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■ Lent is more than just giving up chocolate — check out the history behind the holiday.

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WELCOME PARENTS!!

The Observer wishes all the junior parents a safe and wonderful weekend on campus. Check page 2 to see if the weather will cooperate.

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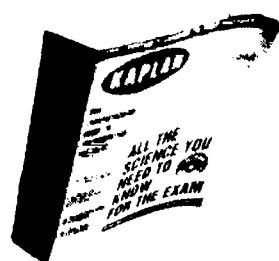
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M.D. MADNESS

As the April 17 test date approaches, pre-med students have two more months to review eight semesters of work for the MCAT.

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
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For nearly 180 Notre Dame students, the day of reckoning is approaching.

After countless classes in biology, chemistry and physics, the medical-school hopefuls have two more months to master everything from amino acids to aromaticity to angular momentum — all for one test that affects whether they ever earn the title "M.D."

"I don't think people are ready to kill themselves over it yet, but we're all apprehensive," said junior Kate Rowland. "You can do OK on the SATs and you're still going to college. If you don't do well on the MCATs, you're probably not going to med school. There is a lot of pressure to do well."

As the April 17 Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) approaches, most students go beyond their Notre Dame classes for test-preparation. The University focuses on providing a strong, comprehensive pre-professional curriculum, but it does not offer any formal MCAT preparation, according to assistant Arts and Letters dean Kimberly Flint-Hamilton.

"We don't have an MCAT review course," said Flint-Hamilton, also the advisor for pre-professional students. "[We just] tell them what to expect and give them good courses."

Flint-Hamilton noted that students who do well in the core classes of physics, biology and general and organic chemistry are well-prepared for the exam.

Rowland agreed that knowing the material well

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Photographic art by Kevin Dalum

Pre-professional students are gearing up to take a test that could make or break their chances of getting into medical school and fulfilling dreams of adding M.D. to their names. The MCAT promises to be a challenge, and students have chosen study methods from formal classes to personal cramming sessions to prepare them to take on the pre-medical monster.

New Eck Center opens with Hammes Bookstore

Observer Staff Report

The new Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore will open its doors to the Notre Dame community today, with more than twice the floor space and five times as many titles as the old facility on South Quad.

The store will carry a mix of academic and popular books, an expanded sportswear section and many of the same departments included in the old building. For a modern, trendy twist, the store also boasts a coffee bar, gas fireplace and Internet and software demonstration stations.

There will also be restrooms, fitting rooms and elevators, none of which were present in the old building. Hours will be expanded significantly — the store will be open from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. Sunday.

The bookstore will carry more than 75,000 titles, up from 13,000 available in the old facility. Floor space will more than double, increasing from 28,000 square-feet to 65,000.

The bookstore, located on Notre Dame Avenue next to the Morris Inn, is part of the recently completed \$21.5 million two-building Eck Center, which also houses the new Alumni

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MIAA reviews SMC

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
News Writer

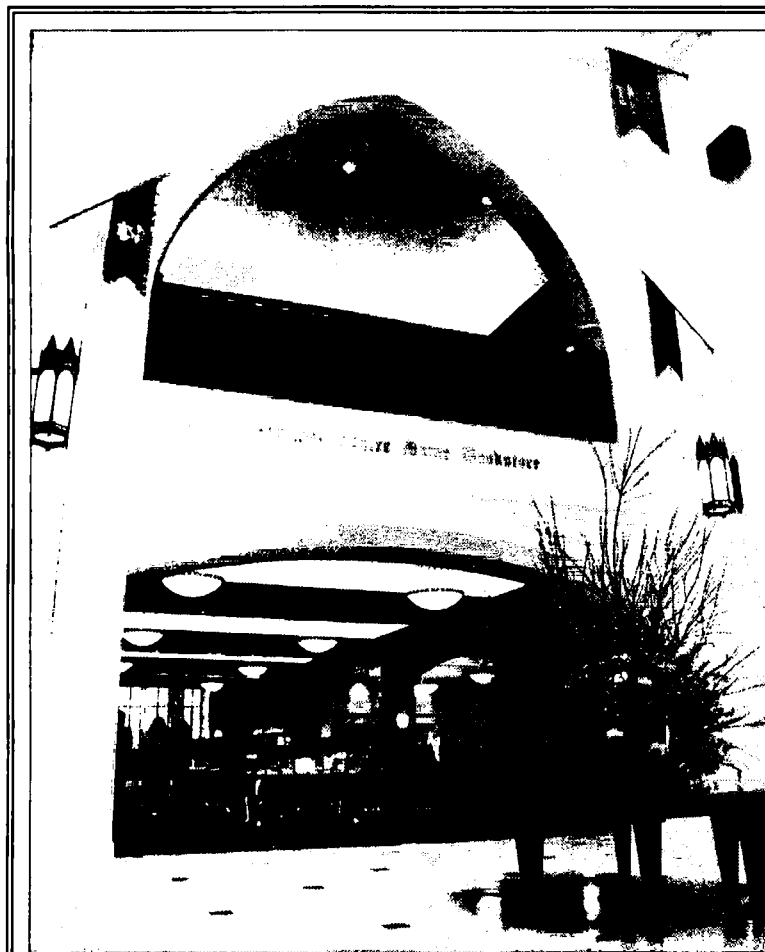
Officials from the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) visited the Saint Mary's athletic department this week to reevaluate the College's conference membership.

The MIAA will vote April 1 on whether to change the College's membership status from provisional to full-time. Before joining the MIAA two years ago, Saint Mary's was independent.

Evaluators looked for institutional compatibility during their visit, according to Jini Cook, assistant director of Athletics and Recreation.

"They were looking to make sure that [Saint Mary's] meets

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Teletubby Turmoil

Last week, Rev. Jerry Falwell alleged that Tinky Winky, the purple Teletubby from the PBS children's program, was gay. Falwell alleged that the children's show character promoted homosexuality and expressed his outrage publicly amid constant criticism.

Dustin Ferrell
Assistant Viewpoint
Editor

He based his accusations on several factors, including Tinky Winky's purple color, the triangle on his head (supposedly a gay pride triangle) and his purse, which the creators of the show call a "magic bag."

I decided I'd take a closer look at the accusation to see if it deserved any serious consideration and to judge whether or not the program had a negative influence on its young viewers. Admittedly, I was skeptical — the purple color and triangle are merely coincidental in the eyes of most people. And the so-called purse? I'll give the creators the benefit of the doubt that it really is a magic bag. Thus far, I hadn't been convinced that any type of conspiracy existed. I needed to investigate the matter further.

My first course of action found me viewing a copy of the program. After several minutes of watching the creatures happily about, the deeper contextual meaning became crystal clear. In one of the first scenes, the four Teletubbies went frolicking out in the hills when suddenly they came upon a building, one which dubiously resembled an administrative building. They all sat down and began chanting, each in his or her own language.

These developments confused me, but as of yet, I had no hard evidence to support Rev. Falwell's claims. Luckily, using a Teletubby Translation Manual provided by the Christian Coalition, I was able to interpret their statements, and I was shocked at the findings.

One Teletubby, which to most casual observers kept saying "quickly, quickly," was actually stating, "I'm straight but not narrow!" Upon hearing this, Tinky Winky replied, "Tinky Winky," meaning "I'm not obsessed with homosexuality, I'm obsessed with justice!" Another Teletubby, Dipsy, kept shouting something about sweatshops. And in front of the all of them, Laa Laa exclaimed, "La-la-la-la," which roughly translates to, "What if you fasted for three days and no one cared?"

I'm going to stop at this point, as I'm sure your outrage equals that of most concerned citizens. It has suddenly dawned on me that various left-wing movements, under the veil of a seemingly harmless television program, have infiltrated the living rooms of children worldwide to promote their iniquities as acceptable. Furthermore, their morally corrupt actions serve only to ensure their impending doom come Judgment Day.

This assault on our culture will not be tolerated. Rev. Falwell, and distinguished members of the Moral Majority, I praise you for bringing awareness to this grave situation. Remember that political unrest stabilizes society — yeah! Please keep up the good work of maintaining America's solid moral fiber and heritage, and weeding out these conspirators.

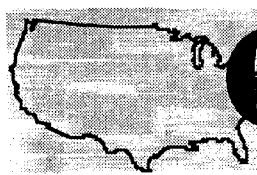
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Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Computers to replace pencil and paper GRE

COLUMBUS, Ohio

Students who work better with a pencil than a mouse will have their last opportunity to take the paper and pencil version of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) on April 10.

The paper and pencil test is being replaced by the computer adaptive test (CAT) that is administered year-round. The CAT allows students to schedule their GRE only a few days in advance, take the exam privately, and almost immediately learn their scores.

The CAT's adaptive format makes it fairly different from the paper version.

Test-takers answer only one question at a time and are subsequently given questions on different levels of difficulty based on whether they answered correctly. Each question is presented only once and students may not return to any questions once



they have answered them. Although the CAT has the same question types as the paper exam, earlier questions are worth more than later ones and thus questions are weighted differently.

When the exam is complete the computer gives a score based on the student's answers and the difficulty of the question.

Diane Dickerson, a senior majoring in nursing, took the CAT and said she is glad she chose it instead of the traditional paper format.

"I don't think that looking over your test really helps because it consumes too much time, and I've always been told that it is better to go with your first instinct," she said. "The only complaint about the computers that I have is that it seemed like it took forever and the screen kind of made my eyes hurt."

Dickerson purchased a computerized study package that she said substantially helped her to prepare for the CAT exam.

The scores of both test versions are supposedly comparable, but it really depends on the test-taker, said Trent Anderson, Kaplan's executive director for the graduate and professional center in New York.

"Since it is not possible to skip questions or reflect and go back to change answers, students cannot employ their usual test-taking strategies," he said.

■ DUKE UNIVERSITY

Enrollment drops at black colleges

DURHAM, N.C.

In the early 1990s, black high school students were drawn to historically black colleges and universities in great numbers. Nine years later, however, many black students are opting to forego that experience. All five of the historically black colleges and universities in the University of North Carolina school system have witnessed declining enrollments and Scholastic Aptitude Test scores in the past few years. Lagging enrollment is not exclusive to North Carolina HBCUs but reflects a broader pattern, said Gary Barnes, U. North Carolina's vice president for program assessment. "I would say we're looking at a national trend," Barnes said. One reason for the decline may simply be competition. "Minority students have greater choices than they did ten years ago," said Angela Terry, vice chancellor for student affairs at North Carolina Central University. "The markets for black students are broadening."

■ NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Prof: Tenure denied on principle

EVANSTON, Ill.

Cecelia Lynch is an international relations scholar, so she reflects on her upcoming departure from Northwestern in political terms. "I'm going because I prefer democracy to absolutist monarchy," Lynch said. Lynch, a political science assistant professor, said she was denied tenure last year by University president Henry Bienen because he doesn't agree with her views on national security — one of Bienen's areas of interest. Lynch's colleagues were surprised by the decision, and the University of California at Irvine won a three-school competition to snag her. "President Bienen represents, to the degree that he crosses into my field, a fairly narrow viewpoint on national security," Lynch said. "My approach challenges certain understandings of the field. He has acknowledged on more than one occasion that his knowledge of the theoretical developments of the field is at least a decade out of date."

■ UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Stroke research uses cancer cells

PITTSBURGH, Penn.

U. Pittsburgh Medical Center researchers are treating stroke victims by giving them cancer. The researchers transplanted brain cells into stroke victims last summer, and recently, three of the first seven patients reported improvement in their symptoms. This is the first cell transplant study for people who have suffered brain damage from a stroke — the third-leading cause of death and the most common cause of adult disability in the United States. The transplanted nerve cells are manufactured by Layton Bioscience, Inc., in California. They come from a cancer called a teratocarcinoma. These tumors consist of cells that have no specific assignment but have the potential to become various types of cells. Researchers add a chemical called retinoic acid to the cells, which causes them to behave like human neurons, or brain cells. In animal studies, these transplanted cells have not reverted to tumors for up to a year.

■ UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Regents support gambling revenue use

IOWA CITY, Iowa

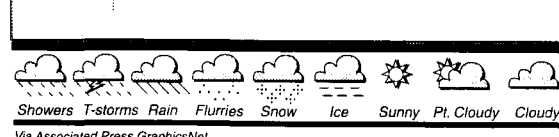
The Iowa state Board of Regents says it is willing to up the ante on a plan by Gov. Tom Vilsack to repair many UI facilities. Vilsack wants to allocate an additional \$60 million for infrastructure improvements at Iowa's three regents institutions by dipping into gambling revenue. Funding for the three schools could increase from \$173.7 million to \$236.3 million under the plan. The proposed increase was discussed at Wednesday's regents meeting at the Union. While the regents approved of the measure, they also predicted it would be hotly contested in Des Moines during the legislative session. Vilsack proposed placing all state gambling revenue into a "Rebuild Iowa Distribution Account." Under current law, gambling revenue is divided between the Infrastructure Fund and the General Fund, which pays for faculty salaries and other institutional expenses.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

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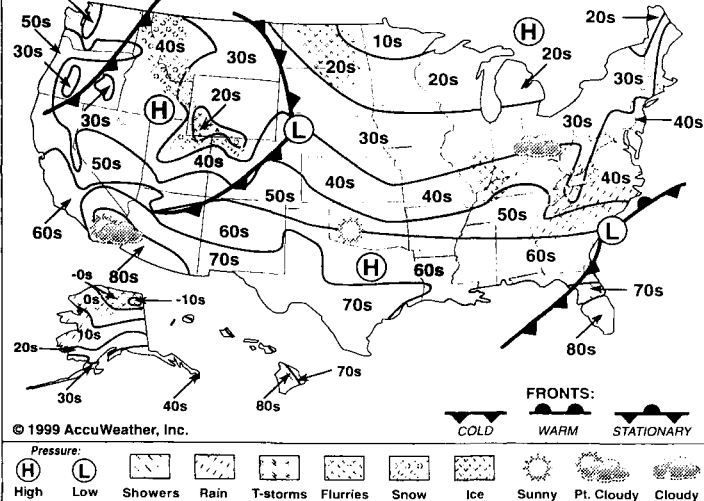
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Chicago	34	22	Honolulu	85	66	New York	35	18

Chemists highlight career choices

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
News Writer

Career opportunities for women in chemical industries will be discussed this weekend at Saint Mary's fourth annual Women Chemists Symposium.

"The advantage of the symposium is to educate science majors about opportunities available post-Saint Mary's," said Deborah McCarthy, assistant professor of chemistry and physics.

Speaking with professionals in the chemistry field will be a major advantage during the weekend, said McCarthy. Saint Mary's graduates will be available throughout the presentations to answer questions and

discuss available post-graduate opportunities.

"This is all about careers," McCarthy said. "We want these students to be able to discover their career and make it happen."

Highlights of the weekend's events will include a keynote address from Mary Singleton, a 22-year employee of Lawrence Livermore

National Laboratories, where she served as the deputy plutonium facilities manager. Singleton will discuss her experience as a worker in government laboratories and opportunities available for women scientists in the chemistry field.

Junior chemistry major Catherine Goolsby will kick off

the weekend at noon today with a presentation detailing research she completed in the Ohio State University molecular biology department this past summer. The presentation will take place in room 105 in the Science Center.

Senior project presentations will also take place throughout the weekend. Science majors can receive professional critiques of their resumes and participate in mock interviews to prepare themselves for the job application process.

Michelle Przop, '97, an Allied Signal Laboratory employee, and Paulette Raczowski, '97, a middle school science instructor, will be two of the graduates available for discussion.

Students help residents do taxes

By KYLE ANDREWS
News Writer

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are sponsoring a free program to help low-income South Bend and Mishawaka families file their tax returns.

The Tax Assistance Program, now in its 28th year, matches students from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's with local residents with annual incomes of \$30,000 or less. The program began Feb. 6, and will continue filing state and local returns until April 15.

"The large majority involved in the program are accounting majors from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's," said Rob Holcombe, a Notre Dame senior and publicity director for the program.

The students are divided among 10 South Bend-area locations. In addition, there are two Students Working at Taxes (SWAT) teams: one travels to Plymouth, Ind., and the other visits to disabled, homebound people.

Five major centers have certified public accountants on staff, and people with complicated tax problems are directed to those locations.

"It really was worth it. To see how grateful these peo-

ple were to get it out of the way in February instead of waiting until April was unbelievable," said Holcombe. "It's a great feeling. It's nice to be able to give something back to the community."

The program is advertised on radio, television and through news releases.

To prepare for the project, student volunteers attended a series of training sessions under accounting professor Ken Milani and chairperson Ken Ballotta. Participants also must have completed Accounting 476 last semester.

The project is a two-credit, non-graded class for the volunteer students.

Last year, over 2,000 returns were filed by the volunteers.

Funding is provided by the Notre Dame College of Business Administration; supplies are donated by the IRS and the Indiana Department of Revenue.

The five major locations are the Northeast Neighborhood Center, the Mishawaka Public Library, the La Salle Branch of the St. Joseph Public Library, the Tutt Branch of the St. Joseph Public Library and the Hansel Neighborhood Center.

The program will not operate March 5-14 because of spring break.

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is absolutely essential to MCAT success.

"It's a weird kind of standardized test. It tests how you think, but it also tests flat-out factual knowledge," she said. "There was one practice test with a section on torque. If you don't know what torque is, you're out of luck. There's five questions, and you can't answer any of them."

Father Joseph Walter, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry and the chair of the science pre-professional studies program, is responsible for providing information to students about the test and for exam registration.

"[There are] two short essays," he said. "There are sections on physical sciences, biological sciences and reading comprehension ... The questions follow a paragraph of reading material with graphs and tables."

Each of the three sections is graded on a scale of 15 points for a maximum score of 45; the fourth part, a writing sample, is scored separately with a letter grade.

Each student approaches the test in his or her own way, but in the absence of a University-sponsored prep course, many students choose to take a series of classes offered by the Stanley Kaplan program, according to Walter.

"Some students take the Stanley Kaplan prep course, which runs about \$1,000," he said. "Others study on their own using the complete prep for the MCAT by Williams and Wilkins ... or the Princeton Review of the American Association of Medical Colleges."

Flint-Hamilton explained that the University's position on prep classes is a neutral one.

"We don't endorse Kaplan, but we don't tell them not to take it," she explained.

Junior psychology and pre-med major Rose Domingo is currently enrolled in the course and thinks it is well worth the money.

"It's expensive and it's a lot of work, but you have so many resources," she said. "I think it's a good investment."

Domingo has been attending one three-hour Kaplan class per week since November and said that as the test nears, the course will also begin meeting on Saturdays.

Each course requires hours of preparation and is followed by additional homework assignments.

"You'll have a lesson, but before your lesson you have so many chapters to read, and there's topical tests afterwards to see what you learned," she said, adding that difficulty of the material is magnified by the sheer volume of information it covers.

All in all, she described the course as geared more towards familiarizing students with the test than on improving their knowledge of the material.

"You're supposed to know this. [The test is asking], 'Can you understand what these questions are trying to ask you, and can you do it quickly and accurately?'" she said. "They [Kaplan] don't teach it to you ... It's what you should have been learning all along and you've hopefully retained."

Domingo also cited feedback as one of the course's greatest advantages.

"You can see what you're getting into. You have opportunities to practice," she said, explaining that students enrolled in the course take five practice full-

length exams before the real test. "You can see your progression and how to improve."

Other pre-med students like Rowland have chosen to prepare solo.

"I'm not doing Kaplan because it's expensive and it's extremely time-consuming," she said.

Instead, Rowland said she schedules three hours of study during the week and two on weekends, treating those times as she would any other appointment and refusing to consider them optional.

"I have a couple of books with practice tests ... [and] I practice a half-hour writing sample at least once a week," she said. "I hope [it's as good as a course]. I don't know for sure."

"I hope that I can continue to be self-disciplined enough that it'll come out OK in the end," Rowland continued. "They [the Kaplan students] are more prepared in terms of the actual format of the test."

Walter emphasized that regardless of which methods students choose, preparation basically comes down to studying.

"There's plenty of materials out there ... They have to be disciplined," he said.

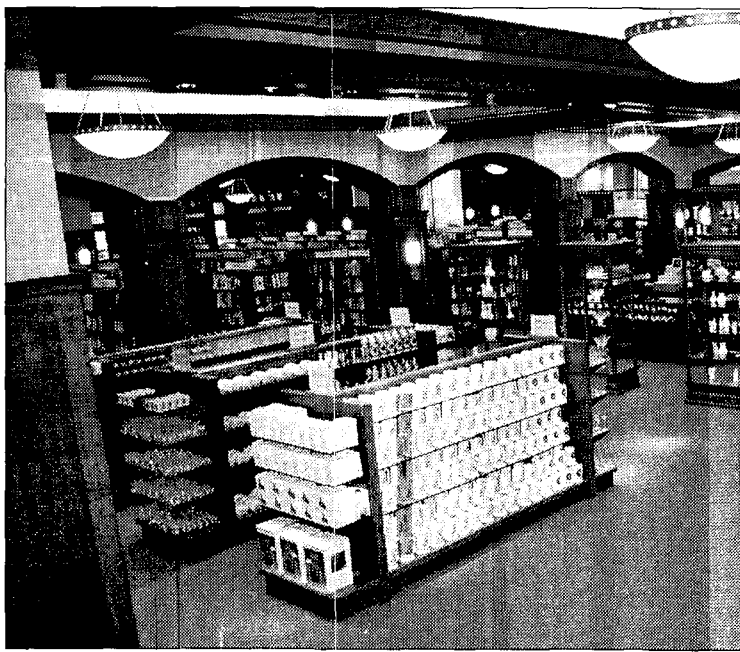
But Domingo said she thinks the MCAT tests more just how many facts and figures students can memorize.

"It's testing to see how dedicated you are to wanting to be a doctor because it takes so much stamina," she said. "If you're not really dedicated, there's no way you can get through it."

Younger pre-med majors might not be feeling the crunch like their junior counterparts just yet, but the drive to be a doctor does influence these students' attitudes toward their classes.

"It's definitely in the back of your mind, but I don't really think about it," said Aaron McCann, a sophomore science pre-professional major who intends to take the DAT, dentistry's analog to the MCAT. "You always hear people talking about [the MCAT] ... Personally I don't really worry about things that far down the road."

"I think that everyone's trying to make sure this is what they want to do because it's so much work," McCann continued, citing organic chemistry class as an example of the pre-professional workload. "What we're going through now has nothing to do with being a doctor ... but just telling yourself it's what you want to do [motivates you to do it anyway]."



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Association offices and visitors' center. The complex was designed by S/L/A/M Collaborative, a Connecticut architecture firm.

Follett College Stores, which has 585 stores in North America, will run the shop. The company, based in Elmhurst, Ill., has operated the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore for two years and runs the Joyce Center varsity shops.

The old facility on South Quad has functioned as Notre Dame's bookstore since 1955. It will be torn down this spring and new facilities for the First Year of Studies and Campus Ministry will be built in the next two years.

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Women Pastors of Michiana

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■ WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Turner apologizes for Pope jokes

ATLANTA
Ted Turner apologized for telling a Polish joke in reference to Pope John Paul II and for suggesting the ban on adultery should be dropped from the Ten Commandments. Turner said in a statement Wednesday night to the Catholic League, an anti-defamation organization, that he "regrets any offense his comments may have caused... and extends his heartfelt apologies." The former CNN chief, who is now vice chairman of Time Warner Inc., made his remarks Tuesday night while addressing the National Family Planning and Reproductive Association in Washington. The group supports abortion rights and contraception, which the pope opposes.

Two die as trains collide in Germany

MUNICH, Germany
Two passenger trains collided near the southern German city of Immenstadt today, killing two people and injuring 33, authorities said. The cause of the accident near the Austrian border about 75 miles southwest of Munich was under investigation, although German rail spokesman Reiner Latsch said sabotage was not suspected. Latsch declined to comment on whether snow or mechanical failure might have played a role. Police said the last car of the InterCity train bound for Dortmund in northwestern Germany derailed first, and was struck by a local train traveling on an adjacent track toward the ski resort town of Oberstdorf. The locomotive of the local train tipped over and all seven wagons derailed.

Pennsylvania man buys Simpson's Heisman

LOS ANGELES
The man who paid \$255,500 for O.J. Simpson's Heisman Trophy was identified Thursday as a Philadelphia sheet metal dealer who said he wanted to impress his girlfriend. Tom "Juice" Kriessman, 47, showed up at an auction house to collect the trophy, which was awarded to Simpson in 1968 when he was a star at the University of Southern California. Kriessman bought the prize anonymously at a court-ordered auction of Simpson memorabilia Tuesday. "One of the first reasons was I wanted to impress my girlfriend," Kriessman said. "It represents the story of a man who rose to be a superstar and lost it all overnight. I bought it for everything it represents: The trial of the century, O.J.'s whole career, what happened — you know, the tragedy that was his life. I just think in the future it's going to be worth a lot of money."

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'Comeback' Clinton returns to NH

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NEW HAMPSHIRE
As the White House said, there is something special about New Hampshire for President Clinton — and not just the comeback he claimed in defeat seven years ago. It is where he put on national display the traits that led to his impeachment and the survival talents that got him through it.

So it was fitting coincidence that Clinton's first political outing since the Senate acquitted him was to New Hampshire on Thursday. First to Dover, where the 1992 candidate had conceded that he was on the ropes over his personal, not his public life, and then to Manchester to raise funds for the Democrats who helped him withstand that crisis.

"They took a chance on him and I think he's repaid that trust with his performance in office," said Paul Begala, then a campaign strategist, now a White House adviser.

There were reminders that Clinton's personal behavior had once again threatened his undoing — the "disgrace" editorial on the front page of the conservative *The Union Leader*, the protesters with their "shame placards in Dover.

But only on the sidelines.
"There's a popular myth that he survived in New Hampshire, or indeed survived today, because of his political talent, which is manifest," Begala said. "My view is that he's surviving, then and today, because of his ideas. It's not about if he can deliver a speech, it's if he can deliver a program."

But speeches, skilled television performances, sometimes contrition, sometimes confrontation, and artfully dodging denials, all were part of the campaign course that saved Clinton's presidential campaign in 1992.

And the setting was New Hampshire, where the governor of Arkansas moved onto a national stage, and collided with scandalous sex accusations.

The denials that got him through that were worded as trickily as his defense in the Monica Lewinsky affair.

"The story is not accurate, the story is just not true," Clinton said after Gennifer Flowers claimed a 12-year affair with him. Under oath, in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case, Clinton admitted that they'd had illicit sexual relations in 1977. Once, though, not in a long affair.

She had been calling him periodically, with her tape recorder running, in late 1991 and early 1992. Clinton said he talked with her because she was in distress as the pursuit by the tabloids. He also said, incongruously, that he had told her "to just tell the truth." She'd earlier taped his suggestion that if everybody denied an affair, no problems.

Six years later, deceptively denying sexual relations with Ms. Lewinsky, the president glared into the television cameras: "I never told anybody to lie. Not one single time. Never." His impeachers tried, and failed, to prove otherwise.



Protestors greet Clinton when he returns to New Hampshire for the first time since his impeachment. The purpose of the visit was to support Democratic presidential nominees.

■ FRANCE

French to extradite U.S. fugitive

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BORDEAUX
A French court agreed Thursday to extradite American fugitive Ira Einhorn to the United States, then allowed him to walk free, heightening fears he might flee the country.

Einhorn, wanted in Philadelphia for the 1977 murder of his girlfriend, smiled when the court approved the U.S. extradition request then ordered him set free pending his appeal.

The joy felt by two of the victim's sisters at the extradition decision was tinged by Einhorn's expression, which they interpreted as a sign he might flee again.

"I'm jumping all over inside," said Elisabeth Hall. "I feel a great deal of vindication. But I'd be very surprised if he doesn't escape again. Fortunately, the world's smaller

now, and people know what he looks like."

Einhorn, now 58, fled the United States in 1981 shortly before his trial in a Pennsylvania court.

He was later sentenced in absentia to life in prison for the murder of Helen "Holly" Maddux, whose corpse was found stuffed in a trunk in a closet at his Philadelphia home. He denies killing her.

An antiwar campaigner and activist in the 1960s, he was well known in Philadelphia, where he once ran for mayor.

After living in England, Ireland and Sweden under false names, Einhorn was arrested in France in June 1997.

But the Bordeaux court refused to extradite him, citing a French law that requires a retrial for all defendants. Pennsylvania then passed a law promising Einhorn a retrial. He

was re-arrested in September 1998.

On Thursday, the court said that along with the guaranteed retrial, Einhorn must not face the death penalty.

Mary Maddux said she and her sisters never wanted Einhorn executed. "We want him to live with what he did for the rest of his life," she said.

Einhorn's lawyer, Dominique Tricaud, said an appeal on the extradition decision could take up to two years. Einhorn went to his home in a village outside Bordeaux, accompanied by his partner, Anika Flodin, a Swede.

In Philadelphia, District Attorney Lynne Abraham also expressed concern that Einhorn would run once again.

"He has proved to be elusive and resourceful in the past," said Abraham, interviewed on WCAU-TV.

MIAA

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the athletic and academic standards of the conference," Cook said. "They want to make sure that [Saint Mary's] is an academic and athletic peer for the conference."

Throughout the evaluation process, MIAA representatives have visited the campus three times, interviewed employees of the Financial Aid and Admissions offices and spoken with faculty representatives, coaches, student-athletes and athletic directors. The evaluators also toured the athletic facilities.

So far, the process has gone well, according to Cook.

"Academically, there is no question that we are a fit for the conference," she said. "We are also competitive in the conference."

One drawback for Saint Mary's could be its current lack of athletic facilities like a track and swimming pool. Improvements made in the past year — especially the addition of a new gymnasium floor — should compensate, said Cook.

"The conference has heard that we are taking strides to remedy the situation," she said.

Those strides include planning for new athletic facilities in the future, with an emphasis on building a track and swimming pool.

"Constructing the floor required a large financial contribution to athletics," Cook said. "They see that we

are willing to put money into the athletic department to meet conference standards."

Student-athlete interviews focused on student attitude toward the conference, according to Michelle Samreta, the MIAA student representative.

"They were interested in knowing what it was like to be a woman athlete," said Samreta. "For a lot of sports, it gives women's teams the chance to compete away from the men."

Interviewers also wanted to know what student-athletes considered the advan-

tages to joining the conference, said Samreta.

"For one thing, it makes the college more marketable for student athletes," she said. "Also, it is good for current athletes because we can be competitive in the conference."

Cook echoed Samreta's observation about recruiting.

"It gives us a huge edge in [recruiting in] the Michigan area, which is good because Michigan is the second-largest area that admissions draws from," she said.

Closure to the athletic season and broadened athletic

opportunities are also major advantages.

"Each sport has the opportunity for championship competition, which gives closure to the season," Cook said. "The teams also have the opportunity to compete in Division III nationals if they win those competitions."

Conference competition also raises the level of athletic expectation, Cook said.

"The quality of competition in the MIAA is strong in every sport. It pushes our student athletes to become better athletes."

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■ TURKEY

Turkish troops chase Kurdish rebels

Associated Press

ANKARA
Pounding rebel bases in northern Iraq and hunting fighters in their mountain hideouts, Turkey's army is bearing down hard on a Kurdish guerrilla group following the capture of its leader.

The Turkish military released no casualty figures from the fighting in northern Iraq against Kurdish rebels loyal to Abdullah Ocalan, who was abducted by Turkish commandos in Kenya on Monday.

With Ocalan's rebel Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK, apparently leaderless, the military kept up its latest incursion into neighboring northern Iraq in pursuit of guerrillas who have bases there.

The Kurd rebels, who want to carve out an autonomous homeland in southeast Turkey, have offered to negotiate, but Turkey has rejected the offer and is pressing forward with a military solution.

Turkish newspapers said that about 10,000 soldiers had stormed into northern Iraq.

Baghdad has strongly denounced the incursion and has demanded that Turkey withdraw.

In southern Turkey, meanwhile, pro-Kurd demonstrators protesting the capture of Ocalan fired on police Thursday, wounding three officers and a protester, the official Anatolia news agency reported.

The clash in Ceyhan, 330 miles south of Ankara, was the first violent confrontation between Kurds and police since Ocalan's capture.

Turks have been celebrating since the capture of Ocalan, and many hope that his trial will help lead to an end to the conflict. Some 37,000 people have died since fighting erupted in 1984.

Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit said the government would renew a call to rebels to surrender, assuring them that parliament would pass a law providing lenient punishment after elections in April.

Fallout was heavy after the Turkish commando operation that snatched Ocalan from

Greek diplomatic hands in Nairobi, Kenya on Monday.

Three Greek Cabinet ministers, including the foreign minister, were forced to resign, and in Nairobi, the Cabinet was reshuffled.

The capture of Ocalan continued to fuel Kurdish protests in Europe for the third day on Thursday, particularly in Germany, where it was feared the Kurdish conflict would spill over onto its soil.

In Germany, home to Western Europe's largest Kurdish community, Kurds attacked eateries run by Turks in Heilbronn and Muenster, beating six people.

Three Kurds were shot to death by Israeli guards Wednesday as they tried to storm the Israeli consulate in Berlin, after reports Israel helped Turkey track down Ocalan. Israel denies the reports.

Ocalan apparently had difficulty contacting his fighters while frantically seeking refuge in Europe, Turkish officials said.

Most PKK guerrillas were

forced to seek refuge in areas of northern Iraq that were controlled by Baghdad.

Iraq denies harboring the rebels. Turkey handed evidence to Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz of their presence on Iraqi territory while Aziz was visiting Ankara on Monday.

Turkish prosecutors began their interrogation of Ocalan on Thursday, traveling to the tiny prison-island of Imrali, off the coast of Istanbul.

The military released video tapes Thursday showing Ocalan drenched in sweat and looking uncomfortable, standing between two red Turkish flags at the prison.

Turkish stations ran the footage with a caption reading: "This is the image Turkey has been waiting for for the past 15 years."

Ocalan is expected to be formally charged next week.

Turkish intelligence reports suggest that the PKK faces an internal conflict for leadership, pitting Ocalan's brother, Osman, against a leading PKK commander, Cemal Bayik.

■ JAPAN

Parliament passes '99 budget

Associated Press

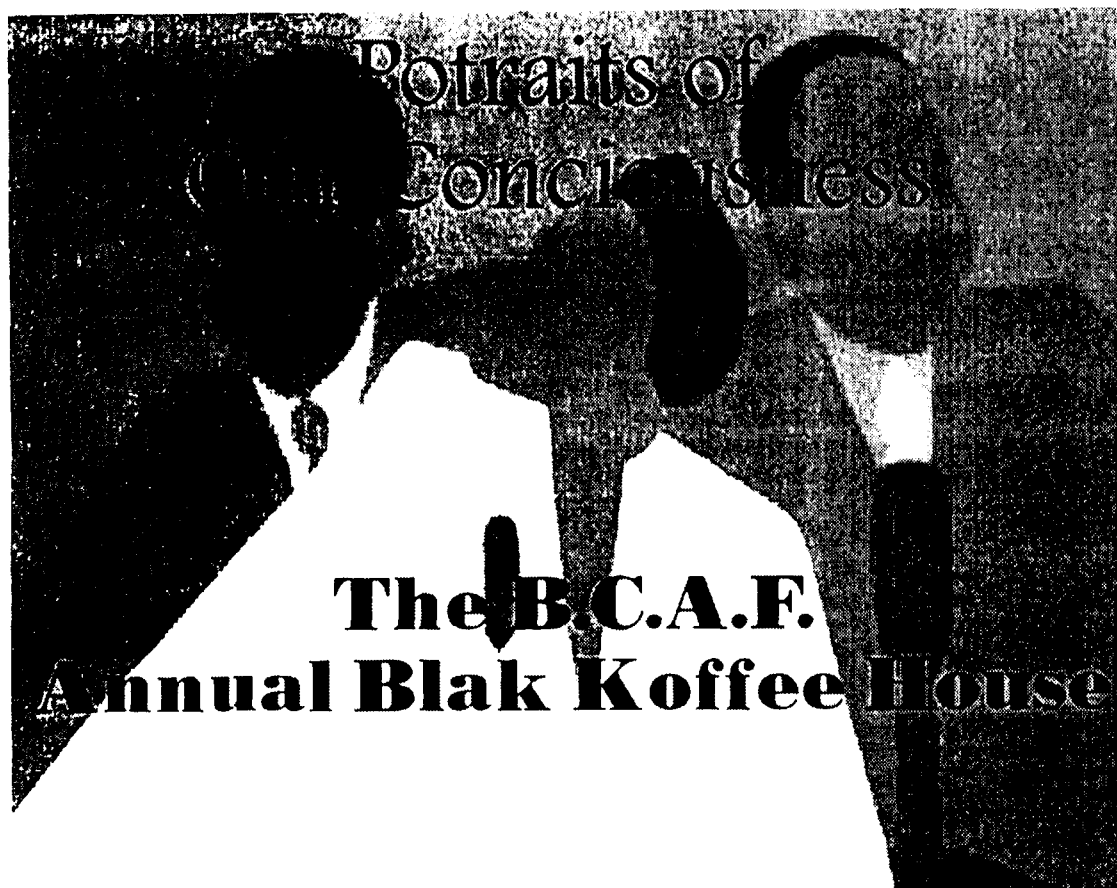
TOKYO

The lower house of parliament approved Japan's 1999 national budget Friday, boosting spending by 5.4 percent and cutting taxes in hopes of jolting the economy out of its worst recession in decades.

The \$682.5 billion plan, which now goes to the upper house for a vote, is packaged with legislation cutting taxes by more than \$75 billion.

The plan is aimed at pumping more money into Japan's moribund economy, which is suffering from anemic consumer spending, a record-high unemployment rate and a hobbled financial system.

"Once the budget passes, I will feel like we have climbed a major mountain," said Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi.



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Clinton to speak at annual NAACP leaders meeting

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
President Clinton is a featured guest at the NAACP's 90th annual meeting, which unlike in recent years will hear good news about the organization's finances.

The NAACP, the nation's largest and oldest civil rights group, was playing host to Clinton at a special reception tonight before the main meeting Saturday.

Through his creation of the race advisory board, Clinton has attempted to increase the discussion of racial and ethnic issues in America.

He is expected to release a report this spring on the White House's racial reconciliation campaign.

In contrast to the recent past, NAACP Chairman Julian Bond said the future bears promising financial prospects for the association.

Bond said corporate giving to the association is up 40 percent and foundation gifts 50 percent over the past year. Revenue from memberships is

up \$2.7 million in the last year, Bond said.

"We will have many other good things to talk about Saturday," Bond said.

Funding has been critical since the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People teetered on insolvency during the mid-1990s. Debt totaling \$3 mil-

Saturday.

Bond will discuss the state of race relations. Other topics to be examined at the meeting are protecting affirmative action, considering the problem of police brutality and helping ex-felons have their

rights to vote restored.

"We were founded in 1909 to fight a rising tide of white supremacy," Bond said. "Sadly, while legal apartheid has been vanquished, our democracy is still stained."

On Sunday, the NAACP and

the American Cancer Society will sponsor a national breast and cervical cancer training workshop in Washington designed to help bring attention to the illnesses, which strike black women at disproportionately high rates.



Clinton

CLINTON, WHO IS EXPECTED TO RELEASE A REPORT THIS SPRING ON THE WHITE HOUSE'S RACIAL RECONCILIATION CAMPAIGN, WILL BE A FEATURED GUEST AT THE NAACP MEETING SUNDAY.

lion and internal leadership battles at the time also hampered the association.

Bond said the NAACP has organized 34 new college and high school chapters, including offshoots at Harvard University and Stanford University and has sought to put race relations as a critical issue on the nation's agenda.

Bond and NAACP President Kweisi Mfume, who is responsible for day-to-day operations, will address delegates and members from the group's 2,220 local units

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Feds: Compaq gave Microsoft tips on competition

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

In a dramatic courtroom confrontation, the government alleged Thursday that Compaq Computer Corp. passed secret information to Microsoft Corp. about an upstart Microsoft competitor.

David Boies, a Justice Department lawyer, made the accusation in seeking to discredit testimony by a senior Compaq executive and Microsoft witness in the antitrust trial of the computer software giant.

The witness, John Rose, a senior vice president of Compaq, testified he was unaware that his company had passed along to Microsoft any confidential information about Be Inc., which also makes a computer operating system.

Passing secrets obtained under a so-called nondisclosure agree-

ment to another company's rival is extremely serious, the industry's equivalent to being caught cheating on a spouse.

"Microsoft has such power in the industry that Compaq feels it is in Compaq's interest to share the details of confidential negotiations," Boies said.

A lawyer for Compaq, William Coston, called the accusation a "cheap trial stunt" and complained to U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson that his courtroom was being "sullied."

The judge ended the episode after the witness denied any knowledge of a disclosure. But he seemed content with assurances from Boies when he asked, "You have a good-faith basis for that?"

Another Compaq lawyer, Tom Siekman, said outside the courtroom that the company "takes its obligations very, very serious-

ly."

"It's not appropriate to make an allegation of this kind in open court," said Siekman, who added that Compaq was investigating.

Jean-Louis Gasee, the chairman and chief executive officer for Be, based in Menlo Park, Calif., said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press that Compaq had called him "a little embarrassed" about three months ago confessing what it described as an inadvertent disclosure to Microsoft.

"Microsoft is such a threat to the livelihood of PC (makers), there is a climate of fear," Gasee said Thursday. "They will do things almost instinctively to propitiate Microsoft."

Thursday's accusation was the latest in the government's theme that Microsoft wields its enormous influence inappropriately. The Justice Department charges that Microsoft violated antitrust

laws by using its monopoly power to dissuade Compaq and others from doing business with Netscape and other Microsoft rivals.

Microsoft denies that it possesses monopoly power.

Boies on Thursday also introduced a November 1996 e-mail from Compaq speculating why Microsoft was offering to share with Compaq money it earned from Internet subscribers.

"Why is Microsoft making this offer? ... Microsoft does seem to very strongly want to get/keep Netscape Navigator off Presario desktops," Compaq executive Bob Friedman wrote.

Rose denied Thursday that Microsoft had exerted any pressure to discourage Compaq from dealing with Netscape. "I was never aware of Microsoft wanting us to exclude the Netscape icon from the desktop," he said.

Compaq canceled plans in

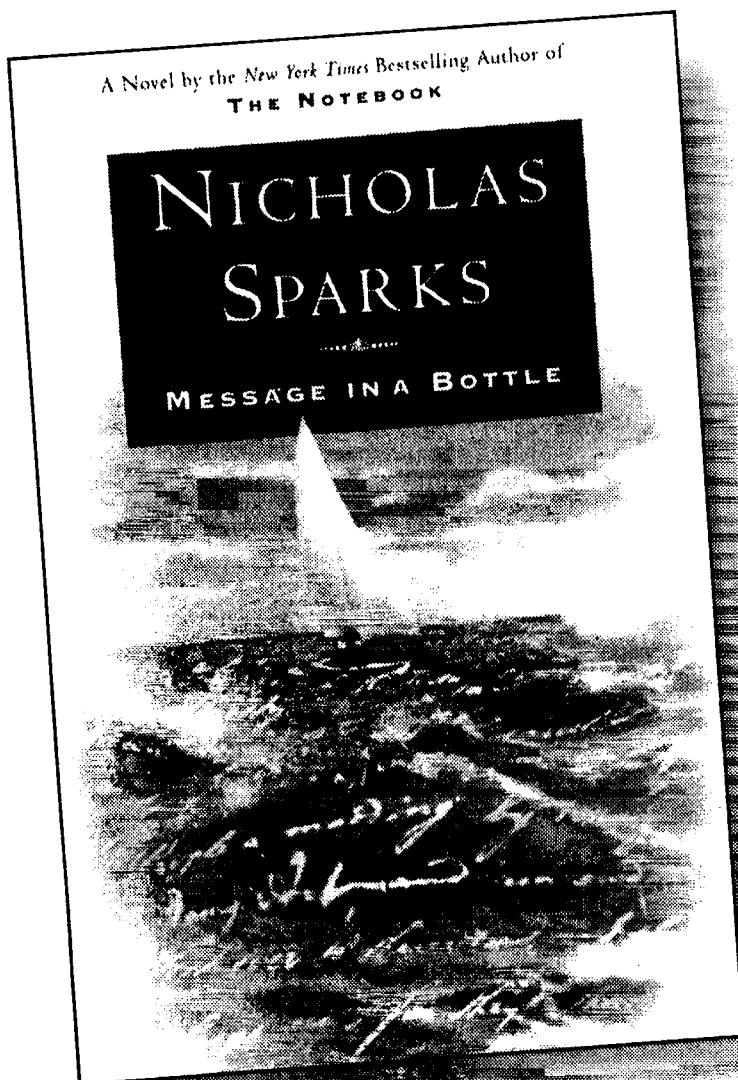
1996 to distribute Netscape's browser but currently includes the software with its computers.

The government alleges that Microsoft threatened in 1996 to stop selling Windows to Compaq, which was distributing Netscape's browser but also had removed easy access to Microsoft's.

Compaq has said it mistakenly made that change under a 1995 agreement with America Online Inc. stipulating that AOL's Internet icons would be the only ones easily accessible to consumers. And it has said that Microsoft was correct to object.

The judge cast doubt on the explanation Thursday, saying the Microsoft-Compaq agreement was dated August 1995 but was not signed nor executed until June 1996. The disparity "makes no sense at all if this was a genuine agreement," Jackson said.

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The Gender Relations and Multiculturalism Report

It is about time that Notre Dame confronts its problems of gender relations head-on. In order to do this, it will be necessary to look to other cultures to solve the multi-layered nature of gender problems.

Jeff Langan

Since the multicultural approach is by its nature an interdisciplinary approach, Notre Dame should turn to multicultural studies to resolve its gender problems.

The multicultural approach offers a further advantage. By studying other cultures, students will commonly find one example that resolves a number of problems that those same students find in their own culture. Multiculturalism, being interdisciplinary in nature, requires that students not examine one problem at a time, as rationalist and myopic Westerners are prone to do. Instead, multiculturalism requires that students examine several problems at once, in order to see how other cultures, preferably those outside of the United States and Europe, resolve similar problems. This way, multicultural studies are superior to the stale, one-track rational approach frequently used by Western cultures.

Furthermore, multicultural studies are not just theoretical. They offer real and practical solutions to the dilemmas we modern Westerners face. To be specific, let's look at some gender issues in American universities in general, and Notre Dame in particular. In general, gender relations at most American universities have taken a turn for the worst over the past generation. Date rape and

other forms of abuse are up. The culture is in general a vulgar one. Most males with heterosexual orientation can't control themselves. They drink too much when they're around women. You can fill in the gory details.

National Public Radio attributes this, in part, to demographics. Beginning in the 1960s, women began to outnumber men in the society at large. That is, for the first time in U.S. history, women are the majority. Recently, it was also reported that women now have a 60 percent to 40 percent population advantage over men in most universities. As reported on NPR, this makes guys less likely to treat women as ladies. As the old song says, "there are too many fish in the sea." In crass terms, it's a big market out there, so why should a guy worry about the kind of bait he uses to catch a fish? As the fish's biological clock starts ticking, and the desire to preserve the species kicks in, it will be quite easy to hook 'em.

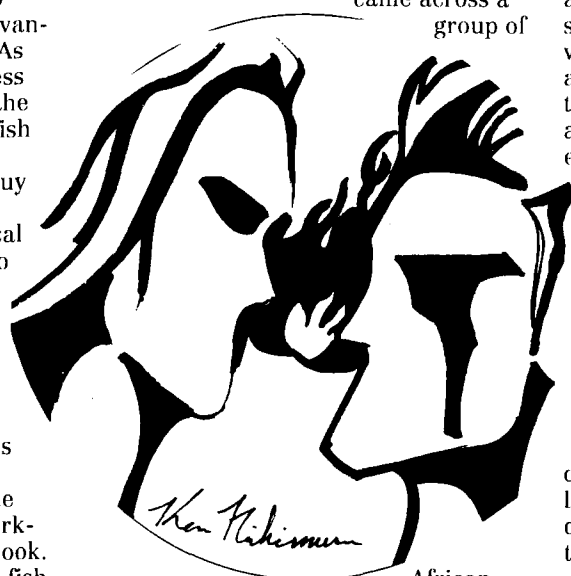
This is no joke. Back home, we used to fish in an overpopulated pond. We never thought of going to the store to buy worms or any fancy lures. We never had to get our hands dirty digging up worms. Instead, we turned over one rock, found one little worm, slug, or whatever else was lurking under the rock, and baited the hook. Within five minutes we had our first fish which, in turn, provided bait for the rest of the day, fish eyeballs, gills, intestines, scales, the body parts were endless. We caught fish using just about anything with the smell of flesh. It's not pretty, but it got us a decent fish dinner. (Fish, by the way, are cruel and heartless to their own kind. They're cannibals. They lack compassion. They'll eat their own on a whim. Think about that next time you're admiring your goldfish.)

Back at Notre Dame, when students and professors raise gender issues here, they usually refer to the problem of co-ed dorms and parietals. These are defi-

nately problem areas. Some people argue that Notre Dame should put an end to parietals. Multiculturalism to the rescue!

This is where multiculturalism will broaden our perspective, and perhaps help students look at the problems of gender relations, demographics, and parietals not as a series of isolated problems, each looking for its own rationalistic solution, but as one problem.

While studying in Paris a while back, I came across a group of



African, Asian, and European students. We began talking about gender issues, and I brought up some of the problems unique to the United States and Notre Dame.

The young ladies from Asia did not understand how these were problems at all. In their Asian hometown, they had no problem ending stuff like parietals, date rape, or co-ed dorms. They simply put all of the women's residences in a separate part of the city, built high walls around them, and put barbed wire on the top of the walls. If males want to visit, they can come in whenever they want, but they have to leave their ID

card at the door and a deposit. In addition, they cannot leave the first floor of the residence. If any problems occur, the security guard hands over the ID and the deposit to the police. I will leave it to student housing to work out how this applies to the Notre Dame experience.

Ironically, the African ladies in the group had no problems with the Asian solution. The Europeans, however, had difficulty with Notre Dame's current approach and with the Asian woman's solution. The German, for example, wondered why we have a specific administrative body within the school that tries to control gender relations at all (I suppose in Germany there is a governmental, as opposed to academic, administrative body that does that). She thought that Notre Dame should dedicate all of its financial resources to doing research. Let students create their own social life, she said. I suppose this would mean abolishing student activities, and all the other programs that administrators organize to "socialize" and control the way students think and live.

The Spaniard had another recommendation, perhaps the best of all. Notre Dame men should go from dorm to dorm like bands of troubadours singing their way into young ladies' hearts.

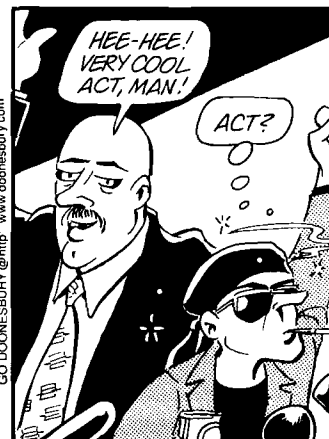
So, now we can see how multicultural studies will help Notre Dame solve its gender problems. If Notre Dame learns from the examples above, it will end parietals, take more protective measures to control security in women's dorms, abolish student activities, and buy guitars and colorful singing costumes for male students.

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GARRY TRUDEAU



QUOTE OF THE DAY

'Insanity is hereditary. You get it from your kids.'

— Badge, Brussels

■ SUPER HIGH INTENSITY TRAINING FOR THE MIND

Getting Attention and Thinking for Yourself

Some folks wanted the non-discrimination clause passed and decided they'd starve themselves trying to persuade the Board of Trustees to adopt it.

The people who starved themselves derived their strategy of persuasion from a combination of the following options:

- 1) depriving / giving
- 2) self / others
- 3) food / drink / both food and drink

As a public service to anyone thinking of starving his/her self to get someone

else to do something, I have compiled a list—in decreasing order of effectiveness—of all 12 possible strategies.

1: Give others food and drink: Bribe them. This is a tried and true

method of getting what you want. Sometimes called "lobbying," sometimes called, well, a bribe, this is probably the most effective way to get what you want. Salt Lake City got the Olympics this way.

2: Deprive others of food and drink: Cutting off nutrition supply. This goes back to medieval days when opposing armies would surround the manor that they were attacking and figure that if they didn't let food and drink in, that—sooner or later—the people inside would have to either surrender or fight in a weakened state.

3: Give others something to drink: Get them drunk. This makes persuasion much easier. Kind of a modified Jedi Mind Trick, if you will. This dates back to the original days of the SYR when individuals—mostly males—were looking for ways to get past that whole "actually wanting to be with you" part of the relationship.

3-and-a-half: Threaten to give a third party something to drink. Personally, I would suggest threatening to supply Zahn Hall with all-they-can-drink MadDog 20/20 and Jim Beam. (And some wine for section 3A.) The more important part is for the threatener to threaten to unleash the resulting drunken louts on the threatenees' property. This would most likely result in the Zahn boys pillaging, burning, stealing a sheep, stopping to prune the hedges, driving golf carts through family gatherings, stealing any paintings of Marion Burke Knott that happen to be laying around, killing a duck by twisting its neck, giving the picture of Marion Burke Knott back, giving the sheep a cigarette, and cooking the duck to eat him/her with dining hall spices. (Not necessarily in that order.) Oh, yeah, all while beating our freshmen with 15-pound carp along the way. Not that any of this has been done in Zahn.

4: Give yourself something to drink: a.k.a. "Getting Drunk." This has been a favorite of college kids since about the Garden of Eden. The more modern version usually just ends up in the Rector's room, Student Affairs, or the South Bend County Courthouse.

5: Deprive others of their ability to drink: Primarily used on college campuses. Think about it: If Bill Kirk said we couldn't drink until The Dome shined like the top of the Chrysler building, we'd be fighting each other to get up there and spit-shine the thing.

6: Give yourself food and drink: Nourishment. This will keep you strong and able to fight for what you believe in. I'd rather fight Ally McBeal than Kory Minor.

7: Deprive others of food: Starve 'em. Underrated. Most lists have it at number 10 or 11 because they think that taking food away must be used in conjunction with taking drink away. But those pundits forget that this allows for one to live longer in hungry misery—giving extended opportunity for persuasion.

8: Give others food: Feed them. A

Wild-Card. Can be as high as number 3, or as low as number 11. Depends wholly on the food being given. Taking someone to North Dining Hall so they can be harassed, frisked and beaten by undercover cops on the way out is much less effective than going to La Esperanza for world-class food. (Lots of food, good deals. Next door to Nick's Patio.)

9: Give yourself food: Eat up. A better long-term plan than anything else. Should be used in conjunction with a rig-

orous weight-training program consisting of heavy weights and lower repetitions. Don't waste any time doing cardiovascular activity, though, as it wastes calories that could be used to build muscle.

10: Deprive yourself of food and drink: Kill yourself quickly. I don't think this will get someone to do what you want them to do. Unless you want them to leave the room or plan a funeral, in which cases it's highly effective.

11: Deprive yourself of drink: Dehydrate yourself. I don't really know what this will accomplish, except to make you really thirsty.

12: Deprive yourself of food: A slow, painful misery whose only assets are ... well ... okay, so maybe there aren't any assets. Unless you consider being on TV in front of much of the country looking like the first syllable of the word "asset" as an asset, it really has no assets. It has absolutely no effect on someone else except maybe to confuse him.

So it turns out that they chose the option that is least effective for their objective. Unless, of course, their objective was to get on TV, in which case they chose the most effective. (For an assessment of how to get on TV, just turn the list upside down. Starving yourself goes to number one, bribes go to number 12— you never tell about bribes, right?)

But if someone wants to get on TV, there are much easier ways. For instance, one could beat themselves with a titanium baseball bat until they were semi-conscious, struggle over to a water-slide full of razor blades, slide naked down the slide into a vat of rubbing alcohol, and have a friend continue bludgeoning their skull with the titanium baseball bat until they were dead. Pretty sure to get you on TV, and it kills you just the same as starving. Only more quickly.

The Board of Trustees could—and should—adopt a modified form of the non-discrimination clause that allows the University to maintain its Catholic character while ensuring that no one will be discriminated against because of an inborn trait—a trait that our God gave them. If written correctly, the University could maintain the right to discriminate against any anti-Catholic behavior. But they should do it because it's the right thing to do, not because some people don't want to eat.

Please look at this topic for yourself and, as difficult as it is, try not to be turned off by the incredibly irritating tactics of some pushing for this clause.

My suggestion for next year: Adopt the clause, but put off the decision for about two weeks until those starving are forced to either eat or, well, starve. Kind of a natural selection for idiocy.

I'll do my part next year by sending a handle of Jim Beam to each of the members of the Board of Trustees the week before the vote. And threatening to send a few cases to Zahn.

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Spencer Stefko



■ CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'

American Troops on Their Way to the Balkans

Actually this headline isn't quite true yet, but barring a possible deadline extension or a huge political development, American troops will either be on their way to Kosovo or flying in air raids over Serbia by the end of the day.

Yet, in this news bubble we all live in no one seems to know much about this. In the interest of keeping Notre Dame students informed, and most importantly out of respect for American troops who will likely soon be risking their lives on foreign soil—I am going to do my best to give a little background on what is going on in Kosovo. If our countrymen are probably heading to another country, putting their lives at risk, I figure we at least ought to know why.

Kosovo: What's the problem?

Kosovo is officially a Serbian province, located on the Balkan Peninsula. However, it enjoyed constitutional autonomy until 1989, when Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic revoked that autonomy in keeping with his "Greater Serbia" campaign. Many Serbians feel that that Kosovo is part of their ethnic homeland, and it was the site of a important historical defeat by the Ottoman Empire in the 14th century, adding to its cultural significance.

Kosovo doesn't share this sentiment. The province is 90% ethnic Albanian, while Serbia is primarily a Slavic nation. There are also significant religious differences. The ethnic Albanians tend to be Moslem, while Serbia is mostly made up of members of the Eastern Orthodox Church. Due to this ethnic and political tension, and Milosevic's power grab, this 90-percent ethnic Albanian population declared Kosovo's independence from Serbia in 1992.

Not long after this declaration the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) began guerilla actions against Serbia. Serbia finally countered this action earlier this year. Serbian army and police regained control of most of Kosovo, and they did so brutally. Hundreds were killed, including civilians. Homes and entire villages were destroyed. Approximately 250,000 people were left homeless. The wide-scale murder of civilians has shocked the world and raised questions of war crimes. Tens of thousands of homeless Albanian refugees are hiding in the woods of Kosovo, sparking fears of a humanitarian disaster.

What does the United States have to do with this?

A lot. First of all, there are humanitarian concerns. The displacement of hundreds of thousands of ethnic Albanians from their homes could potentially lead to a continent-wide refugee problem. This is coupled with the massacre of civilians perpetrated by Serbian forces.

Moreover, there is potential for this warfare to spill out not only into the rest of the Balkans, but into other areas of the world as well. There is the obvious possibility of Albania, the poorest country in Europe, intervening on the side of the ethnic Albanians in Kosovo. Macedonia is another potential problem area. This country is split in its allegiance, with its 25 percent Albanian population supporting those in Kosovo and its Macedonian majority supporting the Serbs. The United Nations has positioned troops along the Macedonian/Serbian border in an attempt to preclude expansion of the combat into this country. Many fear that if the warfare spilled into Albania and Macedonia the region could explode, with nations like Greece, Turkey and Bulgaria becoming involved. Outside of the Balkans there is the possibility of Russian intervention on behalf of its traditional Slavic allies, the Serbs. Even Arabic countries as distant as Iran, who share Islam with the ethnic Albanians, could end up a part of the fray.

The most anxious commentators worry that this localized ethnic conflict could, in a worst case scenario, mirror the early twentieth century with a world war rising out of the Balkans. With these humanitarian and political concerns in mind, talks have been held in France to try to secure a peace.

What do we want?

The United States and NATO want to reach a compromise. They don't want full independence for Kosovo; for fear that

other ethnic secessionists might gain inspiration from this victory and attempt to emulate it. Instead, the United States and its allies are trying to persuade both the Serbians and the KLA to accept a restoration of Kosovo's autonomy within Yugoslavia. If this com-

promise is accepted then a sizable NATO ground contingent would move in to keep the peace.

Unfortunately, Serbian President Milosevic seriously objects to a NATO presence within his country. Simultaneously, however, NATO doesn't feel that it is possible for the peace to work without an outside military presence. If Serbia does not agree to this compromise and NATO presence, NATO has pledged air strikes on Serbia—tomorrow.

What is at stake for our troops?

If an air strike is launched to force a peace agreement, then not only will American pilots be in jeopardy but the subsequent disorder, which the KLA would likely take advantage of, will make things more difficult and dangerous for troops involved in the future peacekeeping mission. Even in the best case scenario, where Serbia agrees to the compromise and about 5,000 American troops head to keep the peace in Kosovo, there are still inherent dangers. Unfortunately, there doesn't seem to be any real way out for the world's only superpower. Europe will not act without us. (Although congressional support for this action is still questionable.)

This brings us to a broader question. How are we, the world's only superpower, to approach conflicts that contain no vital national interest? It is not an easy question to answer—and it is one that we have answered very poorly on many recent occasions. We as a nation need to start thinking about how we can use our privileged position in the world responsibly. This responsibility touches on the promotion of peace, economic and social justice and human rights throughout the world. The question is not if, but how.

One important aspect of this question involves the utilization of American troops. Our government's chief obligation is to the American people, whom it has been elected to serve. If it can avoid sending some of those people into precarious situations it should do so. American soldiers, as brave as they are, should not be sent to possible death if it is not absolutely vital for them to go. This means that countries in Europe, which are generally militarily and economically strong, needs to start handling affairs on their own continent. While America should be a force for peace and justice in the world, it should not be the world's policeman. The lives of our soldiers are too precious for that.

So, say a prayer today for the many suffering in Serbia and especially Kosovo. If the bombing starts, pray for the American and NATO troops as well. Finally, be praying for the leaders involved and a peaceful resolution to this conflict. This is one intention that would serve everyone's interests.

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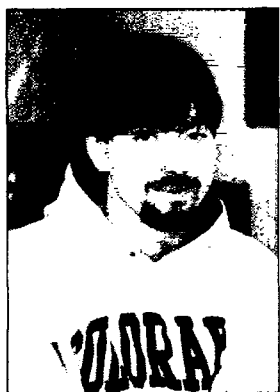
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■ Scene ASKS ...

What are you giving up for Lent?

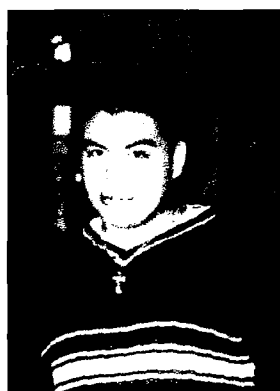


"I'm giving up lying to myself that I'm actually going to give something up."

Jack Lenzo
Freshman
O'Neill Hall

"Coffee."

Tiffany Roman
Freshman
Welsh Hall



"Meat. It'll be hard ... I'm the son of a butcher."

Heriberto Rodriguez
Sophomore
Knott

"Smoking."

Antonio Fonseca
Junior
O'Neill Hall



"Candy."

Mary Nakada
First Year Graduate Student

A LITTLE HISTORY LESSON ABOUT LENT

By SARAH DYLAG
Scene Editor

Wednesday and on all of the Fridays during Lent.

Perhaps you do not need a reminder. Perhaps you only just remembered while searching through the dining hall for some kind of meat product and finding none. Maybe you realized when someone asked what you decided to give up this year. Or maybe this is the first you have actually thought about it.

For Catholics and all members of Christian religions, however, it cannot be ignored — the season of Lent has begun in the church. With this past week's celebration of Ash Wednesday, Christians everywhere have begun to prepare to celebrate the Easter Sunday resurrection of Jesus Christ.

How much do you know about the season, its history and its traditions? Why 40 days? Why give something up? A little research reveals a lot of the answers ...

The word lent, which means lengthen, comes from the time in the spring when the days get longer — the time of the year during which Lent and Easter fall. A time of spiritual development and remembrance, the season of Lent officially begins each year on Ash Wednesday. Since Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of a season of fasting and sacrificing, however, many people also choose to "celebrate" Shrove Tuesday, the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, with feasting and celebration. Historically, this celebration stems from the idea of using up all of the fats in a household before Lent begins. The French call this celebration Mardi Gras.

The ceremony of Ash Wednesday includes placing ashes on the forehead as a sign of penitence. Ashes have traditionally been used to mark the mourning of one's own guilt or loss and thus are appropriate for the beginning of the season of Lent. In the Roman Catholic church, the ashes for Ash Wednesday come from the burned palm branches of the previous year's Palm Sunday and are blessed before the Ash Wednesday mass. Catholics are required to abstain from eating meat on Ash

Many Catholics also follow the custom of giving something up for Lent. This act of abstaining from something represents an effort by each individual to make his/her life better and offer each individual a chance to repent past sins.

During the first century, Lent lasted only 40 hours. These hours were spent fasting in remembrance of the 40 hours that Christ spent in the tomb. The 40 hours of fasting ended with an Easter service at 3 a.m. In the third century, however, Lent was lengthened to the six days called Holy Week.

Around 800 A.D. Lent became a 40 day season corresponding to Christ's 40 days in the wilderness. These 40 days do not include the six Sundays during Lent, thus the number of actual days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday is 46.

The date of Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is calculated by counting backwards 46 days from Easter Sunday. Easter Sunday is a moveable holiday and may fall between March 22 and April 25. The last six days before Easter are always called Holy Week and represent the time when Christians remember Christ's activities from Palm Sunday, the Sunday of the Passion, to His death on Good Friday and His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday, the Sunday that begins Holy Week, remembers Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when crowds of people laid their cloaks and palm branches on the street in front of him. During the Palm Sunday mass, many churches distribute the palms that will be blessed and burned for the following year's Ash Wednesday.

The Friday of Holy Week is called Good Friday, when Christians remember the crucifixion of Christ. Holy Week and the season of Lent end with the celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

The season of Lent is much more than a time to give up something trivial and to abstain from meat on Fridays. For Christians, it is a special time of celebration and preparation, one of the most important parts of the church calendar.

Lenten Mass Schedule

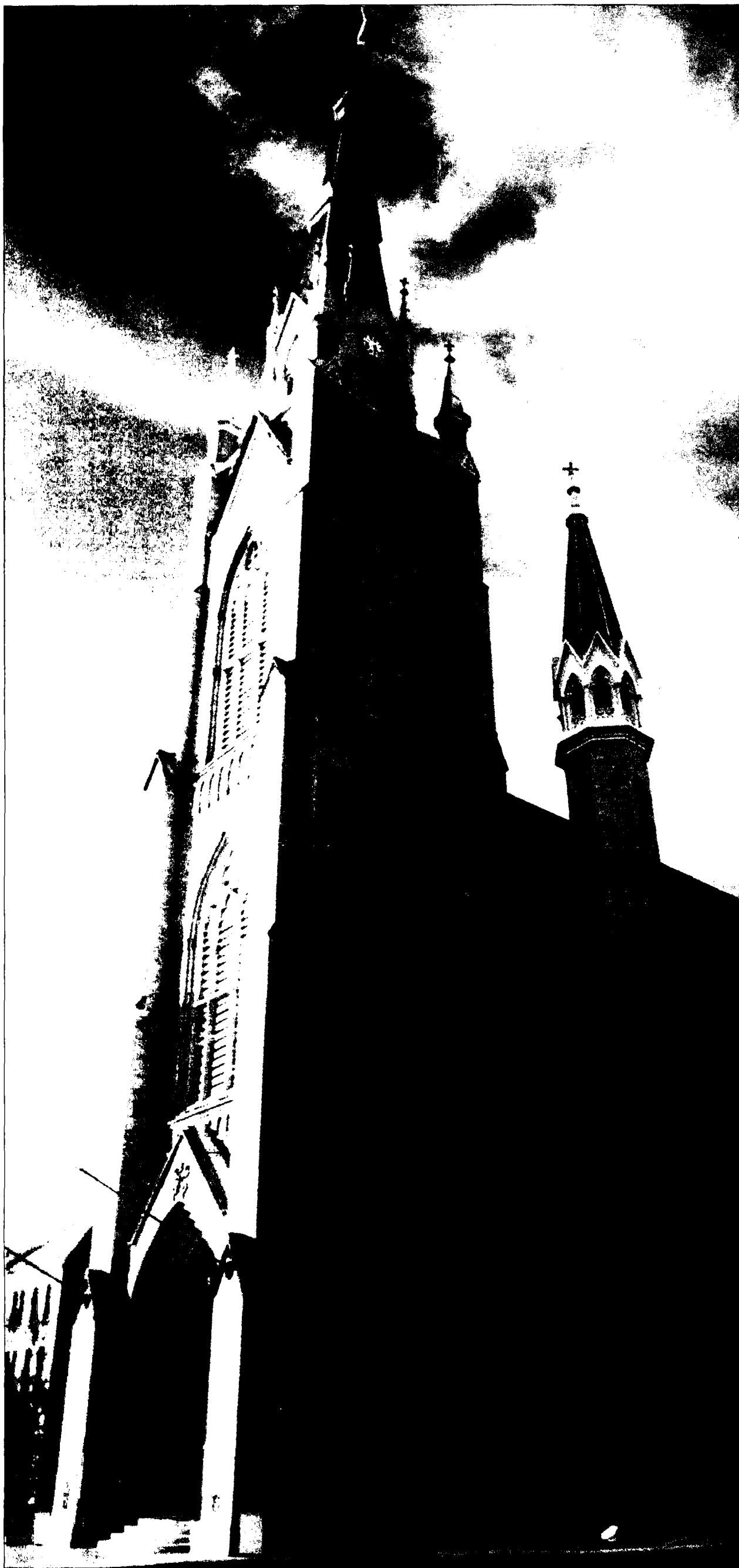
at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart

University Saturday and Sunday Masses

- Sacred Heart Crypt
 - Saturday Mass 11:30 a.m.
- Basilica
 - Saturday Vigil Mass 5 p.m.
 - Sunday Organ Prelude 9:30 a.m.
 - Sunday Mass 10 a.m.
 - Sunday Mass 11:45 a.m.

University Daily Masses

- Sacred Heart Crypt
 - Monday-Friday Mass 12:10 p.m.
- Basilica
 - Monday-Friday Mass 11:30 a.m.
 - Monday-Friday Mass 5:15 p.m.



The Basilica of the Sacred Heart was a popular place for members of the Notre Dame community to celebrate Ash Wednesday services this past week.

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■ Scene THROUGH OUR EYES

Giving something up

By SARAH DYLAG
Scene Editor

There are a lot of standard options. No more chocolate. No more coffee. No more snacking after 9 p.m. And yet, somehow, none of the options seemed right this year.

People asked, "What are you giving up for Lent?"

And I had no reply.

All of the standard options somehow seemed selfish to me - not a true sacrifice, but an excuse for people to improve their appearance or eating habits. Why is it that people choose to give up things like dessert or candy or vow to go to the gym instead of sitting in front of the television? Do they really hope to become better people by doing so?

Maybe they do, but as I considered the options for me, none of them seemed right.

So I made the command decision - maybe it's not the right idea, but somehow, it seems right to me. I am not giving anything up this year.

No more half-hearted attempts to quit drinking coffee every morning. No more hopeless promises to myself that this will be the year that I make it all the way to Easter Sunday without my favorite food. No more changing the "rules" throughout the season of Lent until giving something up means giving it up on odd days of the week when the sun forgets to rise. Or something like that.

What I propose, instead, is to add something to my life. A little more sunshine. A few more smiles. A little more compassion. Maybe it sounds cheesy or like a cop-out to the challenge of giving something up, but I truly hope to take this season of Lent to become a better person in a small way.

I want to remind myself every morning how lucky I am to be here. I want to look at the friends and family around me and remember how important they are in my life. I want to take 10 seconds to recount my blessings before I open my mouth to complain or criticize or argue. I want to give to other people back a little of the joy they bring to my life.

Perhaps this idea does not seem to correspond with the idea of sacrifice and repentance that the season of Lent represents. But, in some ways, I really believe that it does. Here, beneath the glow of the golden dome, I often find myself too busy to appreciate the beautiful people around me. In a rush to "get stuff done," I take for granted their friendship, compassion and support. I forget sometimes about the time they sacrifice to listen to me, to laugh with me and to stand by my side.

If you think about it, maybe I really am giving something up. I'm giving up being too busy to say thank you to the people who are important to me. And I'm taking the time to be there for them because it's people and friendship who fill life with wonderful moments and I regret that sometimes that slips my mind.

So, to all of you - I hope you know who you are - thank you.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

The Rocket lands in Big Apple, Wells heads to Toronto

Defending champs land Cy Young winner

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.

Roger Clemens was enough to make the New York Yankees tinker with perfection.

Even if it meant giving up David Wells.

Even if it meant disrupting the record-setting team that won 125 games last year and the World Series.

Especially if it meant getting the only five-time Cy Young award winner in the history of baseball.

"I always coveted Roger Clemens for the Yankees and New York," owner George Steinbrenner said Thursday after obtaining Clemens from Toronto in exchange for Wells, reliever Graeme Lloyd and second baseman Homer Bush.

"We've got a group of warriors here and we're getting a very big warrior," Steinbrenner said. "He's a monster. He's just. 'Give me the ball' — a real competitor."

As for Wells, he left the Yankees' first day of spring training in tears after speaking with Steinbrenner and manager Joe Torre.

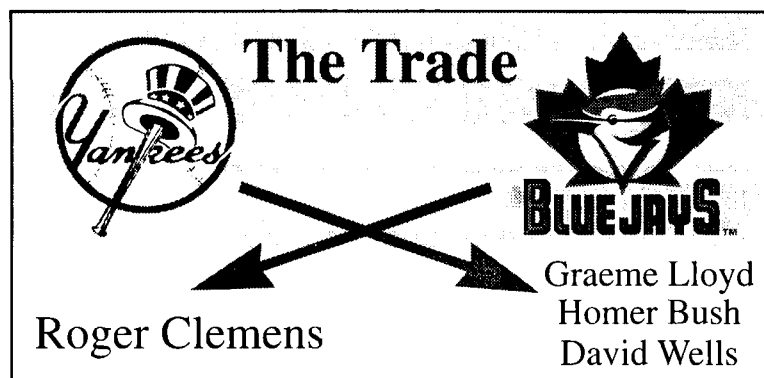
"I'm a little emotional right now," Wells said. "Give me a couple days. It's a little tough right now."

New York and Toronto actually completed the deal late Wednesday night, but delayed the announcement to tell Wells in person.

"Boomer," as the 35-year-old left-hander is known throughout the Bronx and beyond, has been the toast of New York since pitching a perfect game against Minnesota at Yankee Stadium on May 17. He's coming off the best season of his career, 18-4 with a 3.49 ERA.

Mr. Perfection was also Mr. Personality, as far as Yankee fans were concerned. They loved his loud mouth and his loud music — Metallica was a favorite. They loved his beer belly and the way he loved The Babe.

"There's going to be a lot of



bars going out of business in New York," Yankees pitcher David Cone said. "He almost became a cult hero overnight. Last year with the perfect game, he made his mark in Yankees history. He can be proud of that. He won't be forgotten."

But even Cone knew some fans would surely be upset.

"I'm sure there are mixed emotions among the fans," he said. "[But] as soon as Rocket throws his first 15-strikeout night at Yankee Stadium, people will be oohing and wowing, saying, 'What a catch!'"

Clemens was as speechless as Wells, for different reasons.

"They are the champions," said the 36-year-old right-hander, who has never won a Series ring. "I just want to slide in the side door and go to work with these guys and hopefully fit right in."

So far, he's hitting it off just fine with "Mr. Steinbrenner."

"I met my match in a guy who wants to win," Clemens said. "This guy, he settles for nothing less. I enjoy that."

Clemens is owed \$16.1 million during the final two years of his contract and has the right to demand a trade following this season's World Series. However, he doesn't expect that to become an issue.

While stressing that he appreciates a second chance to join New York, Clemens didn't second-guess choosing Toronto over the Yankees in 1996.

"It worked out for me," he said. "It didn't work out for the team. We didn't win. That's the bottom line."

With a 233-124 career record, Clemens went 20-6 last season while leading the American League in ERA (2.65), strikeouts (271) and tying for the lead in wins. He led in all three categories in 1997.

Though he won consecutive Cy

Young Awards with the Blue Jays, he wanted out after the team's Belgium owner, Interbrew SA, decided not to compete with baseball's big spenders this year.

Houston and Texas were still bidding for Clemens this week, but the deal with the Yankees came together after Toronto dropped its insistence on obtaining 21-year-old shortstop Alfonso Soriano.

The deal was announced as Wells and his Yankee teammates were just settling into their 7 1/2-week spring stay at Legends Field. Until Thursday, the Yankees had retained 24 of the 25 players who helped them win a second World Series title in three seasons, dropping only outfielder Tim Lincecum.

"This is a tremendous thing — hopefully to get back again. Not that we wouldn't have that chance anyway. But it might improve our chances," Steinbrenner said.

Wells, 124-84 in his career with a 3.96 ERA, returns to his first major league team. He was with the Blue Jays from 1987-92 before he was released and moved to Detroit, Cincinnati, Baltimore and the Yankees — who signed him only after losing to Toronto in the bidding for Clemens.

"I think he's matured somewhat since he was with us the last time," Blue Jays general manager Gord Ash said. "His experiences in other situations have made him a better pitcher. He's a smarter pitcher now."

For the Yankees, the trade takes away two left-handers, traditionally the key to success in Yankee Stadium. But New York didn't lose prized prospects.

"I just didn't want to give up all our young talent. It's different than the old days," Steinbrenner said. "Twenty years ago I might have said: 'I don't care who we give up.' I'm smarter now — a little bit smarter."

Fans mourn the loss of hometown hero Wells

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The loudest complaints came from New Yorkers.

"I HATE the trade," shouted one caller to WFAN, the city's all-sports radio station. "Why do we need him?" demanded another.

OK, try to forget that Roger Clemens just won his record fifth Cy Young Award. Or that he's the first pitcher to lead the league in wins, ERA and strikeouts for two straight years since Lefty Grove in 1930-31. Or that he's the next Nolan Ryan, a physical marvel who seemed to get better with age.

Because the trade that sent Clemens from the Toronto Blue Jays to the World Series champions is not about The Rocket. Maybe it is outside New York, where most fans think it's unfair that the fat-cat Yankees were able to land him.

In New York, it's about David Wells.

He was their very own, highly imperfect Mr. Perfection.

He was the guy who once wore a Babe Ruth cap to the mound. The tattooed brawler who threatened to knock out George Steinbrenner. The ace who embraced Yankees tradition by day. The big boy with the big gut who got toasted on the town by night.

Part of the pinstriped fabric, for sure.

To his fans, Boomer was a role model.

Clemens is better, no doubt. A first-ballot Hall of Famer, still one of the best pitchers in history.

But Wells, coming off the best season of his life, was one of them, someone a fan from the Bronx sitting in the upper deck could identify

with — a regular guy.

And there aren't many like him.

Then there's this stat that his supporters point to: Wells is 8-1 in 10 career postseason starts; Clemens is 1-2 in nine.

Truth is, the Yankees didn't really need either one of them to make it back to the playoffs this season.

Privately, the Yankees were worried that Wells might never have another season like 1998. He was a constant irritant to manager Joe Torre. And, turning 36 in May, was not in tiptop condition.

Clemens, who turns 37 in August, is one of the best-conditioned athletes in sports. A power pitcher, there's always a risk he could blow out his arm throwing a 97 mph heater.

Clemens also brings with him a competitive nature that rivals the one that burns inside the Boss. And that attracted Steinbrenner even more than the stats.

"I met my match in a guy who wants to win," Clemens said. "This guy, he settles for nothing less. I enjoy that."

For all he's done in his career, all Clemens wants now is a championship ring.

Clemens says he's always admired the Yankees — he often scoops a handful of dirt from the mound after pitching in the House that Ruth Built. Yet he wasn't afraid to touch off a beanbrawl with them last September by drilling Scott Brosius in the back.

It might take Yankees fans time to appreciate that, and they may never revel in his accomplishments as they did with Wells. Breaking up one of the greatest teams in baseball history is never fun — remember how long it took for New Yorkers to warm up to Tino Martinez after he replaced Don Mattingly.

But the Yankees made a deal of a Yankee with that one.

And if it's all not clear right now, it will be by Oct. 23. Chances are, that's the night he'll walk to the mound to start Game 1 of the World Series.

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■ NHL

Lemieux continues effort to purchase Pens

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

Mario Lemieux is stepping up his efforts to assemble an ownership group that would ease the Pittsburgh Penguins out of bankruptcy, meeting with Gov. Tom Ridge and NHL officials to rally support for his bid.

Lemieux's legal representatives held another in a series of ongoing meetings Thursday with NHL legal counsel in New York as the six-time league scoring champion rushes to gather a viable ownership group by late March.

Lemieux must raise at least \$40 million and possibly more

to clean up the Penguins' debt-laden balance sheet and supply short-term working capital.

Penguins co-owner Roger Marino's lawyer, Harry Manion, last week dismissed Lemieux's bid as being unrealistic, but Lemieux advisor Chuck Greenberg said Thursday, "I think we have a very good

chance."

Lemieux has appeared only infrequently in public since retiring after the 1996-97 season, but he has taken a far more visible and active role in assembling investors than might previously have been imagined.

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman has not endorsed Lemieux's bid, but is encouraging it and has met at least once with Lemieux.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Bernard Markovitz will begin next month to consider offers to reorganize the Penguins' debt, estimated at more than \$125 million — including \$80 million owed unsecured creditors such as Lemieux.

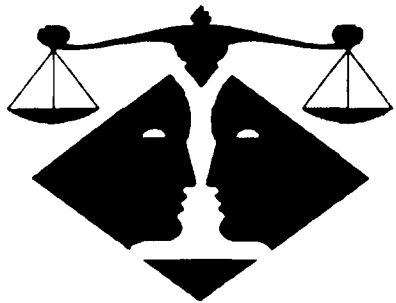
Lemieux is due \$26.2 million in deferred compensation, but would exchange much of that debt for equity in any ownership group.

Lemieux apparently will submit a plan even if he has not yet raised the necessary equity.

"I think that in a month's time, if we haven't raised it all, we'll be close. We've made enormous progress," Greenberg said.

Neither Lemieux nor Greenberg has disclosed any possible investors, but Lemieux apparently has received some firm commitments. One possible partner: golfing buddy Dan Marino, the Miami Dolphins quarterback and former Pitt star who considered buying into the Pirates three years ago.

Roger Marino, who angered Lemieux last year by trying to renegotiate his deferred compensation, has offered to work with Lemieux. But Lemieux said he will not partner with Marino, who has lost an estimated \$37.5 million since buying into the Penguins two years ago.



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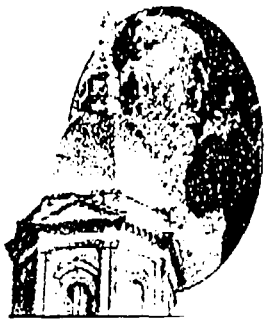
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■ NFL

Tight end Brady jets to Jaguars for \$14.4 million

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.

A white, stretch limousine pulled up to Alltel Stadium early Thursday afternoon.

Out of it climbed Kyle Brady, the newest member of the Jacksonville Jaguars and now the highest-paid tight end in the NFL.

The Jaguars signed Brady to a five-year, \$14.4 million offer sheet earlier in the week. When his old team, the New York Jets, said Wednesday they would not match the price for their transition player, it was time to secure the limo and break out the champagne in Jacksonville.

And so, Brady went from one AFC contender to another — trading in Bill Parcells and New York for more money and much better weather.

"Had this team not been in the running last year, I would have thought twice about coming here," said Brady, who caught 30 passes for 315 yards and five touchdowns last season in his best year as a pro.

"I wanted to put myself in a situation where if the Jets matched the offer, I'm happy,

but if the Jets don't match the offer, I'm in just as good a situation."

Including a \$4 million signing bonus, Brady's contract averages \$2.88 million per season, just more than what Shannon Sharpe of the Denver Broncos makes.

Brady got the big money thanks in part to Jacksonville coach Tom Coughlin, who has made the Jaguars one of the most aggressive teams each year in free agency, especially early in the signing period.

Before Brady, the Jaguars had signed defensive lineman Gary Walker to a five-year, \$18 million deal and Carnell Lake to a four-year, \$18 million contract.

Jaguars senior vice president Michael Huyghue said this is obviously the time for the Jaguars — who went 11-5 and won the AFC Central last season — to be aggressive.

"It's clear what our goals are," he said. "We could have been

more cautious and said let's bring back the team and try to win 11 or 12 games. But we've never been comfortable with that mentality."

Brady's contract was structured to count \$1.3 million against the 1999 salary cap.



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The Jaguars still have \$3.2 million left under the cap and are expected to pursue linebackers and defensive linemen with the money.

Brady's signing came as something of a surprise, considering Jacksonville was expected to concentrate fully on a defense that finished 25th in the league last year.

Still, in Brady, they get a fifth-year, 6-foot-6, 268-pound player who Coughlin has liked since scouting him during his senior year of college at Penn State.

Coughlin thinks Brady's frame is perfect for the run-blocking schemes he uses and

feels he'll give the Jaguars a throwing option down the middle of the field unlike any they've had.

"His confidence level is up, his production is up," Coughlin said. "He's got to continue to develop in the passing game. But I think his best football is yet to come."

The signing means the Jaguars have likely seen the end of Pete Mitchell, one of the original Jaguars and always considered as true a "Coughlin guy" as there was.

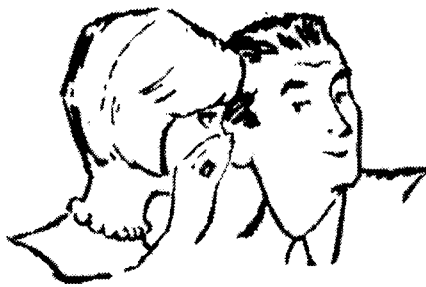
Before coming to Jacksonville, Coughlin coached the tight end at Boston College. One of his

first moves was to bring Mitchell to the Jaguars in a trade.

He caught 166 passes for 1,845 yards over four seasons, including 38 for 363 yards last year.

Coughlin said he would take the transition tag off Mitchell and allow him to test himself in the free-agent market.

"I love the kid and he's the kind of guy who it's very, very difficult to think about not having around," Coughlin said. "But we have to move on with our system. That's what we do here. We evaluate and go on from there."



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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Belles end long losing streak

By MOLLY McVOY
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's basketball team finished its season with a bang, ending a long losing streak by beating Anderson University 67-62 in the last home game of the season.

Forward Charlotte Albrecht, in her last home game as a Saint Mary's Belle, not only had a team high but a career high of 24 points.

"The team played well," said Albrecht. "They did a great job setting screens and getting me the ball."

In last Saturday's game, sophomore forward Julie Norman set a Saint Mary's single-game scoring record with 38 points. Norman again had a strong game on Tuesday with 19 points, which puts her as the team leader in individual scoring.

The Belles seem to have finally put it all together this week. The young talent's inexperience that

plagued the team all year was finally overcome by the wisdom and court awareness that they acquired as the season progressed.

The youthful energy of their freshmen was an asset to Saint Mary's on Tuesday, obvious by their energy and spirit.

"We worked hard and it paid off. The difference yesterday [Tuesday] was our intensity," said Norman. "We got all over the loose balls and that was really exciting."

The Belles pulled out to an early 12-2 lead on some smart shooting and tough defense. Anderson came back to take a two point lead going into half-time.

The Belles refused to allow Anderson's first-half rally to dim their enthusiasm. They came out in the second half playing tough, tight defense and kept it close the entire half.

Lead changes characterized the second half as the close con-

test raged on.

"It was awesome," said Albrecht. "As a senior, it was the best way to go out. There's no better way to go out than with a win on your own floor."

Statistically, the Belles and Anderson were even, but turnovers proved to be the deciding factor. Saint Mary's only turned the ball over 13 times, nearly doubled by Anderson's 21.

The Belles managed to turn their turnover advantage into scores. The Belles shot .377 from the floor, .417 from behind the three-point line and .769 from the line.

The close games have been a problem for Saint Mary's all year, and most of their losses were by small margins. The Belles had to start turning the close losses into wins, and against Anderson, the team finally managed to pull out a victory in their final homestand of the season.

■ WOMEN'S TENNIS

Servers struggle at indoor nationals

Special to the Observer

The 16th-ranked Notre Dame women's tennis team lost five of six singles and two of three doubles matches in a 7-2 loss to top-ranked Florida in the first round of the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championships on Thursday at Wisconsin's Nielson Tennis Stadium.

The Irish fall to 5-3 after also losing 6-3 to second-ranked Duke just four days ago, while the Gators improve to 6-0 and will take on Wake Forest in the quarterfinals on Friday.

Notre Dame will play eighth-ranked UCLA in the consolation round on Friday at 9 a.m. The Bruins lost 5-3 to third-ranked Georgia in the first round.

The defending NCAA champions won their 33rd consecutive dual match in handing the Irish their third loss in three meetings with the Gators. Notre Dame's only singles win came at No. 2 singles where senior two-time all-American Jennifer Hall outlasted 1997

NCAA singles finalist M.C. White 6-4, 0-6, 7-5. Florida's Whitney Laiho won her 23rd consecutive dual singles match with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Michelle Dasso at No. 1 singles.

The Gators won in straight sets at Nos. 3-6 singles as Florida's Jessica Lehnhoff clinched the win with a 6-4, 6-3 win over Becky Varnum at No. 4 singles in a battle of two

freshmen.

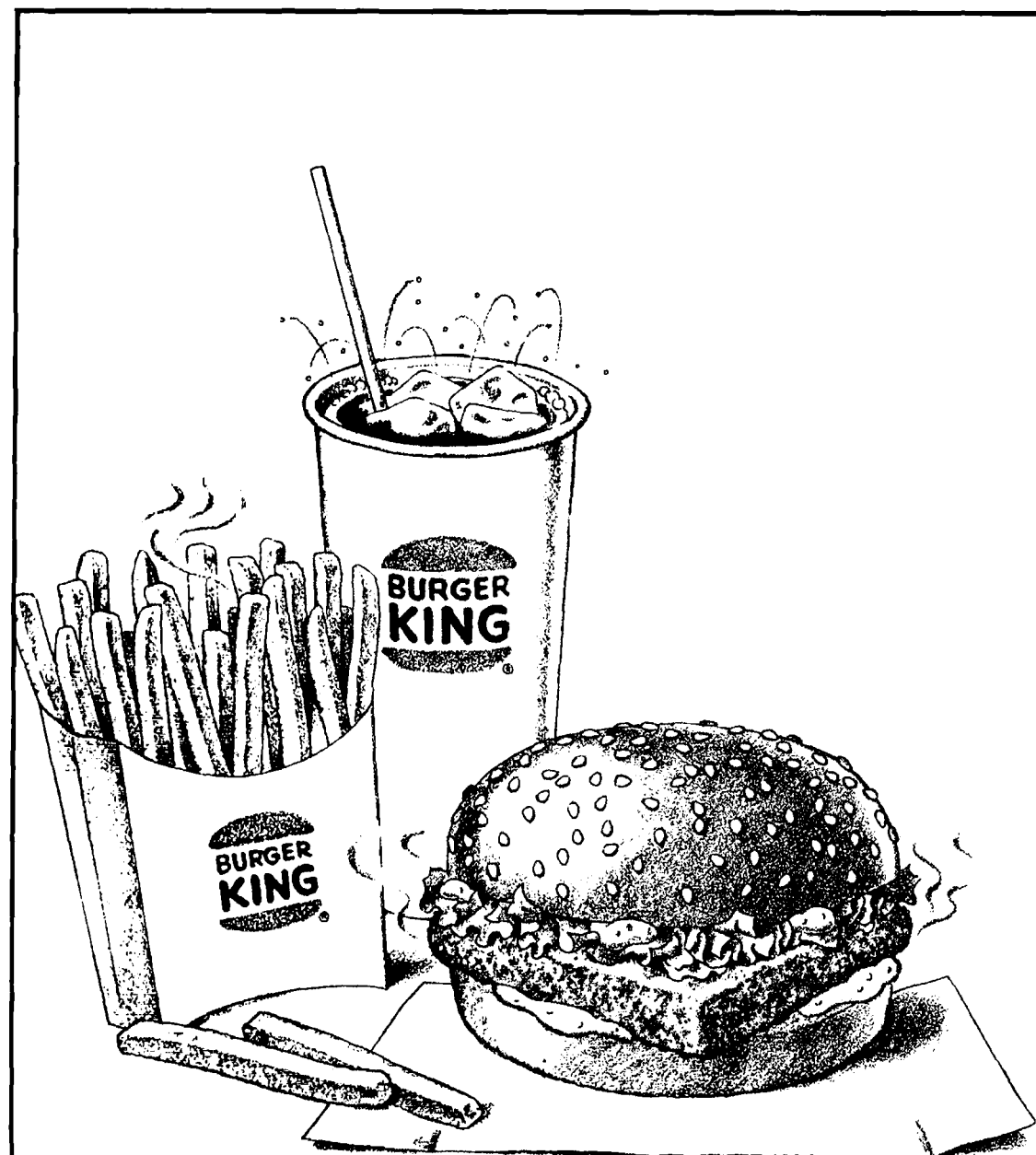
Hall teamed with Dasso to lead the Irish to their second point of

the match. The 22nd-ranked Irish pair beat Florida's sixth-ranked team of Lehnhoff and Stephanie Nickitas 8-6 at No. 1 doubles. The Gators won 8-3 and 8-4 at Nos. 2 and 3 doubles to complete the 7-2 win.

Notre Dame's match with UCLA will be a rematch of the 1998 NCAA Midwest Regional final, won by the Bruins 5-1. The Irish also lost to UCLA 7-2 in 1993 in the only other meeting between the two schools.

Zalinski's and Varnum's singles losses were their first dual-match singles losses of the year after starting the season 7-0.

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■ ON THE HOT CORNER

Parents: Thank you for the love

By BRIAN CHURNEY
Sports Writer

As we begin this Junior Parents' Weekend, a special weekend for many of ourselves and our parents, I ask you to reflect upon the influence these special people have had on our sporting lives. I wrote this article in the first person, but, in reality, the "I" could be anyone and so could the "you." So to our parents, grandparents, or whoever else that significantly influenced your sporting life, I offer this toast:

Here's to you for driving us around from Little League game to Little League game, spending both time and money to make us happy. Here's to you for spending your anniversary every year at a Little League all-star game in such exotic locations as Alturas, Westwood and Fall River Mills.

Here's to you for comforting me after a hard loss and cheering me after a great victory. Here's to you for never understanding why my coach didn't think I was as good as you thought I was. Here's to you for unconditionally cheering, until the final buzzer of a 52-7 game in sub-zero weather, just to prove that you still loved me even when I lost.

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Here's to you for teaching me to be a good sport, to act like I've like I've scored before, and for reminding me to be both a good winner and loser. Here's to you for leaving me a message after every Notre Dame football victory.

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me to hit harder, run faster, and jump higher.

Here's to you for coaching three teams at a time, running from one to the other. Here's to wanting a victory so badly and knowing that you want it just as much. Here's to the smile on your face after a winning hit.

Here's to you for taking vacation days at work so you could drive 4 hours to watch me play. Here's to buying a larger car so we could take other team members at the same time. Here's to serving dinner three times in one night to accommodate practice schedules.

Here's to you for letting me stay up late to watch the World Series. Here's to letting me stay home from school on the Monday after a Notre Dame loss to avoid the endless harassment that was inevitable.

Here's to you for never letting me quit a sport, for fear that I might regret it. Here's to you for arguing with me about some sort of sporting event knowing that nothing is personal. Here's to you for sacrificing good company and good seats so that you could video every tape from a "birds-eye view." And here's to you for watching that tape over and over, analyzing what I could improve upon.

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Here's to you for adjusting our family menu to include fat-free entrees during wrestling. Here's to you for not becoming irate when you found mouthpieces, athletic supporters and other less-than-pleasing items in the middle of the floor.

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Here's to you for introducing me to the wonderful world of sports, for pushing me to succeed, and for accepting me when I don't.

Here's to you Mom, Dad, Grandpa, Grandma and anyone else that has made a difference in our sporting lives. Here's to you!

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

■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish prepare for Mountaineers

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

With the Big East Tournament just over a week away, the No. 9 Notre Dame women's basketball team (21-3) will look to gain some momentum when they travel to West Virginia (10-14) tomorrow to take on the Mountaineers at 2 p.m.

The Irish will then close out the regular season on Tuesday when they host Miami.

"I think coming off the loss to Rutgers last week, these two games will give us a chance to get our game together and improve on things before we get into the tournament," said Kelley Siemon, who had 10 rebounds in Wednesday's game against Syracuse.

The Irish are 6-0 all-time against the West Virginia, including a 111-90 victory over the Mountaineers on Jan. 7 at the Joyce Center.

"After that game, we started playing better defense," sophomore forward Siemon

said. "It was frustrating to see them score 90 points on our home court. We should never allow anyone to score that many. We're looking to step up our defense this weekend."

Senior Danielle Green stole the show in the team's first meeting, as she scored a career-high 28 points and pulled down nine boards.

"She is just coming off a shoulder injury, but will play on Saturday," Siemon said. "I think she'll be able to do the same things this game. Their defense is their weak point, so she'll be able to take people off the dribble and run the floor well."

Green is ninth in the Big East in scoring, averaging 15.4 points per game this season. Irish captain Sheila McMillen added 26 points and eight rebounds in that game, while Christie Lambert had 19 for the Mountaineers in a losing effort.

Both teams have shown the ability to put up big point totals, as Notre Dame (82.6 points per game) and West Virginia (73.5 points per

game) rank second and third, respectively in conference scoring.

Center Ruth Riley leads the Irish in scoring with 17.2 points per game, while the Mountaineers are led by guard Rebecca Burbridge (15 points per game). Burbridge is also first in the conference in three-point percentage (45 percent).

The Irish are coming off Wednesday's 82-60 win over Syracuse, in which McMillen scored a game-high 20 points. It is the ninth time this season that McMillen has gone over 20 points in a game. Niele Ivey had 17 points, while Riley added 16.

"It was tough playing without Danielle and coming off that loss, but we showed that we can come back and play well as a team," Siemon said.


The Mountaineers, on the other hand, dropped a 65-60 decision at Villanova in their last outing. Maria Tchobanova recorded her ninth double-double of the season (11 points, 12 rebounds). Senior Ilse Opstaele had 12 points.

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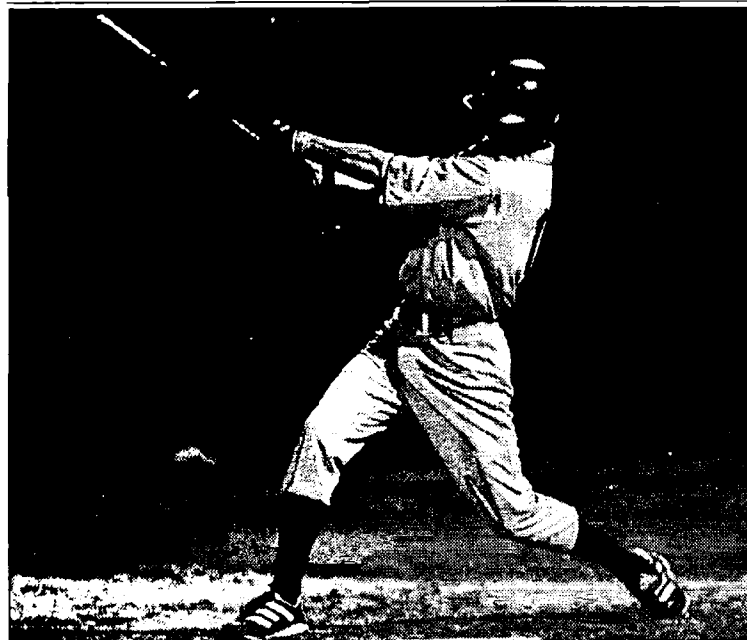
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ing staff will have to decide whether use the Logansport, Ind., in a starting or closing role.

"The great thing about Aaron is that he is happy at any role," pitching coach Brian O'Connor said. "We tried him as a starter in the fall and he showed he can throw three pitches to be effective in that role. It's a nice dilemma to have."

While the Irish lost few lettermen in the off-season, an impressive recruiting class offers still more talent. Center fielder and left fielder Matt Strickroth has secured a starting spot for the spring, while Paul O'Toole looks to share time at the catcher position

with Wagner.

With a number of freshmen on the starting lineup, Mainieri believes that the athleticism will overcome any problems that inexperience might pose.

"This is clearly going to be our most athletic and solid lineup in the last five years," he said. "Most coaches would be a little nervous knowing that so much of that lineup will be freshmen, but I'm not."

While the Irish will not be playing their home opener until March 23, the team has a pretty full plate of games before then. The Irish start off Friday morning against James Madison before taking on No. 23 Florida International (9-0).

Next week, the team will travel to Louisiana for four games in the New Orleans Invitational. In March, they will host the Irish Baseball Classic in San Antonio, Texas.

Finally, after two games against West Virginia to start off Big East play, the team will open their home season against Western Michigan.

Following NCAA regulations, the Irish will play 55 regular-season games this season, one below the maximum allowed. That one game was played on Sept. 12, 1998, at Michigan State and featured the starting lineup. The 9-5 victory does not factor into this season's record but did provide the opportunity for Ust and Wagner to score back-to-back home runs while five freshman starters combined to hit 8-for-21 with three RBI, five runs scored and only one strikeout.

"We're glad we played that game," Mainieri said. "It was important because of how many freshmen we have, to give them exposure to college baseball."

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■ FENCING

Without Walsh, depleted Irish travel to Appleton

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

When the Irish travel to Appleton, Wisc., this weekend, their opponents will contend with a slightly easier task since many key Irish fencers will not make the trip to battle Chicago, Detroit, Lawrence, Michigan, Michigan State, Purdue and Wayne State.

All-American epeeist Magda Krol and foilists Charles Hayes and Aimee Kalogera will remain in South Bend for Junior Parents' Weekend, and Irish fencing coach Yves Auriol is not very concerned about the absences.

"This is just a dual meet, but we still want to keep an undefeated record. We can't let these setbacks distract us," he said.

While the losses of Krol, Hayes and Kalogera significantly weaken both the men's and women's teams, these absences can be overcome against weak Midwestern competition like that which faces the Irish this weekend. Since each fencer is a member of a different team, each team should be able to fill the void without too much trouble.

The women's foil team will also contend without three-time all-American Sara Walsh and her 45-1 record, who will not fence because of illness.

However, the women's foil team is loaded with talent. All-American Myriah Brown and captain Nicole Paulina have posted 47-10 and 45-21 records respectively, and Chris Efta, a freshmen epeeist, will fence foil this weekend.

"I think all three of us need to step up this weekend," Brown said. "We will definitely have to pull together and pull out all the stops."

As for the competition, the Northwestern Wildcats are one of the Midwest's top women's teams. Following an Irish loss to Ohio State two weeks ago, the Notre Dame

women do not want to wrack up another Midwest loss.

"I hope we can still pull [a victory over Northwestern] off," Auriol said. "They are a strong team. They will be tough for the women."

Auriol has other reasons for not wanting to fall to the Wildcats as well.

"I have never lost to them before," he said.

The men's team will contend with less strenuous competition during the weekend contest.

Hayes' spot on the foil team will be filled by freshman Steven Mautone, who has registered a 29-15 record in his rookie season.

Captain Stephane Auriol will also have to step up this weekend to offset the loss of Hayes.

The strongest of all the Irish teams, the men's sabre team will be as dominant as ever with all its members making the trip to Appleton.

Freshman Andre Crompton will look to follow up his bronze medal at the Junior Olympics last weekend with another strong performance this weekend.

"I knew he was a good, solid sabre fencer," coach Auriol said. "But this year he has become a great fencer."

Junior Olympic silver medal winner Brian Casas will look to improve on his epee team-leading 32 wins. Casas, who was known to be a top fencer coming in this year, has also significantly improved his play this season.

"We knew he was a good fencer," coach Auriol said. "But he needed top competition and training to reach his potential. Our epee squad has given him that this year."

Although individually talented, the strength of the men's team continues to be its teamwork and depth.

"The men are very consistent," coach Auriol said. "If one doesn't fence well, the other will step it up. They are

fencing well as a team. When they have to come together, they can do it."

Despite the lack of strong team competition this weekend, the Irish know that they will face some talented individual fencers.

"No team will beat us," Stephane Auriol said. "But there are some good individu-

als."

If the men win at least six of their eight matches this weekend — they should win them all — coach Auriol will pick up his 100th career men's victory in only his fifth season as the men's head coach.

With each passing week and every victory, the Irish grow closer and closer to their final

goal of a National Championship in Waltham, Mass. While they are on the right track, they know that the journey is far from over.

"We all have improvements to make," Stephane Auriol said, "but we are happy with where we stand right now. We know there is still a long way to go."



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recent slump.

"I think you have to look to [the power play]," Urick said. "We had a five-on-three against Ferris State [and didn't score]. You have to convert on five-on-threes; it's a must to win a hockey game. I think we have to turn the power play up a notch."

The Spartans' stifling 1-2-2 forechecking system also poses problems for competitors. Such a system tends to crowd center ice and makes it hard to gain speed into the offensive zone.

Urick wants to adopt that same style to throw off the Spartans.

"I think we have to get a forecheck going [against Michigan State]," Urick said.

"We have to get the puck in deep and fight through the checks."

Carroll plans to implement consist play against the Spartans.

"You have to be patient against Michigan State," Carroll said. "They don't give you much, they don't make many mistakes [defensively], but you have to capitalize on the chances you earn."

Saturday's game against Bowling Green will be an especially tough one for Notre Dame. Bowling Green is idle Friday, but the Irish will arrive on enemy ice after a potentially grueling battle against Michigan State.

Currently, the Falcons are second in the CCHA with 18.9-percent efficiency with the man advantage. Still, Notre Dame beat Bowling Green in both of their meetings this sea-

son, 6-2 and 4-1.

In those games, the Irish deftly handled the speed and size of the Falcons, whose best asset is their effective use of the power play. Since their second meeting on Jan. 8, Notre Dame revitalized its penalty-kill, burning 47 of 53 penalties (88.7 percent).

"Their power play has been very good," Carroll said of the Falcons. "I think we've done a nice job in terms of not giving them a lot of chances. Our penalty kill really started to turn the corner after the second game with them."

Bowling Green boasts its size at the forward position. Since the Falcons play a punishing physical game, they will make it even more difficult on Notre Dame, already tired from the Spartan clash.

"They're a scoring team," Urick said of the Falcons, who

lead the CCHA in goals per game. "You want to slow down their forwards by finishing [checks]."

Overall, the team needs to re-focus after a tough weekend in order to nail down a home ice spot for the CCHA playoffs. Right now, Notre Dame is in fourth place by just one point over Ferris State, and if the Irish continue to struggle offensively, they may find

themselves on the road to the playoffs.

"[A win] will give us a lot of confidence going into the playoffs [and] knowing that we can beat the best team in the league," Urick said of tonight's game. "We're kind of down a little; we haven't scored in a while, we've lost a couple straight. It's a big game in that we need to get back on a winning streak again."

■ BENGAL BOUTS

Junior co-captains pull all the punches

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Sports Editor

The average fighter dedicates hours of the spring semester to sit-ups, push-ups and working on technique.

Four of these boxers dedicate even more.

Juniors Mike Maguire, J.R. Mellin, Tom Biolchini and Mike Romanchek pour their blood, sweat and tears into the administrative and organizational tasks necessary to carry the 69th-annual Bengal Bouts to its fundraising goal and beyond.

The four co-captains, working in conjunction with senior captains Dave Murphy, Tom Will, Michael LaDuke and Brian Gaffney, spend a large chunk of time soliciting ads, designing posters and selling tickets.

Each captain takes on a fundraising duty on top of the rigorous training schedule. Maguire and Romanchek handled on-campus ticket sales, Mellin worked on the public relations aspect and Biolchini solicited advertisements and distributed posters.

While each enjoys the charitable aspect of the Bengal Bouts, all the captains favor the roles they take on in practice. There, they become teachers, showing the first-year boxers the techniques needed to dominate in the ring.

"[The best part is] being able to help out and pass on what I learned," Mellin said.

"I like being in the spot that I looked up to as a freshman. It is nice to know that I get to help them out."

Besides winning last year's championship, Maguire's favorite moment was meeting former captain and champion John Christoforetti. Maguire admired him for his dedication to the cause.

"Boxing is a hard sport," Maguire said. "The thing about being a captain is that we were all first-year fighters and so we know what it is like. We try to push each other to be better."

Biolchini got his first taste of Bengal Bouts at an early age. He follows in the fighting footsteps of not only his three brothers, but his father as well.

When he was younger, Biolchini recalls flying up to watch his siblings fight; now, Biolchini's father and brothers will make the long trek to watch him carry the torch.

Mellin's favorite Bengal Bouts moment came when he fought in the finals his freshman year. Despite losing to Doug Polina and despite knowing that it was "lost cause," he still savored the experience.

The four co-captains — and the other fighters — share a camaraderie that transcends the intense Bengal Bouts competition. Biolchini said his favorite part of the Bouts is getting to work with the "magnificent Mike Maguire."

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■ CROSS COUNTRY

Freshman Watson qualifies to run in Ireland

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

Freshmen Luke Watson will cross the Atlantic.

Watson placed first in the 1999 USA Junior Winter Cross-Country National Championship this past Sunday in Tacoma, Wash. As a result, he and the other top six finishers will represent the United States in the 1999 World Junior Cross Country Championships on March 28, in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Watson claimed victory over the rest of the field by edging out the University of Colorado's Steve Slattery with a time of 23:26.

Watson felt that the race was well-suited to his style of running.

"It had a crisp start and was not too fast," he said.

The 8K race was tight for the first three-quarters of the way, but a pack of six then emerged from the rest.

"Around the 6K, runners started to make their moves and six runners eventually formed a pack in the lead," Watson said. "We came around a sharp turn with a quarter mile to go and I was able to take the lead."

"With about one hundred meters left, I was passed by Steve Slattery," he continued. "I just dug down and found something and was able to regain the lead and win by two seconds."

By winning the race, Watson automatically qualified for the Junior World Championships. Watson's qualification makes him the third Notre Dame runner in the past four years to make

the team. Current sophomore Ryan Shay made it last year.

"It's a pretty big deal to make the team," said Watson. "It is a great for each athlete, having the experience from world competition. It is also good for our program."

Once Watson gets to Belfast, he will train for a

week with the national team, and the race will feature runners from around the world. He is preparing now by working out with the track team for speed training.

This past fall, Luke was the No. 2 runner on the cross-country team and an all-Big East selection. His top finishes included seventh at the

Big East championships, fourth at the National Catholic Invitational, and sixth at the Wolf and Kettle Invitational in Elgin, Ill.

Watson also noted that, having participated in the World Junior Championships, he and Shay will both bring valuable experience to the team next fall.

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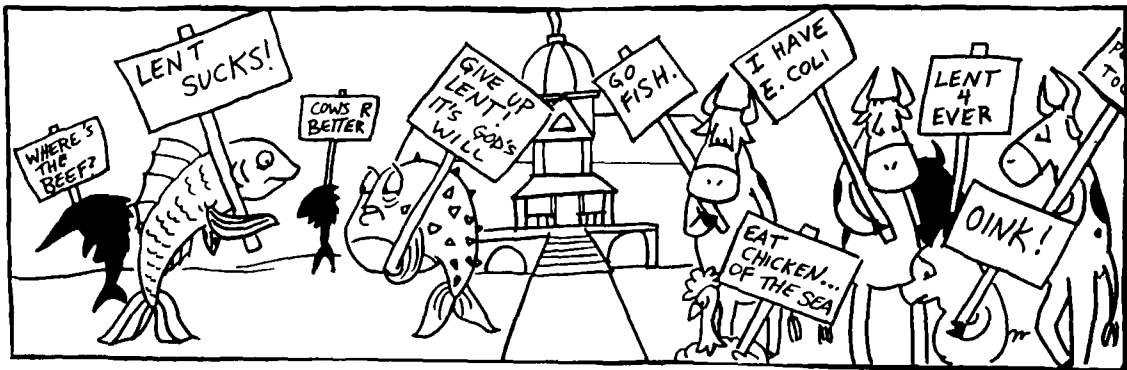
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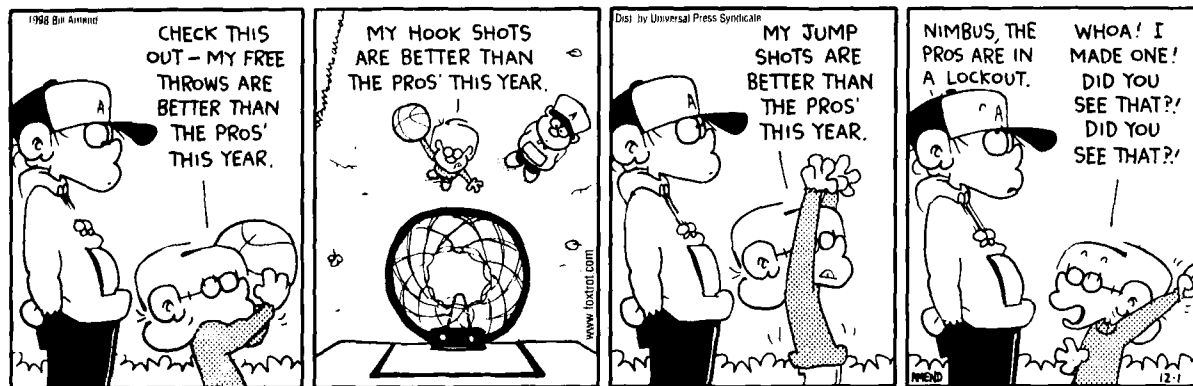
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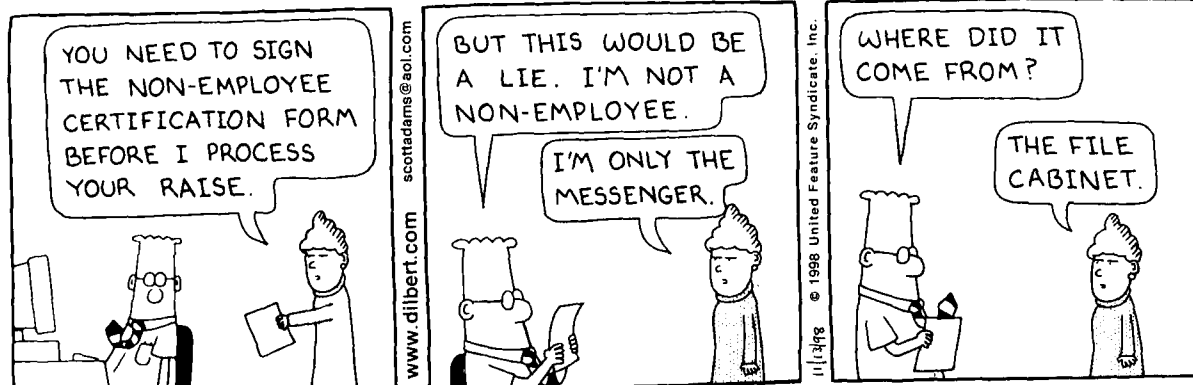
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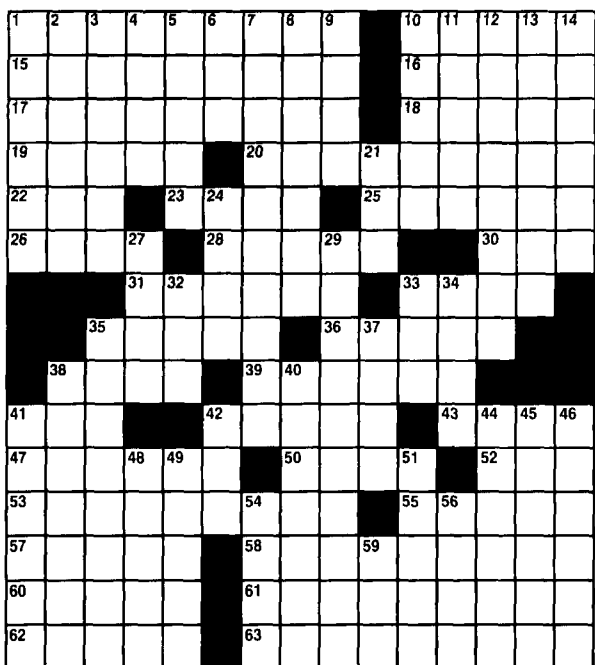
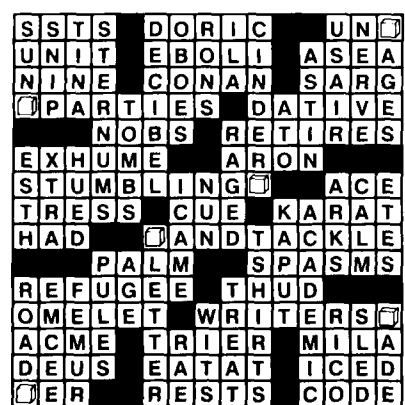
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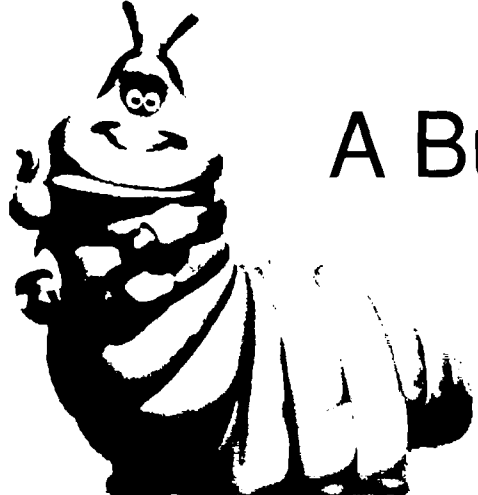
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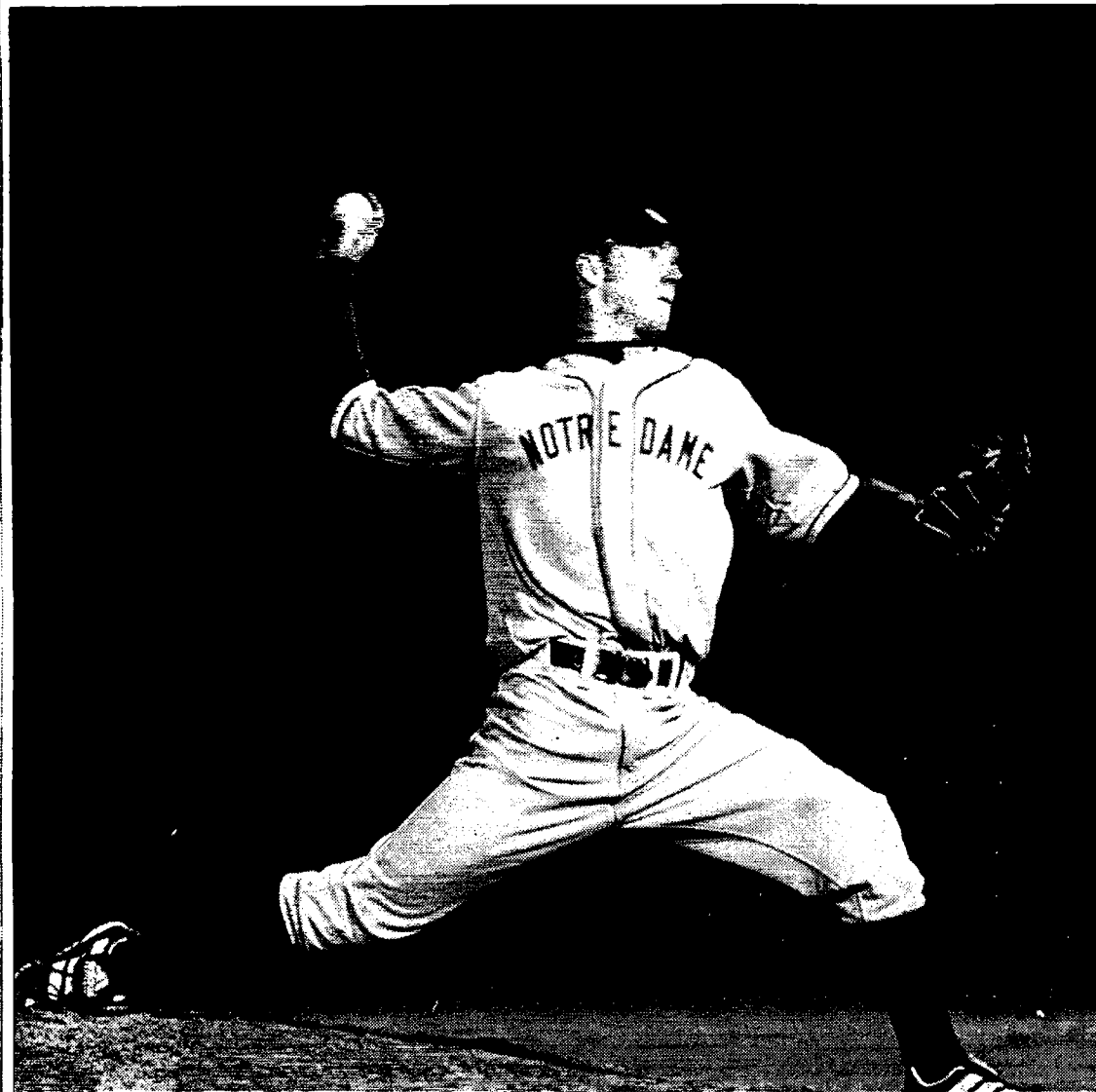
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BASEBALL

Sluggers lead off season against James Madison



Notre Dame returns 11 of 12 pitchers from a staff that ranked 13th in the nation with a 4.02 ERA last season. The staff is led by senior Alex Shilliday and sophomore Aaron Heilman.

By BILL HART
Assistant Sports Editor

While this week's gray weather is a far cry from baseball's typical blue skies and green grass, Notre Dame's team will kick off its 1999 campaign today at 11 a.m. with a contest against James Madison and a nightcap versus Florida International.

Expectations are high this season after last year's 41-17 finish. In 1998, the Irish came just short of earning an at-large spot in the NCAA Championship.

This year's Big East preseason poll predicted Notre Dame to place first in the conference, and their experience — 16 returning lettermen led in the batter's box by junior third baseman Brant Ust and senior catcher Jeff Wagner — helped assert that lofty expectation.

Ust, the 1998 Big East Player of the Year, was unanimously selected as the preseason player of the year by the league head coaches. Last season's shortstop, Ust is moving to third base with the graduation of first-team all-Big East teammate J.J. Brock.

In the '98 season, Ust topped the Big East in hitting (.493), slugging percentage (.960) and on-base percentage (.530) in league action. Overall, he had a .393 average, which pushed his career batting average to .373, the third-highest in Notre Dame history. Ust earned all-

American honors before playing over the summer with the U.S. national team.

"Playing for Team USA was tremendous opportunity for Brant," said head coach Paul Mainieri, who starts the year off just two victories shy of his 500th win. "He showed that Notre Dame has one of the nation's best players."

Wagner's return to the Irish lineup will also provide a needed offensive boost. A three-time all-Big East performer and the Notre Dame career home run leader, he was drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays last spring. The pick followed another solid season by the Louisville, Ky., native in which he hit .330 with 14 home runs and 49 RBI.

In the pitching category, the Irish return 11 of 12 pitchers from a staff that ranked 13th in the nation with a 4.02 ERA. The sole loss is Brad Lidge, who was named Big East Pitcher of the Year in '98 before being drafted in the first round by the Houston Astros.

The staff is led by senior right-hander Alex Shilliday, who turned in a second-team All-Big East performance last season.

Sophomore Aaron Heilman, who with Ust was named to the preseason all-Big East team, returns to the lineup after saving nine games and earning a 1.61 ERA, the best in the nation last season. The coach-

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HOCKEY

Icemen prepare to face off vs. Spartans, Falcons

By TED BASSANI
Sports Writer

Coming off two consecutive conference losses, the Notre Dame hockey team will look to solidify a spot on home ice for the CCHA playoffs as it takes on Michigan State and Bowling Green on the road this weekend.

Tonight, the Irish will wrap up their season series against Michigan State at Munn Ice Arena. Two weeks ago, the teams skated to a 2-2 draw at the Joyce Center. Last Friday at Munn, the Spartans posted a 1-0 victory that advanced them toward their current 18-game winning streak.

The latest U.S. Collegiate Hockey Organization poll has the Spartans ranked No. 3 in the nation, while the Irish are at No. 8 in their 17th-straight week in the top 10.

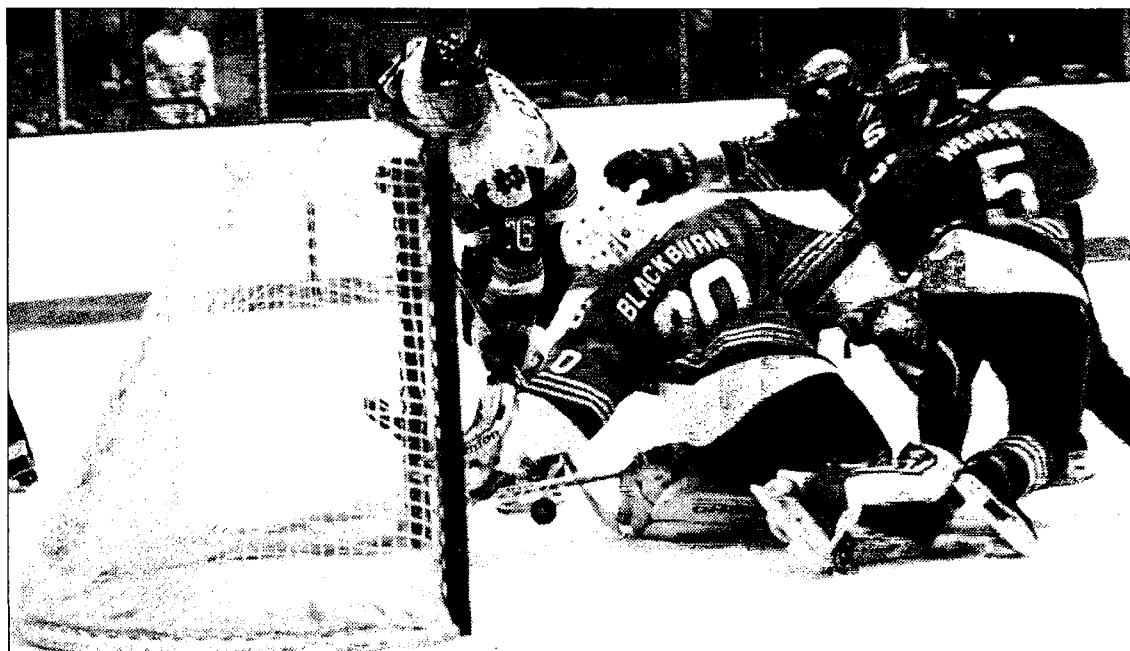
The Irish need to disengage the Spartans' goaltending and stifling team defense, which allowed more than two goals in just two of the team's last 18 games.

"We have to be a bit more aggressive in how we shoot," assistant coach Tom Carroll said. "We have to get [Spartans goaltender Joe Blackburn] to move a bit and get on the rebounds. He's a good goaltender; we have to have him not see shots. Many of the goaltenders at this level are not going to get beat on the first shot most of the time."

Blackburn, a sophomore, currently leads the league in goals-against average (1.39) and save percentage (.931). The Irish have netted only two goals against him in six periods and only one at even strength.

More astounding has been the success of Michigan State's penalty-killing unit, which has not given up more than one power play goal in any game all season.

Notre Dame's offense needs to snap out of a scoreless streak that ran through last weekend's losses to Michigan State and Ferris State. All told, the Irish have gone without a goal for more than seven peri-



Sophomore left wing Dan Carlson and the Irish hope to overcome Joe Blackburn and the Spartan defense tonight in East Lansing. With a victory the Irish will even the season series at 1-1-1.

ods of play — almost 146 minutes.

So far this season, the team has looked to its power play unit for offensive help, and it

has produced. Despite going scoreless in its last 10 attempts, Notre Dame still leads the conference with a 22.8-percent mark on the sea-

son.

Team captain Brian Urick said the team should utilize the power play to emerge from its

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AT A
GLANCE



at West Virginia
Saturday, 2 p.m.

vs. West Virginia
Sunday, 2 p.m.



Women's Tennis
at National Team Indoor Tournament
Today-Sunday



Men's Tennis
vs. Northwestern
Saturday, 1 p.m.



at Michigan State
Today, 7 p.m.



Baseball
vs. James Madison
at Miami, Fla.
Today, 11 a.m.