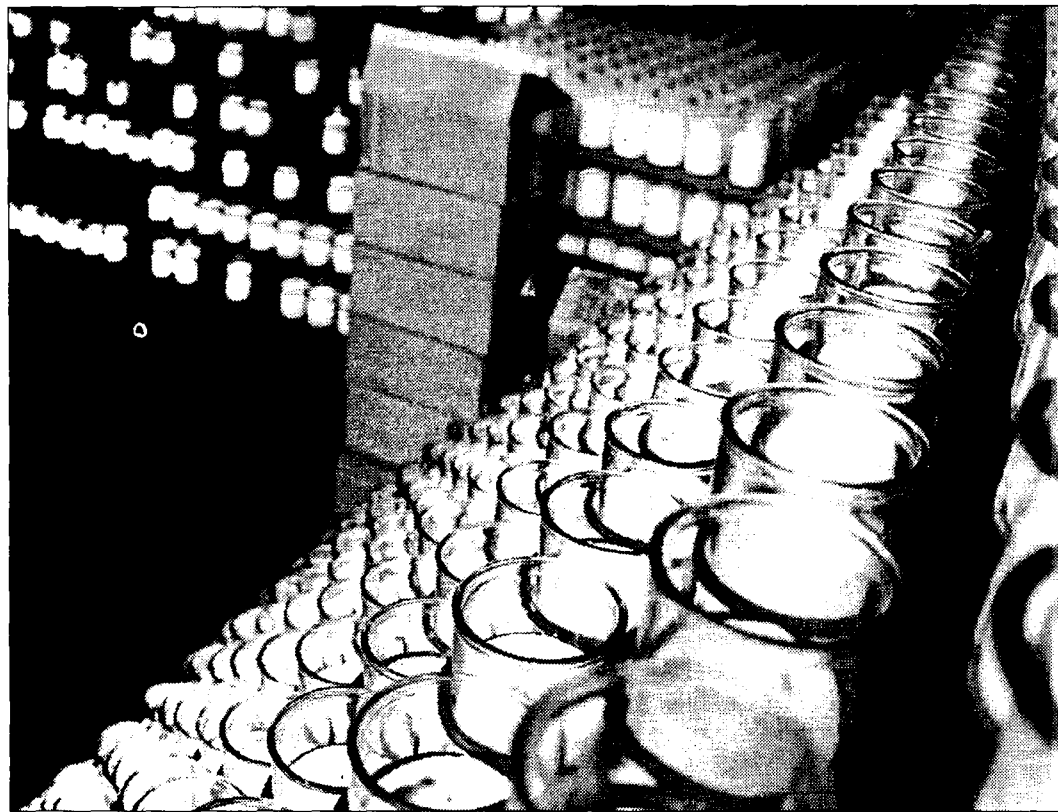
"They supposedly received letters protesting my homilies," he added. "If that is the case, where are they? Why haven't I seen them? Who read them."

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### Lenten Lights ...



Throughout the Lenten season, candles at the grotto have been burning brightly as Catholic prepare for Easter.

The Observer/Liz Lang

### ■ STUDENT SENATE

## Senate supports aid funding, construction

By TIM LOGAN  
News Writer

As the current Student Senate term winds to a close, a slew of resolutions came up for debate at last night's meeting.

The University's funding priorities, student response to an upcoming Ku Klux Klan march in Elkhart, and several constitutional amendments were among the items on the agenda.

A resolution proposed by Keough senator A.J. Boyd challenged the University's priorities in spending, pointing out the continuous construction and renovation of buildings, despite Notre Dame's inability to provide total financial aid to students in

need. The proposal suggested a moratorium on building projects until "every student with demonstrated need has those needs met."

"We have buildings going up with no apparent reason, but with all that money, there doesn't seem to be enough to pay tuitions," said Boyd.

He noted that of the \$767 million being raised in the Generations fundraising campaign, only \$178 million is earmarked for unrestricted financial aid. The resolution proposed that all moneys for future building projects, including those planned by Generations, be used for financial aid purposes.

A. J. BOYD  
SENATOR, KEOUGH HALL

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### ■ FACULTY SENATE

## Organization seeks to increase national ratings

KRISTY KATZMANN  
News Writer

Pressure to increase Notre Dame's ranking in U.S. News and World Reports annual listing of top colleges and universities has captured the attention of the University's faculty.

A large portion of the Faculty Senate meeting Wednesday night focused on measures to bring Notre Dame, currently ranked 19th, into the top 10.

While the University scored well in stu-

dent retention, alumni satisfaction and value added, the difference between the predicted graduation rate and the actual graduation date, reputation, faculty and

financial resources all need major renovations.

Proposals to improve the University's reputation include reserving 75

of the 150 newly endowed chairs for senior faculty with international reputations, establishing prestigious visiting pro-

GREG STERLING  
CHAIR, ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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The Observer/José Mendoza

The Faculty Senate considered various methods to raise Notre Dame's ranking in U.S. News and World Reports' annual listing of top colleges and universities.

## ■ INSIDE COLUMN

## Cults are Cool

If you are extremely sensitive, intolerant of impious heretics, an idealistic domer conditioned by the Church to the point of no return, a mere member of the masses, narrow-minded, easily influenced by the illusions imposed on us as a society, easily offended when questioned about your faith, lack an appreciation of dark humor, or just don't care about religion, then please discontinue reading. But if you're not, enjoy!

C.R. "Teo" Teodoro  
Illustrator

S scary things, cults are. Most people would agree that cults are strange, incomprehensible, and probably very deviant to what we would expect in society. Take for instance, this hypothetical cult: if today we learned of a new mystery cult that worships and follows its founder whom everyone knows to be either a criminal or outcast, that meets together privately to perform their sacred rituals, and that claims to eat flesh and drink blood, then I think most people would agree that this mystery cult is more than just a little messed up.

However, what I find to be truly ironic is that this is probably how the church first started. It is true; Christianity started out as but another mystery cult during the Roman Empire. Its founder, Jesus of Nazareth, was run out of his own hometown (Matthew 13: 54-58; Luke 4: 16-30) and was even convicted as a criminal of the state (Matthew 27: 15-26; Mark 15: 6-15; Luke 23: 18-25; John 19: 1-16). The early Christians shared their meals and prayers together in their homes (Acts 2: 42-47) and were later persecuted (Acts 8: 1-3). Even the claim of eating flesh and drinking blood cannot be denied, as Christ said it himself (John 6: 53-58).

It's true that Christianity started out as a cult. Now almost two millennia later, it is one of the greatest influences, if not the greatest influence, on the Western world. People fanatically died for this cult. People were burned, stoned, hung, crucified, etc., all because of this silly little cult based on some carpenter's son from Nazareth. I may sound ironic but that's the point.

We shouldn't fall into the arrogance behind this attitude that Christianity is the best and all other cults are wrong. I will admit that some cults are a bit messed up and actually do more harm than good, but these are usually the exceptions rather than the rules. I'll say that the Branch Davidians — eh, Davidians, were counter-productive, but I'll attribute that to the fact that they were not peaceful in their dealings with society, nor with the ATF for that matter.

I can't say much about the Hare Krishna since I have had limited contact with any and know little to nothing of their beliefs, but at least they haven't waged any big Crusades lately. The Wicca is a cult of witches that worship nature, and are not really as bad as most would think them to be, since they keep to themselves and hold valuable insights to nature.

I hope that I made my point that cults aren't all that bad. In fact, I belong to one. I have been baptized to the faith, made my Confirmation to the Church, confess my sins, and regularly eat flesh and drink blood at least once a week; yeah, I'm a hard-core Roman Catholic!

*The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.*

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## Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

## MSU says new legislation won't affect admissions

EAST LANSING, Mich.

An MSU official says proposed federal and state legislation outlawing racial preferences in college admissions would not affect the University.

A bill introduced in the state Senate in November by Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Highland, to outlaw discrimination on the basis of race, religion, sex, color, national origin or ethnicity will be debated today in the Committee on Government Relations.

The proposed constitutional amendment would ban the use of racial preferences in University admissions, public employment or public contracting.

"Just as in California, people in Michigan should be admitted to college or find employment based on their qualifications and skills — not on some characteristic or feature that they were born with," said Bullard in a prepared statement.



But Rukeia Draw, president of the MSU Black Student Alliance, said using race-based admissions policies can only enhance the education experience.

"I don't think the problem is with preferences, because there are preferences everywhere you go, like with veterans and athletes," said the social relations senior. "If people think that minorities shouldn't get preferential treatment, we all know it's not true. I think (MSU) is doing a service to themselves by recruiting students

that have multicultural experiences."

James Cotter, associate director of MSU's office of admissions and scholarships, said race is not at all a factor in admissions decisions but that MSU is sensitive to diversity in recruitment.

"The University is committed to a diverse population, but making decisions on freshman and transfer student admission to the University on the basis of race is not something that Michigan State University does," Cotter said. "In terms of where we are today, the decisions are indeed made free of one's racial or ethnic background."

The Center for Equal Opportunity, a conservative think tank based in Washington, D.C., reported in January that eight Michigan universities, including MSU, admitted minority students with lower test scores than white students in 1995.

## ■ WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY-ST. LOUIS

## Law student alleges police harassment

ST. LOUIS, Mo.

A Washington University law student is alleging that a University City police officer harassed him while he stood outside of his apartment last Thursday evening. Jon Sims, who is an African-American, said that the officer unnecessarily detained and frisked him and that he felt that the incident was racially motivated. "I believe firmly that if I had been a white person standing in that same spot I never would have had such a confrontational interaction with the police," Sims said. The University City Police Department declined to comment on the allegations pending a possible investigation of the matter. According to Sims, he was waiting for a ride from a friend when he was approached by the officer. Sims said that the officer informed him that a van had been vandalized in front of the building and she asked him to explain why he was standing in front of the building. After answering her questions, Sims said that he walked toward his friend's car and was about enter when the officer yelled at him to stop and told him that he could be arrested.

## ■ BOSTON UNIVERSITY

## Student might have taken his own life

BOSTON

As the investigation continues into Sunday's stabbing death of Harvard University junior David Okrent, his father said yesterday he is willing to accept the likely possibility that his son committed suicide. Okrent was discovered early Sunday morning on Revere Beach, with a single stab wound to his neck. Investigators said yesterday that the knife used in the stabbing belonged to Okrent and was found under his body. Okrent's father, Lawrence, said he knew his son had been depressed. David had taken a semester off from Harvard last spring to return to his home in Evanston, Ill. He also worked in Chicago, where he helped build a computer system for an industrial company. After returning to school this fall, he had sought counseling. "He was down in the fall. He called us to say he was unhappy," Lawrence Okrent said. "We called him every day and brought him home during break."

## ■ UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-PLATTEVILLE

## Police uncover narcotics lab in home

PLATTEVILLE, Wis.

Two former UW-Madison graduate students are being investigated on charges of manufacturing illegal narcotics in their rural home as well as in a UW medical physics laboratory. Andrei Kulago, 32, and his roommate, Dmitry Sinitsyn, 27, both natives of Moscow, were charged in federal court March 6 with creating a methamphetamine lab in their home in Oregon, Wis. According to the affidavit of detective Mike Geier, who has been working on the case for the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force, the home was raided March 3, and inside was found one of the largest methamphetamine labs in the midwest. Further investigation, however, revealed there were no traces of methamphetamine in the lab. At a March 11 hearing, U.S. attorney Larry Wszalek said a small amount of MDMA, or ecstasy, was found in the home. He said police found ecstasy, boxes of chemicals and glassware, recipes for methamphetamine and papers about the drug in and around the men's home.

## ■ UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## Protests arise over Oscar tickets

LOS ANGELES

A mob of USC students and others waiting for bleacher-seat tickets to the Academy Awards protested the academy's policies outside the Shrine Auditorium Tuesday after 500 of the 1,100 available tickets ran out. At 10 a.m., the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences began handing out 500 priority tickets. Shortly after 11 a.m., the tickets ran out. People who had waited in line as early as 6 a.m. screamed that they were being punished and that tickets had been given to those who cut in line. The bleacher seats will allow fans to watch nominees and presenters arrive at the awards, which take place Monday night. When told that the other 600 tickets would be given out Sunday at 1 p.m., Riverside resident Erica Rodriguez said, "we're already here. I go to the movies all the time, and pay my \$8 like everyone else."

## ■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

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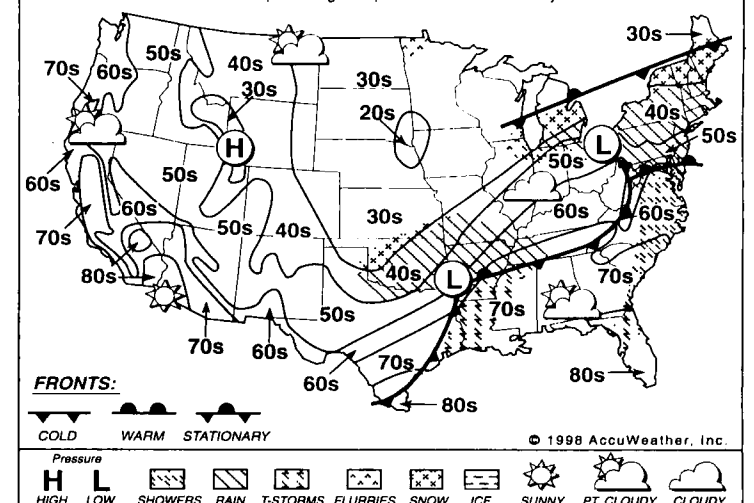
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## ■ NATIONAL WEATHER

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Chicago	41	37	Orlando	79	64	Toledo	38	32
Honolulu	83	69	Phoenix	77	52	Wichita	40	36

# Nurse provides information on women's health

BY JENNIFER D'ANASTASIO  
News Writer

Sandy Lasky, head coordinator of the Breast Center at the South Bend Memorial

Hospital, provided a plethora of information about breast and pelvic exams and their importance. The information was part of a presentation that included slides and a

demonstration of a self breast examination last night.

Lasky believes these procedures are essential for every woman.

"It's getting over that fear of

the examinations to take care of yourself that is the hard part," Lasky reflected. "At the breast center we go through the procedure with the women. Helping the women become more comfortable and familiar with their tissue enhances the effectiveness of the exam."

Although mammograms are not recommended until the age of 40, it is never too early for health awareness, Lasky explained. Breast cancer is second only to lung cancer in the leading causes of death among women, killing nearly 45,000 women annually. Primary risk factors include being over 50 years of age and a family history of the disease.

Scientists have isolated two of the breast cancer genes so far. Patients who carry the gene have a 65 percent chance of developing cancer, although only seven to 10 percent of all breast cancers are inherited.

Lasky also mentioned that there are ethical concerns over expensive genetic testing, although there are no laws preventing discrimination by insurance companies

on those found to have the cancer gene.

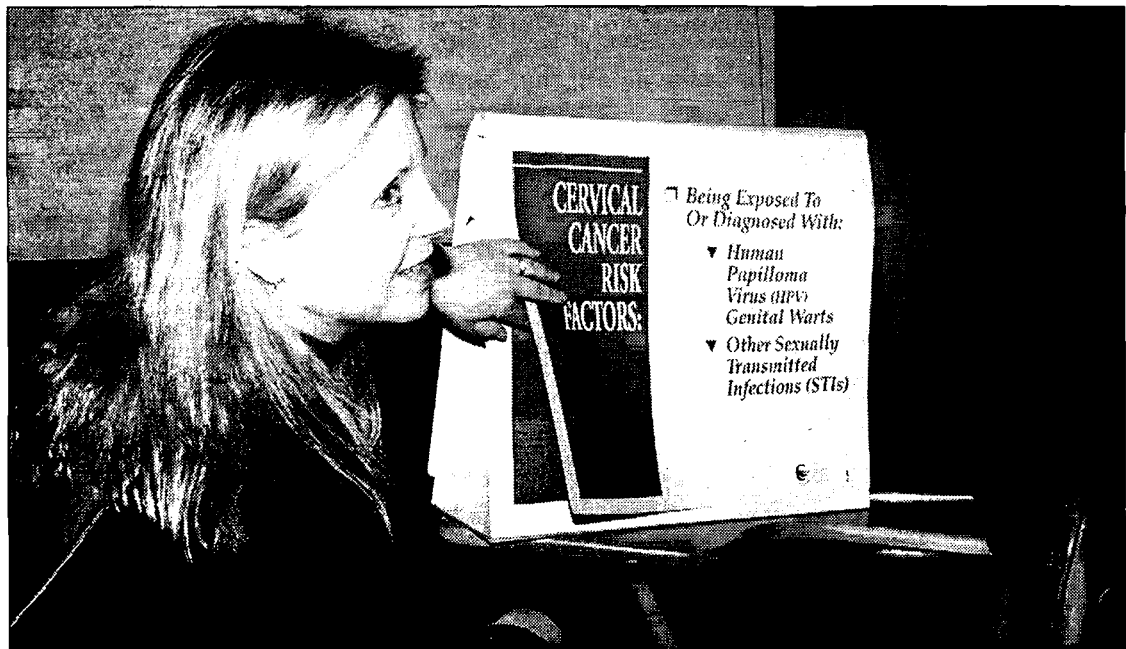
She also spoke of the importance of pelvic exams. Pelvic exams should begin when a woman becomes sexually mature, whether or not she is sexually active.

"The [pelvic exam] is really for everyone," Lasky commented.

With the increase in sexual activity among teens, the risk for cervical cancer — which is completely preventable, detectable and treatable — also increases, she explained. Risk factors include having more than one sexual partner or having a partner who has been active with more than one partner, according to Lasky.

Lasky has earned a Master's degree in oncology (the study of cancer) and is working on her doctorate in genetics. After 20 years in nursing, she still finds the health care profession rewarding. Her speech was sponsored by the Student Academic Council for Women's Month.

"Not only do I get to become good friends with the patients, but I have learned to appreciate life on a day to day basis."



Sandy Lasky, from the South Bend Memorial Hospital's Breast Center, met with students yesterday to inform them about the importance of annual exams to prevent and treat various cancers. She also explained the genetic influences of these illnesses.

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## Senate

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Other senators disagreed with the complete ban on construction, but recognized the fact that more focus should be placed on helping students in financial need.

"It's a good idea in theory, but you can't deny that Notre Dame has material needs. Maybe we should just say 'we should direct more money to student needs,'" said Dillon senator Pat Coyle.

"The University doesn't just get money and decide to build; it's all planned out," observed O'Neill senator Rajit Basu. "It would be better stated if we focused on getting more money for financial aid."

Members of the senate also stated that the proposal's wording was too harsh, and asked too much of the University.

"[A proposal to stop building] is not going to be met with agreement," predicted Fisher senator Chip Warden. "We can send a message to the administration to go through with full financial aid."

Ultimately, it was agreed to strike the section proposing a stop on building, and simply suggest that Notre Dame place more focus on meeting the financial needs of students. The resolution will be discussed further at next week's meeting.

Another bill which was discussed proposed an organized counter demonstration against a Ku Klux Klan march in Elkhart on April 4.

"We should make clear that we don't want them here, and they should go back to where they came from, and, preferably, stay there," said Boyd.

The proposal suggested a collaboration between the Student Union and any other campus groups which would like to join in the demonstration.

"We should specify that this is a nonviolent event and show that this is a community rally," said Cavanaugh senator Lauren Herring. "I'd like to see this as big as we can get it and get as many people as possible out there."

The resolution, calling on the Student Union leadership to "take direct and immediate action ... to drive the KKK from our midst," passed unanimously.

Several constitutional amendments regarding the role of the Student Union Executive Cabinet were passed last night. Student Union Board manager Andria Wisler and Club Coordination

Council member Leah Naso presented the finalized forms of changes discussed at the March 4 Senate meeting.

A resolution clarifying the role and responsibilities of the Student Union Secretary was proposed by Mark Higgins, who will hold that position until April 1. The proposed changes will make the Secretary "not just someone who goes to meetings and keeps records but who is a big link and helps facilitate communication between the Senate and the Executive Cabinet," predicted Higgins.

The amendment includes changing the title of the position to "Secretary-General" and clarifies the officeholder's responsibilities to provide information to students and government members and to maintain records of Senate and Executive Cabinet activities.

In other Senate news:

- A resolution proposing a letter to President Clinton denouncing the United States' "economic war on the citizenry of Iraq" was tabled for further discussion next week. The proposed letter, to be signed by Griffin and student body vice-president Erik Nass, echoed similar requests made by the Council of American Bishops and numerous other organizations around the world.

"By us concurring, we're acting as Catholics in stating we support and agree with what our religious leaders have said," stated Keenan senator Matt Mamak.

Many senators were concerned that the letter, which would be signed by only the two leaders of the Student Union, but would speak for the entire student body.

"It's really a heartening effort, but in the Senate it has no place, because we can't represent our constituents on this," said Pangborn senator Eliza Hommel.

"A better form for this proposal would be a general student body response," said O'Neill Senator Basu.

- Director of Food Services David Prentkowski addressed the Senate on the new 14-meal plan, to be introduced next fall. The plan will allow students to eat 14 meals at dining halls each week, and receive \$200 in credits at the Huddle. Prentkowski predicted that future additions would enable students to use their credits at other restaurants on campus, such as Waddick's and Greenfields, and possibly even at concession stands in the Joyce Center and Stadium.

## Faculty

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fellowships and giving more priority funding to the graduate school.

The major suggestion to improve faculty resources is reducing class sizes. Smaller classes are more desirable because they increase the amount of student-faculty interaction. The senate also wants the University to incorporate an additional 150 faculty members to its staff. This increase in the number of faculty would cause an increase in financial demands.

The Academic Affairs Committee estimated that nearly \$200 million would be needed to complete the expansion. While Academic Affairs Committee Chair Greg Sterling said this figure may seem like "pie in the sky," the expenditures are necessary to achieve these goals.

Faculty Senate Chairman Michael Detlefsen also said money is what will get the University into the top ten and a 9:1 student/faculty ratio.

Notre Dame's urgency to make the top ten also involves the issue of faculty space expansion. Arts and Letters is especially in demand of more space for faculty and graduate students. Over the last 15 years the faculty has increased from 500 to 687. It is estimated that Arts and Letters needs an additional 90,000 square feet.

"Arts and Letters needs a building bigger than Flanner to meet its needs," said Sterling, "and necessity will drive the issue eventually."

The Committee also proposed the building of a new science faculty building where the parking lot at Juniper and Krause currently exists.

"At 60 million dollars, this would be the most ambitious building process ever undertaken by the University," said Sterling.

## Garrick

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and do they still exist?"

Father Richard Warner, director of campus ministry who is in charge of the Basilica Mass, could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Garrick said that his suspension from Basilica Mass was the deciding factor in his resignation.

"I was already protesting that the University will only give pretty language in a 'Spirit of Inclusion,'" he said. "I had already spoken out against the fact that homosexuals were not given the legal protection that would have resulted from putting sexual orientation into the non-discrimination clause. But I wanted the opportunity to minister as a priest to the community. Whoever it was that suspended me would have thought twice about it if sexual orientation had been in the non-discrimination clause."

He added that he received a lot of support from his fellow faculty members and from his students.

"Every member of the communication and theater department that has talked to me has been supportive. They seem to express concern over what could have happened that drove me to this course of action," Garrick said.

"I just got here last fall and only got to know Father Garrick over a short period of time," said Donald Crafton, chair of the communications and theater department. "But I consider him a friend and a good colleague. I have an affection and respect for him as a colleague and a teacher. It is certainly sad to see him go."

Garrick's students seemed to echo this sentiment.

"I think we are all really pulling for him," said junior Jason Seewer, a business major who is in Garrick's class this semester. "The speech that he

gave in class [when he announced that he would resign] was amazing. He went into a lot of stuff that we didn't know about. It would be nice if the University could open its eyes as a result of this."

Last year, the Student Senate, Faculty Senate and Campus Life Council all asked the administration to consider including sexual orientation in the official non-discrimination clause.

In response last September, University President Father Edward Malloy presented the "Spirit of Inclusion," a University policy that named homosexual students and faculty as welcome members of the Notre Dame community.

"We could have done without all the pretty language," Garrick reiterated. "They could have put, 'sexual orientation according to the teachings of the Catholic Church,' and that would have solved any problems. But they didn't."

Father John Jenkins, the Superior of the local Holy Cross community, said that it was not certain when Garrick's reassignment would happen. He would not comment further on the situation.

Garrick, who's first play, "The Escape of Kropotkin," was performed by a group of his students last month, said that he hopes to continue writing and possibly get his play professionally produced. He added that he expected to be re-assigned to parish work because it was too late in the year to try to find a teaching job.

Provost Nathan Hatch said that he was not surprised to hear of Garrick's resignation but would not comment further without having a chance to review the situation, and Malloy could not be reached for comment.

Garrick sounded hopeful when asked if the situation changed that he might return to Notre Dame. "You never know where this story will end," he said.

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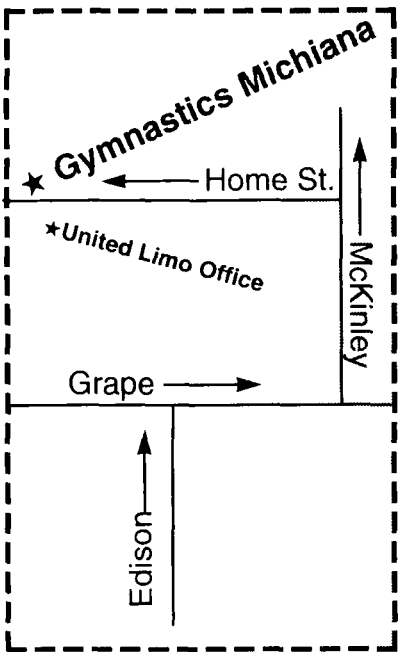
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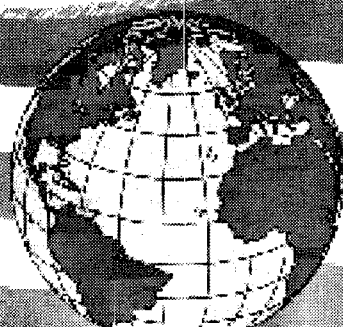


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# WORLD & Nation



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## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

### Publisher alleges Willey changed story

WASHINGTON

Kathleen Willey's credibility was caught in a new crossfire Wednesday as a publisher and a former friend took aim at her allegation about a sexual advance by President Clinton. California publisher Michael Viner went on television to assert that Mrs. Willey's account last Sunday night on "60 Minutes" was "a different story" from the one given by her lawyer when they discussed a possible six-figure book deal over the last two months. Across the country, the Washington lawyer for Julie Iliatt Steele released a sworn affidavit in which her client says Mrs. Willey asked her to lie about the encounter with Clinton.



Clinton

### Plane crash in Taiwan kills 13

TAIPEI, Taiwan

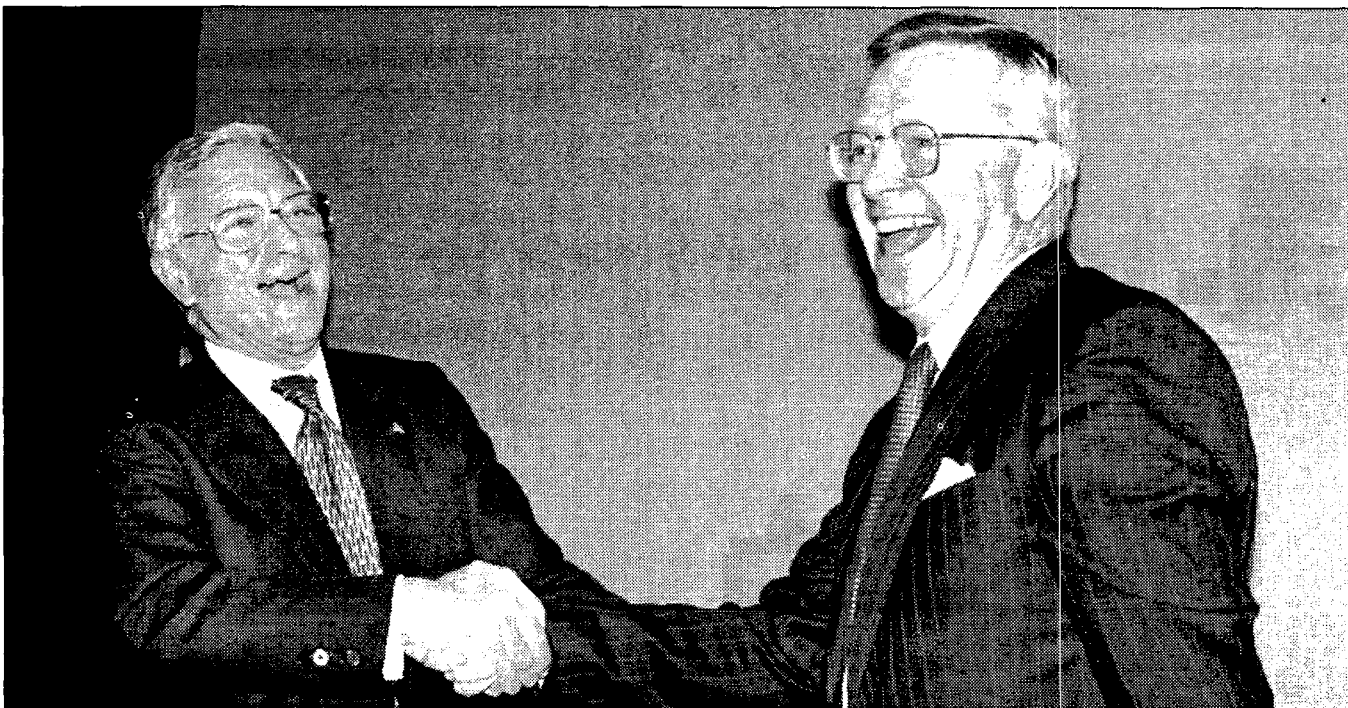
A passenger plane carrying 13 people crashed Wednesday night into the Taiwan Strait. All aboard are presumed dead, rescuers said. Early Thursday, rescuers discovered a life jacket from the plane and part of a body presumed to be one of the passengers. Rough seas and fog hampered search efforts. The Formosa Airlines Saab 340 disappeared after taking off from Hsinchu at 7:30 p.m. with eight passengers and five crew members aboard, the officials said. The plane disappeared less than seven miles off the coast. Visibility at Hsinchu airport was 3,200 feet when the plane took off, and winds were light, said Tsai Tui, head of the Civil Aeronautics Administration. The incident followed a series of plane crashes in Taiwan.

### U.S. troops will stay in Bosnia

WASHINGTON

The Clinton administration told a dubious Congress Wednesday it had a legal right to keep thousands of American soldiers on peacekeeping duty in Bosnia without a pull-out deadline and asked for nearly \$2.5 billion to finance the operation through September 1999. Within hours, the House voted 225-193 against a hotly fought resolution that would have forced President Clinton to withdraw U.S. troops from Bosnia or get permission from Congress to leave them there. Defense Secretary William Cohen and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright defended the peacekeeping operation as constitutional in testimony before the House National Security Committee. Cohen said the troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina, overseeing a 1995 settlement arranged by the United States to end a 3 1/2-year ethnic war, were unlikely to face hostile fire.

## Amex, Nasdaq approve merger



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Chairman and chief executive officer of the National Association of Securities (NASD) Frank Zarb (L), and chairman and chief executive officer of the American Stock Exchange (AMEX) Richard Syron (R), shake hands before a news conference to announce the merger of AMEX into the NASD family of companies.

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NEW YORK

The Nasdaq Stock Market's parent and the American Stock Exchange on Wednesday approved a merger they said would move them into the 21st century and preserve Wall Street's dominance as the world's financial capital.

The two markets will continue to operate separately. But their alliance would offer companies and investors the benefit of trading stocks either over the Nasdaq's electronic trading system or in the Amex's floor-based auction market.

The marriage of the nation's second- and third- biggest stock markets would improve efficiency and save money for companies that want to raise capital for dealers and investors, executives said. It also would provide tougher competition for the venerable New York Stock Exchange.

"At the end of the day this is a major plus for the investor," said Frank Zarb, chairman and chief executive of the NASD. "We drive down costs big time and the member firms have

material savings which can be passed on to investors."

The deal is expected to result in a undetermined amount of job cuts in areas where services are duplicated, but Zarb said he didn't "expect massive layoffs." Some people whose positions are eliminated could be retrained for jobs in other areas, he added.

In a news conference in New York, Zarb said that the NASD hasn't ruled out combining with other exchanges, but that he didn't want to "suggest we are on a hunt."

The combination of the Nasdaq electronic trading system and the Amex auction market creates a hybrid exchange that is similar to those that are found in other major world financial markets. Its familiarity would be more appealing to foreign companies.

Under the plan, the NASD will spend more than \$100 million upgrading the technology of the Amex. Officials said the Amex-Nasdaq combination is "the first step in creating a market of markets" that capitalizes on innovative electronic technology. The deal still faces approval by industry and

antitrust watchdogs. It also requires backing from two-thirds of the Amex's 864 members, including traders, brokers and investors who buy exchange seats for their value and lease them.

The Nasdaq, which was founded in 1971, has enjoyed a meteoric rise. It is home to some of the nation's biggest high-tech companies, including software giant Microsoft Corp.

The 87-year-old Amex has been eclipsed by both the New York Stock Exchange and the Nasdaq. Nasdaq's average daily stock volume is 646 million shares, compared with the Amex's 24 million.

Industry observers have said the Amex can benefit from the Nasdaq's technology and its deep pockets. Amex dealers also could gain access to the thousands of Nasdaq listed stocks.

The Amex will allow Nasdaq, which is dominated by smaller companies, to better compete with the NYSE. Nasdaq would be able to sell companies electronic trading and the Amex's auction system under one umbrella. Nasdaq also will gain a capable futures and options business from the Amex.

## Tuberculosis epidemic worsens

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LONDON

A tuberculosis epidemic is out of control in many countries and, unless action is taken, nearly 1 billion more people will become infected and 70 million will die in the next two decades, the World Health Organization says.

"The TB epidemic is now increasing in many countries, with devastating consequences," WHO said in a statement summarizing a report to be released Thursday. "This year, more people will die of TB than in any other year in history."

Tuberculosis, which attacks mainly the lungs, intestines, skin and brain, is a bigger killer than malaria and AIDS combined, and kills more women than all the combined causes of maternal mortality. Every year, between 2 and 3 million people die from TB, including 100,000 children, the Geneva-based U.N. agency said.

In 1993, WHO took an unprecedented step and declared tuberculosis a global emergency. Between 1993 and 1996, TB cases increased 13 percent worldwide.

Experts on the Ad Hoc Commission on the Global Tuberculosis Epidemic have been examining new data to

see how well the 22 worst-affected countries are meeting WHO's global targets of detecting 70 percent of infectious TB cases and curing 85 percent of those by the year 2000.

The countries are Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Mexico, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Russia, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda and Vietnam.

"It is estimated that between now and 2020, nearly 1 billion more people will be newly infected, 200 million people will get sick, and 70 million will die from TB — if control is not strengthened," the group said.

Since the 1940s, there have been drugs to treat tuberculosis. But WHO said poorly managed TB treatment programs are causing drug-resistant strains of tuberculosis to emerge, "which could render TB incurable."

Up to 50 million people may be infected with drug-resistant TB, either because they did not take all their medicines regularly for the required period or because they receive the wrong drugs or don't have a reliable drug supply, WHO said. TB treatment costs around \$2,000 per patient, but rises 100-fold to about \$250,000 for patients with drug-resistant strains, WHO said.

### Market Watch: 3/18

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CONSIDERATIONS...

## Calendar of Events

Fridays during Lent, 7:15 pm, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

**Stations of the Cross**

Music Ministry:

Friday - Saturday, March 20-21

**Retreat for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Undergraduates and Friends**

For information, please contact: Kate Barrett at Campus Ministry (1-5242 or katharine.s.barrett.28@nd.edu); Mark at 4-1933 (mark.f.massoud.1@nd.edu) or Alyssa at 4-1884 (alyssa.l.hellrung.5@nd.edu).

Sunday, March 22

**Does** your relationship have a future?

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**"What's The Future of This**

**Relationship?"**, an opportunity to explore issues and questions facing couples in significant relationships. For more information, or to register for the program. Call 1-5242 for Chris Etzel, John or Sylvia Dillon.

Friday - Saturday, March 27-28, St. Joe Hall

**Freshmen Retreat for residents of Carroll, Cavanaugh, Farley, Fisher, Knott, Pangborn, Siegfried, Stanford and Welsh Family.**

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Free tickets are now available for the March 21st **NBC** taping of **"Easter at Notre Dame."** This broadcast will be aired nationally on Easter Sunday and will involve the Folk Choir and Notre Dame students.

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

### LAETARE SUNDAY

#### Weekend Presiders

#### at Sacred Heart Basilica

#### Saturday, March 21

5:00 p.m. (Note: Mass in Crypt)

Rev. Brian E. Daley, S.J.

#### Sunday, March 22

10:00 a.m.

Rev. Richard V. Warner, C.S.C.

11:45 a.m.

Rev. James M. Lies, C.S.C.

#### Vespers

#### Sunday, March 22

7:15 p.m.

Sr. Mary Ann Mueninghoff, O.F.

#### Scripture Readings

1st Reading Joshua 5:9-12

2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

## Hey Gang, It Isn't Over Yet!

Jim Lies, C.S.C.

What isn't over yet? You ask. Well, I'll tell you: none of it! And this isn't only for the Seniors; this is for each and all of you. None of it is over yet: the hope for a reasonably respectable semester academically; the possibility of actually making something of Lent in the three weeks we have left; the hope of meeting, in these remaining days of the semester, the person who might most significantly impact our lives on the longterm. Those are but three examples. The fact is that the remaining weeks of this semester, few though they may seem, offer us endless possibilities with regard to who we are and who we could become.

The great danger is that we have settled into a routine or a mindset which doesn't make room for the possibility that God may have something to say to us in these seemingly waning days of the school year. We can't seem to muster enough energy to imagine that these may be the days during which we could become more completely the people we most deeply want to be. Oh, it's all about the self-help movement; it's about satisfying friendships and love relationships; it's about balance in our lives and finding peace at the center even when it seems that the world offers us everything but; it's about becoming the people we've always said we wanted to be, trim and fit, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

It's just that that self-help, that self-improvement project, isn't often found in the places to which the world would direct us to find it, or sadly, in the places that we all too often seek it. It isn't found in a weekly alcohol binge; it isn't found in the "eat-all-you-want-and-still-lose-weight" diet plan; it isn't even found in that daily work-out routine that you're so remarkably faithful to; it isn't found in that job that you've always wanted, or in that professional school that's finally going to give meaning to your life.

Let me put it to you simply: It is only found in God. Yes, it is that simple. It is only found in God. You may be in the best shape you've ever been, physically, and still not find peace at the center; you may have a great time partying with friends on the weekends and still there's an emptiness; you may be headed toward that job or professional school that you thought you always wanted and still be wondering if you're headed in the right direction. Listen gang, there's only one "right direction." It is only in relationship to God that we will ever find the peace that we seek. It is only found in God. It may come as a shock to you, especially if you haven't attended to that relationship in a while, or ever. I suppose if you're a self-described atheist then you have no worries; you can continue to pursue peace in all the ways that you have up to now. But if you're not, if you're like me, then we need to be about the business of seeking God in our lives. Because those of us who believe in God, believe that we are nothing without God, and that peace will never be ours except in God.

The real trick in life is to be fat, have no friends, and no job and still find peace and contentment. And believe me, there is only one way to do that and it is in God. Okay, so I'm kidding slightly, but I do think that there is great irony in the fact that when we put aside all that the world deems important, when we surrender all the things that are false props in our lives, like pride, control, alcohol, sex, or almighty independence, for a relationship with Jesus Christ, all that we need will come to us. There will be a contentment in us that inevitably draws others to seek it for themselves. There will be a balance in our lives that doesn't always seek immediate pleasures but long term joy. There will be in us a greater appreciation for the things that do matter, and the friendships and pursuits that do give us life.

So just how do we do that? How do we put God at the center of our lives? This University offers a multitude of ways that might aid you in the ultimate of self-help projects; but to be honest, it's going to be different for every one of us. Some things will work for one person and not for another. Ultimately, I think we know what we need to do. Somewhere deep down inside of us, we know. Let the remaining weeks of Lent be the time that we pursue the Lord in earnest. Let this be the time when we at least pray, and reflect, and listen, to all the ways in which God might speak to us about the joy that we seek.



# Wisconsin experiments with new welfare system

By ERICA THESING  
News Writer

The welfare system in the United States is changing rapidly, and states need to be responsible for monitoring the people affected by those changes, according to Professor Tom Corbett of the University of Wisconsin.

Corbett has watched numerous changes in the welfare program of his home state of Wisconsin. He is especially concerned with the high numbers of people who seem to disappear once they are removed from the welfare payroll.

"Where have the people gone? I'm here to report that no one has the foggiest idea. My person-

al belief is that they've all been taken into outer space by aliens and will be the next episode of X-Files," he said with a smile.

Corbett feels that the states who are reforming their programs need to develop a system for tracking the former recipients who become ineligible for aid.

"That's something I fault the state on — for not setting up a monitoring system for not only people who have left the rolls, but also for those who don't come into the social services office anymore because they don't think they can get help there," he said.

Unlike others who point to high prices or increasing case loads as the impetus for reform,

Corbett believes that the push for change stems from a public perception of a connection between welfare recipients and certain social behaviors. These include teen pregnancy, single parent families and child abuse.

"People realized that there were these fundamental flaws with the old system," Corbett said. "As people began making this connection between welfare and behavior, people began to have expectations for the [welfare] program."

Corbett recognizes that, despite the many conflicting theories on methods to reform welfare, there is agreement that change is necessary.

"We have a consensus on at least one issue; the old welfare system was flawed and deserved to be changed dramatically," he said.

In Wisconsin, that change meant creating a new program

called Wisconsin Works, or W-2. By outlining six main problems with the former welfare system, W-2 seeks to empower people to stand on their own feet.

"They are moving in the direction of dissolving the clear boundary of the welfare system," Corbett said. "Everything is designed to move away from the notion that there is an agency that gives checks to poor people."

The former system, according to Corbett, discouraged people on welfare from seeking work because they feared a loss of benefits.

"If you did choose to work, we would make your life a living hell. Essentially we made it very difficult for you to do the right thing," he said.

W-2 sets up a four-tier system where benefits and requirements vary according to personal skills and levels of indepen-

dence. Potential participants must be actively looking for work before they can enroll in the program, and must attend job training classes throughout the program.

"Everyone is obligated to work every week," Corbett said. "In reality, it doesn't work out that way, but that's the obligation on paper."

Each of the four tiers, requires at least 20 to 40 hours of work a week, in either a paid or community service position. As members obtain better jobs, they move to a higher tier with fewer benefits. The ultimate goal is to slowly reduce benefits until participants are no longer dependent on the system.

Corbett realizes that W-2 and other welfare reform programs are still far from perfect, but stresses that the process is still evolving and should be continually studied.

## Couple: 'Embrace Intimacy'

By KELLY ANOE  
News Writer

A discussion given last night by husband and wife Dominic and M.J. Murray Vachon centered on embracing intimacy in relationships.

A central theme for the night was that intimacy can range from relationships with siblings to friends to lovers. According to Murray Vachon, "one way to understand God's unconditional love is through intimacy with others."

During the presentation, Murray Vachon asked each participant to rank six stages of relationships in a healthy relationship and how they rate in a typical relationship. Although physical intimacy is the last stage in a healthy relationship, it ranks third in typical relationships.

According to her husband, that is due to the fact that everyone wants physical intimacy in their relationships to make them feel closer to another person. However, it often comes prematurely. Murray Vachon's point to remember is that "the core of a healthy romantic relationship is friendship."

The couple both see time as an essential factor in any marriage. The average amount of time before a divorce used to be seven years, now it is only four years. She believes that statistic is due to the failure of many couples try to work out their problems anymore.

Also, she classifies relationships in stages, in which "the first stage is infatuation, which lasts for two years. After the infatuation stage, people find out there are many things they

don't like about their partner. They don't take the time to listen to their partner to resolve their problems."

"Conflict is normal in any type of relationship. If I'm in an intimate relationship and haven't had any tension, the relationship remains untested."

The most important part of a good relationship is communication, which is difficult to have.

"When you tell something personal about yourself to someone else and your relationship ends, they will always have a piece of you that you have given them," according to Vachon.

"Something to always remember is that the key to a good relationship is communication. The key to good communication is listening to the other person."

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# Court strikes down restrictive law

The Associated Press

## LOS ANGELES

California's voter-approved law denying education, social services and some health benefits to illegal immigrants is completely unconstitutional, a federal judge said in a ruling made public Wednesday.

U.S. District Judge Mariana Pfaelzer already had struck down most provisions of the measure in November. This week, she got rid of the rest of the law, which voters passed overwhelmingly in 1994 as Proposition 187.

The decision resulted from a consolidation of several lawsuits filed against the state over the initiative, which has not taken effect because of the court challenges.

Gov. Pete Wilson, a staunch supporter of Proposition 187, vowed an appeal of Pfaelzer's decision.

"Her analysis of the measure

is fundamentally flawed," Wilson said in a statement. "This action will allow us to finally appeal her decision to the Ninth Circuit so that the will of the people can be upheld."

In her November ruling, the judge concluded the proposition was unconstitutional because it attempts to regulate immigration, which only the federal government can do.

"The states have no power to legislate in this area," the judge reiterated in the decision issued late Tuesday.

"We are pleased," said Tomas Saenz, counsel for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. "It vindicates the important constitutional principle that we cannot be one nation unless we have one immigration policy set by the federal government."

The American Civil Liberties

Union branded the final decision "an overwhelming victory."

The ruling meant "teachers and doctors are not to become substitutes for immigration officers," said Mark Rosenbaum, legal director of the ACLU of Southern California. The proposition relied on public employees, including teachers, reporting undocumented immigrants to authorities.

Rosenbaum noted that no other states had followed California's lead, as often happens with initiatives from the state.

Wilson contended that recent federal welfare reform, which denies payments to illegal immigrants, actually empowers states to regulate public benefit issues. But the judge said the federal law ended any further debate about what the states could do.

# El Niño season nears end; storms diminish

The Associated Press

## MIAMI

El Niño-driven storms should start to dwindle in the next month, but will likely limit the number of powerful Atlantic hurricanes that menace the coast this year, a top government forecaster said Wednesday.

Forecaster Ants Leetmaa with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said it's likely that storms that have battered South Florida and other parts of the country will taper off in the next few weeks.

El Niño refers to warmer-than-normal water in the Pacific, a condition that disrupts weather worldwide.

Leetmaa says there are already some signs of cooling, but he said conditions won't be close to normal until the summer. He said Florida should get

about two more weeks of El Niño rainstorms.

"There is a light at the end of the tunnel," he said of the storms.

"We are forecasting conditions to start to return back to normal this summertime, although the Pacific will still be slightly warm," he said. "There will be a mild El Niño out there."

He said the remnant of El Niño should still have an effect on the Atlantic hurricane season that starts June 1.

"Historically, when the Pacific is warm, the number of class three, four and five hurricanes will be less," Leetmaa said of the most powerful storms. "So one might anticipate this coming year

will have somewhat fewer storms. But that does not preclude the possibility of one big storm coming into the Southeast."

# Liftoff preparations damage space shuttle

The Associated Press

## CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

Space shuttle Columbia was banged and part of its outer thermal layer damaged during routine preparations for a launch next month, NASA said Wednesday.

The mishap occurred in the Vehicle Assembly Building late Tuesday. Technicians had just hoisted Columbia into a vertical position and attached its

two booster rockets and an external fuel tank. As the powerful lifting sling was removed, it struck near the lower left belly of Columbia, said NASA spokesman Joel Wells.

Part of a protective thermal blanket was ruined and had to be replaced, Wells said. Engineers found no evidence of structural damage underneath, and there also was no damage to the thermal tiles, he added.

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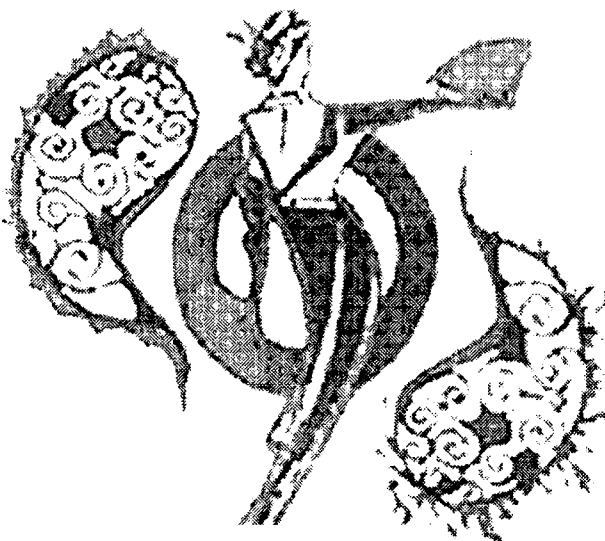
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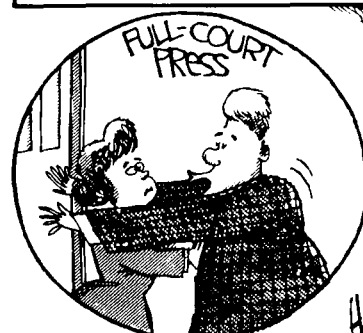
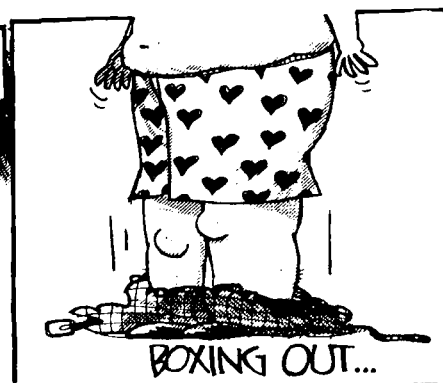
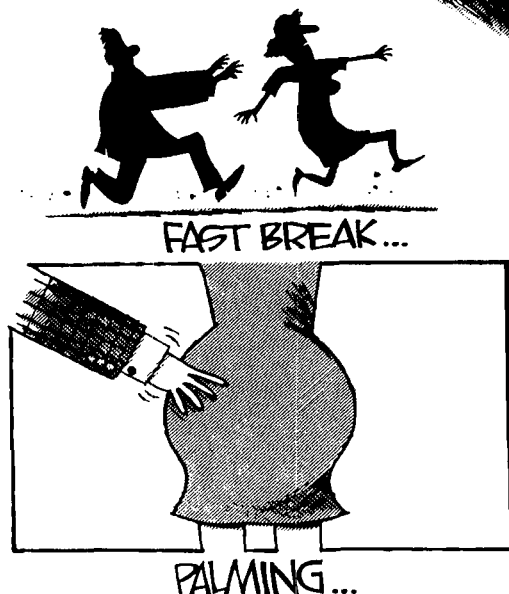
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### BASKETBALL... CLINTON STYLE...



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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Gay Priest Resigns in Protest

This letter is to inform you that I have tendered my resignation from the faculty of the University of Notre Dame, effective at the end of the 1997-1998 year.

It is my intention that this resignation shall serve as a heart-felt protest against the refusal of the officers of the University to make a legal provision for the equal rights for gay persons at Notre Dame. It is my hope that this protest will stimulate informed and productive public exchanges here at Notre Dame on homosexual issues in general, and on social justice for gay persons in particular. It is my belief that Notre Dame, my beloved Alma Mater, will one day take the lead in the liberation of gay people from discrimination, derision and false witness.

On a more personal note, my resignation serves as a protest against the treatment that I have received from Notre Dame's administration since The Observer published a letter from me on April 4, 1996. In that letter I presented a Catholic perspective on homosexual issues and I came out as a gay, celibate priest in solidarity with our gay students here on campus. Shortly after the publication of that letter, I was suspended, without notification, from Eucharistic and Confessional ministry at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The Basilica had been my primary forum for priestly ministry to Notre Dame students, since I am not a chaplain in a residence hall. The ministry of mine has now been barren for a year and a half. Only last November did I discover that an actual suspension letter had been given. Now I have been told that I was suspended from Basilica ministry because of the poor quality of my homilies. After a full review of the available facts about my suspension, I decline to accept this explanation.

In my opinion, I would not have been suspended from the Basilica if the University's non-discrimination clause had listed 'sexual orientation according to the teachings of the Catholic Church' as a protected minority status. I close this letter with a quotation from Psalm 123, which is the prayer in the heart of every gay believer: 'Have pity on us, O Lord, have pity on us, for we are more than sated with the mockery of the arrogant, with the contempt of the proud.'

Rev. David A. Garrick, C.S.C.

Assistant Professor

Dept of Communication and Theatre

March 17, 1998

### THE BELLE OF SAINT MARY'S

## The Trials of a Lenten Sacrifice

We're nearly halfway through Lent, which means I'll have to continue doing without approximately eighty percent of my working vocabulary for another three weeks. Such is life when you forsake swearing on Ash Wednesday. Easter Sunday will indeed be a joyous occasion as I celebrate the resurrection of the Obscenities ("Happy \*#!%ing Easter, Grandma!")

I don't think I'm going to make it. Cussing a refined blue streak is one of the most valuable skills I've learned in college, and having to do without crushes any conversational effect I've developed over the last three years. Censoring myself gives me such sentences as "Darn that male offspring of a female dog! He's such an illegitimate man! What a part of male genitalia! I should just tell him to go have sexual intercourse off!", which somehow just doesn't give me the personal fulfillment that the beepable version would.

I'm seriously considering amassing a bunch of friends and assigning one cuss word per person — for instance, Kevin would be "&?#5", Carah would be "@?#\*", Kelly would be "\$\*!", and so on. They'd follow me around on a twenty-four-hour basis in order to provide me with instant Virtual Swearing. I'd just point to whomever is in charge of my particular word of choice, and he or she would shout it at the intended subject on my behalf. Almost as satisfying as self-provided offending.

I desperately needed Virtual Swearing this week when I attempted to play pickup basketball, which should register as personal penance in and of itself. This basketball business kicked up when I began amassing a Bookstore team for the honor and glory of sport and because I wanted to participate in this rich Notre Dame tradition and

because I heard everybody's going to demean T-shirts. I refuse to demean myself, however, by inventing a traditionally offensive and degrading name for my team ("SMC's You'll Score On") even though I have the athletic ability of Yo-Cream. But I'm pretty cool with basketball other than the fact that I can't shoot or pass or clearly the ball and I'm not entirely clear on what the rules are except that I'm pretty sure that hugging the ball to your chest while running away from members of the opposing team is somewhat frowned upon.

## Mary Beth Ellis

Most of my female friends are within the same ability and knowledge range. "But I suck at basketball," they'd say when I'd ask them to play.

As do I. As do the bulk of teams who enter Bookstore, which of course is the beauty of it. Everybody sucks! Everybody plays! It's America at its best! You're practically not allowed in the tournament unless you have at least one 4'9" kid whose shooting style consists of holding the ball at knee level and chucking the ball in the direction of an overflying 747.

Anyway, a teammate and I decided to practice, so we gathered with a few of our male friends who suck less than we do. This was a highly valuable practice session during which the men assisted us a great deal in honing our basketball skills by conducting the game as follows:

1. One of the men makes a basket.
2. A male member of the oppos-

ing team hurls the ball down the length of the court to one of his male teammates.

3. The rest of the men stampede after the ball and congregate around the basket in order to shove each other around.

4. Repeat.

My friend and I weren't terribly tired even after two full hours of hurling the ball up and down the length of the court because we touched the ball a combined total of maybe once. Not that I can blame the men in my case, for my entire offensive strategy consists of clutching the ball while screaming, "WHAT DO I DO NOW?!" before flinging it in the general vicinity of a teammate. As opposed to my defensive strategy, which consists of running after whomever has the ball while yelling "Gimme!" A typical play sounded like this:

ME: I'M OPEN! I'M OPEN!!!! I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU! THERE'S NO ONE NEAR ME! BACK! I'M—

MALE MEMBER OF MY TEAM: (Chooses to pass to another male player currently guarded by four people.)

ME: You person having sexual intercourse with a female parent.

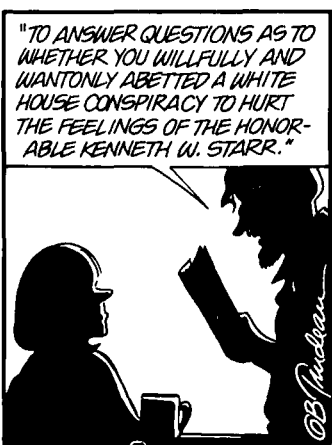
It was frustrating as fecal matter, but I consoled myself with the fact that most future MFA's simply aren't blessed with great game. We get to craft unmarketable skills instead. Yeah, the other team might have grace and power and amazing abs, but can they analyze the dominant themes of class-gender dichotomies in "David Copperfield"? Huh? Can they? The little posterior regional orifices.

Mary Beth Ellis is a junior English writing/political science major at Saint Mary's College.

The vies expressed in the column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

### DOONESBURY

GARRY TRUDEAU



### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A good education should leave much to be desired."

—Alan Gregg

## ■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## ROTC At ND Is Not Hypocritical, It's Essential

I am writing in response to the ignorant arguments posed by a well-intentioned Mr. McMahon in the March 18 edition of The Observer. First of all, I would like to admit that I am a Senior Army ROTC cadet, about to enter the military. I am also a theology major. I have approached this exact issue from many different viewpoints, but am certain that Mr. McMahon is only looking through the world in his own narrow view.

First off, instead of referring to us as "professional Trained Soldiers," he prefers to belittle us by referring to us as "trained in the art of murder." This is an ignorant statement at best. The vast majority of our training in ROTC has nothing to do with military warfare. Most of graduating cadets will enter into a branch that has little or nothing to do with killing people. Many will be lawyers, doctors, engineers, just performing their duties in the military. The fact that these students are called to the vocation of professional soldiers should not be shunned by an obviously ill-informed McMahon. Rather, the different calling of his fellow Christian should be appreciated.

I question his interpretation of the Catholic tradition as somehow anti-military. It is true that the Catholic church has, and always will be, against war. But, it never has, and probably never will be, against Catholics serving in an Army, Navy, or Air Force. In fact, as late as World War II, it was considered a duty of a good Catholic to go to war if called upon by the government. For a Church whose traditions are formed from 2000 years of experiences, this modern trend at this University for pacifism hardly dictates that Catholics are required to be pacifists.

But then again, who has more interest in being a pacifist, someone who is sitting at home in Central Massachusetts, enjoying some nice clam chowder, or a young Second Lieutenant who might be called to go to the war. I more than anyone want peace to reign.

Mr. McMahon talks about the formation of his conscience and how it precludes him from being a professional soldier. I must respect that opinion, but he should respect mine. I have asked myself these exact same questions. I even took theology as a major to help myself understand the implications of my calling. I can, in all honesty, say that I am fully prepared to deal with the moral dilemma of being called to war. Not because I was enrolled in ROTC, but because I was enrolled at Notre Dame.

I would argue that it is not hypocritical to have ROTC at Notre Dame. Rather, it is essential. Many times McMahon points to morally questionable actions by the U.S. military and states this is a reason for Catholic inaction. I see this rather as a call for Catholic action. If there is a leader of the military who is well versed in Catholic moral teachings, then these morally egregious acts may not have happened. (I must interject here that McMahon, at best, portrays the incidents from a very limited viewpoint. Perhaps the military did bomb an air raid shelter, but perhaps Saddam Hussein was hiding a nuclear weapons facility under the air raid shelter which, if not bombed, would produce weapons of mass destruction. But McMahon either fails to realize this, or more likely ignored it because it made him sound better.)

Finally, I am concerned by the utter insensitivity David McMahon shows for me as a person. When reading articles like this, I am sorrowed. He attacks my vocation with no care or concern for me. I ask you, would Christ say to David McMahon that because someone in his profession sinned, he should not be in that profession? Perhaps, like John the Baptist says to the soldiers, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." (Lk 3:14) My vocation is that of a professional soldier. I have accepted that. I am proud to serve my country. But I do remember that I serve God first and foremost. I would hope that although people like McMahon are not called in this occupation, they respect our vocation. There is nothing Christlike in his last line, when he compares me to a Roman soldier gambling for the clothes of Christ. Rather, I would ask David to stop throwing stones until he can prove to me that he and his occupation are without faults. If David is truly concerned, I instead ask him to pray the following as often as possible: "May God watch over and protect all of the Senior cadets as they enter their prospective military careers. May He guide and protect them all. May God forgive them for any sins which they commit in performing of their duties."

Jeremy Lingenfelser  
Senior, Morrissey Manor  
March 18, 1998

## Cheer Fencers On To A National Championship

Do you want to win a National Championship? It's been a while since Notre Dame brought home a National Championship, but we could win one this weekend.

From Thursday through Sunday Notre Dame hosts the NCAA Fencing Tournament, and our very own fencing team is battling for the championship right now. Consistently ranked in the top three year after year, the fencers enter the tournament ranked third in the nation. Yes, the rankings place them behind perennial archrival Penn State, which is all the more reason to make the most of our home turf advantage.

We have ten of the best fencers in the country representing Notre Dame this weekend, including several All-Americans and a defending National Champion. The fencers have an impressive 25-1 record for this season, but there is one thing left to do.

There is a National Championship Trophy to be won, but not without your support. Odds are poor that the Penn State fans will travel all the way here, but all we have to do is cross the street. From approximately 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday our strongest fencers will embark on a quest for the title. It's a short walk over to the Angela Athletic Facilities at Saint Mary's, and it's free.

Surely you can spare a few hours to cheer the fencers on to their best and to show the spirit that makes Notre Dame famous. Be a part of the National Championship and cheer the Irish to victory!

Theresa Urbanic  
Breen-Phillips  
March 17, 1998



## Boxers Win This Round

At a time when there is so much negativity, greed, and ego involved in sports, it is amazing to me that someone would try to detract from an example of what all sports should aspire to. The only explanations I can think of are jealousy, ignorance and cowardice. Mr. Kessler seems to be an authority on the origin and evolution of the Bengal Bouts, but I wonder — have you ever stepped foot in the boxing room? There are so many inaccuracies in Mr. Kessler's short article, I almost don't know where to start. Since it titles your article, let's start with the jackets. Yes, the winner and runner-up get jackets, but did you know that the boxers — not the team or the University — pays for T-shirts, shorts, hand-raps, mouth pieces, shoes, hats and sweatshirts at an above-cost price so as to turn a profit for the missions. In fact, the soon to be delivered varsity-style warm-up jackets were purchased at an expense of \$75 to each boxer. Should the champions not even be allowed one trophy free-of-charge in recognition of all their hard work and accomplishment. The finalist jacket is the only tangible thing any boxer has the opportunity to receive without payment, yet that is what you chose to focus your article on.

You claim to be tired if reading about the boxers acting as if they are doing some great charitable thing. For starters, saving lives and funding the construction of school and medical buildings are great charitable things, and who are you to condemn people for feeling good about doing something truly worth being proud of? Last year we raised \$24,000, and this year is expected to net in excess of \$35,000. Every boxer must raise at least \$100 even to have the right to purchase gear. Every practice involves a discussion about what things need to be done in order to raise the desired amount of money for Bangladesh. In reality Mr. Kessler, \$35,000 doesn't just raise itself by accident while we hang out beating each other up and hitting on women. In the weeks leading up to the Bouts, when training time is at a premium, the boxers are asked to commit even more time to the cause.

Those of us who box are for the most part athletic, emotionally resilient young men. That is what we have to offer. Our talents don't warrant us holding a bake sale or putting on a play, and neither of those could consistently raise the kind of money we do, while at the same time teaching the participants the lessons boxing does about sacrifice, hard work, disappointment, discipline and facing fear and adversity. That aside, most of the boxers are fairly laid-back guys outside the ring, and in reality the team is a lot more about compassion than it is about aggression. Ask any novice boxer, who isn't a natural, how many times a future jacket-wearer really beat him up in the ring. It never happens. The champions help those who need it most and never take advantage of another boxer's comparative weakness. As for glory, yes, it is involved in the Bouts. But what sporting event isn't motivated by it to some degree. Boxers experience great elation and glory from winning, but most experience at least twice as much disappointment and frustration in the process. Just ask the president of the boxing team, Ryan Rans, who ruptured his spleen freshman year and recently broke both his hands leaving him with casts for the rest of his senior year and possible permanent damage. Ask yourself Mr. Kessler, how many of the 15 varsity basketball players can you name? Now compare that with how many of the 100 boxers you can name — Fame and glory indeed! I won't even dignify the comment about picking up women with a response, but I will say that due to our time commitments, more girlfriends are lost during the season than gained. I myself can count on one hand the number of times I left my apartment socially this semester leading up to the Bouts.

As for your analysis of Mr. Frick's article it's worth noting that you again chose to focus on the one small thing you could twist around. Unlike you, Mr. Kessler, I do not purport to know what Mr. Frick really thinks about while boxing. I will say that anyone who has actually been in the ring would tell you that, in the extreme struggle of a boxing match, inspiration is drawn from many different sources. I myself write the initials of family members or close friends over my heart to remind me of the support I have back home. In the nervous moments leading up to a bout, I calm myself down and keep things in perspective by thinking about all that I have already accomplished by raising money and getting into great shape. In any case, sweeping generalizations like the ones you make about what all fighters think about in the ring, or that the entire team is a bunch of liars are never accurate.

I think the basic misunderstanding you are communicating in your article is that the boxers claim to be motivated solely by raising money for Bangladesh. That is not the case. We are motivated by a desire to get in the best shape of our lives, learn how to box, compete in a pure sport, and be part of a group of quality people — among other reasons. What we do claim, Mr. Kessler, is that regardless of what draws each individual to the boxing room, raising money for the mission is the most important aspect of the Bengal Bouts and the driving force of our actions once we join the team. None of us claim to be saints, but I and all those involved (including the women managers and boxers) are proud to be part of such a noble organization. I simply refuse to let a negative, ignorant article attempting to smear something that means so much to me go unanswered. In the end, your article is much more about what you stand for Mr. Kessler than it is about what the Bengal Bouts stand for.

You claimed the Bengal Bouts are inspired by aggression and glory. I assume, based on your article, that you are petty and uninformed. Now that I have proven you wrong, why don't you prove me wrong by being a man and writing an apology, admitting you don't have the first clue what the Bengal Bouts are all about.

Kevin Murphy  
Second year law student  
March 18, 1998



## ■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

# Indians lose to Tampa Bay after Ramirez incident

Associated Press

Cleveland star Manny Ramirez did not travel with the team to Wednesday's exhibition game against Atlanta as the Indians sorted out an altercation between the right fielder and a clubhouse attendant.

Ramirez reportedly slapped clubhouse assistant Tom Foster after being told that he could not remove two bats from the equipment room. The altercation took place about two hours after the Indians lost 8-4 to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Tuesday.

"From what I understand, there was an altercation," general manager John Hart said. "It was an isolated incident. We've addressed it internally."

Hart would not say whether Ramirez would be fined or suspended.

Hart and manager Mike Hargrove both said Ramirez stayed at the Indians' training site in Winter Haven, Fla., because of a pulled left quadriceps muscle.

Hargrove said he talked with Ramirez for about an hour before going to Kissimmee, Fla., for a 10-0 loss to the Braves.

"It was an argument between two adults, and one of them settled it the wrong way," Hargrove said. "It wasn't an attack on authority."

Ramirez, batting .435 with five homers and 15 RBIs this spring, is being tried in the cleanup spot with David Justice third and Jim Thome fifth.

He has appeared focused and committed to improving his defense and baserunning, only to derail his progress with the clubhouse incident.

"He has been great," Hart said. "He has made great strides this spring. I

think as the year goes on, he's going to assume a greater ability to play consistently."

## Mets 7, Astros 2

At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Butch Huskey homered twice, doubled and drove in five runs to lead New York over Houston.

Bernard Gilkey also homered for the Mets. Bill Pulsipher pitched four scoreless innings for a save.

## Rangers 7, Pirates 3

At Bradenton, Fla., Tom Goodwin's two-run single led to a four-run second inning against struggling Jason Schmidt as Texas defeated Pittsburgh.

Rick Helling pitched three-hit ball for six innings as Texas improved its major league-leading spring record to 15-6.

## Red Sox 3, Expos 1

At Fort Myers, Fla., Derek Lowe filled in for injured starter Butch Henry and pitched five innings of one-hit ball as Boston beat Montreal.

Lowe, who walked one and struck out three, made the start because Henry injured his hamstring while running the bases last week.

## Braves 10, Indians 0

At Kissimmee, Fla., Andres Galarraga drove in five runs and Denny Neagle pitched five scoreless innings as Atlanta beat Cleveland.

Galarraga hit a three-run double in the first, added a solo homer leading off the third and finished his 3-for-3

day with a run-scoring single in the fourth. He is 10-for-19 in his last seven games, with four homers and 11 RBIs.

Neagle (3-0) allowed only two hits in his longest stint of the spring, extending his shutout streak to 14 innings.

Cleveland starter Melido Perez allowed three hits, three walks and four runs in two innings. His ERA climbed to 11.05.

## Phillies 3, Blue Jays 2

At Dunedin, Fla., new Toronto closer Randy Myers gave up unearned three runs in the ninth inning and Philadelphia rallied to win.

Blue Jays starter Pat Hentgen pitched seven shutout innings, allowing only two hits.

Phillies pitcher Calvin Maduro, Billy Brewer, Darrin Winston, Wayne Gomes and Yorkis Perez combined on a one-hitter. Ed Sprague homered in the second inning for Toronto's only hit.

Philadelphia's Gary Bennett hit a two-out, two-run single that tied it and Billy McMillon followed with an RBI single.

## Athletics 6, Giants 0

At Scottsdale, Ariz., Ricky Henderson led off the game with a homer and stole his first base of the spring as Oakland beat San Francisco.

Henderson, who holds the major league record with 72 leadoff homers, hit a shot over the left-field fence against Kirk Rueter. Ben Grieve added a solo homer in the fourth inning off Rueter, who allowed four runs in four

innings. Kenny Rogers pitched seven scoreless innings, allowing four singles.

## Angels 9, Diamondbacks 0

At Tucson, Ariz., Darin Erstad hit his first two spring training homers and drove in five runs, leading Anaheim over Arizona.

Erstad hit a three-run homer that capped a five-run second inning off loser Brian Anderson, who had given up only one earned run in his first 12 innings. Erstad hit a two-run homer in the fourth.

## Brewers 12, Mariners (ss) 7

At Peoria, Ariz., Jeromy Burnitz and Bobby Hughes hit home runs and Milwaukee had 15 hits off four Seattle pitchers.

Burnitz got his third homer of the spring and Hughes was 3-for-3 with four RBIs.

The Mariners got home runs from Alex Rodriguez and Edgar Martinez among their 18 hits.

## Cubs 5, Mariners (ss) 3

At Mesa, Ariz., Manny Alexander drove in four runs as Chicago beat a Seattle split squad.

Glenallen Hill hit a two-run homer in the fourth off Terry Mulholland to give Seattle a 2-0 lead.

## Tigers 5, Devil Rays 1, 5 innings

At St. Petersburg, Fla., Brian Hunter drove in three runs and Detroit defeated Tampa Bay in a game called after five innings because of rain.

## Read tomorrow's Observer for continued coverage of the NCAA Fencing Championships

## Classifieds

The Observer accepts classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Notre Dame office, 314 LaFortune and from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 309 Haggard College Center. Deadline for next-day classifieds is 3 p.m. All classifieds must be prepaid. The charge is 3 cents per character per day, including all spaces. The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.

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I bet I get blamed for this

Its quite easy when you think about it

### S A B O R L A T I N O

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9pm - 1am

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Club Landing

(on Lincolway, between Ironwood and Twyckenham)  
(coming soon:  
CD release party!)

### S A B O R L A T I N O

\*\*\*\* ATTENTION LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND QUESTIONING STUDENTS \*\*\*\*  
Original student group will hold support group meeting tonight at 8:00. Call Q-line for details 236-9661.

### AUTHENTIC KOREAN DINNER

DATE: Sunday, March 22  
TIME: 5:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Center for Social Concerns  
CHARGE: \$4

\*Dinner includes Korean barbecue beef, noodle entree, kimchi, fried rice and dessert  
\*Tickets will be available at the LaFortune Info Desk beginning March 16th  
\*All are encouraged to attend the performance of actress Lauren Thom (Joy Luck Club) at 8 p.m. following the dinner

But Aquaman, you can not marry a woman without gills. Your from two different Woorlds!!!

### STOMPER BOB RETURNS

The wait is over!! Jump blues masters STOMPER BOB returns to the stage with ND's newest superstars LETTER 8 tonight at the IRISH CONNECTION. St. Patty's was fun, come back and see the club behind the hype. 10:30 show.

### STOMPER BOB RETURNS WITH LETTER 8

Oh! I have wasted my life!

### KABOOM!!!!!!

Just a reminder

Don't forget to honor Mother Teresa's memory by signing up TODAY for the Mother Teresa Service Week. This is ND's chance to remember Mother Teresa and make a real difference in the South Bend community. It only takes a little of your time and that time will go a long way. Do it for the good Mother.

look at all this junk food...

PJ looks like a herring

Oh my my, Oh hell yes

Back away from the portable electric eels

Shh, I'm studying for my Materials exam

I feel like going to sleep now then waking up and studying

Thats when I have to forge ahead

In only two months most of us will not be here, unless we want to. Then those that choose to or must will be here, and everyone else will be nowhere.

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Keep pushing, you're almost there. Another bit of this can get you some of that.

■ MEN'S TENNIS

# Weekend tourney pits netters against top ranks

By M. SHANNON RYAN  
Saint Mary's Editor

The Notre Dame's men's tennis team, recently bumped up to No. 21 ranking by the ITA, is craving a hectic weekend.

The first round of the four-day Blue Gray National Classic in Montgomery, Alabama will begin today for the Irish against No. 25 Tulane.

If the Irish are successful against the Green Wave they will most likely go on to compete against other high level teams in attendance. Depending on their performance, Notre Dame may get to prove themselves against Harvard, Virginia Commonwealth, or No. 2 Illinois.

On a six game winning stam-

pede, two of which were 7-0 sweeps, the Irish are not about to stroll this weekend.

"It's going to be a great competition," said junior Brian Patterson, playing No. 3 singles and No. 1 doubles. "We're really pumped for the weekend."

The biggest threat of deflation may come with Tulane's Robert Samuelsson. Ryan Sachire, now 9-2 at No. 1 singles and 22nd in

the nation, will have his hands full as he takes on the Swedish sensation. Samuelsson boasts a ranking of second in the nation for singles and 21st in doubles.

Patterson and Jakub Pietrowski, slipping two slots in the polls to No. 7, will face the task of eliminating the international pair of Samuelsson and his Netherlands partner, freshman Ronald Kloppert.

The Irish duo lately have gained the momentum to down the Green Wave combo, by winning five consecutive pairs matches.

Notre Dame, 9-2 on the season, will also need to rely on the dependable play of Danny Rothschild. The senior captain

at No. 4 has proven a sure bet, remaining undefeated on the season at 11-0.

The tournament has become a highlight for the Irish in their five years of participation, which is reasonable considering their success rate.

Last year, the netters won three out of four matches and finished second in the event. They defeated Alabama-Birmingham, VCU, and Illinois before losing to South Alabama on the final day of competition.

The Irish squad is confident that they again deserve to occupy the courts with the best teams in the nation.

"I always think we're going to win," Patterson said.



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## LaValle

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LaValle and his two younger brothers in a general sports program of olympic events. He immediately took to the fencing unit, and began taking lessons in the sport.

The club recruited a premier Russian coach, Igor Pleskun, to lead the advanced students in the local tournaments, but he also worked with the beginners of the club, which included LaValle.

"I dedicated myself to fencing because I knew it would be easy to excel in if I remained focused. Being coached by such a top coach also helped," LaValle commented.

It wasn't long before LaValle represented the New York Athletic Club in local tournaments. His mastery of the sabre weapon soon led him to compete in Junior Olympic qualifiers for the NYAC, where the team has consistently been dominant in New York. His achievements also led him to Vassil Etropolski, a Bulgarian who won the 1985 world champion in sabre, to train with.

Fencing still in the NYAC, LaValle became nationally recognized after he became the 1994 Division II National Champion. A year later, he stepped up to become the Junior Olympic Champion, and competed in the U.S. Olympic festival.

"That year, I was recognized by Sports Illustrated for my fencing in its Faces in the Crowd feature. It was surprising to know that I was fencing well enough to be nationally known," stated LaValle.

This recognition led Notre Dame to LaValle, where he has continued to fence, this time on the collegiate level.

"It was a difficult transition to make in fencing for Notre Dame. Most of the tournaments are team-oriented, but the goal must be the same — to focus on the opponent on the strip. No matter what, to win you have to take it one step at a time," said LaValle.

The same attitude has bred the same results for the sabre-squad captain. He has fenced his way to being named a two-time All-American and one of the top fencers on the collegiate level. His recent three-peat as the Midwest Regional Champion has given LaValle a third trip to the NCAA Championships.

Just as important for the Irish is his leadership role. As the captain of the squad, LaValle has helped freshman Andrzej Bednarski make a successful transition to the collegiate level. "Just like myself, the main goal for Bednarski is to remain focused on fencing each match, and not worrying about the tournament as a whole," said LaValle.

The results have been the same for Bednarski, as he will fence alongside LaValle this weekend in the NCAA

Championship.

Head coach Yves Auriol knows how valuable LaValle is to the team.

"Luke shows a lot of team leadership and there is no doubt he is the best sabre fencer we have," he said.

After Notre Dame, LaValle hopes to continue fencing competitively, already planning to train for the 2000 or at least the 2004 Olympic games. But LaValle still has a number

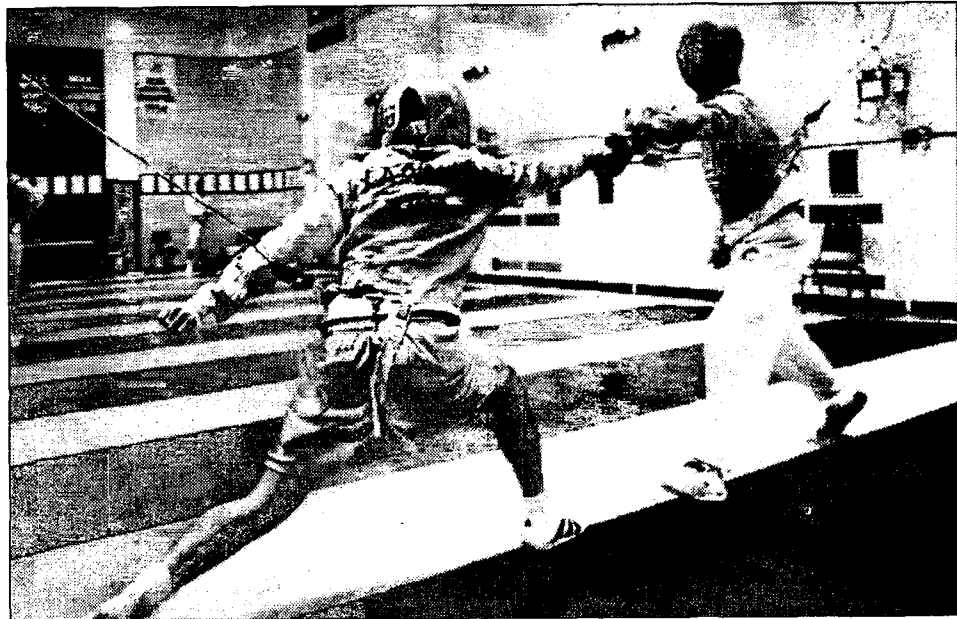
of duels to dominate in for the Irish before that.

LaValle's current focus is this weekend's NCAA Championships. He will begin competition on Friday with the

same outlook that has got him this far.

"I'm going into [the Championships] worrying about it one step at a time, one duel at a time," stated LaValle.

After all, before you can capture the king in a game of chess, you have to have already taken the rest of your opponent's pieces, one step at a time.



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Luke LaValle and the rest of the Irish fencers are confident they have the mental reach to defeat defending champion Penn State in the NAAs.

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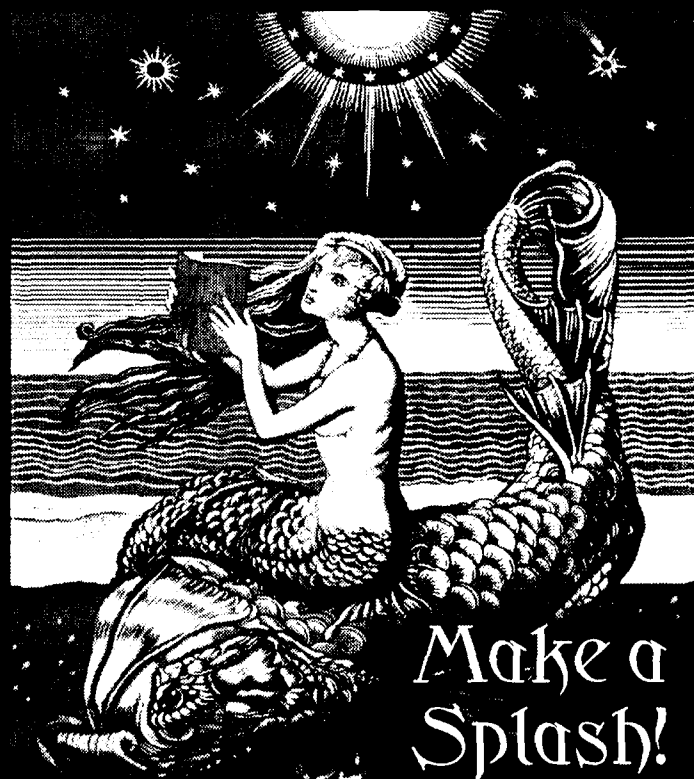
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# Lacrosse

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Murray. Marshall registered 7 saves and Murray picked up 5.

"We didn't capitalize as much as we wanted to," Callahan said.

While the score at halftime remained somewhat close at 5-2, that is as close as Notre Dame would come.

As far as scoring goes, the second half proved disastrous for the Irish. For seventeen minutes the team was held scoreless and Notre Dame watched as the score went to 11-2.

"We played a good game and we played hard," junior Stephanie Fox said. "We kept with the pace. They were a challenge for us. The score really did not represent how we played."

Notre Dame spent the majority of the second half in Colgate's end of the field but some bright spots came in the second half, especially from the play of Callahan and Calabrese.

Calabrese initiated an offensive opportunity for the Irish with a quick check and Callahan collected the loose ball. Callahan patiently waited for an opening and found a cutting Doyle who drilled a shot into the net. Doyle's goal came too late in the contest, as the Irish found themselves down 11-3.

"I worked hard on defense."



One of the team's leading scorers last season, junior Stephanie Fox hopes to assist the Irish upfield this Sunday against Vanderbilt.

Calabrese said. "I created some turnovers with good checks but I still have lots to improve on."

With the win, the Red Raiders improve to 2-1 on the season. Notre Dame's record

goes to 3-1. The Irish have some time to recuperate, their next game coming on Sunday against Vanderbilt. Notre Dame hungers for revenge after losing to Vanderbilt last year, 20-13.

## ■ MEN'S GOLF

# Transfer golfer not new to links

By GENE BRTALIK  
Sports Writer

Rarely does a transfer student-athlete come to a new school and perform up to par as Notre Dame junior golfer Willie Kent has.

Kent, a native of Paraguay, transferred to Notre Dame this semester from St. Louis University where he was a member of its golf team. Kent in his first tournament for the Fighting Irish carded a 222, the lowest round ever for a newcomer to the Irish squad. Included in that score was a two-under 70 which is also tops for a newcomer in his first tournament.

Kent's finish coupled with the scores of sophomores Todd Vernon (221), Jeff Connell (228), and Brad Hardin (228) helped the Irish finish in fifth place at the Golden Ocala Invitational one spot higher and 10 strokes better than last year's performance. The team improved with each day carding scores of 307, 294, and 291 for a total of 892, ten strokes behind the winner, Rollins College.

Vernon, the 1997 Big East Champion, continued his

strong play recording rounds of 76 - 73 - 71 and improved his season stroke average to 74.75, the best average since John Lungren's 74.40 in 1979-80.

The team's stroke average now stands at 300.63, which would qualify for third best in team history behind the 1993-94 300.57 and the 1979-80 team's average of 300.07.

All members of the team possess averages of 77.25 and higher with senior Bryan Weeks holding a 75.94, Connell a 76.75, senior Brad Stanis a 77.00, and Hardin a 77.25.

"I am adapting very well to the school, and all my teammates are very supportive and are helping me adjust," he said.

He also has an optimistic view concerning the future of the team. "I am looking forward to playing in the upcoming tournaments, and possibly we can win some of them and make it to the tournament real soon."

Over the next two months we will know if Kent's optimism is right as the Irish get prepared to play in three tournaments all involving many of their key district rivals.

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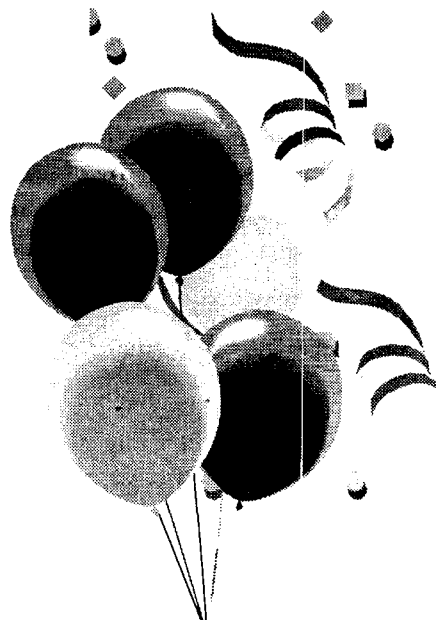


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## ■ TRACK AND FIELD

# Freshman Shay takes to the long-distance in Morocco

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN  
Sports Writer

Freshman Ryan Shay's talent and strong dedication to running has kept him from missing a beat in the transition to collegiate cross-country and track. His efforts will pay off this Sunday as he represents the United States in the World Junior Men's Cross-Country Championships in Marrakesh, Morocco.

Shay will be one of six men running for the U.S. in the race. He qualified for the team by finishing fourth at the U.S. Junior National Cross Country Championships in Portland, Ore., in December. About 300 runners from around the world will compete in the 8,000 meter event, with the top five finishers from each country counting towards team scoring. Along with the Junior Men's Championships, the Junior Women's, Senior Men's, and Senior Women's Cross Country Championships will be held Sunday.

"I kind of expected to make the team, but once I crossed the finish line and knew that I made it, I was pretty excited," said Shay. "I was hoping one of my teammates would make it, too, though."

Junior Antonio Arce, senior Jason Rexing, and graduate John Coyle are all recent Notre Dame qualifiers for the meet.

"The best teams competing are probably Kenya and Ethiopia," said Notre Dame head cross country/track and field coach Joe Piane. "The World Championships are a big deal in Europe and Africa, actually everywhere but the U.S."

Focus on the event is lost in the U.S. due to cross country being run in the fall here as opposed to the winter. The U.S. also places a greater emphasis on indoor track, which interferes with the meet, than other countries do.

Shay, who has been training with Rexing at a goal distance of 10,000 meters, said, "I'd like to be among the top 30 finishers. I'm looking forward to racing and representing the U.S. as well as I can, and meeting the guys on the Senior Men's Team, who are Olympians."

"Ryan is very unique," said Rexing. "He's mentally one of the toughest runners that I've ever run with. He's an incredible competitor whenever we're doing workouts and races. Whenever we're running hard, he seems to

always be the one who's pushing the pace. He's always looking to do more."

Shay has been running since the fifth grade, carrying on a strong family tradition in the sport. His older brother, Joseph, ran for Lubbock Christian University after winning two high school state championships in cross country; his older sister, Amie, runs for Adams State; and his dad, Joe, coached his high school team.

Ryan had an accomplished pre-collegiate career at Central Lake High School in Central Lake, Michigan, despite the fact that his school was so small, with only 27 students in his graduating class, that it often did not have enough runners to field an entire cross country team. Shay overcame this obstacle, winning a record four cross country state championships in Michigan, in addition to three state track titles each in the 1,600 and 3,200 meters and one in the 800 meters. He never lost a high school cross country race after his third meet freshman year.

"I think the major difference about running at Notre Dame is that I actually have teammates to train with now," said Shay.

Shay's success carried over beyond high school competition, as he won USA Track and Field championships in the 3,000 and 5,000 meters, as well as AAU national titles in the 1,500 and 3,000 meter runs. He was also an alternate for the 1997 Pan Am Games.

Immediately after his arrival at Notre Dame, Shay began to have a major impact on the cross country team. He won his first collegiate race at the Scarlet and Gray Invitational, followed by a victory in the National Catholic Inv. Throughout the season, he was one of the top runners for the Fighting Irish, who won a first-ever Big East title and qualified for the NCAA championships.

"He's extremely dedicated and very focused. He's also become very coachable," said Piane. "He used to be very quiet, but now he's become a quiet leader. The kids recognize his dedication and realize his potential."

Shay did not compete in the indoor track season for Notre Dame because of a slight injury and the upcoming World Cross Country Championships. However, he did run unattached in several meets and is looking

forward to the outdoor track season.

"I have a goal of making it to the NCAA Championships in the 5,000 and the 10,000 meters. That's my ultimate goal right

now," said Shay. "I'm going to go as far as I can with running, maybe the Olympics someday. Hopefully I'm on the right path for that. That's probably my eventual goal, and maybe to

make a profession out of it."

If his past achievements are any indication, with continued dedication and focus, Shay may someday be found on the victory stand at the Olympics.

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■ WOMEN'S GOLF

# King swings top games at Snowbird Classic

By GENE BRTALIK  
Sports Writer

Last weekend at the Snowbird Intercollegiate Classic Katie King continued to rewrite the Notre Dame golf record books.

King's 72 in the second round was the one of the best performances by anyone in the tournament, and coupled with her 78 on the first day, helped her achieve a fourth place finish two strokes off of first place. This finish marks her second straight top five finish.

The team, after a record setting day their last time out on the links, struggled the first day and finished with an eighth place finish out of 20 teams.

Notre Dame's first day struggles mainly dealt with the weather. As many of those who visited Florida for Spring break know, the weather was not the typical spring like condition. The team faced 40 degree temperatures and prevailing winds. These factors resulted in the team shooting a 326 and stuck them in ninth place 19 strokes behind leader and eventual winner Purdue.

After adjusting to the conditions the team cut 13 strokes off of its previous round, and it

helped the move into eighth place ahead of James Madison and one stroke behind Rollins College.

King's 72 gave her the three top rounds in Notre Dame history, and her combined score of 150 for the tournament is second only to the 149 that she carded at the recent Midwest Classic.

Her season stroke average of 79.94 is set to best her own Notre Dame record of 80.17. King's current career average of 81.68 is two strokes ahead of Kelly Phares' record holding career average.

King struggled through the early part of this year but since then she has rolled through competitions.

"We [Katie and I] realized that her grip was too tight and that she was shanking and hooking shots," coach Ross Smith said. "We worked on the grip and adjusted it so that she could play her best."

The Irish now play in three very important tournaments in the upcoming weeks.

They are currently ranked 11th in the district and strong performances in the upcoming contests could vault them up to either third or fourth and possibly a trip to the NCAA tournament.



The Observer/Kevin Dalum

Finishing 19th at last year's championship, senior Carl Jackson (right) hopes to step it up on the strip this weekend in men's epee.

## Fencers

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that the Irish are expecting.

Once again, the Irish focus is not on defeat, but rather a winning mentality. "If we worry about those big bouts that we might lose, we'll lose the lower bouts that we must win," said Walsh.

Key for the Irish's hope lies with women's epee. In order to upstage the Nittany Lions, the squad will look for sophomore Magda Krol to repeat as the epee champion.

She will fence alongside junior Nicole Mustilli, who will fence in the championships for the first time. Coming off a respective first and second-place finish at the Midwest championships, Krol and Mustilli hope to carry that momentum into this weekend.

On the men's side of the epee event, the senior tandem of Carl Jackson and captain Brian Stone will dual for the Irish. Both fenced last year, with Jackson placing 19th and Stone 13th. Stone also goes into this weekend with the 1998 Midwest Championship under his belt.

Coming in as the three-time Midwest Champion, junior Luke LaValle will lead the Irish's sabre attack. His advice to freshman Andrzej Bednarski, who will also fence sabre, is the same rule that the rest of the team is following: "We're worrying about it one step at a time. We have to remain focused."

"Last Year, we got caught up too much in the competition," she said. "This year, we're worrying about our own fencing, and because of it, our intensity is up."

"The field has a lot of great fencers. It makes it easy to stay intense," said senior John Tejada, who rounds out the ten Irish fencers and will compete in foil. "As a senior, this is my last shot, and I'm sure that no other fencer wants it more than I do."

"This is why I came to Notre Dame, to represent us in the championships. Now is the time to do it," Tejada said.

Notre Dame's first ever fencing NCAA Championship came in 1977 when the Irish defeated NYU, also at home. The Irish hope that with the mental edge and the home field advantage, this will be the time to do it again.

### ■ SPORTS BRIEFS

**ND-SMC Gymnastics Club** — The Clover Classic Home Meet is on Saturday, March 21, at 4:00 p.m. It will take place at Gymnastics Michiana, on Home Street across from the United Limo Office.

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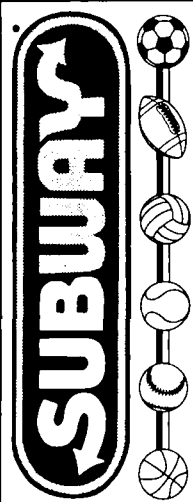
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## HOCKEY

# Irish ice CCHA All-American and All-Rookie honors

Special to The Observer

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

Seven Notre Dame hockey players have combined for 10 postseason Central Collegiate Hockey Association awards, led by freshman defenseman Mark Eaton and senior center Steve Noble.

Eaton was named to the six-player all-rookie team and is considered a leading candidate for CCHA rookie of the year, to be announced at the CCHA banquet on March 19. Eaton also was one of four Irish players to receive votes for the All-CCHA team, joining Ohio State goaltender Jeff Maund and Michigan defenseman Mike Van Ryn as the only freshmen to receive all-CCHA votes.

Noble was named to the six-player CCHA All-Academic team for the second consecutive season, after boosting his cumulative grade-point average to 3.952.

Four Notre Dame players received votes for the All-CCHA team, tied with Lake Superior for fourth-most in the CCHA behind Michigan, Michigan State and Ohio State (five each). Nearly half (15) of the 32 players receiving all-CCHA votes were seniors, with Notre Dame and OSU set to return the most vote-getters (four each).

Five Notre Dame players received consideration for the CCHA All-Academic team, tied with Ferris State for second in the CCHA behind Bowling Green's seven (MSU was the only other school with more than three). In addition to Noble, three Irish players were named to the honorable mention All-Academic team, giving the Irish the most players (4) on the All-Academic and honorable mention All-Academic teams, ahead of FSU, MSU and OSU (who had three each).

Joining Eaton on the All-CCHA honorable mention list were junior left wing Aniket Dhadphale (Marquette, Mich.), junior defenseman Benoit Cotnoir (Rouyn-Noranda, Que.) and sophomore center Ben Simon (Shaker Heights, Ohio).

The Irish players receiving

seventh-most ever by an Irish defenseman and most since 1986. He helped the Irish set school records for team goal-against average (2.74) and save pct. (.899) while playing a key role in the best Irish season penalty-killing pct. (.843) since 1975.

## Central Collegiate Hockey Association Awards



### CCHA ALL-ROOKIE TEAM:

Mark Eaton

### CCHA ALL-AMERICAN:

Steve Noble

### HONORABLE MENTION:

Lyle Andrusiak,  
Aniket Dhadphale,  
Forrest Karr

### SPECIAL MENTION:

Benoit Cotnoir

CCHA All-Academic honorable mention were Dhadphale, senior center Lyle Andrusiak, and junior goaltender Forrest Karr. Cotnoir received All-Academic special mention.

Eaton's 29 points tied with Cotnoir for third among all CCHA defensemen, behind Miami senior Dan Boyle (14G-26A) and Ferris State senior Brett Colborne (7G-30A). Eaton tied for fourth on the Irish scoring list, highlighted by a team-best 18 points on the road—including a pair of first goals in last week's playoff series at Michigan. He ranked second on the team in plus-minus (+13) and power-play goals (7) while totaling just 16 penalties in 41 games. Eaton's 12 goals are the

Noble has totaled 31 A's, three A-'s and one B+ in his first seven semesters as a finance major at Notre Dame, including four perfect 4.0 semesters. He ranked seventh on the 1997-98 Irish squad with a career-best 25 points (8G-7A) while totaling just nine penalties. Noble appeared in the final 75 games of his career and 148 of 149 overall, becoming just the fifth Irish player to appear in 148-plus games and the third to log 140-plus while missing no games or one game. Noble joined MSU's Tyler Harlton and Western Michigan's Jeff Rucinski as repeat selections to the All-Academic team.

Dhadphale netted his 25th goal of the season in the final

game of the season at Michigan, giving him the third-most goals in the CCHA this season and the most at Notre Dame since 1990. He finished second on the team with 35 points, including 12 power-play goals—second-most at Notre Dame in the 1990s and third-most in the nation this season. He scored the first goal of the game a team-best six times this season. Dhadphale carries a 3.34 cumulative GPA as a finance major, including a 3.47 in the 1997 fall semester. Simon finished the season with a team-best 37 points (9G-28A), tied for 13th on the CCHA scoring charts. He registered a point in 27 of the 37 games he played while sharing for the team lead in shorthanded goals (3).

Andrusiak carries a 3.54 cumulative GPA as a business management information systems major, including a 3.58 in the 1997 fall semester. His 24 points (8G-16A) ranked eighth on the 1997-98 Irish squad, highlighted by a pair of game-winning goals and a four-point game versus Ferris State. Karr carries a 3.77 cumulative GPA as an accounting and computer

applications major, including a 3.92 in the 1997 fall semester. He went 6-3-1 this season while ranking eighth in the CCHA with a 2.88 goals-against avg., plus an .875 save pct. Cotnoir carries a 3.15 cumulative GPA as an economics major, including a 3.07 in the 1997 fall semester. He is tied with Eaton as the third-leading scorer among CCHA defensemen, with 29 points (10G-19A) while his 19 power-play points (4G-15A) ranked third among all CCHA players, behind forwards Muckalt of Michigan (27) and Sean Berens of MSU (23).

To be eligible for CCHA All-Academic Team consideration, a player must be at least a sophomore and have a 3.00 GPA on a 4.0 scale. The all-academic team is selected by the faculty athletic representatives of the 11 member institutions, considering both academic and athletic achievement. The players receiving the top six vote totals are honored as first-team members, with all others receiving votes earning honorable mention recognition. Anyone nominated receives special mention honors.

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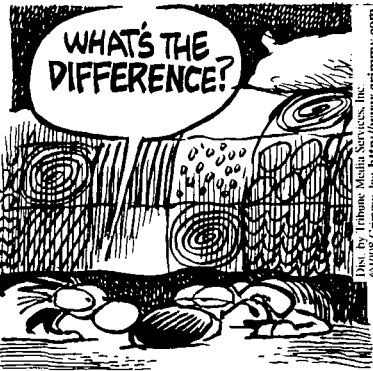
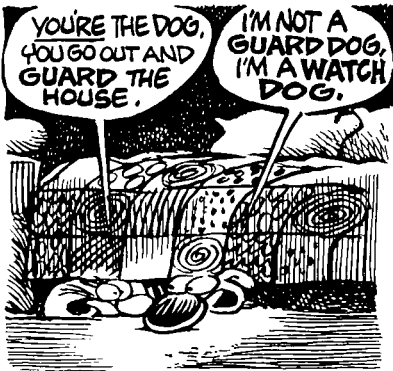
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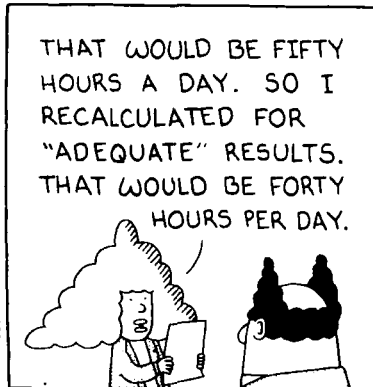
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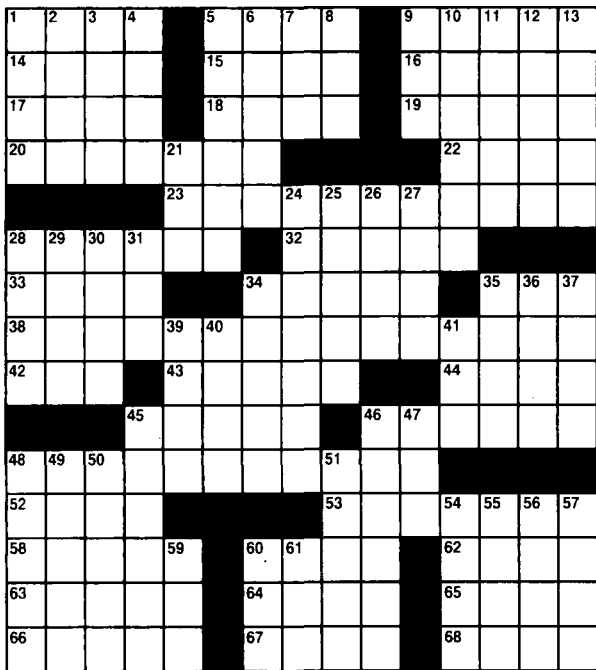
CROSSWORD

Note: The answer to 53-Across contains a hint to entering the answers at 20-, 23-, 38-, 48- and 53-Across itself.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Like The Citadel, now
  - 5 The Constitution, e.g.
  - 9 Wing it
  - 14 Fit
  - 15 Place for a pig
  - 16 Métier
  - 17 With 35-Down, a birth announcement
  - 18 Place to hold a banquet roast?
  - 19 Like some diseases
  - 20 Heavy-duty kitchen implement
  - 22 Rebound
  - 23 60's sitcom that had a whistled intro, with "The"
  - 28 Prepare to share
  - 32 Circumference
  - 33 Sheikh's peer
  - 34 March V.I.P.
  - 35 N<sub>2</sub>O, e.g.
  - 38 What a "choosy mother" might pack for lunch
  - 42 Ninny
  - 43 Compuserve service
  - 44 Wit Bombeck
  - 45 Winter Palace residents
  - 46 Put on ice
  - 48 Unsavory MTV cartoon duo
  - 52 Chevy rival
  - 53 Familiar
- DOWN**
- 1 Smart
  - 2 Swear word
  - 3 Otherwise
  - 4 Sugar substitute?
  - 5 Mooch
  - 6 Uncertain in an uncertain state
  - 7 "Crusade in Europe" author, familiarly
  - 8 Place for a pig
  - 9 Recreational four-wheeler, for short
  - 10 Least sweet
  - 11 Durable wood
  - 12 Where Shoshone Falls falls
  - 13 Not on deck
  - 21 "The Spanish Tragedy" dramatist
  - 24 Rather stout
  - 25 Press on
  - 26 Alpine elevator
  - 58 Staffers
  - 60 Abominable Snowman
  - 62 Turnoff
  - 63 Reinstates
  - 64 Dark
  - 65 Southwestern sight
  - 66 Elliptical
  - 67 Crawl
  - 68 Black

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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					A	S	T	E	R	C	O	N	T



Puzzle by Isabel Walcott

- 27 Billboard listings
- 28 — vu
- 29 Troublemakers
- 30 Struggles
- 31 Stash for cash, briefly
- 34 Maze word
- 35 See 17-Across
- 36 Tiptop
- 37 Roe source
- 39 40's theater director James
- 40 Thurman et al.
- 41 Cause of a fly's demise
- 45 Idiot boxes
- 46 The way and the path
- 47 They might be zapped
- 48 Crow
- 49 Type of type
- 50 Milk snake
- 51 Keypad key
- 54 This might be in for the long haul
- 55 Farm team
- 56 Put on the line
- 57 Corset part
- 59 Mariner's dir.
- 60 Deviation at sea
- 61 Psychology I

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## ■ FENCING

# Fencers duel for the NCAA Championship

*Junior captain Luke LaValle leads Irish, one step at a time*

By ANTHONY BIANCO  
Sports Writer

The sport of fencing is much like a chess match. The opponents battle each other in a mental game that seeks to put themselves on top with each move. The serious competitor knows the goal of this game is to duel your opponent to the death.

If fencing is a chess match, then junior sabre squad captain Luke LaValle has constantly checkmated his opponents. When he steps onto the strip, he dominates.

"Out on the strip, everyone's an enemy. It's a mental chess game I take one touch at a time to defeat my opponent," said LaValle.

A two-time All-American, he also finished fifth as a sophomore in the NCAA Championship and fourth place as a freshman. He is a three-time defending Midwest Regional Champion and holds a 138-14 collegiate fencing record. He has the 1995 Junior Olympic under-17 national championship and a 1995 U.S. Olympic Festival fencer. With a list of accomplishments that contains these marks, it's easy to see why LaValle is the king of the strip.

LaValle first picked up the sword ten years ago in his hometown of New York. His father, a member of the New York Athletic Club, enrolled

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The Observer/Kevin Dalum

The Irish look to continue building on the team's successes by focusing on each bout this weekend.

## Irish begin championship tourney at home today

By ANTHONY BIANCO  
Sports Writer

The edge the Irish fencers bring with them this weekend to the NCAA Championship isn't only on their weapons. The team knows that in order to unseat three-time returning champion Penn State, they must have the mental advantage on their side of the strip.

"Last year, we lost mentally to Penn State. We know we could have won, we had the depth and the physical dominance to do it," commented foil captain and NCAA Champion contender Stephane Auriol. Auriol qualified for the tournament after winning the Midwest Championship in men's foil, and hopes to improve on last year's 16th place finish in the tournament.

The advantage the Irish have been working on gaining isn't with the weapon, but in their mindset. The key to winning the tournament is breaking it down, match by match.

Two-time runner up in the NCAA Tournament in the women's foil, Sara Walsh explained the

strategy of the team going into the competition. "We're trying to be relaxed and calm," she said. We need to focus, going point by point and concentrating on each bout. Our mentality will give us the win."

The women's foil squad will also send captain Myriah Brown to compete. Finishing fifth in last season's tournament, the pair will try to unseat reigning champion Yelena Kalkina of Ohio State.

The Irish have the advantage in numbers going into the tournament.

Notre Dame was only one of three teams to qualify 10 fencers for the championships, with a school qualifying no more than two fencers in each of the five events. The other two schools to send 10 fencers are Penn State and St. John's, who finished first and third, respectively, last year around the second-place Irish.

Much of the competition that held Notre Dame from winning the tournament last year remains, and is only coupled with a new crop of freshmen

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The Observer/John Daily

Sabre team captain and two-time All-American Luke LaValle looks to a strong supporting cast to bring the Irish the championship.

## ■ WOMEN'S LACROSSE

## Lax takes first loss of season

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ  
Sports Editor

Young talent seems to be the highlight of the women's lacrosse games. The freshmen compose the Irish's scoring threat. After a successful break, the freshmen fell short in their home debut. Colgate held Notre Dame to just six goals, as the Red Raiders went on to win, 15-6.

Freshmen Lael O'Shaughnessy, Maura Doyle, Courtney Calabrese and

Kathryn Perrella each chalked up a goal. Senior captain Mara Grace and junior Kerry Callahan each added one.

"We were pleased with our effort," Callahan said. "When we walked off the field, we knew that we played as best as we could. They just had some strong individuals."

Colgate's Torrey Fazen proved too much for the Irish to handle. Fazen's blazing speed and agility enabled her to lead the Red Raiders with four goals.

"We played really well," Calabrese said. "We worked hard, but they were a good team. Even though we lost I thought we were very successful."

The solid play of Colgate's goalie, Hilary Meyer, enabled her team to win. She registered 14 saves in her 60 minutes of play. Notre Dame's goalkeeping duties were split between freshman Carrie Marshall and junior Beth

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## Women's Lacrosse

March 22

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DUQUESNE

at Davidson

at Duke

at Ohio State

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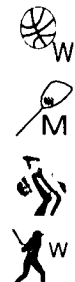
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vs. Purdue  
Saturday, 2:30 p.m.

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Saturday, 12 p.m.



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