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Recruiting aims to increase diversity

By LAURA ROMPF
News Writer

Attending Notre Dame can be a daily challenge for African Americans, who make up only three percent of the student population.

"I was not dismayed [when I first arrived] at all by the ratio of African Americans to whites at Notre Dame. But as the saying goes, 'Reality bites when it sets in.' The truth is always different and one must adjust," said freshman Anthony Barber.

Notre Dame continues to make an effort to increase the number of minority students, said admission counselor Christy Fleming.

"We are committed to creating ethnic diversity and the school in general supports this cause," said Fleming. "We try to create a welcoming environment and increase diversity because this will help the education of all, not just African Americans, when they will experience another culture."

The University takes several measures to recruit African Americans.

"Admissions holds a phone-a-thon to recruit African Americans," Iris Outlaw, director of Multicultural Student Affairs, said.

"They ask African-American

students to work these phone-a-thons, and often have them call the area they are from or students from the high school they attended," Outlaw said.

Fleming added that special events also take place to try to persuade African Americans to attend Notre Dame.

"We have a fall open house where we bring in students mainly from the Midwest," she said. "These are students that have already expressed an interest in the University."

The recruitment process continues in the spring semester.

"Our big event is the spring visitation weekend where students from across the country, who have already been admitted or are looked at favorably, come to campus," Fleming said.

Unlike the Admissions office, who specifically recruits African Americans, the athletic department does not make race an issue in recruitment.

"To say we recruit a football player because he is an African American or white would be inaccurate," said Bob Chmiel, assistant football coach and recruitment coordinator.

"To recruit in a certain fashion because of ethnic background would be disrespectful

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Armed and Ready



The Observer / Jeff Hsu

Officers and cadets of Notre Dame's Army ROTC ventured into the woods for the annual Field Training Exercise March 26-28.

See photos, page 7.

Student conference explores visions of peace

The Personal and the Political

Friday, March 26, 1999
7:00 p.m.

Artistic Performance "Celebrating Peace"
Hesburgh Center Auditorium

8:30 p.m.

Reception
Great Hall, Hesburgh Center

Saturday, March 27, 1999

8:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast
Great Hall, Hesburgh Center

8:30-9:00 a.m.

Opening Conference
Hesburgh Center Auditorium

9:15-10:30 a.m.

Panel Discussions:
-Creating an Economy of Peace
-Preserving Human Rights

10:45-11:45 a.m.

Panel Discussions:
-Finding Peace in War
-Political Reformation and Recreating Peace

12:00-1:00 p.m.

Lunch
Greenfield's Cafe

1:15-1:45 p.m.

Challenges to the Next Generation in Peace and Justice
Father Theodore Hesburgh
Hesburgh Center Auditorium

1:45-3:00 p.m.

Panel Discussions:
-Speaking Out for the Socially and Culturally Marginalized
-Providing a Personal Peace

3:00-3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15-4:15 p.m.

Alumni Panel: Is there life after peace studies?
Hesburgh Center Auditorium

4:15-4:30 p.m.

Closing

The Observer/Joe Mueller

By MAGGY TINUCCI
Assistant News Editor

As a celebration of the 15th year of the peace studies concentration, a student-run conference will hold various panel discussions and will exhibit student's active visions of peace.

"We wanted to do something to celebrate peace," said Kelly Smith, co-chair of the conference entitled "The Personal and the Political: Exploring Beliefs, Values and Peacemaking."

"We often hear people talking cynically about the state of war. That's not what the peace studies concentration is all about. We wanted people to see peace as active," Smith said.

Father Theodore Hesburgh will present the keynote address at 1:15 on Saturday, speaking on "Challenges to the Next Generation in Peace and Justice."

The conference, which is open to the community and runs through Sunday, will host students from other schools, including

Georgetown.

"Rarely do you have students presenting their work. The work they do goes so unnoticed. This is a chance to see what other students are doing," said Smith.

Demonstrating what the peace studies concentration is about, the papers discuss active topics in accordance with the conference theme.

"People don't realize how effective and pragmatic peace studies is. We want to dispel the myth that peace and justice is a passive approach," said Smith.

Future applications of peace studies will be a focus of the conference.

"How do you take what you learn and implement it in the real world? We will show that peace studies is very practical," said Smith.

Alumni will also participate in the panel discussions, demonstrating how they have used their knowledge from the peace studies concentration.

Peace studies is a unique interdisciplinary program that addresses issues from several discourses. This

allows many perspectives on the same issue to be heard, according to Smith.

The concentration was co-founded by Kathleen Maas-Weigert, associate professor in American studies and fellow at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace Studies and the late John Howard Yoder, professor in theology. Yoder's widow, Ann Marie, will return for the conference.

The conference runs all weekend, beginning Friday at 7 p.m. with a program including poetry, dance, film shorts from the archives and an a capella performance. A reception will follow.

The opening address begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Topics include "Creating an Economy of Peace," "Preserving Human Rights," "Finding Peace in War," "Political Reformation and Recreating Peace," "Speaking Out for the Socially and Culturally Marginalized" and "Providing A Personal Peace."

All events will take place in the Hesburgh Center.

■ INSIDE COLUMN

All that I am or hope to be ...

When I left for college almost three years ago, my mother did not know where the scissors were to cut the apron strings.

Meanwhile, I had a chainsaw revving.

I was ready to leap from the nest without hesitation. I banished the words "homesick" from my lips, rarely called and never told my mom the truth: I missed her.

I clearly remember an autumn morning before I got on the bus for kindergarten, telling my mom that I would never leave home. She told me that one day I'd feel differently.

She was right.

Now, I dream out loud about living in places like Colorado or New York — distances measured in light years to a mother in Ohio.

This will be my first summer away from home, and my mom insists that there must be other internships closer to home. Kind of like how there were good schools close to home, too.

But we both know what kind of mother she is. Despite protests, she wanted me to go away to school, take an exciting job and travel, if those things make me a better person.

My mother's children are more important to her than anything; sometimes, I worry, too important.

She cried just as hard on my first day of kindergarten as on my last day of high school as when I left home to return back to school from spring break a few weeks ago.

But behind her tears and sappiness, my mom is one of the strongest people I know and has taught her children to be even stronger. My mother has had a hard life, but she hasn't let herself become hard. Because of what I have seen her survive, I know I can survive even more.

As a single mother without much, my mom has given her children everything she has ever had. The lessons she hasn't taught, I've caught from her.

Because of my mom, I can stretch a buck further than any college student; I don't mind not having a dad; I learned early why Susan B. Anthony is important; I know what good banana nut bread should taste like, and I know the names of all "The Walton's" kids.

For more than one reason, I can't thank her for everything she has done for me.

The list would include everything from bringing me into the world to driving 15 minutes out of her way to buy me fat-free chocolate mint frozen yogurt. And because she is a mother, she never points out all of the sacrifices I don't notice.

The best thanks I can think to give her is Junior Moms' Weekend. I'll show her my campus — the world she let me leap into — and help her see why I love the freedom she has given me, no matter how hard it is for her.

In the words of this year's JMW theme, I have realized in the last few years that "all that I am or hope to be I owe to my mother."

Although it has been hard, thank you, Mom, for making a few snips at the apron strings. But I'll understand if you have to keep the scissors in the pocket for a few more years.

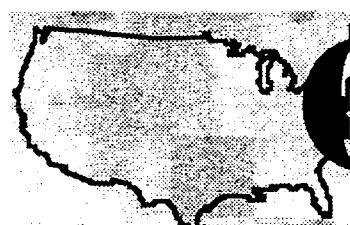
Sometimes I still need you.

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Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

NATO airstrikes hit home for some Ole Miss students

OXFORD, Miss.

NATO war planes bombarded Yugoslavia with missiles Wednesday night and early this morning in an effort to cause the country to cease its onslaught against Kosovo Albanians.

But it was not only those in Yugoslavia who felt the effects of NATO's attack.

At Ole Miss, the fallen missiles have struck the heart of Yugoslavian students.

"It's terrible, there's no justification for it," said Marko Kostic a senior from Yugoslavia. "I'm spaced out right now. I have family over there."

Kostic, who was still trying to digest the occurrence of the attacks, said his family lives less than 30 miles outside of Kosovo.

The NATO attacks came after failed negotiations between the Serbs, NATO and Kosovo Albanians and after a year of fighting between the Yugoslav forces



and ethnic Albanian separatists. Ethnic Albanians, make up more than 90 percent of Kosovo's 2 million people.

More than 2,000 people have been reported killed and more than 400,000 left homeless in Kosovo.

Doctoral candidate Srdan Filipovich from Belgrade, the Yugoslav capital, was livid.

"It's naked aggression," Filipovich said. "It's a criminal action with no justification."

Filipovich, a Serb, said NATO is unjustifiably siding with the Albanians

in this conflict.

"In 1941 the Nazis unjustifiably bombed Belgrade and in 1999, the Neo Nazis are attacking Belgrade. NATO's real face is now shown," Filipovich said.

Neither Filipovich nor Kostic have been able to reach their families in Yugoslavia.

Nicola Vujic, a December 1998 graduate of the Ole Miss School of Business, had more luck contacting his family in Belgrade.

Vujic said though his province is about 300 miles from Kosovo, his parents informed him that missiles had fallen within five miles of their home.

"NATO is hitting targets all over," Vujic said. He added that he got reports of civilian casualties in a neighboring city.

NATO is making their attack under the pretext of stopping crimes against humanity, Vujic explained.

■ NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Scientists discover HIV inhibitor

NEW YORK, N.Y.

Research conducted by New York U. scientists and the National Institutes of Health has identified a potent anti-HIV agent that is present in humans. Specifically, the agent is located in a beta subunit of lysozyme, a protein found in all bodily fluids. The scientific analysis, headed by Sylvia Lee-Huang, Ph.D., a professor of biochemistry at NYU, and Hao-Chia Chen, Ph.D., a research chemist at the National Institutes of Child Health and Human Development, led to a discovery which clarifies often misunderstood methods of HIV transmission. It was oft believed that HIV could be transferred through all bodily fluids including saliva and tears. But researchers were quick to express doubts about this belief, and now they have solid proof. Lysozyme is not a newly discovered enzyme. Alexander Fleming, also credited with discovering penicillin, first identified the protein in 1922.

■ PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Committee reviews Nude Olympics

PRINCETON, N.J.

Members of the special committee charged with the task of planning the end of the Nude Olympics met yesterday for the last time to finalize their proposal to President Shapiro. Dean of Student Life Janina Montero said her office will prepare the final draft of the proposal and e-mail it to committee members for approval later this week. The proposal will then be reviewed by Shapiro and the University Board of Trustees. While Montero declined to discuss details of the proposal before submitting it to Shapiro, she said the report's recommended punishment for future participants in the event is a one-year suspension — the same penalty that was discussed during the Nude Olympics forum several weeks ago. Following the forum, some students expressed concern about the possibility of suspension. In response, USG president Spencer Merriweather proposed a monetary fine for students.

■ HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Microsoft limits use of network software

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

Because of a new Microsoft policy, some Harvard University network users will have to spend about \$150 if they wish to continue using software currently obtainable from the Harvard network. Beginning March 31, Microsoft will end an agreement with Harvard University that allows one piece of licensed software to be run on more than one computer. Users can currently run Microsoft programs including Word and Excel from their personal computers through the Harvard network. Under the current system, Harvard needs to purchase only as many copies of a product as are needed at once. For example, because Harvard purchased 100 copies of Microsoft Word, any 100 of the several hundred lab computers on campus can run the program at once, according to Rick Osterberg, Coordinator of Residential Computing Support.

■ UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Athletics accused of non-compliance

LOS ANGELES, Calif.

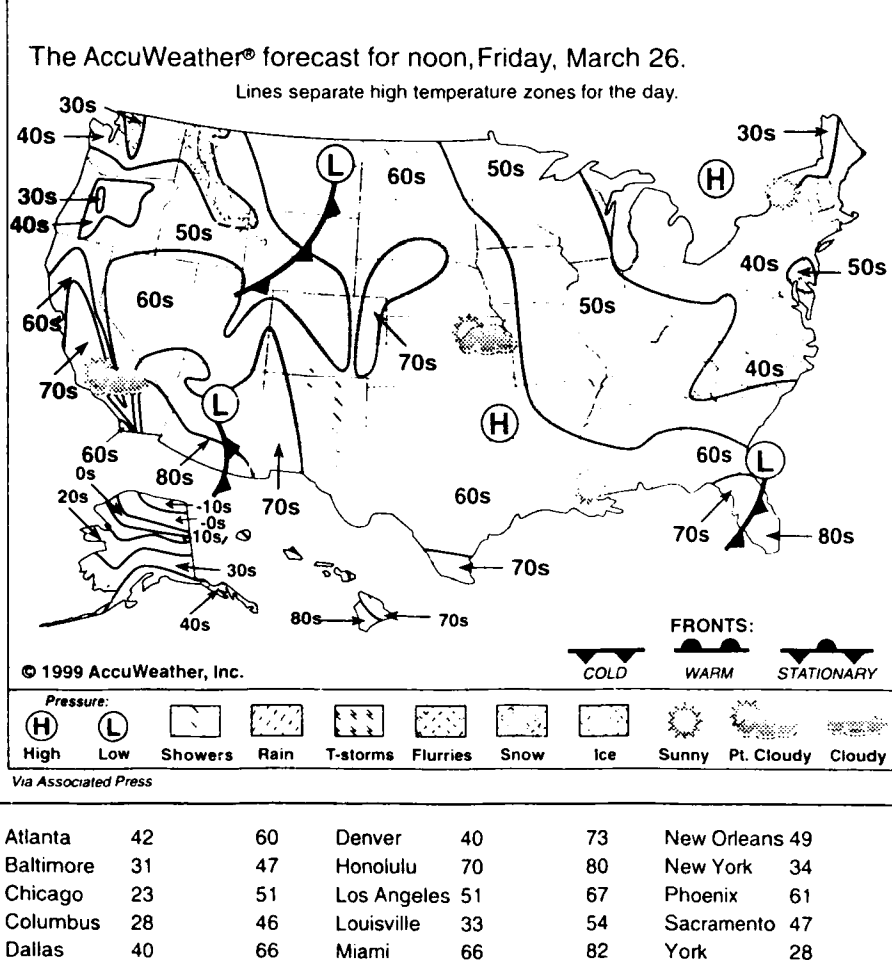
University of Southern California is under investigation by the Office of Civil Rights to determine whether it failed to comply with Title IX, the federal law that mandates men's and women's college sports to be treated proportionally to the student body. The investigation spurred from a complaint filed in December by the National Organization for Women to the NCAA, which accuses USC of failing to keep the number of female athletes proportional to the percentage of women in the student body. The amount of money USC spends on women's athletics has also lagged behind, the complaint adds. NOW also filed complaints against UCLA. "USC isn't one of the worst schools in the nation in complying with Title IX," said NOW spokeswoman Linda Joplin. "But they are the worst in the Pac-10, and we feel like they needed a nudge in the right direction."

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast			
AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures			
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Friday		59	22
Saturday		55	30
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Monday		63	41
Tuesday		64	46

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■ NATIONAL WEATHER



Bateson explains power of home

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY
Saint Mary's Editor

The power of the word "home" and the connotations it evokes for people impacts the way people relate to their environments and each other, said Mary Catherine Bateson, professor of anthropology and English at George Mason University.

"Home" is a very evocative word and ambiguous English word," said Bateson in a lecture Thursday. "It has a sentimental pull to it and at the same time is quite a complex concept that is salient in our culture. It provides us with a starting point for what it means to human communities and other cultures."

Bateson indicated the differences between the Native Americans and the colonists' views of land in early America.

"One of the main justifications for the colonists taking over the land was that the Indians didn't improve it," she said. "That was demonstrating they didn't deserve to have it. Ownership meant improvement."

Bateson then turned to today's world and the real estate industry.

"The real estate industry claims it is in the business of selling homes," she said. "It is always uncomfortable to be told you can buy a home. What they sell are houses and buildings. A house is not a home."

"A house is something you can buy, rent, mortgage or build. A home is something different."

Bateson challenged the crowd to think of the word home as more than being synonymous

with a building and as part of the landscape and natural environment.

"Everyone understands 'home' to mean more than that," she said. "Think of how often you use home when you are not thinking of a house or a building with a door. 'Home' can be expanded or contracted depending on the context it is

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MARY CATHERINE BATESON
PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH, GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

used in.

"One of the ways a house is not a home is because a house sits on a lot somewhere," said Bateson. "One of the things that makes people feel homesick or think, 'It feels good to be home,' is seeing landscapes, particular trees or plants."

"Smells of food and conversations can all evoke ideas of home."

By adding in the ecological aspect to home or landscape, it expands the idea of home to behavioral concepts, such as how one lives and adapts.

"It's not where you live, but how you live," said Bateson. "Home is as much people and culture and ways of interacting as it is bricks and mortar."

Bateson cited the example of keeping endangered species alive in a zoo.

"If you are keeping white tigers in a zoo, it is not clear that this is survival. It might just be keeping part of the gene pool alive," said Bateson. "If you want to say the white tigers are still alive, you have to have white tigers at home in the world, in their environment."

Bateson also said that Americans need to abandon the idea that everything at home is familiar and easily understood, even though this thought might be part of what people find comforting about the idea of "home."

She said some Americans believe that crimes are committed by other kinds of people of different races or religions or from different parts of cities.

However, she said that what Americans fail to realize is that the great majority of rapes and murders are committed by friends, family members and neighbors, not strangers.

"We are insisting these people in the home are intelligible and trustworthy so danger must come from outside and we project this onto other groups," said Bateson. "The mythology that is comforting to Americans is that danger is coming from other groups."

Rather than wanting to understand everyone and everything in one's home, it should be regarded as mysterious, said Bateson.

"Part of the pain people experience when they don't understand things comes from the idea that home is predictable and controlled and it is not."

Corporate level requires diversity

By ALISON HEINZ
News Writer

It is important for companies to continue to encourage diversity at a time when some states, including California, Texas and Washington, have already done away with affirmative action laws, said Elynor Williams, vice president for public responsibility for the Sara Lee Corporation.

According to Williams, "Diversity in corporate America has been a progression," said Williams. "But we must rely on basic human morality to ensure its continuation. Affirmative action has long been controversial in America."

"Diversity can be described as a form of affirmative action, which makes affirmative action more palatable," she said.

Williams said that no matter how much diversity there is, the end result should be fairness.

"Fairness is simply an equal shot," she said. "Not guaranteed success, but guaranteed opportunity."

Williams also discussed the role of advertising in the promotion of diversity.

Big name companies including Crayola and Toyota have been guilty of making racial blunders in their advertising, she said.

However, these companies and others now promote the efforts of corporations such as

Sara Lee by increasing the awareness of sensitive issues such as diversity.

Williams urges companies to take advantage of advertising for diversification purposes.

"Advertising is a great opportunity for the promotion of diversity," she said.

Tommy Hilfiger is one company that has taken advantage of the influence of advertising and has seen a tremendous growth in profits now that they target a hip-hop, urban market with ads that promote diversity, Williams said.

Williams is a forerunner in the promotion of diversity in the corporate world, and received recognition from magazines including Ebony and Dollars & Sense for her achievements.

Todd Whitmore, director of the University's Program in Catholic Social Tradition, spoke after Williams addressed diversity from a religious standpoint.

Williams' Thursday lecture in the Jordan Auditorium marked the beginning of the Frank Cahill Lecture Series. Whitmore also spoke at the lecture "Diversity in the Workplace: The Ethical Imperative."

The Cahill Lecture Series was named in honor of Frank Cahill who passed away in 1998. Cahill was a 1959 Notre Dame alumnus and benefactor.

Attention Notre Dame Students

The Admissions Office is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help welcome potential members of the next Freshman Class to Notre Dame. By the end of the month, we will have mailed decision letters to thousands of students who applied to Notre Dame. Hundreds of those admitted will want to visit the University, meet students, spend a night in a dorm, attend classes, and in general, get a sense of the Notre Dame community. We initially approached our Hospitality Program members to volunteer to host. Since we can never be certain what the demand for overnight visits will be, we are extending this invitation to any enthusiastic Notre Dame student. We will offer accommodations on all of the following nights. If you can host a student, please consider volunteering.

Wednesday, April 7	_____	Sunday, April 18	_____
Thursday, April 8	_____	Monday, April 19	_____
Friday, April 9	_____	Tuesday, April 20	_____
Saturday, April 10	_____	Wednesday, April 21	_____
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Friday, April 16	_____	Tuesday, April 27	_____
Saturday, April 17	_____	Wednesday, April 28	_____

To respond, simply complete the bottom portion of this ad, check the day(s) that you would be available to host, clip this section from the paper and mail it to Mary Anne McAloon at 332 Howard. If you prefer, you may reply by e-mail at mcaloon.1@nd.edu. Please respond by March 31.

If you have question or concerns, please call Mary Anne at 4-2518. On behalf of the newest members of Notre Dame, we thank you very much for your enthusiasm and generosity.

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Diversity

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to the athlete, and I would never let that happen," he continued.

Instead, the football team uses current players to recruit so the prospective students can get the truth about life as an African American at Notre Dame.

"The best recruiters we have are the current players and any of these issues regarding African Americans at Notre Dame are addressed by prospects to these current players," Chmiel said.

"I trust the players respond in an honest and sincere manner," Chmiel added.

Admissions takes a similar route to this recruitment approach.

"If students come to campus, they visit my office where I have them talk to a student because they can give them the 'company line' with reality," Outlaw said.

"These students eat at the dining hall and live in the residence halls, and it is crucial to get the truth from them," she said.

Recruitment of African Americans is not always easy due to the very small percentage on campus.

"Blacks are going back to historically black colleges because of the type of support they receive there," Outlaw said.

The athletic department also deals with fierce competition from other schools.

"Recruiting is challenging in any scenario because just like every team that comes into our stadium gives us their finest effort, because of Notre Dame's education and athletic tradition, coaches from other schools also give us their finest effort to recruit players away from our program," Chmiel said.

Current students have responded positively to the admissions office recruitment process.

"I was very impressed by the recruitment process at Notre Dame," said Barber.

"In fact, it is the reason I am here rather than at Georgetown. Notre Dame made my visit extremely comfortable; however, Georgetown never provided the same feeling."

The athletic department also received praise from one of its top 1997 recruits: football player Tony Driver.

"I liked Notre Dame's recruiting process because I felt they really wanted me to come here," Driver said. "They put in the extra effort. I almost signed with Florida State, but I felt Notre Dame had an abnormal interest in me."

Once at Notre Dame, African Americans are in an environment where they are among a small group of other students of their same race.

"As in any organization or group you are a part of, you sometimes feel on the outside of others because you are different," Barber said.

"Because our culture is different, we must adjust to people and they must adjust to us. During this process you can feel

like an outsider."

As a sophomore, Driver feels he has adjusted to the racial climate at Notre Dame.

"I do not feel like an outsider at Notre Dame because I am past color barriers — white, black, pink, purple — I have no prejudices," Driver said.

"I do not think I would necessarily 'fit in' anywhere and it is hard when you are walking down South Quad and only see three minority students. But race is not an issue for me like it is for some students," he said.

Some students feel that being African-American is a distinct advantage at Notre Dame.

"There are specific situations where being African-American may make you feel like an outsider, but this is not a hindrance to me," sophomore Kelly Ndukwe said.

"I realize I stand out from the crowd and take advantage of this opportunity. I have a different perspective on issues, and this makes any experience more interesting," she said.

Recruitment of African Americans is an ongoing battle at Notre Dame because some students feel that they do not belong at a typically white and Catholic institution.

"African-American students are trying to increase the number of minority students at Notre Dame," Outlaw said.

"Notre Dame calls for a certain type of student who is ready for the challenge and you cannot come in wearing rose colored glasses. Notre Dame is not for everyone, and one must make sure the culture is conducive to who they are."

Many African-American students feel the challenge make Notre Dame a worthwhile experience in the end.

"After I graduated high school, I had the opportunity to stay in Kentucky, go to college and work in Kentucky," said Driver. "However, a Notre Dame degree keeps so many doors open. I know that if I want to work in Japan after I graduate, there will be some Notre Dame connection there."

But for Driver, other things need to change besides the number of minority students on campus to create an even more welcoming environment.

"Before I graduate, I would like to see a black barber shop on campus. I do not have a car to go off campus, and the guys at LaFortune just don't know how to cut my hair."

SECURITY BEAT

Monday, March 22

3:15 p.m. A Keenan Hall resident reported the theft of his locked bike from outside Keenan Hall.

11:48 p.m. A Morrissey Hall resident reported the theft of his textbook from the second floor of the library. His book was unattended at the time of the theft.

Tuesday, March 23

1:25 a.m. Security cited an off-campus student for exceeding the posted speed limit on Ivy Road.

8:45 a.m. A Morrissey Hall resident reported the theft of his locked bike from outside the library.

1:24 p.m. Security responded to a two-car accident on Angela

Blvd. There were minor injuries.

Wednesday, March 24

4:39 p.m. A St. Edward's Hall resident reported the theft of his laundry bag from St. Edward's Hall.

8:30 p.m. A Pasquerilla West resident reported the theft of her bookbag from South Dining Hall. Her bookbag was unattended.

Evidence conflicts over train crash

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The head of the federal agency investigating last week's deadly collision between an Amtrak train and a steel-laden semitrailer said Thursday that evidence suggests the truck driver started into the railroad crossing after warning lights began to flash.

An attorney for the truck driver, John Stokes, has said his client did not cause the March 15 crash 50 miles south of Chicago by attempting to go around crossing gates and beat the oncoming train.

But Jim Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, told a Senate panel looking into the accident that the driver's story does not agree with evidence from the scene, including two data recorders — one from one of the train's engines, the other from the crossing signal.

"We believe that the information and data we've collected so far tells a different story," Hall said.

In addition, federal investigators have now decided to re-interview eyewitnesses.

Bob Lauby, the head of the NTSB's rail division, said he wasn't satisfied that inconsistencies in testimony — including that of three people who saw the crash, Stokes and the train's engineer — had been reconciled. He did not elaborate.

Hall also said that a key part of the investigation will focus on whether Stokes' employer, Melco Transfer Inc., adequately monitored his driving record before allowing him to stay on the road.

Ken Wykle, head of the Federal Highway

Administration, said it appeared the company met all federal requirements.

Meanwhile, the crash in Bourbonnais, Ill., is renewing an old debate over what the federal government can do to keep vehicles out of the nation's 259,000 railroad crossings, where nearly most train accidents and fatalities occur.

Of all the options discussed before a Senate Transportation Committee panel on surface transportation, the one given the least attention is the one many believe is the most foolproof way to reduce accidents: spending the enormous sums to either eliminate crossings or add high-tech improvements that make it virtually impossible for cars to get around gates.

Instead, the talk focused on the responsibility of drivers to obey warning signs, increasing penalties for those who don't, adding enforcement tools such as cameras and encouraging efforts to educate the public about the dangers of crossings.

"A railroad crossing accident

is preventable," said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, the subcommittee's chairwoman and a former NTSB vice chair.

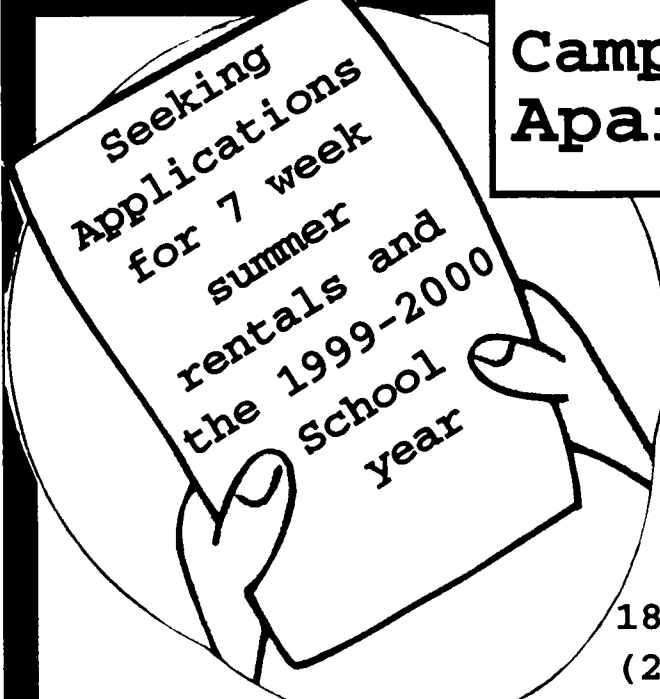
Wykle said the Federal Highway Administration is ready to issue tough new penalties on truck drivers who violate federal rules on driving through a rail crossing.

In the works for a year and expected out within a few months, the new regulations would suspend the licenses of first-time violators for two months and four months for second offenders. Fines of \$2,500 to \$10,000 would come on top of that.

Separate rules penalizing an employer who knowingly allows a driver to operate a commercial vehicle improperly are being considered as well.

Federal Railroad Administration head Jolene Molitoris told the subcommittee about a successful test of photo enforcement of crossing rules in California that has reduced train-vehicle collisions by 72 percent.

**Campus View
Apartments**



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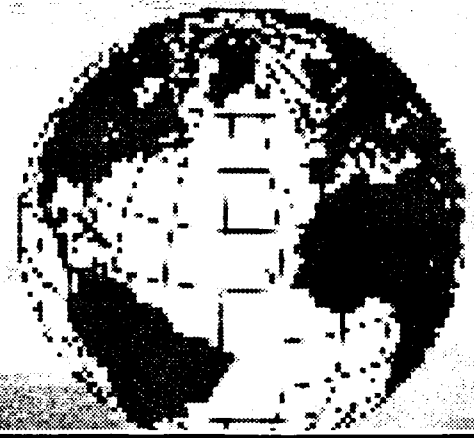
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■ WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Clerics decry belly dancers

CAIRO

Egypt's top cleric has ruled that belly dancers and actresses should not perform hajj, the annual Muslim pilgrimage, unless they quit show business, a newspaper reported Thursday. Grand Mufti Sheikh Farid Wasel was quoted by the Al-Ahhar newspaper as saying that money earned by public performance is illicit in Islam and should not be used to perform religious duties. "They should give up these sins and return to God," he was quoted as saying. Al-Ahhar said Wasel's ruling, or fatwa, was first published Wednesday in Al-Khalij, a United Arab Emirates newspaper. A fatwa can only be issued by the grand mufti, whose words do not carry the threat of punishment but have a great moral authority. "The hajj of the belly dancers and the actresses is invalid if they do not repent," Wasel was quoted as saying. He was not immediately available for comment.

Death penalty lures murderer

FORT MYERS, Fla.

A German woman attempted to attack a 4-year-old girl on the beach and said she came to Florida planning to kill someone because the state has the death penalty, according to investigators. The child, who was visiting from New York, survived when a bystander pulled the girl from the knife-wielding woman Wednesday. Angela Ursula Lehmann was being held in the Lee County Jail without bail on a charge of attempted first-degree murder. Deputies said Lehmann told them about her death-wish plan, saying she headed to the Fort Myers beach on Wednesday in search of a victim.

Pope refuses female deacons

VATICAN CITY

The Vatican has reiterated its refusal to allow women to serve as deacons, a role that would have allowed them to preach at Mass and help celebrate liturgical services. Ordination as deacons is a step below priesthood, which the Roman Catholic Church reserves solely for unmarried men. "There are so many other opportunities" for women in the church, Cardinal Dario Castrillon Hoyos, who heads the Vatican's Congregation for the Clergy, said Thursday. Castrillon was speaking at a news conference to present Pope John Paul II's annual pre-Easter letter to priests worldwide. More than half of the world's deacons are in the United States, where many have questioned why women are banned from becoming deacons, since laymen, including married men, are allowed into the diaconate.

■ RUSSIA

Yeltsin pledges peaceful retaliation

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW

Russian leaders angrily denounced NATO airstrikes on Yugoslavia Thursday, but President Boris Yeltsin said Moscow would not use force in retaliation.

Some top officials hinted that Russia could provide Yugoslavia with weapons — flouting an international arms embargo — and demonstrators hurled bottles at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. But Russia has mostly responded to the bombings with little more than harsh words.

"Russia has a number of extreme measures in store, but we decided not to use them so far," Yeltsin said at the Kremlin. "Morally we are above America."

Opposition to the airstrikes is acute across Russia's political spectrum, but there's little the country can do to demonstrate its anger. It is no longer a major military power and it is pleading with the West for aid to revive its shattered economy.

Still, Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov warned Thursday that Russia could pose a military threat.

"We have different responses at our disposal. Regarding military potential, our country is second to no one," he said on Russia's NTV television. He then added, "But we aren't taking those steps."

Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov on Thursday condemned the bombings as an effort to "enforce a political, economic and military dictatorship by the United States" — yet he insisted that wouldn't herald a new Cold War.

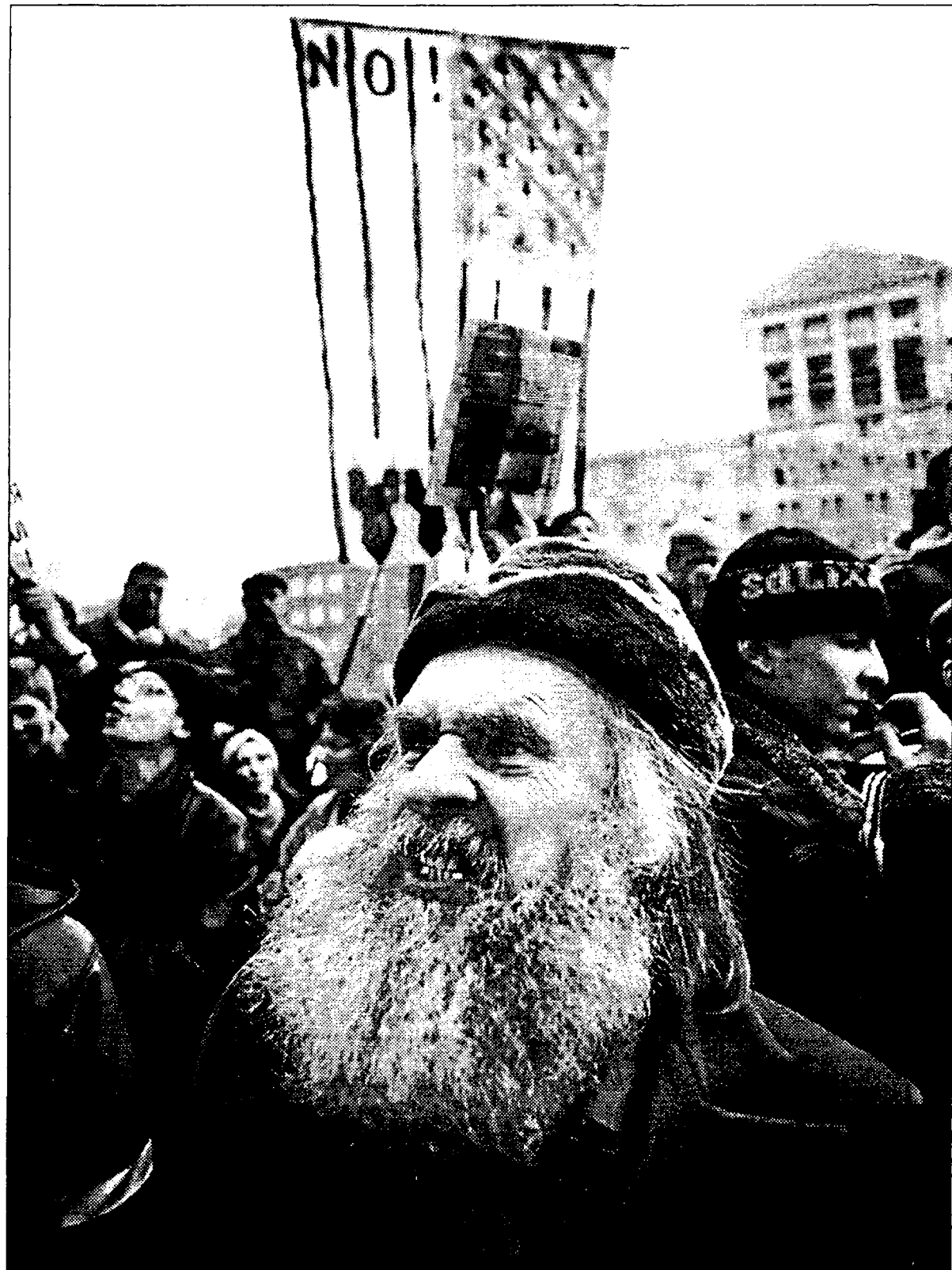
"We aren't calling for rupturing relations with the United States, we treasure those relations," Ivanov told a news conference.

When the attacks began Wednesday, Yeltsin said Russia was ceasing cooperation with NATO and recalled Russia's chief military envoy to the Western alliance. But the ITAR-Tass news agency reported Thursday that Russia would keep its mission at NATO headquarters in Brussels open and apparently would continue to take part in other alliance programs.

Ivanov would not say directly

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AFP Photo

Outraged Muscovites protested outside the American embassy Thursday in response to Thursday's airstrikes against Yugoslavia.

whether Russia would break the U.N. arms embargo on Yugoslavia, many of whose weapons are Soviet-made.

"We will not brandish weapons, but we aren't going to sit with our arms folded, and we will take steps to ensure Russia's security and security in Europe," he said.

Hard-line lawmakers called for immediate supplies of arms to Yugoslavia. Interior Minister Sergei Stepashin suggested that Moscow may

provide weapons, but stressed that Russia must maintain good relations with Europe.

In Washington, President Clinton voiced concern about Russian threats to break the embargo.

The bombings may also damage the chances of the START II nuclear arms reduction treaty, which was signed by the United States and Russia in 1993 but has languished in Russia's parliament for years.

U.S. reaffirms policy in Taiwan

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON

The United States takes "very seriously" its obligation to help Taiwan maintain its self-defense, a senior Pentagon official said Thursday at a Senate hearing marking the 20th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act.

"We do so not only because it is mandated by U.S. law," Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs Franklin Kramer said, "but also because it is in our own national interest."

Kramer addressed the Senate Foreign Relations

Committee, whose chairman, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., on Wednesday joined Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., in introducing a bill to enhance U.S. security ties to Taiwan.

The Helms-Torricelli measure was put forth against a background of deteriorating U.S.-Chinese relations and growing concern over Chinese moves to deploy more missiles along the Taiwan Straits facing Taiwan.

It would prohibit any politically motivated reduction in arms sales and authorize a broad array of defense articles, including missile defense systems, satellite early warning

data, diesel submarines and advanced air-to-air missiles.

The measure would also increase U.S. staff at the American Institute in Taiwan, the office that has represented American interests since the United States broke ties with Taiwan and recognized China in 1979. The Taiwan Relations Act was passed at that time to state U.S. commitment to a peaceful resolution to the question of Taiwan's future and to ensuring that Taiwan can defend itself.

The third part of the measure would be to establish direct communications between the U.S. and

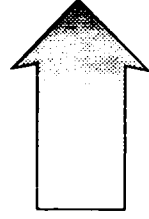
Taiwanese militaries and expand military exchanges and joint training.

"This bill does not alter our commitments under the Taiwan Relations Act. Rather, it ensures that Taiwan's security needs are adequately met," Torricelli said at Thursday's hearing.

Helms, in a speech on the Senate floor Wednesday, said it was a mistake for the Reagan administration, in a 1982 communique, to agree to gradually reduce arms sales to Taiwan, and for the Clinton administration to deny submarine sales to Taiwan on the grounds that subs are offensive weapons.

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Source: Cops face murder charges

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Four police officers who killed an unarmed African immigrant in a barrage of bullets were indicted Thursday on charges of second-degree murder, a source close to the case said.

The indictments come after days of protests outside police headquarters that brought hundreds of disorderly conduct arrests.

The source, who has knowledge of the still-sealed indictment, spoke to The Associated Press on condition he not be identified.

The officers — Kenneth Boss, Sean Carroll, Edward McMellon and Richard Murphy — were indicted on second-degree murder charges and some were indicted on lesser charges, according to the source.

Amadou Diallo, 22, was killed Feb. 4 in the vestibule of his Bronx apartment building when the officers fired 41 bullets at him, hitting him 19 times. An attorney has said the officers — who were looking for a rape suspect — had thought Diallo was reaching for a gun, but later discovered the street vendor was unarmed.

None of the officers have spoken publicly about the case and their lawyers said they declined to testify before the grand jury.

In New York, second-degree murder is used in most homicide cases and implies a degree of intent to commit a felony. It carries a maximum prison sentence of 25 years to life.

Police declined to comment Thursday evening. A spokesman for the Bronx district attorney also did not comment.

Marvyn Kornberg, the lawyer for Carroll, said neither he nor his client had been notified of the indictment, but added he was not surprised.

"As sure as I was that he was going to be indicted, that's how sure I am that he's going to be acquitted," Kornberg said.

Attorneys for the other three officers did not comment, noting that they had yet to be contacted by prosecutors.

The killing has unleashed a wave of protests against alleged police brutality and angered critics who say police officers target and harass blacks and Hispanics. The four officers involved in the shooting are white; Diallo, who was from the West African country of Guinea, was black.

In three weeks, more than 800 people have been arrested, including former Mayor David Dinkins, Rep. Charles Rangel, rabbis, lawyers, labor leaders and politicians.

Van crash kills six, injures eight

Associated Press

JANESVILLE, Wis.

A speeding van loaded with 14 young people selling magazine subscriptions door-to-door rolled over on a highway early Thursday after the driver tried to switch places with a passenger, police said. Six people were killed and eight injured.

The man at the wheel had so many tickets that he was not supposed to be driving in Wisconsin, and tried to change places with someone else in the van after spotting a police car along the side of the road, authorities said.

The driver, Jeremy Holmes, 20, was treated at St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford, Ill., and was released into police custody Thursday night, hospital officials said. Police recommended that prosecutors charge him with negligent homicide.

The salespeople, who were from as far away as Florida and Massachusetts and were between the ages of 15 and 25, were heading to a Janesville motel where they had been based for two weeks while they went on sales outings, said sheriff's Cmdr. Thomas Gehl.

The accident occurred shortly after midnight on Interstate 90, 70 miles southwest of Milwaukee. The van had been doing at least 80 mph and had no license plates, authorities said.

The van had 15 seat belts,

but no one was wearing one. Twelve of the victims were thrown onto the highway. Six people were critically injured.

"When I arrived, it was far and away the worst scene I'd seen in over 19 years of law enforcement," Gehl said.

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CMDR. THOMAS GEHL

Holmes had a license from Iowa, but Wisconsin had revoked his privileges to drive here because of repeated traffic offenses, authorities said.

The accident happened after Holmes sped past Milton police Officer John Conger's squad car, which was parked along the highway. Conger said he clocked Holmes at 80 mph and was preparing to pursue him.

The van veered off the right side of the road, came back on the pavement, then rolled over twice.

The passenger the driver tried to change places with was among the six killed, said Sgt. Brad Altman of the Wisconsin State Patrol.

Weather and alcohol were

ruled out as factors in the crash. A small amount of marijuana was found in one victim's purse, and blood from some victims was sent to a state lab to test for drugs, he said.

The young people were selling magazines for an organization called Yes, police said. Investigators said they did not know where the group was based.

A handful of magazine order forms for a company called Subscriptions Plus Inc. of Bethany, Okla., were strewn around the accident scene.

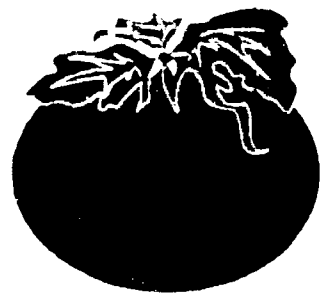
Jason Bennett, a customer service representative with Subscriptions Plus, said Yes sells magazines and Subscriptions Plus processes the orders. Bennett said the company had no further comment.

Police said the group members were from Wisconsin, Kansas, Iowa, Florida, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Colorado, West Virginia, Nebraska, Kentucky and Massachusetts.

They had been staying at the Janesville motel with other magazine salespeople who said they had been told by their boss not to talk about the accident.

State labor officials were investigating whether child labor laws were violated, said Mike Goetzman, a spokesman for the state Department of Transportation.

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For two weekends each year, the soldiers of Army ROTC dodge imaginary bullets and navigate through thick smoke as they participate in Field Training Exercises to prepare for the challenges they might one day face in the armed service. Approximately 90 Notre Dame students joined 175 ROTC members from across the Midwest at Fort Custer, Mich., last weekend to practice tactical and team-building exercises.

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Toting a real weapon loaded with blanks, a ROTC radio operator scouts a fortified ridge that his platoon will assault and reports to his team the coordinates at which its simulated artillery bombardment should occur.



Above: ROTC members attempt to transport wood planks representing ammunition across a simulated river during a team-building exercise.

Right: Army officers compiled evaluations of ROTC members' individual and team performances. The officers spent their days out in the field, silently judging each decision and move that the students made.



Methodists try minister for same-sex marriages

Associated Press

DOWNERS GROVE, Ill.

A Methodist minister who presided at the "wedding" of two gay men went on trial Thursday before a jury of 13 pastors in the first test of a church law banning same-sex ceremonies.

The Rev. Gregory Dell of Chicago, a pastor for 30 years, could be defrocked if found guilty. A verdict is expected Saturday.

In opening statements, a minister acting as a church prosecutor said the ceremony Dell performed last September made "a mockery of church law."

If Methodists don't obey the laws, "then strike the word 'united' from United Methodist," the Rev. Stephen Williams argued.

Dell's attorney, the Rev. Larry Pickens, countered that the church has a long history of ministers, including church founder John Wesley, who found themselves in the position of

breaking church law.

"This, my brothers and sisters, is a case about what we do when a pastoral need and church law conflict," Pickens said.

Pickens said the church is faced with "theological schizophrenia" —pastors are told to accept gay and lesbian members but not to bless their committed relationships.

About a third of the members of Dell's church are gay or lesbian.

Dell took the stand as a prosecution witness Thursday afternoon.

He answered "yes" when asked if the paragraph in the church's Book of Discipline that banned same-sex

unions is binding. Dell is expected to testify again as a defense witness.

Dell, 53, performed the ceremony for two Chicago men about a month after the Methodist church banned same-sex marriages.

More such trials are expected. A bishop in California filed a complaint Tuesday against 69 Methodist ministers who gathered at a Sacramento, Calif., church in January to bless the union of a lesbian couple.

Protesters on both sides of the issue gathered outside the First United Methodist Church, where the trial is being held.

"It's scary. It's invigorating. It's draining," said Keith Eccarius, one of

the two men "married" by Dell. "It's probably the most important issue our church has to deal with at this time."

Those who support the ban agreed.

"There are already people who've left the church or are planning to because of the advertisement of this trial," said the Rev. Kent Svendsen, a pastor from rural Ashton and a leader in the church's "confessing movement," which believes gays can be converted to heterosexuality.

Dell attended Duke University's Divinity School with another controversial Methodist minister, the Rev. Jimmy Creech Omaha, Neb., who was put on trial in 1998 for performing a lesbian "wedding."

Creech was acquitted.

That prompted the Methodist church to elevate its guidelines against same-sex marriages to the status of church law. Dell is now being tried under that law.

Creech was not defrocked but has been placed on leave.

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Judge denies company's ban on suits from minorities

Associated Press

BALTIMORE

A judge denied a request by Owens Corning on Thursday to bar some blacks from suing the former asbestos manufacturer, which had argued that blacks have less lung capacity than whites.

Baltimore Circuit Judge Joseph Kaplan's ruling reversed a guideline he wrote in 1992 about who was eligible to sue for damage to their lungs.

The plaintiffs, many of them

former steelworkers and shipyard workers, are trying to prove they have diminished lung capacity because of their exposure to asbestos.

The company argued that because blacks score consistently lower on tests used to determine lung capacity, they should have to meet a higher standard to prove asbestos caused lung damage.

But after hearing testimony from medical experts on both sides Thursday, Kaplan decided that there was no reason to use a different medical stan-

dard for whites and blacks, much to the surprise of lawyers and courtroom observers.

"I'm not convinced of the validity of race correction for this purpose," Kaplan said.

Owens Corning, a Toledo, Ohio-based company that makes fiberglass, stopped manufacturing products containing asbestos in 1972.

Since then, the company has been hit with hundreds of thousands of lawsuits from people who worked with products containing asbestos and developed a lung disease called

asbestosis. The disease shrinks the lungs, among other symptoms.

Last December, the company announced a \$1.2 billion settlement, resolving about 176,000 cases.

In 1992, Kaplan set guidelines to handle 12,000 asbestos cases filed in Baltimore alone. The guidelines were intended to set a standard on who would be considered sick enough to sue.

He wrote then that lung test results "shall be corrected for race or ethnic origin as

appropriate."

Even so, plaintiffs attorney Peter Nicholl said that out of more than 20 asbestos makers being sued in Baltimore, Owens Corning is the only one to raise the racial standard as a means of excluding defendants.

"You can't apply a different standard to the races," Nicholl said. "You're talking about the fundamental right to have access to the courts."

Owens Corning spokeswoman Tricia Ingraham declined to discuss the case.

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Day two: U.S. bombings target Serb violence

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

On the second night of U.S.-led NATO air attacks, American officials said the focus of the bombardment on Yugoslavia was shifting to the large support structure for Serb army and special police forces whose violence against Kosovar Albanians is at the heart of the conflict.

About 20 percent of NATO's first round of attacks Wednesday were against Serb forces involved in the fighting in Kosovo, and that is increasing as the air campaign unfolds, said Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon.

As he spoke Thursday, the assault led by American warplanes taking off from bases in Italy and cruise missile-launching Navy ships in the Adriatic Sea resumed after a daytime lull. Alliance officials said the air campaign would continue targeting Yugoslavia's formidable air defense network as well as the Serb forces.

"They will focus more and more on achieving our primary goal, which is to reduce the ability of the Yugoslav forces to target or repress the Kosova

Albanians," Bacon said.

Defense Secretary William Cohen pronounced himself satisfied with Wednesday night's opening volley of airstrikes, which included the first-ever use of the Air Force B-2 stealth bomber flying round-trip from Missouri.

More B-2s armed with one-ton satellite-guided bombs were to join Thursday night's attacks, although B-52 bombers — which led the opening assault — were not involved, officials said.

At the White House, President Clinton told reporters he believed NATO's goal of enabling the Kosovar Albanians to protect themselves could be achieved without sending in allied ground forces. The president's national adviser, Sandy Berger, told reporters the Serb offensive in Kosovo had "increased somewhat" and

included some shelling by Serb army forces into neighboring Albania to the south.

"There have been some further burnings [Kosovo] villages, further sweep operations, some shelling into Albania," Berger said.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, meanwhile, told a news conference that there was no indication that Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic was ready to talk peace. She said "diplomatic channels remain open," though the government in Belgrade announced later that it was cutting diplomatic ties with the United States

as well as Britain, France and Germany.

On Capitol Hill, Sens. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., introduced legislation to earmark \$25 million to arm the Kosovars to defend themselves against the Serbs. That would be enough to allow them to arm 10 battalions of 1,000 soldiers each with machine guns, grenade launchers, rifles and other equipment, for up to 18 months, McConnell said.

Defense and State Department officials briefed members of the Senate, and afterward Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, said the officials were asked how long NATO could stick together and keep up the military campaign if Milosevic simply tried to outlast it.

"Frankly, we did not get satisfactory answers on how long it would take," said Bennett.

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Other senators in the closed-door briefing said it was clear the first round of allied attacks was highly successful.

In a pointed statement of what may lie ahead for Yugoslavia, U.S. Army Gen. Wesley Clark, the top commander of NATO forces, said the allied air campaign would continue as long as necessary to stop Serb aggression.

"We're going to systematically and progressively attack, disrupt, degrade, devastate and ultimately, unless President Milosevic complies with the demands of the international community, we're going to destroy his forces," Clark told a news conference at NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.

"In that respect, the operation will be just as long and difficult as President Milosevic requires it to be."

The Pentagon disclosed that it

was considering whether some Navy ships in the Theodore Roosevelt battle group — which is scheduled to depart Friday from its homeport at Norfolk, Va. en route to the Persian Gulf — will stop in the Mediterranean Sea to lend support to NATO's Yugoslavia campaign. The battle group includes an aircraft carrier, two cruisers, a destroyer, a frigate and an attack submarine.

Bacon said NATO commanders had moved some armored ground forces in Macedonia close to the Kosovo border as a precaution against the possibility of Serb army retaliatory attacks. About 7,800 NATO soldiers were sent to Macedonia earlier this month as the vanguard of a larger allied force that would have implemented a Kosovo peace agreement. It was Milosevic's refusal that led NATO to launch its airstrikes.

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■ GERMANY

Politicians rally behind NATO

Associated Press

BERLIN

German politicians largely rallied behind their military Thursday after it joined NATO airstrikes on Yugoslavia, but several voiced misgivings about taking part in Germany's first attack on a sovereign country since World War II.

German sensitivity was heightened by the fact that the bombs and missiles hit a region where memories of the wartime Nazi occupation remain alive. German Tornado warplanes were in action Wednesday night in the allied campaign, but the government refused to say whether they actually fired at Yugoslav targets.

Defense Minister Rudolf Scharping appealed to the nation to support its troops, saying the need to pressure Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to stop the war in Kosovo and prevent "a humanitarian catastrophe" outweighed the burden of the 'twisted face' of Germany's past.

"Our goal remains to end the

tragedy happening there," Scharping told parliament in Bonn.

But the Greens, the junior partner in Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's center-left coalition, struggled with their pacifist past. Angelika Beer, a Greens spokeswoman on defense affairs, said some of the party's lawmakers had reservations about Germany's involvement but the majority backed Schroeder.

"I hope we can say later that it was right to give our support," she said, her voice cracking with emotion. A left-wing Greens lawmaker, Christian Stroebele, voiced shame that Germany was "dropping bombs on Belgrade."

Germany has sent peacekeepers to participate in U.N. missions in Bosnia and Somalia, and it has 2,800 ground troops deployed in Macedonia to monitor a hoped-for peace deal on Kosovo. But the deployment of the Tornados, used to track and knock out enemy anti-aircraft radars, is the furthest it has gone in dropping its reluctance to engage in a military

campaign.

Scharping refused to specify at a news conference whether the German warplanes fired missiles, saying only: "Their capability is being used."

The conservative opposition staunchly backed the government's stand, saying German troops were "in the service of a good thing."

"We have no alternative if we take our responsibility for peace, freedom and human rights seriously," said Wolfgang Schaueble, chairman of the main opposition Christian Democrats.

The former East German communists denounced participation in the airstrikes, saying it breached Germany's self-imposed ban on a "war of aggression" spelled out in the postwar constitution.

But the ex-communists' emergency motion aimed at pulling Germany out of the NATO campaign against Yugoslavia was rejected by the Constitutional Court on Thursday night. Parliament formally approved German participation last fall.

■ GREECE

Leaders denounce airstrikes

Associated Press

ATHENS

Greek politicians sharply denounced NATO airstrikes against Yugoslavia on Thursday, reinforcing Greece's position as the main voice of dissent in the Western alliance.

Greece, a NATO partner but also a traditional ally of Yugoslavia, has consistently opposed using force to end the conflict between ethnic Albanian separatists and Yugoslav forces in Kosovo.

Greece has refused to directly participate in the airstrikes, which began Wednesday. The stance was reminiscent of the 1992-95 Bosnian war, when many Greeks broke ranks with the West and supported the Bosnian Serbs and their backers in Belgrade.

Defense Minister Akis

Tsochadzopoulos, speaking at Greek Independence Day celebrations Thursday, demanded the "immediate commencement of a political dialogue."

"This is the only road that can lead to a solution to the area's problems," he said.

President Costis Stephanopoulos insisted the United States has ignored other options "built on international justice."

The head of the Greek Orthodox Church, Archbishop Christodoulos, called the fellow Orthodox Serbs "heroic people."

Greece's Communist Party and several other leftist groups have demanded Greece halt any assistance to NATO forces. NATO has used the northern Greek port of Salonica to transport ground troops and equipment to Macedonia.

■ MACEDONIA

Protesters swarm Embassy

Associated Press

SKOPJE

Chanting "NATO out of Yugoslavia!", more than 2,000 demonstrators hurled stones and firebombs at the U.S. Embassy in Macedonia and tried to storm it Thursday before riot police drove them away with tear gas.

As the protesters charged the U.S. compound, flames swallowed three nearby cars until firefighters arrived to extinguish the blazes. There were no injuries reported, but the barrage shattered embassy windows.

The siege came hours after Prime Minister Ljubco Georgievski warned against rising anti-NATO and anti-American sentiment, as the Western alliance's air war against neighboring Yugoslavia continued for a second straight day.

"The two biggest problems the country is facing at the moment are the inflow of refugees from Kosovo and the emergence of anti-NATO and anti-American feelings among the Macedonian public," Georgievski said.

The U.S. Embassy was not the

sole target of the demonstrators' anger. Hundreds gathered outside the missions other NATO members — including France, Britain and Germany — before police dispersed them with tear gas.

Britain said its embassy was closed because of damage, but that none of its staff had been injured.

Demonstrators also marched to a nearby hotel housing officials of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which oversees peace

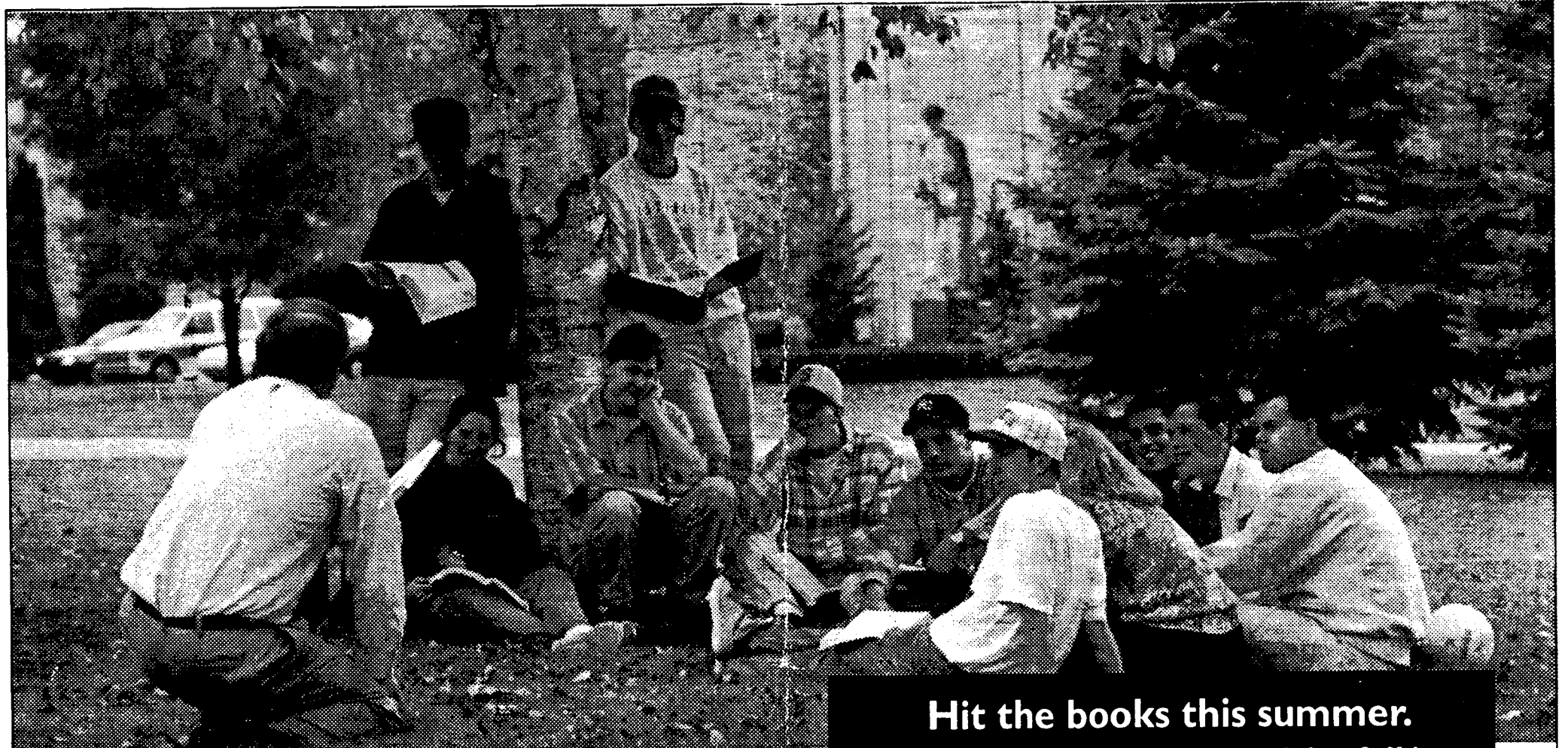
monitors in Kosovo. Waving the flags of Yugoslavia and pre-independence Macedonia, the demonstrators damaged a number of OSCE vehicles.

Macedonia has supported the NATO attacks against Yugoslavia, but nationalists and members of the Serb minority in this former Yugoslav republic, which became independent in 1993, are anti-Albanian and sympathetic to Belgrade. Many Macedonians also dislike the growing NATO presence in the country.

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Jury deliberates Kevorkian's fate

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The jury at Jack Kevorkian's murder trial began deliberating Thursday after the suicide doctor compared himself to civil rights heroes Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks and all but asked the jurors to disregard a law he considers unjust.

"There are certain acts that by sheer common sense are not crimes," Kevorkian, acting as his own lawyer, said during closing arguments.

Prosecutor John Skrzynski said Kevorkian should not be allowed to "make a political statement" with the lethal injection he gave to Thomas Youk, a 52-year-old man with

Lou Gehrig's disease. Youk's videotaped death aired on "60 Minutes."

"Is that any better than murder for hire? Is that any different than murdering somebody for money?" the prosecutor asked.

The jury deliberated for about six hours before adjourning for the day. They were to return Friday morning.

Skrzynski attacked the notion of Kevorkian as a man of compassion, and said the doctor "came like a medical hitman in the night with a bag of poison to do his job."

The prosecutor also referred to the horrors of Nazi Germany to rebut Kevorkian's claim that euthanasia is

acceptable, perhaps even noble.

"There are 11 million souls buried in Europe that can tell you that when you make euthanasia a state policy, some catastrophic things can evolve from that," Skrzynski said.

Kevorkian, 70, could get life in prison if convicted. He has been tried four times on assisted suicide charges, with three acquittals and one mistrial. This is the first time he has stood trial on murder charges.

By his own count, Kevorkian has taken part in more than 130 suicides since 1990.

Judge Jessica Cooper told the jurors they could consider convicting Kevorkian of second-degree murder or involuntary manslaughter.

McKinney, Henderson await trial

Associated Press

LARAMIE

Fourteen people were dismissed Thursday as jury selection continued in the trial of a man accused of beating gay college student Matthew Shepard to death.

The selection process, which began Wednesday, is going on behind closed doors. Twenty-nine of 71 potential jurors have been dismissed.

Russell Henderson, 21, is accused of posing as a homosexual to lure the 5-foot-2, 105-pound Shepard out of a bar Oct. 6. Henderson, along

with Aaron McKinney, allegedly kidnapped and pistol-whipped Shepard and left him tied to a fence in the cold. The University of Wyoming student died five days later at a hospital.

Henderson's attorney said his client was only a witness and did not participate in Shepard's beating.

McKinney will be tried later. Both men could get the death penalty.

Phil Holt, Greek literature professor at the University of Wyoming, said he was relieved after being excused.

Feds showcase social security in 2000 budget plan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Sharply split along party lines, the House on Thursday ratified a Republican "budget for the new millennium," a blueprint designed to showcase support for Social Security, the Pentagon and a new round of tax cuts.

Democrats argued that the GOP-backed tax reductions would favor the wealthy at the expense of the long-term health of Medicare and Social Security.

The vote on passage was 221-208, and came after a full day of debate that centered on priorities for the budget surpluses that are forecast for the next several years. All but two Republicans voted for the plan. Only four Democrats supported it.

Across the Capitol, Senate Republicans were driving toward passing a similar budget for the 2000 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1.

The vote in the House marked a triumph for the new speaker, Rep. Dennis Hastert, who had made its passage the top priority of his early months as leader of the slender Republican majority.

Hastert, R-Ill., said the GOP prescription "saves more for Social Security and Medicare than the president's budget."

In addition, it "provides for common-sense tax relief in the future. We have the largest surplus in history, which means the taxpayers are being overcharged," he said in a statement.

At the White House, President Clinton issued a statement describing the measure as a "series of missed opportunities." The tax and spending plan did not "do enough to pay down the debt and strengthen Social Security and Medicare," he added.

The budget, which sets guidelines for tax and spending bills later in the year, would be the first to be written by Congress since the government entered a new era of surpluses. And while House and Senate plans differed in detail, they had common priorities and served as the focus for a fierce partisan debate over Social Security, Medicare and tax cuts.

Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Budget

Committee, said the plan could "not only preserve Social Security and Medicare," but emphasize defense and education. "We also believe the American people ought to be empowered, the American people ought to have more money in their pockets," he said, referring to almost \$800 billion envisioned for tax cuts over the next decade.

"I think we project a budget for the new millennium that is right in pace" with what the public wants, he said.

Democrats countered with a letter from the chief actuarial expert at the Social Security agency, who wrote that the House GOP plan would do nothing to extend the life of the system.

"They choose the tax cuts over extending the solvency of Social Security and Medicare," charged Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri. He said a Democratic plan of smaller, targeted tax cuts, would be fairer.

In a bewildering mountain of bewildering, each side found fine print to buttress their claim to being the stronger defender of Social Security and Medicare.

Republicans, for example, said they would put aside the entire Social Security surplus for debt reduction. They also won a letter of praise for their approach to Social Security and Medicare from the American Association for Retired Persons, the nation's largest advocacy group for senior citizens.

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■ LULA'S JOURNAL

Green Peace Sues Nature for Environmental Brutality

Green Peace, a pro-environment special interest group, recently initiated a class action lawsuit in a federal district court. The defendant? Nature.

Jeff Langan

Green Peace accuses Nature of engaging in activity harmful to the environment. Also indicted in the suit are carnivores, such as bears and eagles, that eat endangered species for a living. Green Peace has not yet decided whether to include evolutionary biologists as one of the defendants. They obviously do damage to the environment by propagating ideas that some species have to die out and that only the fittest will survive.

A representative from Green Peace explained to me the reasons for this lawsuit. "For many years," she said, "we thought people were the problem. People reproduce in large quantities requiring the development of farms, cities, factories and all other sorts of things and activities that harm the environment. The species *homo sapiens* was simply taking up too many of the earth's precious resources. And they still do, don't get me wrong. Humans are in general a rotten lot. In addition to harming the environment, they don't build enough coffee houses, except in Seattle where there are three on every corner, and they kill animals."

"But we began thinking that humans are not the only problem; we have a problem with Nature as well. We did a little research and the results were incredible. Our research shows that Nature and her children are a much

bigger problem than humans could ever be.

"We found for example, that billions of gallons of oil seep into the ocean from the floor of the ocean every day, and this is not from oil drilling. It literally comes right up. And Nature does nothing to stop it. We also learned that the earth itself emits billions of harmful toxins into the atmosphere every year. Glaciers have destroyed whole mountain ranges. Rain and floods cause significant erosion of good farmland. Floods destroy beautiful environmental preserves. The list is endless: tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, Tsunamis, volcanoes. They all destroy the environment. It's a wonder there's anything left. What does Nature think she's doing to the environment? But it has to be stopped, and we, as the defenders of the environment, are going to stop it."

"We even found that trees, yes trees, help create smog. Have you ever seen the Blue Ridge Mountains? Do you know what makes them blue? Harmful toxins the trees emit into the atmosphere. Those same toxins create smog."

"Then we looked at the behavior of animals, and we found it just despicable. They don't know how to respect one another. Many of them are just cannibals, and they have no table manners. A few years ago, we tried re-introducing eagles back into Milwaukee, their natural habitat until German immigrants went and built a city there. Everything was going along fine until the eagles decided to kill and eat pigeons in front of secretaries, administrators and students on the mall of an inner-city campus. Imagine the reaction when people had to eat their lunches in front of eagles pulling apart pigeons limb by limb."

"Animals don't even have enough common sense to respect endangered species. We recently got salmon put on the endangered species list in



Washington, only to find out that eagles and an endangered species of bears kept trying to fish them out of the rivers. What's an environmentalist or animal lover to do when an endangered bear starts killing endangered salmon?

"The Declaration of Independence says that Nature guarantees us certain rights. One of those has to be the right to a friendly environment. Nature, as you can clearly see, is not keeping up her part of the contract. So we're suing, \$1 million in psychological damage. The anti-tobacco crowd is behind us. They helped us see that if it wasn't for Nature, we would all live a lot longer."

"Ironically, and in a strange move, creation scientists have come to the defense of the social Darwinians implicated in this suit. Most creation scientists, as you know, are card-carrying members of the National Rifle Association. One of the NRA's representatives explained to me their support of

the Darwinians in this instance.

"We are all for shooting everything in Nature. It doesn't matter whether an animal was created by Nature or by Nature's God, we have a right to shoot it and to eat it. We agree with the social Darwinians on this much, animals have to die. So let's let bygones be bygones. We can all enjoy the pleasure of shooting everything in Nature."

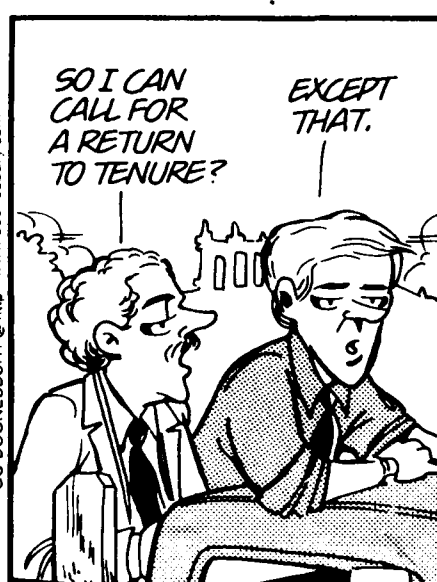
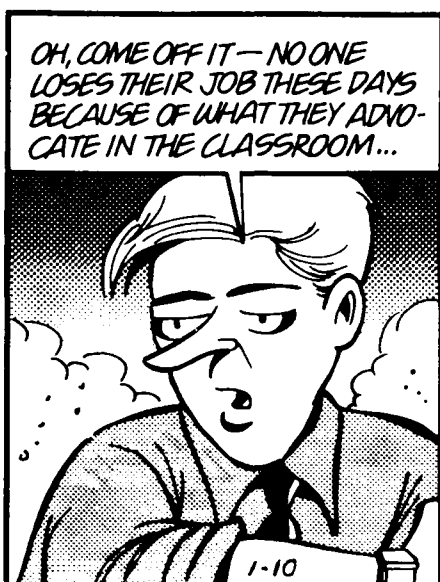
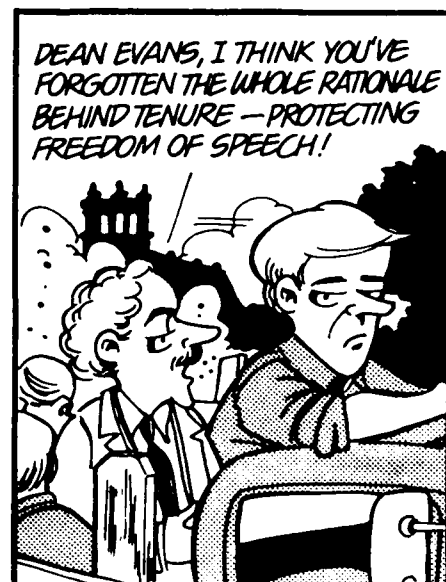
Student activists don't know what to do. They love both Nature and the environment. Such are the travails of our times.

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■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

'Why are women ... so much more interesting to men than men are to women?'

— Virginia Woolf

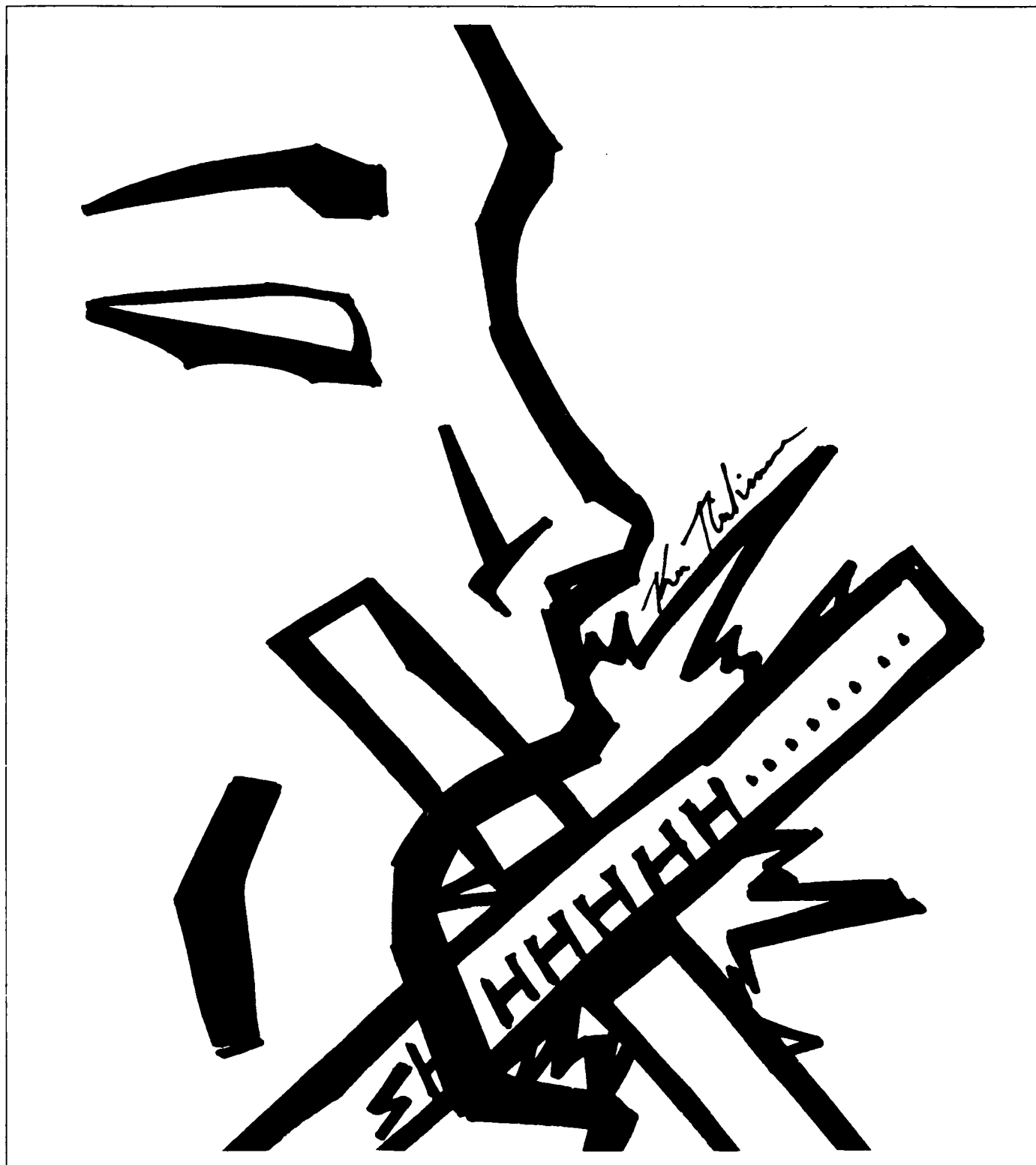
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■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Coach McGraw Should Read Sullivan and Holtz

Recently, Dan Sullivan wrote what I thought was a well-placed shot at the Notre Dame student body of complainers. Kudos, Mr. Sullivan, I couldn't agree more.

In fact, I never realized how contagious being "oppressed" was until I read The Observer's coverage of the untimely exit of the women's basketball team from the NCAA tournament. Coach McGraw did enough complaining that would have made any student looking for corned beef and cabbage in the dining hall on St. Patrick's Day proud.

It seems, according to Coach McGraw, that had the selections committee not shown favoritism toward LSU (i.e., homecourt advantage), the Irish would have advanced to the Sweet Sixteen. I believe the quote was, "If we play at home, we move on."

It had nothing to do with LSU's 15-2 run in the last six minutes. It had nothing to do with the last 26 turnovers. And by golly, it certainly had nothing to do with a spectacular 24-point performance by Latasha Dorsey. The fact is, we were outplayed in the final six minutes.

Rather than acknowledge that LSU stepped up when they had to, Coach

McGraw chose to point fingers at the selection committee. In those final six minutes, Ruth Riley was triple teamed whenever possible. LSU coach Sue Gunter made the necessary changes to shut down a very powerful offense that shot better than 80 percent in the first five or six minutes of the second half. They adapted well. Notre didn't.

I'm proud of the women's basketball team. It was a great season, and the untimely injury of Niele Ivey was heartbreaking.

I suggest that Coach McGraw take a page out of Lou Holtz's book and simply say, "It's my fault." Don't make excuses. Notre Dame failed to advance not because we didn't play at home; we failed to advance because LSU beat us.

Please, Coach, spare us the excuses. We'll still love you.

Chuck Gengler
Senior
Morrissey Hall
March 22, 1999

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Visiting Student Offers European Perspective on Gay Discrimination

I've been considering writing this letter ever since I came to Notre Dame in January and started reading about the non-discrimination clause debate in The Observer.

I have hesitated writing because I'm just here for one semester as a visiting grad student from the Netherlands. I was afraid that people would find my interference unjustified or perhaps arrogant. I understand and respect that a lot of people are struggling with how to think about homosexuality with regards to their religious beliefs. However, I've found it increasingly difficult to read all the columns and articles about this issue and remain quiet. I often find it hard to be in an environment that is so intolerant towards many of the people I hold dear.

Over spring break I went home to Amsterdam to see some of my close friends. I couldn't help telling them about what was going on here in regards to the very fundamental rights — human rights — of gays and lesbians. Overall, the response was one of shock. One friend, a Roman Catholic, said, "How can there even be a debate on that issue?" He meant that such a debate is as absurd as debating whether it is acceptable to discriminate based on sex or ethnicity.

Another close friend, who happens to be gay, said, "One wants to respect those people [who reject the rights of gays and lesbians] to live their lives the way they want to, but I can't. How can anybody still hold up such a view?" I was touched by the fact that he said he should at least try to respect the people who reject him and deny him his right to be himself. He's a nurse in a mental hospital in the south of the Netherlands, a predominantly Catholic region, and he works with a lot of old and very religious people. Everybody takes him the way he is, and there is no doubt that he has a right to be himself. To be more explicit: They do not necessarily just accept that he has this sexual orientation and that it is not "his choice," making it sound like he has a disease! I hope they talk along these lines also acknowledge that it's not my choice that I happen to be a heterosexual.

No, they all know he's living together with his boyfriend, and of course in the Netherlands all partners, whether homosexual or heterosexual, are treated equally with regard to insurance, taxes, etc. For the last year and a half there has been a legal partnership available for gays and lesbians. The present government will soon legalize marriages of gay and lesbian couples, but until homosexuals have exactly the same rights as heterosexuals, there will still be discrimination.

A Belgian researcher has found that children growing up with lesbian couples are generally having happier youths than children growing up in an average family. A friend back home is living together with her female partner and they are raising a child together. The university where we both work is a religious institution, so, like here at Notre Dame, ethical issues are a high priority. And because of this priority, everybody is treated equally there.

Some Americans, when I tell them I'm living in Amsterdam, react by screaming, "Oh no, that's like Sodom and Gomorrah, isn't it?" I couldn't disagree more. I certainly don't imagine Sodom and Gomorrah as being beautiful and friendly cities where everybody has the legal right to equality regardless of their sexual preferences.

On the contrary, I find a place where a gay professor feels he must leave simply because of his sexual preference (The Observer, Tuesday, March 23), a much more frightening place. I would have imagined that there would be more public debate about his decision to leave. But what is the use of discussion when it is said that the issue of the non-discrimination clause is settled for good?

Sabine Roeser
Visiting Graduate Student
Philosophy Department
March 24, 1999

Committee Was Thorough in WRC Investigation

In her letter calling for censure of the Women's Resource Center, Catriona Wilkie "doubts whether the Student Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate presented an accurate picture of the situation to the full Senate."

The committee interviewed everyone involved in the incidents Ms. Wilkie describes, including the two WRC staffers who were never interviewed by the ad hoc panel constituted to investigate Ms. Wilkie's

complaint. The motives and assumptions imputed to those two women by Ms. Wilkie and Ms. Gabany are neither accurate nor fair.

Nor is Ms. Wilkie's suggestion that the committee and the senate were not careful and thoughtful in their deliberations.

Ava Preacher
Chair
Student Affairs Committee
Faculty Senate
March 25, 1999





Above:
Lili Morales reads a poem
at Wednesday's rehearsal.

Right:
Magdalena Zepada belts
out a tune for her Cushing
audience.

Below:
Marisa Rodriguez and
Mariana Rodriguez
rehearse their duet.

— Photos by Liz Lang



DIV EXPRES

La Alianza presents its Latin Expressions, ton

By MIKE VANEGAS
Scene Editor

It's a big issue on any campus, but on the Notre Dame campus, diversity and multiculturalism sometimes find themselves without a true niche. This weekend, however, the campus can enjoy at least one opportunity to attain a greater sense of the American culture — a culture that is distinctly heterogenous.

Tonight at Stepan Center, La Alianza, Notre Dame's Latino student organization, puts on its annual variety show, Latin Expressions. The show is traditionally a forum to present Latino art and Latino artists, but also extends itself to cover multiculturalism in general. This year's show is as ambitious as any other campus event, as it looks to give the Notre Dame community a couple of hours of non-stop, real entertainment.

"Latin Expressions is a huge talent show where we try to involve not only the Latino students on campus, but those in the community and also other ethnicities," said Araceli Ramirez, social commissioner of La Alianza and co-coordinator of production and logistics for Latin Expressions. "It is an expression of people's talents in their culture."

As the main calendar event for La Alianza, Latin Expressions and its participants hope to accomplish several goals throughout the night. Among them, fundraising is high on the list.

"It's to raise certain funds," said Ramirez. "The main fund we try to raise is for a scholarship for someone in the South Bend community who will attend either Holy Cross, Notre Dame or Saint Mary's. We're also trying to raise money for Hurricane Mitch and the Columbia Earthquake Relief."

The fundraising importance of this year's Latin Expressions is especially prominent, since last year's scholarship fell through.

Aside from the financial motivations behind Latin Expressions and La Alianza in general, the show has more humanistic objectives as well. The most pressing of these is education, though not the type of education that most students receive in the classroom.

"I consider it to be a time where we are given the opportunities, we're given our own day to pretty much express ourselves and show our talents," said Denisse Garcia, who will read Abelardo Delgado's poem, "Stupid America," during the show. "We're trying to get it out into the community ... to show people that there is culture still at Notre Dame."

Latin Expressions will include performances from a variety of groups, presenting such art forms as music, dance and poetry. Garcia's reading of "Stupid America" looks to exhibit some of the frustrations that Latinos find in America today.

"'Stupid America' is saying, 'Open your eyes and see what's out there,'" noted Garcia.

What's out there is a lot, if one looks at the schedule for Friday's show. Divided into two segments, Latin Expressions will start the night

LATIN EXPRESSIONS

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| 1. BROWN AND PROUD | Swing Dance |
| 2. MAGDALENA ZEPADA | "La Charreada" (song) |
| 3. DENISSE GARCIA | Poetry Reading "Stupid America" |
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MARIANA RODRIGUEZ | Song (in Spanish) |
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| 10. YESENIA VALENCIA | "For you I will" (song) |
| 11. JESSICA DELGADO | Mexican Hat Dance |
| 12. CORO PRIMAVERA | |

VERSE EXPRESSIONS

ts annual variety show, onight at Stepan Center



Above:
Mariana Rodriguez
rehearses a song
Wednesday evening.



Left:
Members of Brown
and Proud watch the
Latin Expressions
rehearsal at Cushing.

Below:
Members of Brown
and Proud rehearse a
dance.

— Photos by Liz Lang



with South Bend's Latino dance group Brown and Proud, which will perform a swing dance. Brown and Proud will also initiate the second half of the night with a more traditional salsa dance.

The rest of the show will be sprinkled with individual singers, dance groups and poetry readings, including Garcia's. An interesting variation on the schedule is the entry of a performance by the Filipino-American Student Organization [F.A.S.O.]. Gina Corpuz, 1998-1999 co-president of F.A.S.O., expressed her thoughts concerning the multicultural aspects of Latin Expressions.

"It's basically a sharing of cultures," Corpuz said. "I hope that we can impart some of our culture to the students here at Notre Dame, and also, it's so much fun just to take part in the performance and in Latin Expressions. It's such a different atmosphere ... the different music and the different people ... basically it's a lot of fun."

Just as any variety show on campus and beyond — think "Saturday Night Live" or the Keenan Revue — Latin Expressions is indeed intended as another way to have good, clean fun on the Notre Dame campus. Ultimately, Ramirez noted that Latin Expressions is for everyone.

"One of La Alianza's main goals is to educate and unite, not only the Latinos on campus, but those outside Latinos in the Notre Dame community," she added. "Latin Expressions helps in doing this ... it gives you the taste of Latino poetry, music and other forms of art."

"I know in the past, there are many people outside of the Latino ethnicity who felt that they weren't being included, so one of the goals I have is to get them more involved and make them feel welcomed," Ramirez said.

This perspective is shared by the performers as well.

"I would like for people to be more open about the different cultures that are on campus," said Garcia. "I know our population is very small as far as the Latino community [is concerned], and I want other people, other Latino students, to know that although we are a small population, we still have a voice ... If we all could just learn something about each other, that'd be great."

The show will end with Merenbanda and Jaime O'Neil y su Orquestra, two well-known Latino bands from Chicago. As the main acts, they demonstrate to the entire community how Latinos across the nation are attempting to share their culture.

Latin Expressions, as an extension of La Alianza and the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, hopes to capitalize on this combination of what is fun and what is educational, giving the Notre Dame campus, the South Bend community and humanity in general enrichment that cannot be found elsewhere.

"The truth is it's going to be an exciting shock — it's gonna be so alive," Ramirez said. "It will make you want to get up and dance, no matter if you can or can't. It's just an exciting experience, and whoever goes will just be glad that they did. I don't think they'll get this at any other time of the year."

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■ NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Blazers remain hot, defeat Phoenix 97-84

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — If you ask the Phoenix Suns, Portland is a leg up on the Los Angeles Lakers, the Trail Blazers' closest rivals.

"The Lakers may have bigger names and better talent as far as their starters, but the Blazers have no drop-off," the Suns' Tom Gugliotta said after Portland's 97-84 victory Thursday night. "In another way, the Blazers play better. They share the ball, and there's no strife out there."

Sure, the Suns were worn out from Wednesday's 106-101 win over the Lakers. But the Blazers' defense, depth and rebounding were more responsible for taking the fight out of Phoenix.

"We've been able to shut down teams when we need to," Blazers coach Mike Dunleavy said.

Brian Grant had 22 points and 14 rebounds, leading Portland's 56-31 edge on the boards. Rasheed Wallace added 15 points and 13 rebounds.

"They killed us on the glass," Suns coach Danny Ainge said. They wore us down tonight, and the Lakers wore us down last night, even though we won that one."

"I think the Lakers are more methodical and have perhaps better starters and good help coming off the bench. The Blazers are tough, though. They have good depth and good athletes. These guys can play."

In other NBA games, Orlando beat Cleveland 96-86, Houston downed Toronto 113-104 and San Antonio routed Denver 86-65.

The Blazers, winners of five straight and 15 of 17, have the NBA's best record (22-5) and home record (13-1). They also extended their lead in the Pacific to four games over the Lakers.

The two teams don't meet until April 13, but the weird scheduling could make for a more interesting stretch run before the playoffs. Three of the Blazers' last nine games will be against the Lakers, including two at the Great Western Forum.

The Blazers play at Phoenix on Sunday night, while the Suns head home against the Knicks tonight.

Portland took the lead for good midway through the third, but its 11-point lead was cut to five by the end of the period.

Then reserves Greg Anthony and Stacey Augmon put the Blazers back in control, scoring 11 of the team's first 12 points of the fourth quarter, giving Portland an 86-73 lead with 5:16 left.

After a jumper by Danny Manning made it 78-71 with 8:44 left, the Suns went 7:37 without a field goal until George McCloud's meaningless 3-pointer with 1:07 left.

Rex Chapman was ejected with 3:24 to go after receiving two technicals for wildly arguing a foul call. He shot just 2-of-11 and had seven points.

"Chapman is a guy who can take over a game, and we were fortunate to get him out of there at the end," Grant said. "But we know he'll be waiting for us Sunday."

Robinson scored 21 points, Manning added 17 and Jason Kidd had 13 points and eight assists for the Suns, who became the 11th straight opponent to shoot under 50 percent against Portland. In the fourth quarter of their last five games, the Blazers have given up 13, 17, 16, 15 and 15 points.

Damon Stoudamire, struggling with his shot most of the season and shooting just under 30 percent his previous five games, scored 19 points on 8-of-15 shooting and sparked a rally just before halftime.

"This could have been a breakout game for him," said teammate Isaiah Rider, who had just eight points on 3-of-15 shooting, but defended Kidd well. "[Damon] has a lot of pride. He won't tell you he's down, but he's been feeling it. We try to stay together. We try to pick each other up."

Spurs 86, Nuggets 65

Tim Duncan scored 28 points as San Antonio beat

Denver for the ninth straight.

David Robinson added 12 points and 13 rebounds for the visiting Spurs, who have won 12 of 13 after opening the season 6-8. Antonio McDyess scored 17 points for the Nuggets, who shot only 32 percent from the field.

Rockets 113, Raptors 104

Rookies Michael Dickerson and Cuttino Mobley combined

for 54 points and 14 of Houston's club-record 17 3-pointers as Houston won its sixth straight.

Dickerson scored 28 points and Mobley added 26. Each player was 7-for-9 from long range.

Rockets star Hakeem Olajuwon was ejected late in the third quarter after a flagrant foul on Charles Oakley. The visiting Raptors, who won six of their previous seven games, were led by Vince

Carter's career-high 32 points.

Magic 96, Cavaliers 86

At Orlando, Darrell Armstrong had 25 points, seven assists, six rebounds and three steals as the Magic defeated Cleveland.

Penny Hardaway added 14 points for the Magic, while Shawn Kemp led the Cavaliers with 22 points and 16 rebounds.

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■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Pitcher Hershiser joins Mets

Associated Press

The New York Mets won the bidding war for Orel Hershiser, agreeing today to a \$2 million, one-year contract.

Hershiser, a 40-year-old right-hander who went to spring training with Cleveland, also was sought by the Chicago Cubs, Atlanta Braves, Florida Marlins and Philadelphia Phillies.

"I think all of the contenders had a chance, but the other criteria came into play," Hershiser said today during a news conference in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

"I knew the chance to win and to win in New York — people say the greatest city in the world — was an opportunity that I wanted to have," he said. "I enjoy the pressure, I enjoy the spotlight and I enjoy the competition. I don't want to go off to some city where it's ho-hum, let's go watch the game, I want go some place where we're going to get after it and that's what New York is all about."

The agreement came one day after the Mets sent pitcher Hideo Nomo outright to the minors. If Nomo doesn't report to Triple-A Norfolk, the team would save Nomo's entire \$2,925,000 salary. If he does report, the Mets will probably place Nomo on unconditional release waivers next Wednesday and give him only 45 days' termination pay, \$719,262.

Mets manager Bobby

Valentine appeared to be upset at the demotion, saying Wednesday he had told his players not to worry about their performance in the spring.

"Things have changed, I guess," Valentine said. "It's regretful. I said it wasn't a try-out camp and that they should work on things they needed to work on."

Today, Valentine softened his tone but clearly remained upset.

"I'm ecstatic," he said. "As down as I was yesterday over losing a player that I had a lot of sweat equity in and a guy I was pulling for to do well, I'm even higher than today knowing one of the greatest competitors and one of the best pitchers I've ever seen is lined up on our team."

Hershiser would have gotten only a \$400,000, one-year contract if he had made Cleveland's opening day roster. Indians manager Mike Hargrove decided there was no room for him in his team's rotation but was willing to keep him as a reliever.

"I think Orel had a sentimental desire to be here, and we wanted him to be here," Indians assistant general manager Mark Shapiro said. "Unfortunately, we just didn't have a starting spot for him."

In three spring appearances, Hershiser was 1-0 with a 2.70 ERA. He allowed three runs and 10 hits in 10 innings, striking out four and walking three.

Last year with San

Francisco, Hershiser was 11-10, with a 4.41 ERA in 34 games covering 202 innings.

Hershiser, who has the chance to earn \$500,000 in performance bonuses with the Mets, has a career record of 190-133, and he admits he'd like to win at least 10 more to reach 200 and possibly improve his chances of being elected to the Hall of Fame.

A three-time All-Star, Hershiser won the 1988 NL Cy Young Award with the Los Angeles Dodgers after going 23-8 and setting a major league record with 59 consecutive scoreless innings. He also was MVP of the NL championship series and the World Series, going 3-0 in the post-season.

Nomo, the 1995 NL Rookie of the Year while playing for the Dodgers, was liked by Mets manager Bobby Valentine, but general manager Steve Phillips made the decision to cut him.

"It's a difficult decision because it involves a player of his stature and given what he's done in his career," Phillips said. "But I've got to make a judgment in what I can do to have us win as many games as we can, and this starts the process."

Nomo joined the Dodgers in 1995 and won 45 games in Los Angeles, but struggled last season and was traded to the Mets in June. He went 4-5 with a 4.82 ERA in 17 games with New York and was ineffective this spring, going 0-2 with a 7.62 ERA in four appearances.

■ OLYMPICS

ChiSox get catcher, outfielder from Reds

Associated Press

SARASOTA, Fla.

The Cincinnati Reds traded backup outfielder Jon Nunnally to the Boston Red Sox and third-string catcher Brook Fordyce to the Chicago White Sox for minor leaguers on Thursday.

Neither player had minor-league options left and neither fit into the club's plans this season.

In exchange for Nunnally, the Reds received right-hander Pat Flury, a 26-year-old pitcher who has bounced around the minors for six years. The White Sox gave up right-hander Jake Meyer, who has spent two years in the minors.

Only two years ago, Nunnally was being mentioned as a possible cornerstone of the Reds' rebuilding. He and Chris Stynes, who came to the Reds in a trade with Kansas City, were the club's hottest hitters in the second half of the 1997 season.

When Nunnally got news of the trade on Thursday, Stynes perched himself on a chair nearby and listened with his head down while Nunnally talked about his next opportunity.

"I'm sad, man," Stynes said. After hitting .318 with 13 homers in only 65 games for

the Reds in 1997, Nunnally slumped to .207 with seven homers in 74 games last season. He also had a falling out with manager Jack McKeon, who wanted him to hit to all fields instead of pulling the ball and trying for homers.

Nunnally, 27, knew there was no place for him in an already crowded outfield. He was passed by as the Reds acquired Dmitri Young, Greg Vaughn, Mark Sweeney, Mike Cameron and Michael Tucker.

"I'm happy I'm going to a place where I'll have a chance to play," Nunnally said.

The Reds carried Fordyce, 28, on the major league roster as a seldom-used third catcher in 1997 because they were afraid they'd lose him if they tried to send him to the minors.

He's a solid defensive catcher who has never hit much. He batted .208 with one homer in 47 games during 1997 and .253 with three homers in 57 games last season as Eddie Taubensee's backup.

The Reds decided to carry Taubensee and Brian Johnson as their two catchers this season, Fordyce never complained about his lack of playing time — his biggest role the last two seasons was catching ceremonial first pitches before home games — and hopes to have a bigger role in Chicago.

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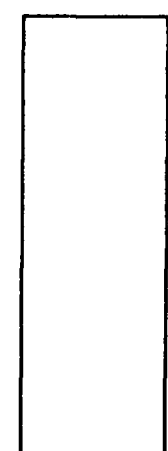
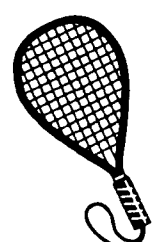
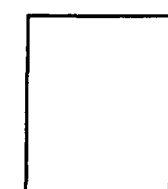
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■ NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Court rules Lewis never used cocaine

Associated Press

BOSTON

An internal Northeastern University investigation turned over in a court battle over the sudden death of Celtics star Reggie Lewis found no evidence that he used cocaine in college.

In a motion filed in the medical malpractice case, lawyers for Lewis' estate said "every credible witness with personal knowledge states unequivocally before the Northeastern Commission that Reggie Lewis never used cocaine."

The 1996 report has become central to the battle over responsibility over Lewis' death in July 1993.

The 27-year-old basketball star had collapsed during a playoff game at Boston Garden three months before his death. A team of New England Baptist Hospital doctors diagnosed him with a life-threatening heart ailment and warned that his career was in jeopardy.

Lewis transferred to Brigham and Women's Hospital, where a team led by Dr. Gilbert Mudge diagnosed him with a less-harmful neurological condition and said chances were good that Lewis could play again.

An autopsy after Lewis' death revealed a badly damaged heart.

His widow, Donna Harris-Lewis, has sued Mudge and three others, accusing them of misdiagnosing and mistreating her husband's heart problem.

Mudge has countered that 16 days before Lewis died, the basketball star acknowledged having used cocaine, but said he had stopped. The lack of full disclosure early on made it impossible to make a proper diagnosis because Lewis hid his cocaine use, Mudge has claimed.

Harris-Lewis has vehemently denied her husband ever used cocaine.

The parties were in court Thursday to argue a request for a gag order and debate certain testimony.

Mudge's lawyers asked for the gag order to prevent out-of-court statements to the media from influencing a jury. They were upset that Harris-Lewis told a reporter she expected to ask for \$100 million, an estimate of her husband's potential lifetime earnings. The trial is scheduled for April 26.

■ NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Flutie to be subject of made-for-tv movie

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y.

A made-for-TV movie is in the works on the life of Buffalo Bills quarterback Doug Flutie.

Flutie's agent and CBS confirmed that an agreement had been made to develop a movie based on Flutie's life.

"We signed with a film production company, who optioned it to a network," Jack Mula, Flutie's Boston-based agent told The Buffalo News. "Some things are settled, and some things still

have to be worked out. There will be a big announcement soon."

The newspaper quoted an unidentified source at CBS Entertainment as saying the project is "in development." Not all movies in development make it on the air, but Mula said this one would.

There was no word on who might play the 5-foot-9 quarterback who was the Heisman Trophy winner in 1984 after completing a "Hail Mary" touchdown pass to give Boston College a 47-45 victory over Miami.

Only two witnesses ever said Lewis had used cocaine, according to the papers. One was Northeastern teammate and friend Derrick Lewis, who said in a newspaper interview after the Celtics player died that Reggie Lewis used drugs, but later recanted.

The motion quoted the Northeastern report as saying: "Derrick Lewis never saw Reggie Lewis use cocaine. ... [He] characterized his prior statements as lies and that he was wrong to have made those statements."

Irwin Cohen, the school's athletic director, however, told the commission that Fuchs told him Lewis tested positive for drugs.

Fuchs' testimony is crucial to determining whether Lewis used cocaine. As team doctor at Northeastern, he was the only one privy to results of drug tests done on the entire team in 1987. The players' names were coded with a number, and Fuchs later discarded the log that matched the names with the numbered test results.

At Thursday's hearing, Harris-Lewis' lawyer, Bridget Asaro, said "the boxes of material (from Northeastern) are replete with evidence that there was only one player who tested positive ... Andre LaFleur."

Mudge's lawyer, William Dailey, countered that there were two sets of test results that showed positive cocaine use by Lewis.

Dailey said Fuchs, who is now 82, had told other witnesses that Lewis was one of those players and had changed his story at the time of the Northeastern inquiry in 1995 because he suffered medical problems, including "steroid induced psychosis."

Superior Court Judge Thayer Fremont-Smith said he would decide whether to order a gag next week, but refused to impound documents filed in the case.

■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Ripken Sr. dies at 63

Associated Press

BALTIMORE

Cal Ripken Sr., whose contributions to the Baltimore Orioles extend well beyond fathering and tutoring one of the best players in the history of the franchise, died Thursday of lung cancer. He was 63.

Ripken died around 4:15 p.m. EST at Johns Hopkins Oncology Center with his family by his bedside. Ripken spent 36 years in the Orioles organization as a player, scout, coach and manager. He also found time to raise a family that included future Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr., a star with the Orioles since 1982, and former major league infielder Bill Ripken, who also played in Baltimore.

"We always talk about the Oriole Way. Cal Ripken Sr. was the one who indoctrinated every one of us who came in," said Baltimore manager Ray Miller, who served under Ripken as a pitching coach.

Ripken Sr. had leathery skin and a gruff voice, characteristics at least partially attributable to the fact that he was a heavy smoker. Back in the days when smoking on the field wasn't taboo, he often cupped a filterless cigarette in his palm while watching batting practice or in the dugout.

Ripken taught Cal and Bill about baseball while serving as a minor league manager. He won 964 games in the minors and was 68-101 as manager of the Orioles in 1987-88.

"Cal Sr. played an important role in many of the successes of the Orioles. Players at all levels of development benefited from his vast knowledge of the game and his teaching skills," then-general manager

Roland Hemond said after Ripken was relieved of his duties as Baltimore's third base coach in 1992.

Ripken Sr. was offered another job within the organization but instead went into retirement.

In 1987, Ripken Sr. became the first father ever to manage two sons simultaneously in the majors. Cal was the midst of a major league record consecutive games streak that would extend to 2,632 games. Bill was the Orioles' second baseman.

Ripken Sr. was fired after the Orioles opened the 1988 season with six straight losses in what would be ultimately a record 21-game losing streak.

He eventually returned to his old role as third-base coach and maintained the position through the end of the 1992 season.

"The Orioles have lost someone who meant a lot to this organization for a very long time," general manager Frank Wren said in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where the team is holding spring training.

Ripken Sr. began his career with the Orioles as a catcher with the team's Phoenix affiliate in 1957. He ended his undistinguished playing career in 1964, having never reached the major leagues.

His 13-plus years in the Baltimore farm system is the longest tenure of any minor league manager in Oriole history. During that time, Ripken Sr. worked odd jobs over the winter because baseball didn't pay him enough to support a family of six.

He often brought his boys to the ballpark but left most of the development of the family's four children to their mother, Vi.

"It was just as if their father was a truck driver — he was away from home a lot, and you just had to live with it," Vi Ripken said.

"I resented baseball for taking away my father," Cal Jr. once said. "Baseball didn't allow him to spend much time with me when I was growing up."

They made up for lost time when Cal Jr. joined the team in 1981 and Bill came aboard in 1987.

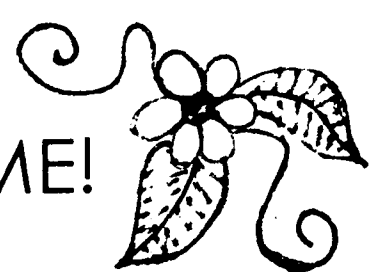
At the time, Cal Sr. downplayed his unique baseball association with his boys. But he said it would be something he would look back at fondly after retiring.

"We just happen to be in the same business at the same place," Ripken said in 1992. "Maybe years from now, when I'm reflecting upon things in my rocking chair, I'll smile about all this. But for now they're just a second baseman and a shortstop on this ball-club."

Cal Jr., who left spring training on Tuesday to be with his father, viewed his father as the inspiration for his incredible consecutive games streak.

When young Cal was 16, his dad hooked a snowplow to a tractor in an effort to help clear the neighborhood. The tractor stalled, and when Cal Sr. tried to get it going, a crank flew off and hit him in the forehead.

Cal Sr. pressed an oily rag to his head in an effort to stop the bleeding while his scared son got him into the family car. But instead of driving to a hospital, Cal Sr. told his son to drive home. There, Cal Jr. watched his dad put on some butterfly bandages, then saw him head back to the plow to finish the job.



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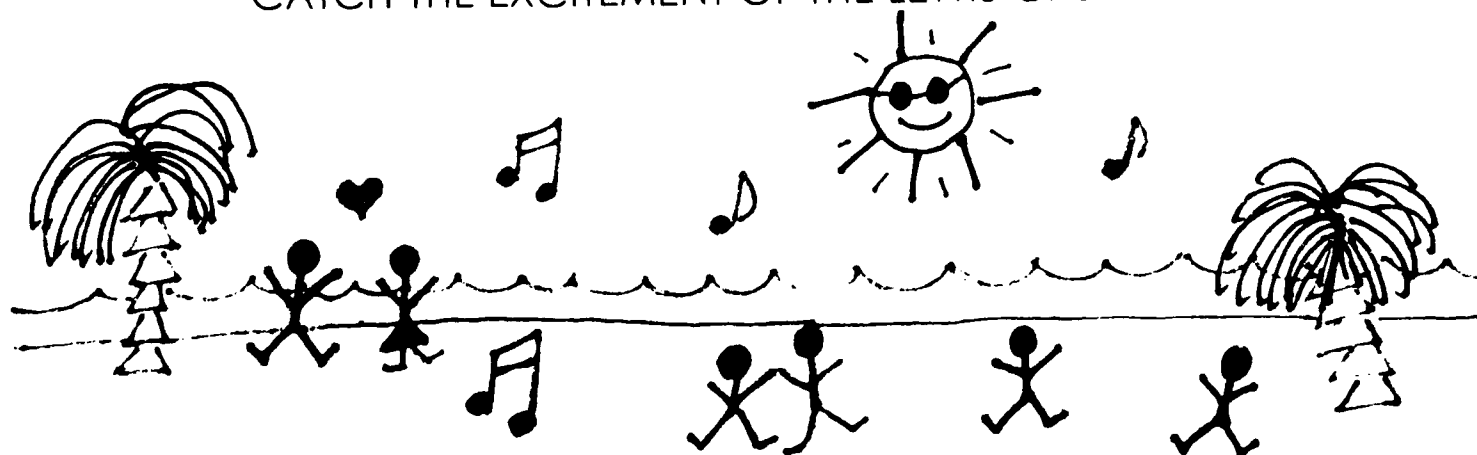
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■ WOMEN'S TENNIS

Outdoor season opens at Tennessee, Kentucky

By WES JACOBS
Sports Writer

Notre Dame women's tennis team kicks off an important weekend on Saturday, traveling to Tennessee in only its second outdoor match of the season, and facing Kentucky on Sunday.

Tennessee and Kentucky are in the top 20, ranked No. 12 and 18, respectively, and will give the

Irish a great opportunity to improve their current No. 14 ranking.

"These two matches are very big for us. Both teams have had good years already," said Irish head coach Jay Louderback. "Winning both of these games will help our ranking, just because it will be two more top 20 wins."

The Irish will not receive a

warm welcome when they reach Knoxville. However, as opposed to past meetings between the two teams, the Volunteers will have the pressure on them this year, entering the dual-meet with the higher ranking. The Irish will take a different approach to this match, needing to prove that they are the better team.

"It's good for us that [Tennessee] are ranked higher

than us. Usually they're the underdogs, but this year there is no pressure on us," said Louderback.

For Tennessee, No. 1 freshman Agnes Wilski will lead the charge, followed by freshman counterparts Alison Ojeda and Dana Noel. The final three singles players are slated to be senior Emily Woodside, junior Candy Reid, and freshman Mylin Parks.

With four freshman singles players for the Vols, Notre Dame hopes to use their experience and senior leadership to pull out some of the big match wins.

All-American senior Jen Hall and sophomore Michelle Dasso, coming off her 60th career win, will make sure that the focus remains for the Irish. Marisa Velasco, recently plagued by sickness, should be back in full form, as will freshmen Becky Varnum, Kelly Zalinski, and Kim Guy, who recently jumped into the top six singles players.

"We have a really deep team this year," said Guy. "And it's nice for us to have the ability to play different players."

Sunday will be another big day for the Irish, as they hope to complete their weekend with a 2-0 record. Kentucky will present numerous match-up problems for Notre Dame singles players, though.

"Kentucky is a very strong team, especially their No. 2 through 5 singles players," said Louderback. "Their doubles teams also have a lot of depth."

Leading the charge for the Wildcats are Junior Masomeh Emami and Christy Sigurski, a senior. Senior Kelly Brown, sophomores Brooke Skeen and Shawn Stafford will also look for victories against the strong Irish squad.

With two wins this weekend, the Irish will move to an impressive 13-5 record, and will improve their chances of breaking into the nation's top ten. As the Big East and NCAA tournaments creep closer, Louderback and his team are looking for all the wins they can get.

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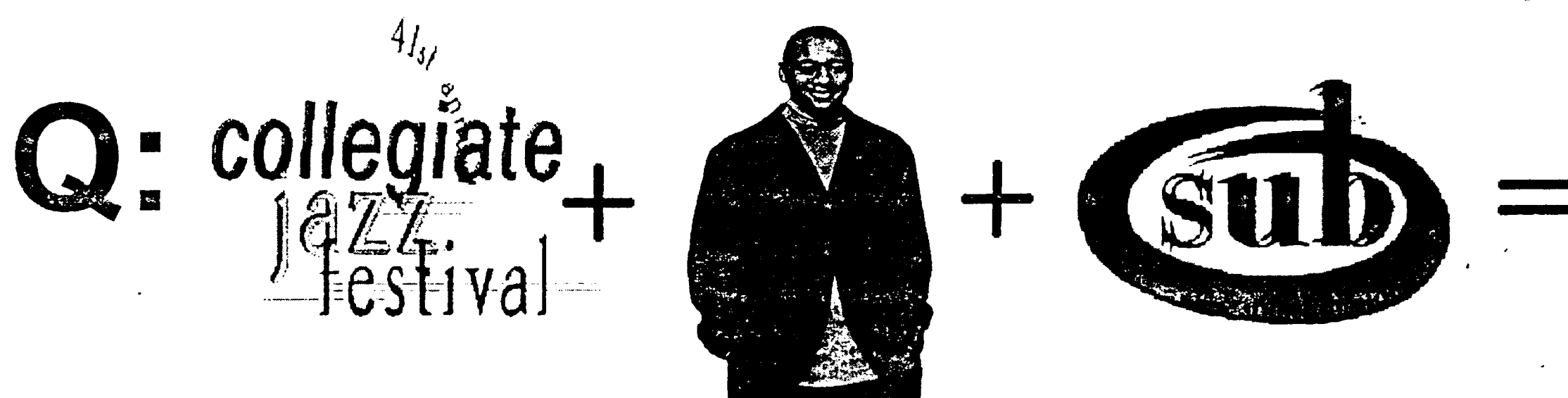
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■ FOOTBALL

Men of the gridiron find offseason a time of change

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

From off-season trouble to personnel moves, many Irish players and coaches will find themselves in different situations when spring practice starts Saturday.

At Thursday's press conference, head football coach Bob Davie gave little information about new allegations regarding Kimberly Dunbar, a former Irish booster and member of the Quarterback Club who allegedly gave gifts to seven former football players between 1993 and 1998.

"I think that all the information that we know has been provided to the NCAA," said Davie. "I'm not going to comment on that because I don't have any more knowledge than that."

On Wednesday, ESPN reported they had material linking Dunbar with Derrick Mayes, the former receiver and current Green Bay Packer. ESPN alleges proof that Dunbar provided Mayes with gifts, trips and money. Last year in a sworn affidavit Mayes denied ever receiving gifts from Dunbar and said that he had no contact with her after July 1994.

In scheduling news, Davie officially announced that the Irish will host the University of Kansas on Aug. 28, in the second annual Eddie Robinson Classic. The Irish will play seven home games for the first time since the 1988 season, when they went 12-0 en route to their last national championship.

Davie sees the Kansas game as a good opportunity for Notre Dame to begin its season at home instead of with away games against Michigan and Purdue as previously scheduled.

"As far as playing the opening season game, I think it's something that a lot of thought went into — whether it would be advantageous for our football team and our football program," Davie said.

"When you look at all the issues from the fact that the student body is back on campus, already enrolled, I think an opportunity to play a home game with a young football team before you go play at Michigan and at Purdue."

"I think all those opportunities and the fact that our football team wanted to do it ... When you weighed all the things, the advantages far outweighed the negatives and all of us are excited," he said.

For players, the 1999 season will bring new faces to several positions. With all-time leading rusher Autry Denson's position vacated, Davie noted that the tailback spot will be filled by junior Tony Driver, sophomore Tony Fisher or junior Darcy Levy.

At running back, Driver, a star high school running back, headliner of Davie's first recruiting class and last season's defensive spark, should finally get the opportunity to be an Irish workhorse. Davie didn't rule out the possibility that Driver may see some time as a safety in substitution defenses.

"[Driver is] going to be a tailback. Unless he gets injured, he's going to be the number one or two tailback. Do we play him at half-field safety and do some things that I think he's really good at?" commented Davie.

"I think it is realistic that Tony Driver could do that because he is so durable and is in tremendous condition," Davie said. "He can run all day. I think that's an option but I foresee him being one of the top two tailbacks."

Other players who will change positions for the spring include B.J. Scott, who will move from defensive tackle to offensive center, and Anthony Denman, who will

see time as an outside linebacker after being an inside linebacker last season.

Grant Irons will play at defensive end and will always line up on the right side, taking advantage of his left-handed strength. Irons weighs in at 265 pounds, and Davie

wrist injury, while Williams was suspended several weeks ago for breaking an unspecified team rule. Davie was unsure if Williams would be suiting up for the spring.

"I think in his situation, he broke the rule and he pays the price for it. Obviously it hurts him a little bit that he's not out there because he's a young player that needs every second of development that he can get," said Davie. "In the big picture of things, it's something we had no choice to do and it all comes down to him and how he bounce back from it. I certainly expect him to bounce back from it."

Irish soccer star Shane Walton will participate in the spring practices after having worked out with the football team since Jan. 15. If he sticks with football, Davie foresees Walton as a cornerback and possible return man.

"He's been with us every day. I'm kind of anxious to see him. I know he's enjoyed it and is impressed with the intensity and the way we do things," said Davie.

Only a freshman, Walton led the Irish in scoring with 10

goals and 7 assists and was named 2nd Team All-Big East and All-MidEast region. He stood out in high school football and basketball, serving as team captain and earning MVP honors in both sports. It is still unclear which sport Walton will play in the fall.

On the coaching front, the staff has had a makeover for the 1999 season. Davie welcomes offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers, secondary coach Lou West, outside linebackers coach Jerry Rosburg and tight ends coach Steve Addazio after losing four assistants in the off season.

These coaches are familiar with each other: Addazio and Rogers worked together at Syracuse and Rosburg and West served as assistants together at Cincinnati.

"I hated to see coaches leave but also with new coaches coming in, it is exciting. There's a lot of exchange of ideas off the field and on the field. With the new coaches coming in, it's been exciting because you go back and start from scratch," said Davie. "Not that you start over and do things differently but just to get everyone on the same page you go back and start with how you stretch and how you warm up and all the things you do as a football team."

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HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

ON WEDNESDAY'S ALLEGATIONS INVOLVING KIM DUNBAR

expects him to be an impact defensive player for the Irish.

Fullback Mike McNair has also shown strides in the off season. McNair, a first-team All-USA Today performer at tailback two years ago, has since gained 35 pounds and will compete with Joey Goodspeed, Jason Murray and Tom Lopienski for the vacant fullback spot.

Antoine Wellington and Brock Williams are questionable for spring practice. Wellington is definitely out for the spring after suffering a

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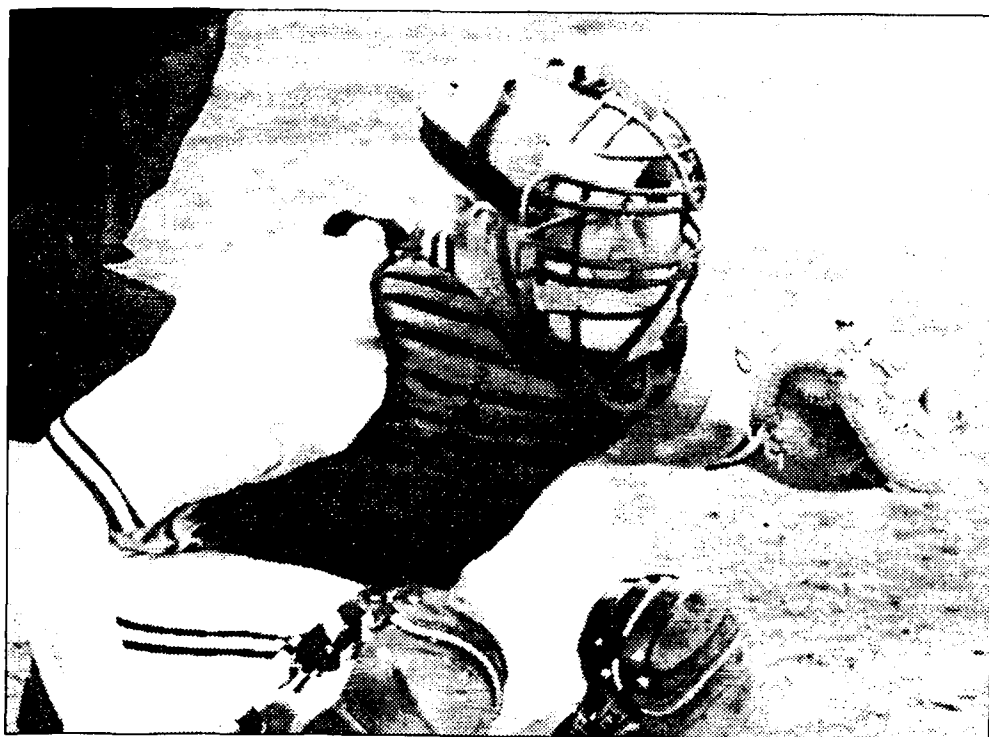
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■ SOFTBALL

Irish kick off home season with pair of doubleheaders



The Observer/Liz Lang
With senior catcher Kris McCleary out because of illness, the Irish softball team faces a tough doubleheader versus Toledo on Saturday.

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

The Irish softball team will play its first home games of the season this weekend.

Opening with Toledo in a doubleheader on Saturday, the Irish will continue their homestand with two games against Bowling Green on Sunday.

With two of their starters out of the lineup, the Irish will go with a younger, less experienced team. Senior catcher Kris McCleary is out, battling mononucleosis, while pitcher Jennifer Sharron will be out 10 days following an ankle injury against Purdue.

"It will give our younger kids an opportunity to step

up," said head coach Liz Miller. "With two starters out, we will have to make some defensive adjustments. We are looking to see what the younger kids are going to do with the opportunity."

'OVERALL WE ARE EXCITED TO PLAY AT HOME. IT WILL BE HELPFUL FOR OUR PLAYERS NOT HAVING TO TRAVEL FOR THE GAMES.'

LIZ MILLER
HEAD SOFTBALL COACH

"Overall we are excited to play at home," said Miller. "It will be helpful for our players not having to travel for the games."

The Irish will take on a very competitive Toledo team Saturday.

"We played Toledo last year and they have a very strong pitcher," Miller said. "She throws hard, so it will be a good match-up. The key will be hitting the ball, and that has been our strength all year. Defensively, we have been able to get outside and practice since the break, and have been improving."

Hitting has been the strength of this Irish.

They currently have five players hitting above .300 for the season, led by Jarrah Myers who is hitting .347 with three home runs and 17 RBIs. Melanie Alkire has also hit three home runs and contributed 14 RBI.

The Irish do not know too much about the Bowling Green team. It has been a few years since the two teams have played, but the Irish expect Bowling Green to be strong.

The Irish will move center-fielder Dani Klayman to catcher, and start a freshman in center. With four games in two days testing the depth of the Irish pitchers, freshmen Michelle Moschel will be forced into action and will make her first start on the mound. These early season adjustments should benefit the Irish in the long run.

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■ TRACK AND FIELD

Irish runners travel to Stanford, Purdue Invitationals

By BRIAN HOBBS
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's and women's track and field teams are looking to get the outdoor season started on the right foot.

The first weekend of the outdoor season will find the team split as some members will compete in sunny California while others remain in Indiana running at Purdue.

Several select members of the team will go to Palo Alto for the Stanford Invitational. This meet will be the proving grounds for many of Notre Dame's distance elite as well as a few other members of the team.

Team members such as Ryan Shay, Antonio Arce, JoAnna Deeter and Allison Kleemer will headline the list. Accompanied by Liz Grow, Terry Wray, Nadia Schmiedt and Chris Cochran in the sprints, Notre Dame looks to put on a strong running performance. Additional members to watch include Jay Hofner, Dore DeBartolo and Matt Thompson in the throws.

"Some kids can qualify for the NCAA's at Stanford, many have a legitimate shot," said coach Joe Piane.

Piane recognized that the distance runners are not the only athletes with an opportunity to shine. "It is also a good meet in terms of sprints and throws," he said.

The magnitude of the Stanford Invitational alone is intimidating without taking into account the fine competition and the transi-

tion from indoor to outdoor tracks.

"Stanford is unscored but it is a gigantic meet," Piane said. "for example there will be 100 participants in the 5000 meters alone."

The athletes prepared with rigorous training schedules during spring break.

Ryan Shay will lead the team in the 10,000 meters despite a slight hip flexor injury just one week ago, an injury he attributes to extra training in the off weeks.

"Over spring break I upped my training and that resulted in the injury since I was on some hillier terrain," he said.

Shay refused to let the injury or anything else stand in his way as he searches for an NCAA bid. "I am not as nervous as on a shorter distance since there is enough time to make up for my mistakes," he said.

Other runners highlighting the men's roster include Arce, Ryan Maxwell, Phil Mishka and Tim Klobner.

Returning to the lineup will be Chris Cochran, who had earlier battled a hamstring injury.

"My hamstring has been feeling good for the last month and is not a concern anymore," he said. Cochran highlighted some of the transitions to be made from the indoor to outdoor seasons.

Highlighting the women's side of the roster are All-Americans JoAnna Deeter and Allison Kleemer.

"We are going out there to get



Sophomore Ryan Shay, 936, will return from a hip flexor injury this weekend to compete in the 10,000 meters at the Stanford Invitational.

it done," Deeter said.

Deeter recognized the significance of highly competitive meets like Stanford for the program. Deeter said she has enjoyed watching the number of Notre Dame athletes participating grow over the years.

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ings don't mean that much," said Patterson.

"There are so many good players, so I'm confident that we can win if we play well."

The marquis matchup of the afternoon will feature Freelove and Irish All-American Ryan Sachire, who is currently ranked second in the country at singles.

'IN COLLEGE TENNIS, THE RANKINGS DON'T MEAN THAT MUCH.'

BRIAN PATTERSON
MEN'S TENNIS CAPTAIN

Notre Dame's Matt Daly (21-8) has played well of late, winning seven of his last nine matches. The Irish will need a big day out of Daly and Patterson. Andrew Laflin, Casey Smith and Andy Warford should round out the rest of the singles lineup.

Illinois is a talented team, but the Irish are staying optimistic.

"They are a top five team, so it's going to be a really tough match," said freshman Laflin, who is 7-1 on the season. "We're going to try to rebound from last week's loss at Blue Gray and try not to be too down. We've got nothing to lose, so we'll go out there and give it our best shot and maybe things will happen and we can



The Irish men's tennis team takes on the second-ranked University of Illinois this weekend at the Eck Pavilion. The Observer/Jeff Hsu

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Stickwomen to take on Buckeyes

By GENE BRTALIK
Sports Writer

After coming off their first loss of the season against 19th ranked Syracuse on Tuesday, the women's lacrosse team looks to rebound at home this weekend against Ohio State and Connecticut.

Ohio State's team comes into Friday's 4 p.m. game with a 3-3 record and are coming off an 11-6 loss to Boston University. The Buckeyes are led by Celeste Cianfrani and Megan Mirick, who lead the team in goals with 11 and 10, respectively.

For the past two years the Irish played the Buckeyes once each season, splitting the games. Last year the Irish used three straight goals by current sophomore Maura Doyle in a come-from-behind 10-9 victory.

"Last year's game was the most exciting game I have played in so far," said captain Kerry Callahan. "It was the first big come-from-behind win for the program."

As the Irish have played Ohio State all three years, both teams basically know each other's style of play.

"They are the closest thing to a rivalry that we have, and after a close win last year we would like to beat them by more this year," said Callahan.

On Sunday at 2 p.m., the Irish

will take on the Huskies, who will be coming fresh off a game against Ohio State on Saturday.

The Huskies, led by Pamela Lowie and her 12 goals, come into the game with a 1-2 record. Connecticut will look to Jennifer Schiavone to stop the onslaught of Irish shots.

Last year, the game was canceled due to inclement weather.

Although the Irish lost to the Orangewomen on Tuesday, all was not lost. Both teams were fairly equal statistically and the second half was played evenly as each team scored eight goals.

The team will try to take the positives from the second half and use them in this game.

"We were disappointed that we didn't play a better game, but we are focusing on coming out ready and building an early lead. We need two good halves of solid play if we want to win," stated Callahan. "Our defense and mid-field have played extremely hard and we need the same level of intensity this weekend."

While the team looks to start a new winning streak this weekend other streaks are still going as Lael O'Shaughnessy has scored five goals in each of the first four games. The main reason for her success is that she has been making good decisions, taking good shots, and finishing off her plays.

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ing block for the upcoming year, especially with a healthy Jackson returning with eight defensive starters.

"I'm proud of what this football team accomplished last year, not just because of winning nine games but, to me, more importantly, how they won those nine games. When we started last season, to be quite honest, there weren't a whole lot of high expectations outside of this football team.

"I think all of us at Notre Dame realize that there is another level that we have to take this to and that's a huge step, particularly with the youth of our football team and the kind of schedule we play next fall. As we enter into this, getting this to the next level is the goal of this football team and this coaching staff," Davie said.

This winter did not provide much rest for the Irish, as they started intensive weight training sessions with strength coach Micky Marotti just two weeks after playing Georgia Tech in the Gator Bowl.

This dedication and time investment has shown throughout the year, Davie said, and it will prove worthwhile when the season begins on August 28 against Kansas.

"Look at our players — we've asked them to do a lot of things. We've stayed after them every second off the field and they've made sacrifices as far as academics," continued Davie. "In the off season, Micky Marotti has had a chance to implement his program and we've been in that program for a full year. I'm excited because of the investment and sacrifice that the players and coaches have made."

Davie also complimented

both his old and new coaching staff for being prepared to commit.

"As a football team and as a coaching staff, there's a lot of people in this program that have made a sacrifice and made an investment. First of all, you look at our coaching staff — you've got coaches that have been here two years that have invested a lot. They've recruited their butts off and have developed players both on and off the field," said Davie. "Look at the new coaches coming in: four new coaches that all left good programs and secure situations to come to Notre Dame."

Davie said his number one priority is focusing his efforts on the special teams.

Last year, the majority of games were decided in special teams situations.

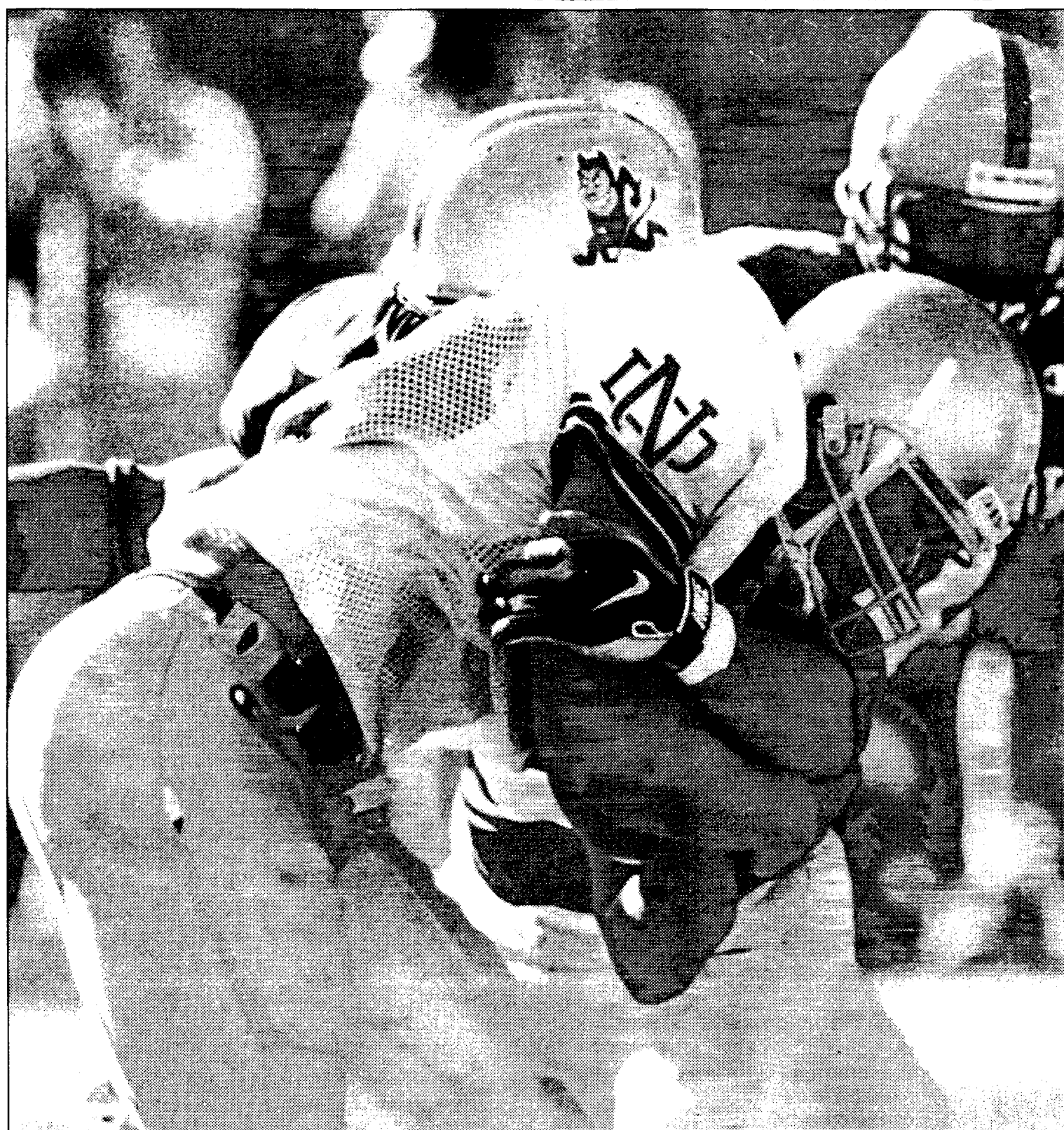
In the Army and Purdue games, game-winning field goals decided the outcome, while in the Michigan game, a forced fumble on the second half kickoff gave the Irish the momentum to upset the defending national champions.

Hunter Smith's 79 yard punt out of the end zone in the Arizona State game was a key factor in the Irish victory. Also, in the Michigan State game, the punt block in the first quarter set the tone for the forgettable 45-23 loss in East Lansing.

With Smith graduating and the shaky play of the return team last year, there will be some holes to fill in the special teams category.

"Maybe because of priorities, you want to jump in there and get the offense and defense started, but we are going to start with special teams," Davie said. "One thing I've learned in coaching is that it's not what you say, it's what you do and we are going to start the very first day with special teams."

Another goal that Davie has



After an impressive season at safety, sophomore Tony Driver will be moving back to his natural tailback position.

set for himself and his team for the spring is to have a simple game plan and to not diverge from that plan. In previous off seasons, the Irish have tried to implement a new offensive scheme but with an experienced quarterback in Jackson, they plan to focus on drawing from his strengths.

"I think it's important for us not to experiment and to do the things that we know we're going to do in the fall," said Davie. "We don't want to go out there and send out trial balloons and work on things that we will not do. I'd rather error on the side of being conservative as far as what we

put in."

The Irish begin practice on Saturday with two days of helmets-only workouts and will take a short Easter break before they begin training in full pads.

The spring season culminates on April 24 with the annual Blue and Gold game.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Strawberry resolves legal issue

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Darryl Strawberry and attorney Robert Shapiro have resolved their legal dispute arising out of Shapiro's representation of the New York Yankees outfielder.

Shapiro sued Strawberry last June in Los Angeles Superior Court, claiming he had failed to pay about \$100,000 in fees for a contract settlement Shapiro negotiated with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1994.

The resolution was announced in a press release from John Morris, Strawberry's attorney in New York, which said in part: "Mr. Shapiro provided valuable legal services to Mr. Strawberry at a time crucial to Mr.

Strawberry's career, and Mr. Strawberry has agreed to compensate Mr. Shapiro for those services."

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JOHN MORRIS

DARRYL STRAWBERRY'S ATTORNEY

The Dodgers released Strawberry nearly five years ago because of drug and alcohol problems.

Morris said Thursday from his New York office that part of the

resolution was a confidentiality agreement, so he couldn't comment further.

"By their nature, I think settlements mean everybody is partially happy and partially unhappy," Morris said. "Darryl is relieved to put this behind him."

After representing Strawberry, Shapiro served as one of the attorneys for O.J. Simpson in the former football player's murder trial.

Strawberry, 37, has also played for the New York Mets and San Francisco Giants in an up-and-down career marred by a federal conviction on tax charges and a 60-day suspension following a positive drug test.

However, he has been a model



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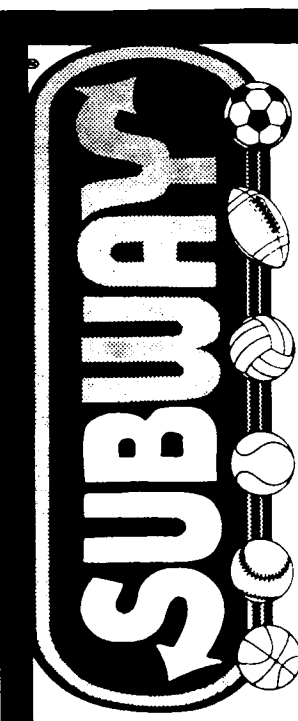
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■ BASEBALL

Big East rivals highlight exciting weekend for sluggers



Pitching will be key for the Irish baseball squad this weekend as it takes on Big East rivals Villanova and Rutgers.

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Assistant Sports Editor

Picked to win the Big East title by both the conference coaches and Baseball America magazine, the Irish baseball team heads east to school a pair of conference rivals in their first weekend of conference play.

Notre Dame (12-6, 2-0 conference) has wielded a hot bat and even hotter pitching as of late, putting together an eight-game win streak. The Irish played their first conference games last weekend at West Virginia, taking two games from the Mountaineers before weather cancelled the third.

This Saturday's doubleheader at Villanova (9-9-1) and Sunday's doubleheader at Rutgers (7-10) give the Irish a chance to prove the preseason predictions were not overrated.

"The Big East is a crazy conference," said Irish starting pitcher Aaron Heilman. "The teams are evenly matched for the most part and anyone can have a good season. We would like to have destiny in our own hands and not have to rely on other teams to lose down the stretch."

Rutgers' last showdown with the Irish came in the Big East

championship game last spring. The Scarlet Knights, who hold an all-time 5-3 edge over Notre Dame, won the game by a dominating 12-0 score.

"It's always in the back of our minds. It doesn't sit well with us" said Heilman on the loss to Rutgers in the championships. "At the same time, we know we have to go out there

complete game in the 4-1 win, fanning nine on three hits and no walks. The win moved his record to 3-1 on the season with a 2.84 ERA.

Lefty Tim Kalita proved to be the second half of the pitching staff's one-two punch last weekend against the Mountaineers.

His eight-inning, four-run effort gave him his third win of the season in the doubleheader's second game, a 6-4 Notre Dame victory. Reliever John Corbin preserved the win in the ninth, picking up his third save.

Corbin added his fourth save Tuesday afternoon against Western Michigan at the Eck Pavillion.

Absent from the Irish rotation is team co-captain Alex

Shilliday. Out since early March with a shoulder injury, the senior right-handed pitcher returned to the mound against Western Michigan.

The Irish using seven different pitchers, Shilliday threw for an inning against the Broncos. The rotation against Western Michigan showcased the talent of the Irish hurlers.

"As a whole, we've really come through when we needed it from our starters," said Heilman. "We're also getting good relief from the staff."

Shilliday most likely will not enter the starting rotation this weekend, but should see some action in later innings. Even with the loss, the Irish pitching staff has kept up the heat during the win streak.

"It's always tough when you lose a key guy like Alex," said Heilman. "Everyone on the pitching staff realizes that they have to step up and contribute more because of this."

The other key Irish injury will continue to affect the Irish this weekend.

Co-captain catcher Jeff Wagner has missed most of March with a foot injury and should not return until early April. Freshman Paul O'Toole has assumed the behind-the-plate responsibilities, surprising the team with his play.

"Those are big shoes to fill with Jeff," said O'Toole. "I know I can't do that, but I'm just trying to play my best and help fill the gap."

O'Toole leads the team in doubles and is second in runs, behind only shortstop Brant Ust. The preseason player of the year, Ust continues to gain ground on Wagner on the all-time home run list. His 39 round-trippers are just four behind Wagner.

A number of fresh faces will step into the lineup for the Irish in the opening conference games.

Freshmen Steve Stanley and Matt Strickroth have covered the center and left field spots, totaling three newcomers in the lineup. Prior to last weekend's injury to third baseman Andrew Bushey, the Irish had a third freshman playing a big role.

"We're trying to go out there as freshmen and make people take notice," said O'Toole. "We're coming out there and the Big East teams have taken notice."

Junior Matt Nussbaum has also stepped up this season to hit .320 in the designated hitter role after only having limited playing time last season.

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IRISH PITCHER

and treat the teams we face the same."

This season, a pair of sophomores have led Rutgers on the mound and at the plate. David DeJesus leads the team in batting with a .448 average while Brian Delehanty rebounded from a 0-2 start on the season to win his last two. Delehanty completed both games, posting a 1.00 ERA.

Heilman, also a sophomore, has held his own for the Irish so far this season, repeating this week as Big East pitcher of the week after last weekend's performance in the first game at West Virginia. Heilman threw a seven-inning

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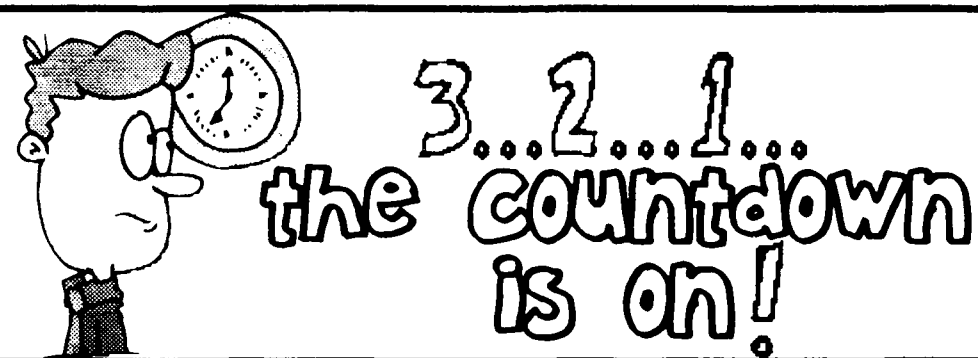
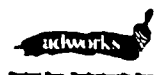
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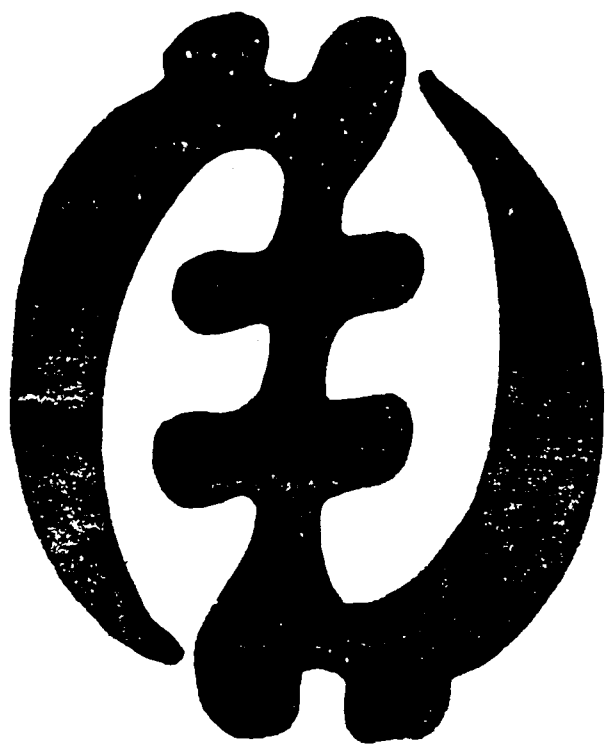
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Lacrosse

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Saturday. We'd love to knock them off since they knocked us off last year but its not something we talk about or think about."

Like all lacrosse games, faceoffs will play a key part of this weekends matchup. Last year, Hobart won the faceoff battle 14-8.

"Faceoffs are the key to every game," Corrigan said. "Faceoffs are like having a jump-ball after every basket. If you lose you end up playing make-it-take-it. Faceoffs are something we have done well all year and it will be a factor this week."

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KEVIN CORRIGAN
LACROSSE HEAD COACH

Since both teams play a possession-style offense, faceoffs take on an even greater



The Observer/Jeff Hsu

Defense will be in integral part of the Irish attack when the men's lacrosse team takes on Hobart this weekend.

importance. Both teams rely on ball control to execute their attack.

Their styles of attack, however, differ vastly.

"They like to possess the ball similar to us," Corrigan said. "But we like to play a free flowing offense with more ball movement while they're more into set plays."

The most challenging part about playing Hobart is their balance. They have received goals from nine different players in their first two games.

"The thing that makes them so dangerous is that there isn't a player you can key on,"

Corrigan said. "They have 10 offensive guys that can hurt you. You have to be prepared for all of them."

The offensive balance of the Statesmen is backed up by an attacking, pressuring defense. There is no special trick to countering the pressure, according to Corrigan.

"All six guys just need to be aware of the pressure on the ball and provide some support," he said. "We just need to handle the pressure from the standpoint of moving the ball effectively and set ourselves up into effective dodging situations."

FOOTBALL

Irish to take part in Robinson Classic

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame and the University of Kansas will face off in the second Eddie Robinson Football Classic, as those two teams open the 1999 college football campaign August 28 in Notre Dame Stadium.

The game will be televised nationally by NBC Sports, with kick off at 2:30 p.m.

The Eddie Robinson Football Classic benefits the Eddie Robinson Foundation and honors the former Grambling coach who retired following the '97 season after 55 years in that role.

He was inducted into the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame in 1998. Robinson finished with a career mark of 408-165-15 (.707) and won more games than any coach in college football history.

Proceeds from the game will enable the Foundation to offer scholarships each year to high school seniors and eighth-grade students, in addition to other scholarships awarded directly to accredited universities.

Notre Dame's appearance in the Eddie Robinson Classic marks its second in one of the exempt, preseason games sanctioned by the NCAA. The Irish defeated Virginia 36-13 in 1989 in the Kickoff Classic played at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

Notre Dame previously played 12 regular-season contests in 1991 and 1997 when the Irish finished the regular season in Honolulu against Hawaii.

1999 will mark only the sec-

ond time Notre Dame has played seven home games in Notre Dame Stadium. The Irish also did that in 1988 when they finished 12-0 and were consensus national champions.

The game will be played four days after the University begins classes on August 24. The Irish will begin fall practice on August 8.

Notre Dame holds a 3-1-1 series edge over Kansas, with each of the last three meetings taking place at Notre Dame Stadium.

Kansas won 24-5 in Lawrence, Kan., in 1904 and tied the Irish 0-0 in 1933 in Notre Dame Stadium. Notre Dame's victories were by scores of 24-6 in 1932 (in Lawrence), 28-7 in 1935 and 52-0 in 1938 (both in Notre Dame Stadium).

This marks the second of four straight seasons the Irish face at least one Big 12 Conference team, following the Irish victory in '98 over Baylor N and including a 1999 game with Oklahoma (Oct. 2 at Notre Dame Stadium) plus two dates with Texas A&M (Sept. 2, 2000 at Notre Dame and Nov. 10, 2001 at College Station).

The Irish defeated Texas in both '95 and '96 seasons and defeated Texas A&M in Cotton Bowl match-ups following the '92 and '93 seasons. Notre Dame also played Colorado in the Fiesta Bowl following the '94 season.

Coach Terry Allen's Jayhawks return 14 regulars from a team that finished 4-7 in '98, while Bob Davie welcomes 11 returning starters plus a placekicker from his 9-3 squad that played in the Gator Bowl after the '98 campaign.

SOFTBALL

Belles overpower Concordia

By DANA KIDNEY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's softball team scored four times as many runs as Concordia University in Wednesday's double-header, winning 21-5 and 11-3.

The wins improved the Belles' record to 8-10 on the season.

The lopsided wins provided confidence for the struggling squad, who dropped both games of a double-header Monday to Manchester College.

The victories over Concordia marked the first double-header Saint Mary's has managed to sweep from their opponent.

"Basically we played together as a team for the first time,"

said junior outfielder Johna Indriolo. "It seems like we're coming together. The leaders on the team are doing their job and the coaching staff is working together. We finally played to our potential."

The Belles showed great hitting skills, finding the holes in Concordia's outfield. They also and combatted with strong defense on the other side of the ball.

"We just decided that we needed to do something different and everyone decided to come together," said Megan O'Keefe. "We were able to win two games; something we haven't done."

The Belles face Grand Valley

State University at home on Sunday. The game against GVSU marks a three-game homestand, playing also against Hope and Adrian colleges.

The players are hoping the momentum they gained in the wins over Concordia will carry into their future games.

"It was a great feeling," said sophomore Betsy Zack. "We can tell that our team is finally beginning to pull together."

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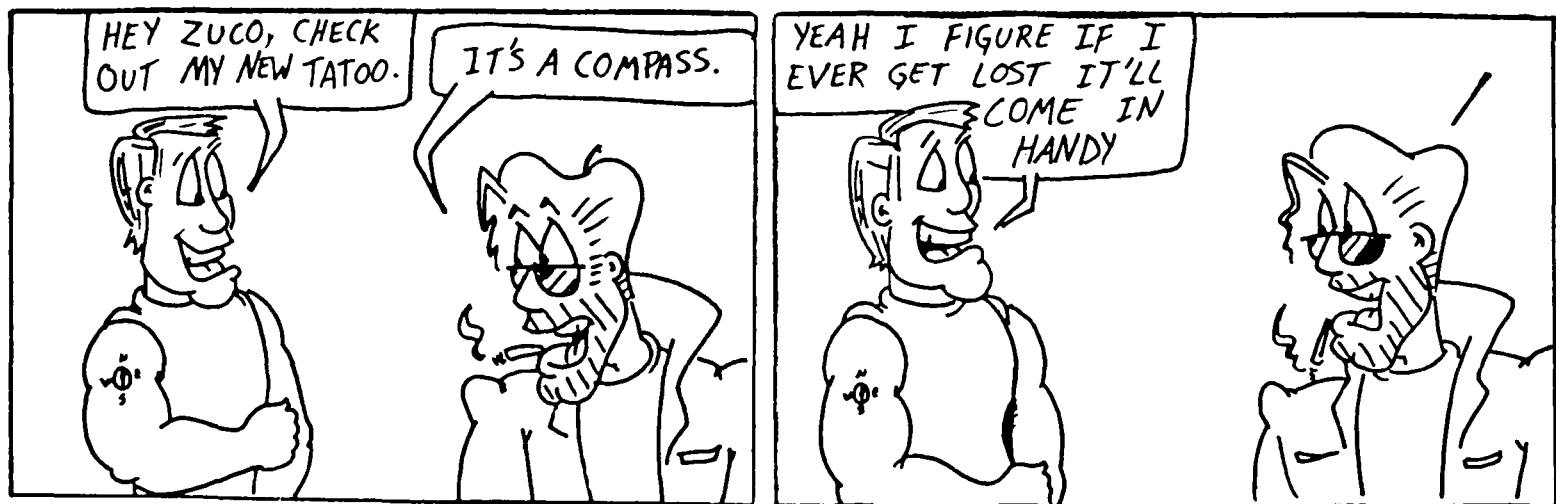
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take care of your social plans early. You won't want to waste a romantic day sitting home alone. You'll have no problem attracting potential partners. Be receptive; you won't be sorry.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Hold your tongue. You are likely to explode if you allow someone to lure you into a heated debate. Busy yourself with projects that will enhance your appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take the initiative and go after your goals. Small-business ventures can earn you extra cash. You have to believe in yourself. Social events will bring you in contact with potential partners.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Someone you care about may not be completely honest with you. One-sided romantic attractions will cause heartache. An unrealistic view of yourself is evident. It's time to take a closer look.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The work you do around your home will be quite rewarding. You need to feel the satisfaction of knowing that your living space reflects your personality. Now you're ready to communicate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): New romantic encounters will develop through activities that include large groups or organizations. You can get a lot accomplished if you communicate openly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Use your finesse to get what you want. Someone you live with may be hard to deal with. The changes that you are experiencing at home may not sit well with everyone concerned.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Outdoor activities will be most invigorating. Take care of any needs your loved ones might have before you take off for the day. You should consider ways that you can improve your surroundings and make everyone happier.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Pull out your personal file and start sorting through all your papers. Tax time is fast approaching and you need to be sure that everything is in order.

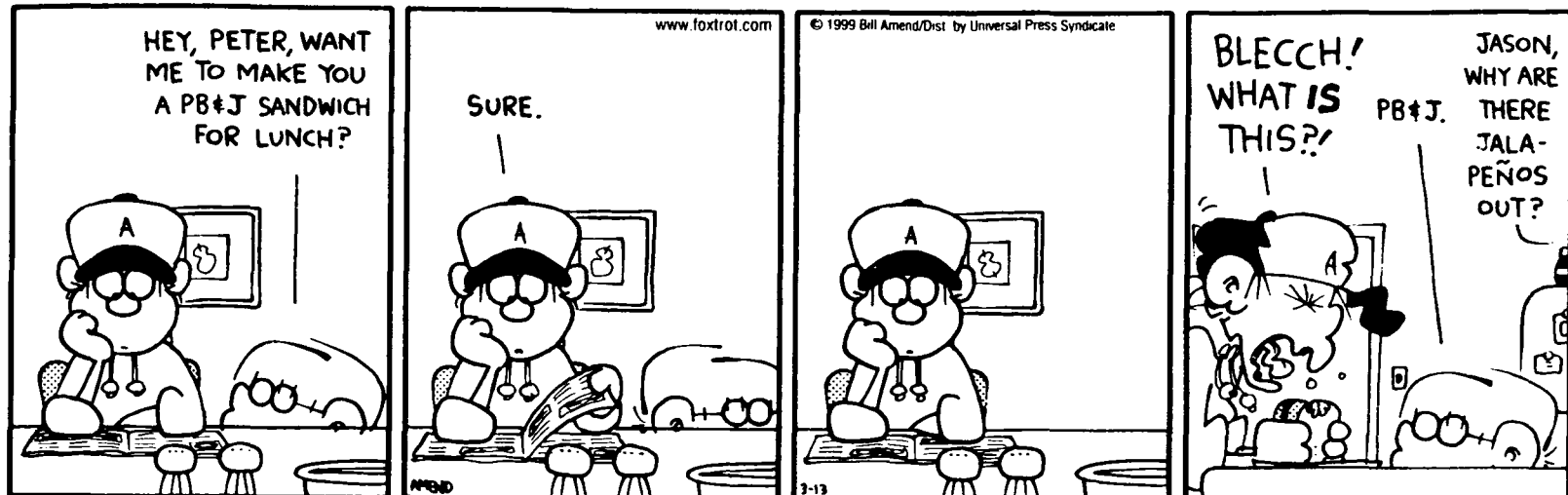
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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll be in a passionate, sensual mood. Talk your mate into a quiet night by the fire and a bottle of good champagne. Let your love for one another unfold naturally.

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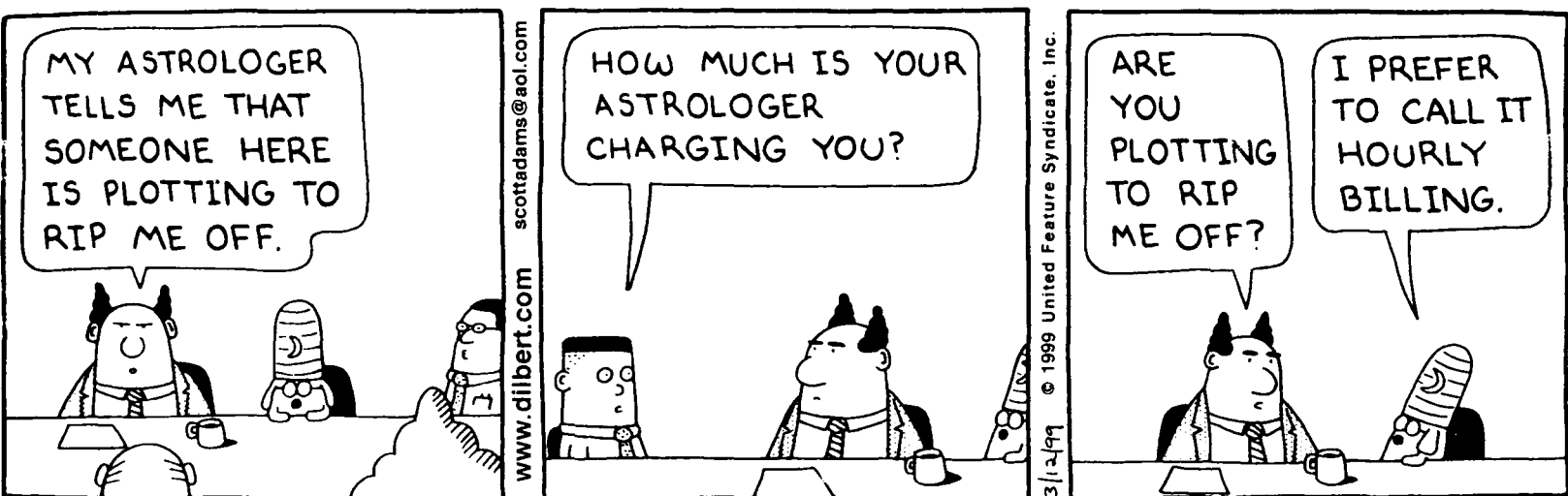
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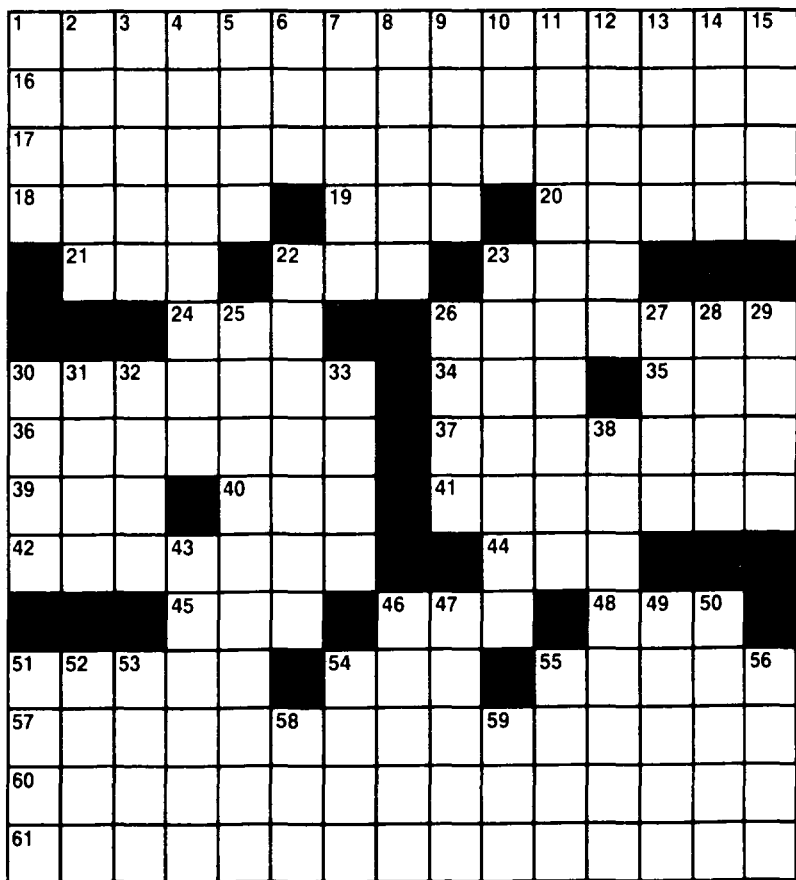
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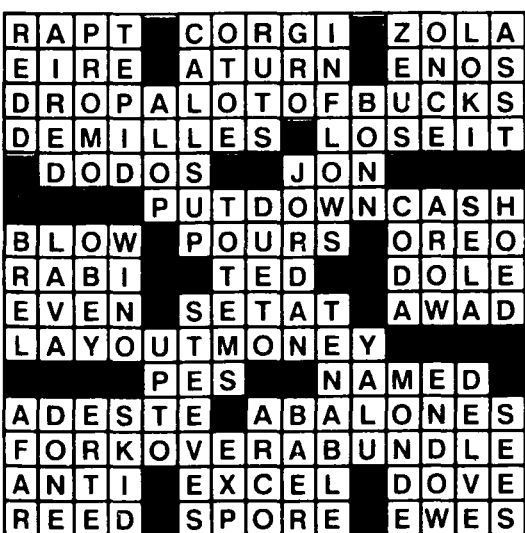


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Institute for International Cooperation and Development — Volunteers in Africa, India, and Nicaragua are needed for IICD international volunteer programs. Former volunteers will present slides and stories on Tuesday, March 30, at 7 p.m. at the Center for Social Concerns.

Disability Awareness Week— Dance tonight! Join members of Logan's recreation program and student members of the ND Saturday Rec group for an evening of fun. Vans leave library circle at 7, 7:30 and 8 p.m. Vans return to ND at 10 p.m.

Human Rights COLT — Professor Marc Belanger; Sister Ann Oestrich, Justice Coordinator, Sisters of the Holy Cross and Kolpona Costa CSC '99 will give a panel presentation "Breaking the Chains of Debt to Developing Countries" Monday from noon to 1 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge.

From Service to Justice: Careers in Social Change— Notre Dame graduates Cece Schickel, Chris and Allison Nanni will join Judith Johns for a panel discussion on careers in social change at 7 p.m. tonight in the CSC. A reception will follow.

ND Grad student Erin Kraemer, soprano, presents a solo recital tomorrow evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium. Alumna Sheree Wesenberg will accompany on the piano; graduate student Stephanie Mann, soprano, will join for a duet. The program includes songs by Mozart, Purcell, Ravel, Wolf, Messiaen, and Joaquin Rodrigo.

ND Senior Danielle Svonavec, soprano, presents a solo recital this afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. Graduate student Joshua Foster will accompany. The program includes songs by Schubert, Schumann, Brahms, Mozart, Fauré, Debussy, and Seymour Barab.

ND Grad student Larry Taylor, piano, presents a solo recital this evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium. The program includes selections by Mendelssohn, Ravel, Barber, and Chopin.

ND Grad student Susan Stewart, violin, presents a solo recital tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. Graduate student Todd Becker will accompany on the piano. The program includes selections by Telemann, Ravel and Shostakovich.

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■ Outfielder Brant Ust leads the Irish baseball team against conference rivals Villanova and Rutgers this weekend.



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FOOTBALL

Davie prepares for spring practices

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

Irish football coach Bob Davie stressed the importance of the spring season at a press conference Wednesday afternoon.

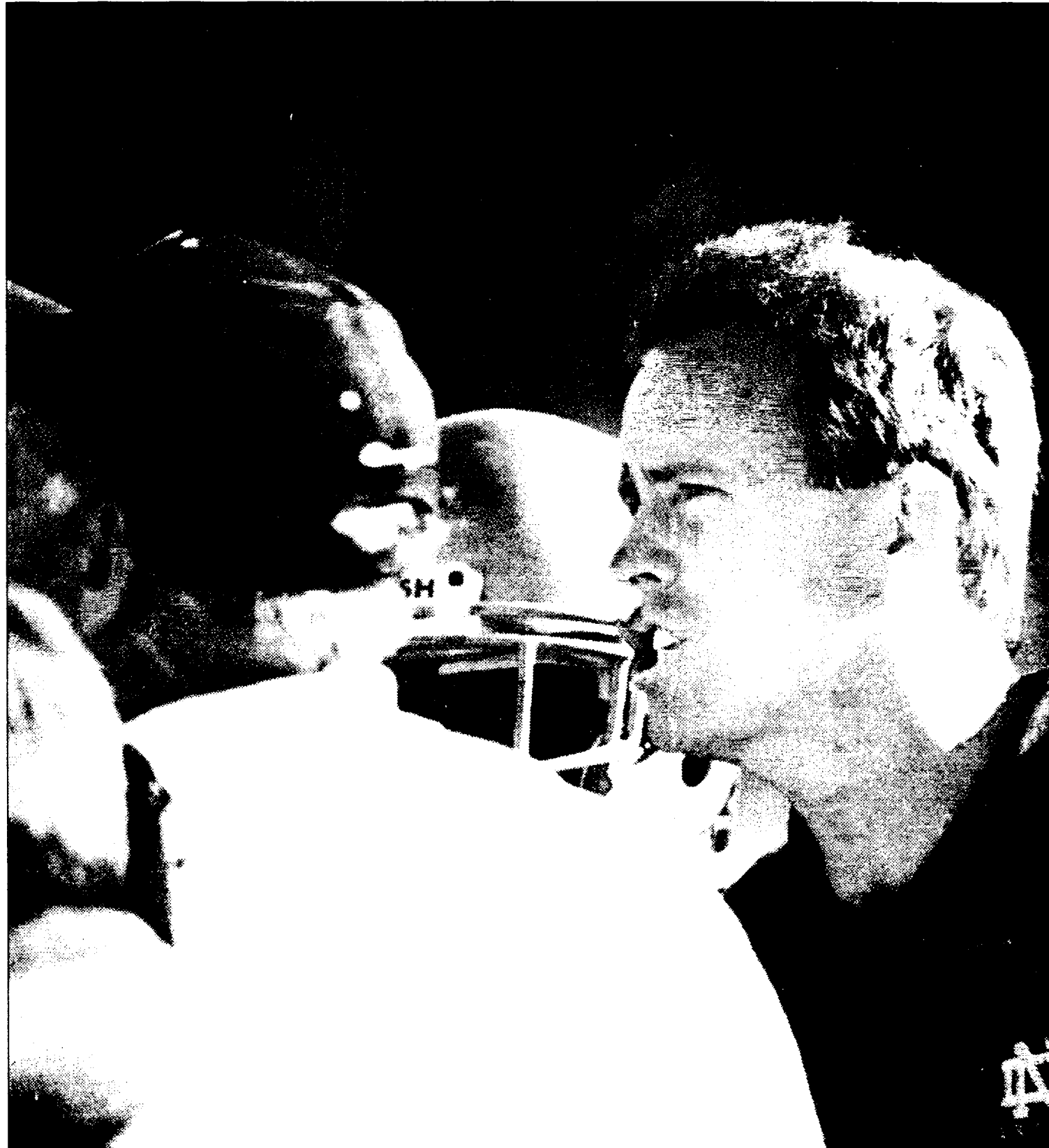
Starting Saturday, the team will have 15 practices, which Davie said will help define the team's attitude and set the tone for the 1999 season.

"It's a great opportunity to go out and implement some new things, a great opportunity to set your foundation for your football team. That's what we're really going to try to do—to set a foundation," said the third year head coach.

Despite an off season of distractions involving the Joe Moore and Kim Dunbar incidents, last year was a successful campaign, Davie said. The team demonstrated character during the 1998 season and, until Jarious Jackson was injured in the infamous end zone debacle, there was still a glimmer of hope that they would be in a BCS bowl.

"We were coming off a summer of controversy and our schedule was tough, but because of what that team accomplished and because of all the hard work and the sacrifice that we put into this over the last two years, we are in the position to take this to the next level," said Davie.

Davie said he sees the team's 9-3 season as a build-



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Irish head coach Bob Davie spoke in length Thursday about the 1999 football team. He expects continued success from a team that posted 9-3 record last season.

MEN'S TENNIS

Fighting Illini to invade Pavilion

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

The No. 26 Notre Dame men's tennis team will have its hands full tomorrow when it hosts a 1 p.m. match versus second-ranked Illinoi at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

"They have a lot of guys back and are a really tough team," said senior captain Brian Patterson. "They play with a lot of intensity and pump each other up. That intimidates a lot of teams, but we'll be ready."

The Fighting Illini four singles players in the top 100 and have two doubles teams ranked in the top 10. The Irish, however, have won 10 of the last 11 meetings and hold an 18-8 edge in the all-time series between the two schools.

"We play them every year and it's always very competitive," said Patterson. "Regardless of who's been ranked higher, it's always been really close and comes down the end."

Notre Dame and Illinois are both coming off disappointing finishes at last weekend's Blue Gray Classic in Montgomery, Ala.

Notre Dame saw its seven-match win streak halted with a 5-1 loss to No. 19 Texas A&M in the second round. The Irish then dropped a consolation match with No. 30 Tulane (4-1).

Illinois lost for just the second time in 15 matches when it fell to No. 5 Southern Methodist in the championship of the Blue Gray Classic.

Junior Cary Franklin, ranked 55th in the nation in singles, was chosen Big Ten player of the week after going 3-0 in singles and 4-0 in doubles last weekend. He and Oliver Frelove should present a challenge for the Irish at No. 2 doubles.

The duo has won eight of its last nine matches and is now ranked seventh in the country. Last week, the team upset the top-ranked and fifth-ranked doubles teams.

The Illini doubles team of Jeff Laski and Gavin Sontag is ranked fourth in the country.

On the singles side, Illinois has a great deal of depth. Frelove (ninth), Franklin (55th), Sontag (82nd) and Laski (88th) are all nationally ranked.

"In college tennis, the rank-

MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish look to double-cross Statesmen

By MIKE CONNOLLY
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Senior Chris Dusseau will lead the Irish lacrosse team this weekend as they take on the Statesmen of Hobart.

Coming off of a close loss last weekend to No. 1 ranked Loyola (Md.), the Irish men's lacrosse team is looking to get back into the win column with a victory over the highly-regarded Hobart Statesmen.

The Statesmen are currently ranked just below the top 20 in the latest STX/Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association Poll.

The Irish, No. 17 and with a 3-2 record, will be battling for more than just their fourth win on the season this Saturday. They will also be fighting to earn head coach Kevin Corrigan his 100th career victory.

Corrigan downplayed the importance of this milestone.

"I think I'd most like to see us get my 100th career win because it would mean we beat Hobart," he said.

The Statesmen travel to

South Bend with a 1-1 record. They lost their opener to Army 13-6 before defeating Harvard 7-6 last weekend.

Last year, Hobart defeated Notre Dame 11-7. Jumping out to a 5-2 lead at the half, the Statesmen picked up their first victory over the Irish.

But that game was far from the Irish's best effort.

"For us last year it was a game where we never really felt like we put ourselves in the game," Corrigan said. "It was a very frustrating day for us because we never felt like we were doing the things we needed to do."

Despite the disappointing loss last year, the Irish are not playing for revenge or putting any extra importance on this year's game.

"We are not worried about last year," Corrigan said. "We are worried about this year's team and the game this

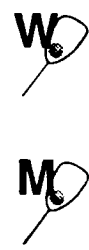
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Softball
vs. Toledo
Saturday, 1 p.m.



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Today, 4 p.m.

vs. Hobart
Saturday, 2 p.m.



Track and Field
at Purdue Invitational
Today-Saturday

Track and Field
at Huntington College
Saturday, 11 a.m.