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Officers bid adieu to the old and welcome in the new



Keenan Hall senator Matt Mamak (above) will continue in student government next year as chief of staff to the Office of the President. At the senate meeting last night, Micah Murphy, student body president-elect, and Michael Palumbo. student body vice president-elect, praised Peter Cesaro, Andrea Selak and chains, study areas and a bowling alley in

By ALISON HEINZ

During his last day in office, student body president Peter Cesaro addressed the Student Senate with concerns about a three-dollar service charge increase at Key Bank and stressed the positive outcome that student involvement can bring to the

"The ATM in LaFortune is the only Key IMnk ATM that dispenses \$10 bills in addition to \$20 bills because students expressed their wish for that," said Cesaro.

The Senate passed a resolution petitioning the placement of Notre Dame Federal Credit Union ATMs — which do not add a service charge to users' accounts - in accessible locations, such as North and South Dining Halls.

Although an NDFCU ATM is located at the new bookstore, students have expressed dissatisfaction with the machine's inconvenient location.

The NDFCU ATM at the former bookstore will be demolished along with the struc-

In other senate news:

• In response to complaints by North and Mod Quad residents that Reckers is too far away, the senate discussed a resolution calling for the gutting of Walsh Hall and construction of another student center, complete with a dance floor, fast food

its place.

The resolution did not pass.

• The Residence Life Committee confirmed that the Campus Life Council examined three of the senate's four parietal revisions.

Bill Kirk, assistant vice president for Residence Life, voted in favor of extending parietal hours and providing 24-hour space during breaks.

 Various senators received awards for their work during the 1998-99 term.

The Big Ten committee and the non-discrimination committee were named the "Hardest Working."

The left-handed desk committee was chosen as "Most Selfish," and the committee working for more bike racks earned the title of "Most Environmentally Friendly.

• On the eve of their first official day in office, the 1999-2000 student body president and vice president, Micah Murphy and Michael Palumbo, addressed the current and the rising senators, praising Peter Cesaro and Andréa Selak for their hard

Cesaro will graduate in May while Selak. a junior, will remain active in student government as academic delegate.

With five returning senators, the 1999-2000 senate has more experienced members than last year's group, which had only two returning senators.

Joe Cassidy will continue in his role as the Student Senate government advisor.

Woo: Glass ceiling still remains

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY Associate News Editor

Despite great strides in the last few decades, the proverbial glass ceiling has not yet been broken, said Carolyn Woo, dean of the College of Business Administration, on Wednesday in her speech

"Women in Leadership: Is the Glass Ceiling Broken?'

"The glass ceiling is ot quite shattered she said, expressing the sentiment that women leaders in business and management often experience the inability to rise above a certain level of responsibility. "It feels very real."

Woo cited statistics claiming that within the next five years women will make up 50 percent of the workforce. At present, however, the top five positions in 25 percent of corporations are held by men, and in 15 percent of businesses, women are not part of the 12 to 15 people who comprise boards of directors, Woo said. She also said that even in comparable jobs women do not receive equal pay.

"If you look at officers' salaries there's still a differential," she said. "It's about 68 cents to the dollar ... [It's getting better, but] if we take a snapshot at this point in time, there's still a disparity.'

Woo attributed the male monopoly in some high-ranking companies to a number of factors. The first, she said, is women's style, explaining that women are perceived as supportive, empathetic, nurturing and detail-oriented.

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CAROLYN WOO DEAN, COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

"Women are very good in terms of follow through and detail. [The perception is that] women are not comfortable with conflict and confrontation," she said. "Whether it is perceived, whether it is real, this is the characterization of women."

Woo said that this perception tends to cause women to be employed in what she called staff positions rather than in line positions, which are more often held by men. Line positions include jobs such as managing sales or determining how a product will be marketed,

and often require risk-taking and making hard choices. The perception of women works against them in obtaining these types of jobs, Woo said.

"There's a perception that women don't handle tough decisions as well (as men), she said, describing line positions as jobs in which an

employee must face numerical data on a regular basis to determine if goals are being met

Staff positions, do not require this constant accountability, explained Woo. She described these posi-ADMINISTRATION tions as support jobs and listed the fields of relations. public

human resource management, technical support and accounting as examples.

Women tend to go into staff functions and, when they are in leadership positions, it's in staff positions," she said. "They are further away from where the heat is.'

Different networking styles also contribute to the glass ceiling problem, said Woo.

"Women are very good at developing their internal networks," she said, explaining that women develop strong

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Teach-in demands Catholic solutions to sweatshop problems

By CHRISTINE KRALY

Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame wants to make sure its apparel is produced in a manner "consistent with the [Catholic] Church's teachings," said sweatshop task force chairman William Hoye at the No Sweat Teach-In Wednesday night.

According to Hoye, the University is trying to abolish sweatshop use in the manufacturing of its consumer merchandise and is searching for the right solutions [to the problem] consistent with the [ideals] of a Catholic institution.'

Several speakers offered explanations at the teach-in, sponsored by Amnesty International, University College Democrats and the Progressive Student Alliance, on how the University is dealing with the issue of sweatshops.

Father Oliver Williams, management professor and fellow of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, said it is "embarrassing" that there is an ongoing debate about the labor conditions of sweatshop workers, especially concerning their living wages.

"[There is] absolutely no reason we can't press these companies [into raising the wages]," he said.

The living wage of a laborer, according to the speakers, is a wage on which a worker would be able to maintain a stable living. The difficulty in maintaining a specific living wage, said Hoye, is that the cost of living differs in various countries where Notre Dame apparel is manufactured. This can lead to problems in underpaying workers.

Notre Dame will be monitoring not only the living wages of labor workers, but also their minimum ages and safe working conditions, as a new member of the Fair Labor Association.

The group, consisting of 16 other colleges including Duke and

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Intellectual Impotence

When it comes to discussing political issues, I've always considered myself fair. I make every attempt to hear each side and usually have a clear understanding of opposing viewpoints. Unfortunately,

this is not the case with abortion and its proponents here on campus.

Dustin FerrellAssistant Viewpoint Editor

Specifically, recent outcries in the case of the Women's Resource Center have really brought some issues out of the woodwork. I give full credit to Catriona Wilkie, who tried tirelessly to get it through to several parties that she had been referred to an abortion clinic at the WRC. One individual still questions whether or not the incident occurred. Clearly, a Ph.D. doesn't guarantee attention to detail.

These individuals, representing both the faculty and student body, found it necessary to grace us with their views on the WRC issue. The faculty member openly questioned Ms. Wilkie's allegations, indicative of someone who wouldn't believe the evidence if it "hit him squarely in the face." Ms. Wilkie did an excellent job of explaining herself and certainly doesn't need my help.

A recent student letter also attacked the issue with a heart-warming approach. In an ironic twist, the author thanked God for abortion rights. That comment opened up the remainder of the letter for a bitter tirade directed at the pro-life movement. The author expressed the belief that maybe what Ms. Wilkie's friend needed was an abortion. What a wonderful thing to say to somebody. How anyone could make such a statement is beyond me. I pity the fool who trivializes abortion in this matter, relegating it to a simple choice — like what to eat for breakfast.

The real clincher came when the author alluded to pro-lifers as men who obviously weren't having sex and who were attempting to tell women what to do with their bodies. Although any remaining credibility in the letter immediately vanished, I still thought a lot about the comment. I don't know if I can make it any clearer: No one is telling women what to do with their bodies. Rather, they are telling women what to do with the life that a woman supports, since it is in fact a life, not just some useless tissue mass.

I find it interesting that people like this rally around the right not to conceive, a right we all support. Of course, by abstaining from intercourse in the first place, one could easily make this choice. Once the life has been created, any choice is clearly murder.

Seeing as how the pro-choice argument remains weak and terminally flawed in its most basic form, some have redirected their efforts to personally attacking the pro-life movement. One columnist recently associated Right to Life and similar groups with murderers who gun down abortion doctors. This argument takes on an extreme rather than focusing on the mainstream movement. That is nothing short of cowardice.

Another column recently chided the Right to Lifers because of their emphasis on abortion and not on capital punishment. I realize that we can't all excel in mathematics, much less addition. But most of you realize that the number of abortions far exceeds executions. Regardless of which side you take, that number has great significance.

The arguments pushed by the pro-abortionists have hurt their cause more than anything else. If any rational pro-choice persons exist, wait for them to voice their opinions, instead of making yourselves look incredibly foolish.

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

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Outside the Dome

Students keep in touch with Serbian relatives via e-mail

NORMAN, Okla.

Srdan and Bojan Kalajdzic are able to communicate with friends and family in their native Serbia even though the area is engulfed in war and violence.

Srdan, an architecture graduate student, and Bojan, a business administration sophomore, said that without e-mail they would probably not know what the situation was in their homeland.

"Certainly judged by the American standards, the two of us are currently very poor," Srdan Kalajdzic said. "We can't have any financial support from home because of the war, and whatever we make here is what we have.

"Unfortunately, that would never be enough for us to make daily phone calls to Serbia. So e-mail and Internet allow us to do miraculous things and to be well informed about the current situation of our family and in our



hometown.'

Andy Horton, a film and video studies professor, has also exchanged emails with friends in Belgrade, the Yugoslav capital.

He said friends have asked him to pass messages on to loved ones living outside the Balkans.

"I would like to think this kind of communication is going to be one part of the solution," Horton said.

"This rapid communication is very democratic. The police and the dictators cannot stop this. E-mail is working much better to Belgrade than phones are."

Balkan-centered chat rooms have been filled the past few days with people trying to find out about the safety of their friends and family.

Srdan Kalajdzic said that while email has allowed him to make sure of the safety of his family, the instant communication can also cause added anxiety

He mentioned an e-mail from one friend in which the friend told him the bombs were falling and he had to go.

"Go where, when I know that there are no bomb shelters in his neighborhood?"

Srdan Kalajdzic said. "I could imagine everything, his room where we have spent hours and hours studying for tests in high school, deserted streets of my hometown, my mom and my dog probably in panic a few miles away, everything."

■ University of Pennsylvannia Students hold enthusiastic beer rally

PHILADELI

Engaging in chants of "What do we want? Beer! When do we want it? Now!" between approximately 800 and 1,000 students gathered on campus Tuesday afternoon to protest the recent decisions made by the administration regarding the University's alcohol policy. The predominantly undergraduate protesters — who chanted and held up signs comparing the administration to Soviet Russia and its new policies to Prohibition — were enthusiastic in expressing their disapproval of the implementation last Thursday of new temporary restrictions that ban alcohol at registered undergraduate events. "Take away my alcohol, I'll take away my tuition," one student's sign read. Another student challenged police, saying, "Cite me, I'm sober," while another declared, "I'm drunk right now." The afternoon had the atmosphere of an outdoor fraternity party, as music blasted from speakers.

■ STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Health care eliminates 2,000 jobs

STANFORD, Calif.

In response to a first quarter operating loss of \$10.7 million and prospects of continuing budgetary shortfalls, UCSF-Stanford Health Care announced a plan Monday to eliminate 2,000 jobs. Cutbacks will be made in two rounds. In the first round 1,250 positions will be eliminated and 725 positions will be eliminated in the second. All cuts will be completed by late August. As many as 800 workers will be laid off, while other positions will be eliminated through attrition. The reductions in workforce are part of USHC's plan to trim \$170 million from its operating budget and reach a balanced budget by the beginning of the 2000 fiscal year. Administrative employees will be most directly affected by the layoffs. USHC plans to cut 40 percent of employees in central administrative services. Hospital support staff will be cut by 28 percent. Lassiter said that the reductions should not affect quality.

■ OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Students fall victim to scam

COLUMBUS, Ohio

Over spring break, two Ohio State students fell victim to a scam and wound up being held against their will and robbed by a suspect who was later arrested on the victims' front porch. Tony Niccoli and Kevin Callison, both sophomores, said on the morning of March 23 a suspect, later identified as Shawn Fedrick, 20, knocked on their apartment door. Callison answered and Fedrick said he was looking for their roommate who had the car with the Beastie Boys sticker, the roommates said. Niccoli said Fedrick told Callison he owed one of his roommates money because a deal went bad in the sale of a Sony PlayStation and that he was returning the money. Callison went to his bedroom and Fedrick used their restroom before confronting Niccoli. Fedrick entered the living room. "He asked if I had ever been shot before." Niccoli said. Fedrick then asked him for money.

■ Princeton University

President favors ending nude olympics

PRINCETON, N.J.

University President Shapiro spoke out in favor of the Committee on the Nude Olympics' report in an interview Tuesday, describing the proposed plan for banning the event as "a very thoughtful approach to the issue." Shapiro said he will continue to review the details of the report over the next few days in preparation for a meeting of the university board of trustees late next week. However, he said his initial reaction to the proposal was positive. If Shapiro and the trustees approve the wording of the report, it could become university policy by the beginning of next year, he said. Shapiro said he agreed with the general language used to describe future offenses relating to the Nude Olympics. "As the Supreme Court has said, 'Some things are hard to describe, but you know it when you see it,'" he said. "I think people both who are participating will know what they're watching."

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

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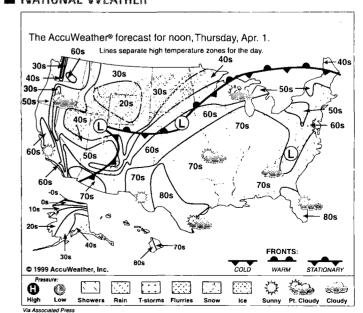
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■ NATIONAL WEATHER



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Buffalo	66	49	Los Angeles	60	48	San Francisco	65	43
Burlington	56	36	Manchester	67	37	Seattle	53	34

ND Folk Choir will air on ABC stations **Easter morning**

Special to The Observer

The University Folk Choir, assembled members of the student body and the Basilica of the Sacred Heart will be features of a television program titled "Easter at the University of Notre Dame: A Celebration of Hope" to be aired Sunday morning on ABC television affiliates nationwide.

The program, originally broadcast last Easter on NBC, also will be broadcast Sunday at 4 p.m. on the national cable chan-

The program of sacred music for Easter is a project of the U.S. bishops' Catholic Communication Campaign. Produced by Golden Dome Productions, the program was taped last March during morning and afternoon Easter sessions. Father Harry Schlitt of the Archdiocese of San Francisco serves as the program's host and narrator.

The Easter program includes music written by the Cistercian monks of Gethsemani Abbey in Kentucky, the Our Father customarily sung by the Folk Choir at Mass, a new setting of "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" by composer Steven Janco, a Celtic Alleluia and a variety of sacred songs from churches in Africa and Latin America.

The Folk Choir, formed in 1980 and directed by Steven Warner, associate director of Campus Ministry, provides music for the basilica's 11:45 a.m. Sunday Mass during the school year.

The choir, which includes some 55 male and female singers and woodwind, string and percussion instruments ranging from congas to an Irish bodhran, has toured in Ireland and England. The group performed for Pope John Paul II at World Youth Day in Denver.

The Observer wishes you a happy and safe Easter weekend.

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Fun in the Sun



Students gathered on North Quad Wednesday to play frisbee and enjoy the sunshine as temperatures soared. Wednesday marked the warmest day so far this year. Temperatures are expected to reach 68 degrees on Thursday and 74 degrees on Friday.

Conlon named editor of leading business management journal

Special to The Observer

Edward Conlon, the Edward Fredrick Sorin Society professor of management at the Notre Dame, has been appointed editor of The Academy of Management Review, making Notre Dame home to two

of the leading journals in

A member of the University's faculty since 1992, Conlon will serve as editor-elect of the journal from July 1-Dec. 31 and as editor for the following two years.

Management.

Robert Vecchio, the Conlon Franklin Schurz professor of management, is the editor of the Journal of

The Academy of Management Review is one

of the two journals published by the Academy and ranks in the top 20 among the 343 journals of most interest to business faculty, according to the Social Science Citation Index Journal.

Its mission is to be the outlet of choice for the publication of theory in the field of man-

Conlon joined the University faculty in 1992 after previously teaching and conducting research at the University of Iowa and the Georgia Institute of Technology.

He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Pennsylvania State University in 1972 and master's and doctoral degrees in organizational behavior from Carnegie Mellon University in 1975 and 1977, respec-

Conlon specializes in the study of organizational behavior, organizational design, decision-making and conflict management.

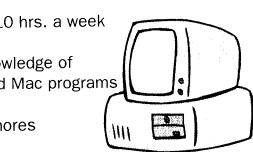
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FRI., MARCH 19

■ SECURITY BEAT

12:29 p.m. A Dillon Hall resident was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a sports injury.

6:46 p.m. A Breen-Phillips resident reported the theft of her locked bike from a bike rack at Breen-Phillips.

6:47 p.m. Security transported an O'Neill Hall resident to Memorial Hospital for treatment of a sports

9:15 p.m. Security cited an offcampus student for disregarding a stop sign on Holy Cross Drive.

SAT., MARCH 20

1:00 a.m. Security issued a University citation to an O'Neill Hall esident for minor consumption of

5:45 a.m. Security issued four University citations to O'Neill Hall residents for minor consumption of alco-

Sun., March 21

1:30 a.m. Security issued a University citation for minor consumption of alcohol to a Keenan Hall resi-

2:15 a.m. Two Keough Hall residents were issued University citations for minor consumption of alcohol.

2:34 a.m. Security issued two University citations for minor consumption of alcohol to Sorin Hall residents. An Alumni Hall resident was transported by Security to the University Health Center for treatment of a sports injury.

Sweatshop

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Harvard, was formed by the Industry Apparel The AIP, Partnership. appointed by President Clinton, regulates sweatshop conditions in the U.S. and abroad. "I don't know how [how the FLA will work] because it hasn't really started yet," said Williams. see how it works out.'

Part of the FLA's mission to end unfair labor practices includes regular inspections of factories and allowing certain workers the right to organize. The group, however, does not enforce a "living wage" for manufacturing companies.

The FLA is made up of colleges and universities and also human rights organizations and union groups, all working to abolish sweatshop labor.

"We find it [the FLA] to be a cred-

itable process," said Hoye, who stressed the importance of recognizing human rights groups as fellow members.

ARE.

One demand the University is voicing through the FLA is full disclosure of all the manufacturers producing Notre Dame apparel. Without this information, monitoring sweatshop labor is nearly impossible.

A concern about disclosure, according to Hoye, is that it could put students traveling abroad to manufacturing sites in danger.

To date, no known licensee has been terminated from manufacturing, said Hoye.

Notre Dame is also participating in the American Apparel Manufacturers Association, which is a group aimed at certifying companies within the legal confines of the government's labor laws. The University, said

Hoye, was the first U.S. university to establish a code of conduct for its licensees, and may be the only school involved in both the FLA and AAMA.

Estimated costs for Notre Dame's sweatshop monitoring programs are around \$75,000.

"A shirt we [the University] sell for \$20 probably cost us \$2," said Williams, adding that consumers "really ought to use our consumer power' to force manufacturers to improve working conditions. "[I] encourage you [the consumers] to fight.

"It has to come from you," said assistant professor Patricia Davis, also a fellow of the Kroc Institute.

Davis said that monitoring manufacturing companies is

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strategy, but that governm e n t enforcement agencies are grossly understaffed and many firms get away with unfair practices without ever being inspected.

Companies shield themselves from legal liability by hiring independent contractors to hire and assign wages, she said. Nike, for example, hires contractors to manufacture its products and therefore doesn't answer to labor misconduct charges.

"No code of conduct will ever be a panacea," said Hoye. "[It's] not going to be perfect [but the University is] struggling with the major issues this represents.

"Have we gone far enough? No," he said. "Can we go further? Yes.

"Unless you visit these countries, you have no sense of how well we are, and how poor they are," said Williams.

"This is not a Democratic cause or a Republican cause," he said. "This is a human cause, and I think everybody can agree on

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relationships with co-workers, "but women are not very good with external networking.'

To the contrary, men are better at developing relationships with outside contacts like bankers, investors and members of the chamber of commerce, according to Woo, who noted that these types of contacts are more important as one moves up the corporate ladder.

She also attributed the lack of female representation in top positions to the fact that women are socialized differently than men from an early

"[Women] are really brought up to please," she said, noting that women tend to be more concerned about earning others' approval and more fearful of rejection than their male counterparts. "Approval, affirmation and so on is very important."

Women seeking top positions. also have to confront what Woo termed the work/life balance, and the desire to place more emphasis on the latter has dissuaded some from pursuing advanced degrees and high-ranking jobs.

"Women still have to make decisions about where their families fit in all this," she said. noting that the number of female MBA students has fallen in recent years. "Where do children, family, work, professional and personal satisfaction all fit together?"

Woo also emphasized that when today's women bump into the glass ceiling they should get in touch with their own talents and they should not give up.

"You will shortchange yourself if you get so upset with the one door that is closed to you that you can't get excited about all the other doors that are open to you," she said.

Instead, she said, the solution may be to change the way women perceive themselves.

"What is the worth of someone else's approval? ... In the end of it, it's about the ability to take risks and to go into a situation," she said. "Part of learning to be tough is learning to be measured. When you don't make your numbers, you don't die, crumble and fade away. There's another month to show what you can do.

Woo joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1997. Prior to her work at the University she served as the associate vice president of Academic Affairs at Purdue University. She has received numerous awards in various areas of education.

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John Kelly

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Professor Kelly is the General Editor of The Collected Letters of W.B. Yeats in 12 volumes, 3 of which have appeared (1986-97). He is also General Editor of the Woodstock Books series of reprints of nineteenth century Irish texts, seven volumes of which have appeared between 1996-97. He is a leading authority in Yeats, in nineteenth century Irish literature and in the history of the Irish Revival. John Kelly is currently Professor of English at St. John's College,

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■ World News Briefs

Scientists find DNA conducts electricity

BASEL, Switzerland

Strands of DNA might someday be used as wires in computer chips and transistors, a study suggests. Hans-Werner Fink and Christian Schoenenberger of the University of Basel in Switzerland found that DNA conducts electricity and is a good semiconductor. A semiconductor carries electricity better than an insulator but not as well as a conductor like copper. If DNA strands could be made with a switch to turn the current flowing through them on and off, they could be used to build extremely tiny electrical devices, the researchers said. Fink said he knows of no metallic wires that can be made as small or as regular as DNA strands.

Lovers stoned to death

NEW DELIII, India

Fifteen villagers have been charged with stabbing and stoning to death a young couple who ran off together and refused to disavow their ties, a newspaper reported Wednesday. The couple was killed Tuesday and their bodies were dragged to a cremation ground and set on fire outside the village of Shimla in the northern Indian state of Harvana, about 120 miles west of New Delhi. Des Raj, 23, and Nirmala, 17, ran away last week and sought shelter in the house of a relative, the newspaper said. The man reportedly informed their families, who pressured them to split up and return to their respective homes. When Raj refused to leave Nirmala, the matter was put before the village council. Raj was summoned to a village assembly and, with the approval of his family, beaten to death with stones and sticks in front of hundreds of people. Afterwards, Nirmala was repeatedly stabbed.

Lewinsky investigation bill totals \$6 million

WASHINGTON

Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr spent more than \$6 million on the Monica Lewinsky scandal, and the overall investigation of President Clinton is becoming the most expensive in history, congressional auditors reported Wednesday. The latest figures, for the six-month period ending Sept. 30, 1998, bring the total cost of Starr's 4 1/2year inquiry of the president and Hillary Rodham Clinton to nearly \$40 million. Starr replaced Robert Fiske, who spent \$6 million. The most expensive independent counsel investigation to date was Lawrence Walsh's \$48.5 million, six-year probe of the Reagan administration regarding its arms-forhostages deals with Iran and its secret war against the communist-led government of Nicaragua. Reports by the General Accounting Office show that the cost of investigating top administration officials during the Clinton era now tops \$76 million.

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Yugoslav employees of the Sloboda household appliances factory in Cucak, a town about 150 kilometers southwest of Belgrade, attempted to salvage items from the rubble. More than 20 missiles were fired at the factory, according to the state agency

NATO attacks, pledges 'no sanctuary'

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BELGRADE

Widening its air assault on Yugoslavia, NATO pounded targets Wednesday near a major Kosovo city and vowed there would be "no sanctuary" for Yugoslav forces trying to rid Kosovo of ethnic Albanians.

With the air campaign against President Slobodan Milosevic's forces entering its second week, Western officials acknowledged that NATO's missiles and bombs had so far failed to stop Belgrade's offensive in the province.

Russia backed its disapproval of the NATO campaign with a show of force Wednesday, saying it was dispatching a frigate to the Mediterranean and putting other warships on standby. NATO warships firing cruise missiles at Yugoslavia are deployed in the Adriatic Sea, off the

Mediterranean.

With hints from Western diplomats that NATO bombs and missiles could soon be raining down on the Yugoslav capital of Belgrade, NATO spokesman Jamie Shea reiterated on Wednesday that the alliance's insistence that Yugoslav security forces are bent on purging Kosovo of both ethnic Albanians and their culture.

Shea said Yugoslav forces were destroying archives including property deeds, marriage licenses, birth certificates and financial records.

"This is a kind of Orwellian scenario of attempting to deprive a people and a culture of the sense of past and the sense of community on which it depends," Shea said.

The Yugoslav war crimes tribunal said Wednesday it had indicted Serb paramilitary leader Zeljko Raznatovic for Bosnian

war-era atrocities — an announcement seen as a warning signal to Milosevic about what legal action awaits him and other Yugoslavs for their actions in Kosovo.

Thousands more refugees from the province poured across the frontier Wednesday into neighboring countries that are already overwhelmed by Kosovo Albanians who have fled their homes since the NATO bombing began March 24.

Long lines of refugees formed at the borders of both Macedonia and Montenegro, where departing Kosovo Albanians said another 5,000 people were coming behind them.

The U.N. food agency said refugees were crossing some border points at a rate of 4,000 an hour. At least 118,000 ethnic Albanians have fled to Albania, Macedonia and Montenegro, the U.N. High

Commissioner for Refugees said Wednesday.

"The human mind cannot imagine what they are doing there," said Sabri Hajzeri, 30, a painter who was among the first group of refugees from Pristina, the capital, to cross into Albania.

The Yugoslav government insisted, however, that NATO's attacks had provoked the refugee exodus. The main victims of its bombs were civilians, it said.

"Because of the bombs of the aggressors, columns of desperate people stream out in all directions," the government said in a report in Tanjug. The Supreme Allied Commander Europe, U.S. Gen. Wesley Clark, said his request to NATO members for more firepower would be insufficient to stop the attacks against civilians, which are reportedly spearheaded by irregular Serb militia units.

■ KOREA

Missile talks with North Korea fail

Associated Press

SEOUL Eleven hours of "intensive" talks have failed to convince North Korea to accept a U.S. demand to stop developing and exporting missiles, American negotiators said Wednesday.

"We had frank discussions ... but I can't say we have made any breakthrough," said Robert Einhorn, who headed a U.S. delegation in two days of missile talks with North Korean officials that ended Tuesday.

Einhorn, U.S. deputy assistant secretary of state for political and military affairs, flew in late Tuesday to brief South Korean officials on the talks in the North's capital, Pyongyang. He was scheduled to fly Thursday to Tokyo to brief Japanese officials.

In Pyongyang, Einhorn said he held "intensive, serious talks" with North Korean officials.

While maintaining their position, North Korean officials agreed in principle to hold another round of talks, he said.

The venue and date of the next talks, the fifth since 1996, will be decided through consultations between U.S. and North Korean diplomats assigned to the United Nations in New York, Einhorn said.

He identified North Korea as the world's No. 1 exporter of missile equipment and technology.

North Korea, he said, provided Pakistan and Iran with missile equipment or technology that enabled those countries to test-fire medium-range missiles last year.

Einhorn said he warned North Korean officials that further missile tests and exports would hamper their hope of improving ties with the United States.

"Developing, producing, deploying and testing missiles that can threaten U.S. allies and U.S. armed forces and can eventually threaten the United States is inconsistent with improving ties with the United States," he said.

North Korea said Wednesday it will never change its missile policy under pressure from the United States.

It is North Korea's "legitimate right of self-defense to develop, test and produce missiles by its own efforts to defend the security of the country because the U.S. is posing constant threats to it with enormous nuclear missiles and weapons of mass destruction," a North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

■ ELECTION 2000

Bush, Gore lead race in search of presidential campaign funds

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CALIFORNIA AND NEW YORK, HAVE

PUSHED UP THEIR PRIMARIES SO MUCH AND

Texas governor George Bush and vice president Al Gore have jumped out to big fund-raising leads in their respective party's presidential battles, both hauling in dollars far faster than Bush's father did in 1987 in the last open race for the White House.

Gore has raised at least \$7 million so far this year for his bid for the Democratic nomination, aides close to his campaign told The Associated Press. Gore tapped more than 40,000 donors, 77 percent of whom gave less than \$200 each, said

the aides, who expect the final figure to be slightly higher because money was still rolling in Wednesday.

The vice president's total is double the expected \$3 million- THEY ARE VERY EXPENSIVE STATES. plus that his lone Democratic challenger, former senator and professional basketball star Bill Bradley. expects to report the

same period, according to Bradley aides. In Austin, Texas, Bush announced he has been raising money at a \$2 million-a-week clip since he formed his presidential exploratory committee March 4 and will finish the month with more than \$6 million.

The total is eye-catching because the Texas governor, unlike Gore, has not hosted a single fund-raiser yet or even formally announced his

All of the GOP hopeful's money was raised through telephone and mail appeals, his aides said. Gore has had four fund-raising events so

The total is also important because Bush, if he runs, is considering forgoing federal financing provided to presidential candidates in the primaries so he can free himself from spending limits and better compete with millionaire publisher Steve Forbes for the GOP nomination.

Forbes is spending much of his own money and has not provided his fund-raising totals.

To forgo federal matching funds, experts pre-

dict Bush will have to raise \$50 million or more, substantially more than the \$30 million President Clinton raised as a popular incumbent in his primary re-election in 1996.

"This is a great start, but I recognize that we have a lot of work ahead," Bush said.

Other potential GOP presidential candidates such as Sen. John McCain of Arizona, former Vice President Dan Quayle, conservative activist Gary Bauer and former Red Cross chairwoman Elizabeth Dole are all expected to finish the first three months of 1999 with \$3 million or less in fund raising.

Both the Texas governor and Gore have raised

HERB ALEXANDER

money far faster than former President Bush did in the first quarter of 1987 when, as the vice president vying to replace Ronald Reagan in an open race, he raised \$2.4 million and was the top fund-raiser

in either party The record for the Professor, University of Southern California first three months of a two-year presidential election cycle still

belongs to Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, who raised more than \$8 million in the first quarter of 1995 for a GOP presidential bid that eventually stalled and died.

The Gore and Bush efforts continue a trend over the last decade in which candidates raise money faster and earlier as states have compressed their primary election schedules to the early part of 2000.

"It's because the big states involved, California and New York, have pushed up their primaries so much and they are very expensive states," said Herb Alexander, a professor emeritus at the University of Southern California who has studied political fund-raising for four decades.

'And that is the biggest problem for candidates coming out of relatively inexpensive states like lowa and New Hampshire — there's not enough time to raise money after then."

"In 1976, Jimmy Carter had something like five weeks after New Hampshire and the next primary and that was the time he could raise money, but that doesn't exist anymore," he said.

Stocks demonstrate strengths of market

Associated Press

NEW YORK Prices retreated on Wall Street Wednesday, dousing an early rally in technology stocks, as interest rates rose in response to several reports of the economy's continuing strength.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 127.10, or by 1.3 percent, to 9,786.16. The Dow opened higher, climbing 88.80 to 10,002.06 in the first hour of trading, but quickly fell back. Despite the decline Wednesday, the average of 30 blue-chip stocks ended the first quarter of 1999 with a gain of 604.73 points, or 6.6 percent.

Broader stock indicators faded in the final hour as technology shares trimmed early

The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 14.38 points to close at 1,286.37, and the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index fell 18.89 to 2,461.40 after flirting with a new high early in the day.

Dow component IBM, at one point up 2 15/16, closed down 1 5/16 at 177 1/4. In Nasdag trading, Dell ended up 1 at 40 7/8, after trading as high as 42 1/4. But Internet stocks held up well, with Amazon.com adding 7 1/2 to 172 3/16.

Investors were adjusting their holdings ahead of the Bryan weekend. Piskorowski, a market analyst at Prudential Securities, said they were "just tired, tired, tired," after pushing the Dow industrials to their first close above 10,000 on Monday.

Piskorowski said investors were also concerned about Friday's release of March unemployment data, especially because the stock market will be closed that day in observance of Good Friday.

There is widespread fear that a drop in the unemployment rate will cause interest rates to rise, as they did Wednesday following some strong economic reports. The yield on the 30year Treasury rose to 5.62 percent from 5.58 late Tuesday.

Bond prices fell after a report from the Purchasing Management Association of Chicago showing manufacturing strengthened in the Midwest during March. The regional report is often considered a precursor of the national purchasing managers' report due out Thursday.

You had a bit of a reaction in the bond market to the Chicago report," said Alan Skrainka, chief market strategist at Edward Jones of St. Louis, "although I think the silver lining is that the economy is still strong. What the stock market should recognize is that ultimately, the strength of the economy will lead to stronger corporate profits.

But stocks were still following the lead of bonds in reacting to the Commerce Department's report that the nation's gross domestic product surged at a 6 percent annual rate during the fourth quarter, close to the department's earlier estimate of up 6.1 percent. GDP increased by a robust 3.9 percent in 1998.

A price index tied to the GDP rose just 1 percent in 1998.

The government's corporate profit report, which is the bottom line for stock investors, was less upbeat. Its first estimate of after-tax corporate profits showed a drop at an annual rate of 1 percent in the fourth quarter, the third quarterly decline last year.



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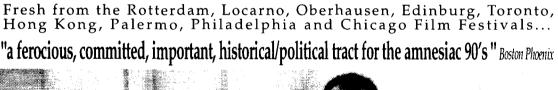
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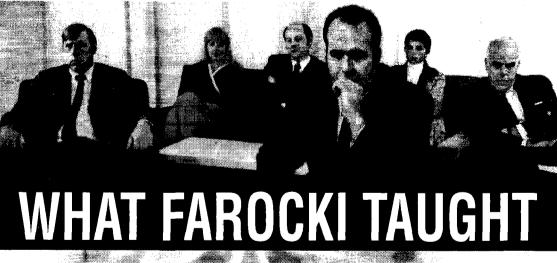
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Clinton plans airlift for ethnic refugees

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Clinton administration plans to airlift supplies in a \$50 million aid effort to benefit the more than 100,000 ethnic Albanian refugees who fled Kosovo because of a Serb offensive and broadening NATO airstrikes on Yugoslavia.

The Pentagon will transport the supplies to the neighboring countries of Macedonia and Albania, but acknowledged there is little U.S. officials can do to help more than 1 million ethnic Albanians still in the Yugoslav province of Kosovo, under threat from Serb forces.

The only way to do it would be through airdrops and I think it is not a very hospitable area through which to fly airdrops at this time," Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said. He said Yugoslav forces "largely control the ground" so there could be no assurance that airdropped food, medical and other supplies would reach Kosovars.

Bacon blamed Yugoslav President Słobodan Milosevic for the continuing wave of tired and hungry refugees, many fleeing villages burned to the ground by Serb army and police and facing the threat of being slaughtered if they stay in Kosovo.

They're leaving because the alternative is to be murdered or starved by Milosevic," Bacon said. "They are fleeing a murder machine.

NATO anticipated there would be refugees and before airstrikes began March 24 the alliance stored enough food in the region to feed 100,000 people for several weeks, Bacon

U.S. and NATO officials also anticipated the potential for "ethnic cleansing" by the Serbs.

"I think everybody is appalled by what's going on, and even knowing rationally that a man has a record of ethnic cleansing, of supporting concentration camps, of supporting massacres, of supporting killing, you're shocked every time you see it again,' Bacon said.

"But you can't teach an old dog new tricks, and Milosevic is an old dog up to his old tricks, which is plain old ethnic cleansing.

Half the \$50 million in relief money will pay to airlift food and other needed supplies to the Balkans and the other half will be sent to the U.N. High Commission on Refugees and other international assistance White groups, House spokesman Joe Lockhart said.

Additionally, the U.S. Agency for International Development sent a disaster relief team to Albania to assess the growing humanitarian crisis, Lockhart

As NATO airstrikes continued for an eighth consecutive night, Bacon said it appears allied forces struck several Serb tanks and other heavily armed vehicles for the first time as commanders began concentrating more on stopping the Serb assault on Kosovars.

Feds to recognize genocide

Associated Press

WASHINGTON The Clinton administration is coming as close as it can to labeling Serb atrocities in Yugoslavia genocide without crossing a line that could raise the legal stakes under a 50-year-old international treaty.

The Genocide Convention. signed after World War II by most countries, including the United States

Yugoslavia, neither requires nor prohibits military intervention in a country where it is occurring.

But the pact that arose out of Holocaust establish genocide as an international crime, opens the way for criminal and civil charges against individu-

als and could bolster arguments for foreign intervention in another country's affairs, including the use of ground troops.

The Genocide Convention defines genocide as acts 'committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial or religious group.

It lists such acts as killing members of the group, causing serious bodily or mental harm to its members, deliberately inflicting conditions aimed at destroying the group and imposing measures aimed at preventing births within the group or forcing the transfer of children out of the group.

Suggestions of genocide in connection with Yugoslavia first surfaced Monday, when State Department spokesman James Rubin declared there were "indicators genocide is unfolding in

A day later, Rubin said, We're talking about forced expulsions, we're talking about rape, we're talking about mass murder, we're talking about hundreds of

thousands of people being

Calling it genocide, he

Tuesday night, President

said, would not change the

Clinton used the word with-

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PRESIDENT CLINTON

the facts are in." Abrams said, then governments are morally obligated to "do everything in their power to

Washington University law professor Ralph Steinhardt said

stop it."

now using the word, a lead-

ing human rights group

working on the Kosovo crisis

been shouting about human

rights violations in Kosovo

and felt the administration

was behind the curve," said

Fred Abrams of Human

is out there ahead of us. We

don't want to say genocide is

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"For a long time, we have

has not gone that far.

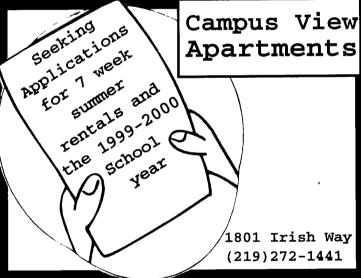
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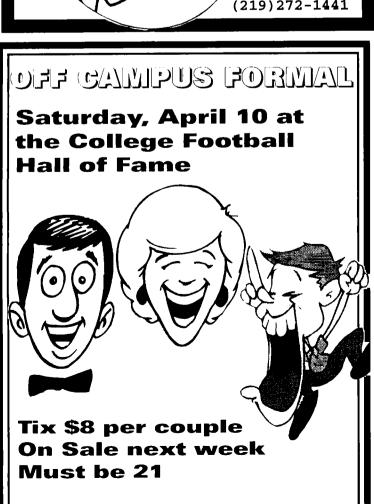
that although the Genocide Convention does not mandate enforcement or military intervention, allegations of genocide were used as partial basis for intervention in

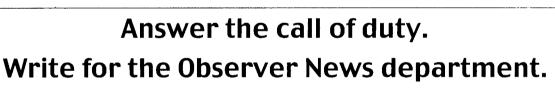
The allegations could be used, Steinhardt said, if Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic is taken before the new international war crimes tribunal.

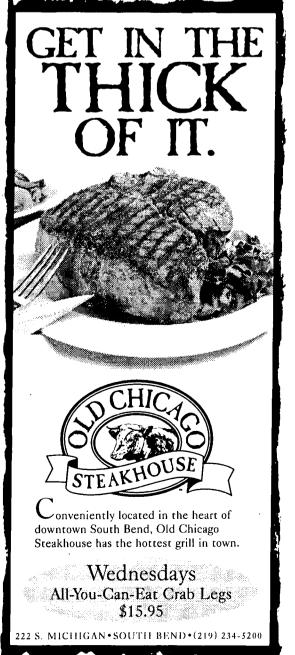
"The law answers the question of individual liability," he said.
"Collective humanitarian

intervention is a little closer to the line," with wide disagreement over whether it can be justified.











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■ Morocco

First Lady hopes tour erases negative stereotypes

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Greeted with reverence and adulation, Hillary Rodham Clinton proclaimed her tour of North Africa a welcome escape and a success for U.S.-Arab relations.

"I always like getting away from Washington," the first lady said Wednesday as she and her daughter Chelsea wrapped up their 12-day tour-

diplomacy— through Egypt, toward one another. Tunisia and Morocco.

"I hope for our country this has also been a trip that has helped to move the agenda forward as to how we relate to people in this region of the world," the first lady said in a brief news conference.

Particularly, she said she hoped her tours helped to erase the "stereotypes and negative images" that some

part sightseeing, part U.S. Arabs and Americans harbor

Preparing depart Thursday for Washington, Clinton sounded reluctant to face decisions about whether to seek the Democratic nomination for Senate in New York in 2000.

"I've really tried to put it out of my mind the last 10 days," she said.

She focused instead on the

Western leaders in condemning Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic for the Serbs' treatment of ethnic Albanians in Kosovo.

But her husband did not mind musing on what the responsibilities of a husband of a senator might be.

"I don't know, but I am willing to fulfill them," President Clinton said with a laugh during an interview with CBS headlines at hand, joining anchor Dan Rather that

focused largely on the crisis in Kosovo. "You know, I would fill in at dinners, make speeches when she had to vote. I'd be the main caseworker at the New York state office. I'd do whatever I was asked to.

The first lady said she's been "horrified" by the news she has seen on TV from Kosovo and the "propaganda" from the Serbs. She accused Milosevic of "a kind of perverted political decision-making."

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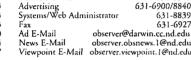
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■ LIFE AT ND

Dreaming in Black and White

Maybe it was an unfair question, but it was asked of me nevertheless.

One day during a visit with a relative, a discussion arose about the tendency of some African-American men to date Caucasian women. One of the women in the room eventually came up to me, looked me straight in the eye and asked

Mel **Tardy**

me, "Be honest. If you had a choice between a black woman and a white woman, and everything else about them was totally equal, which one would you choose?

My eyes met hers for a four-second pause and then shot up to the left as I prepared my answer: "I just don't know, I don't have a preference. I'd have to get to know them both as individuals

From that moment on, I've always known which way eyes go when people lie - up and to the left. Quite frankly, the question caught me off guard. I truly wanted to say what she wanted to hear: "Why of course, I'd choose the beautiful, black woman!'

In my heart, though, I knew it wasn't the truth. In fact, even what I said to her — which sounded nice and probably was politically correct — wasn't the truth. I knew in my heart that, if such a choice existed, I would've most definitely chosen the Caucasian woman.

You might ask what's wrong with an African-American man being fond of Caucasian women. On the surface and ignoring the societal taboos placed on such a thing, absolutely nothing Nevertheless, if you are an African-American woman and you do some simple math on African-American male availability in your head, you might begin to get a bit nervous.

In fact, my teenage daughter and one of her African-American friends recently said that when they get older they're going to have to become white or Hispanic if they ever want to get married. I'm not certain where that notion arose (and I quickly assured them that this would not be the case), but at a young age they are already sensing society's place for African-American

As an African American, however, the question that I now must ponder is not "what" but "how." How did I develop this preference? How did it enter my psyche?

Other African Americans may have different reasons, but interestingly enough, I believe the answers may lie in my dreams. My dreams are deeply rooted in the American dream — but not in the way you might suspect. You see, I dream of Jeanie with the light brown (i.e. blonde) hair. I dream of bright angels with golden wings. I dream of kids playing in green parks. In my dreams, I fly in blue skies to the envy of all (and sometimes experience that never-ending fall). People chase me. We might fight. I dream in colors so very bright ... except, of course, EXCEPT for b-l-a-c-k.

I'm not quite certain when I noticed, but several years ago it dawned on me that, relatives notwithstanding, almost all of the people in my dreams were white! As an African American, that was quite a shocking revelation Looking back now, however, I can see how it might have developed.

From childhood to early adult years, I was usually in educational settings with Caucasians. I primarily studied the history and culture of Caucasians. I watched TV shows featuring Caucasians ("I Dream of Jeanie," "Charlie's Angels," etc.), with commercials for products that primarily targeted

Caucasians. I then spent evenings hanging out with Caucasian friends, listening to Caucasian rock or popular music (that's all the radio allowed anyway) and arguing about which Caucasian classmates or Caucasian actresses we preferred. I then went to church and prayed with Caucasian images of God and Biblical persons in my head.

Dreams don't lie. Those of African descent simply never made it to the casting calls for my dreams. I believe that this, coupled with the "-isms' towards my people that I (like all Americans) learned from society, led me to develop a preference for those outside my own race.

In actuality, it is a symptom of the self-hate that many of African descent develop in America when we lack knowledge of ourselves. Let me clarify: It wasn't the fact that I considered dating Caucasian women that I lament is that I got to a point where I rarely considered women of African descent, that is, women who looked like my mother. I turned my eyes and lied to my relative's friend that day, because I could not bring myself to say what was in my heart - that, at that time, I found our people less attractive.

When the media portrays an interracial relationship, they always seem to portray it as an "individual" developing an attraction for another individual (who "happens" to be of another race) because of who that individual is. I guess it's inconceivable (shall we say taboo?) for an individual to have a preference for a whole other race or ethnicity. In our society, however, it does happen. Unfortunately for my race, African-American women are usually placed at the very bottom of the list of prefer-

Other people — and maybe some of African descent — often wonder why we have events like Black History Month, NAACP Image Awards, BCAF Fashion Show, Essence and Ebony magazines, etc. Odd as it seems, we've been called

ugly so loudly and for so long that we need to constantly remind ourselves of our beauty, so that we free ourselves from, rather than perpetuate, the hatred — and self-hatred — of our people, which has been institutionalized as a result of America's unique racial his-

Although we have very few standards of beauty in our society for women of African descent, let us not forget that the Virgin Mary (dark-skinned and of African descent, despite the more recent and prevalent Eurocentric, artistic portrayals) is one of those standards.

African peoples ARE beautiful! Our beauty — like that of ALL God's people — has depth and character. No, it isn't skin deep. Neither, however, does it only exist below the surface.

In the end, I did not develop (nor seek) a sole preference for the women of my race, but an understanding that, given the subconscious Eurocentric standards of beauty and the prevalent racism and stereotypical views that I (even as an African-American male) may have inherited from this society, I needed to make a conscious decision to CONSIDER the women of my race. After that, I would get to know them individually and go from there.

Can you believe it? Once I started doing that, my techno-colored dreams actually began to be cast in black and

Maybe you're thinking that life shouldn't be so complicated. You're right. Then again, life shouldn't have racism.

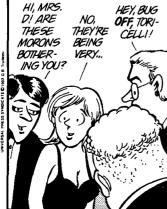
So ... what color are YOUR dreams?

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■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

If we insist upon being **■**as sure as is conceivable, in every step of our course, we must be content to creep along the ground and can never soar.'

— John Henry Newman

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Architecture Students Support Professor Blanchard

This past weekend, the University of Notre Dame celebrated the 100th anniversary of the architecture program. Over the years, the School of Architecture has had several different chairs that each instituted different ideas beneficial to the education of the students. Mr. Frank Montana created the Rome Studies program in 1969, and Mr. Thomas Gordon Smith became chair in 1989 and radically changed the school's curriculum to that of classical and traditional architecture. Most recently, Mr. Carroll William Westfall was named chair of the School of Architecture. He began his job this past summer and upon reviewing the structure of the program, he proposed a series of changes that he felt would benefit the school, most specifically changes in the Rome Studies Program curriculum.

The intent of this letter is to express our opinions regarding the ramifications of the decision not to renew the contract of Professor Jeffrey Blanchard, a professor in the Rome Studies Program. Upon hearing this news, our reaction was utter disbelief. We asked ourselves what would be reason enough to completely remove what we consider to be the heart of the Rome Program. His knowledge of Renaissance and Baroque urbanism, architecture and art, as well as his wisdom regarding Italian culture, are what distinguish our program from others of a similar nature. According to the information we received, the reasons leading to the release of our esteemed professor are as follows: Due to his involvement with the Cornell University Program, he has been derelict in his responsibilities to Notre Dame; There is an excessive teacher to student ratio in the Rome Program: The University can no longer afford to keep him, and; his teaching methods are not consistent with the new academic and curricular goals of the program.

We propose that this is not the case. Instead, Professor Blanchard has surpassed our expectations, providing us with incredible academic and cultural experiences throughout the year. His devotion to the students is further manifested in the continued refinement of our field trips which expand our knowledge of traditional and classical architecture beyond Rome's ancient walls. Therefore, we believe that the accusation that Professor Blanchard is derelict in his responsibilities to the University is unfounded.

Secondly, the University strives for a high teacher/student ratio to sustain its excellent quality of education. As the situation now exists, one of the three visiting professors divides his time between undergraduate and graduate design studio, another teaches architectural theory and design studio, while the third teaches sketching and watercolor and design studio. This means that two-thirds of us study nine of our 15 credit hours under a single professor. The elimination of another position as an attempt to satisfy the financial situation of the Rome Program is detrimental to the ratio and inhibits the maintenance of the high quality of education vital to Notre Dame. We believe that the use of financial limitations as an excuse not to renew Professor Blanchard's contract is hypocritical because of the current intention to expand the faculty on the home campus.

The School recently released documents concerning the Generations campaign that state the desire to "animate teaching, stimulate learning and encourage scholarship." Professor Blanchard's methods of teaching epitomize these goals. His comprehensive understanding of Rome and its environs has allowed him to acclimate us to the spirit of the architecture, art and culture of Italy. His tireless attitude and unparalleled rapport with students make Professor Blanchard an irreplaceable professor. The intense relationship with the architecture and art of the city of Rome that we and those before us have developed will be missing from the curriculum. The current structure of Professor Blanchard's course has potential benefit in any program studying architecture and art.

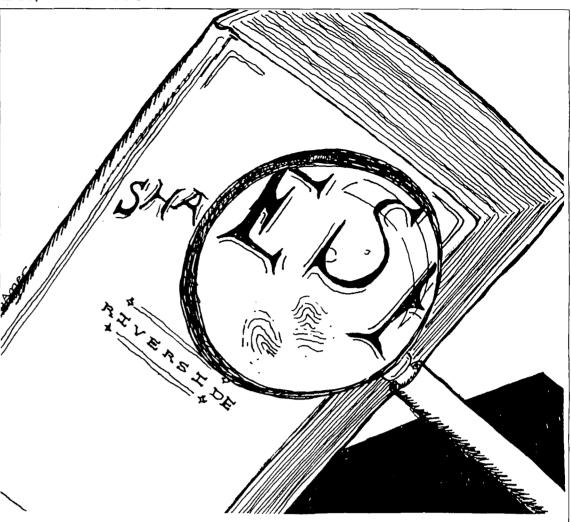
We are aware that this decision was based on a great deal of research analyzing all of the potential results of this action. However, we find it curious that student and faculty input was not taken into account during this process. Had that been the case, those who have studied under him and those who have taught with him would not have supported the elimination of professor Blanchard's position in the Rome Program. This dramatic change to the Rome Program will not directly affect our class as we have already completed a majority of this year in Rome as students of Notre Dame's School of Architecture deserve to spend it. The absence of professor Blanchard's insightful course on Renaissance and Baroque Italy is indeed unfortunate for future classes. With the arrival of a new Rome Studies director and new visiting studio professors, Professor Blanchard would have represented the single remaining consistency in the program.

As this extraordinary year comes to an end for us, we feel increasingly lucky to have had the opportunity to learn from Professor Blanchard, a man who is integral to the Roman educational experience.

Class of 2001
University of Notre Dame School of Architecture
March 28, 1999

■ So, WHAT'S MY POINT?

OBSERVER



A Loss of Innocence ... and Shakespeare

Nakasha

Ahmad

The "Riverside Shakespeare" is an impressive book. It contains all of the authoritative works of the Bard — comedies, tragedies and histories — and puts them in easy reach. The Riverside contains notes on the text, little introductory articles, and descriptions on the back of many of the 20th-century productions of Shakespeare, both in film and on the stage.

The Riverside is a veritable Shakespeare encyclopedia. Suffice it to say, Shakespeare encyclopedias do not come cheaply. Also suffice it to say that to fit all that information into one tome, it is

necessary to produce a 300pound book that will break the back of even the most experienced of backpackcarrying students. So when I thought someone had stolen my precious Riverside, I was distraught. I was furious. I was outraged.

On my way to my last class last Thursday, I was tired. Really tired. And my backpack was already full to back-breaking, backpack-splitting limits. So I figured I'd just leave my big huge weapon of a Riverside in the off-campus lounge/game room in Haggar. After all, I've been here almost three years, and I've left stuff in there for weeks at a time. Nobody's even touched it, let alone taken it. (Granted, my Russian folder and my notebook can't be resold at book-buyback time like my Shakespeare, but it was Thursday afternoon --- my weekend brain apparently kicked in a day too early). Besides, I thought, who's going to walk in between 2 p.m. and 3:15? Probably not many people. So I left my "Riverside" on the shelf in Haggar and blithely walked out, secure in the inherent integrity of all those who would venture into Haggar Game

Do I even have to finish this? I came back to Haggar an hour and a half later, again blithely, and lo and behold, all blitheness stopped. Instead it was more like doom, despair and misery. My book was not there. I talked to the people who were in there at the time — the Riverside hadn't been there when they came in. I looked under tables and chairs, behind shelves, desperately (and rather stupidly) hoping it to have magically removed itself to another corner of the room in its effort to play a practical joke on me. I didn't search the room — I searched the entire building.

So when I finally realized that it was irrevocably gone, I steamed. I fumed. I railed. I had more

than a few choice words to say about the perpetrator of this crime. And while The Observer isn't a "family newspaper," I doubt that the editorial staff would deem it appropriate for me to elaborate on the nature of those choice words. (Hint: Think four letters.)

I mean, I knew people stole books, but I hadn't expected it to happen to me until I entered law school with 500 other competitive sharks. I went to the bookstore and told them about it at length, where those wonderful people promised to watch out for it at buy-back time.

Every acquaintance I bumped into heard about the tale that evolved into the "The Mysterious Robbery of Nakasha's Very Expensive and Very Heavy Riverside." My faith in human nature was gone. Nobody could be trusted anymore. I had lost my innocence. Never again would I be the same trusting and

optimistic person.

So I spent the next 24 hours brooding over my lost Riverside, which was now looming to legendary proportions. I prayed the entire day that it would turn up by some miracle. And the next day, I walked through LeMans, saw my name on the message board and went to the front desk to claim my message. And then the desk clerk opened up her drawer and took out ... my Riverside! I was ecstatic. I was elated. I was on Cloud Nine. (And I almost hugged the bewildered desk clerk.) I thanked God, and then I again stopped every acquaintance I had to let them know that my book had been saved.

But after the elation simmered down into deep contentment, I began to feel like Bertie Wooster after he's mucked things up — I felt sheepish. Very sheepish. The poor anonymous person who probably turned in my book for safekeeping had been unfairly maligned (to half the student body) by me. So, I guess I owe her (or maybe him) a profuse apology for my slanderous conduct. And a heartfelt thank you for not choosing to make a profit off my Shakespeare.

Oh, and my innocence? It's back and better than ever. Well, at least until law school.

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■ OF EASTER CANDY, EGGS AND PATENT LEATHER

How about a secular holiday?

By ELLEN ANDERSON

Scene Writer

"Come on, Mom. There's no such thing as the Easter Bunny," a friend once said. "Think about it. A big, fat rabbit hopping all over the world? How is he supposed to cross the oceans? It just doesn't make sense."

Although this precocious young lady had things all figured out at the ripe age of four, the idea of an Easter Bunny is a source of anticipation and excitement for most children far into their elementary school days. The thought of this magical creature scampering around, filling baskets with yo-yos and Peeps represents only one of the many traditions associated with Easter.

While some customs stem from the religious aspect of the holiday, other decidedly secular traditions are shared by those of faith and non-believers alike in the celebration of Easter. Perhaps the most common Easter practice is that of egg-decoration.

Every child should experience the messy process of dying and painting eggs in the days preceding the holiday. What better family bonding experiences than the intricate tasks of first decorating the shells, then consuming the week's worth of deviled, scrambled and poached eggs that result from the activity? Egg hunts often accompany the festivities, although a careful tally of eggs should be taken to insure that no carefully hidden and subsequently rotting eggs surface at an obscenely later date.

Another tradition in the Easter spirit often includes the obligatory watching of televised

parades and celebrations.

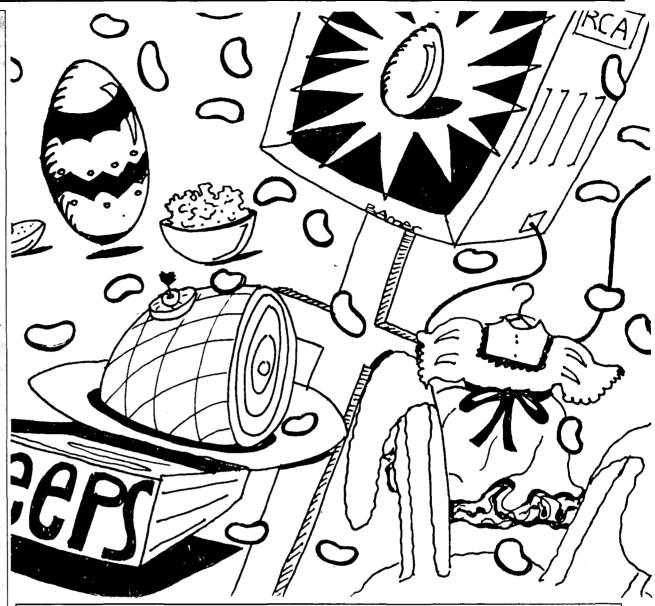
Although for older family members parades may seem trite and boring, few things can compare in a child's eyes to the first few years of floats and dancers seen parading around the streets of New York. The viewing of these glorious spectacles can bring out the magic of the holiday and provide yet another worthwhile family activity for a good deal of the population.

Not only does Easter mark the arrival of the spring season, it serves as an opportunity for youngsters to showcase their new holiday wardrobes. Masses are packed with little girls in flowery dresses and patent leather shoes, while boys deck-out in new tailored suits and ties. Easter proves to be most parent's finest moment — their children can be required to look presentable for at least a few hours in the public view. (The impending threat of an Easter candy-revocation is often a key motivator against misbehavior in situations such as this.)

A full-out meal marks the end of the Easter holiday in most families. A table billowing with the traditional spread of ham, peas and wine, along with other incidentals can often set the mood for a great night of games and banter. An amusing (and sorrily seldom-practiced) cap-off to the evening is the heating of the aforementioned marshmallow Peeps in the microwave to the point of explosion. What more satisfying activity is there than watching those little bunnies and chicks grow to impossible sizes before they finally condense back down to their former shapes?

No matter what the practices, Easter can and should be one of the most celebrated days of the year. Not only is it the end of Lent, but Easter provides one of the rare times in which family members and friends can gather solely to enjoy each others' company. Easter is a time for laughter and relaxation, and it comes but once a year. Each Easter should be an event to remember, an event from which memories can be formed for years to come

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■ FOR THAT NOT-SO-SECULAR EASTER

<u>Easter Weekend Liturgy</u> <u>Schedule</u>:

Thursday:

5 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper6:30 p.m. - Adoration in the Lady Chapel

Good Friday:

3 p.m. - Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7:15 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Saturday:

9 p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass

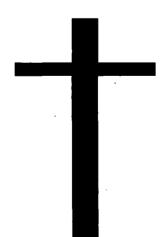
Easter Sunday:

8 a.m. - Easter Sunday Mass

10 a.m. - Solemn Mass

| Noon - Easter Sunday Mass

7:15 p.m. - Solemn Easter Vespers





Freshmen shine in the spotlight

Thumbs-up to Freshmen Plays; thumbs-down to untheatrical venue

By BRIAN SEAMAN

Scene Theater Critic

In the opening moments of the 1999 First Year Plays, the house lights were abruptly cut, leaving the audience in sudden darkness, wondering what exactly was happening. Only moments later, when a spotlight piercing the blackness was misplaced four or five feet to the right of the actress waiting for it on stage, did the audience realize the show was beginning.

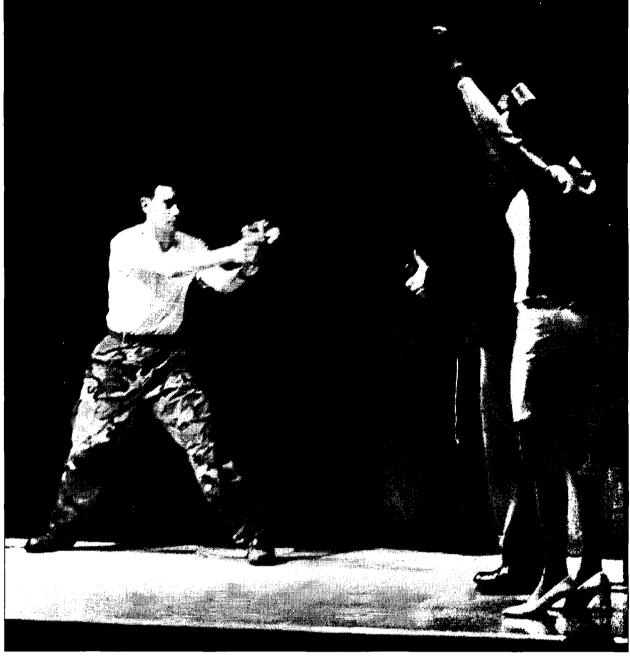
With this early blunder, the audience silently winced, wondering if this was to be a bad omen for the course of the evening. Thankfully, the talented freshman performers involved in Sunday night's performance proved that the evening would not only be markedly better than those opening moments, but also that their combined talents would add up to a very enjoyable and witty evening of theater.

The evening opened with the wonderfully sarcastic "Mrs. Sorken," by Christopher Durang, a caricatured portrait of a New York theater lady the kind of theater patron who insists on loudly opening M & M's in the middle of a quiet scene. Dressed in a cool pink suit, Michaela Murray-Nolan turned in a dynamically subtle performance as Mrs. Sorken, and quietly charmed the entire audience with her crinkled glances and grandmotherly voice.

It was truly a moment of simplistic glory on this actress' part when after explaining that she felt nauseated by the drama in which "... they use the 'F' word," she playfully glanced out to the audience as if in nervous anticipation of approval. This comedic monologue is the kind of drama college students are waiting for, most definitely not the high (and usually boring) drama that is presented all too often on college campuses.

The second of the one-act plays, "Ernie's Incredible Illicinations," had a substantially larger cast and thus was not as personally engaging. The numerous and unnecessary set changes seemed to crack any comedic momentum just as

The play follows the adventures of a young dreamer in England whose imaginative creations come to life before his eyes, only for his vision to



Members of the class of 2002 performed Sunday night in the 1999 First Year Plays. The event showcased freshman acting talent and gives members of the freshman class another chance to get involved.

be questioned by his doctor.

One of the most problematic elements of this piece was that the cast employed accents as varied as Long Island, German, Southern and Brooklyn — while the play is set in England. The

production would have been much more effective without any accents at all, for this aspect had no influence on the plot.

Yet despite these very minor problems, the cast carried off the farce quite well. Notable performers included the scene-stealing Lizzie Bracket, whose call of "Jiggie Monkey" to a shirt-less Joe Larson provided the audience with a truly hilarious moment.

Bracken, Larson, Bill Fusz and Katie Ahern rounded out a quartet of Greek chorus-like players whose many varied roles showed some real comedic maturity and talent.

This exaggerated farce led to a French comedy of manners, "Les Percieuses Ridicules," a restoration piece in which two servants take the places of their masters to toy with the emotions of two vain young women.

The cast was led nimbly by the delightful Tiff Roman and the dynamic Katie Wilcox. Both seemed to understand truly the modest and understated comedy of Moliere. The myriad of gasps, clenches of the breast and snotty demands ably presented a prissy mixture

of wide-eved delight and vain petulance.

Yet strangely enough, a wildly erratic feel to the show as a whole contrasted this sense of modesty and understatement. While initially entertaining, the idea of a comedy of manners is definitely undermined when the biggest joke of the evening is an overly powdered wig which was bumped, beaten and puffed one too many times.

This overused device grew very sour by the end of the piece, and a final powdery explosion, which ended the show on an inappropriate note, most definitely should have been rethought.

In the final installment of the evening, "The Philadelphia," three harried city-dwellers intersect in a bar to realize they are caught in alternate realities of sorts, all of which are named after American cities. To be caught in a Philadelphia is the worst of all days, for when one asks for something, the opposite is provided.

All three performers in this segment were confident and well-cast, from the slimy Brett Gansen to the erratic Brendan Geary. With such notable performances, it is not surprising that this final one-act play also proved to be the most effective.

Yet it was the big-haired and gum-chewing performance of Barbara Smith that was the most satisfying, especially when mentioning that she is caught in a "Cleveland," which she describes as 'Death ... without the benefits." Her wildly engaging attitude of New York ignorance proved to be overwhelmingly hilarious.

Refreshingly, one of the greatest criticisms of the evening cannot be directed at the performers, directors or technical staff, but rather at the physical space in which the evening was performed. The Hesburgh Auditorium was not designed for theater, but rather for lectures. It should be restricted to such.

With the level of theatrical talent in the freshman class, these students should be granted time in Washington Hall, for they certainly deserve this space. Also, many of the very noticeable technical problems of the evening would be alleviated. Such talent must receive the attention it most certainly



The Observer/Liz Lang Freshman Bill Fusz performs at the Hesburgh Library Auditorium in the First Year Plays. The show consisted of four one-act plays starring various members of the

■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Watts pleads guilty at homicide hearing

Associated Press

SOMERSET, Ky.
Former Kentucky football
player Jason Watts pleaded
guilty Wednesday to reckless
homicide in an alcohol-related truck crash that killed a
teammate and another young

Watts entered the plea during a 10-minute hearing in Pulaski Circuit Court. Judge Daniel Venters granted Watts' request to go to prison immediately.

Venters scheduled sentencing for April 16. Pulaski Commonwealth's Attorney Eddy Montgomery said he would ask that Watts serve consecutive terms of five years on each count for a total of 10 years.

Watts, originally charged with manslaughter, declined to speak in court.

He and his attorney, James Lowry, did not comment afterward.

"It's best for everyone to try to get on with their lives," Watts' father, Jim, said. "This is a sad, sad day for everyone."

The Nov. 15 crash on U.S. 27 north of Somerset injured Watts and killed teammate Arthur Steinmetz and Eastern Kentucky student Scott Brock.

Tests showed Watts' bloodalcohol level to be 1 1/2 times the legal limit. Watts faced up to 25 years in prison if convicted on the original charges.

Under Wednesday's plea, his maximum sentence dropped to 10 years and the wanton endangerment charge was dismissed.

Watts was hospitalized with an arm laceration. He was

kicked off the football team and left school briefly before returning in January.

The tragedy darkened Kentucky's most successful football season in years, climaxed by an invitation to the Outback Bowl. Watts, a 21-year-old senior from Oviedo, Fla., started 10 games at center, anchoring a line that protected star quarterback Tim Couch.

Steinmetz, 19, had transferred to Kentucky from Michigan State and was sitting out a year while waiting to become eligible. Brock, 21, was a close friend and high school teammate of Couch.

At the time of the wreck, the three were headed for a deer hunting excursion. Watts and Brock had spent several hours the previous night at a Lexington bar where they celebrated the Wildcats' win over Vanderbilt.

The crash occurred just before 7 a.m., as Watts passed another driver and lost control of his truck, which flipped over.

Montgomery said Watts' lawyers indicated from the start that he would take responsibility. Montgomery said Watts will be eligible for "shock" probation, which is given at the judge's discretion to first-time offenders who have served between one and six months of a sentence.

Such a motion cannot be made until at least 30 days after sentencing, meaning Watts would serve at least 6 1/2 weeks in prison before being eligible.

Montgomery said he would oppose shock probation for Watts.

■ National Basketball Association

Jordan cannot play dual roles

If Michael Jordan returns to the NBA, he will have to choose between owning and playing

Associated Press

Don't.count on Michael Jordan owning a piece of the Charlotte Hornets and playing for them, too.

It would be against NBA rules, it might tarnish his place in history, and it would involve him bouncing a basketball again — something he says he's finished doing.

That was the reaction Wednesday from the league, Jordan's agent and the of his close friends following a report that the five-time MVP was considering coming out of retirement to play for the Hornets next season if he is successful in purchasing a share of the team.

"There's absolutely no truth to it," agent David Falk said in a statement released by his office

"He's the greatest player to ever play the game, and he would only do himself a disservice," Charles Barkley said. "I just hope he doesn't play because he'd damage his legendary status."

And even if Jordan wanted to play for the Hornets, it would be against league rules to do so if he was a partowner.

The NBA prohibits owners from being players, as Magic Johnson learned three years ago.

While the prospect of Jordan returning to the court was being widely shot down, thepossibility of him becoming an owner remained open.

Earlier this month, Jordan

held face-to-face discussions with Hornets owner George Shinn month about buying a 50 percent share of the team, and the two have agreed to meet again in the near future.

Fox Sports, citing unidentified sources close to Jordan, reported Tuesday night that Jordan's best-case scenario would involve him playing one full season for the Hornets while his ownership shares were held in a trust or otherwise deferred.

"The Michael Jordan and George Shinn negotiations have never involved a playing role for Jordan," Hornets spokesman Harold Kaufman said.

Jordan, vacationing in the Bahamas, did not return a message seeking comment. NBA commissioner David Stern was out of his office Wednesday and could not be reached.

A league spokesman pointed out that the NBA constitution prohibits players from being owners.

When Johnson ended his retirement and returned to the Los Angeles Lakers in 1996, the league made him sell his ownership shares back to principal owner Jerry Buss.

Johnson later repurchased some of those shares after he finally retired for good.

Jordan, in announcing his retirement earlier this year, left the door open for a possible return by pronouncing himself anywhere from "95" to "99.9 percent retired."

Those who have seen Jordan recently estimate he is about 20 pounds heavier than his playing weight, and he recently said he hasn't picked up a basketball since hitting the final shot of his career—the game-winner in Utah at

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the end of Game 6 of the NBA Finals.

Jordan also recently underwent surgery on his right index finger, which he damaged with a cigar cutter.

Jordan previously gave up basketball in October, 1993, to pursue a career in professional baseball, then unretired in the spring of 1995:

He won championships with the Chicago Bulls in his final three seasons, giving him six for his career.

The scenario of him playing again next season, according to Fox, also would include Phil Jackson being brought in to coach the Hornets for one year and Dean Smith, Jordan's college coach at North Carolina, being brought aboard as team president.

Jackson's agent dismissed the report, while Smith did not return a phone message seeking comment.

The Hornets have been a team in turmoil all season. Shinn has been going through a divorce and battling numerous sexual harassment allegations, coach Dave Cowens publicly ripped the organization before quitting, Anthony Mason has missed the entire season with a shoulder injury and the team's best player, Glen Rice, was traded to the Lakers for Elden Campbell and Eddie Jones.

The team has been playing better recently under interim coach Paul Silas, but it seems certain the Hornets will miss the postseason for the first time since 1995-96.

"First of all, [Jordan] is not good enough to make that team win anyway," Barkley said.

"They need the old Michael Jordan, the guy from five or six years ago, to make that team a contender."

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Beth, Have fun riding with Laurie! Mike

Sharon, I told you that I would. Don't you love being random?

Hey, Marie! Thanks for the coffee. You're swell.

Jersey — Jersey Dairy Farm for milk, then we're off to Jersey Mike's for subs!

What more could we want out of

life?

Finn — If you had any brains at all, you'd know people weren't depressed from lack of sunlight!

Julie — Have a very merry, magical, spell-binding, wonderful, exciting, birthday.

I can't wait for you to officially become a bar fly with me. Woowoo!

Weapon X is in the HOUSE!

LP — workin' the late shift, ahhhh, yeah!

Alright, here we go...

Kathleen, you are my sunshine. Thanks for the scary man warning. I am glad you are concerned for my safety.

Hi Meg and Sarah!! Have wonderful breaks. You are the bestest.

Dillon Boys. You guys are too cool.

Cmullark, this is twice. I am so nice to you.

Hi Diane and Marty and Megan.

Dan, trying to be all "I'm Tom Cruise," broke our lights. Dumb

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But we forgive you Dan. You know we are just kidding. Mostly kidding, anyway.

I am glad to see the end of all this talk of extensions, and applications for renewal, and all of that non-

Maybe I should make YOU apply for renewal. Now there's a thought

But I could never do that. I am too nice.

t love Easter. Bunnies, bunnies bunnies.

I especially like the plastic eggs with money inside them.

Sean you are a very sore loser.

You were so sure of yourself weren't you?

Didn't we decide I was going to win either way?

You should have offered to split the money with me.

Maybe I could loan you some of it.

Just kidding.

Too late now I guess.

I guess I can just pick 'em better than you can.

We all can't be winners now can we?

I really hope Louise makes it to Pennsylvania.

That stalling action hasn't been too much fun lately.

Does anyone know where Rocko's

The guys at the Mobile Station sure

We spent more time in the car than at the restaurant.

But any trip that ends with yogurt

Megadeath I know what you do

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Carmen, I mean Carms, I mean Caramello - you'll have to teach me your moves so we can fence each other.

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Feet who knew reservations could be so hard. I'm so excited that I'm an adopted Stritzl for the weekend!

C'est toi. (what a great display of French proficiency.)

Murph I hope you're using those pillow punchers effectively. i got them so you could beat up your roommate you know.

Oh yeah? Well I invented your mother.

Help us.

Tambre I can't believe you forgot about me in class today.

Was Jackie Lynn really more interesting than me?

I think we need to invest in a map of South Bend.

We keep getting lost whenever we leave campus.

■ COLLEGE **B**ASKETBALL

Francis leaves Maryland for NBA after one season

Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. Steve Francis spent just one season at Maryland, helping the Terrapins to a school-record 28

Now the NBA beckons, and he is expected to be one of the top picks in the June draft.

"I believe it is time to take the next step and take on a new challenge," Francis said Wednesday in announcing his decision. "It's time to start a new and exciting chapter in my life.

The 6-foot-3 guard, a secondteam All-American, averaged 17 points a game for Maryland, which was once ranked as high as No. 2 and lost to St. John's in the round of 16 in the NCAA tournament

"I'm really proud of Steve," Maryland coach Gary Williams said. "I don't have any doubt he's ready to play in the NBA. It is obvious Steve will be a very high lottery pick. Very few people in their lifetime get an opportunity like Steve has in front of him.'

Francis plans to finish his degree, adding that money was not the overriding factor in his decision to turn pro.

"It was just something that I weighed in," he said.

Francis considered entering the NBA draft last season after playing junior college ball at San Jacinto in Texas and Allegany in Maryland.

Francis, who grew up in Takoma Park, a few miles from the Maryland campus, chose to play for the Terrapins instead.

In his first year in Division I, he led the Terrapins (28-6) in scoring (17.2) and 3-point shooting (.388) and led the Atlantic Coast Conference in steals (2.8).

Francis joins forward Albert White of Missouri in leaving col-

Others who might enter the NBA draft are: Duke's William Avery and Elton Brand, the latter the national player of the vear: Khalid El-Amin and Richard Hamilton of national champion Connecticut; Lamar Odom of Rhode Island; Ron Artest of St. John's; Baron Davis of UCLA; Jumaine Jones of Georgia; Chris Porter of Auburn; and Mateen Cleaves of Michigan

Two junior point guards, Ed Cota of North Carolina and Scoonie Penn of Ohio State, will return next season.

Three senior Maryland starters — Laron Profit, Obinna Ekezie and Terrell Stokes won't return next year, leaving forward Terence Morris the only returning starter.



Romanian Gymnasts fail to return home

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. Three top Romanian male

gymnasts apparently decided not to return to their native country following a gymnastics meet last week, although no one seems to know where

they might be.

Marian Malita, Viorel Popescu and Vasile Cioana have not been seen since Saturday. Romanian officials think the three decided to stay in the United States for good, said Ron Galimore, senior director for the American men's gymnastics

program "I'm told that they did leave a note saying that they planned to stay behind, Galimore said Wednesday. "Since this has taken place, we've been trying to locate them on behalf of the Romanian **Gymnastics**

Federation. "We've taken the time to contact several gym club owners that have foreign athletes working or training there. We've been unsuccessful at locating them."

There are no signs of foul play in the disappearance. but FBI officials are checking to be sure, according to a statement from the bureau's Richmond office.

"We're trying to find them to encourage them to go back and allow us to help them come here legally," he said.
"I think they're a little

ung (20 to 23) and they probably have not thought through things.

No laws prevent Romanians from emigrating, but it is difficult to get long-term visas to move from parts of Europe to the United States, said Stefan Maier, press secretary for the Romanian Embassy in Washington, D.C.

The three gymnasts have temporary visas for their visit to the United States. Nicolae Vieru, head of Romania's gymnastics federation, told private news agency Mediafax that Cioana's visa is

good until 2000, while Malita's and Popescu's expire at the end of April.

If the athletes do approach U.S. officials and request asylum, their cases would be decided by the Immigration and Naturalization Service or an immigration court judge, spokesman Bergeron said.

The INS has not heard from the gymnasts or the Romanian gymnastics team, Bergeron said.

The Romanian team was in Richmond for a meet last Friday featuring American men against Romania and

The Romanians stayed at the Omni Hotel in downtown Richmond.

Sometime after the event. Malita, Popescu and Cioana left the hotel and didn't

On Sunday, when the team visited the Romanian embassy, the three gymnasts were already missing, Maier

"The person at the embassy who was serving as a host ... was told by the team that they were very upset that three of them left," he said.

The rest of the Romanian returned team home Tuesday.

News reports from Romania said that if the three stay in the United States, it would most likely be to make more money.

The average monthly salary . Romania is equivalent to \$78.

If the three do not return to Romania, it could damage the nation's chances of qualifying for the 2000 Olympics, Galimore said.

The 1999 world championships are in October, and the top 12 teams qualify for the 2000 Games.

"They're definitely within the top six" on the Romanian team, Galimore said. "All three of these guys would definitely be players for Romania's world championships team."



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■ National Basketball Association

Wizards set defensive record against Magic

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Juwan Howard scored 20 points and the Washington Wizards used a record defensive performance to beat the Orlando Magic 84-73 Wednesday night.

The 73 points by Orlando were the fewest ever allowed by Washington. The previous record was 74, by Cleveland in 1982 and Miami in 1997

Terry Davis went 6-for-6 from the field and matched his season-high with 12 points, including six points during an 8-0 firstquarter run that gave the Wizards the lead for good.

The Wizards, who blew a 10-

point lead in the final three minutes and lost at Milwaukee the previous night, had to hold off the Magic after squandering most of a 10-point, fourth-quarter lead.

The Magic, who ended a twogame winning streak, lost leading scorer Nick Anderson with 6:37 left in the first half. Anderson, averaging 16.5 points, strained his left hamstring when he fell on Washington's Mitch Richmond and is listed as day-to-

Darrell Armstrong scored 15 points for the Magic, who fell apart after trailing by only three points at halftime. The Wizards, who never trailed, opened the

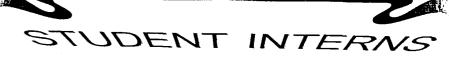
second half with an 11-1 run. The Magic missed their first seven shots of the half and committed seven turnovers, including four offensive fouls, in the first the deficit to 74-70 with 2:53

five minutes of the third quar-

The twice grew to 10 points in the first half until the Magic closed to 43-40 at the half. Orlando cen-Isaac Austin scored all 10 of his points before

the break. After falling behind 54-41 in the third quarter, the Magic couldn't get closer than six until B.J. Armstrong's jumper cut

remaining. Richmond, who finished with 16 points, responded with two free throws and a driving layup to get the lead back to eight and seal the victory.



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■ COLLEGE **H**OCKEY

BC will try to avenge '98 loss

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif.

After an overtime loss in last year's championship game, Boston College has another opportunity to win its second NCAA hockey championship -a half-century after its only title.

The Eagles (27-11-4) face Maine (29-6-4) in the first semifinal Thursday at the Anaheim Arena.

New Hampshire (30-6-3) will meet Michigan State (29-5-7) in the other

Despite last season's success. Boston College is the least likely member of what is now officially dubbed the Frozen Four.

The Eagles finished third in Hockey East and qualified for the NCAA tournament by winning their conference tournament.

Seeded fourth, Boston College opened the tournament with a 2-1 victory over fifth-seeded Northern Michigan on Saturday and qualified for the final four with a 3-1 victory over top-seeded North Dakota on Sunday, its eighth consecutive victory.

"We've got a little streak going here," forward Blake Bellefeuille said after Wednesdays practice. "We're on top of our game right now. If we play our style, I think we'll come out with a W.

Boston College and Maine have split their four games this season, with the Eagles winning the most recent matchup 3-2 March 19 in the Hockey East Tournament semifinal.

"You have to prepare to play a great team like Maine," said Bellefeuille, who scored two power-play goals and had an assist the last time the teams met. "You have to focus and play your best game.'

Although the tournament is being played west of Colorado for the first time in its 52-year history, both teams have links to the Anaheim rink.

For Boston Colleges seven seniors, it is a return trip to where their careers began.

They played in a 7-1 loss to Miami (Ohio) in a Great Western Freeze-Out tournament game Oct. 15, 1995.

For Maine's Steve Kariya, the game is his first opportunity to play at the home rink of his brother, Paul, the captain of the

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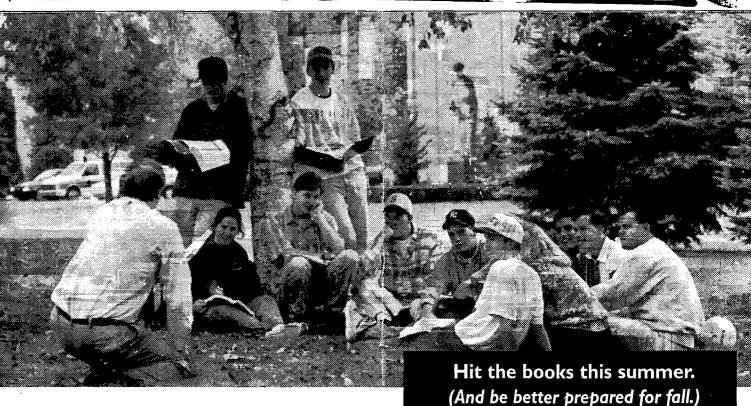
The younger Kariya, a senior left wing and team captain, is a finalist for the Hobey Baker Award, annually presented to college hockey's top player. He leads the Black Bears with 27 goals and 38 assists.

In the other semifinal, Central Collegiate Hockey Association champion Michigan State is the only outsider in what is otherwise an all-Hockey East affair.

The Spartans were seeded second in the West, had a first-round bye, and opened the tournament with a 4-3 victory over Colorado College on Sunday, with freshmen scoring all of their

Michigan State also has a Hobey Baker Award finalist, senior center Mike York, whose 22 goals and 30 assists represent 41.6 percent of its

New Hampshire, the Hockey East regular-season champion, is led by forward Jason Krog, the nation's leader in points, goals and assists, and another Hobey Baker Award



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■ Major League Baseball

Advertisements focus on increasing attendance

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Major league baseball, still trying to claw back to the average attendance levels of the strike-shortened 1994 season, has cast well-known players writing, phoning or faxing diehard baseball fans in a new advertising campaign.

Baseball's marketers are hoping to get more of you out to the ballgame as well as boost viewership on TV when you can't make it to the park.

They feel the new campaign dubbed "Fan Mail" will remind fans of the underlying appeal of the game and its often quirky customs while forging deeper ties between fans and modern players

In one commercial, a chubby fan named Rich is amused to find San Diego superstar Tony Gwynn has written to thank him for coming to all those games last year.

But Gwynn notes in the letter that he and the other players "noticed you had a tough time remembering the words to the National Anthem" and sent along a copy of the lyrics to help out.

The ads are designed to extend the momentum generated last season in one of the game's most exciting years.

Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa each surpassed Roger Maris' home run record of 61 home runs in a season, David Wells pitched a perfect game for the eventual World Series champions, the New York Yankees, and Baltimore's Cal Ripken Jr. decided to end his record for most consecutive games played.

The ads start running on Sunday's telecast on ESPN of the season opener between the Colorado Rockies and the San Diego Padres from Monterrey, Mexico.

Boston Red Sox shortstop Nomar Garciaparra is featured in one ad that has him leaving a message on the answering machine of a fan named Keith to thank him for putting on his rally cap — a regular baseball cap turned inside out and worn backwards — at a critical moment on that afternoon's game.

The ad shows Keith leading the cheers in his section of the stands and Garciaparra connecting at the plate to delight the crowd.

"By the way, can you make any away games," the player asks

The ad agency, Vigilante of New York, a unit of Chicagobased Leo Burnett, has also created three more ads that individual teams can tailor to feature their own players in local markets.

In one ad, a player sends an E-mail to young Pete to thank him for sticking up for the player when a bigger kid was heckling him from the stands.

Another ad shows a player sending a fax to a fan named Mike who is nursing a sore elbow injured when he scrambled to catch a ball hit into the

stands. "Sweet catch at the game today," the player wrote. "Just make sure you take care of that elbow."

The third ad for local use has a player who hit a home run calling a fan to apologize that the ball broke the fan's rear window.

The campaign hopes to build on last year's resurgence of interest in baseball.

Attendance rose 10 percent to a record of more than 70 million people, helped by the addition of new teams in Tampa Bay and Arizona.

Average attendance per game also rose 3.8 percent to 29,376, but that was still 7 percent below the 31,612 average in 1994 when the season was ended by a labor dispute in August and the World Series was canceled.

Attendance tumbled to an average of 25,260 in the 1995 season once the labor dispute was settled.

Additional ads have been prepared by Waylon Ad Inc. of

St. Louis featuring Ripken, Mo Vaughn of the Anaheim Angels and a rotating group of seven other players to promote baseball's affiliation with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

Kathleen Francis, the top marketing executive for major league baseball, said the ideas for the "Fan Mail" ads were chosen to strike a chord with both serious and casual fans of baseball

"The players notice more than we realize," she said.

Jacqueline Parks, baseball's director of advertising, said the ads also help showcase the personality of the players. "People want to get to know the players more," she said.

The ads will run on the TV networks that carry baseball games — Fox, NBC, ESPN, Fox Sports Net, FX and TBS as well as on local outlets of the teams' choosing.

Francis said the campaign will be worth \$25 million, more than twice as large as last year's baseball ad spending.

■ National Collegiate Athletic Association

NCAA plans to modify eligibility

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo.

The NCAA said Wednesday it could have changes ready in freshman eligibility standards by September that likely will put less weight on the standardized test scores that a federal judge ruled discriminatory.

The NCAA said it had been studying modifications in its minimum standards for months before U.S. District Judge Ronald Buckwalter ruled in Philadelphia last week that relying on test scores "has an unjustified disparate impact against African-Americans."

The standards — which include minimum scores on the SAT or ACT, a core group of high school courses and a minimum grade-point average in that core — remain in effect after the 3rd U.S. Court of Appeals on Tuesday issued a stay of Buckwalter's ruling.

The NCAA hope to have modifications of the standards, known as Proposition 16, in place by Sept. 1, said Penn State president Graham B. Spanier, chairman of the NCAA Division I Board of Directors.

"I'm not promising we will have it done by that date. Circumstances can change," Spanier said. "The stay gives us a window of opportunity following our own schedule and pursuing our research to have something in place by Sept. 1."

The NCAA will continue to pursue an appeal of Buckwalter's ruling not only because it struck down Proposition 16, but because it also raised other issues that needed clarification, Spanier said.

The standards were challenged by four black athletes who contended they were denied athletic scholarships or sports eligibility because they did not score the minimum on the standardized tests.

The tests have long been a subject of debate in the academic and athletic worlds as to whether they are discriminatory.

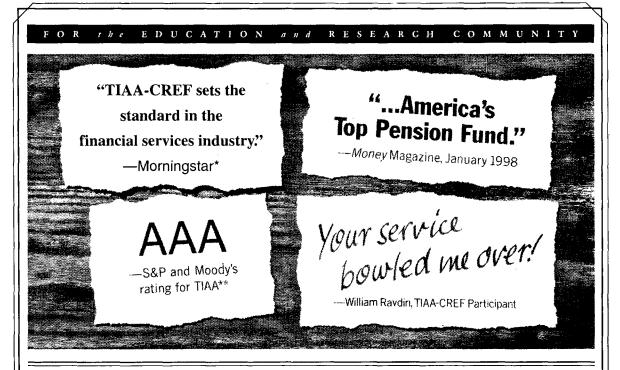
Proposition 16 was a refinement of Proposition 48, which was enacted during the NCAA convention in 1983 at the bidding of reform-minded university presidents who wanted tougher academic standards.

Spanier said some sort of minimum standards are needed to avoid revisiting "the bad old days" when high school athletes arrived on campus ill-equipped to handle the rigors of university academics, were exploited for their athletic ability and then thrown out without education or skills when their eligibility was used up. In studies since then, the NCAA has found athletes graduate at a higher rate than the general student body.

"The NCAA position is that it has produced sufficient evidence linking graduation rates to test score cutoffs under Proposition 16," Spanier said. Modifying Proposition 16 likely will involve adjusting

Modifying Proposition 16 likely will involve adjusting the weighting of the three components that make up the minimum standards, Spanier said. In particular, more weight would likely be given to overall performance in high school.

Studies show that the "single best predictor of success is performance in high school," Spanier said. There are members of the NCAA board who believe high school performance "is extremely important and should carry the greatest weight."



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it to win close games."

The production of the course would be impossible without the efforts of the entire nine-man lineup to contribute at the plate.

The injuries have not created

holes in the lineup for Mainieri but rather opportunities for players to step up.

"I think one of the things Coach is committed to is stepping up the play of everyone on the team," junior Jeff Perconte said.

Perconte has taken Mainieri's focus to heart, hitting .345 with five RBIs and three doubles in the last 10 games.

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The other significant injury in the lineup affects the pitching rotation, but much like the hitters, the pitchers have also stepped up their production. With Alex Shilliday just returning from a shoulder injury, the Irish have relied on the trio of Aaron Heilman, Tim Kalita and Scott Cavey to retire opponents.

Shilliday pitched an inning in

his return last week against Western Michigan before starting last Sunday at Rutgers.

He was rocked in that outing and has just started his return.

"He just needs to get back into pitching shape and become sharper," Mainieri said. "There's no question that Alex has proven himself time and again in his career and he will continue to do

The co-captain Shilliday will complete the four-man rotation with his probable start on Saturday against Connecticut. Heilman, the two-time Big East Pitcher of the Week, will open the series today followed most likely by Kalita and then Cavey to open the series against the

■ Men's Tennis

Irish aim to snap losing streak against Purdue

By BRIAN KESSLER

Sports Editor

The 26th-ranked Notre Dame tennis team will look to snap its three-match losing streak on Monday when it travels to West Lafayette, Ind. to face instate rival Purdue.

"We had a winning streak going for a while, but then we had a bad Blue-Gray [Classic] and then had a close match with Illinois, but we fell short there too," said singles player Andrew Laflin. "It hurts to lose, so we're definitely looking to turn things around."

The 47th-ranked Boilermakers are playing solid tennis.

Purdue has upped its record to 11-2 on the season and remain a perfect 3-0 in the conference.

Notre Dame, on the other hand, has faced stiff competition in recent weeks and has fallen to 11-7 overall.

"Purdue is a good team and it should be a great match," said junior All-American Ryan Sachire. "We've gotten the better of them over the past few matches, but Notre Dame and Purdue is always a good rivalry.

With just three matches remaining before the Big East championships in Miami, Fla., the Irish realize the importance of this match and would like to set the tone for the remainder of the season with a victory in its final

This will be a chance for us to gain our confidence back, especially with Big East coming up," said Laflin.

Notre Dame dropped a close match to No. 2 Illinois last

The Fighting Illini won three of the four singles matches that went to three sets to claim the 5-2 victory.

Brian Patterson

played a brilliant match at No. 2 singles, defeating No. 55 Cary Franklin, 6-

Huskies.

Senior captain Andy Warford won at No. 6 singles.

The Irish are hoping to avenge the disappointing loss by knocking off a different Big Ten opponent.

'That's the thing about college tennis. You lose a heartbreaker and then a few days later, you're out playing another good team," said Sachire. "There's no time to sulk, you just have to come out ready to play.

Purdue will entertain Minnesota on Sunday, before hosting Notre Dame the following day.

The Boilermakers are coming off a grueling 4-3 victory over Ohio State.

They got out to a fast start, by taking the doubles point with victories in the No. 1 and No. 2 slots.

The top two Purdue tandems are each 3-0 in Big Ten action.

Jamie Gordon filled in nicely at No. 1 singles for the injured Cris James. Gordon was a 6-3, 2-6, 7-5 winner over OSU's Chris Porter.

Derek Myers and Jason Marshall sealed the Boilermaker victory with wins at No. 2 and No. 3 singles, respec-

Notre Dame has struggled in the doubles department lately and will look to turn it around against Purdue.

We've lost quite a few doubles points and it's frustrating because then we have to win four singles matches which is always a struggle," said

The Irish will most likely send Sachire, Patterson, Matt Daly, Laflin, Casey Smith and Warford to the court in singles.

'Purdue is very similar to us," said Laflin. "It will be a battle, but if we play well and execute, hopefully we'll be able to get the job done.





The Observer/Jett Hsu Freshman singles player Andrew Laflin and the Irish will travel to Purdue Monday to take on the 47th-ranked Boilermakers.

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Holy Thursday, April 1, 1999

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer 5:00 p.m. - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:30 p.m. - Adoration in the Lady

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Good Friday, April 2, 1999

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer 12:00 Noon - 3:00 p.m. Silent Hours of Prayer 3:00 p.m. - Celebration of the

Lord's Passion

7:15 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 3, 1999

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer 9:00 p.m. - The Paschal Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 4, 1999 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00

noon - Easter Sunday Mass 7:15 p.m. - Easter Vespers

The Triduum Begins... Jim Lies, C.S.C.

Even though we are baptized, what we constantly lose and betray is precisely that which we received at baptism. Therefore Easter is our return every year to our own baptism, whereas Lent is our preparation for that return - the slow and sustained effort to perform, at the end, our own "passage" or "pascha" into new life in Christ... Each year Lent and Easter are, once again, the rediscovery and the recovery by us of what we were made through our own baptismal death and resurrection.

-Alexander Schmemann

I don't remember the day when I decided to be a Catholic... and I don't mean the day of my baptism in the first few weeks of my life. I didn't decide that... my parents did. I remember long ago envying those who converted to Catholicism because it ocurred to me that they had a choice, and I didn't feel like I did. Until I realized that the choice was mine, to claim it or not... to profess and live my Catholic faith, or not. I don't remember a particular day on which I said, as an adult, I want to be a Catholic, I want to follow Jesus. And yet I have, most assuredly... and do. Somewhere along the line, the renewal of my baptismal promise became my own. Somewhere along the line I realized that I do believe in the God of Jesus Christ and in the God in Jesus Christ... call it grace, or bum luck... all I know is that I believe. My faith in this God is so real that I want to celebrate it... even the worst of it... because the worst of it, the crucifixion and death of Jesus, is, paradoxically, the best of it. Our very salvation is tied up in it. We commemorate this great salvific event liturgically in the Triduum.

Much can be said about the Triduum, those days which embrace the Paschal Mystery. "Triduum" in the Latin simply means "a space of three days," but as it is used in the Christian tradition it is meant to signify the three days prior to Easter Sunday: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. The words of the tradition and of the present liturgical books convey the intensity and unity of the hours around the Vigil. These days call us to fast and pray, to keep watch, and to enter into the holy mysteries of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. We come face to face with the very reality of our own lives, our own dying and rising. Our oneness with Jesus as members of his body, our oneness with each other, and our oneness in the death and resurrection of Jesus is ritualized in the liturgies of the Triduum and realized in our participation in them, and in our very lives as Christians.

It is during the Easter Vigil that we as a community initiate and welcome into full communion those who have, as adults, chosen to join the Catholic Church. They have been preparing for the past several months through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Some will be baptized and others will be received into full communion with the Catholic faith from other Christian traditions. I would urge you to keep these folks in your prayers during these days, and to reflect yourself on the importance of your own baptism.

These are important days for all of us. Days during which each of us stands alone before God to renew our commitment. It is an opportunity for us as adult Christians to say yet again, "Yes, I believe!" It is an opportunity for us as a community as well to stand side by side in our shared commitment to live the call of Jesus, to rededicate ourselves to that call, and to build the Kingdom together. Please join with me in the days ahead in celebrating the glory and greatness of these days, whether it be at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, the Church of Loretto, a residence hall chapel, or at your home parish. We join with the whole Church not only in remembering the events of Jesus's passion, death and resurrection, but, as the Body of Christ, we ourselves partake in them even now that they might transform our very lives.



■ Women's Lacrosse

Irish plan to pick up pair of wins in Pennsylvania

BY GENE BRTALIK Sports Writer

After finishing their opening homestand with a 1-1 record, the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team will spend Easter break in Pennsylvania.

The Irish (4-2) are coming off a huge 18-6 win against the University of Connecticut. While the team trailed by an early score of 3-2, the Irish held the Huskies scoreless for 35 minutes, racking up 13

Leading the Irish in scoring once again was Lael O'Shaughnessy with six goals and three assists.

Her performance brought her to 26 goals on the season, one behind her total from last season. O'Shaughnessy's nine points against Connecticut matched captain Kerry Callahan's 1997 performance against Stanford.

Callahan also extended her goal-scoring streak to 20 games with one goal and four assists in the win.

"We recognized our mistakes from the Ohio State game and

put them to use against will be there," said Maura Connecticut, and [we] hope to use them again in the upcom-

ing games," said Maura Doyle. "We just have to remember the fundamentals and focus on the game to come out on top," she added.

On Saturday, the team will take on the Wildcats of Villanova, who enter the game with a 3-4 record after posting wins over Drexel, Duquesne and Bucknell, but are currently riding a two-game losing

To stop the Wildcats, the Irish will have to control their best player, senior Meghan Doyle. Doyle enters the season as a second-team All-American, amassing 51 goals and 10 assists last year. She currently has 30 goals on the

The person to guard Doyle may be one who best knows her style of play - her sister, Notre Dame sophomore Maura.

"I have mixed emotions going into the game. I am nervous playing against my sister. but I am glad that my family

"It is going to be weird telling my teammates that they have to shut [Meghan] down if we want to win.

After the team takes off Sunday to celebrate Easter, they return to action late Monday night in a game against the University of Pennsylvania Quakers who are winless in five games.

Pennsylvania will take on Temple before playing the Irish on Monday.

The trish defense will be crucial in this match-up, as they attempt to contain former Ivy League Rookie of the Year Brooke Jenkins.

"Carrie [Marshall] and the defense played a great game the other day.

"They are the keys to the start of our offense, once they make a stop the offense feeds off that," said Maura Doyle.

If the Irish put in the same effort they showed against Connecticut last Sunday, the team could arrive back in South Bend late Monday night owning a 6-2 record.



The Irish look to extend their 4-2 record on the road this weekend with games against Villanova and the University of Pennsylvania.

Tennis

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Pavilion due to darkness.

Wind affected the play of most singles matches, forcing players to change their

"Any time it's that windy, it kind of evens out a match.

'It takes away from what you can do in the game. You can't do as much," said Hall.

The Irish return to action with a pair of matches against Purdue and Illinois State on Saturday at 1 and 3 p.m.

"Purdue always plays pretty well against us. We need to stay on top of our games,' said Dasso.

'They're one of those teams that we definitely should win against, but they can still play well," she said.

TENNIS

Hingis faces tough competition at Cup

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. When Martina Hingis won the Family Circle Cup two years ago, she was on another level. Now, her dominance is not so clear cut.

"Everybody has improved so much," said Hingis, the tournament's top seed who dispatched Sylvia Plischke 6-3, 7-5 in her first match Wednesday. 'The Williams sisters, Lindsay [Davenport] took over No. 1 for a while. There are so many more dangerous players to watch out for."

But many of them have decided to pass on the event.

Hingis seems to have the inside track to the tournament title with Serena Williams and Davenport out with injuries, and Venus Williams' decision to skip the Family Circle.

However, second-seeded Monica Seles, No. 6 Patty Schnyder and No. 10 Conchita Martinez may challenge Hingis. They advanced, as did No. 13 Silvia Farina, No. 14 Elena Likhovtseva and No. 16 Henrieta Nagyova.

And Iva Majoli defeated No. 9 Irina Spirlea 1-6, 6-4, 6-2 in Wednesday's evening match.

Hingis rose to No. 1 at this tournament in 1997 and, when streak to 31 straight match victories and six straight champi-

She was 16 years old, won three of the four Grand Slams that year and finished with a tour-best 75 match wins.

Last year, Hingis learned it wasn't easy to stay on top. She won five times, down from her 12 titles a year earlier, and took only one major, the Australian Open.

By year's end, Davenport supplanted Hingis as No. 1 and sisters Venus and Serena Williams began to crowd the spotlight Hingis had owned.

'I know how I felt when I kind of played at the top level and nobody was beating me. You just feel invincible," Hingis

Especially one who's back on top after regaining No. 1 with consecutive wins at the Australian and Pan Pacific tournaments in February.

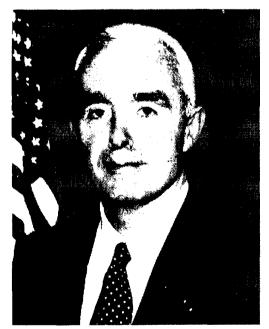
After taking the first set against Plischke without much trouble, Hingis fell behind in the second 3-0. Just as suddenly, she was up 5-3. Yet, she needed four more games to close out Plischke.

"I had kind of relaxed after the first set," she said. "I just should have gone for it more.

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Lacrosse

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Doug Shanahan leads the Hofstra offense. The sophomore midfielder leads the team in points with 10 and is second in goals with five. Shanahan, the 1998 American East Rookie of the Year, is second on the team both in groundballs with 29 and in face-offs, going 18 for 29.

The Irish defense has enjoyed success against talented midfielders in the past. On Tuesday against Butler, the Irish held Bulldog second team All-American Cory Kahoun pointless.

On defense, junior goaltender Mike Demeo has played tremendously for Hostra. He has been a brick wall between the pipes for the Flying Dutchmen, registering a .638 save percentage.

Co-captain Chris Dusseau, David Ulrich and Glatzel will be faced with the task of conquering Demeo. Ulrich, Glatzel and Dusseau stand at one, two and three, respectively, in total points on the year.

Ulrich's twin brother, Todd, starts at midfield for the Irish and is fourth on the Irish points list.

The Ulrich twins and Glatzel are familiar teammates. All three played for Baltimore lacrosse power-house Boys' Latin in high school.

"We've been playing together for five years now," Glatzel said, "so we know the little things each of us do really well. Plus, the Ulrichs have been playing together their entire lives, so they are like second nature."

The Flying Dutchmen and the Irish square off in Hofstra Stadium Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

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SOFTBALL

Notre Dame looks to continue win streak

BY MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

The Irish softball team will play six games in the next five days starting today with a doubleheader against the University of Illinois-Chicago in Chicago.

They will host Pittsburgh Saturday in the Big East opener before traveling to Eastern Michigan for another two games Monday. The Irish (19-11) will try to continue their seven game winning streak while getting off to a good start in the Big East conference.

"We need to step up our play against UIC," said Big East player of the Week Amy Laboe. "They are ranked 15th and we have been coasting the last couple games. We need to come out strong."

On Saturday, Notre Dame will meet Pittsburgh for the first time. Pittsburgh's program is in its first year, so the Irish are unsure of what to expect.

"We will be looking to set a tone for the Big East right away," said Laboe. "It is really important that we do well because this year only the top four teams in the conference make it to the tournament. With an at-large bid for the NCAA's hard to come by, we need to be one of those four teams."

The Irish will depend on Michelle Moschel (4-0), Angela Bessolo (6-4) and Mel Alkire (3-1) at the mound. Sophomore pitcher Jennifer Sharron is still out after injuring her ankle but could be back as early as Saturday. Laboe and Big East Rookie of the Week Jarrah Myers lead a

very strong offense. Laboe was picked as co-player of the week after she led Notre

Dame to a 5-1 record while hitting .421.

Against Toledo, Laboe went 5-for-6 with a game-winning homerun. She also scored five runs while driving in six and she committed no errors on 55 putouts

during the week.

Myers was eight for 19 at the plate last week, including three doubles and six RBI. She had at least one hit in last week's six games and currently leads the Irish in hitting (.344), hits (31), doubles (7), homeruns (3), RBI (20) and slugging

The Irish will also look for strong contributions at the plate from Kris McCleary, shortstop Mel Alkire, leftfielder Lizzy Lemire and catcher Danielle Klayman.



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and affectionate nature will get you

what you want this year. Let your true feelings be known and you won't have to worry about anything else. It's time to rid yourself of the individ-

uals who have been depending on you to do everything for them. Look after yourself, go after your own goals and you'll reap the rewards you've been searching for. Your numbers: 3, 11, 20, 29, 38, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): If you allow family to annoy you, confronta-tions will be devastating. Cool your

jets before you say something you

will regret later. Don't overspend on

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Visits to friends or relatives will pay off if

you are receptive to their knowledge-able advice. Don't overspend on

able advice. Don't overspend of unnecessary luxury items to impress others. Confusion will prevail if you take on too much. OOOO GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will be prone to taking on too much. Take a good look at the investments was already hold. Don't allow older.

you already hold. Don't allow older members of your family to take advantage of your generosity. OOO CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your need to be in love may fool you when

it comes to a meaningful relationship.

Be cautious of one-sided romantic attractions. Don't overreact to your partner's attitude.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Visit friends or relatives who have been ill.

Others may try to add to your responsibilities. Give them advice, but insist

that they do the work themselves.

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Don't be extravagant when it comes to entertainment. OOO VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Avoid getting involved with partners who are already committed to someone

else. Deception at social functions may cause confusion. One-sided infatuations are evident.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Sit back and relax today. If someone tries to

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get together with peers. Discuss your intentions and directions. Travel for pleasure, visit old friends or relatives.

Take care of children's needs. Self-im-provement projects will be successful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Overindulgence will result if you are feeling sorry for yourself. Lovers may

be less than fair when it comes to money matters. Don't say anything

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Don't take too much for granted or make promises you can't keep. Your

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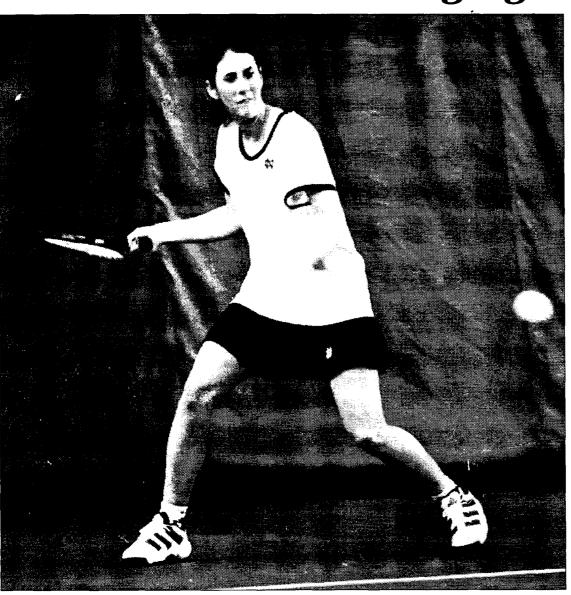


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■ Women's Tennis

Irish come out strong against Fighting Illini

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Michelle Dasso won in straight sets, helping the 13th-ranked Irish improved to 13-6 with a win over the Fighting Illini Wednesday. The victory is the team's 16th consecutive win over a Midwest opponent.

■ BASEBALL

Doubleheader begins crucial month

By ANTHONY BIANCO

Associate Sports Editor

Starting with today's doubleheader against Providence, this month will be crucial for the Irish baseball team as they play 20 of their 22 scheduled games

In the past, April has been one of the best months of baseball for Notre Dame and head coach Paul Mainieri, who have posted a .796 record for the month in the past four seasons.

Connecticut will be the first teams to test the Irish in April with doubleheaders today and Saturday, respectively.

Having the majority of games slated for home play during the month has certainly helped the record, but Mainieri sees anoth-

"Looking at the history of the program at Notre Dame, the month of April has been very good for us," he said. "We've had a lot of positive things go our way. I don't think it's a coincidence that we've played well as

For starters, the Irish enter

April with one of their best-ever records under Mainieri at 16-7. The 1996 season topped this year's pre-April mark by one win (17-7). An 18-7 mark that year helped the Irish to their only NCAA tournament appearance under Mainieri.

This year's mark comes during a pre-April stretch in which the

6 THEY'RE REALLY-**PUTTING IN HIGH** OUTPUT AND USING WIN CLOSE GAMES.

> JEFF WAGNER CO-CAPTAIN

Irish won 12 of its last 13 with only two games at Frank Eck Stadium.

The Irish have accomplished that feat with a number of key injuries to the lineup. Co-captain Jeff Wagner has been out since the beginning of March with a foot injury and will not return before Saturday's set against the

Huskies. Even then, his return is only slated as probable.

Wagner, the Irish career home run leader with 43 round-trippers, has been a constant threat in the heart of Notre Dame's

Along with freshman third baseman Andrew Bushey (.313 AVG, 1 HR, 3 RBI) out with a knee injury, the Irish could have easily entered April playing the

Luckily for the squad, a number of players have stepped up in weeks Brant Ust has taken sole possession of center stage since Wagner's injury.

He has belted 13 home runs so far and trails Wagner for the career record by just one. Alec Porzel has also welded a hot bat with six RBI and 10 runs in the past 10 games. Freshman Paul O'Toole has taken on the backstop role vacated by the injured Wagner to lead the team in doubles and stands second in runs.

"It's really awesome," Wagner said of his team's run production in recent games. "They're really putting in high output and using

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By WES JACOBS Sports Writer

Jennifer Hall set a record for singles wins, picking up her 108th win with the Irish, in Notre Dame's 7-2 victory Wednesday over the Fighting

The 13th-ranked Irish won four of six singles matches and dropped just seven games in sweeping the dou-

"This is something that I'll look back on later, and be very happy with, but for now, I'm just happy that we're winning matches," said Hall, who broke Mary Colligan's 13-year-old record, which was set in her 1982-86 Irish career. "We played well today, especially in doubles."

Freshman Lindsey Green and junior Kelly Zalinski clinched the match for the Irish with their 8-1 win over Allison Gottlieb and Natalia Manasova at No. 3 doubles.

Notre Dame improved to 13-6 with its 16th consecutive win over a Midwest region opponent. Illinois fell to 6-9 with the loss.

Becky Varnum, Michelle Dasso and Hall gave the Irish a guick 3-0 lead in the match with straight-set singles wins.

The 56th-ranked Varnum beat Carla Rosenburg 6-3, 6-2 at No. 4 singles followed by the eighth-ranked Dasso's 6-2, 6-3 win over Simone Kung at No. 1 singles. Hall won her record-setting match at No. 2

Schapiro 6-4, 6-4.

Illinois didn't get its first point until Megan Wise beat Kelly Zalinski 7-6 (7-3), 6-2 at No. 5 singles.

Irish freshman Green then rallied to beat Natalia Manasova 1-6, 6-,4 6-3 at No. 6 singles as Notre Dame led 4-1. Brooke Ferney kept Illinois alive with a threehour win at No. 3 singles over Marisa Velasco 7-6, (10-8), 4-6, 7-6, (7-4) after Velasco served for the match at both 5-4 and 6-5 in the third set.

Needing one doubles point to clinch the match, the Irish blew the Illini away in a doubles sweep.

After Green and Zalinski won 8-1, the eighth-ranked Dasso-Hall tandem beat 44th-Ferney Rosenberg 8-2 at No. 1 dou-

Varnum and Velasco closed out the match by winning five straight games for an 8-4 win over Kung and Schapiro at No. 2 doubles.

"I was really happy with our doubles, especially afterthis weekend. "We didn't play all that well.

against Kentucky and Tennessee, so we're happy with today," said Hall.
Singles matches were

played outdoors at the Courtney Tennis Center, while doubles was moved inside to the Eck Tennis

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Men's Lacrosse

Notre Dame prepares to head to Hofstra

By MIKE CONNOLLY Associate Sports Editor

The men's lacrosse team will travel to Hempsted, N.Y., this weekend to take on the Flying Dutchmen of Hofstra.

The Irish go into the game riding a two-game winning streak after defeating Hobart and Butler this week. Two weeks ago, the Irish gave No. l Loyola all they could handle before falling 10-8.

We feel pretty confident right now," attackman Tom Glatzel said. "We had a good run against the top team in the country, so we feel that we can play with anyone.'

Hofstra has strung together five straight wins after starting the season 0-2 with losses to ranked opponents Loyola and Delaware. Like the Irish, the Flying Dutchmen is a young team that has improved every

After a disappointing early

season loss to Penn State a team the Irish thought they could beat - Notre Dame has bounced back to win four of its last five games and has moved into first place in the Great Western Lacrosse League with a 3-0 league record.

Contending 15th-ranked Hofstra, the No. 13 Irish will be facing their second straight ranked opponent and fourth ranked opponent on the year.

The Irish are 1-2 on the year against ranked oppo-

Notre Dame and Hofstra are familiar opponents, having faced one another five times in the 1990s. The Flying Dutchmen managed to defeat the Irish in 1991, but Notre Dame has won to past four games to lead the series

Preseason All-American

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