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## ■ SECURITY BEAT

# Man attacks Regina Hall desk attendant

By M. SHANNON RYAN  
Saint Mary's Editor

A man charged through the front doors of Regina Hall at approximately 1:30 a.m. Sunday, screaming obscenities before attacking Beverly Moyer, the front desk attendant.

The man, who allegedly attends New York University, was visiting a Saint Mary's student when he caused an abrasion on Moyer's face and broke her glasses.

"There was no apparent cause for this attack," said Saint Mary's Public Relations office. "He was allegedly high on acid and marijuana."

The man demanded medication and yelled about a tumor when he assaulted Moyer, according to Meghan McCormick, a Saint Mary's freshman who witnessed the attack.

He ran behind the desk and hit

Moyer over the head while holding a wallet which sent credit cards and identification spilling onto the floor, McCormick claimed.

Two Notre Dame students quickly stepped in after the aggressor struck Moyer.

"After he pushed her, I ran behind the desk [to help]," said James

Morales, a Notre Dame student who helped restrain the attacker. "I threw a shoulder into him and knocked him down."

Saint Mary's Security was then called while another Notre Dame student pinned the assailant to the ground. Two security guards arrived at the scene and handcuffed him.

The Saint Joseph County Sheriff's Department was called in for assistance after the man attempted to grab a security guard's gun, according to Saint Mary's Public Relations.

"When security came in, he was screaming, 'Give me your gun, give me your gun,'" said McCormick, a Regina Hall resident. "He yelled, 'Just shoot me, just shoot

me."

An immediate arrest was allegedly withheld, in order to medically treat the assailant for possible drug abuse.

"He said he was on acid, and his girlfriend said he took drugs," Morales said.

Saint Mary's Public Relations said that an investigation is still pending.

The Saint Joseph County Sheriff's Department could not be reached for comment.

Moye's condition is also unknown, although witnesses said she claimed immediately after the assault to be unharmed.

"It's terrible that this had to happen to one of the sweetest ladies," McCormick said. "I was really scared because I've never experienced anything like this. It was one of the most frightening things I've ever seen in my life."

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MEGHAN MCCORMICK  
REGINA HALL RESIDENT

## Students to hold environmental rally at SDH

By HEATHER MACKENZIE  
Assistant Managing Editor

Today at 5 p.m., the Students for Environmental Action will hold a protest against the use of polystyrene cups and plates in the South Dining Hall.

The rally is a reaction to the dining hall's assumption that students are not overly concerned with environmental issues, according to Chris Lomas, the president of SEA and co-ordinator of the rally.

"It seemed to me that they [dining hall officials] did not feel that there was a whole lot of environmental awareness at Notre Dame," Lomas said. "They think that students hardly recycle. This rally is to show that students do care about the environment."

Students returned after spring break and discovered that the next phase of SDH's renovation had been instituted while they were away: No longer would the students be eating off of reusable china while indulging in meals. Instead, students must use polystyrene, a rarely recycled material that is considered an environmental hazard by many earth-conscious organizations.

"Polystyrene is rated number six: That means that it is in the least recyclable category," Lomas said. "The dining hall indicated to me that they would have had to pay a lot of money to people to get them to take it off of their hands. That's why they are not recycling."

Lomas indicated that the dining hall staff had done a great deal of research before making the decision to switch to polystyrene. If the regular dishes continued to be used, he said, the University would have to buy more china and hire extra workers to wash the dishes, which would have to be transported to another location because of the construction. Plastic and paper were also considered.

According to Lomas, Dave Prentkowsky and Jim Yarborough of Food Services indicated that plastic would have been too costly and that paper would have allowed some types of food to seep through or would have sagged in the middle.

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## And the winner is ...



Shane Fimbel (left), proudly displays his science project for Notre Dame judge Eric Schear (right) in the annual Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair. The fair featured projects of 400 students, in grades 4-12, from public and private schools in Elkhart, Fulton, Marshall and St. Joseph counties. The students gathered in Stepan Center on Saturday, from 1-4 p.m. More than 100 awards were given in the areas of behavior and social sciences, biochemistry, botany, chemistry, computer sciences, earth and space science, engineering and many others.

The Observer/Monica Garza

# Physics professor dies at age 67

Observer Staff Report

Nripendra Biswas, professor of physics at the University of Notre Dame, died unexpectedly Monday of a heart attack. He was 67.

Biswas was one of three Notre Dame physicists alive in a Fermilab group which in 1995 claimed evidence to verify the existence of the "top quark," the last of the six quarks predicted to exist by current scientific theory.

A native of Pakistan, Biswas



Biswas

joined the Notre Dame faculty as an associate professor in 1996 after having been a senior research scientist at the Max Planck Institute in Munich, Germany.

According to Neal Cason, a professor of physics who came to Notre Dame in 1996 collaborated with Biswas on several research projects, Biswas was an experimental physicist with a strong theoretical bent.

"Nripen was responsible for several connections between theory and experimental results, and made many major contributions in that regard," Cason said. "Notre Dame is recognized internationally for its important research in meson spectroscopy, and Nripen was a leading figure in that work, and was known

worldwide for his expertise."

In addition, Cason said, Biswas mentored many graduate students at Notre Dame, including 14 who earned doctorates under his advisement.

"He was a popular thesis advisor for graduate students," said Gerald Jones, chairman of the department of physics.

Biswas received his bachelor's degree in physics, chemistry and mathematics from Scottish Church College in Calcutta, and his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Calcutta.

He taught introductory laboratories in physics and life sciences for pre professional and physics stu-

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## ■ INSIDE COLUMN

# ROTC and Billy Madison

What do Billy Madison's principal, Jack Nicholson, Tom Clancy and the writers on page 8 and 10 have in common?

They all have something to teach you about why David McMahon is wrong about ROTC on Notre Dame's campus.

With apologies to Billy's principal, I

would like to start with a modified version of the critique he gave of one of Billy's monologues to describe just how Mr. McMahon's article contributed to thought on campus.

Mr. McMahon, what you just wrote is one of the most insanely idiotic things I've heard in my entire life. At no point in your rambling, incoherent response did you even come close to anything that resembled rational thought. Everyone on this campus is now dumber for having read it. I award you no points, for logic or critique. And may God have mercy on your soul.

In "A Few Good Men," Jack Nicholson plays an ego-maniacal Marine officer who goes postal on the witness stand. While most of his comments were psychotic, one is made to think by his comments concerning national safety. He asks Tom Cruise, the questioning attorney, how he can question him concerning national safety when the only reason he has this right to trial and right to question a military leader is because of the very defense that leader provides.

It is very American to have the right to question what we do as a country and where our money goes; however, I find it to be the height of disrespect to question the *existence* of the structure that provides the freedom.

Let's just go a step further and eliminate policemen and policewomen, too.

The gentlemen on page 10 make great points. They are both veterans, so they understand what they function of ROTC really is.

Tom Clancy came to campus last year and, before he was wrongly dismissed as a misogynistic brat, made some very eloquent points about the military. When his patriotism was called into question, Mr. Clancy rightly shut the questioner up.

He pointed out that priests did not establish the freedom of religion. That journalists did not establish the freedom of press. Soldiers did.

I admire Ghandi greatly. But Clancy was right to point out that if Ghandi were to have lived 2000 miles northwest, in the gentle regime of one Joseph Stalin, he — and his followers — would have been handed the proverbial cigarette and blindfold quicker than you can say "peaceful resistance."

This isn't the first time a clown pulled this on campus. I leave you with a note from yesterday. On Nov. 10, 1995, in response to a peace group marching for the abolishment of ROTC, Brandon Williams (page 8 today) wrote the following:

"To sum things up, perhaps America has not always been right, but ... I ask that all students here remember the veterans of past wars and give a special glance of appreciation to our ROTC students — not for militarism or the Pentagon, but because of a willingness to fight and die for those sacred Christian tenets that the [critics] enjoy."

*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

## Friends find Harvard student dead in apparent suicide

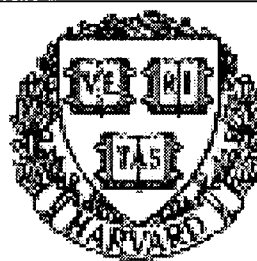
CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

Students and administrators at the School of Public Health participated in a gathering last night commemorating the life of master's degree candidate Frank Minore Jr.

Concerned friends found Minore dead in his Boston apartment Wednesday evening in what Boston police spokesperson Margot Hill has confirmed was an apparent suicide. Minore was 35.

According to Hill, state officials found four prescription drug vials and a bottle of liquor next to the body. Minore showed no vital signs upon discovery, and was pronounced dead at 9:23 p.m.

About 30 students and colleagues gathered at Shattuck International House — the SPII apartment building where Minore lived this year — to "express their sadness about the death," according to Harvard spokesperson Joe Wrinn.



University Health Services clinical social worker Nadja Gould, representing the support group Life Raft, facilitated the discussion.

SPII Acting Dean James Ware said students were also able to share their grief at an afternoon support session in one of the school's private dining rooms.

Minore "had developed a lot of friendships [at SPII]," said Dominic Minore, the victim's brother. "He was very outgoing. He enjoyed life."

A native of San Diego who graduated

in 1985 from San Diego State University with a major in political science, Frank Minore earned a J.D. degree from the University of San Francisco in 1989, graduating with honors.

Minore, an enthusiastic celebrant of his Italian heritage, also spent a year at the University of Florence during college, and maintained close ties with his family in Sicily, his brother said.

After several years of working as an associate for the San Francisco law firm Tobin & Tobin, Minore enrolled in the SPII's one-year Law and Public Health program in 1997.

"Frank wanted to change his area of specialization in law," Dominic Minore said. "This program was best suited for his needs. He was very much interested in the program of health care issues."

Dominic Minore said his family is "in great shock" after the death.

## ■ PENN STATE

### Prof continues marijuana protests

STATE COLLEGE, Penn.

In the presence of University Police Services, a candidate for governor, drug advocates and drug opposition, retired professor Julian Heicklen smoked another "joint" in front of University Gates yesterday. "The time has come for revolution. We are fortunate that this country has a political party to lead this revolution," Heicklen said during the protest. "That party is the Libertarian party, the party of freedom." University police officers present at yesterday's protest did not confiscate any "joints" from the scene and did not comment on their actions. Beginning in January, Heicklen staged marijuana protests in order to be arrested, request a jury trial and be found not guilty, nullifying all marijuana laws. Heicklen and four others were arrested during a protest in February, and his preliminary hearing was scheduled for last Wednesday. However, Heicklen failed to appear for his scheduled preliminary hearing. As a result, an arrest warrant was issued for Heicklen by District Justice Allen Sinclair Wednesday afternoon.

## ■ MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

### Three sexual assaults concern campus

MILWAUKEE, Wis.

Three second-degree sexual assaults have been reported at Marquette in the last eight days, bringing this academic year's total to four — the same number as was reported in the entire 1996-1997 academic year. Although none of the reports were related, the number is still a cause for concern, according to Sue Cooper, DPS crime prevention officer. "If we have three reported, there could be others happening that aren't being reported," she said. "These were all acquaintance-related assaults. These crimes aren't being committed by strangers from off the street, they are people the victims know. Students need to realize that this crime does happen on this campus and that it is happening." The latest of the three incidents occurred Monday. A student reported being sexually assaulted by an identified suspect. According to Cooper, MPD was contacted in this case. MPD Public Information Officer Earnell Lucas said it was a 19-year-old female who reported the incident.

## ■ VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

### Court files no charges in hazing case

LEXINGTON, Va.

Three Virginia Military Institute seniors suspended for spanking freshmen with a belt and hanger will not be prosecuted, according to one of the students who was beaten. George Wade Jr., who dropped out in December, said Saturday that Rockbridge County Commonwealth's Attorney Gordon Saunders told him an assault charge would be difficult to prove because he could be seen as a willing participant. Wade, 20, said he and five other freshmen were beaten on the buttocks about three times a week from September to mid-October, leaving them with welts and bruises. Wade said he endured the beatings because he felt he had no choice. Wade said the prosecutor told him a hazing charge cannot be made without a complaint by VMI. School officials, who suspended the seniors for a semester, said the beatings were not hazing. Last month, three of the freshmen who were struck challenged Wade's account, saying the beatings were horseplay. Wade said he plans to ask the Justice Department to investigate.

## ■ LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

### Car chase ends at student union

BATON ROUGE, La.

A campus McDonald's employee, sent home Thursday evening to retrieve part of his uniform, led five law-enforcement agencies on a 45-minute car chase which ended when he penned himself in the Union parking lot. Willie Stewart Jr., 19, was arrested and booked into East Baton Rouge Parish Prison on several charges stemming from the chase. Pursuit began when two state Alcohol and Tobacco Control agents saw a grey Toyota pass them on the shoulder at high speed in the area around Nicholson Drive and Bob Petit Boulevard, according to Trooper Trevor Smith, public information officer for Troop A of the State Police. "He almost hit a couple of people on bicycles," said Will Brian, special agent for the ATC. The agents, concerned for the safety of pedestrians and other drivers, attempted to stop Stewart, Smith said. "At that point, he ran," he said. "The guy never made any attempt to stop." The pursuit involved several agencies including ATC agents, State Police and LSUPD.

## ■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

#### 5 Day South Bend Forecast

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

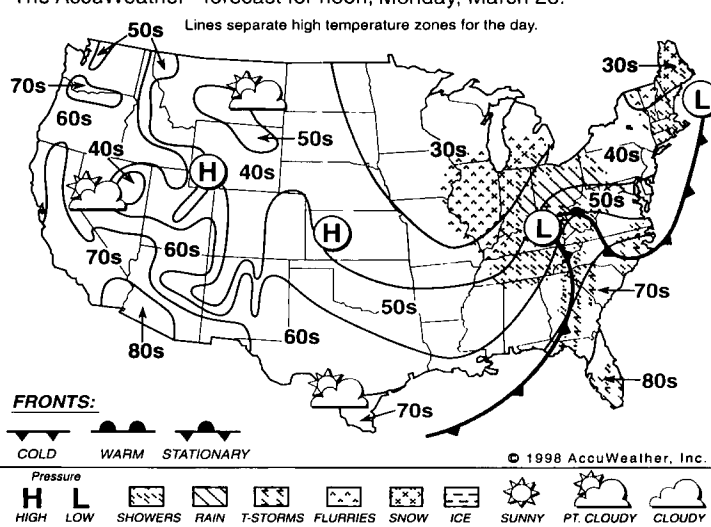
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Monday	43	27
Tuesday	45	31
Wednesday	51	40
Thursday	57	45
Friday	64	45

Showers T-storms Rain Flurries Snow Ice Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy

Via Associated Press GraphicsNet

## ■ NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, March 23.



Atlanta 63	36	Denver 65	40	Miami 74	55
Baltimore 52	25	Honolulu 82	69	New York 47	26
Chicago 44	25	Houston 80	47	Phoenix 92	61
Cleveland 44	24	Indianapolis 45	25	St. Louis 46	34
Dallas 81	51	Los Angeles 77	53	Wash., D.C. 53	25

# Notre Dame honors Mother Teresa with service week

By SARAH J. HILTZ  
Associate News Editor

With the help of Mother Teresa Service Week, Notre Dame students now have a chance to fulfill their Lenten resolutions to do more service projects.

This week, students will

work hand in hand with South Bend area service organizations to honor Mother Teresa's memory and make a positive impact on the South Bend community.

The project was started when it was suggested at a Student Senate meeting that Notre Dame memorialize

Mother Teresa in some way. The senators concluded that service would be the best venue by which to accomplish this.

"Mother Teresa is a woman who devoted her life to serving others. She crossed all lines and all boundaries to make a difference in the life

of her fellow human beings. It seems to me that the students of Notre Dame at least owe her this. It is up to people like us to keep her spirit alive in her absence," said Brandon Williams, senator and member of the committee in charge of organizing the program.

During the week, approximately 250 Notre Dame students will enter into the South Bend community to work with area volunteers in improving 16 different area service organizations. The program originally aimed for participation of 500, but has had trouble recruiting student volunteers.

"It's kind of a trial year," said committee member Jake Cooper. "We didn't have any funding in the beginning, so it was hard at first. AdWorks was nice enough to do free posters for us, so we've relied heavily on that."

Cooper added that, despite the relatively low turnout, the numbers are not disappointing.

"Even if we just get a handful of volunteers, we'd be happy. Anything we get would be a positive thing for us."

"Mother Teresa started

small too. There is no reason we can expect to get 4,000 students with two months notice," Cooper said.

The type of service students do varies from group to group. Some students will be getting down and dirty renovating and cleaning Head Start facilities, while others will be building an indoor horseback riding track at Reins of Life. Others will be giving tours of the Notre Dame campus to underprivileged and elderly citizens of South Bend who have never seen the campus before, and about 30 students will be spending Saturday helping South Bend residents tear down crack

houses.

The memory of Mother Teresa and the lessons from her life will be further memorialized and communicated through pamphlets and bookmarks that each participant will receive. The literature will relate anecdotes and lessons from Mother Teresa's life, and each participant will also take part in a prayer service in her memory to accenduate the week of service.

Students interested in participating can contact Cooper, Williams or committee member Eliza Hommel.

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JAKE COOPER  
SERVICE WEEK COMMITTEE MEMBER

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**Session 1: The Human Genome: Possibilities & Problems (Genes for Non-Geniuses)**  
Jay Tischfield, Ph.D. *Tuesday, March 17, 1998*

**Session 2: The Liver Lets You Live**  
David Crabb, M.D. *Tuesday, March 24, 1998*

**Session 3: Women's Health Concerns** - Kathryn Look, M.D.  
**Men's Health Concerns** - Jerry Hochstetler, M.D.  
*Tuesday, March 31, 1998*

**Session 4: Primal Emotions: Fear** - Thomas Mawhinney, Ph.D.  
**Anger** - Mark Cummings, Ph.D. *Tuesday, April 7, 1998*

**Session 5: Understanding & Defeating Cancer** - Thomas Troeger, M.D.  
**Coping With Cancer** - Tom Merluzzi, Ph.D.  
*Tuesday, April 14, 1998*

**Session 6: Medicine: Past, Present and Future (From Leeches to Lasers)**  
Walter Daly, M.D.  
*Tuesday, April 21, 1998*

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# Sexual Assault Awareness Week

**Monday, March 23**

**Sex without Consent: When a Kiss is Not Just a Kiss**

An interactive play dealing with sexual assault

7:00 PM 127 Nieuwland

**Tuesday, March 24**

**Another thing to Worry About: Date Rape Drugs**

12:30PM Hagggar room 304, Saint Mary's College

**Wednesday, March 25**

**"The Accused" Dinner provided Movie & Discussion**

5:30PM 131 Debartolo

**Friday, March 27**

**Women with Wings- Choreopoem in Two Acts**

3:00PM Hesburgh Library Auditorium

Sponsored by Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination  
Sponsored by the Women's Resource Center & Gender Studies



## All Shook Up ...



The Observer/Monica Garza  
**E**lvis impersonator John Newinn performed on Saturday at Washington Hall as part of this week's Asian Heritage celebration. Newinn is the first impersonator to place second in the International Elvis Impersonator Contest held in Memphis, Tenn.

## Protest

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"The people at food services did research their options," Lomas said. "They decided that the most cost-effective way was the polystyrene way."

The change to polystyrene is

a part of a long-term plan and will only last until the end of the year, or until construction reaches a point at which the dining hall can re-open their washing facilities. But even though this change is only a short-term one, SEA wants the dining hall and the University to know that many students are not pleased with this decision.

"They should have taken the extra step or shelled out more money to be more environmentally conscious," Lomas said. "We want to show them that this is a really important issue; that there are students who do care about the environment."

The rally will be held in front of the South Dining Hall.

## Biswas

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dents. Survivors include his

wife, Liesolotte, and a son and daughter.

Visitation was held last Saturday at the Hickey Funeral Home, 17131 Cleveland Road in South

Bend.

"He was a kind a gracious man," Jones said. "He was a valuable member of our department."



The Notre Dame African Students' Association  
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 The Center for Social Concerns  
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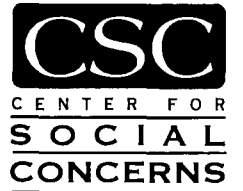
### DESTINY

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A feature FILM by Mohamed

Camara from Guinea

DAKAN OR DESTINY WILL BE REMEMBERED AS THE FIRST FEATURE FILM ON HOMOSEXUALITY FROM SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.



While "coming out" may have become primetime fare in the U.S., this film was met with angry protests when it was shot in the director's native Guinea and has generated heated debate among Africanists here as well. But beyond its controversial topic, Dakan is a contemporary African reinterpretation of the age-old Romeo and Juliet conflict between love and social convention. Director Mohamed Camara has written: "I made this film to pay tribute to those who express their love in whatever way they feel it, despite society's effort to repress it"

FOLLOWED BY A PANEL DISCUSSION ON:

### "WHAT PLACE FOR HOMOSEXUALS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES"

FEATURING:

1. Prof. Dominic Thomas, Romance Languages Department., Moderator;
2. Prof. Patricia Davis, Government Department;
3. Jacqueline Ogutu, Computer Science, SouthWestern Michigan College;
4. Surajit Bose, Ph.D. Candidate, English Department;
5. Mark Behr, Ph.D Candidate, English Department;

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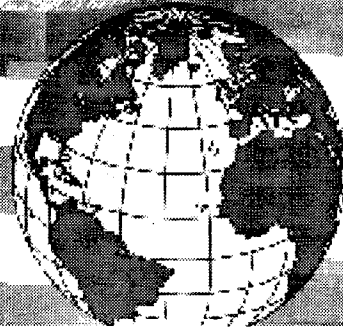
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# WORLD & Nation



Monday, March 23, 1998

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## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

### Hill compares harassment cases

WASHINGTON

Anita Hill says her case against Clarence Thomas is different from charges made against President Clinton and urges women to consider the bigger issue of the administration's policies toward women before judging his personal behavior. Hill also joined feminist leader Gloria Steinem in saying Sunday that Clinton's alleged advances to White House aide Kathleen Willey, while improper and crude if true, did not constitute sexual harassment. Republicans have chided Democratic women and feminist groups for not speaking out against President Clinton as they did in the sexual impropriety cases of conservative Supreme Court Justice Thomas or Republican Sen. Bob Packwood.



Hill

### Cabin fire kills 11

MILES TOWNSHIP, Pa.

An early morning fire killed 11 people in a mountain cabin Sunday, including high school students on a camping trip. Centre County coroner Scott Sayers confirmed the deaths but would not identify the victims. There were no survivors, he said. The fire broke out at 5:20 a.m. in this township 20 miles northeast of State College, according to state police. At least some of the victims attended Line Mountain High School in Herndon, about 30 miles north of Harrisburg. Principal Alexander Menio was at the high school Sunday night but would not comment. Deb Shaffer, a teacher's aide, said the school was opened in the afternoon and counselors were available to help students, families and community members.

### U.N. asked to leave after discovery of grave

KINSHASA, Congo

The government ordered the expulsion of a U.N. team investigating alleged wartime massacres by victorious rebel forces, after the officials began exhuming graves, state-run television reported Sunday. The U.N. team, one of three conducting massacre investigations in the former Zaire, was given until March 31 to finish its work northwestern region of Mbandaka and depart, Voice of the People television said. "The people of Congo have expressed their desire for the expulsion of the U.N. mission," the station said. Congolese military authorities were "shocked and indignant" that the U.N. team had "desecrated" several graves at a cemetery in Mbandaka, the station said.

### Market Watch: 3/20

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<b>Down: 1280</b>					
<b>+103.37</b>					

#### BIGGEST PERCENTAGE GAINERS

COMPANY	TICKER	% CHANGE	\$ GAIN	PRICE
KENNEDY-WILSON	KWIC	60.00%	13.500	36.000
REALAX SOFTW-ADR	RLAXY	48.84%	5.250	16.000
JACOR COMM WTS	JCORM	44.44%	1.000	3.250
MEDOWBROOK REHA	MBRK	39.13%	1.125	4.000
MAI SYSTEMS CORP	NOW	36.67%	1.375	5.125

#### BIGGEST PERCENTAGE LOSERS

COMPANY	TICKER	% CHANGE	\$ LOSS	PRICE
TRANSCEND THERAP	TSND	-60.71%	-4.250	2.750
PERITUS SOFTWARE	PTUS	-30.57%	-4.375	9.938
CIDCO INC.	CDCO	-21.27%	-2.719	10.063
DISCREET LOGIC	DSLG	-20.60%	-4.688	18.063
DAIEI INC-ADR	DAIEY	-19.44%	-1.750	7.250

## BRAZIL

# Fires continue to scorch Brazil

*Authorities see no end in sight, predict worst-ever year*

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOA VISTA

More fires like those that have consumed 1.5 million acres of pasture, savanna and virgin Amazon forest are likely, scientists say, unless changes are made in rain forest development.

Carbon-dating has indicated at least four huge burn-offs in the past 2,000 years — the last about 400 years ago. But this year's fires in the remote northern state of Roraima, fueled by the severest drought in 30 years, are the worst in recent history.

According to Daniel Nepstad, a forest ecologist with the Woods Hole Research Center in Massachusetts, Roraima can be seen as a microcosm for the whole Amazon because it has all types of vegetation endemic to the region contained in a relatively small area.

"It's very dry now and depending on the frequency and the amount of rains this year, 1998 could be the fieriest year ever," Nepstad warns.

While a good deal of blame for fires that have raged for three months has been placed on the El Niño weather phenomenon, which has brought only 1/25th of an inch of rain all year, there are other contributors.

"People want to treat this like a nature disaster, like an earthquake or tidal wave, where nothing can be done. But it's not just El Niño, there are economic and social factors that also have an impact," said Philip Fearnside, a scientist at the National Institute for Amazon Research in the jungle city of Manaus.

Settlers streaming into the region and increased logging are making the rain forest increasingly vulnerable to burning.



AFP Photo

This aerial view from a helicopter shows forest fires raging in Brazil's northern highlands on Sunday near Apiau. The huge blazes, which began in December, are being helped by the worst drought since 1926, linked to the weather phenomenon El Niño.

## NORTHERN IRELAND

# Police implicate IRA in attempted car bombing; tensions escalate

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BELFAST

Police seized a 1,300-pound car bomb being assembled near Northern Ireland on Sunday, the eve of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party's return to peace talks.



AFP Photo

Gerry Adams, leader of Sinn Fein, will rejoin peace talks today despite an attempted car bombing that police are linking to the Irish Republican Army.

Sinn Fein affiliates itself with the IRA.

Chief Superintendent Al McHugh said the bomb discovered in Dundalk, 50 miles south of Belfast and inside the Irish Republic, "would have caused massive destruction" to its unknown target in the

northern province.

The bomb appeared to be the latest attempt by militants opposed to the Irish Republican Army's 8-month-old truce to undermine the peace process, set to resume Monday in Belfast.

Extremists have bombed two mostly pro-British Protestant towns and fired mortar shells at a police station since Sinn Fein was expelled from the talks Feb. 20 as punishment for two killings blamed on the IRA.

Police found more than 1,300 pounds of fertilizer-based explosives in a shed in Dundalk, which also contained circuitry, detonating cord and the truck that would have carried the bomb. Two men were arrested.

The British and Irish governments — which cosponsor the multi-party negotiations on Northern Ireland's future that are supposed to conclude by May — invited Sinn Fein to rejoin the talks two weeks ago.

# 1950s idol comes to Saint Mary's for musical performance

## Troy Donahue stars in 'Bye Bye Birdie' at O'Laughlin Auditorium

By JOANNA GROSSA  
News Writer

Tall with blond hair, deep blue eyes, tan skin and athletic build, 1950s teen idol Troy Donahue starred in the musical comedy, "Bye Bye Birdie," this past weekend at O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's College.

The performance was a part of the "Best of Broadway" theatrical series sponsored by Saint Mary's.

Donahue's appearance differs little from when he was a Hollywood star; he was best known for his polite, goody-two-shoes characters struggling with the generation gap between the emerging '60s rebels and their conservative parents.

Ironically, Donahue plays the role of Harry MacAfee in "Bye Bye Birdie," the befuddled father — typical of the late 1950s — who can't seem to understand the new emerging generation. MacAfee's frustration with his own daughter's obsession with an Elvis-like rock and roll star (Conrad Birdie) is expressed in the song, "Kids, What's the Matter with Kids?"

Before Saturday night's closing performance, Donahue confessed his inexperience with singing. "This is my first time ever doing a musical. In fact, I was surprised to find myself committing to do this," he said. "I hope I did everything right."

After receiving music lessons from his mezzo-soprano girlfriend, the music director of "Bye Bye Birdie," and a private voice coach, Donahue gave a solid performance as Mr. MacAfee, not only in the "Kids" number, but also in "Hymn for a Sunday Evening," a parody of the 1950s reverence of Ed Sullivan.

Despite this being his debut performance in a musical, Donahue is hardly a new face in the entertainment world.

Since 1957 he has compiled an impressive resumé including over 40 motion pictures, two television series and numerous made-for-TV movies. He was an American leading man in such classics as "A Summer Place" (co-starring Sandra Dee and Dorothy McGuire), "Rome Adventure" (with Suzanne

Pleshette), "Imitation of Life" (with Lana Turner) and has appeared in recent hits "Grandview USA" (with Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Jason Leigh) and "Godfather: Part II."

Today, Donahue, 63, considers "A Summer Place" to be his most important film, "for sentimental reasons," he said. "This film is what really got me started in Hollywood."

In honor of his famous breakthrough film which made him a teen idol, Donahue, as Harry MacAfee, wears a similar red sweater as his heartbreaking character, Johnny, did 40 years ago.

When Donahue is not involved performing on stage or in films, he is usually riding his Harley Davidson or sailing around the world. Donahue established and now runs film seminars aboard Holland America Cruise Lines, which allow passengers to become movie producers in a "hands-on" learning course.

For a man whose entire life has been centered around acting, it is difficult for Donahue to imagine what else he may have become if his good looks and dignified acting characteristics had not charmed the American public.

"Well, seeing as how I'm illegally practicing medicine right now, probably a doctor," he joked, referring to how he was taking care of many of the sick actors and stage crew of "Bye Bye Birdie."

Donahue also has a serious side, and he emphasized the importance of being responsible in regards to alcohol and drugs. Having successfully conquered his own battle with alcohol many years ago, Donahue is sincere in warning high school and college students against the dangers of using "anything that affects you from the neck up."

According to the former movie and television star, "probably about 50 percent of the people you know are, or will become, alcoholics (in the formal definition of the term)."

Fortunately, Donahue was extremely lucky to get himself out of the trap of alcoholism and now eagerly looks forward to every new experience and adventure life has to offer him.



Photo courtesy of Encore Attractions  
Troy Donahue (right) sings about "Kids" in Encore Attractions national touring production of "Bye Bye Birdie." The group performed at Saint Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium over the weekend.



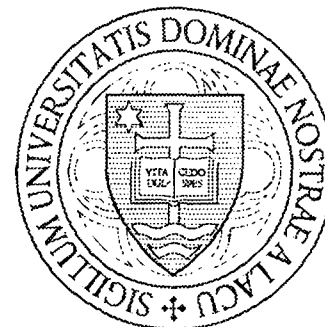
## Listening Session with Professor O'Hara

The University Committee on Cultural Diversity will sponsor a Listening Session with Professor Patricia O'Hara on Tuesday evening, March 24, from 7:30 until 9 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

Professor O'Hara will offer a 15-minute reflection on issues related to multicultural challenges and concerns at Notre Dame.

After Professor O'Hara's comments, those in attendance will be invited to share their comments and concerns with her.

Refreshments will be served.





# ND hosts 13th annual medical ethics conference

By TARA CHURIK  
News Writer

Issues such as medically prolonged life and physician assisted suicide were addressed at the 13th annual Medical Ethics Conference held this past weekend at the Center for Continuing Education.

The Notre Dame Alumni Association sponsored the conference.

Over 130 people from many academic backgrounds, including medicine, philosophy and theology, participated in the conference. The conference usually attracts several nationally renowned experts of medical ethics, including

Mark Siegler, director of the Center for Clinical Medical Ethics at the Pritzker School of Medicine.

"This conference was a great experience because it gave those of us entering medicine some exposure to both the policy perspective and the moral perspective of medicine," says junior participant Adrian Cuellar.

Cuellar's response exemplifies the reactions of many undergraduate participants,

who were able to observe "real-world" medical issues.

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MEDICAL ETHICS CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT

The format of the conference allowed for a great deal of interaction between the

participants as they addressed various medical issues.

On both Friday and Saturday, members of the audience broke up into small groups and later rejoined for a larger discussion led by a panel of experts in a relevant aspect of ethics. Members from the auditorium were then encouraged to respond to the opinions of the panel.

"One of the most interesting aspects of this conference is that the case studies are taken from participants' real cases; we don't use many 'set papers' of ethics to discuss issues," said academic director David Solomon.

After an introductory luncheon on Friday, participants gathered in the auditorium of the CCE to begin debate on the status of health care since the collapse of Clinton's health care reform plans.

The next session began with the keynote address of this year's conference, the J. Philip Clarke Family Lecture on Medical Ethics.

This lecture was delivered by Judge John Noonan, Jr., judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth District.

Speaking on the topic "The Judges Deal With Death," Noonan outlined three main criteria for upholding the Supreme Court's decision against the legalization of physician-assisted suicide.

Giving examples from moral, cultural and religious fields, Noonan explained that the effects of legalized physician-assisted suicide could have unfavorable consequences, particularly for the poor or elderly who could opt for suicide to avoid placing a burden on other family members.

Countering the ways of popular opinion, Noonan stated that the legalization of physician-assisted suicide often centers around the relief of pain or loss of individual control over one's life. He continued that these issues are not central to the ethical questions of legalized suicide because the court has upheld the right of physicians to prescribe medications for prevention of pain, even if hastening the patient's death.

may result from the administration of the medicine.

According to Noonan, this act is ethical because death is not the intended outcome of prescribing the medicine. Noonan then concluded his remarks with several literary references and religious thoughts regarding suicide, stressing God's omnipresence in determining the course of one's life. A reception and dinner followed Noonan's speech, concluding the first day of the conference.

Saturday's discussion began with the role of ethical committees in end-of-life decisions. Father Mark Poorman, Ph.D., brought to the forefront of the discussion the idea that the role of ethics committees could perhaps be more successful if more communication occurred between patients and physicians.

All involved would then have a clearer understanding of events that can occur in a particular case, thus facilitating a more informed decision.

The next two panel discussions concerned the role of the Supreme Court in physician-assisted suicide, and particular moral dilemmas of Catholic hospitals. Varying opinions of participants and panelists were offered in these sessions.

Participants then attended sessions entitled "Parish-Based Medicine," "The Principle of Double Effect: Is it Still Relevant?," and "Roe vs. Wade: Twenty-Five Years After."

The conference concluded with the traditional roundtable discussion on Sunday morning, where participants offered concluding remarks on the topics discussed throughout the conference.

Over half of the physicians participating in this conference, and several medical students in attendance, were alumni of Notre Dame.

As the conference continues into the future, Solomon hopes that this alumni participation will contribute to a solid core of conference attendees, as well as the new participants who arrive each year.

To help facilitate this interest, Solomon invites six to seven undergraduate participants each year, noting that the physicians are receptive and interested in the ideas of the students.

Next year's conference has been scheduled for March 19-21, 1999.

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6:43 p.m. Security transported a Fisher Hall resident to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of an illness.

#### TUES., MARCH 17

3:30 p.m. A Fischer Graduate resident was transported by Security to the University Health Center for treatment of an illness.

#### WED., MARCH 18

3:45 a.m. Security transported an Alumni Hall resident to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of injuries sustained during a fall.

12:49 p.m. A Pasquerilla East resident reported the theft of her bike.

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### LOOKING FOR A HOMETOWN

## Mother Teresa Provides Example of Service

We are living in confused times. It seems as if there is a new sex scandal in the White House every day of the week. The gap between rich and poor has reached astonishing heights — with the 80th-percentile earner earning more than the 20th-percentile earner at a ratio of 4.6 to 1 in '96. The national poverty rate that same year was at a disturbing 13.7 percent. Free agency has ravaged the great American past time. There is a Ku Klux Klan rally, of all things, in Elkhart on April 11. We've restructured a deeply flawed welfare system, but forgot to think about where the American underclass is supposed to find a replacement. Except for good, old fashioned hard work, of course. Problem is, that's not so easy to find in a culture that has recently made "corporate downsizing" a part of the national vocabulary. This is especially true when that same culture has seen a college education come to cost more than most people's homes

(which, incidentally, cannot be easily purchased without a college education.) To make matters worse, this whole crazy game of American life is set to the rousing background music of the Spice Girls from across the Atlantic. I won't even mention the dark conspiracy that closed down South Bend's favorite filling station. What is a bewildered college student to do?

### Brandon Williams



Seriously, a lot of these issues are critical ones. As we pass into true adulthood outside the luminescence of the Golden Dome, we have got to find some answers. I came across one. I think it might be worth checking out. "Find them. Love them." Find them and love them — all of them. That's the advice left to us by one of the greatest women of this century, if not all time. Her name was Mother Teresa. In a world beset by poverty, war and all kinds of human suffering, I think that Mother Teresa came closer than just about anybody to figuring out one concrete, indisputable way that we can all make a difference and simultaneously insert meaning into our own lives. That way is through service. Through helping others. Through trying our hardest to see Christ in everybody. It doesn't matter who you are.

Whether you are a future business executive, accountant, professor, lawyer, doctor, priest — whatever your future goals, there will undoubtedly be opportunities to incorporate service into your life. Subsequently, there will undoubtedly be opportunities to make your life one that counts, one that makes a difference in the lives of others, one that means something.

Now, it just so happens that we are having a Mother Teresa Memorial Service Week this week. The idea came about in a senate meeting. A few of us senators got together with some other people around campus and did our best to put together six days of service in memory of Mother Teresa. There are 16 different South Bend service groups involved. A good number of you in the student body

have already signed up to give a few hours this week to make South Bend a better place. Some of you have not. It's not too late. One can still sign up for the Saturday service projects with groups ranging from There Are Children Here to Grace Community Center — all of which desperately need our help. If you are interested either e-mail me at Williams.147@nd.edu or call 4-1679. We would love to have you. Please consider it. Mother Teresa gave her whole life to helping those in need. One Saturday to honor her life and what it stood for is the least we can do to thank her. In her words, "Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."

Let us. Besides, I hear that she and God are pretty tight — so it probably wouldn't be a good idea to get her mad. Right?

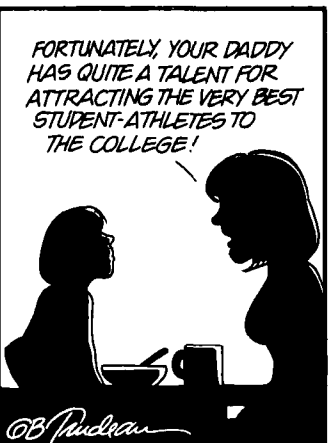
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Views expressed in this column are those of the author, and not necessarily those of The Observer.



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GARRY TRUDEAU



### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I feel like a million tonight — but one at a time."

— Mae West



## ■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Bengal Bouters Respond En Masse to Letter

## Many Reasons Exist for Boxing

### Captains: no 'Challenge'

As I browsed through The Observer on Tuesday, March 17, I was very disheartened after I came upon a letter to the editor entitled "Strong Bodies Fight for Warm Letter Jackets," written by one Mr. Paul Kessler.

Many very bold statements were issued in his letter, and though we initially wanted to ignore the claims Mr. Kessler made, we decided that too many outstanding young men have gone through this boxing program before us to let Kessler's statements stand uncontested. We, as senior boxing captains, would like to address some of his allegations.

Mr. Kessler, no one likes to be called a "liar," and I am sure you didn't mean that when you said it. To say that all of Notre Dame's Bengal Bouters are liars is quite a blanket statement to make. The truth is, we as captains and our teammates put a great deal of work into our program. Notre Dame boxing is far more than doing over one million push-ups, two million sit-ups, and running almost 500 miles in a six-week period. Our primary goal — and this is no lie — is to raise money for the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh. This year we raised more than \$40,000, and I promise only those men who really have their hearts set on what they are doing are the ones who endure the six-week training period. We don't only train, we sell advertisements for our program, which we more than doubled this year compared to last year's total number of ads sold. Impossible actually spending time in our gym, it is without actually comprehend all that goes on among us as members of a team. On several occasions priests from Bangladesh have come to visit us, and Father Bill Seetch is always expressing his gratitude and his admiration for us boxers who give such a vast amount of time to a great cause.

As for "aggression, glory, and picking up women," I am sorry if any of the members of the team may seem to you aggressive, arrogant, or less than humble, and I truly apologize on behalf of anyone who carries himself this way, especially if we, the captains, are those you may have in mind when you make this statement; but that is not what we are about.

Mr. Kessler, no matter what one does in life, if a job is done well there are always rewards, both material and spiritual. When a member of the United States armed services receives a medal in honor of a deed he has done, it would be a mockery to say that he did what he did merely for a medal. In the same way, our material reward is that jacket, which by the way, only few men get every year. But the spiritual reward of camaraderie and friendship is something that even that letter jacket can't begin to symbolize. And whether you believe it or not, when Ryan and I sit down and talk about what we've accomplished as a team this year, what we did in the ring is not even mentioned. We raised \$40,000! That is an amazing feat in itself, and without the help of about one-hundred other young men it never even would have been possible. And for all of you Bengal Bouters who participated this year, we as senior captains commend all of you on a job well done.

Finally, I am sorry that you view what we do as less-than-noble, but just because what we do leads to saving lives doesn't mean everyone has to admire us for it. I guess if we were doing it for everyone's admiration, we'd be doing it for the wrong reason, right? Anyway, as for your "challenge," we don't see how it would be in any way fit to accept it. You, Mr. Kessler, didn't carry the same cross we did for six weeks: grueling workouts, venturing into town to sell ads, running and getting in shape on our own, all on top of studying for classes. We don't even see how it is fit for you to even stand behind such a challenge.

As senior captains, we leave our fellow teammates with our unending friendships and share a great number of fond memories. Our jackets, well, they will fade and fall apart with time, but what we have done here at Notre Dame will last a lifetime in our minds and in our hearts.

As for our teammates and future Bengal Bouters, please allow us to offer you a valid and more worthwhile challenge. Keep this tradition alive and well. Enjoy doing it, and remember that there are many lives that depend on your integrity, work ethic and dedication. You all know that winning a jacket is the least important thing you could possibly do, but should you win one, wear it with pride as a badge of honor. You have more than earned it. But never forget why you are there.

Lucas J. Molina and Ryan Rans  
Seniors, Off-Campus  
Senior Bengal Bouts Team Captains  
March 19, 1998

In 1931, Dominic J. "Nappy" Napolitano transformed the boxing program to benefit the missions in the former "Bengal" of India. Nappy stated that, "Strong bodies fight that weak bodies may be nourished." With no children himself, Nappy instead adopted countless Notre Dame boxers, and devoted his life to the boxing program. On Tuesday, Paul Kessler wrote a misguided article that mocked

Nappy's honorable motto, and called him, and all following boxers of 68 years, liars. No small charge, I write to restore our honor.

I have traveled to India five times and have witnessed the mystery, joy and agony of another culture. The immense poverty has shocked me. Yet nothing has captured my soul and made me grow as much as the similarity in the human beings I met across the globe, who hope and dream just as I do. I have talked about my experiences with other boxers and one of our head coaches, Tom Suddes, who himself traveled to see what the Bengal Bouts proceeds have built. I have listened as he and Father Bill Seetch have shared their first-hand experiences in Bangladesh over and over with us all.

I have participated, as all boxers must, in donating countless hours to selling ads and tickets, asking for donations, putting up posters, designing apparel, writing articles, and putting in any type of time to improve the program. I have watched Jack Mooney donate his time for the 50th year, and "Jimmy" approach his 10th. I have witnessed captains selflessly teaching novices, a former boxing president, John Christoforetti donate endless energy to help revamp the whole program, and a current president, Ryan Rans, give all his heart and soul, despite two broken hands. With these efforts, and the volunteer efforts of our lawyer, judge, pilot, law professor, and businessmen coaches we doubled our total of \$20,000 from last year, and will contribute \$40,000 to the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh.

Yet Mr. Kessler claims that, "Bengal Bouts is about aggression, glory, and picking up women." Mr. Kessler is "tired of reading about the boxers acting as if they are doing some great charitable thing." Mr. Kessler apparently bases the majority of his claim on the fact that all finalists receive letter jackets.

If Mr. Kessler's point is that we do not solely box for charity, then he is correct. There are many different reasons why we join and enjoy boxing. Some of us join because there are mountains to be met, others join out of curiosity, and others because we like to compete. Yet the driving force that unites us all is the amazing act of charity that we are performing in pushing ourselves to help others.

Two years ago I was having the most hellish, demanding and confusing year of my life in law school. I joined boxing because I wanted to change my focus and push myself into the pain until I didn't care anymore. Boxing transformed my life. In boxing I met the greatest people. Egos were abandoned, smiles abounded and competitors helped competitors. Boxing does involve aggressiveness, but not total, raw aggression. The boxers become friends with each other, and senselessly beating up one another is simply not tolerated. Any good boxer cannot rely on aggression, he must outbox his opponent.

When you box, and struggle, as we all do, you begin to question yourself, and face your fear that you are not good enough. As anyone knows, when you confront your deepest raw emotion, trivial goals simply do not suffice. When you struggle with pain — physical and mental — and try to push onward, goals such as "meeting more blondes," simply do not suffice (no offense to blondes). There is no doubt that the Notre Dame Boxing Club is so special because, no matter our differences, why we joined, and why we enjoy boxing, we have the greatest goal guiding us all: helping the missions in Bangladesh.

So there is one material reward for a small minority



of boxers in a jacket. Also, for one week the campus reads about the Bengal Bouts, and those of us that participate in it feel proud. Because of that, Mr. Kessler decided to rip apart what the Bengal Bouts are all about. He should not take away from all the good that comes from an incredible program. The majority of boxers will never get a letter jacket or glory. But what we learn in the boxing room is tremendous. We learn to put our pride in the process and not in the product.

Anyone can make unfounded claims and criticize that which they do not fully understand. Also, anyone can attack a person who criticizes us. "Yet when the gloves came off, we unwrap our hands, and pick up our bags to leave, we all hope that we may have pushed ourselves to become better, and while boxing may end, that process has only just begun." Therefore, I instead invite Mr. Kessler to call me and learn more about the Bengal Bouts. Nappy would have wanted it that way.

Jeevan "Jacketless & Womanless" Subbiah  
Assistant Rector, Keenan Hall  
Third-year law student  
March 18, 1998

### Come and Try

I would like to respond to the letter written by Paul Kessler in regard to the "real" goals of the Bengal Bouts and the Bengal Bouters. I am a boxer, and I even have one of those infamous letter jackets, and yes, Mr. Kessler, I do like to box. Of course enjoying boxing is part of the reason I go out there each year and step into the ring. But I also step into the ring because what I'm doing is helping a wonderful charity. The one reason is not exclusive of the other. Each year, boxers go out into the South Bend community to sell ads for the Bengal bout's program and to promote the tournament. Each year, boxers volunteer themselves for a charity auction (and believe me, it's equally as embarrassing as it is fun). Each year, boxers put in hours and hours of their time to make sure that the tournament reaches its goal, it's only goal, which is, simply put, to raise as much money as we can for the missions in Bangladesh. That doesn't sound to me like the same aggressive, glory-mongering, woman-carousing group of men you described in your letter. You claimed, Mr. Kessler, that the bouts are about, "aggression, glory, and picking up women," and you said that anyone who says otherwise is a liar. Those are strong words coming from someone who I haven't ever seen down in the boxing room. The truth is, they're uninformed words. If you want to close your eyes to the fact that people, believe it or not even boxers, can and do give of themselves for good causes, then that is your choice. Only, it's too bad you're a senior, otherwise I could send you a challenge of my own, one more difficult than me giving up my jacket: namely, to come out and dedicate your time, your energy and your body for six weeks so that maybe then you could discover what the Bengal Bouts are really all about.

J.R. Mellin  
Sophomore, Keenan Hall  
March 17, 1998

## ■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## R.O.T.C. isn't a Blemish, it's Essential

## Students From Top Schools Invaluable to Military

"My country right or wrong." The oft-forgotten second part to this phrase is, "Stand behind it when it's right; try to change it when it's wrong." At least David McMahon in his piece "ROTC on Notre Dame's Campus: A Blemish" (Wednesday March 18, 1998) is not afraid to ruffle our patriotic feathers in an attempt to remind us that America is not perfect. For that I actually respect him.

But McMahon's shrill condemnation of America's military history and of the military's ROTC presence at Notre Dame isn't even an objective, reasoned argument: it's a spasm. It focuses on the tactical-level exceptions to America's usually noble service in defense of the greatest expansion of democracy and prosperity in human history. McMahon's impulse to teach us about our sins (and, I would hope, to correct them) is so strong that he overlooks an important fact: namely, that just about every other nation with the capacity to project power beyond its borders also has a skeleton somewhere in its closet to show for it. I wonder if Mr. McMahon doesn't also see "conquerors and barbarians" (as he calls us) when he contemplates the histories of Britain and France (imperialism), Germany (the Third Reich), Russia (Stalinism and Czarist expansionism), China (invasions of Tibet and Vietnam), Japan (the war in the Pacific), the Ottoman Empire (genocide against the Armenians) or Spain and Portugal (colonialism). Less powerful and advanced societies are no more immune from such barbarism: Consider Rwanda, Liberia, and Kampuchea. McMahon would do well to consider that perhaps all cultures are capable of good and evil. He might become persuaded, as I am, that no nation in human history has ever possessed the power which America wields, and yet used it so benignly, very often for everyone's good.

McMahon needs to know that it takes a special person to graduate from ROTC, OCS or a service academy and accept the challenge (only a year or even months out of college) of leading tired, scared, angry and sometimes not-so-educated armed youngsters (or worse, people 15 years older than you) in desolate places under the worst of conditions. We just marked the 30th anniversary of the My Lai massacre: want to know why that massacre occurred, David? Because the United States Army was starved for the kind of intelligent but strong, moral but tough leadership that high-caliber Notre Dame cadets no doubt provide when they graduate. Instead, the platoon leader responsible for the massacre, Lieutenant William Calley (who really was a "brigand") was promoted from the ranks at age 20 with little training and even less screening because he had one year of community college. The Army didn't have much better. Today it gets dozens of Notre Dame graduates a year. I wish it got 10 times as many. They're an honor to Notre Dame, not a blemish. My Lai is the stain and more such officers will help prevent its recurrence.

I wonder how Mr. McMahon would explain the metamorphosis he must think I underwent when I, originating as he has from the mostly "law-abiding, peaceful and just folk" of America, joined the "goose-stepping march of killing machines" (that is, the Army ROTC) and then served in the Army among "international law breakers and vicious aggressors." For seven years I led privates and even met a few Generals and I saw nothing of the sort.

I supervised a sergeant who won the Soldier's Medal for racing into a burning building in Germany to save an elderly German woman. I served with a Vietnamese veteran warrant officer who wept as he told me of the Vietnamese orphan girl he and his wife hoped to adopt until the Vietcong massacred her entire orphanage. (Their crime? Allowing his unit to throw monthly balloon and ice cream parties for them.) My former ROTC classmate, a Black Hawk helicopter pilot in the Gulf War, told me of his anxiety over the ease with which his naive and relieved troops chatted with captured Iraqi prisoners, offering them food and actually accepting their assurances that they needn't be searched for weapons because they already had been! Hardly the "international brigands" McMahon denounces.

These comrades-in-arms knew better than McMahon of "the horror of war." But McMahon, as a protester, suffers from what one U.S. President described as a form of "moral snow-blindness." By staring too long at the horror of war, he has become blinded to who's right, who's wrong, and why. His politically correct calculus omits the inconvenient fact of opponents like Saddam Hussein, who need only have surrendered his ill-gotten conquest to spare his own soldiers, but didn't out of sheer egotism. Instead, to McMahon, we're the villains.

I wish David McMahon could think better of the human beings who watch his freedoms, stabilize regions from the Balkans, to the Sinai, to East Asia, and defend dozens of nations. He says, "There comes a time to re-examine our values." I agree with him on that point and wish we would all reflect on the My Lai's and the Wounded Knee's; it might prevent their recurrence. But it would also help if McMahon and his ilk would re-examine their own values, along with their logic and their scholarship.

We should tolerate McMahon because he's right that we haven't always lived up to what our founders or our Savior demand. But it's awfully hard and not much use to listen to someone who derives more esteem from claiming some anti-patriotic, moral high ground than from getting behind America and actually righting its wrongs.

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March 20, 1998

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## Military Leaders Elected

"I speak from experience." This was David McMahon's only attempt at presenting any authority to back up his often hard-to-decipher, historically revisionistic and inaccurate remarks in his March 18 article. His statement of being at one time a "naive midshipman" appears to be more accurate and still holds true — at least the naive part.

The United States is a republic based on democratic ideals. Its leaders are, for the most part, elected by the people. Both the President as the Commander-in-Chief (Article II, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution) and Congress through financing and oversight (Article I, Section 8) control the military. To get to the point that McMahon obviously missed, the military is controlled by civilians elected to office by people like you and me. The military is a tool used by these politicians to achieve a public objective when necessary.

McMahon attempts to use two main examples of military actions to illustrate his point. The first is the Battle of Wounded Knee which took place during the "Indian Wars" of the middle and late 19th century. What happened at Wounded Knee happened at battles around the world during that time frame. Large, powerful nations scramble to acquire new land and wealth. If the locals got in the way, they were removed. In the U.S., who ordered those attacks? The President and his Cabinet. Who funded them? Congress. What did the "people" say about this? Generally nothing. It was the "Age of Empire." That was just what was done at the time. Today we look at it and cringe, but that was not the mind-set at that time. One thing from that time though, still holds true. The military was, and still is, headed by civilians elected by the people and was, and still is, used as a tool to achieve a public objective.

McMahon's second attempt to support his argument by actions in the Gulf War is also flawed. Between the accusation of the U.S. military using chemical and biological agents against its own members and going out of its way to bomb a supposed "air-raid shelter" (which just happened to be one of the main command, control, and communications facilities in Baghdad, and therefore a legal target under both LOAC and all of the Geneva Conventions. It was the government of Iraq that violated LOAC and the Geneva Conventions by placing civilians at a legal military target in order to protect it), McMahon appears to say

those at the military decided to start the war because they felt like it. Again, he offers no evidence to support his argument. Did I miss something when Iraq invaded and annexed Kuwait in August 1990? Did the U.S. send Hussein an invitation to invade? Could we all have been a bunch of brain-washed, sadistic freaks hell-bent on killing as many Iraqis as possible just because we wanted to? The answer to all three questions is no. Hussein invaded Kuwait to gain power, oil, and to rid himself of a huge debt owed to Kuwait from money lent to support his eight-year war (which he started) with Iran. The U.S. government (yes, those civilian folks we elected to speak for us) did not invite him to do so (and neither did the Kuwaitis), but

did respond by sending troops to neighboring countries upon request of those countries and under auspice of the U.N. The last question is obviously too ridiculous to answer with more than a "no." Once again I'll point to the fact that it was the civilians elected to office by the people, acting upon public objectives that sent the troops. What were these public objectives? Liberating Kuwait from a wrongfully occupying force? Yes. "Freedom" and "justice?" Yes. Power, oil, and monetary considerations? Yes — the American public is not willing to pay \$3-4 per gallon of gas.

McMahon's argument is not one based on Christian principles, but upon misunderstood historical events and naivete. His statement of "Catholic traditions, for peace instead of war" would not stand up to the standard of review he is attempting to implement on the U.S. military. If that statement were a truism, explain to me the Crusades, the Inquisition, and the Hundred Years War. Each was initiated or strongly supported by the Church. To be more precise, they were supported by leaders and members of the Church. Each was done in the name of God and produced horrors that have rarely been duplicated. My statements here are not meant to be an affront to the Church, but to show that McMahon's inaccurate and selective use of history in order to discredit the mission of the U.S. military (not to mention demeaning the sacrifices of the men and women that gave their lives to protect what we as a nation believe in — including free speech) would be akin to discrediting the Church in its entirety because of the three mentioned historical events. Neither application is proper and I refuse to stoop so low.

The only thing which I agree with is that war is an ugly thing. It is not something I ever again wish to be part of or witness. But, if I am once again called by my country I will serve without hesitation. My beliefs and my country are worth fighting for.

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## THE OSCAR NOMINEES

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## And the Oscar (should) go to ...

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# THE 1997 ACADEMY AWARDS

## The Oscars: Yesterday and Today

By DAN CICHALSKI  
Senior Staff Writer

It seems hard to believe that what is now the biggest movie night of the year once received less attention than an airplane flight. But, as with most of our grand traditions, the Academy Awards started out small and has mutated into a gala event to which a guest's choice of clothing could be joke material for the next year.

In your preparation for tonight's 70th Annual Academy Awards, here's a rundown on Oscar's history, round with the high-tech, little-effort research method of the 90s — various Internet sites.

When MGM Studios' Louis B. Mayer came up with the idea for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and its film awards, Oscar night was a dinner party attended by 270 guests for the presentation of 14 awards for movies that came out in 1927-28. More people celebrated the news of Charles Lindbergh's solo flight from New York to France in 1927 than paid attention to that first awards dinner, held May 16, 1929.

The first Best Picture winner was "Wings," a 1927 World War I air-combat epic. Nothing by today's standards, "7th Heaven" turned out to be the big winner, winning for writing-adaptation (Benjamin Glazer), directing (Frank Borzage), and actress (Janet Gaynor). And although the famous statuette given to the winners was introduced, the "Oscar" nickname was not applied until 1933. The Academy credits librarian Margaret Herrick with naming the little gold statuette.

At the next ceremony two years later, "The Broadway Melody" won Best Picture, and became the first "talkie" to take the award. Mary Pickford — a former silent film star who made the transition to sound pictures successfully — won Best Actress for "Coquette," but most actors and actresses from the silent genre could not adjust to the new wave of film-making.

At first, only a handful of judges selected the winners in the few categories each year, but at the third ceremony (held in November 1930, eight months after the second awards) all the members of the Academy — more than 400 — cast their votes. By that year, the popularity of the event rose to the point where members shelled out \$10 for a ticket to the ceremony and it sold out.

In 1932, "Cimarron" became the first western to win Best Picture, and was the only one

to do so — not counting "Midnight Cowboy" in 1970 — until "Dances With Wolves" triumphed in 1991. Clint Eastwood's "Unforgiven" then won the award two years later.

The categories expanded in 1937 with the introduction of the supporting actor and actress categories — won by Walter Brennan in "Come and Get It" and Gale Sondergaard in "Anthony Adverse." That year was also the first Best Actress award for Luise Rainer and her performance in "The Great Ziegfeld." In 1938, she won again for "The Good Earth" and became the first performer to win two Academy Awards, and the first to do it in consecutive years.

In 1939, Shirley Temple made a special presentation to Walt Disney for "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs": One big Oscar and seven little ones. Disney still reigns as the Oscar King, having won 26 naked golden men.

Naturally, there are some years where great films are not recognized with Oscars because they face equal or better competition. In 1940, the five Best Picture nominees

— but the winners were able to trade the plaster awards for metal ones three years later.

In 1945, Bing Crosby beat "Going My Way" co-star Barry Fitzgerald in the Best Actor category. But Fitzgerald took home Best Supporting Actor for the same role. Voting rules now prohibit actors being nominated in two categories for the same role, so Fitzgerald remains the only performer to have that distinction.

The first Oscar telecast came in 1953 and grabbed the biggest single audience in the five-year history of commercial television. It was not until 1966 that the show aired in color.

Frank Sinatra resurrected his career in 1954 by winning Best Supporting Actor for "From Here To Eternity," which won eight Oscars to tie "Gone With the Wind" for the most to that time. The next year, "On The Waterfront" followed up with eight of its own, but two movies in 1959 and 1960 would knock those three from the top. "Gigi" won nine in 1959 and "Ben Hur" took home 11 of its 12 nominations the next year. In 1967, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" was nominated in 13 categories, winning five.

The 1968 ceremony was postponed for two days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis and the riots that broke out as a result. The next year, Katharine Hepburn ("The Lion In Winter") and Barbra Streisand ("Funny Girl") became the only pair to tie for an award, winning Best Actress. Hepburn holds the record with four Best Actress wins and 12 career nominations.

Jack Nicholson, up for Best Actor this year for his role in "As Good As It Gets," received his first nomination in 1970 for Best Supporting Actor in "Easy Rider." He's received three more in that category, winning in 1984 for "Terms of Endearment." His only other Oscar came in 1976 for "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," but he's now got seven nominations for Best Actor.

Another record could fall this year. In 1976, George Burns became the oldest performer to win an Academy Award — taking Best Supporting Actor for "The Sunshine Boys" at the age of

80 years and 69 days. Jessica Tandy then won Best Actress in 1990 for "Driving Miss Daisy" two months before her 81st birthday. Gloria Stuart, nominated for Best Supporting Actress for her role in "Titanic" as the old Rose, is 87.

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where films like "From Here To Eternity," "On The Waterfront," "Gigi," "Ben Hur," and "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" racked up double-digit nominations and won more than half, in 1993, "Schindler's List" won eight awards, "Forrest Gump" followed in 1994 winning six of 13 nominations — including Tom Hanks' second straight Best Actor award. Last year, "The English Patient" won in nine of the 12 categories in which it received nominations.

This year, "Titanic" left port with 14 nominations — everything from Best Picture to Best On-Set Catering — and may solidify itself as one of the greatest films ever if it can add the majority of those to its legend.

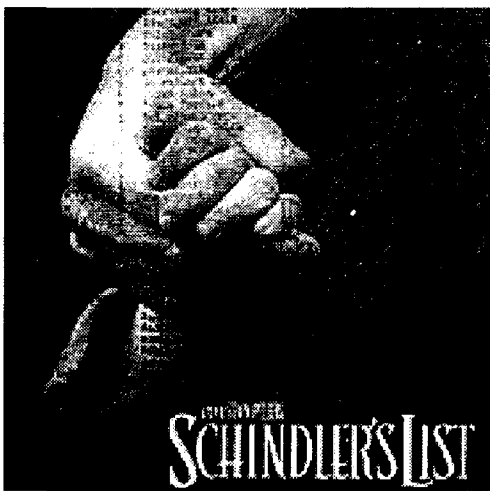


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Tonight's "Best Picture" winner joins the ranks of movie greats such as the 1993 winner, "Schindler's List."

were "The Wizard of Oz," "Ninotchka," "Stagecoach," "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" and "Gone With the Wind." With the building suspense, the Los Angeles press could not hold out until the actual ceremony, where "Gone With the Wind" grabbed eight awards, including Best Picture.

Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941, the Oscars in spring 1942 were first cancelled, then reinstated without searchlights beaming outside, formal attire or a banquet. In 1943 the metal for the statues went toward bullets and bombs, so Oscar was made out of plaster for three years

By CHRISTIAN  
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# ACADEMY AWARDS

## The Best of the Best

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beginning at 8 p.m. on ABC, Hollywood celebrates the illustrious Academy Awards, the most prestigious event in the film industry.

Five nominees have been selected for Best Actor and this year's theme seems to be the big budget Hollywood production. "As Good as It Gets," "The Full Monty," "Good Will Hunting," "LA Confidential," and "Titanic" have all received nominations.

All five films are well deserving of the nomination, but only one film can win. "As Good As It Gets," is a film revolving around individual performances. The plot although well constructed, misses that special something that moves a viewer.

Jack Nicholson steals the show as Melvin Udall, an obsessive-compulsive author attempting to deal with love. The role allows Nicholson to "push the envelope" of public decency, saying things many of us would not dream of thinking. Watch for Nicholson as a serious contender for Best Actor, who along with his co-stars puts forth an incredible performance.

Helen Hunt and Greg Kinnear compliment Nicholson beautifully and elevate their acting style above any of their previous roles. Hunt, who is nominated for Best Actress, plays Carol, a waitress with a special place in Melvin's heart.

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neighbor, a gay painter named Simon. It is a magical performance by a celebrity who, until now, had not shown much promise as a dramatic actor.

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Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet in "Titanic."

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The performance by Williams will shock most viewers as he puts aside his wild humor to mold a truly believable character.

Williams has a good shot at coming away with the Best Supporting Actor Award, if he can edge out Sir Anthony Hopkins in "Amistad."

"Good Will Hunting" also includes memorable performances by Ben Affleck as Chuckie, Will's best friend, and Minnie Driver as Skylar, a student at Harvard and Will's love interest. This film has a shot at being crowned the best in the land as does its director Gus Van Sant. What started as a college screenplay,

may actually end up as an Academy Award winner.

A return to the film-noir style of the 1930s and '40s seems the goal of "L.A. Confidential." Here again is a film with a fabulous cast, most notably the three police officers and the leading lady.

Kevin Spacey, as Jack Vincennes, brings the same quality performance that made "The Usual Suspects" (1995) so interesting, but here he receives assistance from Russell Crowe, playing Wendell "Bud" White, and Guy Pearce, playing Edmund Exley.

The three police officers all work the same case, but from different angles, allowing for an intricate story. The audience watches as the officers crack down on corruption in the city of Los Angeles. Their path runs through the home of Lynn Bracken, a high-priced prostitute played by Kim Basinger. Basinger revives her career with this gritty role as she sorts through ties to love and business. Look for her as a possible winner in the Best Supporting Actress category.

"L.A. Confidential" directed by Curtis Hanson should be considered as a dark horse in the running. This is a quality film with wonderful performances, made even more interesting by its unique story construction. This film could shock the crowd tonight with an upset victory.

Finally, the film that has received more hype than any film in recent history is the project of director James Cameron, "Titanic." If you have not heard of this film, then you are the one resting at the bottom of the North Atlantic. A film that spent hundreds of millions and proved it can earn hundreds of millions, "Titanic" has led the box office for numerous weeks. Recently topping "Star Wars" as the all-time money maker, it is the cult film of the 1990s.

The film deserves attention, but needs to be looked at with a critical eye. Those who have seen "A Night To Remember"



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Danny DeVito (left) and Kevin Spacey (right) in "L.A. Confidential."

(1942) will understand this reviewer's apprehension. If you have not seen the older film, do so and be amazed, excluding story line necessities, how similar the films are.

Watch for director James Cameron, a director reportedly willing to give up any financial gain merely to finish his project, to receive notice tonight.

The actors also present a beautiful love story enveloped by one of the worst tragedies of the 20th century. Gloria Stuart as Rose Dawson Calvert, should receive attention. Kate Winslet,

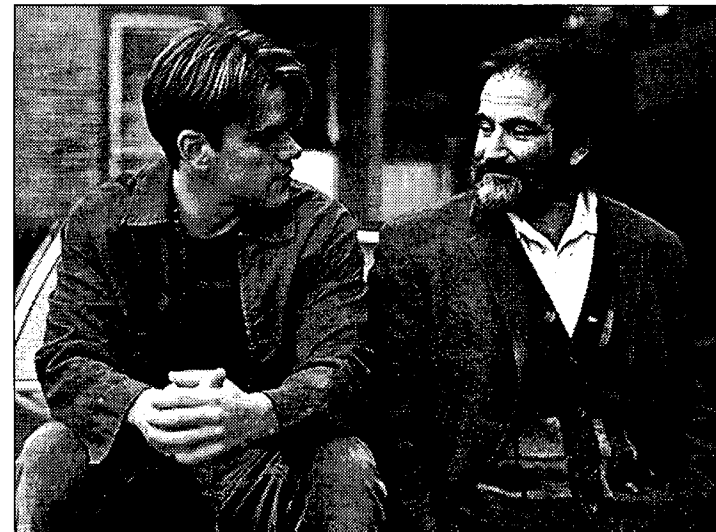


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Matt Damon (left) and Robin Williams (right) in "Good Will Hunting."

as Rose DeWitt Bukater, is also excellent in this strong female role. The film is still a front runner for Best Picture, but is it to the level of such recent winners as "The English Patient" (1996), "Braveheart" (1995), or "Forrest Gump" (1994)?

The answer will not be revealed until late tonight after an evening of fashion, fame and glory as Hollywood celebrates the films of the past year.

## ■ NBA

## Miller leads Pacers to victory

*Bucks fail to snap longest losing streak*

Associated Press

## MILWAUKEE

Reggie Miller scored 32 points and Rik Smits converted a key three-point play in overtime as the Indiana Pacers defeated the reeling Milwaukee Bucks 96-94 Sunday.

Ray Allen led Milwaukee with 25 points and Michael Curry added a career-high 21, but the Bucks lost their ninth straight and their 12th in their last 13.

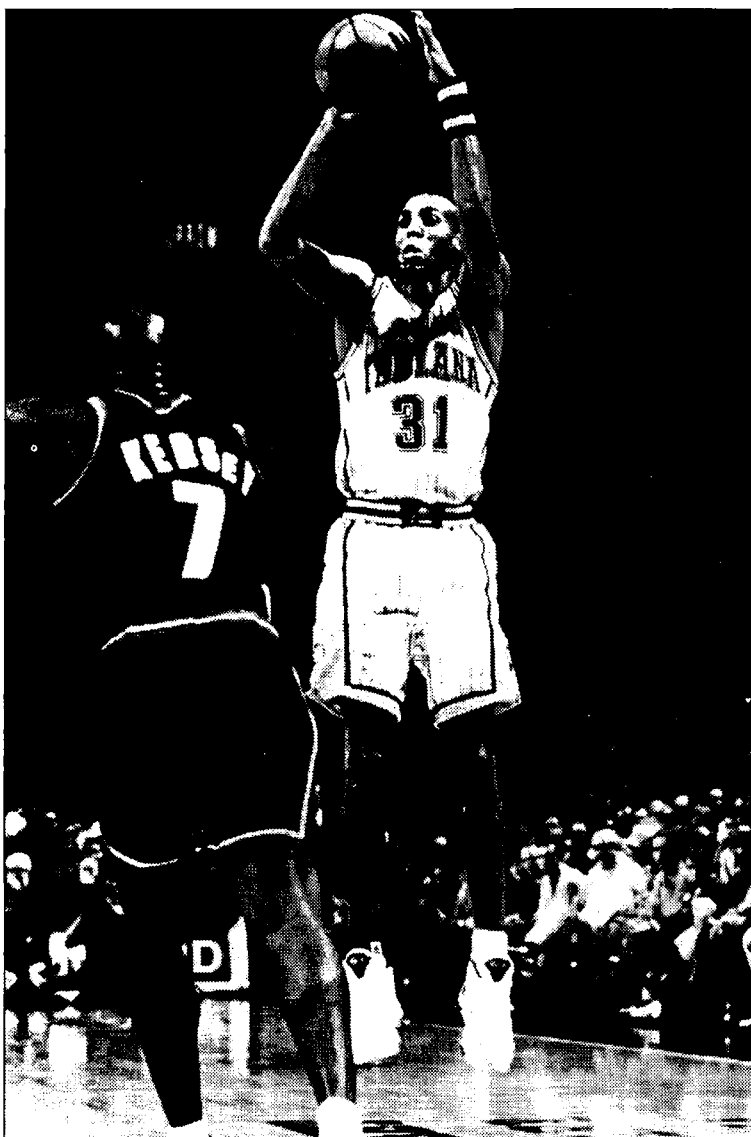
Mark Jackson scored 16 points and Smits had 15 points and seven rebounds as Indiana maintained its hold on the second-best record in the Eastern Conference. Indiana, which never led in regulation, won its third straight and ninth in the last 12.

Jackson hit a 3-pointer to open the overtime period, but Milwaukee stayed close and tied it at 89 on Elliot Perry's jumper with 33.2 seconds left.

After a time out, Chris Mullin inbounded the ball to Jackson, who backed down on Allen and then hit Smits with a perfect pass as the Pacers center cut to the basket.

Smits split the defenders and dunked to make it 91-89. He was fouled by Armon Gilliam and converted the three-point play.

The Bucks turned the ball over as Jerald Honeycutt couldn't handle Michael Curry's inbound pass. The Bucks immediately fouled Miller, who made



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two free throws.

Allen answered with a 3-pointer and then the Bucks fouled Jalen Rose, but he made two free throws before Curry made two for the Bucks' final

points.

The Bucks, who led by as many as 10 early in the third, missed a chance late in regulation to snap their longest losing streak of the season.

## ■ NCAA TOURNAMENT

## Blue Devils squander lead

Associated Press

## ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.

Just like 1992, Kentucky erased a big second-half lead in its NCAA regional final against Duke. Only this time, the Wildcats erased the memory, too.

The Wildcats, haunted for six years for losing perhaps the greatest college game ever played to Duke, rallied from an 18-point deficit to beat the top-seeded Blue Devils 86-84 Sunday in the South Regional final.

Just like six years ago in Philadelphia, Duke (32-4) trailed in the final seconds and had a chance to win it with a buzzer-beater. But freshman William Avery couldn't replicate Christian Laettner's shot-heard-round-the-world jumper that ended Duke's 104-103 victory that year, missing a running 30-footer off the backboard as time expired.

Kentucky (33-4), the No. 2 seed, plays Stanford in the Final Four on Saturday in San Antonio. A win would send the Wildcats to their third consecutive national championship game, this time against either Utah or North Carolina, but their first under new coach Tubby Smith.

The hottest team in college basketball with 11 consecutive victories, the Wildcats fell behind by 18 points — 38-20 — after a 17-0 Duke run and trailed 69-52 with just over 10 minutes left.

But the Wildcats then started doing everything they hadn't until that point — making their outside shots, denying Duke at the defensive end and limiting the Blue Devils to just one shot.

Wayne Turner, outplayed badly by Duke's gritty Steve Wojciechowski in the first half, led the comeback, scoring 11 of his 16 points in the second half. Jeff Sheppard had 18 points and nine rebounds and Scott Padgett had 12 points, including the biggest 'Cat basket, a go-ahead 3-pointer from well beyond the arc that broke an 81-all tie with 40 seconds to play.

Cameron Mills's 3-pointer with 2:15 to play had given Kentucky its first lead at 80-79.

Duke, led by Roshown McLeod's 19 points and Trajan Langdon's 18, scored only 13 points in the final 9:38 after Carrawell's putback had made it 71-54.

But the Wildcats, with Turner repeatedly setting up open shots with his penetration, went on a 17-1 run keyed by 3-pointers from Padgett, Heshimu Evans and Allen Edwards to pull to within 72-71.

Duke twice had chances to tie it or go ahead after Padgett's 3-pointer from beyond the top of the key, but McLeod missed a jumper with 17 seconds remaining and Turner followed by making one of two free throws.

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## ■ NCAA TOURNAMENT

## Missed free throws haunt Rams

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS  
Down six with less than a minute to go, Stanford seemed beaten, merely the latest NCAA tournament victim of opportunistic Rhode Island.

"To be honest, it looked like we were going to lose," Cardinal forward Mark Madsen said. "And then Arthur Lee started making plays."

It was time for Lee, the little guy on an otherwise huge Stanford team, to carry the Cardinal to the Final Four for the first time in five decades.

"We needed something to happen," Lee said Sunday after scoring 13 of his 26 points in the final 2:04 and making a key steal as Stanford won the Midwest Regional 79-77.

"I decided in the last minute that we just had to get it done. We had no other choice."

Rhode Island, the eighth seed, unraveled late but still had a chance with five seconds left. However, Tyson Wheeler missed three straight free throws that could have made it 77-77. He had been fouled on a 3-pointer by Lee.

"You have to understand, our heart was cut out before that," Rhode Island coach Jim Harrick said. "To ask him to step up there in that moment, when the needle is already in the balloon ... he had no zip left."

Rams players and coaches were upset that Lee put his hands to his throat in the choke sign after Wheeler's second miss.

"I was at midcourt," Lee said. "I didn't make him miss."

Lee's moment of poor sportsmanship was the only blemish on his almost flawless performance down the stretch. And after carrying the Cardinal, the 6-foot point guard earned a ride around the Kiel Center as his teammates hoisted him

upon their shoulders.

Lee, who had been unfavorably — and, perhaps, unjustly — compared to former Stanford star Brevin Knight, was named the region's MVP for taking the third-seeded Cardinal where Knight never did.

Stanford (30-4), which last reached the Final Four in its championship season of 1942, will meet Kentucky on Saturday at San Antonio.

The Rams' loss brought a crushing end to Harrick's season.

Harrick, who won a national title at UCLA in 1995 but was dismissed in disgrace for recruiting violations the following year, had taken Rhode Island to the threshold of the Final Four in his first season there.

"We had a phenomenal year," said Harrick, whose Rams (25-9) upset top seed Kansas in the second round. "It's a shame we had to lose in the manner that we lost."

Rhode Island built a 60-49 lead and was still up 71-65 after Cuttino Mobley hit two free throws with 59.3 seconds left.

A three-point play by Lee cut Stanford's deficit to 74-73. Mobley caught the inbound pass but had the ball stripped by Lee; the ball went directly to Mark Madsen, who dunked, was fouled, and hit the free throw to put Stanford ahead.

The Rams felt Lee fouled Mobley on the play.

"He pushed my elbow," Mobley said.

"They hit his arm," Harrick said. "I heard it."

Lee disagreed: "If it happened, I would say it. What are they going to do, take the Final Four away? But I didn't. I tipped the ball out of his hand."

After a Rhode Island turnover, Kris Weems hit a free throw to put Stanford up 77-74

before Lee's foul gave Wheeler his three free throws.

A 66 percent free throw shooter, Wheeler was well short on his first two tries before missing the third on purpose.

The rebound went out of bounds to Stanford, which inbounded to Lee. He was fouled and made both shots with 4.2 seconds left. He is 26-for-26 from the line in the tournament.

Mobley hit a meaningless 3-pointer at the buzzer and then stood on the court, hunched over, as Stanford players and coaches celebrated all around him.

"I'm very upset," Mobley said. "If you lose in the Elite Eight and you know you should have won, how would you feel? It's just ridiculous."

Wheeler scored 24 points and Mobley 20 for Rhode Island, still seeking its first Final Four appearance.

The Rams did a great job against the much taller Cardinal players. With 7-foot-1 Tim Young and the 6-8 Madsen neutralized most of the game, it fell upon Lee to take over. And that's just what he did in the final 2:04.

Lee drove for a double-pump layup, made two 3-pointers defenders draped all over him and fed Madsen for a layup to make it 72-70 with 40.7 seconds left.

After two free throws by the Rams' Preston Murphy, Lee for a layup, was fouled by Luther Clay and hit the foul shot to make it a one-point game and set up the exciting finish.

"I felt no pressure whatsoever because I knew I just had to be Arthur Lee," Lee said of the comparisons to Knight. "I love Brevin. He was a great player who helped me a lot. But I've been doing a lot of things pretty good."

## ■ SAINT MARY'S TENNIS

Netters silence  
Defiance in opener

By VICTORIA BUTCKO

Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's tennis team (3-3) played its first home match against Defiance, Saturday afternoon.

The women completely dominated Defiance, crushing the opponents with a final match score 9-0.

Defiance only took a total of five combined games from the Belles. Assistant coach of the Belles, Robin Hrycko, who guides the team during the absence of Head Coach Katie Cromer, was very pleased with the outcome.

"Defiance was a very inexperienced team," said Hrycko. "The match was very quick and we used it more as a practice to work on our mental focus during games. All of the girls went out extremely focused and did what they had to do."

Hrycko continued to say that she thought the match was a great way to get geared up for the rest of the season.

Hrycko also said that this match would be the only time that winning would come with such ease, as the upcoming schedule promises a challenge for the Belles.

Junior Krista Eastburn, holding the number five singles spot on the team, was also pleased with the team's performance.

"I think it's good that we got a win from the start," commented Eastburn. "It's a great way for us to start the season and get pumped up and looking forward to upcoming matches. We're just going to take them one at a time," said Eastburn.

The Belles look towards Thursday as they travel to Wheaton College for their next match.

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# Insight

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one of the most difficult rebuilding challenges in the country. Five seniors from last year's 31-7 squad were lost to graduation, including Beth Morgan and Katryna Gaither. Senior Mollie Peirick was left in a daunting role as the sole remaining starter on a team with only four letter-winners returning.

While the recruiting class for the upcoming season had a great deal of talent, with freshmen like Ruth Riley and Kelly Siemon, the newcomers were untested in the environment of college basketball. Moreover, as the 1997-98 campaign approached, many critics stated that the Irish would not come close to achieving last

year's miraculous run. In fact, Notre Dame was not ranked in any preseason top 25 poll.

But the Irish did not listen or believe in the critics. Instead, they believed in themselves.

Through a concerted effort, the team fought their way back to postseason contention. After losing more than 70 percent of the previous season's offense, the newcomers stepped up to meet the demands placed on them.

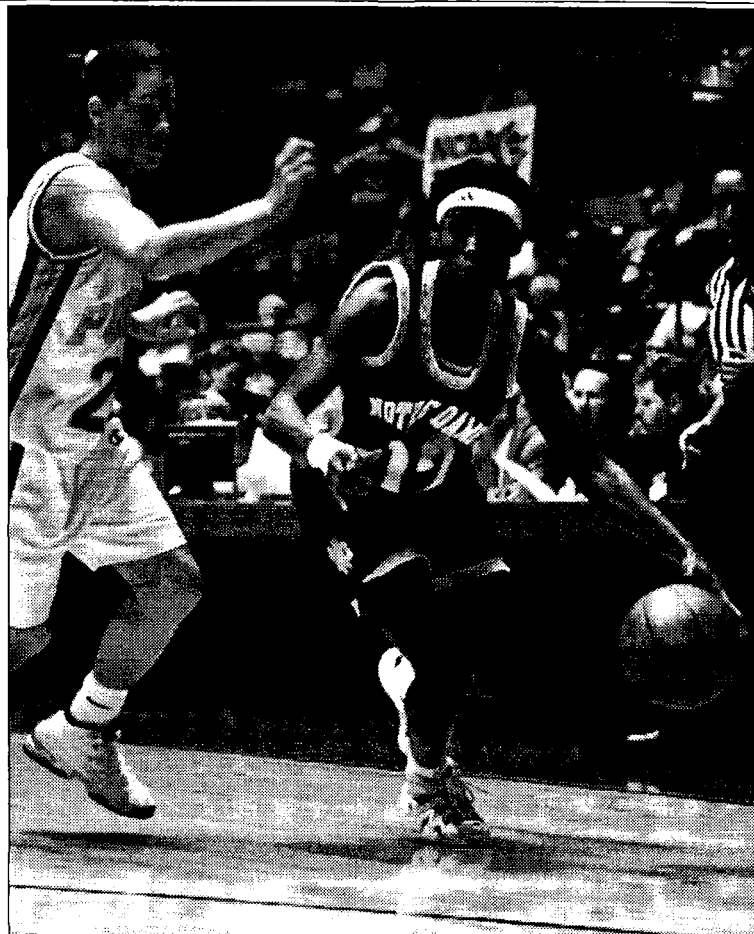
However, it was when the postseason began that the sparks began to fly. After soundly defeating Southwest Missouri State in the first round, Notre Dame silenced their critics by knocking off top-seeded Texas Tech on their own home court.

The upset sent shockwaves throughout the country, prompting experts to question whether they had underestimated the

Irish. With that one win, Notre Dame showed they were not ready to fade into obscurity after a season in the limelight. Instead, they were ready to take the next step, and join the elite of women's college basketball programs.

This season is a testament to McGraw's ability to take a rebuilding year and turn it into one of the most successful seasons in the country.

It will be a difficult challenge for next year's team — which will be led by three current juniors — to repeat the success of previous seasons. However, with the talent that has been shown during this season's tournament and the regular season, next season will give the team a chance to carve another niche in Notre Dame's women's basketball annals.



The Observer/Kevin Dalum  
Junior Danielle Green and the Irish were unable to fend off the surging Boilermakers as they lost, 70-65.

## Game

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ly due to an amazing three-point shooting display by junior Sheila McMillen.

"Well, it was just a matter that I was ready to shoot," McMillen said. "I went into Ruth [Riley], and I found myself open a lot for some wide-open shots."

In the second half, the Irish still carried their momentum to even greater heights, using a layup by Niele Ivey to take a 56-40 lead. Purdue pulled to within 10 points, but a three-pointer by Ivey stopped the Boilermakers from cutting too much into the lead.

It was then that Purdue began to use the full-court press, which slowly began to wear down the Irish on both ends of the court. After earning her fourth foul at the 15:13 mark, Riley was forced to take a seat on the bench. When the Boilers then pulled to within seven, McGraw placed her back into the lineup in an attempt to stop the bleeding. Less than two minutes later, Riley earned her fifth foul, forcing her to take a seat to a cheering crowd.

After Riley fouled out, Purdue

continued their run for the lead. At the 4:01 mark, Ukari Figgs made a short jumper to cap a 22-5 run and take a 62-61 lead — their first lead of the day. Meanwhile, Notre Dame's offense fell apart, going scoreless for six minutes until Ivey hit a free throw with 1:30 remaining. After a turnover, Peirick then hit a three pointer to cut the Boiler lead to three.

After a timeout, the Irish attempted to pick up a quick foul and send Purdue to the free throw line, a weakness for the Boilers. However, Danielle Green's collision with a Purdue player at half-court went unnoticed by the referees, and play went on. With 7.1 seconds left in the game, Katie Douglas was fouled and sent to the free throw line, where she calmly sunk two shots to put the game out of reach.

Notre Dame was led by McMillen, who went 6-for-10 from behind the arc for 18 of her 22 points on the day. Ivey and Riley had 12 and 10 points, respectively, to lead the other Irish players in double figures. Freshman Kelley Siemon led the team in rebounds with 13 boards, while Peirick dished out a game-high eight assists and five points.

"It's tough losing Mollie Peirick," McGraw remarked. "As a senior, she had a great year for us, and did a great job as a leader, but it's a young team, and we will definitely be back."

Purdue was led by White, with 22 points and six steals for the game. As a team, the Boilermakers went 19-for-35 from the charity stripe.

"I don't even know how to express it," Peck remarked on advancing to the regional finals. "It's a great feeling. I think we're in a place that a lot of people would never expect this team to be in, with no seniors and only two juniors."

With the win, Purdue improves its record to 23-9 and extends its winning streak to eight games. They will take on third-seeded Louisiana Tech tonight in the regional final. With the loss, the Irish end their season at 22-10.

"I'm proud of this team," McGraw said. "I think we have accomplished more than a lot of people were ready to give us credit for. The team played hard, with a tremendous desire and pride, and I think that's the type of team that you'll see back here again next year."

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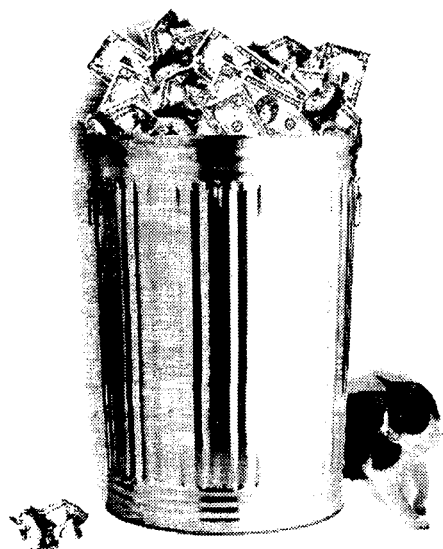
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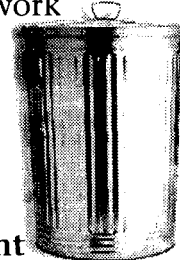
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## ■ MEN'S LACROSSE

## Knights steal win from Irish with last second goal

By DAN LUZIETTI  
and TOM STUDEBAKER  
Sports Writers

In a game that came down to the wire, it was the Fighting Irish that just ran out of time.

Freshman attacker Keith Cromwell put Rutgers up by scoring with 6:42 remaining in the game to break a 12-12 tie. The Scarlet Knights went on to steal one on the road from the 13th ranked Irish by the final of 13-12.

Notre Dame, 3-2 on the year, was led by junior attack Chris Dusseau, who had four goals on the game. Dusseau, was frustrated with the teams performance in the previous two games, but realizes that the season is far from over.

"We need to take care of the little things if we want to turn it around," Dusseau said. "We need to finish our plays, capitalize on opportunities when they arise and eliminate some of the mistakes."

The Irish had battled back from a 9-5 deficit in the third quarter by scoring four unanswered goals in less than five minutes. The teams then traded goals to enter the fourth quarter tied at 11.

Rutgers pulled ahead on a goal by senior Craig Buckley two minutes into the quarter. Dusseau answered three minutes later to tie the score once again. Notre Dame had one final attempt before the buzzer, but senior captain Jimmy Keenan's shot failed to reach the net.

Leading Rutgers throughout the contest, junior Brody Bush

scored five times and added two assists. The Irish only led once during the game at 3-2, but Bush scored three unanswered goals for Scarlet Knights in the second quarter.

The Irish were coming off of a crushing loss to highly ranked Loyola, and were hoping to rebound against Rutgers.

"Against Loyola we were out of it from the beginning," Dusseau said. "With Rutgers we competed the entire time, and we were very close throughout. We kept battling back, but just fell short in the end."

Despite the early losses, the Irish season is far from over. In the remaining seven games, Notre Dame will face several ranked opponents. Learning from these early losses could prove to be crucial.

"These losses will help us in the long run," Keenan commented. "It's beneficial to learn from your mistakes early. We now know we need to focus before every game, and we just need to start playing harder as a team."

Keenan had two goals and two assists for the Irish, while freshman attack David Ulrich led the team in assists with four. Senior captain goalie Alex Cade played the entire game and finished with 11 saves.

These team leaders will be called upon in this critical point of the season.

"All of our seniors need to step up," Keenan observed. "Especially now, after two straight losses, leadership is critical. But everybody needs to elevate their play as we look to Hobart next weekend."



Senior midfield Jimmy Keenan contributed two goals and two assists in Saturday's loss to the Knights. The Observer/Jeff Hsu

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## ■ HOCKEY

# Eaton earns Rookie of the Year honors for CCHA

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame freshman defenseman Mark Eaton has been named the 1998 Central

Collegiate Hockey Association rookie of the year, as selected by the conference's coaches and announced Thursday night at the annual CCHA

Tournament banquet.

Eaton is the second Notre Dame player to be named conference rookie of the year in the 30 years of the program's

modern era, following in the footsteps of eventual All-American center Brian Walsh, who was named the Western Collegiate Hockey Association rookie of the year in 1973-74. Notre Dame right wing Joe Dusbabek was runner-up to Western Michigan defenseman Darryl Andrews in voting for the 1997 CCHA rookie of the year.

Eaton edged out Ohio State goaltender Jeff Maund for the award, receiving 64 voting points to Maund's 62. Both players received five first-place votes, with Michigan State forward Rustyn Dolyny receiving

the other first-place. Dolyny finished third in the balloting with 43 points, followed by Michigan center Mark Kosick and Bowling Green goaltender Shawn Timm. First-place votes received 10 points while second-place votes were worth five points and third-place worth two points.

Eaton's 12 goals are the seventh-most ever by an Irish defenseman and most since 1986. He totaled 19 points in Notre Dame's final 16 games, highlighted by a four-point game at Alaska-Fairbanks and four goals in six games vs. Michigan.

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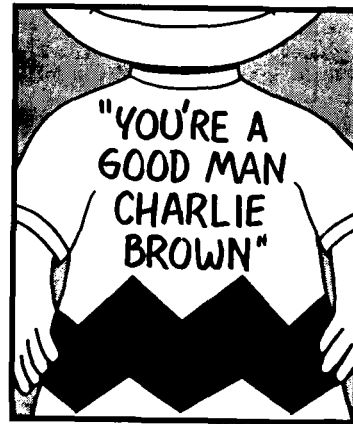
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## ■ FENCING

## Walsh places in third consecutive championships

## Women give Irish early lead in tourney

By ANTHONY BIANCO  
Sports Writer

The Irish women ended their competition on Friday in first place in the NCAA Championships, continuing where they had left off the day before.

The lead the team established on the first day of the tournament allowed them to fence a bit more relaxed while continuing to build the lead.

After the women did their damage on the strip, Notre Dame stood in first with 73 wins. Second-place Stanford trailed with 66 points and defending champion Penn State was a distant third, 10 points behind Stanford.

"Saturday was more fun," junior foilist Sara Walsh said. "We were able to relax but maintain our high intensity."

After posting a near-perfect mark of 13-1 on the first day, Walsh added another eight victories on Friday. Her biggest wins came against Columbia's Erinn Smart and Stanford's Monique de Bruin, with scores of 5-3 and 5-2, respectively. Her only loss on the day in the round-robin came against Stanford's Felicia Zimmermann, who would finish as the national champion.

Walsh's 21-2 record in the first eight rounds gave her the second seed in the finals. Despite having defeated Smart in the earlier rounds, the third-seed was able to defeat Walsh in a 15-11 bout. Smart fenced Zimmermann in the finals, and was defeated 15-11.

In the bronze-metal match, Walsh defeated Columbia's Susan Jennings to finish third on the day.

"I was even relaxed in the finals," Walsh said. "I fenced Erinn [Smart] touch by touch, which kept things focused and fun. Because of my fencing, I was satisfied even with third."

Junior Myriah Brown, the

other Irish foilist, fenced a 6-3 mark on the second day, finishing the tournament with 17 wins and a no. six ranking.

"Women's foil is a very strong event, with three Olympians in the field," head coach Yves Auriol said. "Brown missed the finals by a matter of three touches."

In the end, Brown and Walsh combined for 38 wins, tying them with Stanford and Columbia for most wins in foil.

The other side of the women's strip was equally as relaxed and dominant. Led by junior Nicole Mustilli, the team amassed 35 victories in the tournament. Mustilli's 19-4 record in the opening rounds included a win over the eventual champion, freshman Charlotte Walker of Penn State. Sophomore Magda Krol, the other Irish epeeist, recorded 16 wins in her sixth-place effort.

Going 8-1 on the second day, Mustilli was able to move from fifth place to become the no. two seed heading into the finals.

"Today was an easier day, I was much more relaxed and the competition eased up," Mustilli stated. "Yesterday, everyone was surprised with my fencing. Today, I expected it."

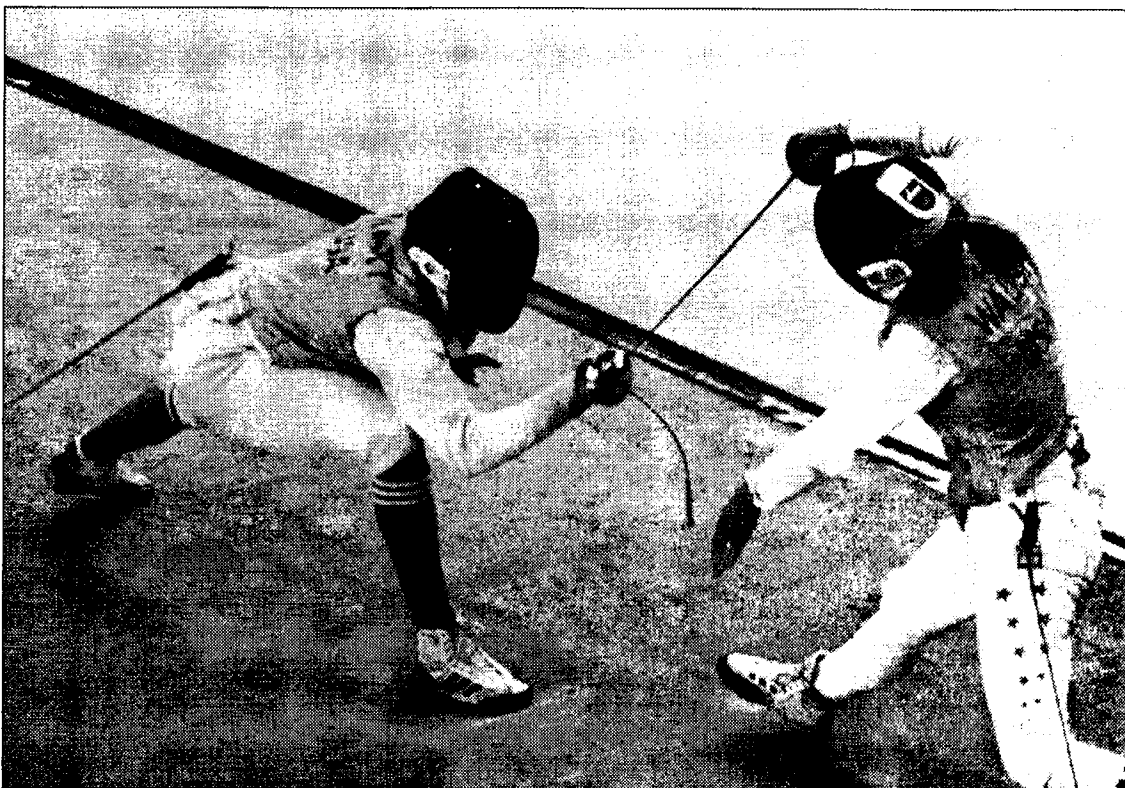
In the finals, Mustilli was paired against St. John's Nicole Dygert. Dygert won their first meeting of the tournament, 5-0.

"The fact that I lost before didn't hurt me in the finals. I fenced her in a similar situation at the Penn State tournament earlier in the year, and it didn't hurt me."

Mustilli was edged out 15-14 in the match. She finished fourth after a second loss, this time to Lisagor. Yet Mustilli finished the tournament with 19 victories, which was second to only Walker's 20.

The goal to focus on winning bout by bout gave the Irish women the outcome they expected.

"I am happy about the way the women fenced," Auriol said. "They were able to hand the men a good lead, and they fenced excellently."



Junior foilist Sara Walsh earned the second seed heading in to the final four but fell to Columbia's Erinn Smart in the semifinals. She went on to capture third, defeating Columbia's Susan Jennings.

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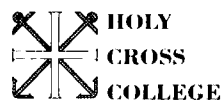
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# LaValle

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they all recorded victories against him.

"I knew that after that, I really had to work hard [on Saturday] to make it," said LaValle. "I needed to refocus

my efforts."

With the help of head coach Yves Auriol and sabre coach Janusz Bednarski, LaValle was able to turn the tide.

"Luke and I sat down with coach Bednarski," said Auriol. "We told him the girls were able to win by fighting, and so can he. In my mind, he was ready to fence and win."

"Janusz's coaching was phenomenal," LaValle said. "He was always there at the strip and motivated my fencing."

LaValle began his second day of competition in a different mindset.

"He was a different fencer than yesterday," Auriol said.

LaValle went 8-1 in the three remaining rounds of opening

play, which bumped him up to third place and giving him a spot in the finals. Entering the final round, LaValle was tied for fourth for the final spot in the championship, along with NYU's Paul Palestis and Penn State's Aaron Steuwe. Palestis and Steuwe each went 2-1 in round eight while LaValle went 3-0.

"My goal this morning was to make it to the final four," LaValle said. "I knew that from there, I could win this. It really wasn't an option after that."

In the first final, LaValle faced second-seeded Durkin once again. But this outcome differed from the 5-4 bout Durkin won in round-robin play. LaValle came out to an early lead of 9-5 to eventually beat the sole Columbia sabreman in the tournament 15-12.

LaValle advanced to the finals in another tournament rematch, this time against Golia. Again, LaValle's opponent appeared to have the upper hand, as Golia handed him a loss the day earlier, by a

5-4 margin.

"Going into the final bout, I told myself I'm here, and I don't want to waste it, I don't want to settle for second place," LaValle said. He jumped to a 10-4 lead against the Pennsylvania freshman and hung on to win the bout 15-11.

"I don't think it was a matter of overconfidence," Golia said. "Fencing together at the New York Athletic Club, we already know how the other fences. I think it was being at Notre Dame that pushed him over the edge. It was different than from when I fenced him in the round-robin, because the crowd wasn't as focused then as in the finals. I could hear them, they were loud."

The championship is only Notre Dame's third, with the other two coming back-to-back from Mike Sullivan in 1977-78. In addition, Sullivan served as an assistant coach for the team from 1996-97.

LaValle fenced with him here and back home at the New York Athletic Club.

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## Men's

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bang, leading the field with 73 points, ahead of second-place Stanford with 66 points and 17 points ahead of Penn State.

Men's sabre was the first men's event. Junior Luke LaValle and freshman Andrzej Bednarski started the tournament ranked sixth and ninth, respectively. The Irish accumulated just 16 victories compared to Penn State's 23.

"We weren't showcasing our abilities," LaValle said. "We refocused our goals that evening, and came out the next day and fenced the way we should."

In the final three round-robin rounds, the team compiled 13 victories. The team upped its lead against Penn State by three wins in the sixth round as LaValle and Bednarski gained 5 wins compared to the Lions' 2. In the next round, the two gained another point against Penn State, sparked by LaValle's win against

Penn State's Michael Takagi and Bednarski's victory over Penn State's Aaron Steuwe.

LaValle's 8-1 record in the final three rounds propelled him into the final four. Wins against Durkan and Mike Golia of Pennsylvania gave LaValle the championship.

The men's foil and epee events were just getting underway Saturday. Penn State edged its way closer to first, as their foil duo of David Lidow and Gang Lu swept Notre Dame's Stephan Auriol and John Tejada 4-0.

"These early loses made us sit back a bit. We forgot how to have fun and forced the wins," Tejada said on the foil team's disappointing 9-19 collective start.

Brian Stone and Carl Jackson had a different outcome on Saturday, combining for 17 victories in epee, with only Stanford and St. John's gaining more points.

"No one carries the squad for Notre Dame," Stone commented. "Everyone is doing their part."

At the end of the day, Notre

Dame held on to first place, but its lead had slipped to just three points over Penn State.

Sunday's first round of competition saw Penn State finally close the gap on the team championship and then pull ahead by two points. The break was mainly due to Penn State's 4-0 sweep against Jackson and Stone. Penn

State captain Tom Peng recorded wins over Stone (5-4) and Jackson (5-1), as did his teammate, freshman Brandon Baby, with two 5-4 decisions. Stone and Jackson rebounded in the next round, combining to go 5-1 and setting up an intense eighth and final round.

The team score was tied at 139

for the Irish and Penn State as they entered the final round of competition in the tournament.

Peng's victory against Princeton's Jason Burrell gave Penn State the point that put them over the top and gave them the championship. Baby's bout and win gave them a two point victory over the Irish.



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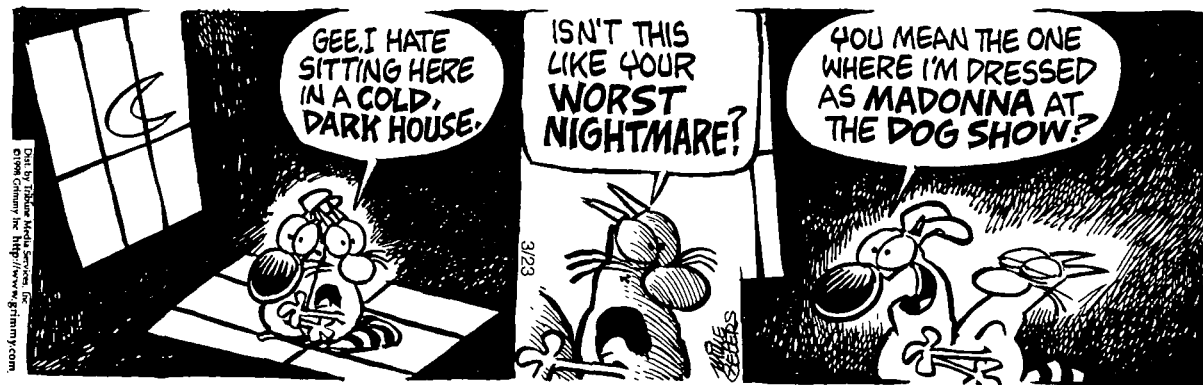
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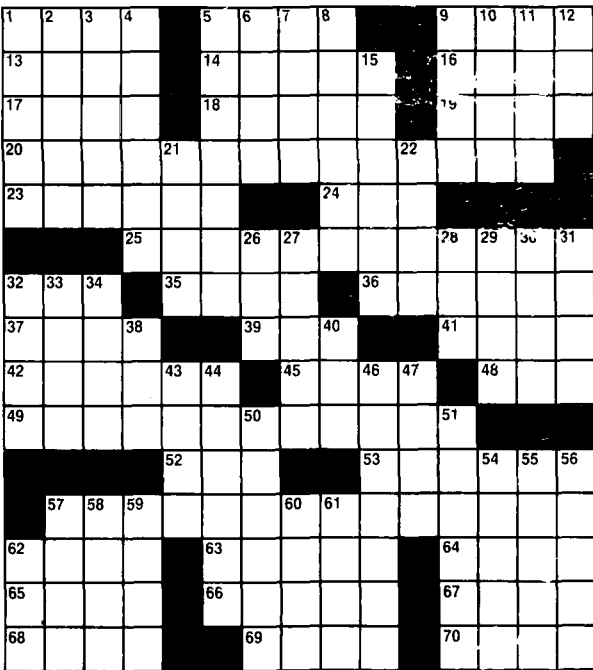
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- 40 Welcome site
- 43 Outdoor party
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- 54 Water park sight
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**Cancer:** It becomes clear that not everyone understood the original plan. Certain gaps appear between actual and projected results. Stop everything instantly and go back to plug the holes.

**Leo:** Nobody is going to agree with you today, so don't even ask. You might end up having fun if you follow someone else's lead for a change. A little knowledge wouldn't hurt you at this time.

**Virgo:** You may be the soul of practicality, but sometimes you could benefit from yielding to sudden impulse. Spontaneity does not necessarily end in waste and ruin. Enrich yourself with a walk on the wild side.

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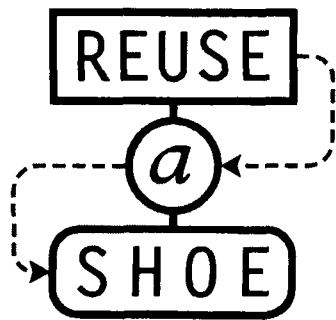
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## ■ NCAA FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Notre Dame foiled again



Junior foilist Stephane Auriol was unable to fend off the Nittany Lions as he and fellow foilist John Tejada were swept by them.

### Men unable to fend off Penn State's surge

By ANTHONY BIANCO  
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame fencing team was unable to carry the lead it had established all weekend through the final day of competition in the NCAA Championships.

Entering the day, ahead of

Penn State, the second-place team and defending champion, by three points, the leader board would shift before the smoke cleared and Penn State came out on top by a score of 149 to Notre Dame's 147. This is the fourth-straight year the Nittany Lions have won the tournament and the third-straight year the Irish have finished second.

The men took to the strip Friday afternoon after the women's foil and epee team started the tournament with a

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### LaValle wins National Championship in sabre

By ANTHONY BIANCO  
Sports Writer

After winning three consecutive Midwest Regional titles, junior sabre captain Luke LaValle was ready to take his game to a level higher in the NCAA championships. On Saturday, he did just that, winning the men's sabre championship.

"I'm going into [the championships] worrying about it one step at a time, one duel at a time," said LaValle last week on his outlook for the tournament. His climb led him to the pinnacle this weekend as he became the first Irish men's fencing champion since Jubba Beshin in 1990, who won in epee.

The competition for LaValle and the men's sabre began Friday afternoon with the event's first five rounds of round-robin competition. Despite finishing the day with a 9-5 record — good enough to give him sixth place — LaValle lost to a number of top-ranked fencers that he is familiar with.

St. John's Keith Smart, Penn's Mike Golia — who finished the day ranked fourth — and second-ranked Patrick Durkin of Columbia have all fenced with LaValle at the New York Athletic Club, their home fencing team. And on the first day of competition,

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Junior sabre captain Luke LaValle prepares for his bout in Friday's round robin of the NCAA Championships. LaValle claimed his national title on Saturday after defeating Mike Golia of Pennsylvania, 15-11.

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## ■ NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

## Boilermakers end Irish quest for championship

### Purdue rallies in second half to advance to Midwest regional finals

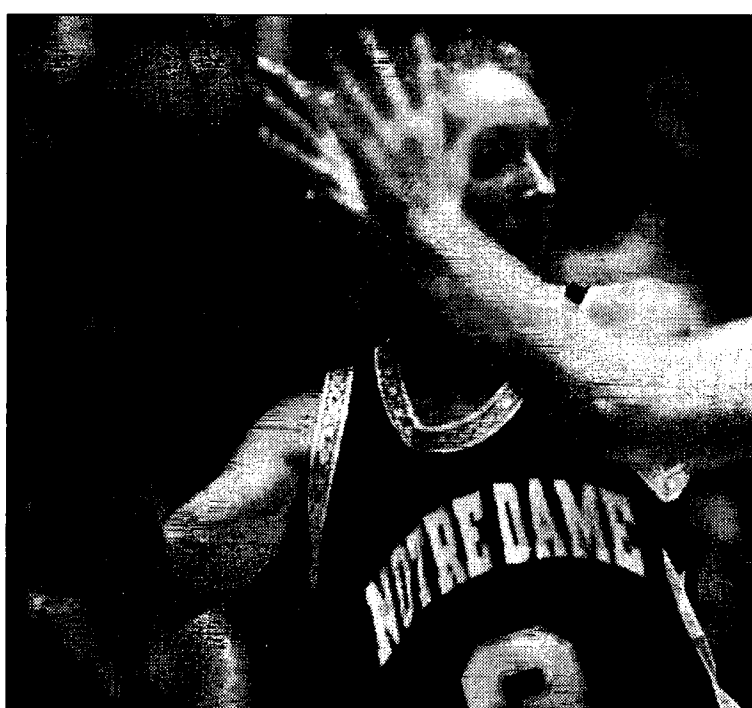
By BILL HART  
Assistant Sports Editor

Like last year, the women's basketball team's run to the regionals was an one of the most surprising aspects of the NCAA Tournament.

After defeating top-seeded Texas Tech on their home court last week, the Irish seemed poised for another run to the Final Four. However, this goal proved to be just out of reach, as Notre Dame fell to fourth-seeded Purdue 70-65 on Saturday in the Midwest Regional semifinals in Lubbock, Texas.

At the start, the Irish took quick advantage of their height and strength. Notre Dame went on an 8-0 run to start the game, not allowing the Boilers to score for the first two minutes. Junior Stephanie White kept Purdue in the game, scoring the first six points for the Boilers. However, the Irish held a 42-30 advantage going into the locker room, most-

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Senior Mollie Pierick dished out eight assists and five points in her final appearance in a Notre Dame uniform.

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### Tournament run more magical than last year's Final Four trip

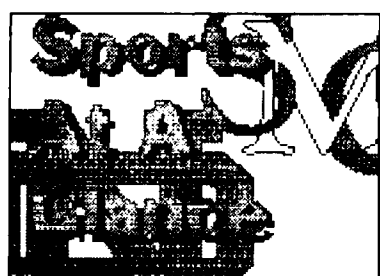
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You could see the emotion in the players' eyes as they walked off the court of the Lubbock Coliseum after Saturday's loss to Purdue. There was a quiet resignation of the truth. Another magical run to the Final Four was not to be.

There was no lack of respect for the team's accomplishments, though. In some ways, this year's NCAA Tournament run was just as awe-inspiring as last year's, if not more so. When one considers all the trials and tribulations the team faced after the end of the 1996-97 season, it makes their achievement all the more spectacular.

After the most successful season in the 20-year history of Notre Dame's women's basketball program, head coach Muffet McGraw was faced with

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at Hobart  
March 28, 2 p.m.  
vs. Duquesne  
March 24, 4 p.m.  
vs. Cincinnati  
March 24, 5:05 p.m.  
vs. Loyola Chicago  
March 26, TBA



at Duke  
March 26, 2 p.m.  
at Michigan  
March 25, 4 p.m.  
Track and Field  
at Purdue Invitational  
March 27-28



### Knights upset Irish at home

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### Eaton named Rookie of the Year

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