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Splish, splash I was takin' a bath



Making the best of April showers, three students take time out from studying to splash around in puddles brought by yesterday's thunderstorms. Rain will continue today, and temperatures should reach a high of 55. Clear skies should return Saturday with a high of 59.

The Observer / Kevin Dalum

■ KOSOVO CRISIS

Milosevic to accept peace agreement

Associated Press

BELGRADE

Yugoslavia's top leader will accept a U.N.-led force in Kosovo, but only if the bombing stops and NATO withdraws troops from his borders, a Russian envoy said Thursday.

It was unclear whether such an international presence would be armed and under what guidelines it would operate. NATO has insisted it must lead an armed presence in Kosovo to enforce any peace agreement.

President Slobodan Milosevic has so far rejected NATO demands to withdraw his troops from Kosovo and grant autonomy to the ethnic Albanian majority there.

Following a daylong meeting with Milosevic, former Russian Premier Viktor Chernomyrdin told reporters the two "considered conditions for the return of the refugees" and allowing international aid agencies into the province.

"We considered the possibility of an international presence led by the U.N. in which Russia would take part. Those are the basic principles we agreed upon," Chernomyrdin said, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency.

He added that they also discussed "the continuation of talks about wide autonomy for Kosovo, the possible decrease of Serb forces in Kosovo and simultaneous withdrawal of NATO forces."

NDFD fights blazes through daily prevention

By MAUREEN SMITHE
News Writer

John Antonucci, Notre Dame Fire Department chief, said that his department did a superior job in handling last Wednesday's cooling tower blaze.

"I would commend my men for an outstanding job. A four-man engine company had four hose streams on that fire within minutes of their arrival. Their initial action led to a fairly successful ending

and saved three remaining cells of the cooling tower," he said.

With 12 full-time firefighters and one full-time drain technician, the Notre Dame Fire Department (NDFD) is ready for any emergency on the Notre Dame, Saint Mary's or Holy Cross campuses.

Antonucci, a 1978 Notre Dame graduate, leads his three four-man teams in assuring that all 8 million square feet of Notre Dame property are regularly

inspected and fire-protected.

"There are two modes a fire department can take with regards to fire fighting — a reactive mode or a proactive mode. Reactive mode is fire suppression, while proactive mode, which is the one we are in, is more of fire prevention," Antonucci said. "We can not be in a reactive mode because our resources are limited."

Notre Dame firefighters are constantly working to ensure fire safety and protection.

"People, for the most part,

think we have an easy job here, when in fact we are really busy. We're not watching TV all day," said Gordon Martinczak, an EMT with NDFD.

So what exactly does the fire department do all day?

"We average 1,100 to 1,200 emergency responses a year due to activated fire alarms, trash and vehicle fires, construction work and actual room fires, usually due to can-

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■ NATO'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Summit to focus on Kosovo

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

NATO leaders toned down their plans for celebrating the alliance's 50th birthday Thursday and pledged their summit would focus instead on plans for tougher steps, possibly including ground troops, to stop the bloodshed in Kosovo.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair said NATO's summit would send "the clearest possible message of will and resolution" that Slobodan Milosevic will not prevail.

President Clinton conferred at the White House with NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana, who

a day earlier ordered an update of plans for a possible ground invasion of Kosovo. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said the

United States continued to oppose sending ground troops into a hostile environment but added that it

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■ NEWS ANALYSIS

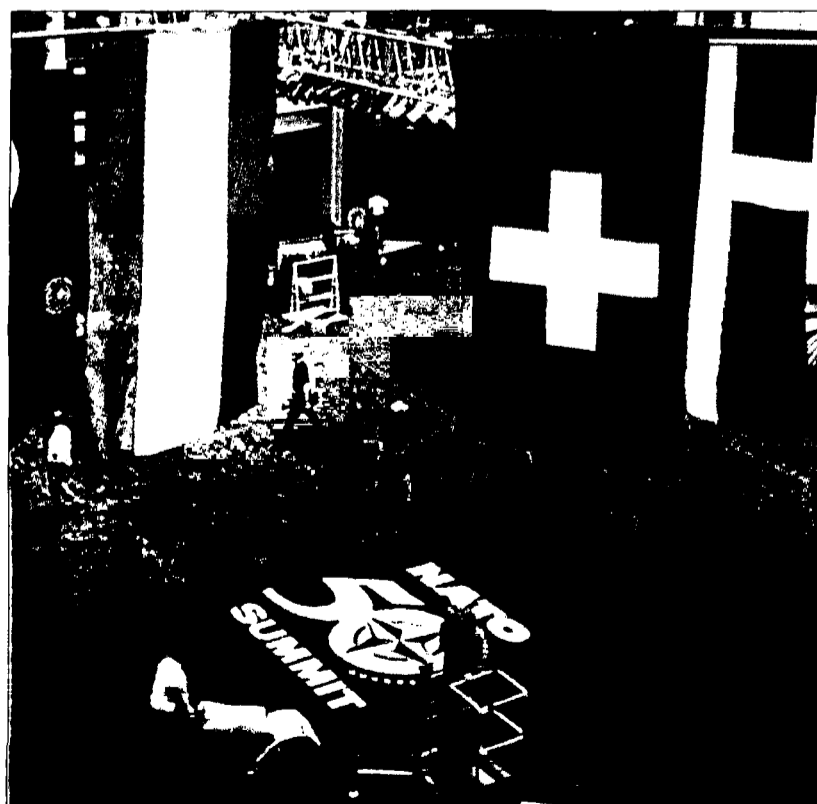
Crisis brings new challenges into focus

By TIM LOGAN
News Editor

For 40 years, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) provided a mutual security system for western European nations against the communist Warsaw Pact.

In the last decade, NATO has struggled to find a role for itself in the post-Cold War world as the Soviet Union has faded from the international picture.

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AFP PHOTO

NATO's 50th anniversary plans were altered to discuss military tactics in Kosovo instead. Leaders will evaluate sending ground troops to stop bloodshed.

■ INSIDE COLUMN

ROTC Revealed

"Nonviolence only works against civilized people." — Tom Clancy, SLF 1997

So began the infamous answer given by the very tactful Mr. Clancy while answering a question on Gandhi.

Clancy went on to say that Gandhi would have been shot if he

Dustin Ferrell
Assistant Viewpoint Editor

had taken his movement to Afghanistan. This angered many pacifist-minded people in the audience, and understandably so. But I am curious to know how many were bothered by the simple fact that the statement was dead on target.

I wish this was not the case, since any and all decisions to use U.S. troops in the conflict in Kosovo directly affect myself and many others on this campus. I truly hope pacifism begins to influence the decisions of world leaders so that we may find an end to the horrible pain and suffering caused by war.

At least that's what I would tell you if I ever considered the moral aspects of war. Many would find it hard to believe that I would do such a thing. I read recently that ROTC is not "serving the purpose they should serve," to paraphrase. Reluctantly but willingly, I shall divulge the contents of my ROTC education to the student body. The following involves a typical week in my life in ROTC:

Monday: We start off early with physical training. Afterwards, we are marched to an underground viewing room for a motivational film, such as "Apocalypse Now."

Tuesday: This involves our weekly drill session, which equates to goose-stepping around Loftus for an hour. Afterwards, we say a prayer that we will soon have a military state so that we may use our weapons of mass destruction with impunity.

Wednesday: Another wonderful physical training session, usually one in which we beat each other with big sticks until we have to go to class. That's one thing that really bugs me, having to go to class and all. It distracts me from my goal of becoming an imperialist pig.

Wednesday evening we attend a seminar. Last week's seminar was called "Shoot Them All, Let God Sort 'Em Out," which I enjoyed almost as much as "War: The Perfect Economic Policy."

Thursday: This involves attending guest lectures from some of the nation's finest war hawks. We are currently in the process of booking G. Gordon Liddy for next semester. Thursday night is comedy night, and we rent titles such as "Carpet Bombing Third World Countries is My Bag, Baby."

Or sometimes I will bring in one of my Charles Bronson flicks. My favorite scene from the "Death Wish" series is when he fires a bazooka at a gang leader in his apartment. But there I go wandering off of the topic again.

Friday: I usually take this free day to spread propaganda about how "we military types" actually object to war.

Weekends: Of course, running a military state requires little rest and endless training. Saturday is spent pursuing the wonders of explosives, while most Sundays find us praying to Odin, the Viking God of War.

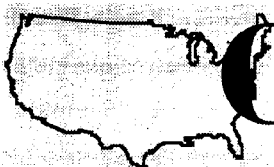
Were this itinerary even slightly based in truth, some of you would actually have an argument against ROTC, but it isn't, and you don't. To those who ignore evidence of our purpose on campus, I invite you to move on to another topic, so that I may as well.

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Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Colorado students agonize over high school shooting

BOULDER, Colo.

Colorado University freshman Mike Twisselman was lifting weights in the when he learned his sister might be dead.

A friend came in at 12:45 p.m. and told him about two students dressed in black trench coats going into Twisselman's old school, Columbine High School, and firing indiscriminately. He told him about the horrific television reports. He told him about the carnage of what became the worst school shooting in American history — leaving 15 dead and another 23 in the hospital.

"I knew that was right when lunch started," Twisselman said Tuesday night from his dorm room. "And I knew exactly where my sister was — she was in the choir room. So I was like 'uh-oh.'"

Twisselman, a 1998 Columbine graduate, quickly changed clothes



and left. He borrowed a friend's motorcycle, sped to Littleton and eventually arrived at Columbine Library, a few blocks away from the high school.

He still knew nothing about Katie, his sister.

"I felt kinda mad, kinda scared," said Twisselman, a 210-pound punter for the CU football team. "Sometimes I wanted to cry."

Across campus, graduates of Columbine stayed glued to their televisions for every bit of informa-

tion on the crisis. Some, like Twisselman, went to Littleton to be with their families.

Students without personal connections to the Denver suburb monitored the situation on the Internet and on TVs they dragged into their classrooms. CU professors also watched with interest — as parents understanding the horror of the situation, as researchers understanding the causes of the situation and as humans understanding the pain of the situation.

The bloodshed began at about 11 a.m. when two students walked into school and began spraying bullets and detonating bombs.

Part of the so-called Trenchcoat Mafia, a group of outcast students distinguished by their trench coats, the duo apparently targeted ethnic minorities, athletes and anybody else they had a grudge against.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Sweatshop protestors occupy offices

DURHAM, N.C.

Students for Economic Justice is frustrated at the administration's slow pace toward agreement on several demands. Twenty anti-sweatshop activists from the University have taken up residence in the school's administrative office building, vowing to stay there until officials agree to their list of demands. The sit-in follows in the tradition of similar sweatshop protests at Duke, Georgetown and the University of Wisconsin at Madison. With laptops, sleeping bags and food, the students say they plan to stay in the building "till it's over." Their list of demands includes full public disclosure of the addresses of factories that produce UNC apparel and an administrative commitment to studying the economic impacts of requiring a living wage. "The administration have refused to act on their supposed agreement," said Lorrie Bradley, a UNC sophomore and a member of Students for Economic Justice.

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Students' visit to Cuba a watershed

PITTSBURGH, Penn.

When the Semester at Sea ship arrived in Havana on Feb. 19 for a three-day visit, it brought the largest group of Americans to Cuba since the 1959 revolution. But until just days before the S.S. Universe Explorer set sail, the necessary licenses from the U.S. government had yet to arrive. Max Brandt, director of SAS, was doubtful the ship's occupants would get permission to visit Cuba. "We were flabbergasted," he said, when the licenses were approved at the last minute. In recent years, the Pittsburgh has established numerous links with Cuba. These connections, taken together, make Pittsburgh "a premier city," as city councilman Jim Ferlo said, on the cutting edge of changing U.S.-Cuban relations. Pitt has been a key player in the Pittsburgh-Cuba connection. But even for an institution that has a 30-year history of constructive relations with Cuba, this has been a watershed year.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

ACLU criticizes ban from town

EAST LANSING, Mich.

A decision to ban certain people from East Lansing because of their alleged involvement in the March 27-28 riot there has drawn criticism from the American Civil Liberties Union. East Lansing judges ruled that six people, including two MSU students, cannot enter the city except for legal proceedings. The students can stay in the city until the end of the semester. "[The judges] certainly have the right, but it is very unusual and bizarre to impose restrictions of this nature," said Henry Silverman, chairperson of MSU's history department and president of the Lansing branch of the ACLU. Silverman said the penalizing is unfair because the banned people have not yet been convicted of a crime. "It's not a question of legality, it's a question of appropriateness," Silverman said. "By doing this, people banned are given the aura of dangerous criminals."

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Study recommends one egg per day

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

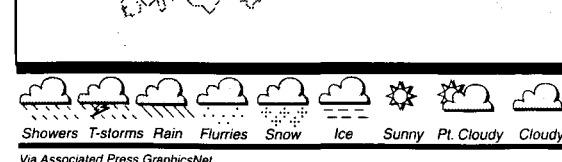
In a study published Wednesday, 12 faculty members from the Harvard Medical School and the School of Public Health said that eating one egg per day does not increase one's risk of heart disease or stroke. "There is this thought that eggs are bad for you because they're high in cholesterol, yet there's not good data indicating that eggs increase the risk of heart attack," said associate professor of epidemiology and nutrition Eric Rimm, one of the study's authors. Many popular diets recommending limiting the consumption of eggs, but these recommendations are often based on indirect evidence, according to professor of epidemiology and nutrition Meir Stampfer, another author of the study. The logic behind these recommendations came from the belief that eating eggs, which are high in cholesterol, would automatically lead to higher levels of blood cholesterol.

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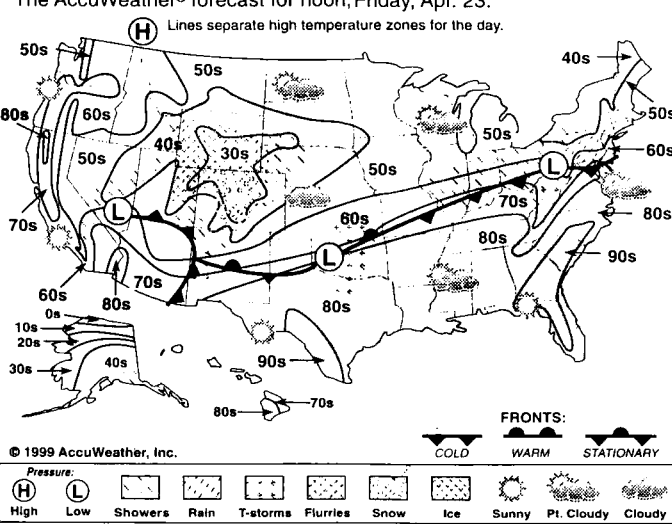
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Carmody explains four marks of faith

By SARAH MAGNESS
News Writer

Denise Carmody explained the book "An Ideal church: A Meditation" as being "a meditation on what our Christian church ought to be" Thursday at Saint Mary's 1999 Madeleva Lecture in Spirituality.

The first segment of the lecture covered "Going Back to Go Forward," which explained the history of Christianity and the Catholic faith. It also provided insight into what ideal ecclesiology entails through the four marks of the Church: one, holy, Catholic and apostolic.

The benefit of going back and understanding the history is to imagine the ideal, Carmody said.

"In as much as we are embarking on a time of creative musing, even dreaming, we too cannot be sure what the consequences will be," Carmody said.

The Church itself has been idealistic, according to Carmody,

and that is where the four marks of the Church come in.

"The traditional marks of the Church express their idealism," she said.

Carmody explained each mark and expressed their importance.

"The unity of the Church rests on the will and action of God, who wants to make the follower of Jesus a sign of what love can do when it sets no limits to what the divine Spirit may make of it," Carmody said.

The ideal factor of "one" presents itself "in that it springs directly from what God has made the Church to be and how God has guided the development of the Church historically," Carmody said.

The second mark, holiness, "comes from the triumph of God's will for us, which is our prospering," Carmody said.

Our prospering differs, however, but Carmody said that when pain comes we have to trust that God will see us through and will

not abandon us.

Through the marks that Carmody discussed, she said humans need to realize that while God will not abandon us, Christians need to lead lives which involve responsibility, time to pause, reflection and moments to question.

This led to the second part of the lecture: people of God. Here Carmody focused on the laity of communities.

"More often than not, lay Christians have lived in middling circumstances, experiencing neither the worst of persecutions nor the best of possible communities," Carmody said.

Lay Christians combat large governments that stress religion as a private issue and intellectuals who are predominately atheistic.

"Lay people ought to make the Holy Spirit their first counselor," Carmody said, because "they have been anointed with the Holy Spirit in all the sacraments."

Pasquerilla dies at 72

Special to The Observer

Frank Pasquerilla, a trustee and benefactor of the University and the chairman of the board died Wednesday of a heart attack at Memorial Medical Center. He was 72.

Pasquerilla served on Notre Dame's Board of Trustees from 1984 until May 1997, when he was elevated to life trustee.

Pasquerilla's gifts to Notre Dame established the Pasquerilla West and Pasquerilla East women's residence halls built in 1981 and the Pasquerilla Center, constructed in 1990 to house the University's ROTC programs.

Pasquerilla first became asso-

ciated with the University in 1977 when his son, Mark, enrolled as a student. Mark, vice chair and president of Crown American, graduated in 1981, and Frank was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University in 1982.

Pasquerilla joined Crown Construction Company in 1950 and was elected president of the firm six years later. He was the owner of Crown American Hotels.

Pasquerilla received the Secretary of Defense Award for Outstanding Public Service in 1990.

He is survived by his wife Sylvia, son Mark, and daughter Leah.

■ CORRECTION

A cutline in Thursday's Observer said Michael Palumbo was the student body president. Palumbo is the student body vice president.

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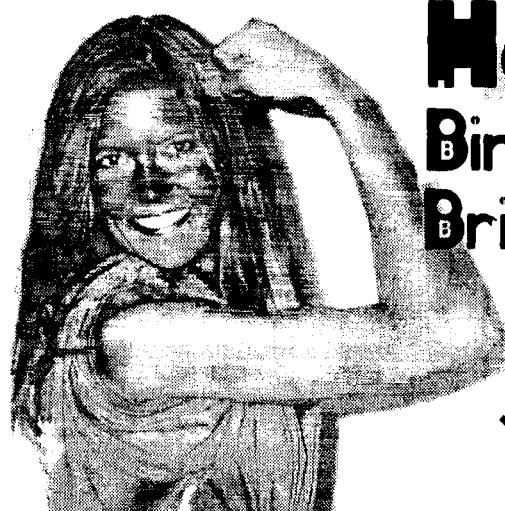
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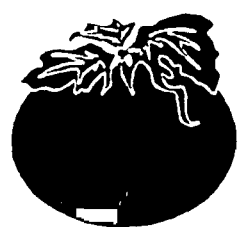
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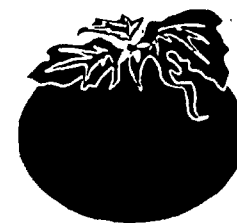


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Summit

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was "prudent to update our plans and assessments."

From across Europe, a swarm of VIP jets began delivering presidents and prime ministers of 19 NATO nations and 23 partner countries to the capital for three days of summitry beginning Friday. The meeting originally was planned as a 50th anniversary celebration of NATO's founding, but the festivities were recast into more serious discussions as the alliance confronted the crisis in Kosovo.

Washington braced for limousine gridlock and tight restrictions in a 100-block downtown security zone, including much of the National Mall. City schools were to be closed Friday and thousands of federal workers were given the day off.

The summit opens in the fifth week of airstrikes against Yugoslavia, with no sign that bombing has stopped the violence on the ground or the forced expulsion of ethnic Albanians from Kosovo.

NATO brought its firepower closer to Milosevic, destroying one of his Belgrade homes in an attack that Yugoslav officials protested was an attempt to kill their leader. Milosevic was not inside the house. The United States said the home was a command and control center and that the attack was not an assassination attempt.

Clinton, eager to repair his impeachment-marred record, is counting on the NATO meet-

ing to increase the pressure on Milosevic with an oil embargo and a message of unmistakable resolve to stop his aggression.

Blair met with congressional leaders in the Capitol after private talks with Clinton. The prime minister said it was essential that NATO "give the clearest possible message of will and resolution that Milosevic and his policies will not prevail.

"It means we carry on with the campaign that we have launched, that we make sure that that campaign is intensified and successful ... and we make all assessments necessary to make sure we succeed," Blair said.

Robin Cook, the British foreign secretary, said that NATO "cannot tolerate the rebirth of fascism within Europe. And that is what we are witnessing at the present time."

He echoed Albright's assertion that NATO would not send ground forces into a hostile environment but did not spell out in what circumstances they might be introduced. "Time is our greatest ally," Cook said. "As President Milosevic gets weaker with the passage of time, so too does the strength of our case for returning the Kosovars under international protections."

NATO leaders came to Washington seeking a new mission for the alliance, which was formed a half century ago to prevent a Soviet invasion of Europe. With that threat removed, the alliance is casting about for a new purpose beyond its traditional collective defense against threats to any member.

Cyber Area meets student approval

By LINDSAY FRANK
News Writer

The recent addition of Reckers' new Cyber Area means that students can now check e-mail and play video games while enjoying their favorite smoothies, according to Mike Davy, operations manager of Reckers.

The overall reaction to the new equipment has been favorable, he said.

"So far [the changes] have been pretty well accepted," he said.

Originally planned as a cyber café, the plan to install equipment had been on the back burner until Jason Birnbaum, head of the campus improvements committee, expressed his interest in the project to David Prentkowski, director of Food Services, last fall.

Through a series of conversations, Birnbaum and Prentkowski discussed the best methods for implementation.

"Initially I met [it] with some skepticism about late-night student behavior. But I assured them that the student body could handle it," said Birnbaum.

Originally, the proposed plan was limited to the installation of the computers. To prevent Reckers from turning into another computer lab, the video games were added into the design.

"We didn't want to make it a cluster, but a fun place where people can take a break from studying," said Davy.

Funding for the project came from a partnership formed with Food Services and Coca-Cola. The computers came from the department while the sound chairs featuring pre-loaded compact discs were designed by Coca-Cola. The company wanted to install six of the chairs to form a life-size six-pack configuration, but only three were installed to conserve space.

"The whole thing is pretty neat and I hope people come out and

use it," said Birnbaum.

While the goal is to maintain a low-key environment, users of the new equipment have to observe a 30-minute time limit if other people are waiting and follow a sign-up procedure.

Many students, however, don't think the Cyber Area will last.

"It's hideous. In addition, it will probably be broken within two weeks because of Reckers' tendency to attract drunks," said Jeremy Bauer, a Reckers student employee.

As far as additional developments, no more major projects are scheduled for the near future, although there is talk of adding a couple more televisions. The main concern now is getting involved with student organizations and groups.

"We've done pretty well this year. SUB and some of the classes have had activities here, but we really want to get more use out of the stage," said Davy.

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■ BRIEF BRIEFS

Police arrest teens in Baton Rouge school shooting

SCOTLANDVILLE, La.

Shots rang out near a middle school Thursday and a 4-year-old girl was hit in the cheek by a boy who said he was aiming for someone he argued with earlier, police said. A 14-year-old boy was charged with attempted murder for allegedly opening fire on a middle school in suburban Baton Rouge, said Lt. Darrell Oneal, spokesman for the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office. The teen and an alleged accomplice, also 14, were arrested hours after the shots were fired from a park 100 yards away from Scotlandville Middle School. One .22-caliber bullet hit a 14-year-old female student in the cheek as she passed between buildings. She was treated at a hospital and released.

Bhutan lifts ban on TV

NEW DELHI, India

Bhutan is ending its ban on television and starting its own network, finally lowering its guard against outside influence in the remote Buddhist kingdom. Broadcasting will begin June 2, but initially only in the capital Thimphu, a city of 40,000 residents, said the Kuensel weekly, Bhutan's only newspaper. That date marks the 25th anniversary of the coronation of King Jigme Singye Wangchuck. Isolated in the Himalayas, Bhutan has sought to preserve its culture. Men and women are required to wear traditional robe-like dress. Buildings, public and private, conform to orthodox style, often decorated with religious symbols. Satellite dishes are outlawed, although the rule is widely breached. Kuensel said the national assembly decided in February to end the ban on television and to authorize the state broadcasting company, which operates radio stations, to start TV transmissions.

Group pushes for meat irradiation

WASHINGTON

A federal proposal to allow irradiation of uncooked meats should be expanded to include ready-to-eat products like hot dogs and luncheon meats, a quasi-governmental group of food safety experts said Thursday. "There is a clear benefit for irradiation of ready-to-eat meat products," said Dennis Olson, director of the Utilization Center for Agricultural Products at Iowa State University, citing the numerous recalls of contaminated ready-to-eat products. Olson is part of the Food Safety Consortium, established by Congress in 1988 at the University of Arkansas, Iowa State University and Kansas State University to investigate meat and food safety. Several companies have been forced to recall their luncheon meats and hot dogs in recent months due to possible contamination by *Listeria monocytogenes* bacteria.

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This Columbine High School yearbook photo shows Eric Harris, one of two suspects in the school shooting of 14 students and one teacher that were killed Tuesday at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo.

Gunmen's video foreshadowed killings

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LITTLETON, Colo.

Months before the massacre at Columbine High, the two killers made a class-project video depicting themselves in their trench coats, gunning down athletes in the school hallway, a classmate says.

Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold killed and wounded dozens of students at the school before taking their own lives Tuesday.

Their spasm of violence was foreshadowed by several videos they made last fall for a class, classmates said.

In one video, "they had their friends pretend to be the jocks, and they pretended to be the gunmen shooting them," high school junior Chris Reilly told the Denver Rocky Mountain News.

"They were a little upset they couldn't show their video to the whole school. But there were guns in every scene of the video, so you can't show that."

School officials said they hadn't yet determined whether such a video was made, and the teacher who taught the class refused to comment. But another

student said the pair's video projects were uniformly disturbing.

"They always were the same kind of videos," said Eric Veik, 16. "They always wore trench coats. They always wanted to be the intimidators, the good guys out to get the bad guys."

At school, the pair were known as members of a group of outcasts who called themselves the "Trenchcoat Mafia," for the long black coats they wore, regardless of the season. Klebold and Harris openly admired Hitler, wore German crosses to school, and played violent video games for hours at a time.

The disturbing thing, to some, is that Klebold and Harris came from respectable, middle-class families.

Thomas and Susan Klebold lived in a home worth nearly \$400,000, a modernistic cedar-and-glass structure with matching guest house tucked between two huge stone formations on a rural road.

Klebold's father, Thomas, 52, a retired geophysicist who consulted with companies exploring gas and oil, now runs a mortgage management business from his home. His mother,

50, has worked for the Colorado community-college system for years, helping disabled students gain access to education.

"We're all scratching our heads right now," said Michael Briand, who knows Ms. Klebold from his work as a community-development consultant at Arapahoe Community College.

He said the elder Klebold is known as a liberal, in favor of gun control. Ms. Klebold is a sensitive listener.

"As far as I can tell, this family was utterly, utterly normal," Briand said. "They did everything right. But somehow the pain and anger was too deep, and they didn't see it or couldn't reach it. This has got to be a pervasive thing in our society if it can reach this far, into families like this."

Harris moved to Littleton in 1996 from Plattsburgh, N.Y., where his father, Wayne Harris, was an Air Force pilot.

In Littleton, neighbors said, the family appeared quiet. The elder Harris, now retired, and his wife, Katherine, would wave across the fence while out in the yard but made little effort to socialize with neighbors.

■ INDIA

Militia kills 12 lower-caste people

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SINDANI

Backed by upper-caste landlords seeking revenge, a private militia stormed into a village in eastern India, killing 12 people, police said Thursday.

Members of the Ranbir Sena militia on Wednesday entered the village of Sindani, 530 miles southeast of New Delhi, and opened fire, said T.P. Sinha, a local police official.

The massacre was likely in retaliation for the killing of 35 upper-caste Hindus by communist rebels last month in Bihar, India's most lawless state, where a caste war has erupted, police said.

Raj Vanshi Yadav, who survived the overnight attack, was working in the

fields when he heard gunfire. During the wheat-sowing season, the villagers often work all night to irrigate and tend crops.

"We ran. Those who could not run were killed," he said. "Whoever remained in the village, when we came back, we saw them finished off."

On Thursday, bloodied bodies of a woman and a 9-year-old girl lay in a dirt street as villagers crowded around staring. Women covered their faces and wept, and families prepared to cremate the bodies of the dead.

More than 300 police fanned out through the fields searching for the killers. Police have been combing the area for the past month to track down Ranbir Sena activists.

The militia has targeted Dalits, which means "oppressed ones," the lowest group in the hierarchy of Hinduism. Most Dalits are poor, uneducated farm laborers.

Wednesday's attack was the sixth major caste-related massacre in Bihar State in the past six months. Last month, communist guerrillas struck in the neighboring Jehanabad district, here nearly 200 people belonging to lower classes and 54 upper-caste Hindus have been killed since 1981.

The communist groups have been trying to organize laborers in Bihar to improve their condition and secure them land, a challenge to the social order that the Ranbir Sena has answered with violence.

The caste killings prompt-

ed the Hindu nationalist-led federal government to fire the state government, run by a socialist party, last month. The federal government said the state had disintegrated into total lawlessness.

But the state government was restored later because Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's party did not have the support for necessary parliamentary ratification of the federal takeover of Bihar.

India's caste system is an age-old Hindu social structure that can determine anything from where a lower-caste person works to where he lives, worships or drinks water. Though India's constitution outlaws discrimination by caste, the system remains prevalent in rural areas.

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dles and halogen lamps," Antonucci said.

However, the in-between time is just as busy.

"A shift shows up for duty at 6:30 a.m. sharp, and by 7 a.m. they are in uniform and ready for the work day," Antonucci said.

Once dressed and ready for the day, the men begin their seemingly never-ending process of campus inspections.

"We inspect a set group of buildings each month," Antonucci said, and it takes the department 10 months to get through all 135 buildings on campus. In addition, all 55 campus elevators are tested to ensure they work properly, Antonucci said.

"Every Thursday all medical equipment is checked, replaced, repaired or replenished," Antonucci added. "The engines are cleaned every time they return from an emergency

response — they make sure it is in service."

Construction presents a constant source of activity for the department as well.

"Every area of construction or area being renovated has an element of our fire protection system in it. We constantly have to disarm these systems so construction can take place," Antonucci added.

If an alarm does go off somewhere on campus, special systems aid the department in efficient responses. Not only does each building on campus have its own telegraph alarm bell in the fire house, but has technological advantages as well.

"Our alarm warning system is unique because in the library and Grace Hall we have systems that report to a central computer. The computer uses touch-graphics, which gives us an exact blueprint of the building and room affected," Antonucci said. There are 50 other systems that report to the central computer that give the fighters character descriptions and not graphics.

In an instance where a local fire department can not handle a particular blaze on its own, the Notre Dame Fire Department is called, Antonucci said.

"Clay Township Fire Department called on us when they needed help with the Inn at Saint Mary's fire," he said.

Despite all of the work, the firefighters rarely complain.

"I think it is a cool job. I like getting in the trucks and all that stuff. You can still be a kid in a way," said firefighter Andrew Myer.

Antonucci's enjoyment comes from the feeling he contributes to the community, he said.

"I have deep feelings about this University and I have a sense of service towards it. I enjoy taking care of my community," he said.

But while a fireman's day may be finished, Antonucci's nights are just beginning.

"The state requires fire fighters to involve themselves in continuing education classes," Antonucci said.

For example, ongoing construction on campus encouraged the department to educate a

team capable of handling high angle rope rescues on buildings such as the Dome where scaffolding soars higher than the truck ladders can reach. Additionally, the seven miles of tunnels underneath Notre Dame's campus required the department to create a team specialized in confined space fires, and Antonucci oversees a certified open water dive team to manage the 81 acres of lakes on the campuses.

"We had a rescue boat and two divers on hand for the Fisher Regatta," he said.

After all the continuing education classes are finished for the night, the firemen often gather in a common room to eat or watch television before retiring to their own private rooms for the night.

In addition to the four fighters

living in the building every night, two priests reside there as well, which is representative of the building's history.

"This building was constructed in 1945, and at that time the brothers were responsible for almost every facet of this campus — including the fire department," Antonucci said. "The ground floor of this building was a parking garage, and the brothers that operated the power plant and the fire department lived upstairs."

Notre Dame's own fire department existed long before the construction of the current building. Although Antonucci does not know the exact date of the department's founding, there is a photo dated from 1900, where Notre Dame firefighters are fighting a major fire, he said.

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Now, as leaders of the 19 NATO member nations gather in Washington, D.C., for a conference celebrating the 50th anniversary of the alliance, they face questions regarding the crisis in Kosovo and the increasingly-common types of international conflict that it represents. The bombing campaign in Yugoslavia is the first military action NATO has taken outside its own borders, and has been seen as a departure from the alliance's traditional focus on defense.

It is also the first time such international action has been taken against a sovereign state without backing from the U.N. Security Council.

NATO's shift from Western military alliance to regional policeman must be successful in Kosovo if NATO is to maintain its credibility as an international actor, many have said.

"The world will grow dramatically more dangerous if NATO does not impose its will," said former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich last week at Stepan Center. "It is very important for the most powerful nation in the world to walk very softly and carry a very big stick."

Other national leaders have been more blunt.

"If we do not achieve our goals in Kosovo, NATO is finished as an alliance," said Senator Joseph Biden to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee this week.

While that prediction seems dire to some, there is general agreement that Kosovo will be a significant factor in the future of the alliance.

"I think the future of NATO is uncertain," said Richard Conroy, a visiting assistant professor of government and international relations. "It actually depends partly on the outcome of the crisis in Kosovo."

If NATO accomplishes its goal and the Serbs stop their offensive and allow ethnic Albanians to return home, the alliance should remain careful in embracing its conflict-resolution role, according to Conroy. He pointed to difficulties the U.N. experienced after peacekeeping success in the late 1980s. Governments turned to the international body for help, and its peacekeeping efforts became overextended. Conroy warned against NATO putting itself in that position.

"If NATO is successful in its Kosovo efforts, and the jury is still way out on that, it should proceed with caution," he said.

There appears to be mixed evidence about NATO's prospects for the future. Three nations — Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic — joined the alliance in March and several more are

applying for membership. No states have publicly discussed dropping out, and, in a rare show of solidarity, all 19 NATO countries support the bombing campaign, although Greece has said it would not participate.

On the other hand, NATO's credibility as an effective international actor is being challenged by the totalitarian leader of a small European nation. If Milosevic is not defeated, some say, other rogue dictators will take advantage of NATO's perceived weakness.

"We have put our marker down and we had better win," Gingrich said. "Or the world will be a much more dangerous place."

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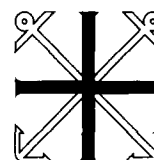
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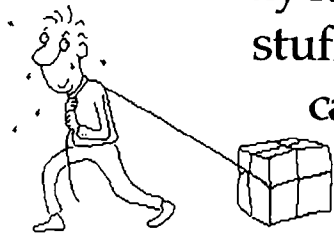
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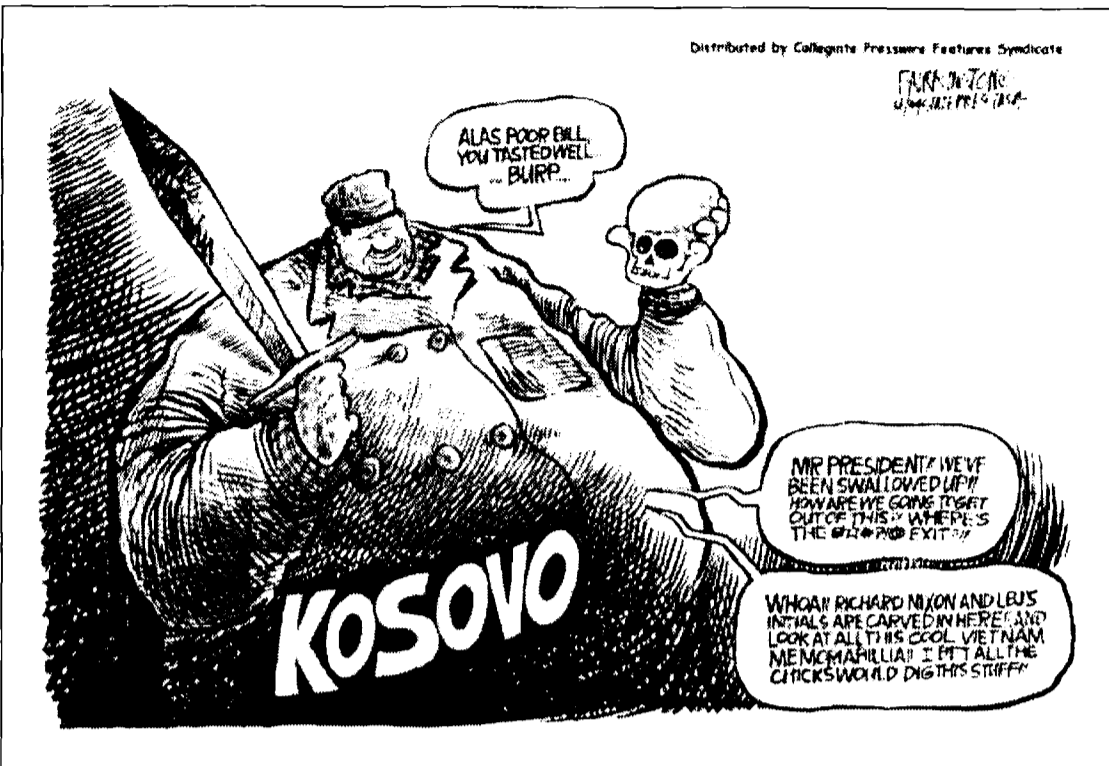
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■ GUEST COLUMN

Kosovo and the Future of NATO Credibility

The celebrations planned for this week-end's anniversary of NATO have been dramatically overshadowed by the war in Kosovo. But rather than bemoan the fact that the party's over, Clinton and his foreign policy team should welcome the chance to hold a serious working summit and use it as an opportunity to correct the mistakes that have already been made to conduct serious planning for the long-term stability of the Balkans and the future of NATO and to show the world that NATO remains resolute and united in pursuing its goals in Kosovo.

Mark Jubulis

The stakes in the current conflict are far greater than the status of Kosovo. Secretary General of NATO Javier Solana said that Kosovo is a defining moment "for the kind of Europe we wish to live in," and the Los Angeles Times writes that if NATO fails in Kosovo, "not just its military credibility but its very reason for being will be questioned."

The last point may be exaggerated (no NATO country wants to leave the alliance, and many more states want to join), but there is no question that the present crisis will have major ramifications for the future of NATO well into the next century. It will determine the status of NATO's credibility in the eyes of the world, U.S. criteria for intervening abroad and will play a large role in determining the future course of U.S.-Russian relations.

But these stakes do not alter the fact that NATO credibility would have been destroyed had NATO failed to follow through on its threats and looked on as Milosevic conducted his ethnic cleansing

campaign with impunity.

Since deciding to act, however, NATO's credibility has been weakened because it looks as though we reluctantly stumbled into a war without a clear sense of purpose. General Clark has complained that he has been forced to wage a "politically constrained campaign." U.S. policy makers have ignored the so-called "Powell Doctrine," which states that we must use all necessary force to achieve clearly defined objectives. Instead, we have had difficulty articulating a clear set of goals and we have not applied the appropriate means to meet our objectives. If NATO expected things to turn out the way they have, then clearly there would be more signs of advanced planning, such as a relief action plan and resources, both of which should have been on their way to Albania a long time ago.

We must admit that our bombing has not had the desired result. Milosevic has gained greater support within his country, and the situation of the more than 500,000 refugees has worsened dramatically. NATO says that a successful bombing campaign requires patience, but too many lives of Albanian refugees are at stake while we wait for Milosevic to back down.

In the meantime, Serb forces are destroying villages in Kosovo so the refugees will have no homes to return to after the fighting ceases. At the summit, we should at least put the issue of ground troops back on the table. It was foolish to broadcast our intentions to Milosevic as we wage war.

The administration's insistence that we are not even considering ground troops has given Milosevic the upper hand in controlling the situation on the ground in Kosovo.

The summit should also be used to prepare a plan for long-term stability in the Balkans and any vision of a stable future for the region must exclude Milosevic. If we reach an agreement with him we will be setting ourselves up for failure because he is sure to cause trouble again; his reliance on a policy of war is directly tied to the maintenance of his dictatorial regime.

Madeleine Albright claims that NATO's actions are meant to send a signal that eth-

nic cleansing will not be tolerated, but the only way to get that message across would be to indict Milosevic as a war criminal.

Regarding plans for NATO's new strategic mission, we should expect NATO to scale back its ambitious goals for "out of area" missions due to the initial difficulties in the Kosovo campaign. As NATO ventures further from its core mission of defense for its members we are likely to see greater fissures emerge within the alliance as it will be more difficult for 19 democracies to agree on distant security threats.

In any event, NATO will be bogged down in the Balkans for years and will therefore be less eager to tackle new problems beyond NATO's borders. NATO's attempt to "degrade" Milosevic's military capacity has also degraded relations between the West and Russia. The bombing campaign has resulted in a surge of anti-American sentiment in Russia. Recent events have recreated an adversarial view of NATO in the eyes of most Russians, and have insulted Russian politicians who feel unjustly excluded from European security affairs.

Russia reacted to the bombing by breaking all ties with NATO, and the U.S. must do all it can to make sure that this rupture does not become permanent. We should encourage Russian efforts to find a settlement and include Russian troops in any peace-keeping force that will be implemented later.

But Russia must also meet us halfway. Russia is reacting sharply to the bombings because it feels excluded by NATO, but Russia is also isolating itself from the rest of Europe by lending rhetorical support to Yugoslavia. When Russia joins Belarus in condemning NATO "aggression" and refuses to condemn Milosevic's policies of ethnic cleansing, what does this say about shared values between Russia and the West?

The most alarming aspect regarding the extreme rhetoric coming from Moscow is that it is not limited to radicals in the Duma, but also comes from officials such as Foreign Minister Ivanov. He recently publicly accused the West of committing "genocide" against the Serbs and suggested that

NATO officials who planned the attack should be charged with war crimes.

Such rhetoric is often excused as playing to domestic audiences in Russia, but it is truly harmful because it inflames anti-Western sentiment and further emboldens Milosevic by showing him that he has strong friends in Russia. The West should make it clear to Russia that it is not constructive for government officials to spread Belgrade's propaganda. This gap in our perceptions of events in Kosovo must be overcome before Russia and the West can cooperate in peace-keeping once the conflict has ended.

Finally, Russian fears of an "aggressive" NATO must be assuaged before NATO can achieve its vision of a "Europe whole and free" by expanding further to include new democracies in Eastern Europe. Although this issue will not be decided at the summit, future directions for expansion are already visible due to NATO's future involvement in the Balkans.

This crisis reveals the strategic importance of Hungary, and that a land corridor will have to be established linking Hungary to the rest of NATO means admitting either Slovakia or Slovenia. And if Romania and Bulgaria cooperate in granting air space to NATO planes, these two countries will expect some sort of reward in the form of an acceleration of NATO expansion. NATO will remain the main guarantor of security in Europe so long as the U.N., the OSCE and the WEU are unable to do the job. We must remember that NATO is involved in Bosnia because the U.N. had failed miserably in its peace-keeping mission. NATO must succeed in Kosovo with its credibility intact if it is to retain the strength, cohesion and confidence necessary to fulfill its task in the next century. Anything less would be good news for the next dictator determined to challenge the peace.

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■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

'More than an end to war, we want an end to the beginnings of all wars.'

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

■ GUEST COLUMN

Violating Serb Sovereignty

Kosovo is universally recognized as sovereign Serbian territory. Is NATO's intervention in Kosovo, therefore, a violation of international law?

NATO's action certainly is intervention in the internal affairs of a sovereign state. But the days of absolute inviolability of sovereignty, if they ever existed, have passed. It is by now well established, in morality and in law, that nations are accountable to other nations for massive human rights violations within their borders.

Even the classic formulations of international law argued, on occasion, for a right of "humanitarian intervention." For example, the 18th-century Swiss jurist Vattel held that intervention was permissible

"when persecution is carried to an intolerable degree, when it becomes a case of evident tyranny, against which all Nations may give help to an unfortunate people." Some modern theorists argue the sovereignty of a state no longer exists when a government attacks, rather than protects, its own citizens.

Would anyone claim that Hitler could have murdered Jews with impunity so long as he limited himself to Jews within German borders? The humanitarian interests of mankind have, since the Holocaust, been embodied in international treaties such as the Genocide Convention,

by which signatory states promise to prevent and to punish "acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial or religious group" — a definition that clearly fits the massacres and mass expulsions of Albanians in Kosovo.

But even without the humanitarian justification, the imposition of huge refugee flows on other countries creates an international right of intervention. A country that has disturbed the peace, stability and well-being of its neighbors by forcing its own citizens to flee has, in essence, internationalized its own domestic affairs. According to recognized principles of international law, it bears responsibility for damages inflicted, and other states may act to correct the situation. Such action does not necessarily involve the use of force, but neither is force excluded.

The United Nations Charter empowers the Security Council to identify "threats to peace and security" and to use its Chapter VII enforcement powers — including military force — to resolve them. These powers were invoked only twice during the Cold War period, against South Africa and Southern Rhodesia. Both cases involved intervention in domestic conflicts. The Security Council determined, in other words, that the racist regimes in these countries constituted "a threat to international peace and security," and accordingly invoked mandatory sanctions.

Since 1991, the Security Council has identified threats to international peace and security and invoked Chapter VII in another thirteen cases. In ten of these thirteen cases the threat was essentially internal in origin. (The cases were Iraqi

Kurdistan, Somalia, Bosnia, Croatia, Liberia, Haiti, Rwanda, Zaire, Albania and Kosovo; the exceptions were the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, Yugoslavia in the Bosnian conflict and Libya's role in the Pan-Am bombing.) In other words, the Security Council has increasingly defined refugee flows, and domestic disorder generally, as grounds for international action.

But while the Security Council has defined Kosovo as an international problem, it did not specifically authorize the

current bombing campaign throughout Serbia. Nor is it likely to; both Russia and China will use their veto power to prevent the establishment of a precedent that might conceivably be applied one day to Chechnya or Tibet. Does this mean, therefore, that

the international community cannot act forcefully to stop this humanitarian tragedy?

The international community may not be able to act, in this instance, through the preferred channel of UN enforcement powers. But this does not invalidate the broader, prior grounds of humanitarian intervention. As Michael Walzer argued in "Just and Unjust Wars" over 20 years ago, national sovereignty should not stand in the way "when the violation of human rights ... is so terrible that it makes talk of community or self-determination ... seem cynical or irrelevant, that is, in cases of enslavement or massacre."

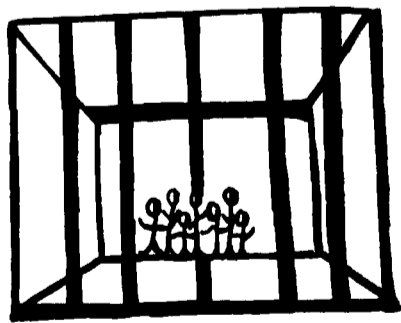
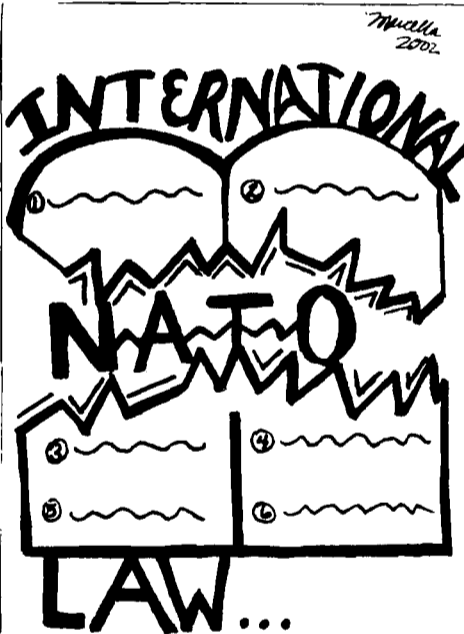
Such intervention would still need to meet the standards for a just war: just cause, comparative justice, right intention, probability of success, proportionality and last resort. Each of us will make our own judgments about the applicability of these standards to the Kosovo intervention. We may also reach the conclusion that action to prevent genocide is in this case justifiable — as I do myself — without subscribing to the means by which intervention is being carried out. I particularly doubt the reliance on air power to correct injustices being perpetrated on the ground.

Some will point out that in previous cases of genocide in our time — Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda — the international community did not react forcefully. This is true, but that does

not necessarily mean that intervention is the wrong course now. It is in part a bad conscience about Bosnia and Rwanda that has invigorated the Western response to this challenge. The international community is engaged in a long and difficult process of establishing and enforcing international norms under which massive crimes against humanity will be averted; the early steps in this process will inevitably be partial and imperfect.

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■ GUEST COLUMN



The European Angle

"We intend to draw NATO into a ground war." These chilling words were spoken by Notre Dame students playing the role of Serbia's government in a simulation of the Kosovo crisis. They shocked everyone in the room. Other students playing the roles of the U.S. and the major European powers had just threatened a ground attack if Serbia did not halt its terror campaign against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo.

If the real Serbian government of Slobodan Milosevic welcomes escalation, there is also the real question of whether NATO's strategy makes sense, and Serbia's government does have reasons to

contemplate more war. First, Serbia's military situation looks good for now. The air attacks have gone on since March 24, but Serbian air defenses remain substantially intact. Milosevic rarely activates his air defense systems, so NATO pilots can't find them. They still endanger NATO's attempts to fly the necessary low-altitude flights. The absence of a ground assault so far and its unlikely prospect in the short term gives Milosevic's forces time to dig in to fortified positions in mountainous terrain.

Second, refugees suit Milosevic's military aims. The more than 600,000 Albanian Kosovars forced out of their homeland cannot support a NATO invasion. Instead, the refugees could be an obstacle. Thousands of alliance troops are tied down caring for and protecting the refugees and cannot prepare for fighting. Hundreds of thousands of people are displaced within Kosovo itself, mainly into the probable lines of a ground assault. NATO will have few good options once Kosovo is occupied by strategically-placed defensive arrangements and masses of Albanian Kosovars, hostages on their own land.

Third, Milosevic's domestic political situation is stronger than ever. Before 1989, Serbia was the freest country in the region and the closest to the West, but since the fall of communism Milosevic has ground down emerging democratic institutions and used them as corrupt supports for an authoritarian system. The war is only strengthening the current regime. Milosevic has continued his attacks on opposition politicians and journalists and has tightened state censorship. Among the populace at large, NATO attacks are provoking support for Milosevic along the lines of "my country, right or wrong." The inevitable civilian casualties give people reasons to identify NATO as a dangerous aggressor.

Ranged against Milosevic are NATO members more cohesive than in previous conflicts. Germany proposes a peace plan (signs of Serbian forces withdrawing from Kosovo in exchange for a cease-fire for 24 hours and eventually peace-keeping forces from beyond NATO), but is committing troops to military action. France, Italy, and Greece only recently agreed

to what their NATO military strategists want (naval interdiction to prevent resupply of petroleum depots destroyed from the air), but that is a far cry from France leaving NATO, as it did in 1966. Despite concerns about a close war, Italy provides bases from which strong pro-Serb sentiment in Greece, but the government continues to support NATO actions.

The cooperation includes new partners. Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary just joined the other 16 NATO countries on March 12. Even the countries whose NATO

membership was put off are supporting the alliance. Bulgaria, which borders Serbia and whose democratically elected government still wants to be admitted to NATO and the European Union, put itself at risk by letting NATO use its airspace. NATO's decision to expand to the east without a formal role for Russia is having serious consequences: Russia is torn between reasserting its status as a great power with interests in southeastern Europe and making sure that it has international financial support. *NATO should be open to Russian participation in this operation, since its very fragile democracy needs a boost of international confidence.*

Ironically, Milosevic has better propaganda weapons for the West than other countries. By preparing for a ground war, Milosevic stokes fears of bloodshed and could turn Western public opinion against involvement. He won some opportunistic support from former communists in Russia and Belarus, but most Slavs remain lukewarm to his calls for unity. This could change depending on how the West deals with the region after the war.

NATO's mission was once said to be keeping the Russians out, the Americans in and the Germans down. Now it has to keep the Americans and Europeans together and the Russians out of trouble. The further mission of limiting what states like Serbia do to civilian populations is a challenging task for which NATO countries should prepare more thoroughly. The paramount goal must be to protect and encourage new democracies and growing economies in southeastern and central Europe. The great fear of people in the region is that the rest of Europe and the U.S. will abandon them once this conflict ends. Western Europeans and Americans need to ensure that their commitment to the region does not end with a military campaign alone.

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■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Bookstore Basketball Myth

The myth of Bookstore Basketball remains shrouded in racial controversy.

From my understanding as a sophomore, as a commissioner and as an African-American female on the campus of the University of Notre Dame I can honestly say that there is truth to the statement. However, the Bookstore Basketball commissioners are not at fault; they are not to blame for the injustices suffered by participants. We as students of the University are the individuals at fault for the racial tensions introduced into this recreational environment.

As a community, we look upon the participants as gladiators of ancient Rome or Greece — slaves forced to fight each other against their will as we, the blood thirsty spectators, instigate this rivalry between opposing teams.

I stood next to a spectator and asked him if they thought that Bookstore was too violent. His response to me was, "[The violence] is what makes Bookstore fun to watch." His statement bothered me, but I continued to commission the game. Then I began to realize the amount of tension escalating between teams of different ethnic backgrounds, as the crowd began to egg the players on through their instigation and approval of such rough-housing.

As commissioners, it is our job to serve as mediators of the entire event; it is more difficult to control the audience than it is to control the players. The type of atmosphere harbored by the spectators controls the social outcome of the game. When there are unknown members of the crowd singling out players to taunt and make personal attacks on, regardless of their cultural background, it negatively affects the overall mood of the game and its players. I'm not saying that Bookstore should be void of the traditional "trash-talking" associated with competitive sports, but the taunting of players must stop. Name-calling, gender-bashing and racial slurs may be entertaining to an audience dishing out such expressions of ignorance, but it takes a toll on the player being singled out. Taunting takes the fun out of Bookstore. The spectator victimizes and degrades the meaning and purpose of Bookstore — which is to bring the campus together as a community.

One thing I've noticed is just how much taunting Bookstore teams with football players are forced to experience by the same Notre Dame family that cheers them on every football Saturday. I can't help but question the motives behind such harassment. Is it personal? It is to make a person to feel less of a member of the team? Is it to make someone feel less of a man?

The insults that take place during Bookstore Basketball are harsh and unnecessary. In order to preserve the Notre Dame family, these insults need to stop. This is our responsibility as Notre Dame students — to ensure that we are not being demeaned by each other.

As commissioners, we try to help the situation, but the responsibility is not solely ours. It is impossible for us to resolve the unethical conflicts that arise in Bookstore, so the next time you witness someone insulting another team or player, make it your business to ignore that person and refrain from engaging in the perpetuation of their ignorance.

Charlyn Henderson
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■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's a Christian Duty to Learn About Kosovo

These days, priorities in our lives get jumbled a bit. Final papers, exams, presentations, good-byes and last hurrahs are the order of the day.

Yet we cannot help but notice another feature of campus priorities at this time. This new feature is by no means a negative one; in fact, if followed through it could be quite positive. We speak of the desire to learn more — and to learn for ourselves — the truth about Kosovo. We have noticed many who want to know more, even just the basics about the conflict. We have heard in classrooms and dorm rooms chatter about the history of Serbia, the religious texture of the Orthodox-Muslim tension that lies at the core of life for ethnic Albanians and Serbs.

Most of all, though, we heard dialogue and discussion about the NATO bombing campaign now being waged. The United

States is at war, and Notre Dame students take that seriously.

As members of the new Notre Dame Pax Christi group, we believe that Notre Dame students do not want to let the events of the world pass them by. We have heard the observations about Notre Dame being a bubble, or an ivory tower, detached from the harsh realities of the world. Yet we wish not to give into that way of viewing education here. We think that students can be called to something better: an education which directly seeks to improve the harsh realities of the world.

Part of the responsibility that comes with a Notre Dame education is an awareness of the world in which we live. And in a time of war, a time of massive suffering and complex political dysfunction, this is especially true. Now, more than ever, we each need to formulate a personal

response to what is happening.

To ignore Kosovo — to go about our finals and good-byes without a worry of the cries from the Balkans or how they actually do involve each of us — is simply unacceptable.

In fact, we believe that it is a Christian duty to inform ourselves on this matter. History has taught Christians that turning away and pretending not to care about suffering can be deadly. Nor can we just shrug our shoulders and say, "Nah, it doesn't affect me."

It does affect us; for Christians, the Body of Christ knows no bias in favor of only caring about what happens in the world closest to us. We must care, and we think Notre Dame students do.

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The Heart of Darkness

I'm really scared.

I don't understand all the violence. How can you control what you don't understand? There can't be an end to this madness until the sources are found — until the heat of this volcanic anger is somehow slowly extinguished. This raging heat runs rampant beneath these thin shells of ours searching for, waiting for a weak spot where it can find a release and burst through, enshrouding and swallowing into itself so much of our others' lives.

We all know kids like Dylan and Eric. And most of us have probably been them and/or hurt them at one time or another. Did we do this? Did we fail to show them love and beauty? Or would they not have recognized the very beauty of life even if it had been held before their souls? Maybe this beauty could not penetrate their hardened hearts. Maybe we helped to embitter them. Maybe they were helpless; maybe they were ill. But that does not mean that they were unable to be helped.

My anger, my sickness comes from my lack of understanding. Not understanding how these kids could ever learn such complete disregard for life, not understanding where to begin and how to begin the process of disabling the source of hatred which saturated their souls, the source of the madness of their violence and the very heart of darkness.

It makes me sick. It physically makes me ill. I want to throw up the grief, the rage, the anger and tears that are tightly contained in the pit of my gut. We're going to try to remember this day just as we have tried for the all too many tragic days like it that have come before it. We will try just hard enough to forget. It's so easy to forget these images: terrified, agonized faces; the boy breaking through and climbing out of a second floor window, his bloody body dangling earthward: "Help me, I'm bleeding to death"; images of students running from school, scared for their lives, around fallen bodies which seemed molded to the ground, horrific additions to the scenery. Soon our field of vision will once again find its way back to our narrow existences. Our tunneled in lives will make these images a miserable blur in the background of our beings.

And maybe, if we're lucky, we won't even ever have to think about the agony again. Until it happens again.

There are so many solutions to this violence. Yet, the methods we use are the wrong ones. They don't propose actual cures nor do they begin to attack the root of the evil. They are emergency, temporary fixes put into effect so that we can easi-

ly say that something is being done — just as "something" is being done in Kosovo by NATO's air raids — even though that "something" is achieving nothing as it fails to take on the bigger picture. Of course President Clinton was right when he said that we must teach kids that violence is wrong. But how can we teach that which it seems we do not believe? We are fighting a war in Kosovo with bombs and guns and casualties on all sides, every other movie and video game finds a way to glorify violence, and guns are as readily available as alcohol to those who are underage. If violence is so horrible, why do we consistently turn to it in so many ways, on countless occasions and in numerous circumstances?

I don't have the answers. And although little is easing the aching in my heart and the churning in my stomach, that does not mean that I'm going to stop searching for the

answers. Maybe we can start by loving. Not just loving the easy people in life — not just the friends and family, not just the ones who say hi to us and greet us with friendly, safe smiles, but the ones who are hard to love.

Don't we need to love those who sit by themselves on the train ride home, buried in their own thoughts; who sell the StreetWise homeless papers on crowded Chicago streets; the kid who tries to hide himself in the back of class; the one who never receives the friendly smiles?

None of us want to take that risk, though. We don't want to go out on that limb and make that effort even though that could be the only effort that's needed to make a friend, to find hope in someone who in turn finds hope in you.

But, I don't have the answers. All I know is that I'm scared. And my fear

will exist only as long as I allow it to remain intact — only until I decide to confront it. I'm praying for the families of all affected in Colorado, for the millions suffering as a result of violence in Serbia, for all the silent emergencies of the world, and most of all, for courage. I want to be able to imagine a world without violence. I can't do that just yet. But at least there's something I can do about it.

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Above Right: Whether you're studying, eating or just admiring the ceiling, Reckers makes the perfect environment.

Above: The smoothies at Reckers are a great snack for the health-conscious.

Bottom: Hawaiian pizza seems to be the snack of choice for these Reckers patrons.

Photos by Andrew McDonnell



Scene writer Andrew McReckers looking for

By ANDREW McDONNELL
Scene Writer

Since Reckers opened last August, it has rapidly become a regular part of campus life — a gathering place for friends, a warm cove in which bonds are strengthened and tears are shed, a twinkle-eyed companion for the late night studier, a cushioned wall for the severely drunk to stagger into and vomit against repeatedly, sweat beading on their foreheads as they scream that the head of John Stamos be brought to them on a silver platter. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, Reckers is there for the students of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. But might that be changing?

There has been talk recently that Reckers' status as a 24-7 facility is in danger because of a number of complaints concerning student behavior — particularly on the weekends. Warnings were issued through various outlets on campus that if behavior did not change, the restaurant's hours would. There are a plethora of stories circulating throughout campus about the extent of such miscreant activity, thanks in no small part to Scholastic Magazine's Gipper. Since the opening of Reckers, the Gipp has regaled his readers with tales of patrons derobing in the restaurant, including an account of one student ordering food as he slapped his privates down on the counter like someone trying to turn in a lost kitten.

Are such narratives fiction or truth? Is the woven yarn tainted with the spittle of falsehood?

To be frank, many students trust the Gipper the way they trust a doped-up chimp with a handgun. A very large handgun. The only way to get to the truth was to investigate, to head into Reckers for one Saturday night and study the problem first-hand. Armed with a camera, \$30 in Flex points and enough books to occupy a week, one brave soul headed into Reckers grimly determined to unearth the facts behind the myth.

At this point, readers everywhere are pausing and probably wondering: What sort of loser are we dealing with here? Shouldn't this young reporter be doing something "social" on a Saturday night? Wasn't he invited to the Boat Club by a gaggle of beautiful women? Wasn't there some Mod Quad formal he should have attended?

Oh no, dear readers with such a cute naiveté. To this reporter, the intoxication that follows 14 consecutive hours spent in the same, small campus restaurant is more than enough to make up for any "fun" that was missed. Such is the nature of the beast.

3 p.m., Saturday, April 17

Reckers' perimeter has been breached, and the move is directly to the comfy red chairs in the southeast corner of the structure.

Transition: smooth
Management's attention: avoided
Smoothie #7, the Strawberry "Did someone

say tasty? Yes." Shooter: ordered

The lunchtime crowd is still well-represented here, including a vast number of parents for some reason. Afternoon studiers are scattered throughout the restaurant, straining their eyeballs diligently. One fellow has even brought his computer with him, staring into his screen so fervently that one fears his pupils may burst. All seems quiet in this first hour, but a tension seethes beneath the restaurant's placid surface. One can feel it in the air. These people want to take their clothes off. As of yet, however, no one is naked.

4:17 p.m.

The pervasive calm is shattered by two simultaneous and jarring events: 1. The entrance of a horde of 12-year-old boys who have just been released from karate class and 2. Someone — some foolish, evil creature — has begun to play the entire "No Doubt" album over the Reckers sound system. Greetings: from Hell

Please understand, lead singer Gwen Stefani is a gorgeous, stunning creature, but at the same time she is the fourth Chipmunk. "Alvin, Simon, Theo-dore" ... and Tremblin' Gwen, the nervous, two-pack-a-day, caffeine-addicted chipmunk with vibrato like a frenzied jackhammer.

And still, contrary to expectation, no one is naked.

6 p.m.

The subliminal dinner bell rings like growling thunder throughout Notre Dame. The masses heed the summons. A line forms. Cries for food fill the air. Orders are eagerly thrust towards a bewildered group of Reckers employees. The employees defend themselves with the only weapon they have, the little blinky box. The red, flashy, epileptic messenger from Hell. It pacifies the mob for now, but one cannot help but wonder: When parietals commence, will it be so easy to fend off the customers? Hmm. The crowd settles and it's business as usual. Not a scrap of clothing has been shed.

7:30 p.m.

The group of girls sitting nearest the main entrance is now discussing which word is better: boobs or breasts. Reckers once again demonstrates its ability to spawn intellectually stimulating discourse on the subtleties of semantics.

No one is naked.

8:30 p.m.

The dinner crowd has cleared, and the restaurant is now peaceful. The employees are chatting away, sharing jokes and stories. This is what Reckers was built to be — a place for students to come together to enjoy a bite to eat and drink unlimited soda from the Coke dispenser. One individual, no names named, has already had three Cherry Cokes to maintain his fortitude as his sixth hour in Reckers approaches. He has no intention of stopping at three, despite the giddy feeling in his belly. There is still, without a doubt, no nudity in Reckers.

THE PLAYMAKERS

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FOUR NEW ASSISTANT
COACHES TO A TEAM
WHERE INEXPERIENCE IS
OVERSHADOWED BY
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CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT:
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR KEVIN
ROGERS, OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS &
SPECIAL TEAMS COACH JERRY
ROSBURG, TIGHT ENDS & SPECIAL
TEAMS COACH STEVE ADDAZIO AND
SECONDARY COACH JOU WEST.

Despite losing all four 1998 starters to graduation or position changes, the 1999 linebackers are proving they have...

TALENTED INEXPERIENCE

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

With the graduation of starters Bobbie Howard, Kory Minor and Jimmy Friday, the linebacking corps appeared to be an area of concern for the Irish.

While the inexperience is certainly not to be overlooked, said Bob Davie, this year's young linebackers have the ability to step in and make a difference.

"I think we're pretty talented, and we've got some playmakers," said Davie. "We're also young, which is like our offensive line, but I think we're talented enough. It's exciting because there's some explosiveness there."

Leading the charge at inside linebackers in the new 4-3 attack are junior Anthony Denman and senior Ronnie Nicks. Denman, who played behind Minor for the last two seasons, is quickly becoming a leader of the defensive unit. He has made a switch from the outside to the inside which will take full advantage of his talents.

Last year, as a sophomore, Denman had three sacks to go along with 34 tackles and saw action in all 12 games. While calling plays in the huddle, the 6-foot-2, 232-pounder has impressed his teammates with aggressive play. Denman, a native of Rusk, Texas, said he has benefited from playing behind the graduating seniors.

"I definitely learned how to be a leader from them [Howard, Minor and Friday]," said Denman. "They came out every day in practice and worked hard. They never took a play off and were good players as well."

Inside linebacker coach Kirk Doll said Denman's physical play and attitude bring an added dimension to the defense.

"I'm excited about what I've seen because he's really running through the ball well," said Doll. "There's some things that he needs to get bet-

ter at, in terms of pass coverage and things like that. However, Anthony's very aggressive and very physical. I'm excited about Anthony right now."

Nicks has battled injuries throughout his career but already has won two monograms. Known among team members as a physical presence, this spring he has delivered two big hits against teammates Raki Nelson and Tony Driver that caught the attention of Doll.

"He's a load," said Doll of Nicks. "Ronnie's biggest thing is maintaining his health and working on his endurance and flexibility."

Backing up Nicks and Denman are three inexperienced yet impressive players — sophomores Carlos Pierre-Antoine and Tyreo Harrison and junior Hugh Holmes.

The three have been pushing the starters in practice and will be expected to make contributions in the fall.

Doll has nothing but praise for his five new linebackers.

"There's a nucleus there that we feel good about. Athletically and size-wise, we might be a little bit more than what we had last year, but obviously the experience factor is a concern," said the sixth-year assistant coach. "That's why it's great that they get through all the practices. They are getting better and just have to keep working hard."

At the outside, or drop, linebacker position, the starter appears to be sophomore Rocky Boiman, who did not see action last year at linebacker but played 114 special-teams minutes to earn a monogram.

From his drop position, Boiman will have to cover the tight end and fullback in the flats as well as be a run-stopper. This double duty does not phase the 238-pounder from Okeana, Okla.

"I'm just real excited to be out there and help the team by contributing any way I can," said Boiman. "It's been really fun and has been a good spring for everybody."

The Blue-Gold game will be the first time that Boiman will be able to showcase his skills to the fans.

"I'm real excited for the spring



Nicks



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Ronnie Nicks is the two-time monogram winner who has battled back from injuries to earn a starting inside linebacker position.

game," said Boiman. "I think that's my time to shine. I want to come out and show what I can do and help make this defense be the best it can be next year."

Experienced senior Joe Ferrer is also fighting for time at outside linebacker. Ferrer's 1998 highlight came against Michigan when he sacked quarterback Tom Brady in the fourth quarter. The sack led to a 46-yard Michigan field goal attempt that sailed wide.

Boiman is currently seeing time with the first team, but Ferrer will also have a role to play in the young defense.

At the helm for the outside linebackers is first-year coach Jerry Rosburg, who spent the last two seasons at Boston College. He has seen the excitement and work ethic that Boiman and Ferrer bring to the team and will learn the ropes alongside his players.

"I can't speak highly enough about the way these young men have approached these practices," said Rosburg. "It couldn't be a better situation for me because I'm coming in here when Rocky Boiman is a young guy and Joe Ferrer is looking to contribute."

"These are guys that their attention is very great to detail and they want to

be good and do what I ask. In that regard, that's a great situation to be in as a coach."

As a unit, the 1999 linebackers disregard the claim that their inexperience will be a major hindrance to their performance and said their camaraderie will be key in determining the upcoming season's fate.

"I think we play pretty well as a unit," said Denman. "We're learning and going through growing pains, but we're just trying to get better every day."

"I think this spring has brought us together because it's been intense," said Boiman. "The coaches have made it as tough as they possibly can make it on us. We're all getting excited for each other and helping each other out and just playing well together."

Although the spring is important for the players, Denman has set his sights on the bigger picture. With the likes of Tennessee, Michigan, Purdue and Stanford on next year's schedule, the Irish will count on the young linebackers to step up right away.

"Attitude-wise, everyone is enthused to get better but we're not satisfied yet," the junior said. "We're just trying to get better and improve every day. It's a footrace between us and every other team on our schedule."



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Anthony Denman receives some adjustments from inside linebackers coach Kirk Doll. Denman is a key part of a young but talented linebacker core for the Irish.

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NEW FACES, SAME RESULTS

With Denson's graduation, the Irish face questions at tailback

By BRIAN KESSLER
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With the loss of Autry Denson, Notre Dame's all-time leading rusher, the Irish have some big shoes to fill in the backfield.

Tomorrow's 70th-annual Blue-Gold Game will give head coach Bob Davie and his staff a better idea of just who will be filling those shoes next season.

"The running back positions essentially are up for grabs," Davie said. "We're all anxious to see how the tailback situation shakes out between [Tony] Driver, [Darcy] Levy and [Tony] Fisher. [They are] guys who are talented and will give us a lot of competition back there."

The competition for the tailback spot has been intense this spring, especially with Driver's return to offense after starting seven games at free safety last season.

"I'm really glad to be back on this side of the ball again," Driver said. "It took a couple of days to get back into it, especially the steps. I'm got used to backpedaling, but now I have to go forward again."

"That was Tony's decision to move back and it's put a lot of pressure on the rest of us," Fisher said. "He's adjusted well and has done an impressive job. We all recognize that."

Driver, a former Parade All-American running back, rushed for 125 yards on 35 carries in his rookie season, before making the transition to defense last season.

"Tony Driver is just a workhorse," said running back coach Desmond Robinson. "He works hard, runs hard ... he has the ability to make moves too, but he's more like the Energizer Bunny. He just keeps going."

Sophomore Levy, who had 6 carries for 20 yards and a touchdown last season, has made his case for the job after having an impressive showing at last weekend's scrimmage. Levy, arguably the quickest of the group, showed the ability to break tackles and turn the cor-

ner while rattling off a couple good runs.

"Darcy has a lot of speed and likes to run around the ends," said Driver.

"Fisher, on the other hand, is more of a power back."

Fisher has also turned some heads this spring, after seeing limited playing time as a freshman. Fisher had just 18 carries during his rookie season and rushed for 75 yards.

"My freshman year was a real good experience," said Fisher. "Watching Autry play let me experience what college football is all about. I think playing behind him has made me a better player."

"This spring, I think I've improved the most on blocking," he continued. "Coach Robinson always says that in order to be a good back, you have to be a good blocker."

The 6-foot-2, 223-pound back hopes to show his improvements in tomorrow's game.

"I'm really looking forward to [the Blue-Gold Game], because it will enable me to display the talent I have and show the coaches that I'm a complete back," said Fisher.

"Fisher runs with power and quickness," said Robinson. "I can't really describe his style, but he's elusive."

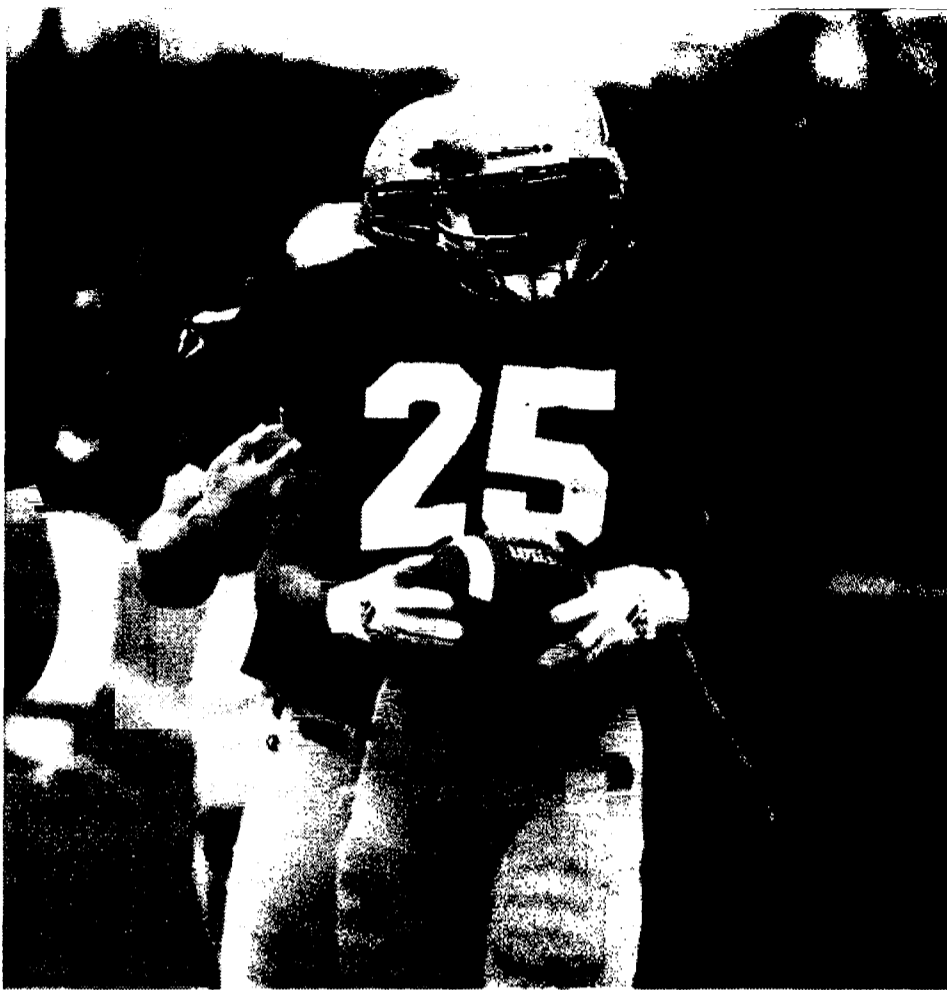
Robinson, however, believes that fellow freshman Terrance Howard, who also made the move from safety back to tailback, may even be more elusive.

In the first scrimmage of the spring, Howard, who was recruited as a back, had a big day rushing the ball, convincing the coaches that he belongs at his natural position.

"Terrance brought something to the table that I hadn't seen," said Robinson. "He found some small cracks and creases and made some decent runs."

"I'm 20 pounds lighter than the rest of those guys, so I'm more of a slasher-type back," said Howard. "I try to get through small holes and get moving as fast as I can."

Howard, however, realizes that earn-



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Although Tony Driver has emerged as the early favorite for the starting tailback position, Darcy Levy, Tony Fisher and Terrance Howard are not far behind.

ing the starting job will be a struggle.

"All these guys are fast and strong and have been really durable during spring practices," said Howard. "There's a lot of competition and I think that will make us all better players. You're competing with other guys, but you're also competing with yourself. I'm just trying to give 100 percent and work hard and hopefully get some playing time next year."

All four backs could earn playing time next year if Davie decides to go with a running back-by-committee.

"At tailback, I'm really comfortable right now. I think we have some quantity and some quality," Davie said. "We'll go into fall practice with a lot of flexibility there."

All four backs, however, will go into fall practice with a lot of pressure and with some pretty big shoes to fill.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Five players who have to step up for the Irish to be successful.

Tony Driver (#25)

6' 1", 214 lbs.

The hero of last season's Purdue win, picking off two passes in the fourth quarter, Driver has moved from safety back to his natural tailback position. Driver's size and speed make him a complete package. He beat out Tony Fisher and Darcy Levy to become the early favorite to earn the starting tailback position.

Anthony Denman (#39)

6' 2", 230 lbs.

After backing up Kory Minor for the past two years at outside linebacker, Denman has made the transition to inside linebacker and become the starter. Denman's aggressiveness and leadership ability will be key to the Irish defense this year.

Bobby Brown (#88)

6' 2", 195 lbs.

The fifth year senior made only 13 catches for 286 yards and one touchdown in 1998 after a previous stellar year. In 1997, he caught 45 balls for 543 yards and six touchdowns. With the departure of Malcolm Johnson, Brown must step up and return to his 1997 form for the Irish passing attack to be successful.

Rocky Boiman (#30)

6' 3", 212 lbs.

The sophomore linebacker has emerged as the starting outside linebacker, beating out senior Joe Ferrer. Boiman's size and speed give him enough versatility to cover the tight end in passing situations and step up to support on running plays.

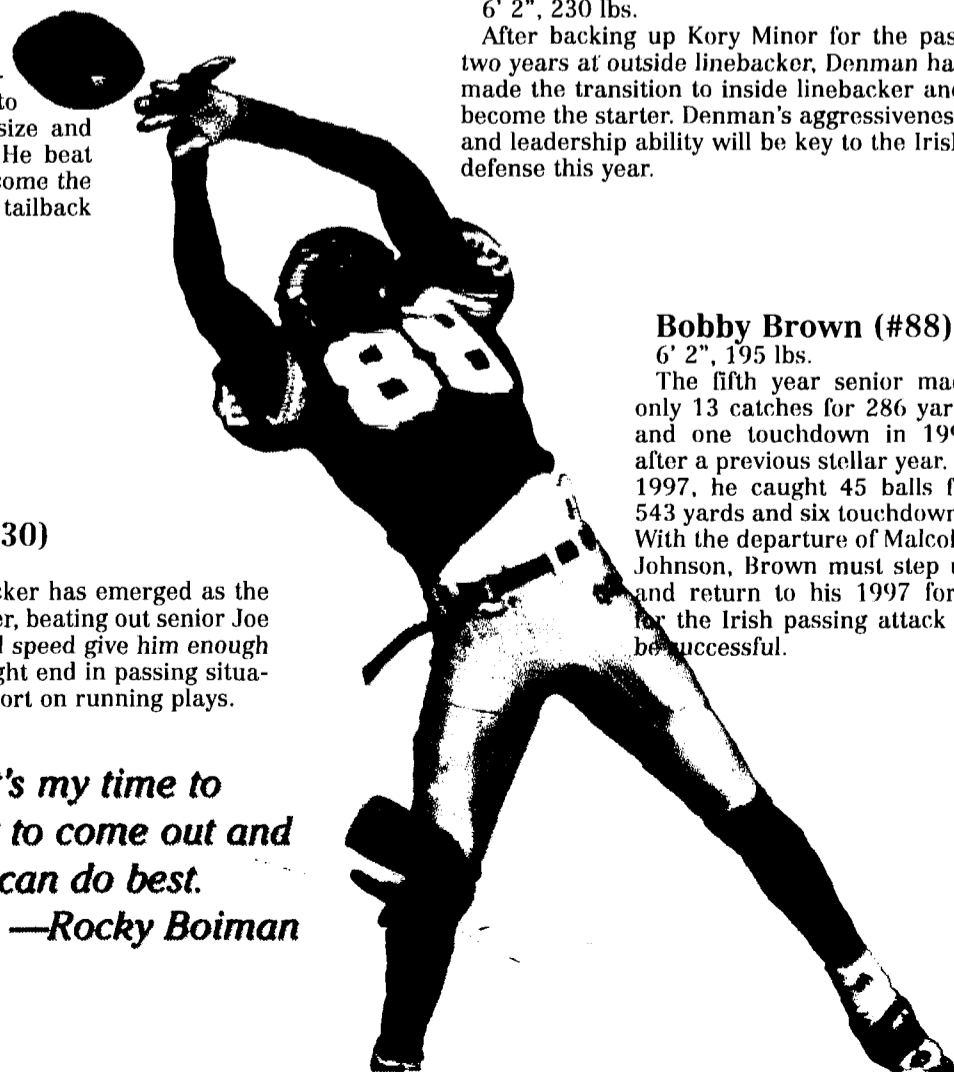
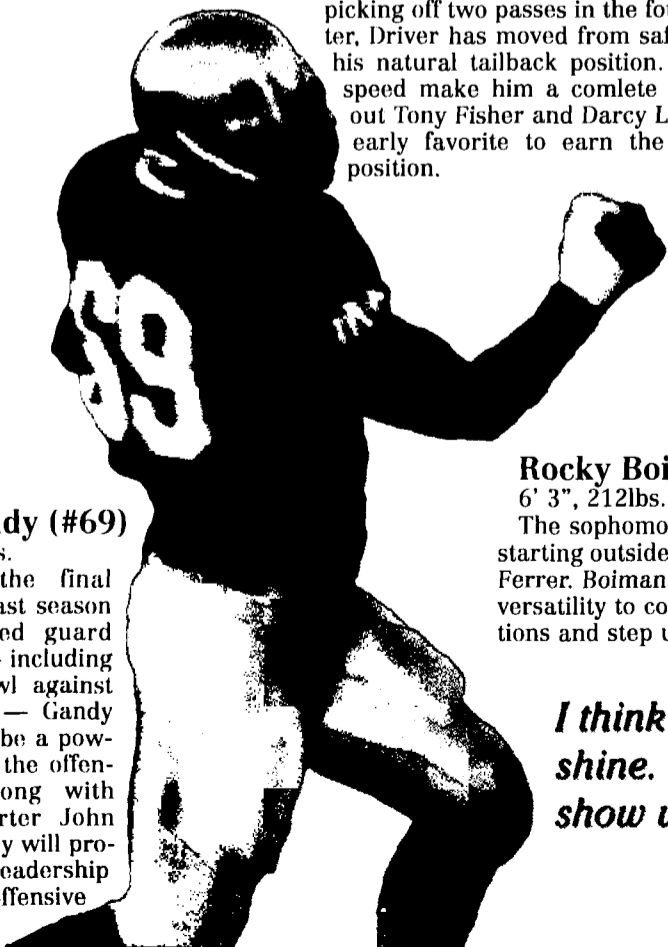
I think that it's my time to shine. I want to come out and show what I can do best.

—Rocky Boiman

Mike Gandy (#69)

6' 4", 288 lbs.

Filling in the final three games last season for the injured guard Jerry Wisne — including the Gator Bowl against Georgia Tech — Gandy has proven to be a powerful force on the offensive line. Along with returning starter John Merandi, Gandy will provide veteran leadership for the young offensive line.



NEW IRISH, GOOD OLD WINNING WAYS

COACHING A CHAMPION

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Associate Sports Editor

The troop of new faces flanking Bob Davie Saturday at the Blue-Gold game could easily be another roadblock for the third-year head coach who is looking to improve upon last year's 9-3 season.

As spring cleaning came early in Davie's executive cabinet, with four assistant coaches resigning in the off season, the Irish were able to draft four men who should be comfortable coaching under the Dome.

"I don't think that this is unlike other places I've been," said Jerry Rosburg, Notre Dame's new outside linebackers and special teams coach after a recent spring practice. "But the importance of football at this school is quite unique, people really care. It's not only the players that like football, but everyone else around here finds football very important. I think as a football coach, you find that to be a real positive, because you like to have what you do be important."

Rosburg, a secondary coach the past two seasons at Boston College, is one of the four new coaches that Davie will groom for the 1999 season. New offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers, secondary coach Lou West and tight end and special teams coach Steve Addazio will complete the new coaching roster for Notre Dame.

Like the rest of the team, the Irish coaching staff will be marked by inexperience — as far as coaching from the Notre Dame playbook is concerned. But younger players filling the holes created by the graduation of key seniors and a new coaching staff will not slow the team, according to Davie.

"When you look at 1999, it's exciting," he said in a pre-spring press conference. "Because we're a young team but we're going to be a talented team. The strengths of our football team come from overall athleticism and work ethic. Because of their hard work, the players have put themselves in a position, hopefully, to take it to the next level."

Leading them will be four new coaches with plenty of experience and accomplishments under their belts.

Rosburg's coaching file includes

stops with the Boston College, Minnesota, Cincinnati, and both Western and Northern Michigan in his 18-year collegiate coaching career.

West joins the Irish after four years as the defensive back coach at Virginia Tech. He is coming off a 1998 season in which his Hokie secondary squad ranked among the best in the nation, ranking 11th in pass efficiency defense, fourth in scoring defense and seventh in total defense.

Both Addazio and Rogers coached the Syracuse offense that was one of the nation's best last year.

As the offensive line coach, Addazio led a unit that helped the Orangemen rank 10th in rushing, third in scoring, and 22nd in total offense. Rogers, the offensive coordinator

and quarterback coach for Syracuse, directed one of the most productive offenses in the nation with his tutelage of quarterback Donovan McNabb, the Big East offensive player of the year in 1998.

With such an impressive collective resume it is somewhat surprising that both of the new Irish coaches are impressed with the attitude that Notre Dame football carries.

"The biggest difference is probably the overall tradition," said West. "I think everyone around here — the townspeople, the people that work here at the campus, the students, I mean everybody — feels that. It's a big tradition-background school. Everyone tries to carry that tradition on."

Whatever the sentiment is, none of the coaches are intimidated or feel any extra pressure to perform at Notre Dame compared to any other school. After all, their inexperience is just as coaches in South Bend, and not coaching in general.

"I'm a teacher," said Rosburg. "And the thing I enjoy doing the most is teaching football. When I'm in the classroom with my players, when I'm on the field with the players I have, the only pressure I have is to try to do the best I possibly can to help these guys play the game. At that point in time, there's no pressure there."

Perhaps no one understands that better than Rogers.

Despite the holes created by the departures of running backs Autry Denson and Jamie Spencer, receiver



The Observer/Ernesto Lacayo
New offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers will have his work cut out for him in improving upon a successful offensive campaign in 1998 after the graduation of several key seniors.

Malcolm Johnson, as well as the loss of Mike Rosenthal, Luke Petitgout, Tim Ridder and Jerry Wisne on the line, Rogers will have a promising roster to work from.

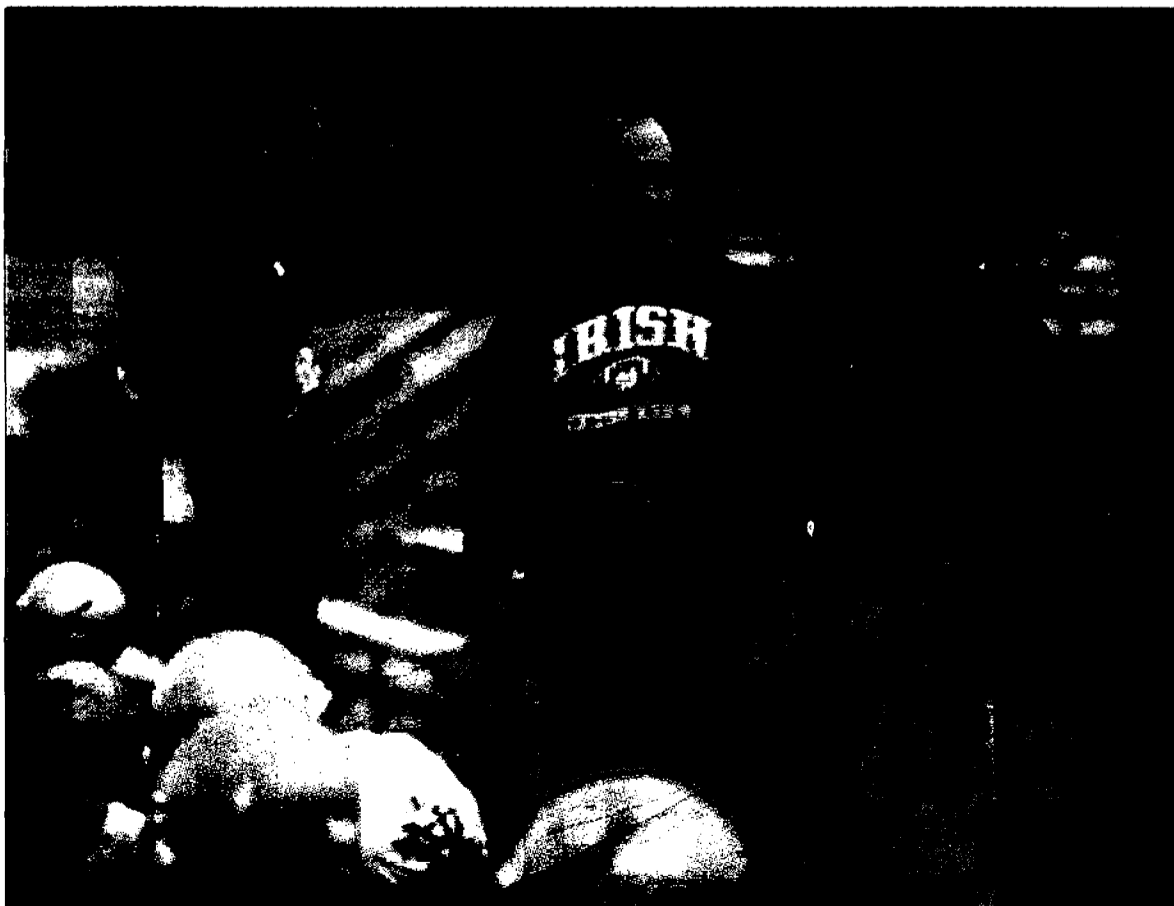
Led by returning signal-caller Jarious Jackson and hotly contested battles at the running back spots, the limited option style that gained them the 16th best rushing offense and a No. 13 rank in pass efficiency will not need overhauling.

"I'm going to try to do as much as I possibly can to keep things similar to what they have done," Rogers said in a telephone conference when he was first hired. "[Notre Dame] was 9-3

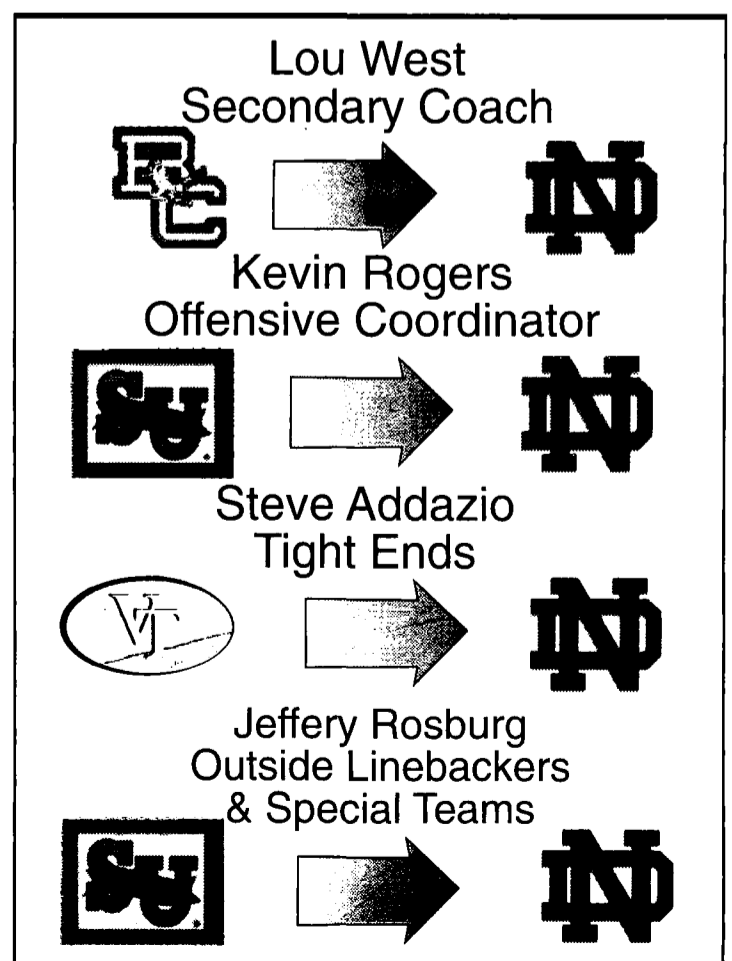
last year ... its not like we're going to wipe the slate clean."

Starting over with a team that showed as much promise as the Irish did in 1998 would be self-defeating, especially for the group of committed coaches that will make their Notre Dame Stadium debut Saturday.

The work that each of them have turned in this spring will begin to manifest itself in the scrimmages and practices leading up to the fall. By the time the Irish open up the season against Kansas on August 28, these four coaches will no longer be faceless and the Irish will be a more experienced team.



The Observer/Jeff Hsu
Coach Urban Meyer (left), who switched from receivers to quarterbacks coach in the offseason, has joined new coaches Steve Addazio (center) and Lou West (right) in learning their new positions.



OK AT RECKERS



Connell spent the night at news and nudity

10 p.m.

The seven-hour mark of the journey to nowhere has arrived. All is quiet, but caffeine is beginning to demonstrate its effects on the mind. "Dance!" it commands from the dark recesses of the stomach. "Dance like a ping-pong ball in a wind tunnel!" But its pleas are not to be heard. Giddiness has taken effect, and euphoria cannot be far behind. Apart from the screeching noises inside one man's head, the lull continues here at Reckers. Nudity has yet to make its guest appearance.

10:30 p.m.

The Flip Side crowd is in the hiz-ouse. A very subdued level of conversation is alive. No nudes.

12:02 a.m., Sunday, April 18

Brain is shaking. Must ... must obtain more Cherry Coke to settle nerves. Brain ... stabilize! Can't force eyes to focus! Think, think ... what would Clement "Clem" Reckers, the first student to enroll at Notre Dame, do? His spirit is here! Smell it ... like paprika. But Clem's not naked. No one is naked.

2 a.m.

A renewed solidity is achieved. There is a tension in the air as the room is slowly beginning to fill with people. After 11 hours of waiting, it appears that the payoff is approaching. This is not the lunch crowd, nor is it the Flip Side judging by the scent they drag with them. Look at them! This is how Jane Goodall must feel. There's a lot of staggering, grabbing and so much noise it is amazing. A young man just ambled past, tooting at everyone like a car horn. A large gathering of men in grass skirts and Hawaiian shirts has just entered, and the line to reach the counter is immense. It stretches all the way back to the building's entrance.

Real conversation:

"Hey. How are you?"

"Trashed. How 'bout you?"

"Yeah."

Awesome. There is a lot of love in this room. But not much nudity.

2:30 a.m.

Mrs. Patrick Campbell once said, "I don't mind where people make love, so long as they don't do it in the streets and frighten the horses." Well, Reckers doesn't have horses, but maybe they should get some because there's a lot of groping going on right now. Perhaps the threat of spooking such horses could slow the pace a bit. The crowd is still mammoth, and somewhat unruly. The manager is flying everywhere. He just grabbed one student's drink, smelled it and handed it back to the confused patron. It's not just anywhere that the management sniffs the drinks of patrons. One must assume that returning the drink was an indication that it contained no alcohol, but the manager might just be weeding out the really hard stuff at this point. One fellow has decided that his greasy pizza tray is far too frisbee-like not to be thrown about, so that's his new game. A couple is grinding without the assistance of music. Song breaks out sporadically. One young

man is crushing his pizza with a mustard bottle. A carnival atmosphere has invaded Reckers. It really is happy here, not all that considerate, but very jolly. Yet somehow, no one is taking off any clothes.

2:45 a.m.

Security has arrived on the scene in the form of two large men in blue. They do not appear to be people happy in their profession. They stand around a little bit, and then head over to the counter to have a coffee. Half of the restaurant leaves. The officers get their coffee, look around and leave. No one was or is naked.

3:30 a.m.

The crowd is dead now, but they have left their mark. There is trash coating the floors and tables. There is an odd stain in the carpet by the stage. The employees look drained as they begin the big clean-up. Even in this exhausted room, one can be fairly confident that no one, neither employee nor customer, is in any manner occupying the state known as "the buff."

5:00 a.m.

The time has come to blow this popsicle stand. The original intention of this mission was to stay for 24 hours in 24-hour space. But, peerless readers, 14 will just have to do. One man can only love so much. It has been an experience, this time in Reckers. The sort of experience that will never, ever, be repeated.

A number of employees said they are treated just fine by the student body, and for the most part they love working at Reckers. It's a good job, they meet nice people and it can be a lot of fun. But they also stated that there are times when they are treated with an utter lack of respect. One student worker remembered watching a patron throw everything from napkin dispensers to ketchup bottles against the wall. Customers have painted the floor with mustard. They have thrown food. They have thrown chairs.

According to Reckers' operations manager, Mike Davy, the reason David Prentkowski, director of Food Services, contacted the Office of Residence Life about student behavior was that the situation was rapidly becoming unmanageable late last semester.

"Tables and lamps were taken ... and pagers. The lobby phone was vandalized twice," said Davy. "It's less than five percent of the students causing these problems. And it's only when they are abusing others that we really become concerned."

Davy also had no knowledge of any immediate plans to change Reckers' 24-hour policy, particularly as student behavior has generally improved as the weather has become warmer. But the next time Reckers becomes a destination, dear reader, and someone is making a destructive arse of themselves, be sure to do the right thing. That's not just the floor they're defacing, that's each and every student's right to 24-hour space, not to mention a great place to get naked.



Above: Reckers is the perfect place to recharge after battling the blazes at the power plant.

Bottom: With all the choices of seats at Reckers, sometimes it's hard to decide where to eat.



■ NBA

Pippen arrested, suspected of drunk driving

Associated Press

HOUSTON

Scottie Pippen's struggles as a Houston Rockets player spilled off the court Thursday, when he was arrested in the wee hours on suspicion of drunk driving.

Teammates supported Pippen during a brief practice before jetting to Los Angeles for a game with the Clippers on Friday. Pippen didn't attend the workout, but coach Rudy Tomjanovich said he would accompany the team.

"I'm hoping it won't be a distraction," Tomjanovich said. "We are trying not to make any assumptions. It would be unfair to comment when nothing has been established. I'm sort of used to unexpected things happening. You just try not to lose your composure."

Houston, currently the No. 4 seed in the Western

Conference playoffs, was upset by the Dallas Mavericks 109-95 Wednesday night, keeping the Rockets from clinching a spot in the playoffs and snapping an 11-game losing streak to the Rockets.

Pippen had four points and three rebounds and was repeatedly beaten defensively in one of his worst games as a Rocket.

"Scottie is my teammate and I'm behind him 100 percent," Charles Barkley said. "This is not Armageddon. It happened. Scottie Pippen probably wasn't the only person stopped last night."

"Scottie Pippen is a role model. If all the kids grew up to be like Scottie, the world would be a better place."

Barkley planned to offer serious support to his teammate but also said Pippen wouldn't get off lightly with the team.

"I'm going to get on the plane and take the PA and say, 'Attention Mr. Pippen, last call for alcohol,'" Barkley joked.

The officer who stopped Pippen around 1:30 a.m. said the Rockets star ran a red

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CHARLES BARKLEY
ROCKETS FORWARD

light. A member of the department's DWI task force was called after suspecting Pippen was intoxicated, said police spokesman Fred King.

Pippen, 33, did poorly on the

field sobriety test and was taken into custody, where he was videotaped and given the opportunity to take a Breathalyzer test, King said.

After he refused the Breathalyzer, Pippen was booked on suspicion of DWI and released on \$500 bond just before 7 a.m. His arraignment is set for next Thursday before Harris County Court-at-Law Judge Sherman Ross.

Pippen has not formally hired a lawyer, but Houston lawyer Rusty Hardin said he is set to meet with Pippen next week after both men return from road trips. The Rockets go on to play at Phoenix on Sunday.

"He adamantly denies he was intoxicated," said Hardin, who spoke with Pippen after the arrest.

Pippen has struggled to fit into the Rockets' alignment after earning seven NBA All-

Star appearances and helping the Chicago Bulls win six NBA championships. He broke out with a season-high 31 points on April 15 against Portland and had 22 points and 11 rebounds in a victory over Seattle on Monday night.

In January, Pippen was traded from the Bulls, with whom he had spent his 11-year career, and signed a five-year, \$67.2 million contract with the Rockets.

Pippen, who has been slowed by back and hand injuries but hasn't missed a game, is averaging 14 points and six rebounds, both below his career averages. His six assists per game is slightly better.

"It's been my experience that a lot of times, something negative off the court brings you together and makes you stronger on the court," teammate Matt Bullard said.

■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Rockies honor Littleton victims with uniform patch

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO

Jay Alves stood behind home plate in the stadium that shook violently during the devastating 1989 earthquake, his thoughts focused on a much more recent tragedy.

Alves, public relations director for the Colorado Rockies, lives in Littleton, Colo., where two students killed 12 classmates, a teacher and themselves at Columbine High School on Tuesday.

On Thursday, he was with the Rockies in San Francisco as they played for the first

time since the school shootings. The Rockies, who postponed home games Tuesday and Wednesday, played with "CIIIS" patches on their right sleeves in memory of the shooting victims.

A decade ago, Alves was at Candlestick Park as the public relations director of the Oakland Athletics as a violent earthquake shook northern California and interrupted the 1989 World Series against the San Francisco Giants.

"I have a similar feeling to the 1989 earthquake," Alves said. "It reminds me very much of that time, when people lost their lives and baseball didn't feel important."

Rockies players said they were trying to refocus their thoughts on baseball, not on the TV images of their grief-stricken neighbors.

"It's been really tough. As a father, I can't imagine what those parents are going through. Especially when it's happening in your own backyard," said relief pitcher Chuck McElroy.

"You still have to do your job. But it will always be in our minds, because it's like we were there."

The postponed games against the Montreal Expos will be made up in August. Teams in other sports also postponed games — the

Stanley Cup series between the Colorado Avalanche and San Jose Sharks scheduled to open with games Wednesday and Thursday nights in Denver now will begin Saturday in San Jose.

The Colorado Rapids of Major League Soccer postponed their Saturday night home game against the Chicago Fire. No makeup game was immediately announced.

The Rockies are starting a two-week road trip, their longest of the season.

"Baseball is very, very secondary to what's going on in our community," said Rockies second baseman Mike

Lansing, who lives about 10 minutes from the school. "Maybe it's better that we get away and let the community do what they need to do and not worry about baseball."

Colorado general manager Bob Gebhard said the Rockies will do anything they can to help the community, and that the team expects to do something this summer to honor the victims and rescue workers.

"Our players have been very emotional about it, as we all have been," Gebhard said. "I think it was good we were able to go on the road and play baseball — not that we're going to forget."

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Although who makes a practice of pitching of potatoes out the window is beyond me.

Buongiorno, principessa!

Thank you observer!!!! I have found my redemption in a 90210 story... now thats news!!!

Kate, Brandy and Jamie, SMC Tosal was great — Mike

Kerry came in really really wet tonight. She looked kinda like charlie brown after the rain.

Shannon Ryan is definately not a preschool student, there are some things she's very good at.

Some editors would pass a purity test, I'm not saying that she's red-headed or anything, but its possible. We love her anyway.

BOXING

Ali testifies before Senate hearing on boxing reform

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

He uttered not a word, but Muhammad Ali's presence at a Senate hearing Thursday spoke volumes about the state of professional boxing and lent support to Sen. John McCain's efforts to clean up the sport.

The former heavyweight champion, who suffers from Parkinson's syndrome and has trouble speaking, told the Senate Commerce Committee through longtime friend Howard Bingham that the Lennox Lewis-Holyfield heavyweight draw in New York last month was the "lowest point" for a sport beset with problems.

"Ali has become increasingly

upset about the scandals that have occurred in professional boxing," Bingham said as Ali gazed intently at committee members from a witness table.

Ali is particularly interested in the parts of McCain's boxing reform bill that would stop exploitation of boxers by promoters. One provision would prohibit "coercive option" contracts that prevent fighters from controlling their careers.

McCain, an Arizona Republican and 2000 presidential aspirant, told Ali: "Your support of this legislation is absolutely vital to our chances of passing it."

In the disputed fight, the three judges scored it a draw even though most boxing observers believe Lewis clearly had beaten the champion. The fight is under investigation by the Manhattan district attorney's office and the New York state

Athletic Commission.

McCain's bill would establish new standards for sanctioning organizations that rank fighters; create new financial dis-

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SEN. JOHN MCCAIN
TO MUHAMMAD ALI

closure requirements for promoters and event organizers; and require that state boxing commissions be informed when charges, costs and fees are taken from a boxer's purse.

McCain, who attended the Lewis-Holyfield fight, said the

sport has too few ethical boundaries and a ranking system, controlled by promoters, that "defies all reason."

"When honest and open competition is inhibited, it is the boxers who suffer most," McCain said. "But millions of ticket-buying fans in America are also hurt by monopolistic practices in boxing."

Former boxing referee Mills Lane, a retired Nevada judge who now has his TV court show, said boxing's credibility suffers because sanctioning bodies — the IBF, WBA and WBC — play too large a role in which judges and referees work the matches.

"These subtle pressures are there and nobody can tell me they're not," Lane told the committee.

But Walter Stone, counsel to the International Boxing Federation, said fight organizers are working to address the problems.

For example, a new IBF rule says the No. 1 ranking cannot simply be taken over by a boxer who moves up just because of losses by fighters rated ahead of him.

Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., expressed concern the McCain bill might unfairly target certain promoters and invite legal challenges.

He said the bill must address multiyear broadcast contracts in which contenders stay under a network's control in return for a shot at the champion.

"There is no question when it comes to revenues, the broadcast industry packs the biggest wallop," said Reid, whose state is the site for many championship fights.

McCain is likely to move the bill through the Commerce Committee later this year. An identical measure last year passed the Senate but went nowhere in the House.

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■ BASEBALL

Irish pick up 30th win of season despite rainfall

By ALLISON KRILLA
Senior Sports Writer

Apparently, coach Paul Mainieri was not the only one who wanted his team to pick up its 30th win yesterday against Central Michigan.

An afternoon of gray skies and a steady downpour miraculously gave way to several hours of clearing that provided the Notre Dame baseball team just enough time to notch a 3-1 victory over the Chippewas in a speedy two hours and 18 minutes.

With the win the Irish improved to 30-9 on the season, and tied the mark set by the 1990 and 1994 squads as the fastest teams to reach the 30 win plateau.

"It is something that we're proud of," said Mainieri of the record. "We started off 4-6, and so to reach 30 wins before we had 10 losses I think is a tremendous accomplishment by our guys."

"I think it's a real testimony to their character," Mainieri continued. "They could've started having self doubts, but these kids just come out and they have a lot of confidence and they play hard."

The Irish needed a strong

defensive effort and consistent pitching to outlast a sloppy Central Michigan team. All four runs scored in the game were unearned, but Notre Dame took advantage of five Chippewa errors that sealed their fate.

Throwing errors allowed two runs to score in Notre Dame's half of the third, as the Irish took a 2-1 lead. Andrew Bushey, who returned to the lineup for the first time since March 21, when a knee injury sidelined the freshman, singled and scored an Irish run in the inning.

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PAUL MAINIERI
IRISH BASEBALL COACH

"Obviously we didn't thrill anybody with our bats," said Mainieri. "We were fortunate to score three runs, I think, because they were kind of the result of a couple misplays ... but I think we put some pres-

sure on them."

Despite the less than impressive offensive performance, however, the five-man pitching rotation kept the Central Michigan batters off balance all evening.

Starter Tim Kalita tossed the first two innings in preparation for a start this weekend against conference foe Seton Hall, striking out the side in the first. Kalita was followed by winning pitcher Mike Naumann, who allowed three hits and walked one in three innings of work. Mike Carlin

allowed one hit in the sixth, while Drew Duff gave up two hits over two innings. John Corbin closed out the contest with a perfect ninth inning, including one strikeout.

"I thought our pitching was outstanding, and I thought our defense was outstanding, and that was the key to our victory," Mainieri said.

Right fielder Jeff Felker certainly did his part to maintain the error-free effort by the Irish. Felker tallied six put outs from his perch in right, taking advantage of a strong

wind at his back. Felker also added one hit to Notre Dame's total, extending his hitting streak to 14 games.

Tomorrow Big East rival Seton Hall storms into Frank Eck Stadium for a three game series with the first-place Irish, including a Saturday doubleheader beginning at noon.

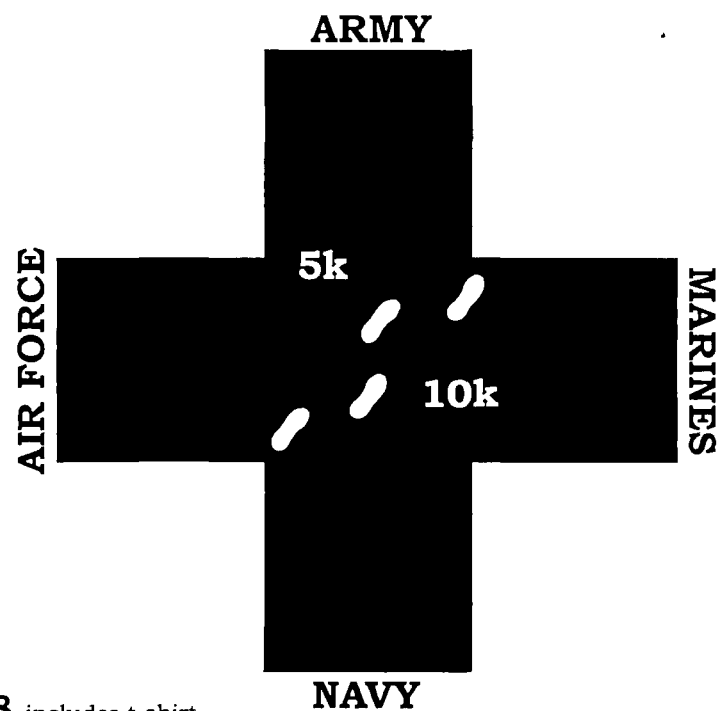
"This is a huge series; they don't get any bigger than this," said Mainieri. "Each and every ballgame in the Big East conference from here on out is going to be huge."

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■ TRACK AND FIELD

Irish on high after Mount Sac Invitational success

By BRIAN HOBBS
Sports Writer

The Irish track squads head to Des Moines, Iowa, and Purdue University for another weekend in the national spotlight. Having claimed four victories at the prestigious Mount Sac Invitational, the Irish have proven themselves among the nations' finest.

This weekend will find several members of the team competing again in a world-famous meet. The Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa, is one of the foremost sporting events in the country. Featuring competition at all levels from middle schools to pros, this meet features the best the country has to offer.

Irish athletes have taken a liking to such competition, raising their performance level when in the hot seat. Jennifer Englehardt, Liz Grow, JoAnna Deeter and Ryan Shay all qualified for the NCAA Championships while winning their events at Mount Sac.

Many of these athletes are All-Americans and are used to the competition that they find at tough meets.

"In the past, the same people represent the team, just a select few go," Englehardt said. However, a few rookie additions to the roster have also refused to be intimidated by the competition as freshmen Liz Grow and Luke Watson managed to prove their merit at Mount Sac as well.

While only a few members of the team can compete in these meets, the other athletes are not inactive. The majority of the team was robbed of the opportunity to compete last weekend at the Indiana State Invitational due to snow, but after a bit of rest and an intense week of practice, the team is looking forward to competing again at the Purdue Relays.

Many athletes are thankful for the break in what is a very long season and plan on coming back this weekend with renewed fervor and one last tune up before a run at the Big East title.

■ WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame takes on Ivy League

By GENE BRTALIK
Sports Writer

This weekend the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team plays its final two games of the season, hoping to re-establish its reputation after a tough three-game losing streak to ranked opponents.

The team enters this weekend's contests against Harvard and Columbia with an 8-5 mark and they will set a record for wins in a season with a win in either game.

Last week the Irish suffered three tough defeats as they lost to No. 19 Vanderbilt, No. 3 Duke and No. 16 Yale. The Yale game was the closest of the three with a score of 14-10. Today and Saturday the Irish continue their Ivy League swing with games

against the Crimson and the Lions.

Harvard enters today's game with a deceiving 3-7 record; all but one of Harvard's losses have come against teams ranked in the current women's lacrosse poll.

Harvard is led by tri-captains Claudia Asano, Laura Dahmen and Becca Brown. Assisting these three standouts on offense are Ashley Birch, Kim Weeks, and the team's returning leading scorer, Alli Harper.

In goal for the Crimson will be first-year starter Keltie Donelan. Donelan will be key to stopping the Irish attack as she has given up at least ten goals in each of Harvard's seven losses.

The next day the Irish will remain in Massachusetts and take on the Lions of Columbia

University in their final game of the regular season. Columbia evened up its record on Wednesday as it beat Fairfield by a score of 11-7.

Columbia's record is just as misleading as Harvard's — it has lost to four ranked teams. Columbia has struggled on offense all season because only two members of the team have at least 20 points while five Notre Dame players have reached this mark, including both Kerry Callahan and Lael O'Shaughnessy, who have surpassed the 50-point mark.

Columbia goalie Gina Kline should be prepared for shots from all angles because when Notre Dame gets on a roll the goals come in bunches, as Denver and Davidson found out two weeks ago.

Athletes win academic accolades

By MOLLY MCVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

Two of the Belles' athletic teams received awards which showed that not only are they

strong athletes, but talented students as well.

Both the Saint Mary's swimming and cross-country teams received academic honors this week. The swimming team was named Academic All-Americans by the College Swimming Coaches' Association for the first time in the swim team's history. Likewise, the Belles' cross country team was named to the All-Academic Team by the Cross Country Coaches' association.

"This is more exciting than breaking records," said head swimming coach Jini Cook. "This is what they came to do, study. Now that I've seen that they can perform both in the water and academically, its exciting."

Men's and women's teams from Division I, II and III schools all competed for these

academic honors this year. The swim team received a rating of 3.019, second only to Albion in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Likewise, the cross-country team received an impressive rating of 3.22 for their academic performance this year.

Sophomore cross-country captain Genevieve Yavello was delighted to hear of the honor. "I'm really proud of the team," said Yavello, "because this award shows that not only are we competitive athletically but we do well academically."

The swim team thought that Cook had much to do with their success in both their classes and their swimming this season.

"Swimming takes up a tremendous amount of time," said freshman Alicia Lesneskie. "Jini is very understanding, and gives us a break when our workload gets to be too much."

Both the cross-country and swimming teams are currently continuing their off-season training and are looking ahead to the start of their seasons in September.

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Tying the game at 15, Watch Out for Hook's Cooper stole the ball and scored the easy lay-up for the one-point lead. After a Versatility turnover, the No. 5 team increased its lead to two.

Two key baskets by Dillon and Lillis tied the game at 17. Hiltz drew the foul recovering a loose ball and hit his shot from the line for the lead. Watch Out for the Hook wasted no time in bringing the ball down the court to tie the game at 18.

Versatility's Dillon stole the ball and knocked in a lay-up for the lead, but Gilbeaux answered with his own lay-up to bring the score to 19-19. An off-the-ball foul against Cochran sent Cooper to the line for a clutch free throw. Cooper nailed the shot, making the score 20-19.

Versatility took control of the ball and the lead, holding Watch Out for the Hook scoreless for the rest of the game. Cochran took the ball down the court and split the defense for the 21-20 lead.

The two teams traded possession of the ball several times, neither team able to come up with a basket.

Several missed opportunities by Watch Out for the Hook sealed the team's fate — Sanders dribbled down the court and took the ball to the hoop for the

lay-up, but slipped on the slick court and was called for the travel.

In the team's next possession, Gilbeaux slipped and lost his contact. Versatility took advantage of the five-on-four opportunity and pushed the ball up the court and Cochran hit the jumper for the win.

"We were happy with our No. 12 seed," said Dillon. "I was telling the guys tonight how great a 12-5 upset would be."

Versatility will meet The Chosen tonight in the round of eight.

In other tournament action, No. 3

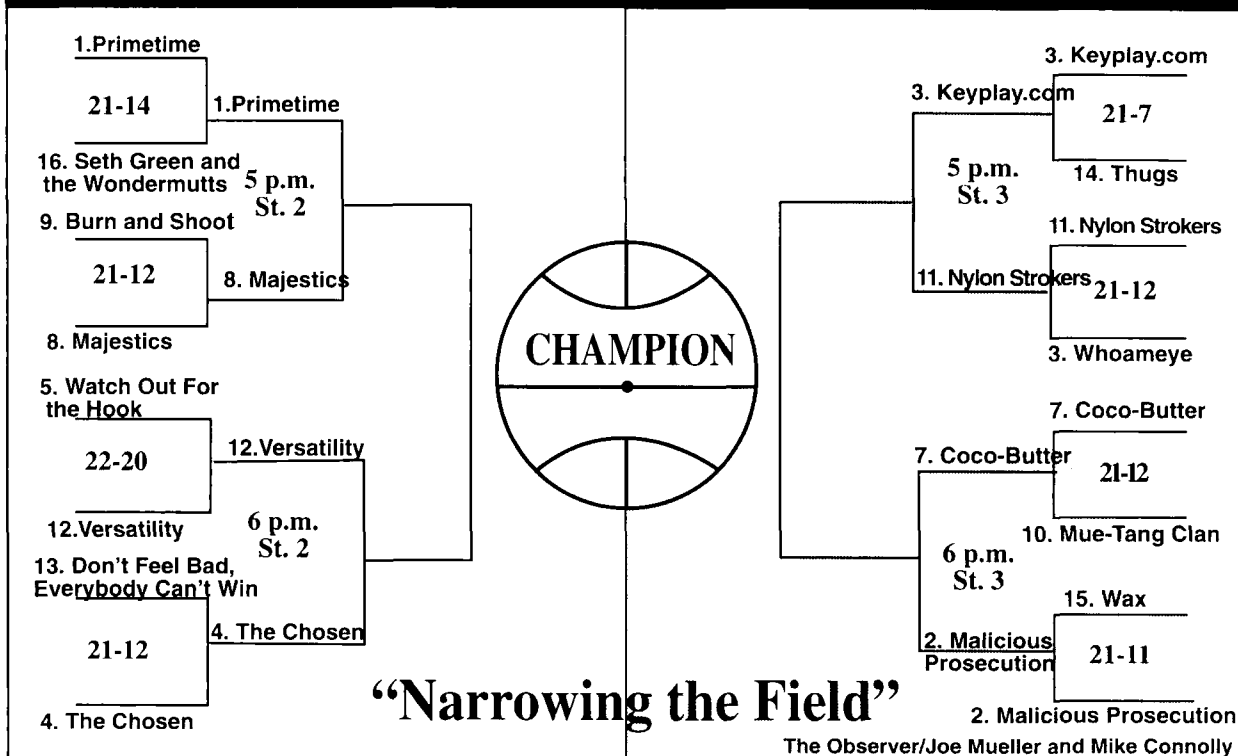
Keyplay.com took to the court against 10th-ranked Thugs.

Thugs, with David Givens, K.C. Somers, Jordan Black, Antwon Jones and Adrian Irby opened the scoring in the first seconds of the game, but Keyplay.com quickly shut down the teams offense, going on a 9-0 run and quickly ended the first half 11-3.

Alex Gese, Paul Moore, Tom Dietrich, John Teasdale and Cas Schneller of Keyplay.com used tight defense and scrappy play to contain the No. 10 team for the 21-7 win.

"I was pleased with the outcome," said Gese. "We expected

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a more competitive team but the rain had a lot to do with that. Once a team gets out to such a big lead right away, it's hard to fight back especially with the conditions we played in."

Rain flooded the courts and made it hard for both teams to control the ball, but Keyplay.com used swift transitions and hit

some clutch shots to secure the win.

"It was our defense that helped us the most and forced a lot of turnovers" said Gese. "We took advantage of that and were able to get our fast break going."

Givens was the lone bright spot on the Thugs offensive tallying four of the team's seven points.

The Bookstore Basketball commission originally ranked Keyplay.com at the No. 2 spot but re-ranked them at three after the round of 32.

"Going down in the rankings fired us up a little bit," said Gese. "Malicious Prosecution is a good team, but hopefully we'll settle that issue on Saturday."

■ ON THE HOT CORNER

Doherty, Bookstore Tournament epitomize ND Spirit

By BRIAN CHURNEY
Sports Writer

It takes more than just coaching ability to be a great coach at Notre Dame.

Unlike many larger institutions, where a coach can be great while only participating in his or her job as a coach, Notre Dame demands more from its coaches. To claim otherwise would be to admit that Notre Dame is nothing more than a school. If there's one thing that I've learned in three years here, it's that Notre Dame is far more than just a school — it's an experience, a way of life.

These last few weeks we saw another glaring example of Notre Dame coaches stepping out of the rigid roles of coaching and expressing what they, too, have brought into the spirit of Notre Dame. They have shown through action that they, like Lou Holtz did as a coach, are not here to solely coach and influence the lives of a handful of student-athletes.

They are a part of this community and willing to actively participate in the Notre Dame family. I am talking about the participation of new Irish basketball coach Matt Doherty and assistant coach Doug Wojcik in Bookstore Basketball.

When Doherty was hired, I joined the "who's he" bandwagon. In fact, I was pretty upset that we hadn't hired a coach with at least some experience. Although I was not one of the Rick Majerus supporters, per se, I certainly wasn't a Doherty supporter. In fact, like much of the campus, I hadn't even heard of him.

I watched the announcement with dismay, wondering what the University was thinking. However, during Doherty's first speech, my feelings started to change. One could tell by the tone of his voice, the sincerity of his emotions and the pride he emitted that he was honestly happy to be here. I began to see some of the same emotions and

pride that Holtz used to exhibit.

This no-named assistant coach began to actually appear like a Notre Dame coach. This change of heart, although significant, certainly didn't completely sell me on Doherty as a coach. His participation and that of his assistant this week did.

The idea that a varsity basketball coach would volunteer to play with a group of students in a pick-up basketball game, especially immediately after being hired, could seem almost preposterous to many schools across the nation. With all of the pressing issues that accompany trying to assimilate into one's new position, it seems that a coach would hardly have time to breathe, let alone take the time out to play basketball. I think it's safe to say that even with the time, few coaches would agree to participate.

I sincerely doubt Majerus would have been seen near the crude Stepan courts unless he had a legitimate interest in recruiting one of the better players. Following the theme of Notre Dame as a family, whereas Doherty acted as an active father, Majerus's "coach-and-coach-only-attitude" could be compared to an absent father that is only seen once a month when he pays his child support. Doherty's willingness to accept an active role in this family, then, should be highly commended.

Doherty and Wojcik, it should be noted, did not solely come out and simply "put in their time" either. They played with an intensity and passion that we can only hope they can instill in a team that occasionally looks as listless as a Bob Davie speech. The two coaches definitely came to play, and play they did.

What's more, Wojcik didn't even plan on playing until he was asked to fill in for an injured player at 3 p.m. on the day of the game — late notice for anyone, especially a busy

coach. The two coaches took the games seriously and embodied the true spirit of Bookstore.

To see coaches willing to participate in one of Notre Dame's longest standing traditions and mingle with us "common folk" is refreshing. It gives us all a sense of being a part of the team.

Furthermore, the coaches conducted themselves with class befitting a Notre Dame coach. They were fiercely competitive, but kept their emotions in check. They simply played the game like it should be played — a trait that, if passed on to their future players, could lead to a whole different basketball season than that which we have grown accustomed.

Now, I'm not going to anoint either of these coaches a Dean Smith before they have even participated in a single game. I know the facts that they can play basketball and the fact that they did play has little to do with their coaching abilities.

I remember that Gerry Faust was a prominent campus personality as well, and he hardly can be called a "great coach."

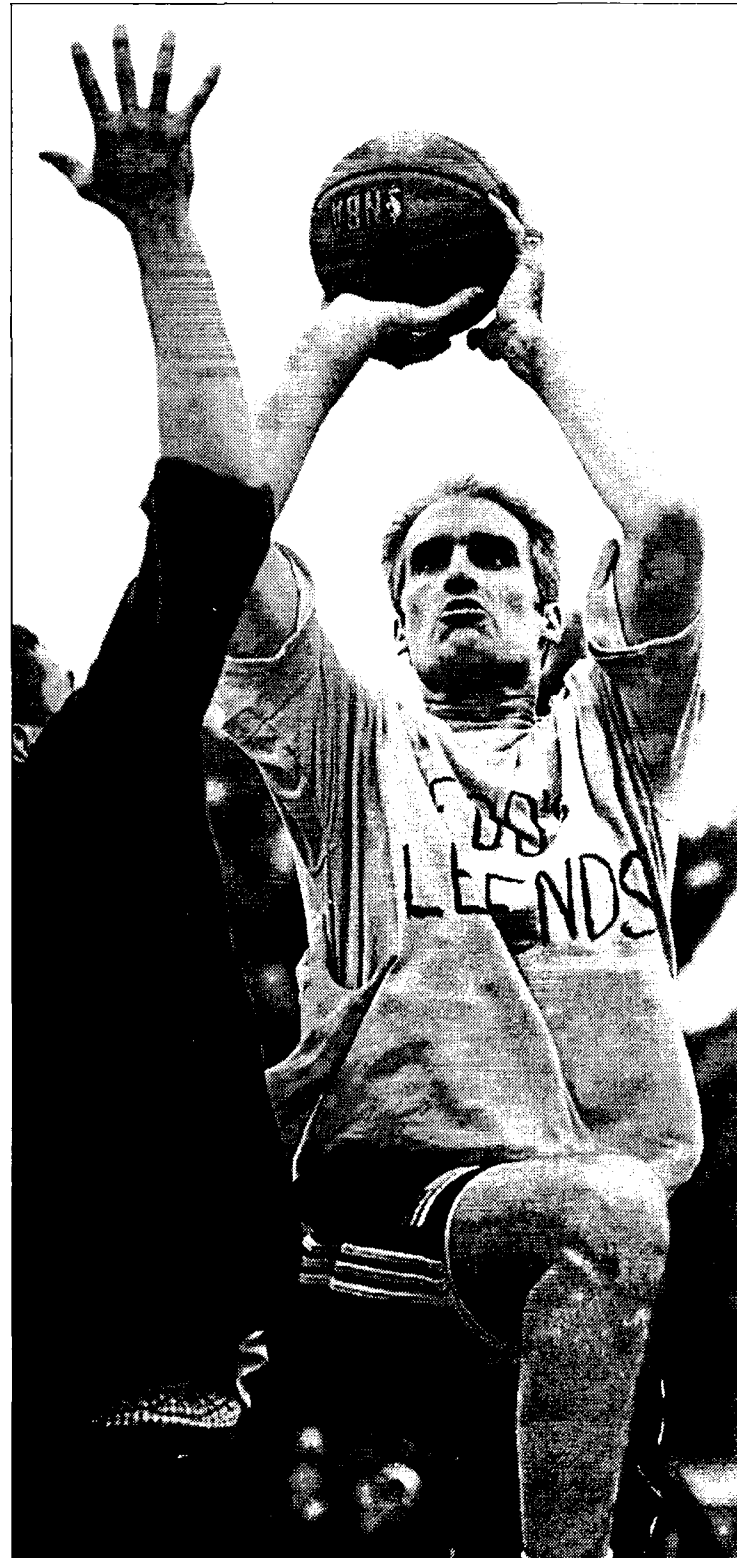
I will say, however, that coach Doherty and coach Wojcik have shown that they possess at least one of the traits needed to become a "real" Notre Dame coach. They've rightfully earned the respect of the students — something that will prove to be vital if they hope to stay here long.

They've shown us that they are a part of us, the Notre Dame family. We, then, as a family, should in turn welcome them by extending our gratitude. So Doherty and Wojcik, thank you.

I'm sorry it was tough to gain acceptance here. But please, accept our apology. By this action alone, you have proven that you deserve to be here.

Welcome aboard!

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The Observer/Kevin Dalum
Coach Matt Doherty entered the Bookstore Basketball Tournament with Lebo's Legends.

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Bayliss said.

Sachire is third in the country at singles and boasts an impressive 34-7 record in '99.

Sophomore Matt Daly will be

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BOB BAYLISS
HEAD COACH

called upon to fill in for Patterson at No. 2 singles and Javier Taborga will be added to the lineup at No. 6. Andrew Laffin, Casey Smith and Andy Warford will each move up a spot.

Bayliss will also be forced to shift around his doubles lineup. Aaron Talarico will

replace Patterson at No. 1 and will team up with Sachire. Trent Miller and Taborga remain No. 2, but Daly will join Smith as the third team.

The new-look Irish take on Boston College today at noon, with the semifinals to be played Saturday afternoon. The Eagles advanced to the second round with a 4-1 victory over Georgetown yesterday.

Notre Dame and Miami have met in the finals each of the last four years. The Irish claimed the title in '96, but the Hurricanes have won the last two.

"We beat Miami earlier this year and are ranked ahead of them," Bayliss said, "Beating Miami in Miami when it was 90 degrees and the wind was swirling was important for us. I think we can still beat them without Patterson, but it will be difficult."

Both teams expect to square off in the finals again this year, but the status of Patterson could play a huge role in the winner of this year's championship.

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closely behind the Irish. Boston College, ranked 69th nationally, garnered the No. 3 seed, and a bye into the second round with Notre Dame and Miami.

Seeds four through 13 battled yesterday, with No. 4 Syracuse disposing of No. 13 Connecticut 4-0, No. 5 West Virginia blanking Villanova 4-0, and No. 6 Seton Hall completing the sweep for the higher seeds over No. 11 Pittsburgh 4-0.

The Irish are confident after their strong finish this year that they will live up to their No. 1 seed.

In their last 15 matches, the Irish have won an impressive 13, the most recent one was last week against Indiana, 6-2. Winning the Big East could propel the Irish into a high seed for the all-important NCAA tournament, which begins next weekend.

"Our goal is to win the Big East and be the top seed in our region to get a chance to serve

as host of the regional which will be a big advantage," said head coach Jay Louderback.

Sophomore Michelle Dasso will occupy the No. 1 singles spot for Louderback, where she has been all year. Expect her to face off against Rutgers' talented No. 1 Donna Krouzman, in a sure-to-please match.

Senior two time All-American Jennifer Hall will play at No. 2, where she will contend with Beth O'Donnell, a 6-0, 6-4 winner yesterday. Fellow senior Marisa Velasco will play at No. 3, and freshman standout Becky Varnum will occupy the No. 4 spot. Rounding out the strong singles lineup for Notre Dame are Kelly Zalinski and Kim Guy.

The doubles format will change for the Big East tournament, with teams now only receiving a single point for winning two out of three doubles matches. Therefore, singles will play a crucial role in determining the outcome.

The doubles team of Dasso and Hall will lead the way for the Irish, followed by Velasco and Varnum, and Guy and Sara Scaringe.

After its strong regular season finish, Notre Dame crept into the No. 10 team in the country.

The last time the Irish were ranked in the top 10 came on Oct. 14, 1996, when Notre Dame was No. 8 in the preseason poll after finishing sixth in the final poll of the 1995-96 season. In addition to the No. 10 team ranking, the doubles team of Hall and Dasso is ranked seventh nationally, while Dasso herself is ranked eighth in singles.

"Our goal at the beginning of the season was to finish in the top 10," said Hall. "Now that we've done that, we can't be satisfied. Our main goal right now is to focus on this weekend. Last year we lost to Miami and we don't want that to happen again."

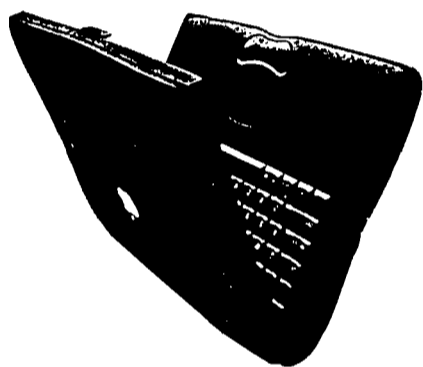
Two Irish players enter the Big East tournament with undefeated resumes from past years. Zalinski holds a 4-0 record in her previous two years, while senior Velasco is 6-0, with half of those wins coming in championship matches.

This year Varnum looks to start a winning streak of her own. She enters the tournament ranked 69th nationally, and hopes to improve upon her impressive singles record. No. 6 Guy holds a 1-0 record in Big East championships, winning her match last year.

So as the Irish prepare for today's match, they know that there are bigger goals on the horizon.

If they hope to fare well in the NCAAAs, however, the Irish first need to focus on the task at hand: the Big East tournament, and most importantly, today's match against Rutgers.

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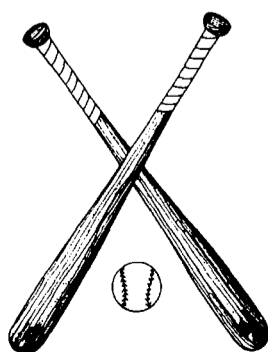
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■ **SOFTBALL**

ND heads to coast for weekend

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

The softball team will travel to the East Coast once again to take on two Big East opponents this weekend.

On Saturday Notre Dame will face Connecticut (18-14, 7-3), currently third in the Big East standings, before traveling to play Providence (10-29, 1-5) on Sunday. The Irish (30-17, 8-0) are looking to maintain their undefeated record in the Big East and top spot in the rankings.

Saturday's contest against UConn will be a continuation of the long rivalry that exists between the two schools.

"UConn is always a rivalry for us," said sophomore center fielder Danielle Klayman. "We have the undefeated streak hanging over our heads, but in a good way. It

makes the games exciting and forces us to be ready and play with passion. Our team strives off of that."

If the Irish are going to defeat the Huskies, they will have to keep first baseman Abbie Link in check. The sophomore was the Big East player of the week when she went four-for-four against conference opponent Rutgers. She hit three home runs and had six RBIs, tying Big East records in both categories.

The Irish hope to counter with a strong offensive attack, led by catcher Kris McCleary and her team-leading seven home runs. Lizzy Lemire also adds offensive power to the lineup with her team-leading 14 doubles.

Providence is less of a rival for the Irish, but the pressure of the perfect record in the

Big East will keep the excitement going.

"We will have to get ready more," said Klayman. "We will be playing for the pride of our team's record."

Irish pitchers Jennifer Sharron and Angela Bessolo should continue their strong conference performances once again this weekend. Both have been dominant in their outings so far against Big East opponents.

With a successful weekend, the Irish will be on top of the Big East as the team heads into the conference tournament the weekend of May 7-9.

"We would like to enter the tournament as the top team and take that tournament," said Klayman. "From there we would enter the regionals, but we don't want to look past the Big East."

■ **FOOTBALL**

Irish name Jackson 1999 solo captain

Special to The Observer

Senior quarterback Jarious Jackson has been elected captain of the 1999 University of Notre Dame football team by vote of players on the Irish squad.

Jackson's honor marks only the third time in 32 seasons that Notre Dame has had a single football captain. Beginning in 1968, the Irish have had two or more captains in every season except 1986, when Mike Kovalski led the squad and 1991, when Rodney Culver provided leadership.

Jackson, a 6-1, 228-pound Tupelo, Miss., native, produced one of the most productive and efficient seasons in 1998 of any quarterback in Irish history. He completed 104 of his 188 passes in '98 for 1,740 yards, with only six interceptions to go with 13

touchdown passes. He also ranked second on the team in rushing with 441 yards on 113 attempts, scoring three touchdowns.

In his first year as the starter at quarterback, he opened in 11 contests — and finished 13th nationally in passing efficiency with 149.5 rating points and 31st in total offense with 218.1 yards per game. His current 154.4 career pass efficiency rating ranks second all-time at Notre Dame — and his career interception avoidance figure of only seven in 220 attempts also is second-best among all-time Irish signal-callers. His 2,181 yards of total offense in 1998 ranked as the fourth best single-season total at Notre Dame — with Joe Theismann, Rick Mirer and Steve Beuerlein producing the top three figures.

■ **MEN'S LACROSSE**

Minutemen to confront Irish

Observer Staff Report

The men's lacrosse team will travel to Amherst, Mass., to take on the Minutemen of the University of Massachusetts.

The 15th-ranked Irish, coming off their best game of the year — a 15-7 thrashing of Army — are looking to pick up another win and continue their drive toward the western bid in the NCAA tournament.

After dropping three straight games, Notre Dame was in danger of losing the western bid and missing the tournament for the second straight year. The Irish, however, responded to the adversity and, led by captain Chris Dusseau's five goals, sent the Cadets home with a sound defeat.

The Irish must continue their winning ways against the Minutemen — a team the Irish have never beaten in four tries. Despite Notre Dame's tough history against them, this year could be the year that the Irish get the best of

the Minutemen.

Massachusetts enters the game unranked with a 4-6 record. Losers of five of their past seven games, the Minutemen have struggled through out the year. They have shown the ability to score goals in bunches — scoring 19, 15 and 17 goals against Holy Cross, Fairfield and Boston College, respectively — but have lost six of seven games when they are held below 10 goals.

UMass's offensive inconsistency can be attributed to their youth. Five of the

Minutemen's top six scorers are sophomores, with John Madigan and Rich Kankel leading the attack. Defensively, the Minutemen are also youthful but they have enjoyed greater success than the offense. Led by sophomore goaltender

Chris Campolettano's 8.45 goals-against-average the defense has played well against many of the top offenses in the country. His goals-against-average places him 12th nationally while his .621 save percentage has also captured the 12th spot in the national rankings.

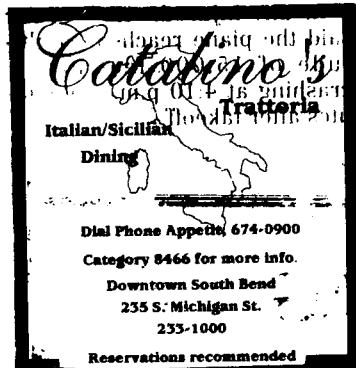


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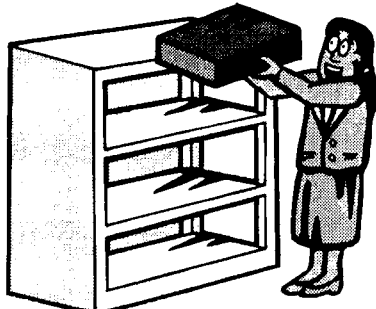
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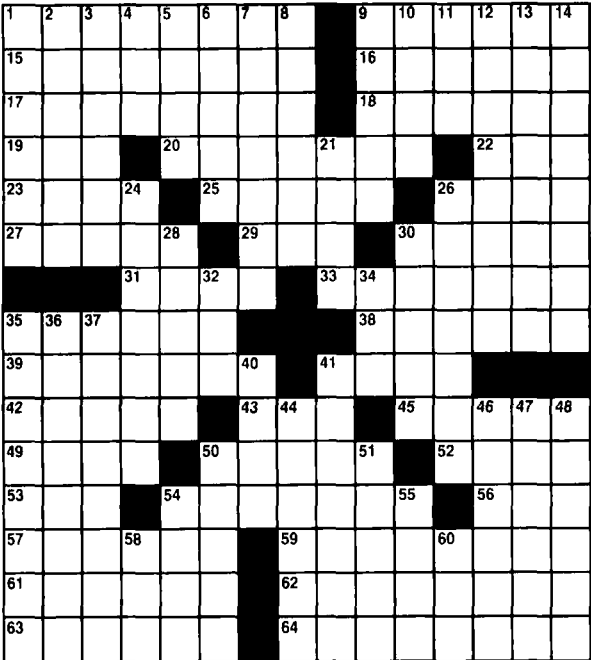


CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Panama hat material
 - 9 Treats treacherously
 - 15 Tentacled sea creatures
 - 16 Store unloading surplus
 - 17 Old-fashioned reading
 - 18 Deliberately disharmonize
 - 19 Symbol of strength
 - 20 Crappie or bluegill
 - 22 Lines from Horace
 - 23 Blasted
 - 25 Plains tribe
 - 26 Jacques the musical Belgian
 - 27 Auto style
 - 29 Gaslight
 - 30 Set of sheets
 - 31 Whip-tailed swimmers
 - 33 Cicely Tyson film of 1972
 - 35 Continental word of courtesy
 - 38 Path finders
 - 39 Elicits an "ick!"
 - 41 Handled baggage
 - 42 Some tournaments
 - 43 Ending with who, what or when
 - 45 Novelist Remarque
 - 49 Plucky
 - 50 Home of Edwards Plateau
 - 52 Unescorted
 - 53 Hydromassage facility
 - 54 Many Woodstock concertgoers
 - 56 G.O.P. foe
 - 57 Field manager?
 - 59 You don't have to take it
 - 61 Meadowlark's kin
 - 62 Orthodontist's fee?
 - 63 Set of 150
 - 64 Track sights

DOWN

- 1 —rod (flower of the lily family)
- 2 Eat quickly, slangily
- 3 Weak and wan
- 4 Supernatural being
- 5 Perennial campaign issue
- 6 Actress Aimée
- 7 Keats's "wealth of globed —"
- 8 Request
- 9 "Hands Across the Sea" composer
- 10 "Whadja say?"
- 11 Mem. of the A.B.A.
- 12 Protector of some canines
- 13 Not so tough
- 14 Super Bowl XIV champs
- 21 "Made to Love Her" (1967 hit)



Puzzle by Emily Cox and Henry Rathvon

- 24 Area of hot action
- 26 Tiger traps?
- 28 Filed items
- 30 Brit's rejoinder
- 32 Still
- 34 "So that's it!"
- 35 English-style saloon
- 36 Does some interior decorating
- 37 Common recitation
- 40 Get introduced slowly
- 41 Kind of park
- 44 Black belt, say
- 46 Least active of the halogens
- 47 Sharp
- 48 They leave the park
- 50 Flags
- 51 Handle
- 54 Control post
- 55 Some improvisation
- 58 Competitor of the euro: Abbr.
- 60 Songbird

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (95¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1999

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Shirley Temple Black, Roy Orbison, Valerie Bertinelli, Ian Hook, Blair Brown, Pierluigi Martin, William Shakespeare, Lee Majors.

Happy Birthday: You won't have much time for your personal life if you want to be successful professionally. Try to make amends by putting aside some time to vacation with loved ones. The more you prepare them for your hectic schedule, the less difficult you'll have when it comes to personal matters. You will have the discipline to accomplish what you set out to do, but if you are sidetracked by emotional concerns, you'll miss your target. Your numbers: 7, 11, 25, 38, 40, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will make headway professionally if you speak up. Discuss your intentions and make your suggestions. Romance can develop through colleagues and clients. Be practical for a change. 00000

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The changes going on in your personal life will be emotionally draining. Don't sit back feeling sorry for yourself. Get out and get some good advice. The only time you're wasting is your own. 00

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Money you aren't expecting will come your way. Be careful if you have to travel. Delays due to transportation problems are evident. Changes made to your home will be beneficial. 0000

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't try to impress others by making large donations you can't really afford. Opposition will occur if you don't consult your loved ones before you make decisions that will affect them all. 000

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll go crazy if you try to please everyone today. Take time to decide what you

want to do. Getting angry won't accomplish anything. 000

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't be disheartened if your romantic partner lets you down. You will meet new potential mates while traveling or by signing up for courses or lectures of interest. Keeping busy will be the key. 000

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Problems with your ears, nose or throat may plague you if you haven't been taking proper care of yourself. It's time to set your priorities straight. Your health is more important than anything else. 0000

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll have problems with your lover if you've been busy taking care of others and not paying any attention to him or her. You'll have to do some last talking if you wish to rectify this problem. 00

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may need to put in a little overtime. Your efforts will pay off. You'll get the recognition you deserve and you'll feel good about the job you did. 00000

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It's time to have some fun. Take control of your life. It's up to you to make yourself happy. Travel, entertainment and pampering yourself should all be on your dance card. 000

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Get back to basics. You've been running yourself ragged trying to do too much for too many. This is not the time to overdo it financially or emotionally. Look at your situation realistically. 000

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Pleasure trips will give you a new attitude toward life. You need to spend some time relaxing with friends. Forget your troubles for a while. When you get back to them, you'll view them differently. 000

Birthday Baby: You tend to blend into your surroundings. You need to make an effort to speak your mind and do your own thing. You can't sit around waiting for others to push you in the right direction. Don't be afraid of making mistakes. Learning from your errors will lead to your successes.

■ OF INTEREST

Holy Cross Associates is accepting applications for the 1999-2000 program year that begins in August. Associates live in community and have service placements that includes teaching, working in soup kitchens and dealing with at-risk populations. There will be informational sessions of approximately 30 minutes at the Center for Social Concerns on Monday and Tuesday at 4 and 7 p.m. For more information contact John Slock at 631-5521.

Tierra Colombiana — A Folkloric Ballet will be held to benefit the victims of the hurricane in Columbia on Saturday at 5 p.m. in the O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's. Eight hundred tickets are available for \$3 each.

Dance Recital — The Notre Dame American and Irish Tap Dance Recital will take place in Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in the East Wing of South Dining Hall. Dances like the soft-shoe, Shirley Temple steps, Irish dances and special performances will be demonstrated.

The Notre Dame Brass Ensemble, under the direction of Father George Wiskirchen, will presents its spring concert Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Band Building. The concert is free and open to the public. Please call 631-7136 for more information.

Notre Dame grad student Justin Berg will present a solo organ recital today at 2 p.m. at the Hilltop Lutheran Church of the Ascension. The program will include works by Bach, Purcell and Pablo Bruna. The recital is free and open to the public. Please call 631-6201 for more information.

Notre Dame senior Amy Lautz will present a solo piano recital today at 4 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. The program will include works by Bach, Schubert, Debussy, Prokofiev and Chopin. The recital is free and open to the public. Please call 631-6201 for more information.

Notre Dame senior Steven Stadler will present a solo percussion recital today at 8 p.m. in Band Building. The recital is free and open to the public. Please call 631-6201 for more information.

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SPORTS

Captain Jackson

■ Quarterback Jarious Jackson was named the captain of the 1999 Irish football team.

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THE
OBSERVER

Friday, April 23, 1999

■ BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXVIII

Rain-soaked round reduces bracket to eight

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

Versatility has done it again.

For the third time in the tournament the young team has stepped on the court as the underdog and stepped off as the victor.

Captain Chris Dillon, John Hiltz, Joe Lillis, Joe Cochran and Jason Childress began the tournament as an unknown squad buried in the pack of 581 teams, but after six rounds of play, Versatility has emerged as a force to be reckoned with.

Downing No. 4 En Fuego in the fourth round and upsetting No. 29 Jumbalaya in the fifth, newly-ranked No. 12 Versatility continued its winning ways Thursday night when it knocked off fifth-seeded Watch Out for the Hook 22-20.

"We're playing well together as a team," said Dillon. "We got together before the tournament and thought we could do something — and look where we are now."

Versatility started off the game slowly, losing the ball to early turnovers and committing several defensive fouls.

Watch Out for the Hook, with Irish defensive backs A'jani Sanders, Benny Gilbeaux and Deke Cooper, along with Kevin

McCarthy and Mark Johnson, took advantage of the offensive opportunity for the early 5-2 lead.

Versatility quickly settled down and took the ball to the hoop, tying the game at six.

Watch Out for the Hook used an aggressive man-to-man defense and racked up 10 fouls with the game tied at seven, sending Versatility to the line.

"They played great tight defense," said Dillon. "We had to work for every single basket."

The No. 12 team didn't take advantage of the shooting opportunity, however, and ended the night three-of-11 at the line.

Hiltz led Versatility's offensive effort in the first half. His inside and outside combination shooting gave him six points for an 11-9 lead at the half.

"Deke and Benny are two good strong athletes," said Hiltz. "We just had to do our best under the basket and hope for the best. Luckily we came up with some key shots when we needed to."

The second half was a back-and-forth battle, as the two teams traded baskets, keeping the score close.



The Observer/Jeff Hsu

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After quarterfinal and semifinal action today and Saturday, the Bookstore Tournament will determine the 1999 champion this Sunday on the Stepan courts.

Welcome to Miami

Women earn fourth straight No. 1 seed

By WES JACOBS
Sports Writer

Coral Gables, Fla.

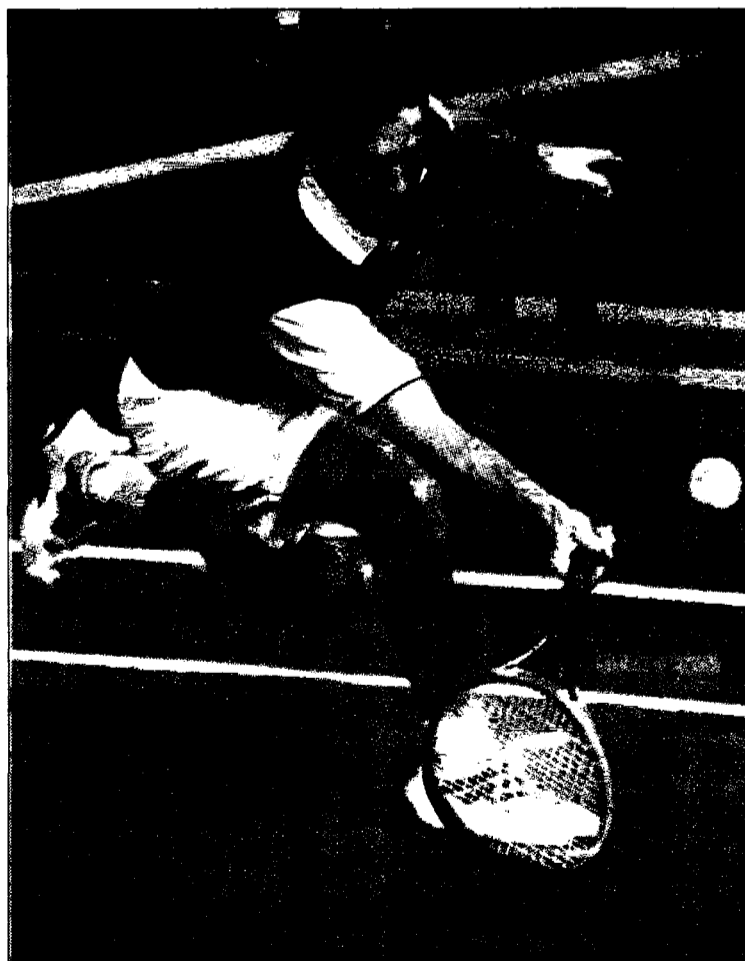
Today the Notre Dame women's tennis team will begin its quest to claim its third Big East title in four years, as the No. 1 seeded Irish face Rutgers University at the University of Miami.

Eighth seeded Rutgers was a 4-1 winner over No. 9 St. John's yesterday in preliminary round action.

Notre Dame is making its fourth appearance in the Big East championships, where they won in 1996 and 1997 and lost to champion Miami last year.

The 10th-ranked Irish earned their fourth consecutive No. 1 seed in the tournament, out of the 13 Big East teams, compiling a 19-6 record. Miami, currently ranked 24th in the country with a 16-8 record follows

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The Observer/Mike Harris

Captain Brian Patterson's status for the Big East Tournament is still up in the air due to an injury.

Patterson's injury casts doubt on Irish

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

Coral Gables, Fla.

The 31st-ranked Notre Dame men's tennis team saw its quest for the school's second Big East championship take an unfortunate and unexpected turn this week.

Senior captain Brian Patterson sustained an injury and his status is uncertain for the championship, which got underway Thursday with first-round action at the Neil Schiff Tennis Center in Coral Gables, Fla.

"Unfortunately, Brian's not with us," said head coach Bob Bayliss, whose top-seeded Irish squad had a first round bye. "He injured his toe and had an X-Ray this afternoon back in South Bend. We're waiting to see if we'll be able to fly him down here and if he'll be able to play on Sunday [in the championship match]."

Notre Dame, which earned the No. 1 seed for the fourth-straight year, was favored to win the 11-team tournament, but Patterson's injury will be

a major setback if the Irish reach Sunday's finals.

"We were seeded No. 1 without the knowledge that Brian wouldn't be here," said Bayliss. "I don't know if we're the underdog without him or not, but this will be a great challenge and we're excited to prove that we can pick up the slack."

Patterson is arguably the best No. 2 singles player in the country and was ranked 50th in doubles with his partner Ryan Sachire.

"Brian has been unbelievable for us this year," said Bayliss. "He hasn't lost a singles match since February and is 16-2 overall this semester. He's also our best doubles player and was one match away from All-American last year."

Junior All-American Sachire and the rest of the Irish squad will be expected to play at the next level for the team to have a chance at the title.

"We're counting on Ryan to win all his matches, which I think he is capable of doing."

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE



at Big East Championships,
Miami, Fla.
Today-Sunday



at Massachusetts,
Saturday, 2 p.m.



Softball
vs. Defiance College,
Saturday, 1 p.m.



at Big East Championships,
Miami, Fla.
Today-Sunday



at Harvard,
Today, 3 p.m.



Blue-Gold Game
Saturday, 1:30 p.m.