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Jordan steps down in wake of clause decision

Professor hopes resignation will cause Notre Dame to reconsider its stance on sexuality

By JOSHUA BOURGEIOS
News Writer

An openly gay professor resigned last week to teach at a university more protective of his sexuality in light of the University's failure to add sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause.

Mark Jordan, a tenured medieval studies professor, accepted a position Emory University offered him on March 11 as the Aquinas Chair in Catholic Studies after speaking to Patrick Geary, director of the Medieval Institute and Mark Roche, Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, about his future at Notre Dame.

"Usually, when a full professor is offered a position at another university, Notre Dame will make a counter-offer. In this case, I told Geary and Roche not to waste their time making a counter-offer because the only way I would stay

is if Father [Edward] Malloy adds sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause," said Jordan.

He said that if the addition was not going to be reconsidered, then it would not be wise for him to continue teaching at the University.

Jordan, a professor at Notre Dame since the spring semester of 1985, cited a faculty handbook article that "the University retains the legal right to get rid of any employees whose life does not conform with Catholic teaching." The statement, he said, provides an unsafe employee environment.

"This atmosphere allows the University to selectively get rid of whomever they want or at least threaten them," Jordan said.

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added that the Board of Trustees' February decision to deny adding sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause was final.

"We've just gone through a two-year process of looking into this. There's no logical reason to think

"Notre Dame made a counter-offer," said Dennis Moore, director of Public Relations and Information. "This was certainly not a case where we were not interested."

Moore also said that Jordan did ask if any further action would be taken on the non-discrimination clause, but Moore

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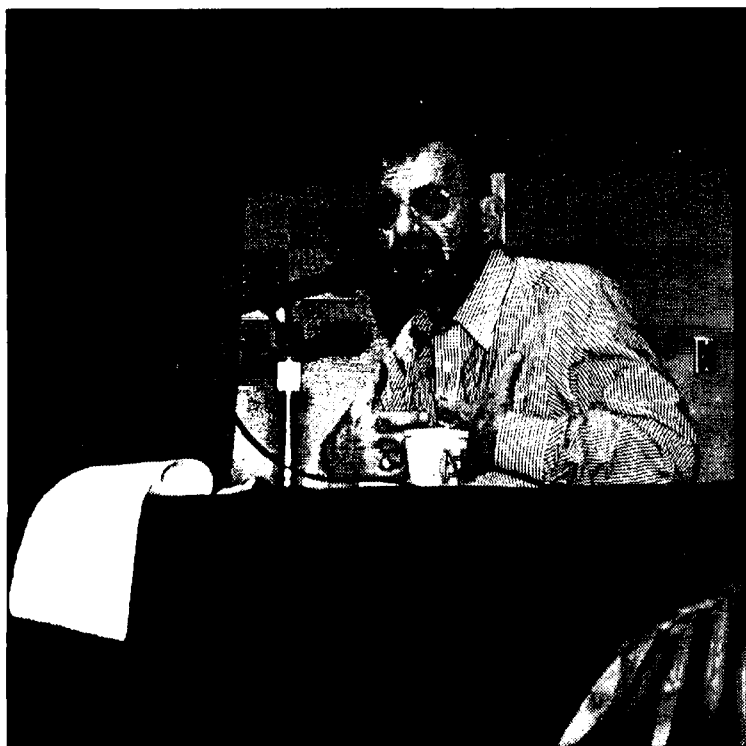


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Professor Mark Jordan announced his resignation last week, attributing his decision to the University's refusal to add sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause and an offer from Emory University.

Liuzzi: Homosexuality 'is not a choice'

By ERIN PIROUTEK
News Writer



The Observer/Joe Stark

Father Peter Liuzzi spoke about the Catholic Church's position on homosexuality in his lecture, "Being Gay and Catholic" last night.

All human beings are the object of God's affection, including homosexuals, said Father Peter Liuzzi in last night's lecture "Being Gay and Catholic," sponsored by the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs.

"I think our mission should be not to change the Church, but to bear strong, strong witness to how wrong it is to change anyone," said Liuzzi, director of the Los Angeles Archdiocese's Office of Lesbian and Gay Ministry.

"We only deserve love, affection and respect," he said.

"Every human being, past, present and to come is made in God's image and likeness."

He explained the Church's position on homosexuality.

Homosexual orientation, he said, "is not a choice; therefore, there can't be any sin in that."

Liuzzi stated that the Church believes sexual relations are

meant to be open to the possibility of new life.

"There is a distinction between being homosexual and performing homosexual genital activities," he said.

"That point of reference often becomes a point of departure for many lesbian and gay Catholics."

Liuzzi, who has a masters in religious education from Loyola University and has 20 years of experience with lesbian and gay ministry, described the wide range of Catholic opinion on homosexuality.

Both liberals and conservatives have valuable roles in the Church, he explained.

True liberals work to expand the mysteries of the faith, while conservatives work to preserve and protect the mysteries of the faith, he said.

The two positions balance each other, which allows development without the loss of sacred tradition, added

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Renovation forces office relocations

By JENNY BRADBURN
News Writer

Saint Mary's Haggart College Center has been undergoing rigorous renovation this past week, as workers tear down the walls that once housed student government offices.

The improvement project currently underway includes large scale renovation of the third floor of Haggart College Center, which will soon be transformed into a redesigned student government center and the new home of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMA).

Because small separate student government offices were not being utilized, offi-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Let Me Eat

I am not angry. I am not violent. I am not belligerent. I am hungry. Let me eat.

I have witnessed and been a part of many stupid operations in my time, and I have conceded their idiocy with a smile and a blush. But one stupid system I'll never figure out is why the dining hall can't be open all day?

I can stomach the fact that I am not allowed a bag at grab 'n' go at North until I have dropped and fumbled my four side items onto the floor at least once. I can stomach the realignment of the salad bars to confuse me and limit my salad consumption. I can even stomach the mysterious characters in head sets whispering secrets on the jello quality at South. What I can't stomach is any food between the stringent meal times.

The other day I attempted what all students have tried before — the patented North dining "sneak in after the gestapo locks the doors" move. I glided stealthily yet confidently to the remaining food items left for consumption. It took me no more than two minutes to procure a piece of bread, some cereal and a large banana. The banana was a tricky selection due to the abundance of ridiculously brown bananas and, due to the intense concentration necessary to select the perfect oblong fruit, I failed to notice the predator in my midst — the dining hall manager.

"Ah, could I ask you when you clocked into lunch?" he asked. Frozen in my tracks, I knew only frustration could come of this encounter. Possible ploys of bribery and libel raced through my brain. "Well, actually I just got here and thought ...," I replied in an almost trembling tone. He cut me off before I could stutter out an excuse: "I'm going to have to ask you to leave."

What the jack-in-the-box is that all about? I am not claiming to understand fully the complicated financial budgeting scheme of the dining hall, but this is silly. Is it going to bust the proverbial bank to let the occasional late comer digest a piece of bread, some Honey Nut Cheerios and a banana? It costs \$8 to partake in the buffet extravaganza of palatable delights we call the dining hall. Multiplied by the 14 flexes this value is inflated to a lofty \$112 a week.

Now, yes, I have been told that meal attendance is factored into the equation and really the dining hall charges for something like 10 meals a week, but I don't even eat that many. And it's not like I want the hot food — I just want to attempt to fight off starvation with the food that sits out all the time. The rock hard cereal, the germ infested fruit and the shotput-like loaves of bread.

With their noses held high and their demeanor cold, the managers seem pompous in their attempt to be true "food service engineers." Why can't they just listen to the consumers — we the students — and serve some chicken wings every once in a while? Don't analyze lines. Don't rearrange the salad bars. Don't invest in head sets so that you can look like the secret service. Just serve different foods everyday that cater to the tastes of the students.

Closing between the 1:30 p.m. "lockdown" time and the "grand poobah re-opening" at 4:30 p.m. is pointless. No profits will be lost on bread, cereal, and bananas. I mean, what could they be doing in there when the students aren't allowed in ... dear Lord. A new theme needs to be adopted. A theme of service with a smile. Don't try to shaft me. I'm a growing boy. Let me eat.

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

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Outside the Dome

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Penn.alumnus found dead outside after apparent fall

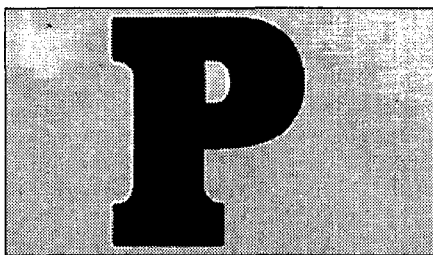
PHILADELPHIA

A 26-year-old university alumnus was found dead early yesterday morning behind the Phi Gamma Delta house.

The cause of death was not immediately clear, though police said they suspect he fell from either a balcony or an outdoor staircase.

Michael Tobin, a FIJI brother who was co-captain of the men's lacrosse team and graduated in 1994 from the College of Arts and Sciences, was pronounced dead at the scene by Philadelphia police, who were the first to respond to a 9-1-1 call made by a FIJI brother just after 6:30 a.m., police said. It was not immediately clear how long Tobin had been dead before the police arrived.

Police believe Tobin was visiting campus for an annual alumni pig roast dinner at the fraternity house Saturday night. University police



chief Maureen Rush said there were "large amounts of alcohol" in the house when police arrived. Toxicology tests that could come back as early as today will say whether Tobin was inebriated at the time of his death.

The Philadelphia Police Department's Homicide Division — which looks into all questionable or suspicious deaths — is investigating the death in conjunction with the university police. About 20 FIJI brothers were taken to PPD headquarters yes-

terday morning for questioning.

"There's nothing that leads me to believe that this was anything but an accident at this time," said Philadelphia Police Lt. Michael Morrin, who is working on the investigation.

Although the cause of Tobin's death remained undetermined yesterday as police waited for an autopsy report, police speculated that he fell, either from a balcony or down a steep flight of stairs that lead to the basement door of the FIJI house, where his body was found.

"We're beginning to think that he didn't fall from a balcony, but we're not sure," Penn Vice President for Public Safety Tom Seamon said. "He appears to have fallen. Where he fell from — whether from the top of the steps [leading to where Tobin's body was found] or a balcony, etc. — is not clear yet."

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Student to take finals before sentencing

LINCOLN

University of Nebraska at Lancaster freshman Matthew Dunagan will be able to complete his final exams before he is sentenced for the murder of his father thanks to a continuance granted last week. In December, Dunagan, 19, did not contest charges of manslaughter and the use of a weapon to commit a felony for the Sept. 30, 1997, shooting of his father, John Dunagan. A Lancaster County District Court Judge granted the defense's motion for a continuance Thursday, one day before Dunagan's scheduled sentencing. John Stevens Berry, one of Dunagan's lawyers, said this was a complicated matter and needed time for consideration, but he refused to comment further. Deputy Lancaster County attorney Jodi Nelson did not return several phone calls Friday. This is the second time the sentencing hearing has been moved back.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Students plan alcohol policy reform

ANN ARBOR

In the wake of several alcohol-related deaths on college campuses nationwide, three members of the University of Michigan's Greek community are taking their own actions — independent of an official task force — to reform the system's alcohol policy. Koonal Gandhi, a junior in Chi Phi fraternity; Molly Norton, a sophomore in Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority; and Brian Reich, a sophomore also in Chi Phi, have co-authored proposals for internal reforms to the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic alcohol policies. Reich said the students have proposed reforms separately from the task force because they fear University intervention has influenced the task force reforms. "We want to raise more awareness. We want to self-regulate rather than have the administration forcing us," Gandhi said. "We all know it needed to happen."

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Gambling causes problems for students

AMES

Students can find themselves in serious financial problems and face long-term consequences as a result of gambling, said Tahira Hira, Iowa State University assistant vice provost for extension and professor of human development and family studies. "Some students have had to drop out of school," she said. "And since they are often embarrassed about their gambling, there is a tendency to leave without explanation, which makes it difficult to have accurate accounts of the numbers who have been in this situation." Brad Lester, 21, junior in microbiology and religion at the University of Iowa, has a bookie and said he is probably addicted to gambling. He said he has been involved in gambling since he was 16 and doesn't know if he could quit if he wanted to. "I'd like to think that I could, but I've been doing it for so long now that I honestly don't know if I could or not," he said.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Anti-sweatshop activists upset by deal

PRINCETON, N.J.

Princeton University's decision last week to join the Fair Labor Association (FLA) — a White House-backed labor code for clothing manufacturers — is eliciting condemnations from anti-sweatshop activists on campus and around the country. The announcement that the University will join FLA marked the culmination of months of negotiations between vice president for public affairs Bob Durkee, clothing industry officials, human rights groups and other Ivy League administrators. By signing on to the code along with 16 other colleges and universities across the nation — including all seven other Ivy League schools — the university hopes to guarantee that clothing bearing the Princeton label is not manufactured in sweatshops. But yesterday, proponents of a strong anti-sweatshop code said the FLA does not go far enough.

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Boston	50	33	Houston	75	58	St. Louis	48	37
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Alum contributes to student athletics

Special to The Observer

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Allen, Jr., of Grand Rapids, Mich., contributed \$500,000 to the University as a charitable remainder trust to support programs in the office of Academic Services for Student-Athletes.

"We are grateful for this generous gift, which indicates that Sue and Marty Allen both share in and exemplify Notre Dame's enthusiasm for athletic and scholarly achievement," said University president Father Edward Malloy.

A 1958 Notre Dame alumnus and current president of the University's Monogram Club, Allen recently retired as a senior vice president of Old Kent Financial Corporation, where he continues to serve as a consultant.

He was recently inducted into the American Bankers Association's Bank Marketing Hall of Fame and also serves as chairman of the board of trustees of the Gerald R. Ford Foundation and as vice chairman of the Aquinas College board.

Allen, who was manager for the football team during his undergraduate years, has been a Notre Dame benefactor for many years and has been an annual guest lecturer in the University's College of Business Administration.

In addition to his Monogram Club presidency, he is a member of Notre Dame's Athletic Advisory Committee, the Sorin Society and the Badin Guild. He also has helped lead two Notre Dame fundraising campaigns in the Grand Rapids area.

Allen, a recipient of the Notre Dame Exemplar Award in 1997, has three children, one of whom graduated from the University in 1988, with his wife, Sue.

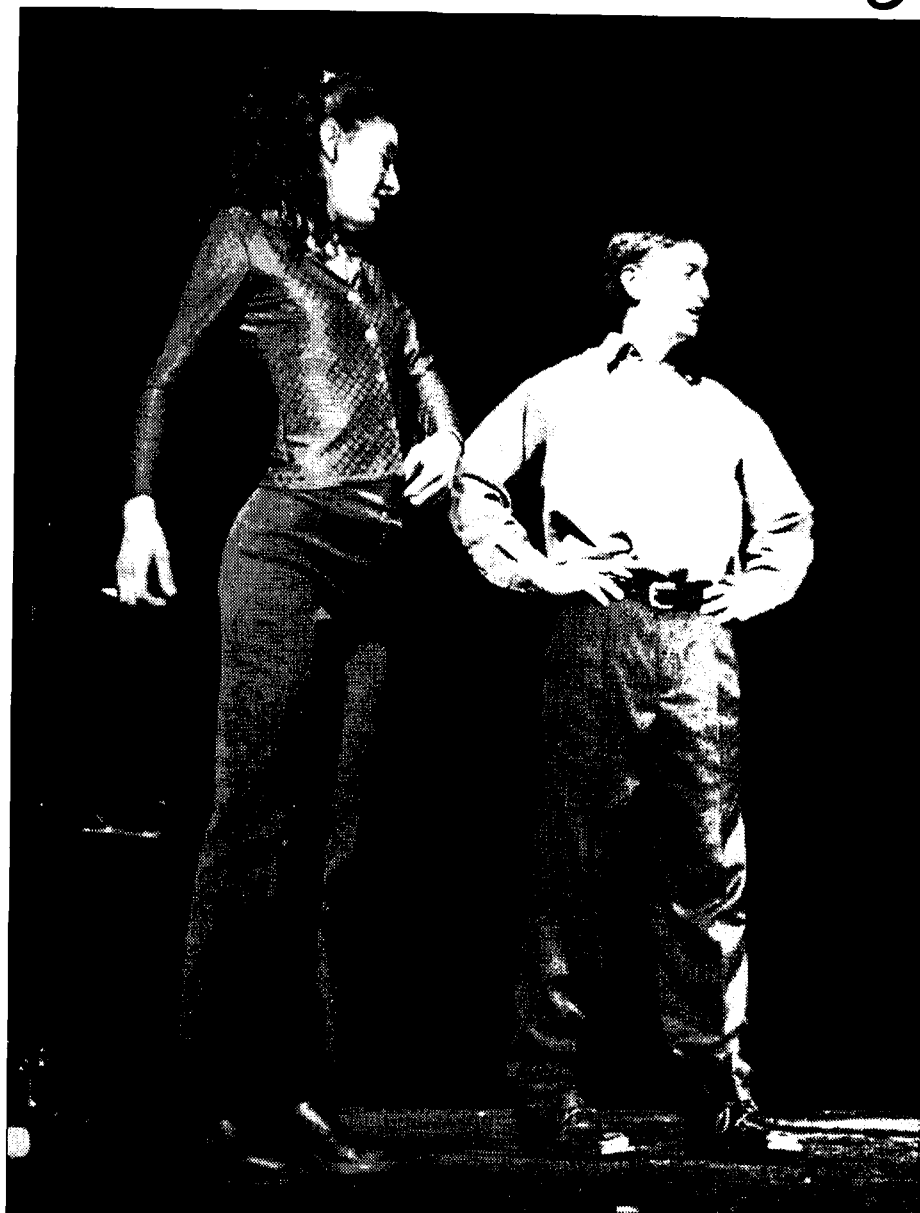
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A 'Second' look at comedy

Members of the improv comedy troop Second City traveled from Chicago to perform in Washington Hall Monday.

Members of the group performed improvisation comedy acts, at times influenced by audience participation.

Second City, a famous comedy club in Chicago, was home to famous comedians like John Candy. Many of the club's other comedians have gone onto fame in shows like "Saturday Night Live."



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cials decided one large central office and meeting room would best accommodate student leaders.

Director of Student Activities Georgeanna Rosenbush said the new offices were designed, "with the hope that by creating one combined workspace will help with communication and interaction between the various boards and executive leaders."

The primary reason for the renovations was to create a new space for OMA, which was previously located Le Mans Hall.

"The space is much needed as there are six students, a secretary, and myself currently 'sharing' one small office," said director of Multicultural Affairs Maria Oropeza.

OMA is moving to the south wing of Haggard on the third floor, where space will be converted into offices for a director, assistant director and secretary, a lounge and a work area. The creation of a lounge was the idea of the stu-

dents involved in clubs associated with the OMA.

"They felt there was no space on campus that they could call their own, and the current office did not accommodate meetings," said Oropeza.

Linda Timm, vice president for Student Affairs, said that the decision to increase space available for multicultural affairs corresponds with the increase in workload and staff.

"As the program needs have expanded, it became clear we needed to respond," she said.

The renovations are scheduled to be completed within the next few weeks and OMA hopes to be relocated to the renovated space by April 6.

In light of the recent Performa Consulting Group recommendations that Haggard be converted into a conference center, Timm stressed that the implementation of the facilities master planning process will take place over several years.

"The needs of the Office of Multicultural Affairs were immediate," Timm said. "The projected cost of the project is not so great as to negate the decision to move ahead now."

Jordan

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it's going to change. The Trustees, the Fellows, and the Officers all looked into it and came to the same conclusion," said Moore.

Jordan placed faith in the Board of Trustees, Board of Fellows and the University officers to make the decision that would provide the protection and job security to gay and lesbian professors at the University.

"I thought that the non-discrimination clause might pass. I was disappointed to see that it did not, but I cannot stay here if a [sexual orientation] non-discrimination clause does not exist. Maybe, I'll come back if the University ever adds it," said Jordan.

He added that Emory, unlike Notre Dame, will be a better place for him because the school has not had a two-year debate over sexual discrimination like Notre Dame.

According to Jordan, Emory University includes sexual orientation in its non-discrimination clause and offers health

benefits to same-sex partners.

Jordan, who writes on questions of homosexuality and Catholicism, said he is sad to leave Notre Dame. He said that he is leaving behind his friends and the life he has become accustomed to over the years.

"It's hard for students to leave here after four years ... imagine being here for 14 years and think about how

and lesbian professors who have to suffer under this lack of support. It's very damaging," he said.

He said he hopes his resignation will urge Notre Dame to reconsider its stance on the non-discrimination clause, or at least lead to a resolution between the University's administration and the gay community.

Father David Garrick, a celibate gay priest and former professor of communication and theater, expressed similar sentiments upon his resignation in March 1998. Garrick claimed that, after learning of his sexual orientation, the University suspended his duties at the Basilica.

Jordan also expressed his hopes for Notre Dame's future.

"If you are going to be a Catholic university, I would hope that you would want to be a leading, imaginative Catholic university," he said.

"I would like to see Notre Dame be prophetic and not reactive in the matter of sexuality. It is a heated debate and we just don't know exactly how the Holy Spirit wants us to act. But we must at least act on justice for all people."

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PROFESSOR OF MEDIEVAL STUDIES

hard it would be," he said. "My whole academic life has been about Catholicism. It's hard to leave such a Catholic institution for Emory."

However, Jordan sympathizes with the faculty he is leaving behind.

"I feel sadness for the gay

Catholic

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Liuzzi. He emphasized that positions can be too extreme, however.

"We have a tremendous rift, and that's going to rip the Church apart. You can go so far from the center that you're never going to get back," he said.

Liuzzi urged everyone to

keep in mind Christ's call for reconciliation.

"All people are one — differences, real or imagined, are illusions," he said.

Liuzzi went on to answer questions from the audience, addressing topics such as the exclusion of sexual orientation from the University's non-discrimination clause.

Liuzzi expressed tentative support for the University's action.

"I feel I want to be very cau-

tious because I'm an outsider," he said.

"My understanding is that there is tremendous good will on the part of the University toward lesbian and gay people.

"This is a Catholic university. The University has to also deal with the teachings and doctrines of the Catholic Church. It could never compromise that," Liuzzi said.

Liuzzi's book, "With Listening Hearts" will be published soon.

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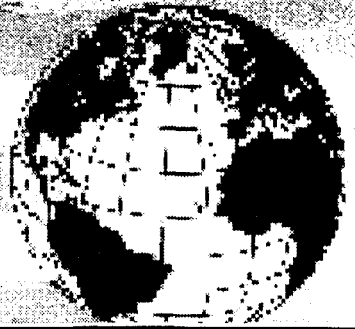
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■ WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Mother sues son for lotto winnings, settles

ELIZABETH, N.J.

A son who was sued by his own mother after he refused to share a \$2.15 million lottery jackpot settled on Monday by agreeing to give her nearly a quarter of the prize, his lawyer said. Phyllis Klingebiel and her son, Michael Klingebiel, settled on the day the case was to go to trial, said his attorney, Henry Rzemieniewski. Klingebiel claimed she and her son had a decade-old agreement to buy lottery tickets together and share any prizes. Each month, she sent him \$20, while he also put in \$20, to buy 40 lottery tickets. In 1991, they split a \$500 prize. But when he won a 1997 drawing, Klingebiel claimed that he had bought the ticket on his own and did not have to share the winnings with his mother. Klingebiel sued for half. The settlement gives her 22.5 percent, Rzemieniewski said.

Wu-Tang Clan rapper faces drug charges

NEW YORK

Trouble-prone rapper ODB was arrested Monday after police allegedly found three small containers of crack cocaine on him during a traffic stop in Brooklyn. The Wu-Tang Clan rapper, whose real name is Russell Jones, was stopped by officers who saw a 1996 Range Rover without license plates, double-parked. The driver did not have a license or registration, police said. When Jones, 30, gave his name, a record check revealed he had a suspended license and was wanted for failure to pay child support — leading to a search that turned up the drugs, Lt. Dennis Cirillo said. Jones was in custody awaiting arraignment on misdemeanor drug charges. His attorney, Peter Frankell, did not immediately return calls for comment.

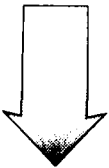
Farmers kill pigs to fight deadly virus

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia

Hog farmers in Malaysia grew impatient Monday with a government slaughter of thousands of pigs to halt the spread of a deadly virus, and started clubbing to death or burying alive their own animals, witnesses said. Experts from the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention were headed to the Southeast Asian nation to set up an office and laboratory to investigate the virus, which is blamed for more than 50 deaths. Soldiers continued to shoot thousands of pigs for the third day in an effort to exterminate animals suspected of carrying Japanese encephalitis. The virus, which attacks the brain and causes high fever, vomiting and coma, is transmitted from pigs to humans by the Culex mosquito.

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■ YUGOSLAVIA



An ethnic Albanian refugee woman holds her child in her arms Monday in Glogovac, a town 20 kilometers south of Pristina. Fighting in the Drenic hills in central Kosovo has driven 25,000 people from their homes. An aid worker warned that a "real humanitarian disaster" was in the making. Most of the refugees from the Drenica area left for Glogovac or for northern regions in Kosovo.

Diplomats call for unity in Kosovo

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BELGRADE

With NATO missiles and warplanes poised to strike, a U.S. envoy began a last bid today to persuade Yugoslavia's president to accept a Kosovo peace plan and the thousands of foreign troops that would enforce it.

Otherwise, American envoy Richard Holbrooke said, "we are on the brink of military action."

Holbrooke held four hours of talks with President Slobodan Milosevic on Monday evening. He and the American envoy for Kosovo, Christopher Hill, then returned to the U.S. Embassy, diplomatic sources said, presumably to report by telephone to Washington.

It was not clear if the talks had concluded for the night.

In a brief report that gave no indication of any breakthrough, Serbian television said Milosevic told Holbrooke that "anybody who tries to impose a solution by force will have to face responsibility for moves against a peaceful policy and for consequences that may occur."

In Washington, President Clinton said there is "strong unity" among the United States and NATO allies to launch punitive air raids unless the Serbs agree to a settlement.

"We all agree we cannot allow President Milosevic to continue the aggression with impunity," Clinton said.

But in Moscow, Russian Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov again urged the United States and its allies not to unleash airstrikes against Yugoslavia.

"We are categorically against the use of force against Yugoslavia," Primakov told reporters a day before he was to head to Washington for meetings with Clinton. "We believe that political levers to influence the situation are far from being exhausted yet."

In the troubled province itself, fighting raged Monday between government forces and the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army in the northern and central parts of the province. Several villages were ablaze and there were unconfirmed reports of mass killings near the town of Srbica.

Ethnic Albanians make up 90 percent of the 2 million inhabitants of Kosovo, a province of Serbia, Yugoslavia's main republic. Fighting broke out last year after Milosevic cracked down on ethnic Albanian separatists.

Since then, more than 2,000 people have been killed and hundreds of thousands have fled their homes. At least 25,000 ethnic Albanians have fled since Saturday, U.N. officials said.

A second round of peace talks in France failed last week after Serbs refused to sign a U.S.-backed peace accord that gives the ethnic Albanians substantial autonomy. The plan also calls for 28,000 NATO troops.

Kevorkian representing himself

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PONTIAC, Mich.

Acting as his own lawyer, Dr. Jack Kevorkian went on trial on murder charges for the first time today — this time for a videotaped suicide shown on "60 Minutes" — and told a jury that like an executioner, he was merely carrying out his professional duty.

Kevorkian was charged after CBS aired the lethal injection of a patient with Lou Gehrig's disease and the retired pathologist dared prosecutors to do something about it.

Kevorkian said in his opening statement that he acted out of compassion for 52-year-old Thomas Youk. "To have a crime, you need a vicious will and a vicious act," he said.

Prosecutor John Skrzynski objected, contending that Kevorkian was arguing law rather than summariz-

ing his case. Judge Jessica Cooper agreed, and she briefly dismissed the jury to ask Kevorkian what he was trying to say.

Kevorkian said he wanted to tell jurors he had the duty to kill and was no more culpable than an executioner or a soldier.

"What I was trying to prove here is that I didn't have the intent to kill, just as the executioner doesn't," Kevorkian said. "His intent is to do his duty, because he may despise what he is doing. But he's forced to do it by his position."

Earlier, Kevorkian won the right to represent himself despite the misgivings of the judge, who asked him: "Do you understand you could spend the rest of your life in prison?"

"There's not much of it left," the 70-year-old Kevorkian said.

After the ruling, 12 jurors and two alternates quickly were selected out of a pool of 80 people. The judge asked candidates whether they knew anyone who had suffered a terminal illness, and several people were dismissed after saying they had strong opinions about the case.

In his opening statement, Skrzynski told the jury that Kevorkian is not above the law.

"Begin to focus on what Jack Kevorkian does, and what Jack Kevorkian says, and what you will see is a man breaking the law," the prosecutor said. "Jack Kevorkian killed Tom Youk, and Jack Kevorkian does not have the right to kill."

By his own count, Kevorkian has taken part in more than 130 suicides since 1990. He has been tried four times on assisted suicide charges, with three acquittals and one mistrial.

Kevorkian will be allowed to consult with lawyers David Gorosh and Lisa Dwyer during this trial.

Former hostage sues Iran

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Former hostage Terry Anderson filed a \$100 million lawsuit against Iran on Monday for allegedly financing and directing the terrorists who kept him shackled and blindfolded for nearly seven years.

Anderson, former chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, was taken captive in Beirut, Lebanon, on March 16, 1985, as he returned from a morning tennis game.

His Hezbollah captors shuttled Anderson between stuffy rooms, beat and berated him and taunted him with the false hope of release, his lawsuit said.

"During the entire period of his captivity, Anderson saw the sun once," the suit said.

Anderson became so depressed he banged his head against a wall until he bled and continued to suffer problems related to depression after his release in December 1991, the suit said. He and his family asked for \$100 million compensation plus unspecified punitive damages.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran provides material support and resources" to Hezbollah, and provided the group with "funding, direction and training for its terrorist activities in Lebanon," the suit alleged.

The suit in U.S. District Court in Washington is similar to claims filed by other Americans held hostage in Lebanon during the 1980s. Iran has not paid damages awarded to other hostages, nor to the family of an American student killed in a bus bombing in Israel.

Iran denies it sponsored Hezbollah and claims American courts have no power over foreign countries.

■ VIETNAM

TV show finds MIAs' remains

Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam

Callers to a television show called "In Search of Comrades in Arms" have helped find the remains of 300 Vietnamese missing since the Vietnam War.

Col. Chi Phan, head of television programming for the army, said Monday the remains were located by officials based on 4,000 tips from viewers.

Phan said the program, which began airing in 1993, runs 10 times a week.

Each episode of the program is five minutes long and gives the names, birth dates and pictures of missing fighters.

The Vietnam War ended in 1975, but some 300,000 Vietnamese soldiers remain unaccounted for.

About 2,000 Americans are still listed as MIA in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

New report praises Pentagon research efforts

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Congressional investigators credited the Pentagon with significant progress in handling Gulf War illness issues but cited flaws in its reporting of some cases.

A report by the General Accounting Office (GAO) says the Office of the Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses, established in 1996, has cleared a backlog of 1,200 veterans' inquiries and is dealing with thousands of others.

The Defense Department "has made progress in carrying out its mandate to comprehensively address Gulf War illnesses-related issues," said the report requested by Rep. Lane Evans of Illinois, ranking Democrat on the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

The GAO, which does non-partisan research and investigation for Congress, said the Pentagon has committed a significant increase in resources toward investigating the complaints of Gulf War veterans.

The government acknowledges that illnesses suffered by thousands of veterans are real, but years of study have not come up with clear diagnoses or clear evidence of causes.

About 100,000 of the 700,000 American men and women who served in the Persian Gulf in 1991 say they are sick, and many believe their illness is related to exposure to Iraqi chemical or biological warfare agents.

The new assessment of the Pentagon's handling of the issue notes that in 1996 the now-defunct Persian Gulf Illnesses Investigation Team operated with a staff of 12 and a budget of \$4.1 million and reported to an assistant secretary for health.

The new office that reports directly to the deputy secretary of defense has a staff of 200 and a budget of \$29.4 million.

In looking at six cases reviewed by the Gulf War office, the GAO said three of them were flawed by procedural, investigative or reporting problems.

bility of exposure to chemical agents should be raised from "unlikely" to "indeterminate" because of information overlooked by investigators.

In all cases, flaws appeared to be relatively minor.

Some were the result of Pentagon investigators not taking advantage of available government databases on the health of thousands of Gulf War veterans, the report said.

It also noted that the Gulf War illnesses office has sponsored 18 town hall meetings with the public and veterans around the country and had appeared at 41 national veterans conventions to pursue its mission of pursuing complaints and protecting U.S. service members.

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The report credits the new office with convincing the Pentagon to require review of each military service's depleted uranium training programs.

Despite the weaknesses, however, GAO investigators agreed with the Pentagon's conclusions in all but one case. In that one, it said the possi-

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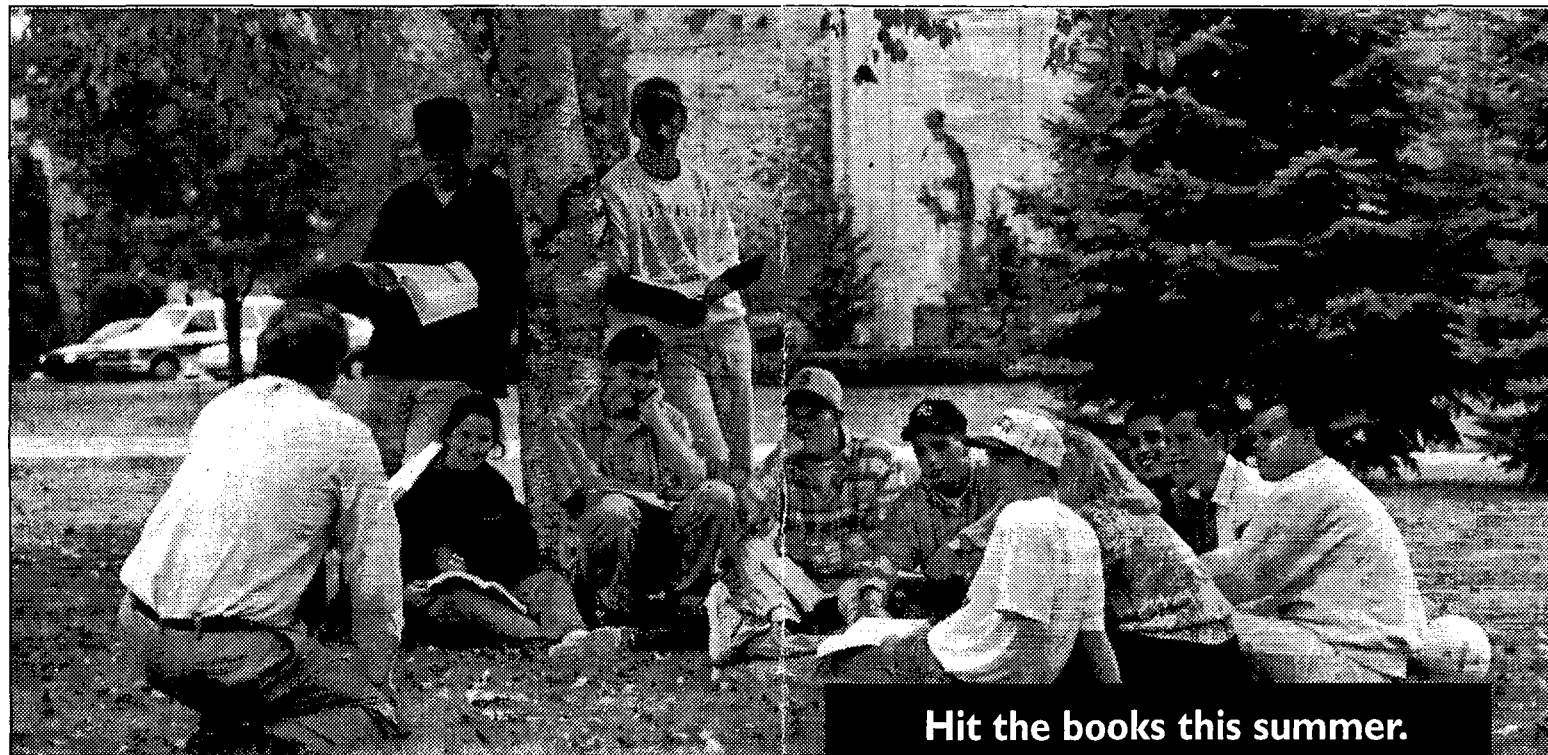
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New nuclear waste site to open

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Energy Department, getting the go-ahead from a federal judge, said Monday it will send its first shipment of radioactive waste to a disposal site in New Mexico this week.

The state and four environmental groups had sought to block the shipments, but U.S. District Judge John Garrett Penn refused Monday to issue an injunction postponing the shipments. He said the facility was legally free to accept waste.

The Energy Department gave notice to New Mexico this month that it would begin shipping 36 containers of highly radioactive waste from its Los Alamos National Laboratory to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) near Carlsbad, N.M., pending a court ruling.

"We are making formal notification to the appropriate parties that non-mixed waste will be shipped from Los Alamos National Laboratory to WIPP starting this week,"

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson said in a statement after Penn's ruling. "It is our intention to ship the first load ... on Thursday."

There was no immediate response from New Mexico officials. State Attorney General Patricia Madrid was en route to Washington for a conference. Her office in Santa Fe had no immediate comment.

Don Hancock, a lawyer for the Southwest Research and Information Center, one of the groups that sought the injunction, said the group had "not given up" and would see if an appeal of Penn's decision was possible.

Short of that, the 36 contain-

ers of so-called transuranic waste from Los Alamos, also in New Mexico, will be shipped by special trucks and placed in a vault 2,000 feet below the surface, where it eventually will be encased in surrounding salt beds. The waste, left over from the government nuclear weapons program, will remain radioactive for hundreds of years.

Penn said the state and other plaintiffs, who asked for an injunction to delay the shipments, had "failed to demonstrate that they will suffer irreparable injury" if the shipments were allowed to proceed. Nor had the plaintiffs shown a likelihood they would succeed in blocking the open-

THE WASTE, LEFT OVER FROM THE GOVERNMENT NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM, WILL REMAIN RADIOACTIVE FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS.

ing of WIPP.

The state had argued that no shipments should be allowed to proceed until the state issues a hazardous waste permit for the disposal facility. Such a permit is expected to be issued by the end of the year, state officials had argued at a court hearing March 12.

But the Energy Department has maintained that the 36 drums held at Los Alamos contained "non-mixed" radioactive waste, or waste that while radioactive does not contain toxic chemicals that fall under federal or state hazardous waste laws.

Penn agreed with the department. The judge also rejected arguments by the state that the

WIPP should not be allowed to open because of a 1992 injunction, saying that injunction applied only to the facility's "test phase," which long had concluded.

"WIPP is ready to open," Richardson told a Senate hearing last week. He said he was "troubled and dismayed" by the state Department of Environment's "lack of interest in certifying" the facility, after the federal Environmental Protection Agency gave its approval last year.

Penn's decision applies only to the Los Alamos waste that has been ready for shipment for months. But the Energy Department hopes the court action will lead to other shipments from the government's weapons facilities. There are 42 containers of transuranic waste awaiting movement from another Energy Department facility in Idaho and the government has promised to begin their removal by the end of April.

In all, the government has clearance to put as much as 6.2 million cubic feet of transuranic waste into WIPP. Currently there is an inventory of about 2.3 million cubic feet of such waste at 20 Energy Department facilities.

Transuranic waste is contaminated material left over from decades of weapons research, production and storage.

It consists generally of protective clothing, tools, equipment, soils and sludge that has been contaminated with plutonium and other highly radioactive elements.

By law, WIPP cannot be used to store used reactor fuel, which is even more radioactive. The government is trying to determine whether that waste can be buried at Yucca Mountain in Nevada.

Two more found dead from recent avalanche

Associated Press

TURNAGAIN PASS, Alaska — Volunteers with 10-foot poles poked the snow bodes and recovered two more bodies from an avalanche that swept through a popular snowmobiling spot the day before, raising the death toll to four.

At least six other people were missing and feared dead.

The 30-foot wave of powdery snow roared down the mountainside Sunday afternoon while hundreds of snowmobilers enjoyed temperatures in the 40s and bright sunshine.

Two snowmobilers were found dead shortly after the slide and two more were discovered on Monday.

State Trooper Paul Burke said six others were thought to be missing, based on calls from people reporting that friends, relatives and co-workers hadn't returned from snowmobiling in the area.

Burke asked the military for 200 people to help in the search.

"There's no tried-and-true way of doing this," Burke said. "The reality is we may not find anybody until spring. That's not a good way to do it, but that's where we're at."

The avalanche buried a grove of 10-foot-high spruce trees, and Burke said he fears some victims may be entangled in the uprooted trees.

Troopers also were analyzing a videotape taken by an eyewitness to try to pinpoint where some victims may be buried. The video shows several snowmobilers trying to outrun a part of the slide. They disappear in smoky clouds and aren't seen again.

Nearly 85 volunteers moved shoulder-to-shoulder with the poles Monday, probing for bodies in areas where witnesses had reported seeing snowmobilers disappear or where machines had been discovered.

Dogs trained to sniff out buried bodies accompanied searchers.

The avalanche extended nearly two miles across the face of a mountain high in Turnagain Pass, a popular recreation area in the Chugach National Forest about 55 miles southeast of Anchorage.

It was the second of two slides that occurred about 20 minutes apart.

The avalanches may have been triggered by "highmarking," a contest in which snowmobilers drive straight uphill to see who can make the highest mark on the mountain, said Greg Wilkinson, a spokesman for the Alaska State Troopers.

However, Dan Hourihan, chairman of the Alaska Mountain Rescue Group, said there were probably other causes, including the warm weather and eight feet of fresh snow that had fallen in the past week.

The National Weather Service and the U.S. Forest Service issued warnings last week that heavy snow followed by high temperatures had raised the danger of snowslides.

The first slide, which broke loose around 4 p.m., filled a ravine and scattered some of the hundreds of snowmobilers who were driving in the area.

The larger avalanche began at the top of a 3,000-foot ridge. Witnesses described a wall of snow that sounded like a train and a wind blast that drove icy particles into their faces.

"I watched a guy halfway up the mountain get his machine stuck, and as he was digging it out the slide broke," said Brian Stewart, who was on his snowmachine when the slide tumbled down the ridge.

"A 30-foot wall of snow hit him and the machine. He flew up in the air."

Stewart said he saw three other riders buried while he was speeding away.

Glenn Swan, president of the Anchorage Snowmachine Club, said highmarking is strongly discouraged.

"We warn all of our people at meetings to shy away from stuff like that," Swan said.

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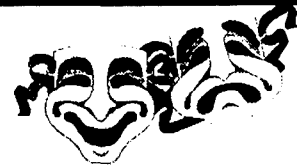
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■ SWITZERLAND

U.N. criticizes U.S. over human rights

Associated Press

GENEVA
As the United Nations Human Rights Commission opened its annual session Monday, Amnesty International departed from its traditional criticism of China and instead denounced police brutality and executions in the United States.

"Human rights violations in the United States of America are persistent, widespread and appear to disproportionately affect people of racial or ethnic minority backgrounds," Amnesty's secretary-general Pierre Sané said.

The U.S. delegation leader, Nancy Rubin, disagreed, saying the United States was "proud of our political and judicial system."

The 53-nation commission is the world's top human rights watchdog, even though much of its debate is politicized. Many foreign dignitaries are due to speak, as are dozens of non-governmental groups, during the six-week session.

Anne Anderson of Ireland was elected president of this year's session, which is being held amid tight security for fear of violent demonstrations by Kurds over Turkey's detention of their leader, Abdullah Ocalan.

In addition to the United States, Sané said Amnesty wanted to focus the UN commission's attention on abuses in Turkey, Algeria, Cambodia and the African Great Lakes area of Rwanda, Burundi and Congo.

"We meet today at the end of a century which has witnessed brutality on a scale without historical precedent," said Mary Robinson, U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights.

"Protection and prevention must define the commission's work in the years to come,"

the former Irish president said.

During the meeting, violations in countries such as Iraq, Sudan, Myanmar and the Yugoslav province of Kosovo will also come under the spotlight.

Amnesty International has traditionally mounted a high-profile campaign against China before the commission. Not so this year.

And European Union (EU) foreign ministers decided Monday not to push for formal condemnation of China for human rights abuses. However, even without a formal censure motion, the EU said it would use this year's meeting to "express its growing concerns on the human rights situation in China."

Amnesty would risk its credibility if it stayed silent about the United States, where despite the international trend toward abolishing capital punishment, more than 350 prisoners had been executed since 1990 with another 3,500 on death row, Sané said.

He said increasing numbers of asylum-seekers were being detained alongside common criminals and that female prisoners were victims of rape and abuse from male guards.

"Police brutality is systematic and widespread from coast to coast," said Sané.

The U.S. delegation hit back at the criticism.

"We disagree strongly that civil and human rights violations in the United States are persistent, widespread or indeed the implication that they go unpunished," Rubin said.

"We are proud of our political and judicial system. We have appropriate mechanisms in place to address shortcomings and are continually taking action against abuses wherever they occur."

■ INDONESIA

Fighters employ ancient war rituals

Associated Press

SETIMBUK

The fighter near a cluster of blazing houses pointed at his black headband and declared: "Magic, magic."

The charm, given to him by a shaman, can turn away enemy bullets, he said.

Dozens of fellow warriors strode through a nearby rice field Monday, dressed for battle. They wore black face paint, headdresses of floppy leaves and red-and-yellow strips of cloth. The handles of some of their swords bore carved animal images.

Centuries-old indigenous war traditions abound in an Indonesian region of Borneo Island, where the death toll from a week of ethnic violence has reached 200 people.

Like their ancestors, the combatants cut off the heads of many victims and carve out and eat their hearts. They carry slices of flesh from the slain men into their raids.

Some of the ethnic Malay and Dayak fighters who have driven thousands of immigrants from the island of Madura out of their villages say they are acting to right what they claim are Madurese injustices.

"We have woken up from the silence," one man said as villagers with spears and swords jeered at a severed head propped up on an oil drum a few yards away.

The Madurese were attacked partly because of their reputation, deserved or not, for being hot-tempered and quick to pull a knife in a quarrel.

Dayaks have engaged in similar widescale bloodletting in the past: in late 1996 and early 1997, an estimated 500 people were killed in attacks on Madurese communities. In 1967, Dayak assaults on ethnic Chinese claimed about 300 lives.

This time, Malays have joined in the slaughter in western Borneo, enthusiastically adopting their allies' taste for decapitation, a centuries-old victory ritual.



Traditional Dayak beliefs hold that evil lies in the hearts and livers of foes, and removing and devouring these organs is a means of destroying it.

"By eating the heart of their victims, or enemy, it gives them more courage to fight the war," said Kusni Salang, an anthropologist at Christian University in the central Borneo city of Palangkaraya.

He said some fighters believe they are protected by so-called "white" magic that protects them from their

enemies' weapons.

There is talk that a red bowl, a symbol of war, has been circulating in Dayak villages. According to custom, those who receive it must provide men and arms to the community that sent it. The bowl is often filled with human blood and chicken feathers.

In Setimbuk, once an enclave of Madurese farmers, Malay marauders, some with crossbows and crude, homemade guns, roamed Monday through fields of chest-high rice stalks and coconut stands.

They carefully removed copies of the Koran, Islam's holy book, and photographs of the area's traditional leader, the Sultan of Sambas, before burning down abandoned houses.

Islam dominates among Malays and Madurese in Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation. A large number of Dayaks are Roman Catholic, but many still hold animist beliefs.

To make sure the Madurese don't return, the Malay warriors never cut down rows of banana trees in Setimbuk.

A squad of several dozen police occasionally fired shots in the air, but made no attempt to arrest them.

Near the village, two Madurese waded across a muddy canal and surrendered with relief to a group of soldiers.

"I was forced to stay in the bushes last night. I went deep into the forest so my enemies couldn't find me," said Ridwan Bin Pakhasin, who clutched a string of Islamic prayer beads.

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■ TURKEY

Parliament maintains secular government

Associated Press

ANKARA

In a victory for Turkey's secular establishment, the government survived a no-confidence vote Monday, and Parliament buried a bid backed by an Islamic party to cancel upcoming general elections.

The opposition came up 40 votes short of the 276 needed to topple the pro-secular, minority government of Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit.

"Parliament renewed its confidence in the government, and this carries great value for me," Ecevit said.

The events are likely to please the country's powerful military, which had warned that a government collapse and cancellation of the elections would lead to chaos.

The no-confidence motion was presented by about 100 lawmakers dubbed "the disgruntled" after they were dropped from their parties' lists for re-election. The move was part of a campaign to cancel

elections scheduled for April 18.

The Islamic Virtue Party, the largest party in parliament, apparently went along with "the disgruntled" in exchange for their support for lifting a ban on politics against former Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan.

The military led the campaign against Erbakan, forcing his pro-Islamic government out of power in 1997. It is staunchly opposed to any return to power of the Islamic movement.

Dealing another blow to the Islamic movement, a prosecutor petitioned the courts to close down the Virtue party, arguing it was the continuation of Erbakan's banned Islamic Welfare Party.

Most of Welfare's members regrouped under Virtue's banner after Welfare was shut down for anti-secular activity last year.

The prosecutor also argued that many of Virtue's members were engaged in anti-secular activity.

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NATO unites against Serbs; Clinton threatens airstrikes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton said Monday that NATO is solidly behind airstrikes if Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic doesn't yield to a last-minute diplomatic plea. "Serbia's mounting aggression must be stopped," Clinton asserted.

But even as he spoke, the Senate took up legislation aimed at blocking funds for any military intervention in the Kosovo crisis unless the President first obtained congressional approval.

"Before we go bombing sovereign nations, we ought to have a plan," said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, a sponsor of the restricting legislation. "There is no clear policy."

With Senate leaders seeking a compromise that would not undermine the administration's hard line in dealing with Milosevic, special U.S. envoy Richard Holbrooke made another effort in Belgrade to pressure Milosevic to agree to an interim peace settlement.

"There is strong unity among the NATO allies," Clinton said. "We all agree that we cannot allow President Milosevic to continue the aggression with impunity."

Holbrooke and Milosevic met for four hours Monday and Holbrooke briefed Clinton's national security team, including Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Defense Secretary William Cohen and national security adviser Sandy Berger on Monday evening. White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said.

Afterward, Holbrooke gave a pessimistic outlook, telling reporters in Belgrade. "I would be misleading you if I suggested that today's talks resulted in any substantial change in the situation."

He said the ongoing crackdown in Kosovo, where government forces are battling Kosovo Liberation Army rebels, "make it difficult to pursue peace."

And he said he would "reassess" later today whether to continue with his mission.

If the Serbian leader rejects Holbrooke's latest overture, "NATO's military plans must continue to move forward," the president said. Clinton said he had consulted with European leaders over the weekend by telephone and had also sent a letter to Russian President Boris Yeltsin "about the urgency of the situation."

Moscow has opposed airstrikes. But Clinton said, "Our objective in Kosovo remains clear: to stop the killing and achieve a durable peace that restores Kosovars to self-government. We and our NATO allies and Russia all agree that this is the right goal."

Clinton spoke outside the White House after he returned from Camp David, Md.

He walked away from the microphones without answering a question about when the repeatedly delayed bombing deadline would finally expire and result in airstrikes.

The ethnic Albanian side in the dispute signed a peace plan last week in Paris for returning self-rule to Kosovo, but the Milosevic-led Serbian side has refused to sign, or to allow NATO peacekeepers to come into Kosovo, a province of Serbia.

Meanwhile, Clinton invited a bipartisan group of leading House and Senate members for a briefing on the crisis

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BILL CLINTON
U.S. PRESIDENT

Tuesday at the White House. Aides to congressional leaders said they anticipated that efforts would be discussed at the session to find ways of avoiding a bitter Senate debate from continuing while airstrikes were imminent or Holbrook still in Yugoslavia.

Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, senior Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told reporters late Monday he believes a majority of senators would support airstrikes — if it could ever come to a straight yes-or-no vote.

Earlier Monday, Albright portrayed Holbrooke's mission as Milosevic's last chance to avoid NATO bombardment of Serb targets.

"Time has run out and that is why Mr. Holbrooke's mission is so important," Albright said at a brief news conference at the State Department. But she sounded pessimistic about the chance the Yugoslav leader would reverse course and accept the plan that would give self-rule to ethnic Albanians and enforce it with NATO peacekeeping troops.

"He is going to deliver the message that airstrikes are being prepared," Albright said, calling his a "stark choice" of accepting a six-nation plan for the Serbian province or being force to "bear the consequences."

"We have made this last effort because we believe it is important as we put Americans into a NATO force that we have gone the last mile," Albright said, referring to the role Americans would take in a bombing operation.

She said fighting in Kosovo had intensified while the toll of refugees fleeing their homes was on the rise. At the same time, Albright dismissed reports NATO would go on a ground offensive against the Serbs.

Meanwhile, the Senate debated legislation sponsored by Senate GOP leaders that would bar funds for any U.S. military action in Kosovo without prior congressional approval. But even Senate leaders seemed a little uncomfortable with the timing — with delicate negotiations going on in Belgrade and a key vote scheduled on the Kosovo

bill for early afternoon on Tuesday.

"I accede that the timing is bad, but I don't know when it gets better," said Mrs. Hutchison, the prime sponsor of the legislation. "This doesn't prohibit the airstrikes. It just says that the president has to come to Congress first."

But Democrats urged a delay in Senate votes — even while agreeing that Clinton should consult more closely with Congress if U.S. forces are to be sent into a combat situation.

"This is a very difficult time for us to be sending this message to Mr. Milosevic," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.

Biden said he favored a Senate yes-or-no vote on whether to proceed with the airstrikes.

As to the military action itself, Biden indicated he favored moving against Milosevic militarily.

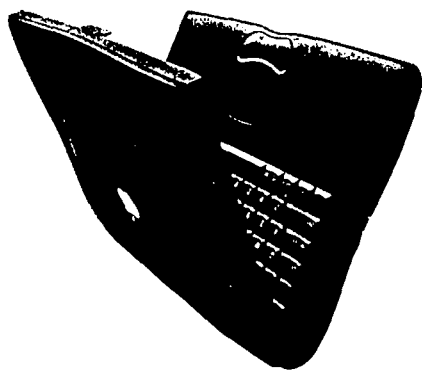
"What is the downside of not acting?" Biden asked. "It is immense."

A test vote on the measure, also sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., was expected on Tuesday. Lott needs 60 votes in the 100-member Senate to overcome procedural barriers put up by Democrats and to prevail — a threshold Lott was not expected to achieve.

Talks were under way among Republican and Democratic Senate leaders for common ground.

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Senators demand pressure on Russia

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senators representing both parties demanded Monday that Vice President Al Gore press Russia's prime minister in meetings this week to stop his country's cooperation with Iran on missiles and nuclear technology.

In a letter, the 34 senators said Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov must be convinced that "an Iran armed with nuclear weapons and advanced ballistic missiles is no more in Russia's interests than in our own."

"We want to urge you to make Iranian acquisitions of Russian ballistic missile and nuclear weapons technology an issue of the highest priority in these talks," they wrote.

Initiated by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., the letter was signed by 20 Democrats and 14 Republicans, including foreign relations committee chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C.

Primakov arrives today, with meetings set to begin Wednesday. Anti-Russian demands on the vice president by one-third of the Senate's membership adds another edge to a visit already made tense by Russia's opposition to possible military action against Yugoslavia by NATO to force a political settlement in violence-torn Kosovo.

Primakov's visit was planned largely to win favor for a \$4 billion Russian loan

request from the International Monetary Fund. Developments in Kosovo have intervened, and now Iran, which already was on the agenda, will take on new importance.

"We wanted to show the broad support this issue has in the Senate," said Howard Gantman, spokesman for Feinstein.

Last Thursday, Russia's atomic energy minister, Yevgeny Adamov, offered to stop cooperation with Iran if sanctions were lifted from leading Russian nuclear research institutes.

The State Department welcomed the offer but said cooperation should be stopped first.

Ignoring pressure from the United States, Russia has sold nuclear and missile technology partly because of the hard currency it brings to the suffering Russian economy.

In January, the Clinton administration barred 10 Russian research centers from any work in the United States as punishment for providing Iran technology that could help development of weapons of mass destruction.

It is those sanctions the Russians want lifted.

Monday's letter noted that both Congress and the administration have acted against the Russian-Iranian connection, but it said "the leakage of Russian ballistic missile and nuclear weapons technology ... has not abated."

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What Sweepstake Forms Should Really Say-

ILLUSTRATED BY COLLEEN GAUGHEN

PROGRESSIVE STUDENT ALLIANCE

Fight For Something Bigger Than Yourself

I feel strange writing this article for the newspaper because I usually try to stay away from forums where my writing can be criticized and my viewpoints ridiculed without any chance for an immediate response, clarification, or explanation of some sort on my part. But I am it for the week, the PSA column writer, so I'll try my best.

Megan Fitzpatrick

Right now two of the biggest issues the PSA is working toward are living-wage and sweatshop reform, but I am sure other members are more qualified to write about these in coming weeks, so I am sticking to a personal report about why I am a member of the Progressive Student Alliance. I think recent efforts to vilify the group, while ridiculous, have been taken seriously by some people on campus who have no direct experience with PSA members, and perhaps have influenced those who might otherwise be vocal in the advocacy of human rights.

One of the reasons I feel most awkward in this position is that I have never thought of myself as a political activist in any way. The closest I have ever gotten to public protests was during my involvement with a pro-life group in high school (yes, many of us in the PSA are pro-life).

Previously when on stage I have usually stuck to the arts and have voiced my opinions privately. I do not have political aspirations and am not even a clear Democrat or Republican. I am a feminist and a humanist to be sure, and also a member of the "feminist enclave,"

the Women's Resource Center), but beyond that, like most PSA members, my views are far too varied to pigeon-hole me.

I am not interested in government, and am not a "publicity seeker" as we PSA members have been labeled. I wish that my involvement in the PSA was not necessary. Like most other people, there are many things I would rather be doing than rallying in the cold, or speaking out to unresponsive classmates or debating the issue with (largely uniformed) opposition. I would rather be reading, or painting, or eating or sleeping, or maybe even doing my homework, anything. But I am a member of the PSA because there is a desperate need for responsible and responsive voices in the Notre Dame community.

Many times I have asked friends and classmates to join the PSA and other groups in protesting injustice around us. Almost everyone I know support these issues. Most will sign a petition, but when the actual commitment of time comes up, they fall far short of action.

The apathy on our campus scares me. People who support human rights issues largely fail to show up at PSA (and other campus groups) activities. Our rallies and other activities have usually been advertised well ahead of time, but when the appointed time comes, everyone seems to have more important things to do ... work, sleep, homework, etc. Many

simply use the excuse that they forgot.

If the school was debating becoming a dry campus, I bet no one would forget that protest. If you can remember the address of the party on Friday night, you can remember the site and time of a rally or speakout for an

commendable groups on campus dedicated to promoting social justice, diversity, and tolerance. If you are not a member of one now, join! Groups like these are always looking for more participation.

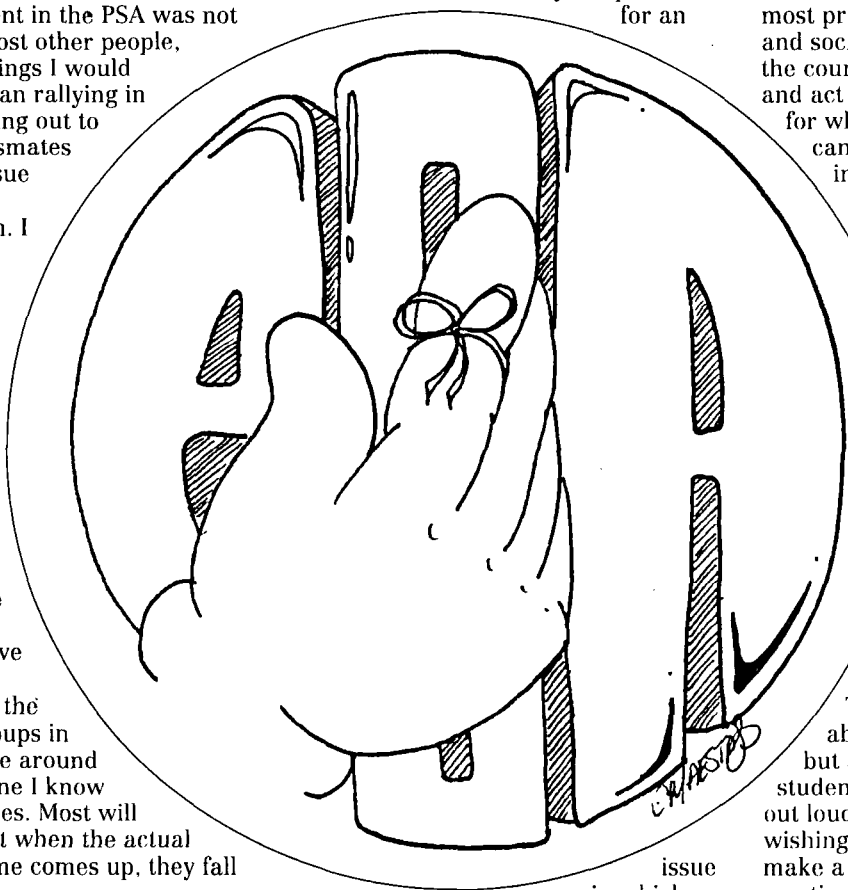
We at Notre Dame are some of the most privileged, educated, intelligent and socially conscious young people in the country. It is time we realize that and act accordingly. If we will not act for what we believe to be right, how can we expect any affective change in the future? If we do not expend an hour or two now working for important issues that we actually have real potential to change, what will we do when we are out in the real world and the issues seem much more daunting?

The answer is that the majority of us are selfish. We are so wrapped up in our own lives and schedules that we forget that we are part of a real community that needs active participation. There are those who spend time every week volunteering, and I commend them. I do not do half the good I could, I know.

Truthfully, I was not even happy about having to write this article, but as the majority of the student body stays silent, I will speak out loudly for reform and invite anyone wishing to learn more about how to make a difference to attend our regular meetings. They are very informal, and we always have new people wandering in, so please feel welcome.

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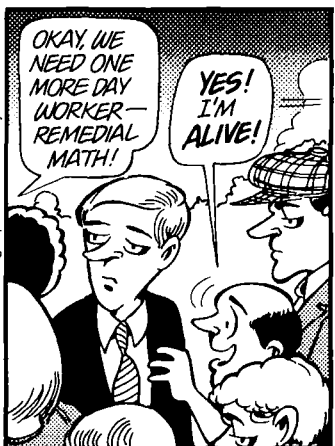
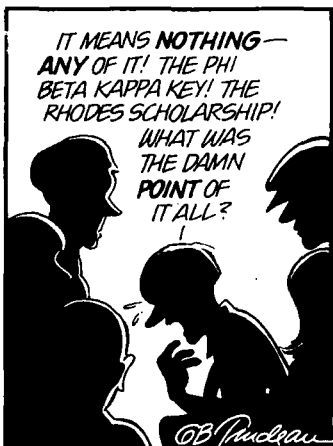
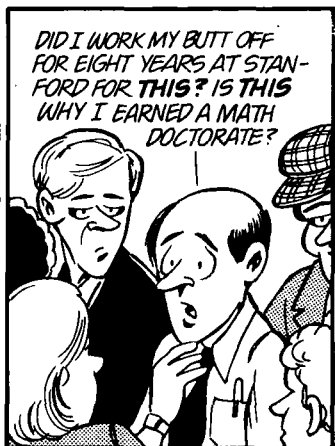
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issue in which you believe. And if you do not know much about the issue, you owe it to yourself to find out what exactly these policies that effect all of our lives mean. You might just find yourself on our side of the issue.

Most active PSA members are pretty educated about what has been going on in campus debates. There are many

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GARRY TRUDEAU

QUOTE OF THE DAY

'An idea that is not dangerous is unworthy of being called an idea at all.'

— Oscar Wilde

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Heart of Happiness

We live in a country that is the envy of the world. Blessed as we are with a strong economy, low unemployment, and limited military involvement, this should be a place where contentment and happiness are commonplace. Instead, our people are burdened by widespread and deep anger; our senses are blistered by daily reports of road rage, stabbings, shootings, spousal abuse and the shameful scapegoating of multitudes of our children, a half million of whom are currently living in foster care.

Why? How can this be?

Can it be that far too many of us have let ourselves be mesmerized by glitzy impostors that promise us genuine happiness, then induce us to mortgage our spirits to pursue them and finally leave us holding a bag that is empty? If we let ourselves imagine that wealth, power, fame or pleasure — perhaps even a combination of all four — can ultimately make us happy in a deep and lasting way, we are setting ourselves up for the anger that attends the eventual discovery and admission that we've been had. Willingly. Repeatedly.

Don't get me wrong. Wealth, power, fame and pleasure can all be good things. But they are all means, not ends; none of them serve to be our ultimate concern, none is enough to live — or die — for. Of course we want financial security for our families, recognition for our efforts, enough influence to make a difference and enough enjoyment to add zest to our lives. The problem is that everything in this world is fragile and finite. Every home owner and car driver knows that anything with more than one part will eventually break down. Nothing tentative and temporal can state our appetite for bliss that has no limits and lasts forever. We seem to be caught in a cosmic mismatch. Is there any way we can achieve a happiness that transforms and vivifies us beyond all boundaries?

The college years are a good time to sort out what we believe and how that belief is embodied in who we are and what we do. We need not only to learn the truth, but to do the truth as well. The wisdom we seek is a combination of knowledge and love, of theory and experience. I believe that the heart of happiness is found in a paradox: the more you give of yourself, the more you are filled; the more you live in solidarity with all of God's children, the more you are given the grace to celebrate the presence of love in your life.

I know something about this because I have been, at various stages in my life, a free spirit, a member of a religious order, a doubter, a cultural Catholic, and now, finally, a happy person. I can report what happened to bring this about even if I cannot really explain it. When my sons Jeremy and Josh were on their way toward graduating from Notre Dame, my wife, Jill and I decided that we wanted to make a difference with the rest of our lives. We adopted two biracial children, Trevor who is nine, and Emily who will soon be six. That decision flew in the face of the peace and privacy I have always sought. More was to come. Inspired by Alex Kotlowitz's book, "There Are No Children Here," and also by grace, we transformed our 15 acre farm into a haven for disadvantaged children. We did not regard it as a nice thing to do, it is a lifetime thing to do. We meant for this to be a place of safe and wondrous fun for four-to 11-year-olds from less fortunate circumstances and more troubled areas. We linked up with agencies such as the Boys and Girls Club, the Hansel Neighborhood Center, Grace Community Center, Head Start, the Center for the Homeless and the Inner City Teaching Corps in Chicago. In the past year we hosted 2,200 child visits and 800 volunteer days at the camp. We have seen first hand the wonders that grace works through the smiles of children. The children and the Notre Dame students who come to be with them are changed when their bonds of caring and friendship are formed and deepened with each visit. I can testify that being a part of it, being continually inspired by the joy of the children and the incredible fidelity of the Notre Dame volunteers has brought me happiness more deep and more lasting than any I have ever known.

If your heart leads you to welcome, tutor, support and encourage others, follow it. Love is the one thing we can build our life around with the assurance that it will not let us down; it alone is not bound by limit or time. That really is a truth that can set us free.

Jim Langford

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March 19, 1999

■ RIGHT TO LIFE

WRC Censure Imperative

Academic freedom. Procedural fairness. Administrative accountability.

In the year since I entered the Women's Resource Center to explore the rumors that it was referring women for abortions, the issue has degenerated from one of genuine discussion to a free-for-all of buzzwords behind which to rally. Sadly, even the Faculty Senate has become so swept up in these buzzwords as to lose sight of what is truly at stake here.

In light of my experience of giving a "deposition" to the Student Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate (in which I was treated with dismaying hostility by some of the members) as well as my first-hand knowledge of what happened when I walked into the WRC and asked for information on abortion, I must doubt whether the Student Affairs Committee presented an accurate picture of the situation to the full Senate. Knowing and respecting many of the members of the Senate leaves me in suspicion that the votes taken on this issue were not grounded in a complete understanding of the truth.

I WAS REFERRED TO AN ABORTION CLINIC. Although I made this clear during my interview with the Student Affairs Committee, this fact seems to have been conveniently forgotten in the recent proceedings. Let me provide you with a quote from the transcript of my experience, recorded on the day that I walked into the WRC and asked if they had any information on abortion. The worker obviously presumed that I was pregnant and told me that "she could take my name and number and call me with a referral" if I so desired. I was also handed a sales brochure for an abortion clinic in Niles.

Another woman who underwent a similar experience, Christine Gabany, was even presented with the offer of having a WRC worker call an abortion clinic for her. It is utterly ludicrous to argue that these two incidents represent anything but referrals to abortion clinics; I am saddened, indeed, that the simple facts of this case have been so greatly distorted.

Along with the perversion of these facts, another lamentable inaccuracy has been propagated: the connection of the WRC's probation to academic freedom. It is simply impossible to legitimately construe this as an issue of academic freedom. Let us draw a parallel between the WRC and, say, the Office of Drug and Alcohol Education. Could anyone contend that the Office of Drug and Alcohol Education is restricting academic freedom because it does not provide information on how to binge drink and abuse drugs? Shouldn't they provide information about all sides of the issue, and refer students to some of the area's best cocaine dealers in addition to Alcoholics Anonymous?

Obviously, the answer is no. And the reason the answer is no is that this office represents the University — and its policies, mission and character — in a substantive and influential manner. When a student walks into that office, the implicit but inevitable assumption is that the information offered and the agencies referred to within are endorsed by the University. One could not credibly expect to be given the phone number of the corner crack dealer, because the University cannot be expected to endorse drug abuse.

There is a fundamental and absolutely crucial distinction to be drawn between agencies that function solely as libraries and agencies whose functions include counseling and endorsement.

We all know that the presence of a book in a library does not evince an endorsement of everything contained in that book by the administrators of the library. We are not surprised to find numerous and conflicting viewpoints represented in the texts within the Hesburgh Library. However, would you be surprised to find a flyer in the Office of Drug and Alcohol Education discussing how much fun it is to drink and drive? How about a brochure detailing various methods of committing suicide in the Counseling Center?

There are some organizations that deal with issues so sensitive and impactful that they absolutely must pay attention to what they say and how they say it, and such organizations are certainly not required to give equal weight to all options. There are agencies at this — or any — University where the very nature of the agency constitutes an endorsement of the literature it houses and the options it proposes. It is

worse than naive to contend that the WRC serves simply as a neutral depository of information.

To ignore the innate identity of the WRC as a counseling and referral center — whether the group's mission statement explicitly details this or not — is a dangerous act of self-deception. Students consider this facility to hold an authority which imbues the resources it disseminates and the agencies to which it refers with a sense of legitimacy handed down, ultimately, from the University itself.

Members of the Faculty Senate and all others interested in this issue, here are the facts:

- 1) I walked into the WRC and asked if they had any information on abortion.
- 2) The worker assumed that I was pregnant and gave me general information on the topic of abortion — as well as a sales brochure for an abortion clinic and an offer to call me with a referral.
- 3) Christine Gabany walked into the WRC and asked if they had any information on abortion.
- 4) The worker assumed that she was pregnant and gave her information on the topic of abortion — as well as the phone numbers of several abortion clinics and an offer to call the clinics for her.

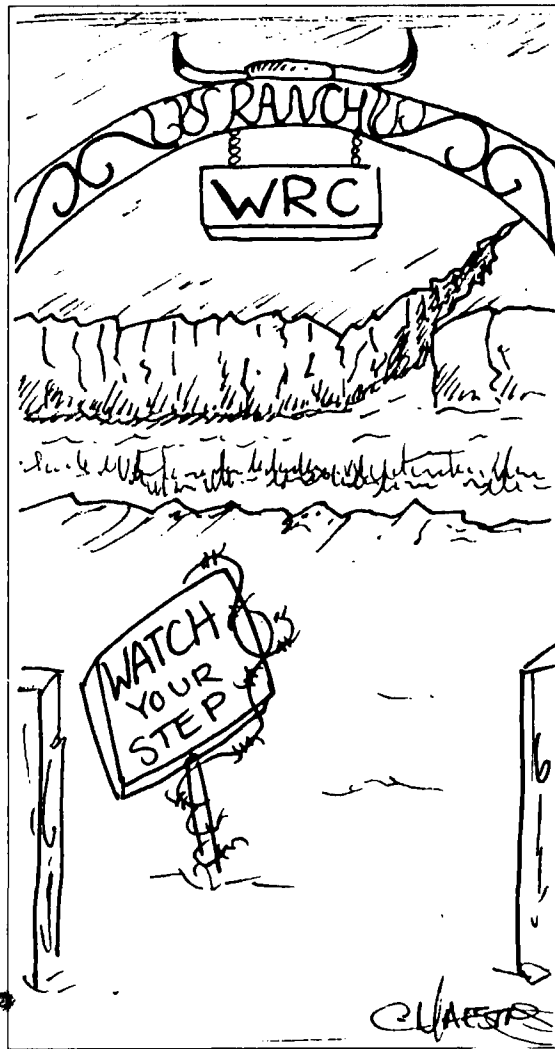
My questions are simple: what if Christine or I had been pregnant? What if we had been 18 years old and alone and frightened out of our minds? Would it have been an issue of academic freedom then? Or would it have been the Women's Resource Center of the nation's leading Catholic university helping a vulnerable young woman to procure an abortion?

If you oppose Student Activities' decision to limit the WRC's ability to endorse abortion, you are not standing up for academic freedom. You are not bearing a banner for the rights of student groups. You are not promoting the scholastic integrity of this school. You are demanding that this University actively refer its students for abortions. You are asking Notre Dame to contravene the very moral fabric on which it is founded.

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Catriona Wilkie



It's a vacation! Taking a tr

The dust has settled on Notre Dame's new bookstore. Before returning down South to buy another textbook or sweater, check out what Scene has to say about the latest addition to ND's always expanding campus ...

By ANDREW McDONNELL
Scene Writer

The New Hammes Bookstore. You've heard all about it. You've seen it. You've probably already gone shopping in it. You've licked it. (You have?) Regardless of what manner it might have been, you've come in some contact with this palatial shopping center, and you've formed some opinion about it.

The new 65,000 square foot Hammes Bookstore composes over two-thirds of the recently opened Eck Center on the south side of campus. The \$21.5 million Center — \$10 million of which was funded by 1944 alumnus Frank Eck — now serves as the focal point for visitors to the Notre Dame campus. This newest addition to campus is an admirable structure with a beautifully designed and planned interior, but it has also raised a few eyebrows with its location, prices and content.

One statement that few patrons would contradict is that the interior of the new Hammes is very, very posh. The skylit lobby is immense, majestic and spacious enough to allow a newspaper reporter all the "spinning until I fall down" room that he, or she, might have conceivably asked for. The lobby's high, formal white walls are tastefully garnished with the occasional ND banner to remind you where you are, while the trained eye can imagine its potential to hold a two-by-two block of Asian elephants standing on one another's backs, with plenty of room to spare for a giraffe.

The space is not filled with carefree elephants, however, as the bookstore's designers opted for the only slightly more subtle combination of empty air and a large table. The table screams for mercy under the weight of an impressive flower arrangement that bees throughout the Midwest are moaning for in their sleep.

After attempting to recall what the porch in the old Hammes bookstore looked like, visitors may grab a blue mesh shopping bag and begin perusing the treasures that lie deep within the heart of Notre Dame's new bookstore.

Within the new Hammes lies a plethora of literature and enough Notre Dame paraphernalia to clothe a small army. A very small army. A very small army with an extremely odd notion of what camouflage is supposed to look like. Never mind.

The clothing selection at Notre Dame's bookstore has long been known for its generally high quality accompanied by its generally high prices. For instance, the Holloway Leather Sleeve Jacket, shockingly similar to the one that Sean Astin's Rudy wore in the movie "Rudy," will run you a cool \$249.99. A Notre Dame tie-dye shirt, with what appears to be a gigantic brown sweat-stain already applied around the neckline, will run you \$27.95, and a pair of Notre Dame mesh shorts will cost you a few dollars more than that. You'll have to pony up \$16.95 if you want a t-shirt that proclaims to the world, "More Hustle, More Sweat, More Desire, More Heart, Makes a Domer."

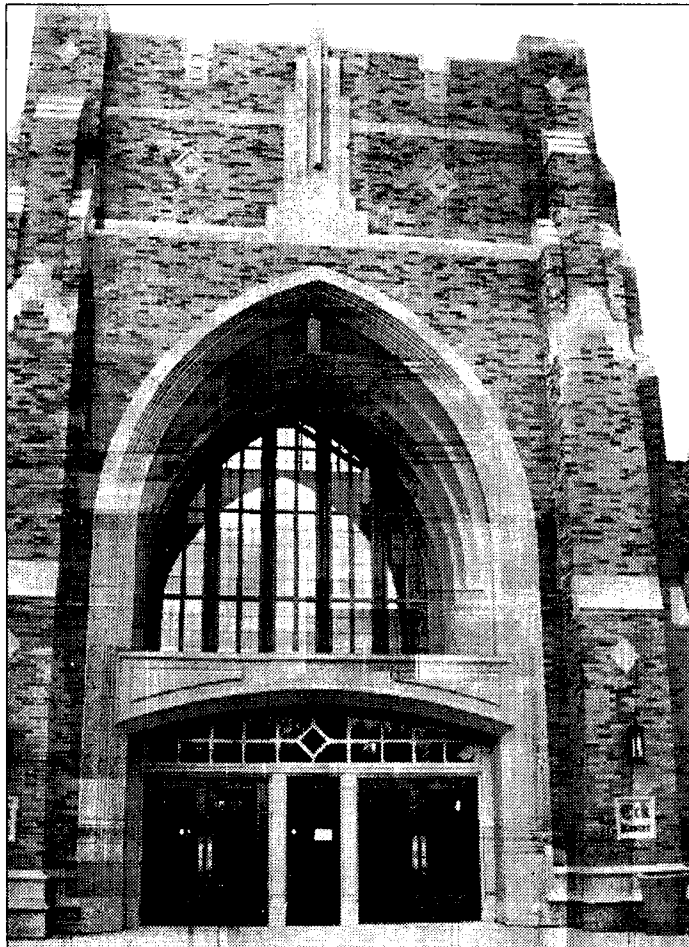
Bookstore Director Jim O'Connor explains that the higher prices are for higher quality.

"One thing we try to do is carry things that are different from those in town. I think the pricing downstairs is a really good deal for what you're getting," he said.

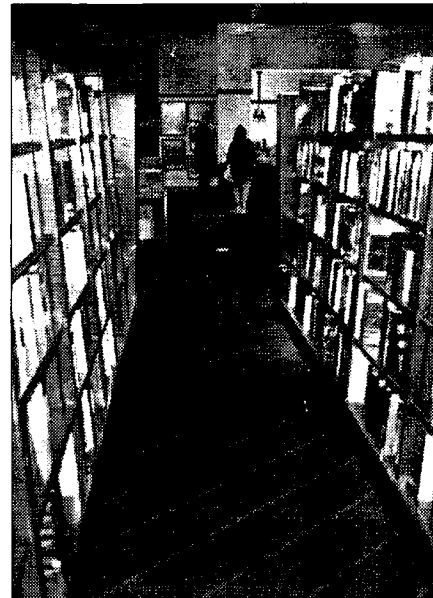
The larger selection of books on the first level is a nice feature. Over 75,000 titles are available, and best-sellers are 30% off — a tremendous improvement from what the old bookstore had to offer. It's like having a Barnes and Noble right on campus.

The CD offerings have also been expanded, but this is not at all obvious, as they occupy only three shelving units. The CD prices, for the most part, can be beaten — beaten to a gooey pulp by almost any other store, that is. The majority of the CDs are marked "Sale \$16.99" so if you're in the market for music, your best bet is probably further from campus.

The shelving throughout the store is the epitome of class — a delicious combination of cherry and glass that simply shouts, "I am bookstore. Love, but



The new Hammes bookstore is located on Notre Dame Ave., just south of the Morris Inn.



Expect these lines to be much longer come football season.



Don't be alarmed by the big flower arrangement on the left. Though Notre Dame's new bookstore might be a bit overwhelming, it certainly attempts to be a comfortable place for everyone in the Notre Dame community

don't touch me." The shopping atmosphere is relaxed but restrained, giving the building a sense of a place that demands more respect than affection. Music reinforces this mood as it hums softly throughout the store, establishing a varying but overall subdued mood with a repertoire ranging from harpsichord sonatas to Beatles' tunes, to traditional Irish pieces.

Following in the Barnes and Noble/Borders/public library tradition, there are a number of inviting chairs and sofas scattered throughout the new bookstore, where patrons are welcome to relax with their reading material of choice, whether that be Virginia Woolf's "Mrs. Dalloway" or Patterson and Hennessy's "Computer Organization and Design." The furniture is a composition of plush leather and shiny metal ornamentation.

With its almost cartoonish contours, the couches and chairs have been labeled by some as Nouveau Mickey, and in fact, it turns out that the furniture's designer, Jordan Moser, is also Disney's furniture designer. Regardless of what one might call it, the comfortable seating is a feature that the old bookstore could never have offered with its limited space.

Another resource added to the new bookstore is the availability of computers. Four network-supported computers are available on the second floor for members of the University community with an AFS ID and password. A novel concept, the computers will allow students and faculty a new outlet to check their e-mail or surf the web. In fact, students

can even compare the prices of their textbooks with those offered by online services such as Amazon.com, without ever leaving the store.

Once the textbook rush begins anew, students should also be facing smaller crowds than usual, thanks in part to the on-line book sales system. Students need only surf over to the bookstore's website and enter their class schedules to find and select which books the professor teaching that class has ordered. Students can then pick up their books at the store shortly afterward, ready and bagged.

Many student shoppers are enthusiastic about the new bookstore's presence and amenities.

"I wish I could live here. Can I live here?" asked freshman Kent Nelson.

Keough Hall resident Mike Boreale also expressed a fondness for the new structure. "I think it's great. It's a vast improvement over the old bookstore," he said. Boreale also appreciated what he perceives as the effort of the store's planners to lessen the effect football weekends might have on a student shopping for necessities.

"I like the design. Somebody is definitely thinking. With all the sort of products that students might need stored on the upper floors, students won't have to face the rush on football weekends," he said.

Whether this prediction will pan out or not will remain in the proverbial pudding until late August. Until then, it is recommended that if a student is in desperate need of toiletries, they should be purchased before the football weekend commences.

ip to the new bookstore



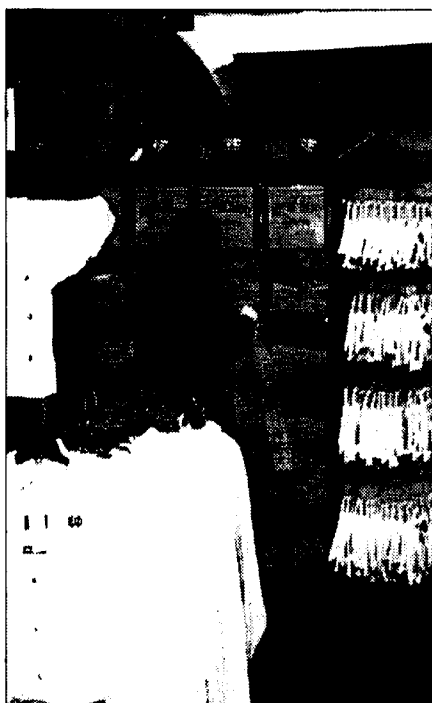
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Hoping to become a hub for student life, the bookstore has created living areas for studying, reading and pleasant conversation.



The Observer/Liz Lang

Though slightly expanded, the music section at the new bookstore leaves much to be desired.



The Observer/Liz Lang

As usual, the bookstore is stocked with Notre Dame apparel, always ripe for purchase by anyone with the bucks.

While most of the visitors to the new bookstore express a certain amount of admiration, many students are also asking whether it was built with them in mind.

"It's definitely geared more towards visitors and parents — people who have money to spend on engraved crystal and pot holders and sweaters and fitted baby cheerleader outfits," said Jim Fleming, a Keenan Hall Junior and avid shopper. "It's always been that way, I guess, but it's definitely more pronounced in the new bookstore."

Fleming is not alone in this line of thought. Many students can't help but notice that while the portion of the store dedicated to the general public has swelled, the section apparently aimed at students has remained basically the same. Dillon Hall resident J.P. Montufar is one such student.

"They added all of those regular books downstairs, and that's great, but as far as other items for students, such as CDs or toiletries, are concerned, it could be far more complete," he argued.

"I had a problem pulling color-safe Tide from finely crafted cherry shelving. It was unsettling," added Mike Bradt, Montufar's shopping companion.

There have also been complaints from some students, particularly those residing in the Mod Quad and off-campus, about the Bookstore's movement to an area even more distant than the one it occupied in the old building. Bookstore director Jim O'Connor's response to this issue was, "I think it's worth the walk."

The current location was the best space available

on campus to accommodate the size and grandeur of the Eck Center. Additionally, at its Notre Dame Avenue location the general public can access the store with far greater ease than in previous years.

According to Jim O'Connor, the overall response from students has been very positive. "I've had a great thrill watching the students walk in, and seeing their eyes light up," he added.

O'Connor envisions the new bookstore as a place where students can escape for a few hours when the dorm atmosphere becomes too noisy. Students have already begun to make their presence felt, coming in small groups and studying in the bookstore. The store's director has even seen one student lying down and studying in front of the fireplace, one of the bookstore's homier touches.

"This is for the students," says O'Connor. "If anyone has any comments for improvement, my door is open. I mean that."

Overall, it is an attractive store, and Notre Dame is fortunate to have it. There will always be those who raise objections when changes are made, such as, "It's in B.F.E.!" or "When am I ever going to trust myself enough to buy a \$200 Waterford bowl?" But for most people, including those who have the largest say in such matters, the store's benefits outweigh such complaints.

It's a nice place for students to shop in, and it will bring loads of revenue to the school. As a place the University can show off to prospective professors without embarrassment, Hammes also gives our parents and alumni a nice place to gather and shop.



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Offering snacks from candy bars to hot chocolate, the bookstore's café, Seattle's Best, looks to compete with other ND foodstops like Reckers and Lula's.

The bookstore's brewin' with ND's 'Best'

By ANDREW McDONNELL

Scene Writer

Seattle's Best Coffee, located in the new Hammes Bookstore, is the latest entry in the competition to win the affection of the campus coffee fiends (not the ones who dunk Vivrin in their Mountain Dew, however). The new shop is smallish compared to Reckers, of course, but it does offer some of the tastiest beverages to be found on campus. It also has an atmosphere quite conducive to conversation, an essential part of any coffee shop worth its salt.

The design of the chairs and tables, a continuation of the bookstore's borderline quirky furniture, is really quite comfortable. The chairs provide a nice place to let tired shoppers rest their legs while they partake in Seattle's Best brand conversation and coffee.

The shop offers a number of delicious drinks for all tastes. Hot Chocolate or tea, cappuccinos, soft drinks and mochas — coffees of all sorts are available.

The Raspberry Mocha Kiss, from experience, is a drink worthy of a taste. I am a fan. Sweet, but not too sweet; coffee-tinted, but not overpoweringly bitter for those of us who shy away from the stronger coffee drinks; it is topped in a delicious whipped cream that can hold its own with any offered by Lula's or Reckers. This drink is what a friend of mine often refers to as "sex in a glass," only you can drink it before, after or during marriage. Morally, it's all the same.

The shop contains two walls of snacks, including potato chips and candy bars, and also has a freezer case offering Snapple, Coke, ice creams, popsicles and boxes of Fanny May chocolate.

Seattle's Best also offers an assortment of pastries in which, no doubt, a number of sorrows will be drowned in the years to come. The croissants, eclairs and cinnamon rolls call softly from behind their glass confines. "Eat me. Eat me or I'll climb in your window at night and crawl into your sleeping mouth. I'll get you one way or the other."

Tasty treats abound, so if your Lenten promise involves snacking, avoid this place as you would a Frito-Lay distributor's convention — entirely.

Seattle's Best is as nice a place as any on campus to stop for a drink or a small bite to eat.



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Bookstore Ratings

Convenience



Physical Attractiveness



Store Layout



Variety



Comfortability



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■ NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Spurs gaining ground in Midwest

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO

The San Antonio Spurs are winning again.

More important, they're winning on the road and have reason to believe they can capture their division.

"We're moving up the ladder a bit because we were pretty far down the ladder for a while," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said Monday.

They were 6-8 in February, then regrouped to win 10 of 11 games in March, with seven victories in the streak coming on the road.

Now, midway through this shortened NBA season, San Antonio is 16-9, three games behind Utah in the Midwest Division. The Spurs and Houston Rockets were tied for second entering Monday night.

"We've been able to gain some ground on Utah," point guard Avery Johnson said. "This is another week where we can't have any slipups because you don't when Utah is going to lose again. And we don't play them until the end of April."

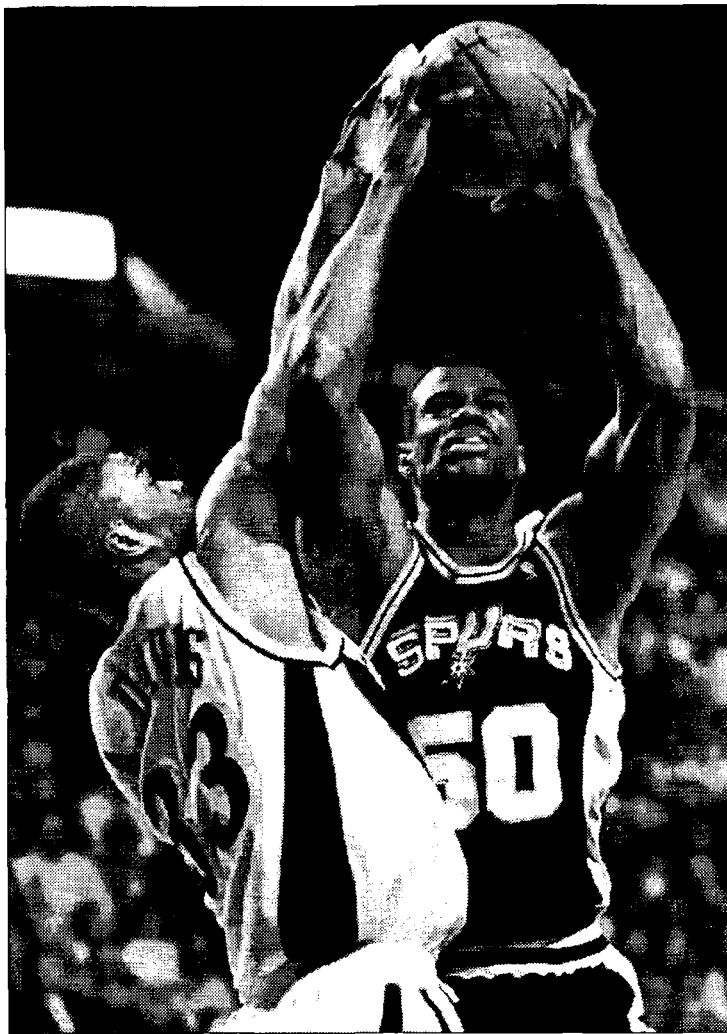
The Spurs could be humming by then. They play seven of their next eight games at home, beginning Tuesday night against Denver.

So far, San Antonio has played just 10 games in the Alamodome, tying Sacramento for the fewest home games in the conference. The Spurs are 7-3 in those games.

"We must try to continue to establish some home-court advantage at the dome this year going into the playoffs," Johnson said. "We've got to get some confidence in our own building."

San Antonio is getting a boost from the schedule now. In February, the Spurs played Utah, the Los Angeles Lakers and Seattle twice and Minnesota three times.

The recent winning streak included victories over Dallas, Denver, Sacramento, Golden



KPT Photo

One major reason for San Antonio's remarkable play as of late has been the outstanding performance of star player David Robinson.

State and Vancouver — all teams with losing records. On Friday, San Antonio lost to Portland, which is tied with Utah for the lead in the Western Conference.

A concern for the Spurs has been David Robinson. The 33-year-old center is averaging 14.4 points a game, down from 21.6 points last year. He's scored only 21 points in the last three games combined.

Popovich benched Robinson in the final minutes of the fourth quarter in two road games last week, choosing to go with Malik Rose.

Robinson said after practice

Monday it hurts him not to be playing with the game on the line.

"That'd be an understatement," he said. "Sitting on the side you have no power to help at all. It's like being a fan over there. When I'm in there at least I feel like I can make things happen."

Robinson has seen second-year star Tim Duncan, a fellow 7-footer, become the team's leading scorer with an average of 21.6 points a game.

Robinson said he is trying to improve his shot. He's encouraged by a key jumper he made in overtime Saturday in a victory at Vancouver.

■ SKIING

Fiala, Shaffer advance at U.S. Nationals

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Utah

Jakub Fiala had the luck of the draw; Alex Shaffer made all her own luck.

Both skiers emerged from a busy day at the U.S. National Championships on Monday with the first titles of their careers. Fiala won the men's super-G at Snowbasin Ski Resort, while Shaffer won the women's giant slalom at Park City Mountain Resort.

Fiala was the fastest skier on a course in miserable shape after over a week of unpredictable, unseasonable weather.

Rain on Sunday further destabilized large sections of the run which had been melting for days, and round-the-clock work was largely unable to improve the conditions.

As the third skier down the course, however, Fiala was able to catch the snow in its best possible shape.

"I was just lucky to get to go when I did," said Fiala, a New Mexico native who now lives in Breckenridge, Colo. "I had probably the best opportunity of anybody to get some speed ... and I was fortunate to do it. ... It was luck, basically."

Fiala finished in 1:15.51, edging national downhill champion Chad Fleischer, who came in at 1:15.80. Pre-race favorite Daron Rahlves started after both Fiala and Fleischer, and he slammed his helmet to the ground in frustration after finishing his third-place run in 1:16.12.

"It was just terrible," Rahlves said of the course. "The weather has just made it ridiculous up there."

The course conditions were less ridiculous in Park City, where Shaffer emerged victorious in the first technical

event of the six-day competitions. Shaffer, whose family moved to Park City from Aspen last year, felt right at home.

"I haven't won a race in three years, so I don't know what to think," she said. "I'm in outer space right now. It's definitely a nice surprise for the end of the season, and it's even better to do it at home."

Shaffer was in first place after both runs, and she was able to conclude an uneven international season with a win.

Her best World Cup results have come in slalom, making her a solid favorite for Wednesday's championships in the discipline.

"I'm definitely not a monotone person. I need ups and downs to get me focused," she said. "Without that I'm lost. Some people don't know how to deal with it, [but] I need some high stress points to keep me moving."

But even more of a surprise than Shaffer's win was the very presence of the skier who finished second. Sarah Schleper, who was in the midst of a breakout year on the World Cup circuit when she wrecked her knee in France in December, skied her first race since the injury.

As recently as Friday, she hadn't expected to compete at the national championships. But she received clearance from the team's medical staff and nearly landed her second straight national GS title. She won the event last year in Jackson Hole, Wyo.

"I wanted to win, but I'll settle for second place," Schleper said. "I'm glad I was able to get back so soon, and I'm looking forward to the slalom."

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Hey, news guy, how come we never find the temperature in Rockland, Maine? Are we a little bit biased towards non-Downeasters?

Revers, once again, thanks for pulling these suckers in tonight.

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■ NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Harbaugh signs with Chargers

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

Alex Spanos welcomed Jim Harbaugh as only an impatient owner could.

After watching his San Diego Chargers win just nine games the last two seasons, due largely to some disastrous play at quarterback, Spanos delivered the same impassioned speech he always gives to major acquisitions.

"Jim, I tell you what, I just hate losing," Spanos said at a news conference Monday introducing Harbaugh as the team's new quarterback. "You're here to help us win, and believe me, I'll be right there with you. I promise you. A sigh of relief knowing that Jim Harbaugh is sitting to my right."

Spanos handed Harbaugh his No. 4 jersey, then embraced his new quarterback.

"Jim, I want to thank you. I tell you, you've excited all of us, me especially."

Funny, but Spanos made similar statements to Ryan Leaf last year, both when the Chargers made him the second overall pick in the draft, and again when they lavished the rookie with a \$31.25 million contract. But that was before Leaf's meltdowns, on and off the field, that led to the Chargers (5-11) seeking a veteran quarterback.

Spanos said after Monday's news conference that he still believes Leaf will be as good as he was once advertised.

"He's just going to learn as he goes along. And it's going to take some time. I've gone through two years, that's enough. Right now, I want to start winning. That's why he (Harbaugh) is here," Spanos said.

"I like that intensity," said Harbaugh, who added that he owns a 20-percent stake in an Indy Racing League team and understands wanting to see an investment do well. "I can appreciate Mr. Spanos' desire to win. I'm here. I want to help."

Harbaugh was acquired from the Baltimore Ravens for a conditional fifth-round pick in the 2000 draft. Under contract for \$3.25 million for 1999, Harbaugh took a pay cut to join the Chargers, agreeing to a \$2.75 million, two-year deal, plus incentives. By comparison, the Chargers have already paid Leaf \$8.3 million of his \$11.25 million signing bonus.

Harbaugh, 35, is entering his 13th NFL season. He's been on six playoff teams, including the 1995 Indianapolis Colts, who embarrassed the defending AFC champion Chargers 35-20 in a wild-card game in San Diego. The Chargers haven't been back to the playoffs or had a winning season since.

"I feel like a young 35, if there is such a thing," Harbaugh said. "A little tread's come off the tires after about 12 years of playing, but I really look forward to working back into shape. I look forward to that every year."

■ NCAA

Four athletes seek answers on Prop. 16

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

Lawyers for four athletes have asked a federal judge to clarify letters the NCAA sent to its Division I schools after the judge struck down the association's use of minimum test scores to determine freshmen eligibility.

The lawyers want the NCAA to assure schools they will not be penalized if they use freshmen players suddenly made eligible by the Proposition 16 ruling — even if that ruling is later reversed.

In response, the NCAA on Monday asked U.S. District Judge Ronald Buckwalter to refrain from ruling on the lawyers' request until a federal appeals court rules on the organization's appeal of the initial Proposition 16 decision.

On March 8, Buckwalter declared that the minimum standardized test score requirements have "an unjustified disparate impact against African-Americans."

The letters the NCAA sent last week to the 302 Division I schools offer direction to coaches and athletic directors suddenly stripped of a key recruiting guideline, NCAA spokeswoman Jane Jankowski said Monday.

The correspondence includes reference to Article 19.8 of the NCAA's 1998-99 Division I rules manual, which states that the association could strike statistics or championships from the record books if a court ruling like Buckwalter's is vacated.

stayed or reversed on appeal.

"What it does is help give a few general guidelines to member institutions and guidelines on the court ruling," Jankowski said.

But in court papers filed Friday, lawyers for the four black plaintiffs wrote that citing the article is "tantamount to the NCAA advising its members that 'if you honor and heed the Court's permanent injunction, you do so at your peril.'"

The lawyers asked Buckwalter to direct the NCAA to inform its Division I schools that the article "has no force or effect on any member who recruits, offers athletically-related financial aid or allows a student-athlete to compete" if that student-athlete has not attained the minimum test scores that were struck down in the judge's ruling last week.

NCAA lawyers have said in court that the immediate elimination of Proposition 16 could cause chaos among its member schools.

The article threatens to strike individual and team statistics and championships from the record books "in the interest of restitution and fairness to competing institutions."

The Third Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals is weighing whether to give the NCAA more time to develop new freshman eligibility guidelines, a delay Buckwalter refused to grant them last week. The NCAA also plans to appeal the initial ruling to the appeals court.

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■ MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Connecticut's Freeman leads Huskies to Final Four

Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. Postseason play has been payback time for Connecticut's Kevin Freeman.

Snubbed when it came time to pick the Big East's first, second or third all-conference teams, the power forward's rebounding and clutch shooting have helped carry the Huskies (32-2) to their first Final Four.

Freeman had 13 points and a career-high 15 rebounds — 10 off the offensive boards — in UConn's 67-62 win against Gonzaga to advance to St. Petersburg, Fla. In the final minutes, he hit two free throws to give UConn the lead for good at 57-55 and then iced the game with two more from the line with 6.2 seconds left.

With the game on the line, there were no butterflies. Just net.

"Hopefully I can have that same confidence and God will

bless me with the same strokes to allow the ball to go in," Freeman said Monday. "It's just a matter of focus."

The Huskies, winners of the West Regional, take on Ohio State on Saturday. The Buckeyes (27-8) advanced to the Final Four with a 77-74 South Regional final win against St. John's.

Three weeks after the conference snub, the accolades are mounting. Freeman was named to the West Regional All-Tournament team. And his performance in the conference tournament earlier this month earned him Most Outstanding Player honors.

His award-winning efforts aren't anything out of the ordinary for the 6-foot-7 junior, say his teammates and coach.

"He has the incredible ability to will himself to do things," said coach Jim Calhoun. "He's done it in a humble sort of way."

Calhoun said he marveled at

Freeman's 10 offensive boards against the Bulldogs.

"It was absolutely phenomenal," Calhoun said. "Coaches just don't marvel when you've had the great fortune to have some great players play for you."

The team's leading rebounder, the muscular Freeman is averaging 7.3 boards a game. With 12.6 points a game, he's the third top scorer behind the higher profile tandem of All-American Richard Hamilton and flashy point guard Khalid El-Amin.

When they've gone cold at times — El-Amin was 0-for-12

against Gonzaga — the Huskies look inside to Freeman and get results.

"Kevin brings toughness. He brings it consistently," said center Jake Voskuhl. "He's playing the best basketball right now that he's played since he's been here. The sky's the limit for him."

Freeman and the 6-11 Voskuhl have played together for three years, and with the addition of 6-8 sophomore Edmund Saunders, are formidable in the post. The three combine for nearly 19 boards a game and can read each other like a road map.

They decided early on in the second half of the Gonzaga game to get every rebound.

"I just looked at Kevin. Kevin looked at me," said Voskuhl.

The Huskies went on to get 10 second-chance points in the last eight minutes.

"I think the communication, especially with me and Jake down low, is something that develops over time. We have a natural bond," said Freeman.

Freeman said he's put the Big East snub behind him and just tries to prove every game he's one of the top players in the nation.

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■ MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Langdon reversing
postseason woes

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C.

Trajan Langdon has been Duke's money player the last three seasons, the guy the Blue Devils go to for clutch 3-pointers and smooth baseline jumpers.

That was until the postseason rolled around, where Langdon was a major flop in 1997 and '98.

He shot 19-for-68 from the field (28 percent), including 11-for-38 from beyond the arc as the Blue Devils were ousted from the NCAA tournament by Providence and eventual national champion Kentucky the last two seasons.

The 6-foot-3 senior rectified his tournament shooting woes in a major way the last two weeks.

Duke (36-1) now heads to the national semifinals against Michigan State with a sizzling shooter in its already potent arsenal.

After missing the first tournament game against Florida A&M with a foot injury, Langdon has gone 19-for-30 in his last three games, including 11-for-18 from three-point range in winning the East Regional MVP award.

"There are monkeys [on your back] and then there are monkeys, and if the monkey is how well you've done in late postseason play that's a good monkey to have on," coach Mike Krzyzewski said Monday of Langdon. "A lot of people never play with that monkey."

Some of Langdon's shooting problems late in those years can be traced to Duke's lack of offense, where Langdon was not only the major option in the team's attack, but sometimes its only option.

"The fact is he hadn't shot like the player he is," Krzyzewski said.

"It may be because we've been so dependent on him that it wasn't the monkey but it was us on his shoulders that he had been carrying.

Maybe we've just given him a little bit more help.

"Trajan is not one who would ever succumb to pressure, but he is a human being and he can get worn down. He got worn down because he carried us — further probably than we should have advanced a couple of times."

Langdon, one of the best free-throw shooters in Atlantic Coast Conference history and a 44 percent three-point shooter this year, said he didn't give his postseason shooting troubles a thought. That is until the media brings it up.

"You guys put it in my mind. That's all you guys talked about," Langdon told reporters Monday. "I wasn't concerned about it."

I wanted to do well, and then I came down with the foot injury, all I was thinking about was getting back on the court."

He did admit there is less pressure on his shooting this year with a host of other offensive options.

"It is a different mindset. I put too much pressure on myself in the postseason these last couple of years. We have such a talented team they really don't need my shot, or if I don't shoot well we can win. We've even won big when I haven't shot well."

Krzyzewski said he feels a special bond with Langdon, who helped bridge the gap between Duke's disastrous 13-18 season of 1994-95 and this year's dominating Final Four squad that has won 31 straight.

"When he walked off the court [Sunday], my smile was a smile for Trajan," Krzyzewski said of the team's East Regional title win over Temple.

"When I saw that kid and watched him walk off I wished I could be him at his age. I could never have been him at his age — and I thought I was a pretty hot ticket. So, I admire what he has done for us."

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■ PROFESSIONAL GOLF ASSOCIATION

Hall of Fame inducts two golfers

Associated Press

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. The World Golf Hall of Fame made room Monday for a little girl who couldn't live without golf and a dashing Spaniard who gave golf life.

Seve Ballesteros and Amy Alcott, who each started with nothing more than a sawed-down club and big dreams, were inducted into the hall along with the late Lloyd Mangrum, a World War II veteran and U.S. Open champion.

"Who was going to tell me that a little boy who started as a caddy in Pedrena, a small village in Spain, would be here today," said Ballesteros, the winner of five major championships and nearly 80 tournaments around the world.

With 11 members of the Hall of Fame looking on under a blazing sun, the induction of Ballesteros, Alcott and Mangrum brought the number to 76 of those enshrined at the World Golf Village.

"I'm a little numb," Alcott said. "I look down that list and I've taken my place."

Ballesteros was elected last year on the international ballot but deferred his induction until Monday.

Alcott, whose 29 victories include five major championships, became eligible in February when the LPGA changed its criteria. Mangrum was elected on the PGA Tour ballot in October.

"Golf gave a little girl the life she imagined sitting in front of a television," Alcott said.

"I was mesmerized by the rhythm of the swing, the sound of the golf ball, the whole dance."

"It's been a great dance,

and I hope to keep dancing."

Ballesteros and Alcott grew up in different worlds and played different tours. All that links them is the way they discovered golf — Alcott with a cut-down club she used to tear up her yard in Santa Monica, Calif., Ballesteros with a three-iron that taught him shots few others would even dream of hitting.

"I have a lot of imagination," Ballesteros said. "That came from learning the game with only one club."

The 41-year-old Spaniard made a spectacular debut at the 1976 British Open at

wide event in golf, and he was idolized by today's young stars in Europe.

"Obviously, Arnold Palmer did more in American than I did in Europe," Ballesteros said. "I feel very proud to help the people back in Europe. I was the one who opened the door for them. And I feel very good about that."

Alcott's impact on women's golf goes beyond the record she shares with JoAnne Carner for winning at least once her first 12 years on tour.

She's responsible for victory splash at the Nabisco Dinah Shore, which began when she won in 1988.

She took host Dinah Shore into the pond with her in 1991, the last time Alcott won on tour.

She would have needed one more victory to get into the Hall of Fame under the previous requirements, which were so difficult that it was regarded the toughest shrine in sports to enter.

Under the new points system approved in February, Alcott would have qualified 14 years ago.

Mangrum won most of his 36 victories after an Army career that took him to Omaha Beach on D-Day and earned him two Purple Hearts.

He won the 1946 U.S. Open, was a member of five Ryder Cup teams and won the Valhalla Trophy twice.

He was represented by his stepson and was introduced by Byron Nelson.

"He was a great golfer who was somewhat forgotten," Nelson said. "He was a tough competitor and an excellent putter. Any time you beat him, you could know you were playing well."

'I FEEL VERY PROUD TO HELP THE PEOPLE BACK IN EUROPE. I WAS THE ONE WHO OPENED THE DOOR FOR THEM. AND I FEEL VERY GOOD ABOUT THAT.'

SEVE BALLESTEROS
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Royal Birkdale. Although he lost a third-round lead to Johnny Miller, his bump-and-run that threaded two bunkers on the closing hole served notice that there would never be a dull moment when he was around.

He won the Open three years later at Royal Lytham & St. Annes, making a birdie from a parking lot on the 16th hole in the final round. Ballesteros won two more British Opens, along with the Masters in 1980 and 1983.

He also became the heart and soul of the Ryder Cup, his intensity and determination making it the biggest world-

■ MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Alford steps in as Iowa head coach

Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa The last time Steve Alford was in the Big Ten Conference, he was a sharpshooting guard at Indiana.

Alford returned Monday as Iowa's new basketball coach.

Alford, who guided Southwest Missouri State to the NCAA tournament's Sweet 16, was hired to replace Tom Davis, whose contract was not renewed after 13 years in Iowa City.

Alford, 34, made it clear he intends to stay in Iowa City a long time.

"I am a Big Ten person. Now I am in the Big Ten," said Alford, a two-time All-American who led the Hoosiers to the NCAA title in 1987 and was the school's No. 2 career scorer with 2,438 points.

"There is no need to be looking anywhere else. This is where I would like to call home for a long, long time," he said.

His father, Sam, who will join him at Iowa as an assistant, said that was his take on his son's new job.

"I think this could be a long-term project," Sam Alford said. "He would like it to be the final move in coaching for him. Money was not the top priority. I think being in the Big Ten is the big priority in this job."

Alford accepted a five-year contract that calls for a base salary of about \$350,000 annually. He made about \$188,000 at Southwest Missouri State.

With camps, shoe-and-clothing contracts and broadcasting contracts, that could swell to about \$600,000, Iowa athletic director Bob Bowlsby said. Additional, incremental incentives will be negotiated that would put Alford "in the \$900,000 range," he said.

Alford, who led the Bears to a 22-11 mark this season, was 78-48 at Southwest Missouri State. He began his coaching career at Manchester College in 1992 and took the team to the NCAA Division III title game in 1995 before moving on to SMS.

His career coaching record is 156-77 in eight seasons.

"I can't be more excited about the future of the Iowa basketball program," said Bowlsby, who has been looking for Davis' replacement since April.

"Over that period of time, I spoke with dozens of people about potential basketball coaches. A few names kept coming up over and over and over again, and one of those was Steve Alford," Bowlsby said.

Davis was 269-140 at Iowa but fell out of favor because he never won a conference title. The Hawkeyes finished 20-10 this season — their fifth straight 20-win season — after NCAA tourney wins against Alabama-Birmingham and Arkansas.

Their season, and Davis' Iowa career, ended last Thursday when they lost 78-68 to Connecticut in the West Regional semifinal.

The Bears beat Wisconsin and Tennessee in the first two rounds of tournament play before falling 78-61 to top-ranked Duke in the NCAA East Regional semifinal last Friday.

"It was kind of like match play — Iowa advanced and I knew we needed to advance," said Alford, who said he and Bowlsby had reached a "gentlemen's agreement" by mid-February.

Alford said he hopes to have his coaching staff completed in the next two weeks. He said he would talk with current Iowa assistant Rich Walker.

He also said the current Hawkeyes need to share his passion for the game while shooting for a conference title and a shot at a national championship.

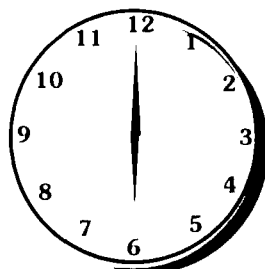
"If it's not the goal they want, then there's probably going to be more changes," Alford said. "I'm not in the business to beg. I don't beg people to play or to come to the University of Iowa. Hopefully, the individual players that make up the team right now are going to have the same vision that I have."

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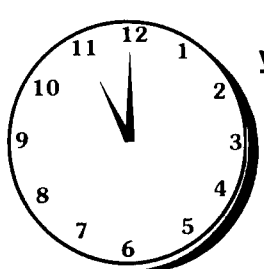


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BOXING



Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson could be spending an extra month in jail time due to a 1992 rape conviction.

'Iron Mike' facing extra jail time

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS Mike Tyson won't be leaving a Maryland jail for at least another month.

Although a judge might reduce the former heavyweight champion's one-year sentence for assault in Maryland to time already served, Tyson then would have to begin serving 60 days for violating terms of his Indiana probation for a 1992 rape conviction.

"The bottom line is, even if the Maryland sentence is modified, he will not be released from jail on Friday," spokeswoman Beverly Phillips of the Marion County prosecutor's office said.

Tyson has been jailed in Maryland since Feb. 5 on charges he assaulted two motorists after a minor traffic accident in August.

Tyson has requested that his assault sentence be reduced to eight months, and a hearing is set for Friday at Montgomery County (Md.) District Court.

Robert Greenberg, one of Tyson's two lawyers in the Maryland case, said last week that such a reduction could free his client from jail by Friday night.

Marion County prosecutor Scott Newman, Tyson lawyer James Voyles and Marion Superior Court Judge Patricia Gifford conferred Monday in Indianapolis and also talked to Maryland authorities.

They agreed the boxer still must serve the extra time for his probation violation.

"If the judge modifies his sentence, at that point his Indiana sentence will begin," Phillips said. "There's no retroactive in any of these calculations."

Once the Indiana sentence begins, Tyson could serve as little as 30 days, depending on time off for good behavior and other provisions, she said.

That means Tyson could leave jail by April 26.

"The integrity of both the Indiana and the Maryland sentences will be honored," Voyles said. He declined to speculate on how the court hearing Friday will turn out or when Tyson may leave jail.

Earlier this month, Tyson struck a deal with Newman and Maryland authorities in which he agreed to serve his Indiana jail time in Maryland after he completes his assault sentence.

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Belles start strong at Wabash

By MOLLY MCVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite the absence of many key runners, the Belles' track team had an excellent start on Saturday at the Wabash College Invitational.

Saturday's meet was an all-relay meet, and no team standings were calculated. It provided valuable experience for the runners and offered a preview of some talent that will be appearing all season.

"I am very pleased with the outcome on Saturday," said head coach Larry Szczechowski. "It is really nice, as a coach, to see people come out in the first meet and run so hard."

The javelin relay, composed of junior Allyson Treloar and freshman Melissa Goss, set a meet record and a school record with a combined distance of 201-feet-6-inches. The previous meet record was also set by Saint Mary's in 1992, and Treloar's individual throw of 119-feet-6-inches was a personal best.

The 100 meter relay was also run well, composed of senior Stacy Davis, sophomore Kisria Born, senior captain Sarah Gallagher, and freshman Erica DeVoir.

"I was really impressed by the team's performance," said sophomore runner Genevieve Yavello. "Everyone had a great attitude, and it was an awesome start for the season."

Yavello was an important part of the distance medley, a relay in which four runners run 400 meters, 800 meters, 1200 meters and 1600 meters, respectively, that placed sixth on Saturday.

This invitational included Division I, II and III schools and included Alma College, a fellow MIAA school Saint Mary's will face at least two more times this season.

The Belles were short several experienced and important sprinters on Saturday, many because of injury or illness. They had, however, more runners at Wabash than they had had all last season. The Belles' team is composed of 23 run-

ners, jumpers and throwers, up from only five members last season.

This year, Szczechowski feels that encouragement from fellow runners will be a major factor in the team's success.

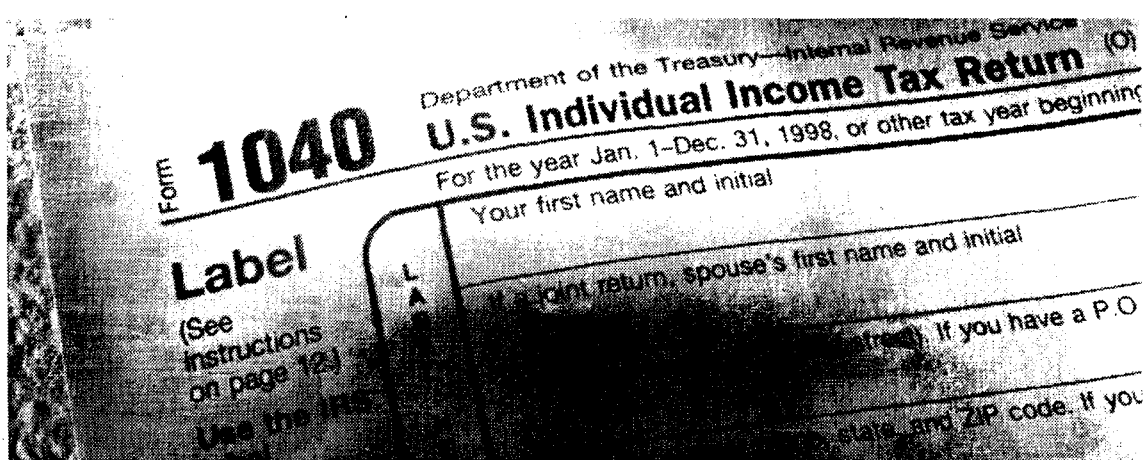
"We are an individual sport, but we have huge team support," said Szczechowski.

The runners also have high hopes for the team this year and are looking forward to the beginning of conference meets.

"Our goal this season is to have everyone continue to work together and to do the best we can in the conference," said Goss.

Saint Mary's finished seventh last season with a small team, so hopes are high and the Belles appear to have a positive attitude as they head into the rest of the season. They run next at Huntington College, again in a relay meet, this Saturday against nine teams from all divisions. They begin to run against MIAA teams on March 31 at Calvin College, which will also mark the beginning of standard meets.

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■ COLLEGE BASEBALL

NCAA considers longer season

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb.

Southern California coach Mike Gillespie saw Monday why many cold-weather schools support an NCAA proposal to push back the start of the college baseball season.

It was snowy, foggy and cold outside as Gillespie addressed about 500 College World Series volunteers in a hotel banquet room.

Gillespie, who last season led the Trojans to their first NCAA championship in 20 years, said he supports the plan because it would develop "a more level playing field."

The proposal would delay the season until as late as mid-February, meaning snow in mid-March still couldn't be avoided in places like Omaha. Gillespie said in any case, the issue centers not on weather but on money.

"At a school like USC, where school is over May 5, to keep the athletes around after class is out — housing them has a big impact," Gillespie said. "I suspect that is the single biggest hurdle."

The proposal would delay the start of the season by up to three weeks, meaning the College World Series could be pushed into July.

Supporters claim it's the best way to equalize decades of dominance by warm-weather programs.

Gillespie also weighed in on the issue that won't go away: aluminum bats.

"Everybody kind of longs for the days when we played with the wood bat," he said. "I think that would be the preferred bat, but again, the reality is it's all about dollars."

"When you realize the expense of wood bats today, of how many you'd have to buy to get through the whole

season, the impact on people's budgets, we might not be able to overcome that issue," Gillespie said.

The NCAA executive committee voted on Jan. 15 — opening day for many schools — to limit aluminum bats to 2 5/8 inches in diameter and length limits aimed at simulating wooden bats.

In some cases, liability concerns prompted some schools to switch bats in the middle of opening-day games.

The Trojans were on the field at Texas when Gillespie learned of the limitations but he said both teams, aware of the potential ruling, already had agreed to use wooden bats for their series.

"Right now there is a modified bat, but that's what it is — it's modified," Gillespie said. "In the hands of big strong kids, it's probably not delivering the effect for which it was intended."

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dugouts in awe.

In the second game, the Irish took an early lead in the first off a two-run homer by Ust, his eighth of the season. With the blast, Ust brought his career total to 27, tied for second all-time at Notre Dame and six behind leader and current senior Jeff Wagner. The Mountaineers scored one run in the bottom of the inning, but the visitors put the game away with a three-run third.

WVU attempted a three-run rally in the eighth, but it turned out to be all the steam they had left in their bats. The Irish added an insurance run in the ninth with an RBI single by Perconte, but it would prove to be all the offense the team needed.

On the mound, junior left-hander Tim Kalita turned in a strong outing, tying a career high with ten strikeouts while allowing four runs on seven hits and two walks over eight innings.

The third game of the series, scheduled

for Sunday, was cancelled due to inclement weather. With the losses, the Mountaineers dropped to 6-9 on the season.

The Irish will start off their home stretch against Western Michigan, who are on a different kind of streak this season.

Although the Broncos are picked to place second in the Mid-American Conference's West Division this season, they are currently 6-8 on the season with a two-game losing streak.

In their most recent loss to Austin Peay, senior center fielder Joel DeVisser recorded of Western Michigan's five hits on the game. Junior pitcher Matt Vriesenga took his second loss of the season in five-plus innings of work.

While the home opener is usually as important as any other game of the season, this game will take on new importance due to the fact that the brunt of the Big East schedule follows right behind it.

With the winning streak still intact, a victory against the Broncos would keep the team's momentum high heading into conference play.



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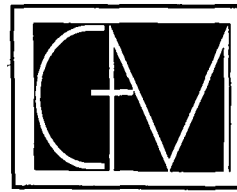
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■ MEN'S TENNIS

Irish fall to two ranked squads

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

After blanking North Carolina in the first round of the Blue-Gray National Classic in Montgomery, Ala., the No. 26 Notre Dame men's tennis team dropped consecutive matches to Texas A&M and Tulane, falling to 11-6 on the season.

"We were confident going in since we reached the finals last year," said Andrew Laffin, who was defeated in his match against Texas A&M. "We knew we were more talented than North Carolina and if we kept our heads in it we could play well. Unfortunately, we just fell apart."

In Saturday's consolation match with No. 30 Tulane, two critical third sets eluded Notre Dame, and the Irish fell, 4-1.

Five of the six single matches went to a pivotal third set, but Green Wave senior Robert Samuelson, ranked 48th in singles play, upset second-ranked Ryan Sachire (6-2, 2-6, 6-2), while Tulane's Chris Ortner defeated freshman Casey Smith (6-3, 3-6, 7-5).

"We're so used to Ryan winning," said Laffin. "We count on that point and when he lost, we needed to pick up the extra load to win the match, but we fell short."

Mikko Viljanen of Tulane secured the final singles point with a 6-4, 6-1 victory over Notre Dame's Andy Warford in the No. 5 singles match.

The only Irish victory came at No. 3 singles where Matt Daly topped Ronald Kloppert, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-0.

Tulane claimed the doubles point with victories at No. 1 and No. 2. Kloppert and Samuelson defeated Brian Patterson and Sachire, 8-1, while the Tulane's Lundberg

and Viljanen knocked off Trent Miller and Javier Taborga.

"We lost the doubles point against Tulane and Texas A&M," said Laffin.

"It's disappointing, but our guys played some tough teams and I think Javier and Aaron played well and it's unfortunate they lost a close one."

The Irish had high hopes after blanking No. 58 North Carolina on Thursday, but a 5-1 loss to No. 19 Texas A&M put Notre Dame in the consolation final round.

The Aggies snapped the Irish seven-match winning streak in

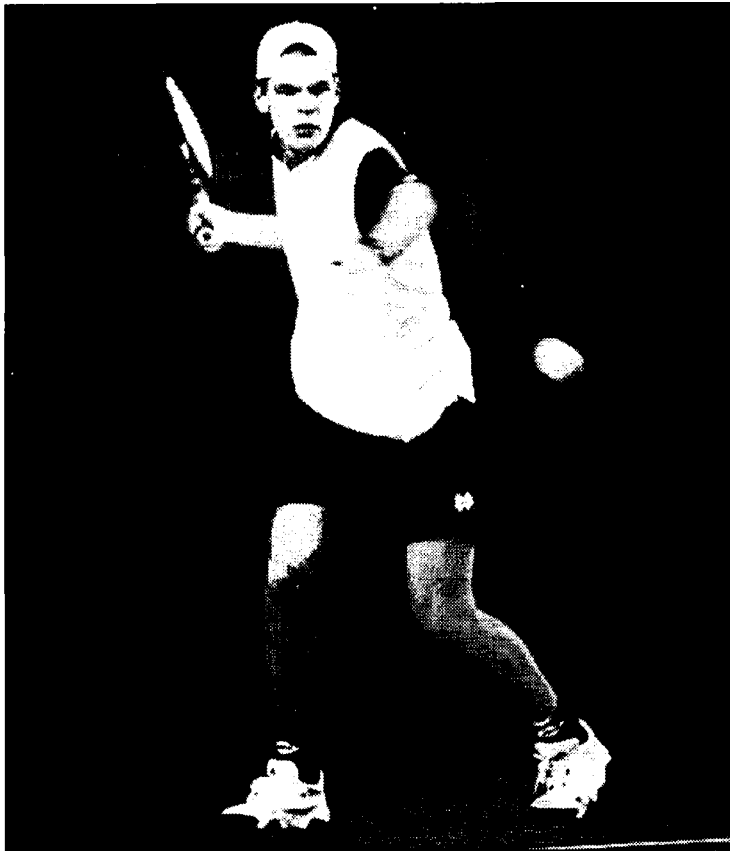
a lopsided showdown that saw All-American Sachire pick up the only victory for Notre Dame.

Sachire dominated his match at No. 1 singles, defeating Shuon Madden, 6-2, 6-3.

The other Irish players, however, couldn't follow suit.

The Aggies rattled off straight set victories at Nos. 3-6 singles to advance to the finals with Illinois.

The doubles point also went to Texas A&M, as Keith Fromm and Madden beat Patterson and Sachire (8-5) and the team of Gonzalo Anderson and Cody Hubbell outlasted Aaron Talarico and Warford (8-4).



The Observer/Jeff Hsu

The 26th-ranked Irish men's tennis squad will look to reverse their misfortunes this weekend when they face No. 2 Illinois.

Notre Dame
Softball

Upcoming Schedule

3/23	at Purdue
3/27	Toledo
3/28	Bowling Green
3/30	Butler
4/1	at Illinois-Chicago
4/3	Pittsburgh
4/5	at Eastern Michigan
4/7	at Western Michigan
4/10	at Rutgers
4/11	at Villanova
4/14	Indiana
4/17	Boston College
4/18	De Paul
4/20	Loyola

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Purdue, said the team is ready for whatever the Boilermakers have up their sleeves.

"We're looking really good in practice. We're zero and four against Purdue in the last two years, so there's definitely a revenge factor involved. We're ready to take care of business," Myers said.

Myers leads the Irish in home runs, with three dingers this season and holds a .338 batting average.

Sophomore shortstop Melanie Alkire and senior catcher Kris McCleary each

have two homers this season. Alkire echoed Myers' sentiments of readiness for today's contests.

Alkire noted that the team focused on improving their defensive fundamentals last week.

"Although the weather was not always in our favor, we were out there getting dirty and trying to improve team chemistry."

Sophomore Jennifer Sharron will take the mound today.

"We've been strong in competition in the last 13 games. This has given us the chance to know what aspects of our play we need to sharpen. I feel we're ready," Sharron concluded.

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■ WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame travels to New York

*Irish hope to
upset No. 19
Syracuse today*

By GENE BRTALIK
Sports Writer

Despite being a 1-3 team in only its second year, Syracuse is nonetheless a strong opponent.

Notre Dame's women's lacrosse team's 3-0 record is no guarantee of a win; Syracuse is ranked 19th in the nation and has one of the most up-tempo games in college lacrosse.

So when the Irish travel to Syracuse today to take on the Orangewomen on their home field, it should be an interesting match.

Syracuse's three losses came against other nationally ranked teams, all holding the Orangewomen to under 10 goals per game.

This changed when Syracuse played Albany on Saturday and Syracuse won 18-3 — its first victory.

While Notre Dame has no Albany, the Irish will have to play tough lacrosse in order to knock off this nationally ranked team.

"We are an up-tempo team like them," said head coach Tracy Coyne. "But in order to win this game, we need to take control of the game and slow it down to our pace."

Coyne's analysis was exemplified last year as the

upstart Syracuse team played at Moose Krause Stadium and outran Notre Dame on its way to a 20-9 win.

Last year's game saw Syracuse pick up every loose ball, then race down the field ahead of the Notre Dame defense to score.

Besides having to set the pace for the game, the Irish will also have to control Katrina Habel, one of the best players in the country, Coyne said.

This year's contest sees the Irish make up for some of that lost speed with a new recruiting class featuring several high school All-Americans.

"This game is going to be a very challenging one for us, since they boast a very potent attack, but their weakness has to be goaltending," Coyne said.

The person most likely to challenge Clothilde Ewing is Notre Dame sophomore Lael O'Shaughnessy.

O'Shaughnessy currently leads the team with 15 goals and has a shooting percentage of 56 percent.

She is already halfway to the total of 27 goals she achieved last year.

One of the main reasons for her offensive outbursts is her quickness to the goal.

"Her overall game and skills have improved. Plus she is using her quickness to challenge for more shots, resulting in more scoring chances," states Coyne.

Sharing the scoring load

with O'Shaughnessy is classmate Courtney Calabrese who is second in scoring with 11 goals, including six in last week's game against Gannon, and shoots 55 percent.

While O'Shaughnessy and Calabrese score the goals, senior Kerry Callahan has a knack for finding them resulting in 11 assists, one less than the rest of the team combined.

The first three games saw the Irish control the tempo against their opponents, but their first opponents did not possess the same firepower as Syracuse.

If the Irish want to come away with one of their biggest victories in the program's brief history, they will need to clamp down with defense and prevent the Orangewomen from scoring.

Notre Dame will also need to ignore Syracuse's national ranking and slow the game down.

If the Irish can accomplish all this, they will come home with a 4-0 record and prepare for their season home opener on Friday.

Insight

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Notre Dame yesterday.

Carmody boasts a 73-14 record in three seasons at Princeton and took the Tigers to the NCAA Tournament in his first two years. This year Princeton lost to Xavier in the NIT quarterfinals this year. Carmody served as an assistant at Princeton for 14 years before becoming head coach.

Xavier athletic director Mike Bobinski, a Notre Dame graduate, said Monday that Notre Dame has asked for permission to speak with Prosser.

"I don't know when, where or how, but they said they were in the process of meeting some people and Skip was on their list and that it was somewhat in the preliminary stages of their process," Bobinski told The Associated Press.

Prosser arrived in New York yesterday in preparation for Xavier's NIT semifinal game against Clemson. Notre Dame plans to meet with Prosser in the near future but probably after Xavier's season, which will end on Friday.

The newest name to knock

around is Seton Hall's Tommy Amaker. WNDU reported that Amaker, who was a player and an assistant at Duke, has expressed interest in the job.

Steve Alford can be officially crossed off the Notre Dame's list after he accepted the Iowa job, but just as soon as one rumor dies another arises.

WNDU reported that Seton Hall head coach Tommy Amaker, who was a player and an assistant at Duke, has expressed interest in the job.

Another name that has swirled around the Notre Dame rumors isn't a coach or an athletic director, it's a blue-chip athlete.

Andy Slocum was apparently ready to sign to play for the Irish before MacLeod's resignation March 9.

The 6-foot-11 center averaged 24 points, 14 rebounds and five blocks his senior year his senior season in West Monroe, La.

Slocum is also considering Clemson, Oklahoma, Syracuse, Texas A&M and Utah, where Majerus coaches, for now.

Now Slocum and the immediate future of Notre Dame basketball are in limbo waiting for the announcement of a new head coach.

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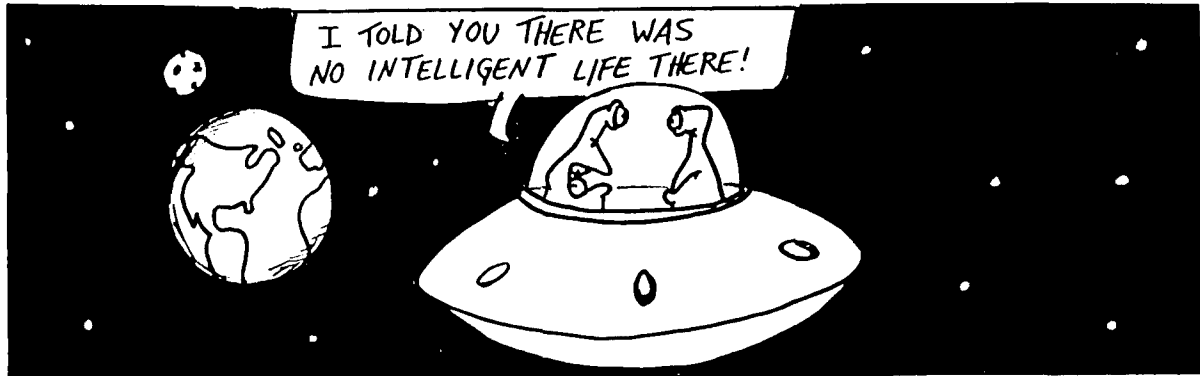
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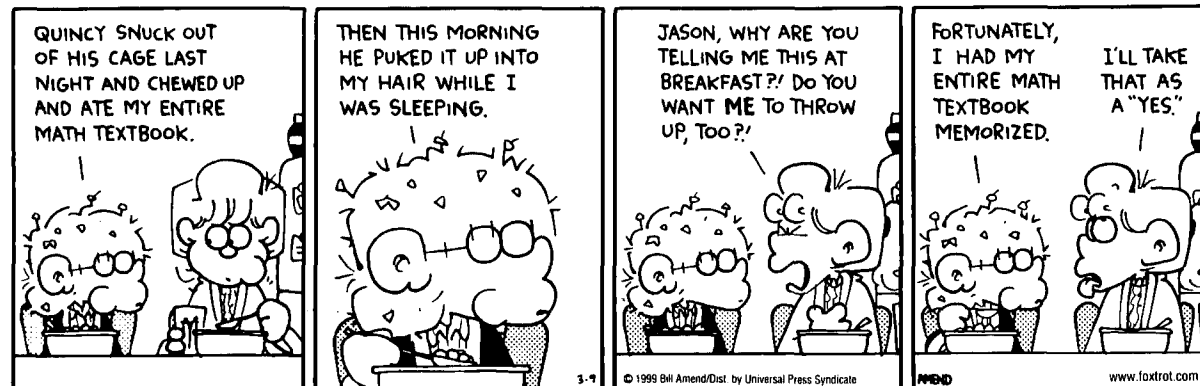
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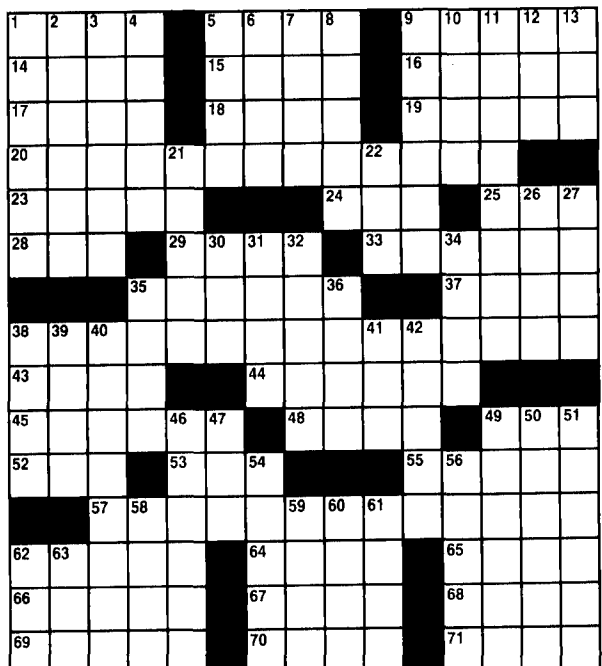


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 - 47 Rep. foe
 - 49 Book after Nehemiah
 - 50 Giggles
 - 51 TV's "Remington —"
 - 54 High-strung
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 - 58 Actress Russo
 - 59 Place for a farmer?
 - 60 Daredevil Knivel
 - 61 British stables
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 - 63 Night before
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■ OF INTEREST

Rajmohan Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi and research professor at the Center for Policy Research in Delhi, India, will give a lecture entitled "The Living Legacy of Gandhi" today at 4:15 P.M. in the Seminar Room (Room C-103) of the Heshburgh Center for International Studies.

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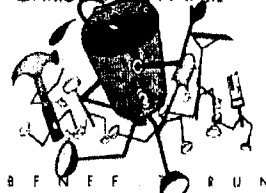
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SPORTS

Gaining a charge

■ Quarterback Jim Harbaugh signed with the San Diego Chargers Monday.

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Tonnls drops the ball

■ The men's tennis squad lost two matches over the weekend. p. 21



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Tuesday, March 23, 1999

■ BASEBALL

Irish squad prepares to buckle the Broncos

By BILL HART
Associate Sports Editor

It's been a long time coming, but the Irish will finally get a chance to play at home.

After playing 17 games on the road, the Notre Dame baseball team will start off its home schedule this afternoon when they play host to Western Michigan.

The 11-6 Irish enter Frank Eck Stadium with a seven game winning streak, their longest of the season.

That streak was extended over the weekend when the team traveled to Morgantown to take on the West Virginia Mountaineers. The Irish started off their Big East season with a bang, sweeping the two-game weather-shortened series by scores of 4-1 and 6-4.

In the series opener, Notre Dame drew first blood by scoring a run off a bunt single by freshman center fielder Steve Stanley, followed by a groundout by freshman third baseman Andrew Bushey, a steal and a groundout by second baseman Alec Porzel. West Virginia tied the game in the bottom of the inning off two singles and a fielder's

choice, but sophomore right-hander Aaron Heilman allowed just two baserunners for the rest of the game.

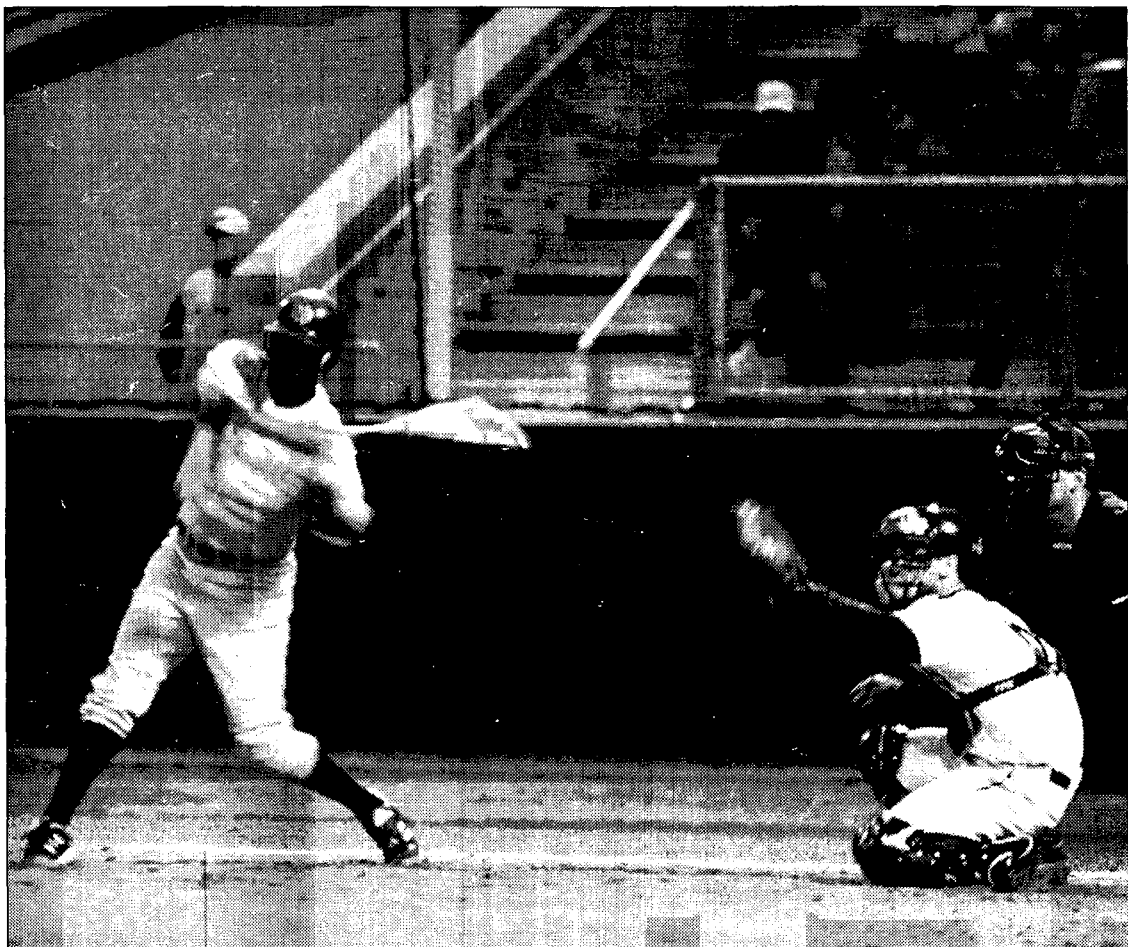
The visitors tacked on one run in each of the fifth, sixth and seventh innings.

In the fifth, O'Toole hit a leadoff single and stole second before scoring off a hit by Stanley. In the sixth, Bushey led off the inning with a single to left before Porzel hit a double down the left field line. The home team then intentionally walked junior shortstop Brant Ust before a sacrifice fly brought Bushey home.

The final Irish run of the matinee came off a leadoff single by O'Toole, a sacrifice bunt by sophomore leftfielder Ben Cooke, a stolen base and two walks by junior rightfielder Jeff Perconte and Stanley and a single to left by Bushey.

Heilman had an outstanding performance on the mound, tossing a seven-inning complete game. Facing just four batters over the minimum, he recorded nine strikeouts, 12 groundouts, allowing three hits and no walks, and leaving most of the men in both

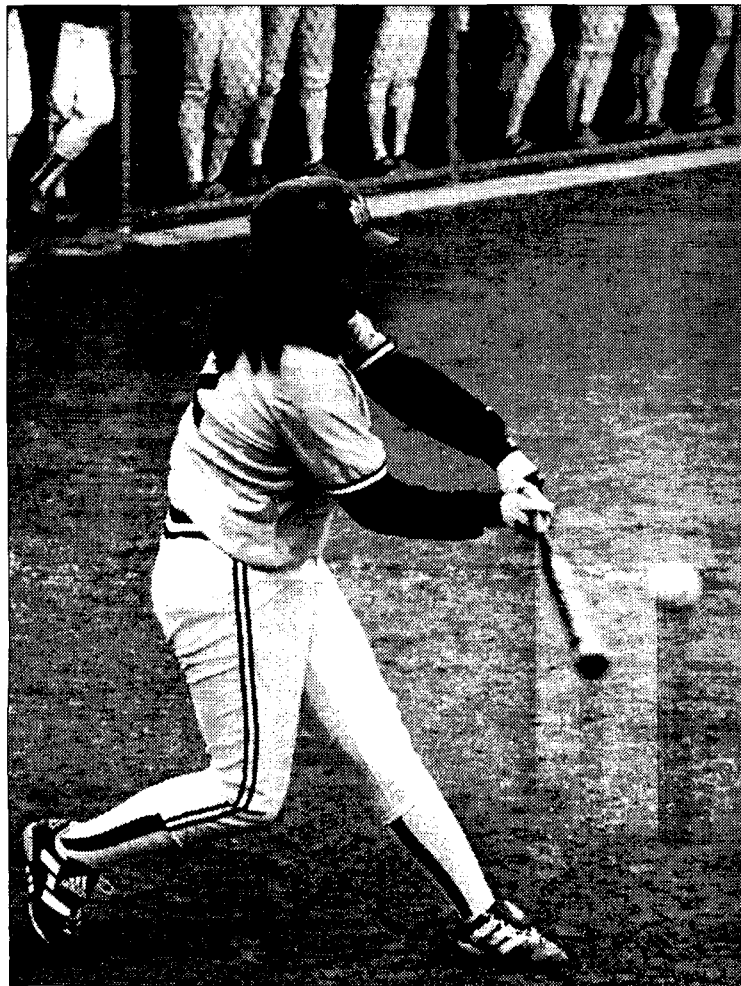
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Entering this afternoon's home opener, the Irish baseball squad is on a seven-game winning streak, its longest of the season.

■ SOFTBALL

Irish look to cool down Boilers



Melanie Alkire and the Irish softball team are on the road, looking to beat Purdue for the first time.

By SCOTT J. HARDY
Sports Writer

With their mediocre finish in the National Invitational Tournament fresh in their minds, the Irish softball players rested this past weekend to prepare to tackle the Boilmakers today.

The Irish lost to No. 20 Nebraska in the final game of the National Invitational, 6-0.

However, the team was not without victory in the Invitational. It won three of five games during the bracket-play tournament.

Catcher Kris McCleary scored her second home run for the season during the tournament. She brought praise to the Irish fielders, being named to the all-tournament team of the National Invitational.

The team has its work cut out today, as Purdue is undefeated in softball contests against the Irish. Purdue has won 13 of their 21 games this season, chalking up notable victories versus teams like Texas, North Carolina and California Poly Tech.

Freshman Jerrah Myers, who will be starting at third base for the Irish in tomorrow's doubleheader against

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■ IRISH INSIGHT

Names abound in coaching search

By JOEY CAVATO
Senior Sports Writer

Trying to get a beat on where Rick Majerus will be coaching next season has been about as easy as staying within 10 points of the Duke Blue Devils for 40 minutes.

The Utah coach and Notre Dame's top candidate to replace John Macleod has been the focus of many rumors in the past week.

Majerus, who has said that he is 99 percent sure that he'll return to Utah, left Irish fans with a glimmer of hope saying that the Notre Dame job is his "one percent."

"I'm very happy at Utah," Majerus said in a television interview on KUTV last week. "Right now I don't have any plans to leave. I'm almost sure I'll stay at Utah."

Adding fuel to the rumor fire is the fact that Notre Dame Athletic Director Michael Wadsworth and Majerus were both in New York over the weekend.

Wadsworth has said that he will not comment on the issue until a new coach is hired. He

did tell the South Bend Tribune that the coach search had progressed.

"I think we still have the timeline that we will have a coach no later than April 7," Wadsworth told the South Bend Tribune.

Several newspapers reported that Majerus would visit South Bend last week, but that never happened.

Majerus did go to Southern California to watch a high school basketball game. San Diego State was ready to offer Majerus more than \$1 million but ESPN reported that Majerus planned to turn down the offer.

Aside from Majerus, Notre Dame's list includes Xavier's Skip Prosser, Delaware's Mike Brey and Princeton's Bill Carmody.

Yesterday Notre Dame talked with Carmody. Jerry Price, Princeton's sports information director, said that Notre Dame requested permission to open discussions with Carmody and he was scheduled to meet with

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SPORTS
AT A
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Baseball vs. Western
Michigan
Today, 5 p.m.



Softball at Purdue
Today, 2 p.m.



Women's Lacrosse at
Syracuse, Today, 3 p.m.



vs. Michigan
Tomorrow, 4 p.m.



Saint Mary's Softball
at Concordia University
Tomorrow, 3 p.m.