



On the path of sainthood
In a ceremony held Sunday, Pope John Paul II beatified 44 martyrs, including Vietnam's first martyr who, was beheaded in 1644.
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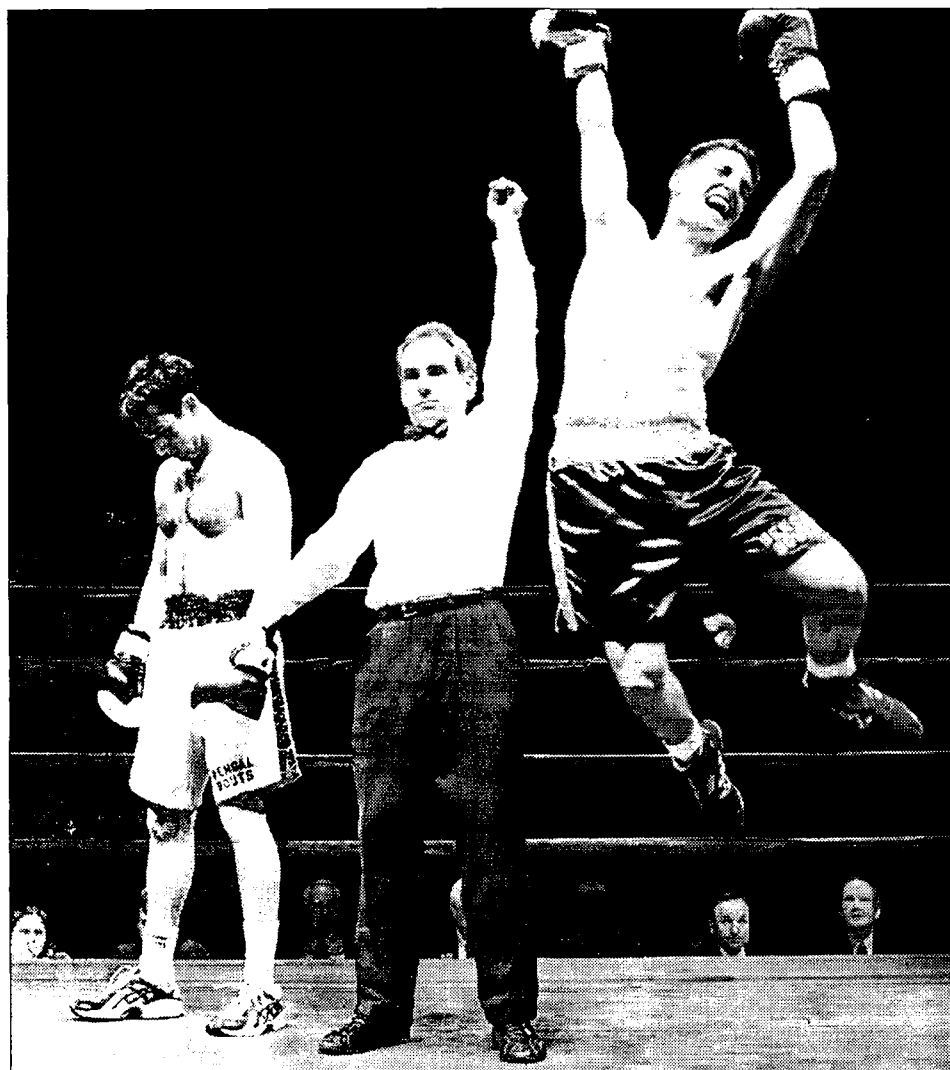
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J.R. Mellin (photo left) celebrates after his victory over Dennis Abdelnour in the 150-pound weight class at the 70th annual Bengal Bouts. The event, which raised over \$55,000 for a mission in Bangladesh, featured Mohammed Ali (above, with women's boxing captain Meghan McCurdy) as a special guest.

Former ND student wins photo award

By PATRICK BRENNAN
News Writer

After submitting a portfolio of work from the past year, Rob Finch, Notre Dame class of 1998, was selected by a panel of six judges as 1999's best photographer, winning the National Press Photographer of the Year award.

The award, one of the most prestigious in the nation, brings significant recognition and a cash prize. Finch stressed that the recognition is far more important than any monetary reward.

"No one really enters for the money," he said. "Having your work shown and hopefully recognized is the important thing."

Sponsored by the University of Missouri, the contest provides photographers from around the globe with the opportunity to showcase both single images and multi-picture stories.

Since graduating from the University of Notre Dame in 1998, Finch has worked as staff photographer at The Beacon News in Aurora, Ill. His interest

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Nobel laureate discusses experiences in Northern Ireland

By TOM ENRIGHT
News Writer

Children need a greater voice in world affairs, according to Nobel laureate Betty Williams, who spoke at Notre Dame on Friday.

Co-winner of the 1976 Nobel Peace Prize, Williams gave a lecture highlighting her personal experiences working for peace and the protection of children. She received her Nobel Prize for her work in Northern Ireland. Co-founder of the Peace People Organization, Williams became involved in the peace movement after witnessing the death of three children killed by the driver of an IRA getaway car. To this day Williams refers to them as her "wee angels."

"To do this work is to work with the intangible," said Williams about her work for peace. "Peace — people pray for it — dance for it, but to work for it is another thing."

Williams spoke from a Catholic point of view about conditions in Northern Ireland that contributed to the violence between its Catholic and Protestant residents. Saying that she sees the opportunity for peace in the region, Williams praised John Hume and

David Trimble, co-recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1998, for their work in advancing peace in Northern Ireland.

Williams also spoke about her feelings on war and violence and how her work has changed her. "When a child dies in war by force it is an affront to ... a mother," she said.

Admitting that she had to learn the art of non-violence, Williams said that it was a gradual transformation that led her to condemn physical aggression. She challenged the view that accidental deaths are an unavoidable part of fighting.

"Have you ever heard of an accidental war?" asked Williams. "The only thing changing is that it's getting smarter."

The Nobel laureate also criticized those who interweave religion with war.

"God has nothing to do with war. You shouldn't bless men to kill," she said.

"The peace movement was born out of the suffering of chil-

dren," said Williams.

A mother of two, Williams believed that she had her experience in Belfast for a purpose. She related a story of a starving mother that she met in Somalia who had been forced to choose which of her two children to feed since she didn't have enough milk for both. Both children ended up dying. The mother herself then died while Williams was visiting the area.

"Religion should be acts and reflections," said Williams. "Real patriots don't just wave flags. They help their neighbors."

Williams also pointed out other leaders in the world that have turned to peaceful means rather than violence to combat social wrongs. Lech Walesa of Poland and Bishop Desmond Tutu and Nelson Mandela of South Africa all demonstrated positive examples of leaders who chose relatively peaceful change over violence.

Addressing problems of violence and children in the United States, Williams stated her concern that children see too much

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Bety Williams
1976 Nobel laureate



SUZANNE KELLMAN/The Observer

Betty Williams, co-winner of the 1976 Nobel Peace Prize, urged audience members to not associate war with religion at her lecture Friday afternoon.

violence on television. The newspapers, she said, are also filled with bad news.

Presently a professor in Women's Studies and Peace Studies at Florida Atlantic University, Williams also directs the World Centers of Compassion for Children. She is currently lob-

bying to have the United Nations pass a Universal Declaration of the Rights of Children.

Williams received her Nobel Peace Prize in 1976 along with Mairéad Corrigan-Maguire, the Protestant aunt of the three children she witnessed killed in Belfast.

INSIDE COLUMN

Learning to roll

Sometimes, it's good to come tumbling down.

I'm not the most coordinated person you'll meet. It took me three months to learn to ride a two-wheeler in the second grade. I spent the majority of grade school with bandages across my knees, and in latter years, have developed an infamous knack for falling down the stairs.

So imagine me on rollerblades.

As dumb as it may sound, the idea of gliding around on shoes with little wheels was incredibly intriguing to me. It looked so easy — all these people gliding around with the greatest of ease — even a klutz can do it, right?

Uh, wrong.

Aware that I couldn't take any chances, I strapped on my skating gear —kneepads, wrist guards and elbow pads — and attempted to get up. Within five seconds, I realized I would not be one of those graceful gliding bodies. Instead of flying over the concrete with the greatest of ease, I tumbled to the ground in a startling slump. There was nothing graceful in sight.

Great, just great. I'd only been on these things for five seconds, and already had taken a face plant into the cement. I knew if I was going to complete this mission successfully, I had to get back up. So I grabbed my friend's hand, shakily rolled back up to a standing position (almost tearing her down to the ground in the process) and tentatively was on my way again.

And slowly, but surely, I was rolling. Slowly, but I was going somewhere. Finally! I was navigating bumps, cracks and small inclines, and by the time I reached the end of the avenue, I considered myself a pro.

Next obstacle — crossing the street.

I guess the problem started when I couldn't figure out how to stop when I approached the road. Rolling out of control, I grasped the stone wall in a desperate effort to brake. Aware my skill was not yet advanced enough to combat moving vehicles, I was forced to take my friend's hand and be pulled across U.S. 33. Shaking off the glances of amused drivers, I made it across the street — with guidance.

After about 20 minutes of slow progress, I had navigated my way through the grotto, across south quad, and almost back to Saint Mary's. I thought I was home free — maybe even klutzes could manage this rollerblading deal. But it became painfully evident from the sympathetic glances from runners and pedestrians on campus that I still had a long way to go.

I guess my biggest victory was getting home that day. I did end up making it back to Saint Mary's uninjured — a major feat for a self-proclaimed klutz. Besides the scrape on my left leg — the one patch of skin left exposed by my skating gear — I returned with a small amount of confidence that maybe, just maybe, with the help of some friends, I could do this.

And hey — if I'm going to fall, at least they're there to help me up.

That's all part of learning to roll.



Noreen Gillespie
Saint Mary's Editor

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THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
♦ Meeting: Holy Cross Associates Information Meeting, in the Center for Social Concerns, 5:30 p.m..	♦ Meeting: Holy Cross Associates Information Meeting, at the CSC, 5:30 p.m..	♦ Fiction Reading: By Ricki Ducornet at Hesburgh Library Auditorium, 7 p.m.	♦ Seminar: Medieval Urban Culture Seminar at the Hesburgh Library, Room 614, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
♦ Murder Mystery Theater: "Bubba's Killer Sauce" in LaFortune Ballroom, 8 p.m.	♦ Voter Registration Drive: At LaFortune, 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.	♦ Film: South African film, 'Mapantsula' at Montgomery Theatre, 8 p.m.	♦ Winter Concert: Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra at Washington Hall, 8 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Ivy Leaguers refuse employment for environment

NEW YORK

Students from Princeton, Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth, Columbia, Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania pledged Thursday not to accept jobs with several corporations until they meet certain environmental standards.

"Students have always been idealistic, campaigning to save the world. The difference is that today we are organized and educated in the rules of [the corporate] game," Columbia senior Andrea Avolio said.

The purpose of the campaign is to mobilize students to build awareness of the significance of career choice, Frankie Lind, a Cornell junior explained.

Coca-Cola, British Petroleum-Amoco and General Motors are the current targets of the students' campaign. The companies were chosen by

"Coke, GM, and BP-Amoco are just three of the many companies out there green-washing the public."

Andrea Avolio
senior at Columbia University

Ecopledge.com, a nationwide campaign formerly known as the Dirty Jobs Boycott.

"Coke, GM and BP-Amoco are just three of the many companies out there green-washing the public," Avolio said. "They are telling us that they are environmental and at the same time they are destroying our natural resources and contributing to global climate change."

According to senior Keir Soderberg,

Coca-Cola sells more than 25 million bottles of Coke per day and "despite the misleading symbol, Coke bottles contain virtually no recycled plastic. Nine years ago Coke promised to use 25 percent recycled plastic," he said.

The Coca-Cola company, however, disputes the students' allegations.

"There was never any promise made," Coca-Cola manager of communications Trey Paris said in an interview Wednesday. He explained that in the early 1990s Coke made a technological breakthrough by including recycled plastic in its bottles.

"We ought to be seen as a leader in progressive environmental programs," Paris said. "A boycott like this is uncalled for."

At the time, the company was unable to sustain the recycling technology but continued to invest in research, Paris noted.

Missile expert still in Chinese jail

STANFORD, Calif.

A former researcher at Stanford's Center for International Security and Cooperation, who was sentenced to 15 years in a Chinese jail last year for "leaking state secrets," is seeking medical parole because he has cancer, his sister announced Wednesday in a press release.

Hua Di, 63, is suffering from a rare form of male breast cancer. Both Hua's family, researchers at the center and the United Nations are working as quickly as possible to get Hua released.

"I'm convinced that Hua Di does need attention of a specialized nature that he probably couldn't get in China," said John Kamm, director of the Project in Human Rights Diplomacy at Stanford.

Hua's sister has hired a lawyer to seek his medical parole, and she has also appealed to U.N. Human Rights High Commissioner Mary Robinson. Robinson is in Beijing on a three-day visit to try to release Hua.

President Clinton, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Political Science Prof. Emeritus John Lewis have all made repeated trips to Beijing in an attempt to release Hua on humanitarian grounds.

Harvard activists hold 'teach-ins'

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

More than 30 student activists evaded Harvard University Police Department (HUPD) officers and staged three consecutive "teach-ins" to argue for a living wage Thursday morning, disrupting administrators in Mass Hall, the Harvard Office of Labor Relations and the University Development Office.

Supporters of the campaign, which demands a minimum \$10 per hour wage for all Harvard employees, stormed into each office with a prepared presentation of graphs, charts and worker testimonies. When HUPD officers arrived, the protesters dispersed, met again at a prearranged spot and moved on to the next target.

The Progressive Student Labor Movement (PSLM) spearheads both the living wage and the anti-sweatshop campaigns, but most activism so far this year, both nationally and at Harvard, has centered around sweatshop policy.

Yesterday's action, coinciding with an ongoing three-day sit-in at Johns Hopkins University, was the first in several months for the living wage campaign.

"It kept us visible and reasserted the goals of the living wage campaign," said Roona Ray, a PSLM member.

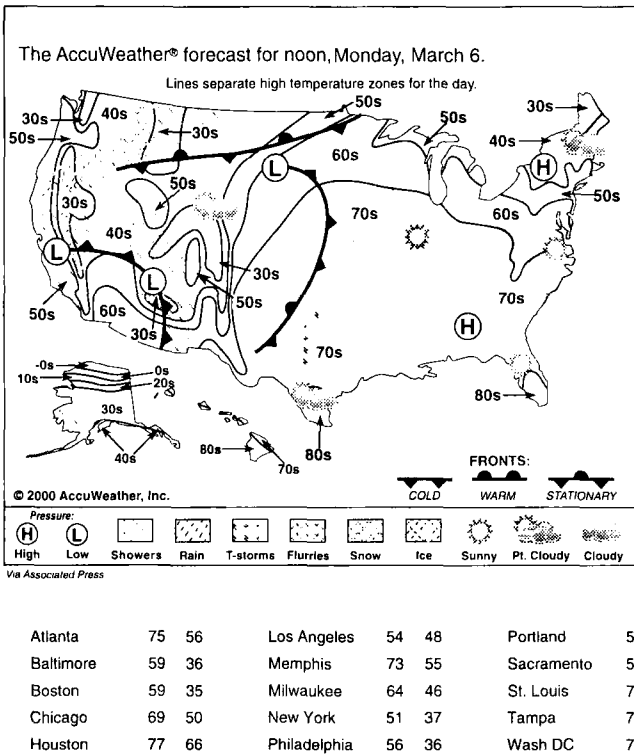
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NATIONAL WEATHER



SMC lecture series to focus on martyrs



By KATIE MCVOY
News Writer

Last night began a series of Lenten lectures at Saint Mary's on the martyrs of El Salvador. Marie Dennis, director of the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns, will be giving the lectures in Stapleton Lounge Monday and Tuesday nights as well.

The lectures will focus on the men and women martyred in El Salvador during the 17-year civil war.

Sunday's lecture focused on Archbishop Oscar Romero, who was assassinated in the diocese of San Salvador in 1980. Dennis used Romero's story to illustrate the importance of finding life in the resurrection.

From 1975 to 1992, approximately 75,000 people were killed in the Salvadoran civil war. Although geo-political interests, and not religious motivations, fueled the war, many of those who died were church workers who were martyred for their faith. Ninety-two percent of the killings were committed by the army or army groups, said Dennis.

At that time the Catholic Church in El Salvador underwent a change. Religious workers were invited to accompany the poor.

"The church moved from traditional church work to the reality of poverty," Dennis said. "The theology of liberation began to emerge, and this theology intersected with political and ideological ideas."

Romero was the Archbishop of the diocese of San Salvador. Early in his career he was very conservative, but following the death of his close friend Rutilio

Grande, he underwent a transformation. According to Ernestino Rivera, a close friend of Romero's, Grande's words passed into Romero.

Romero became a servant of the people. As his vision of how life in El Salvador became sharper, he was pulled more and more by opposing forces. On one side he was urged by revolutionaries to confront the government. On the other hand, he was encouraged by wealthy citizens and other bishops of the church to settle down. He would often "pull away to prayer, almost expecting an answer. It seems he often got them," Dennis said.

Romero was assassinated at the Chapel of Divina Providencia on March 24, 1980. Moments before his death he said, "As a Christian, I don't believe in death without resurrection. If am killed, I will rise again in the people of El Salvador."

Dennis said that the challenge for today's Catholic is to look at the story as we journey to new creation in the Lenten season.

"We too are invited to allow the blood nourished seeds of liberation to grow in our souls to move with [Romero] in the current of history that knows death is not the end."

When asked what was especially poignant about this story for today's college student, Dennis said that the oppression happened to students as well.

"Some of the worst repression occurred in the universities because the students were organizing for a social change. Many fled the country and didn't return to their lives until they were in their thirties. You are living the years that were stolen away."

The lectures will continue this week. Monday night's lecture will focus on four women missionaries martyred in El Salvador and Tuesday night's lecture will focus on Jesuit martyrs.

ND to hold memorial Mass

Special to The Observer

A memorial Mass for the late Father Richard McCormick, professor emeritus of Christian ethics, will be celebrated Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Father Theodore Hesburgh, University president emeritus, will preside and Father Richard McBrien, theology professor, will give the homily.



McCormick

McCormick, who died Feb. 12 at Colomiere Center in Clarkston, Mich., was an internationally renowned moral theologian who specialized in medical ethics. He had taught at Notre Dame since 1986. He previously was the Rose F. Kennedy Professor of Christian ethics in Georgetown University's Kennedy center for Bioethics from 1973-86 and a professor of moral theology at the Jesuit School of Theology in Chicago from 1957-73.

Born Oct. 3, 1922 in Toledo, Ohio, McCormick entered the Society of Jesus in 1940 and graduated from Loyola University in Chicago five years later. He obtained a master's degree from Loyola in 1950 and in 1953 was ordained to the priesthood.

In 1957 he obtained his doctoral degree in theology from the Gregorian University in Rome.

Memorial Mass

- ♦ Tuesday
- ♦ 3:30 p.m.
- ♦ Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Marie Dennis, director of the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns, discussed the men and women martyred during El Salvador's 17-year civil war in a lecture Sunday night.



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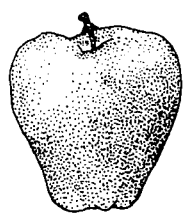
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in photography began at Notre Dame, where he honed his talents at The Observer.

Despite the fact that his father was a newspaper photographer, Finch was not interested in photography before attending the University.

"Since it's difficult for a lot of athletes to continue playing varsity sports at Notre Dame, I found myself with a lot of time on my hands. So I joined The Observer," he said.

In addition to taking photography classes, Finch learned a great deal about the art through experimentation.

"I was able to figure out a good deal on my own," he said. "It was a question of taking advantage of the many opportunities with which I was presented at school."

Since winning the award, Finch has been asked to speak at various universities throughout the country.

"I'm very grateful," he said. "But, the speaking dates have been intimidating. It's strange to have a clear idea of what your duties are one day, and to be considered somewhat of an expert the next."

Finch said he is taking success one step at a time. In terms of the immediate future, he plans to relocate.

"I'm going to work at The Oregonian," he said.

No stranger to recognition, Finch has attained various commendations for his work over the past year from the Midwestern journalism community.

"It's easy to get a big head about this sort of thing," he said. "Not that much has changed. I mean, I don't know any more than I did before the award."

Debate team competes on national level

By STACEY KAPLAN
News Writer

The debate team will cap off their season this weekend at the National Parliamentary Debate Association's (NPDA) National Tournament at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. Currently ranked 15th in the nation, the team is a mere three points away from the top five, and is hoping to perform well enough at nationals to secure a spot in the top 20.

"It's like the NCAA basketball tournament. We could start winning and end up in the Final Four," said sophomore team member and co-treasurer Will McDonald. "A top-10 finish is within reach. It's very tangible for our team."

A debate powerhouse in the 1970s and 1980s, Notre Dame had a disappointing show in the early 1990s, and only in the past few years has the team begun to compete on a national level once again.

"We've had good coaching and a lot of talented people. Chris Huck has done a fabulous job with us. He's given us a foundation of coaching that really worked wonders," McDonald said.

Huck, a third year law student and the director of debate, transformed the team last year from an outdated form of debate known as policy into the fast-growing world of parliamentary debate.

"The popularity of parliamentary debate has grown tremendously in America over the last five years. This national tournament will be the largest tournament ever in North America," Huck said.

The debate team has enjoyed success at several tournaments this year. It has finished top three at every tournament, and has taken first place sweepstakes at four out of the seven, including the prestigious invitational Hatfield Debate tournament at Willamette University, which took place Feb. 19-20, and the Pi Kappa Delta National Honorary Tournament at Webster University, Feb. 25-28.

"The [debaters] are all doing it because they really want to be involved.

They don't get recognition in the fact that they're not basketball or football. Debate is always kind of unknown. They put all of the time into it because they love the activity, not just to win," Huck said.

"It's exciting to represent the University. I'm amazed with our success this year because the program had fallen into disrepair. It's pretty surprising to everyone," McDonald said.

Huck found only a few weaknesses with the team.

"They put too much pressure on themselves. They get frustrated competing against people who are seniors, and I have to remind them that they are all young. I have no doubt that in two years one of them will be the national champion. That's how good they are."

The team has only one senior, club president Dan Peate, but a plethora of sophomores and freshman.

McDonald found similar minor faults.

"We have a very young team. Depending on who the next coach is, we have the potential to be a national power for generations," he said.

The team was also given major honors recently when it was selected to host the three champions of the Irish Times Debate Tournament. They will be holding an exhibition debate against three members of the Notre Dame team.

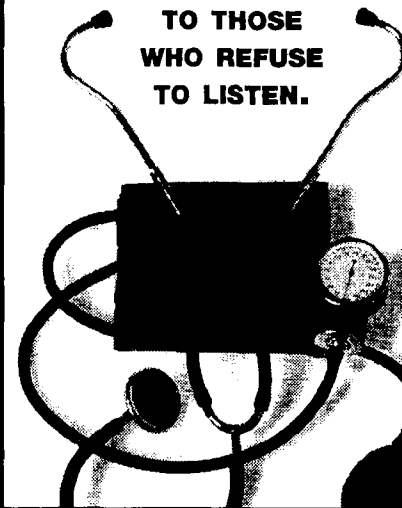
"I think it's just going to be great because we're the Fighting Irish and they're actually from Ireland. It's going to be really cool to debate with them," said McDonald.

The exhibition is open to the public and will be held on March 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

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Chris Huck
director of debate

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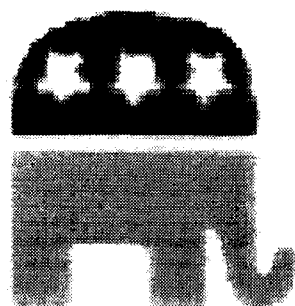
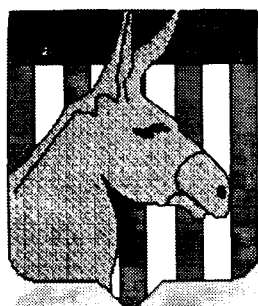
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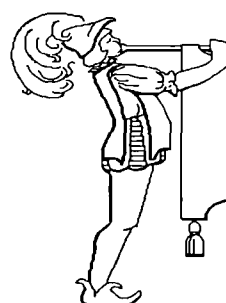
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Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2000 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed \$3,500, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The course work will normally be in Italian; will involve the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student's degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Boston University in Padua, UCLA in Pisa, Miami University in Urbino, Columbia University in Scandiano. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O'Shaughnessy Hall.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:

- 1) an explanation of how the proposed research or foreign study will enhance their degree program at Notre Dame
- 2) a personal statement indicating their background, interests, and long-term goals
- 3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow
- 4) a budget indicating the costs involved
- 5) the names of two references.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Champion cyclist kidnapped, forced to hike seven hours

BOGOTA, Colombia

A retired cycling star was freed Sunday, one day after suspected left-wing rebels kidnapped him from his family's farm. The 1987 Tour of Spain champion, Luis Alberto Herrera, was released in the mountains south of Bogota, near the farm where he was snatched by gunmen Saturday. Herrera told RCN radio that his kidnappers decided to free him after seeing television reports showing the massive military search-and-rescue operation launched in response to the abduction. No group claimed responsibility for the kidnapping, which provoked national outrage. But police officials said the region is a stronghold of Colombia's largest guerrilla faction, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC. Colombia's left-wing rebels increasingly depend on extortion and kidnapping for ransom to fund their nearly 40-year campaign against the government. Herrera, 38, said his captors treated him well, but he was forced to hike for seven hours through the mountains to return home.

CDC says more handwashing could cut infection rates

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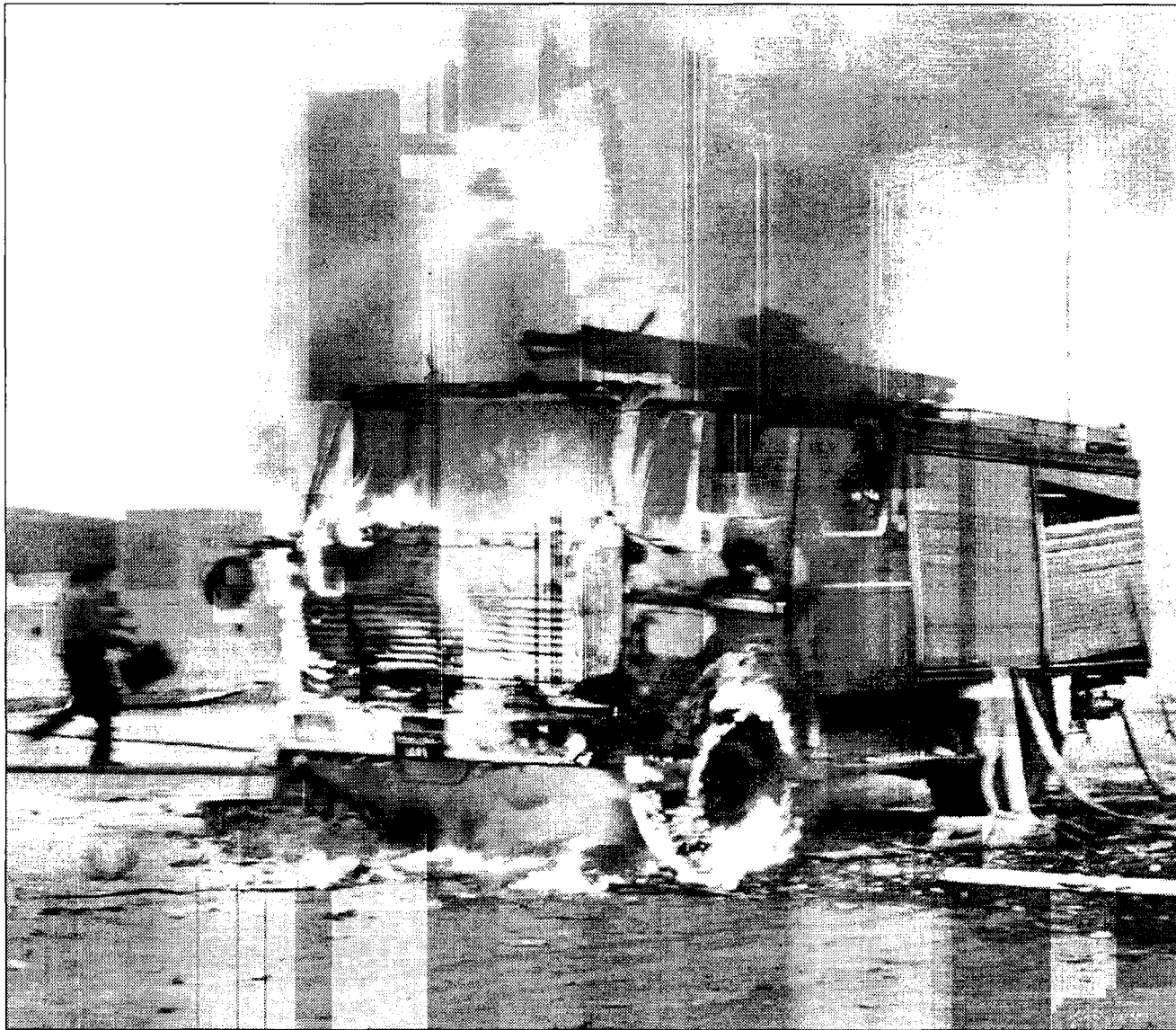
Infections contracted in hospitals kill as many as 88,000 people each year, a number that could be reduced with increased use of technology and simple measures such as more frequent hand washing, a researcher said Sunday at a conference on the problem. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control opened a five-day conference on preventing and reducing health-care-associated infections in Atlanta. Dr. Richard P. Wenzel, chairman of the internal medicine department at the Medical College of Virginia said new devices such as catheters coated with antibiotics have proven effective against infection spread at health facilities. But those are still far costlier than simple but equally necessary steps as getting doctors and nurses to wash their hands after every patient contact, he said. "Hand-washing is cheap, but the impact from it is great," Wenzel said.

Seaweed trade benefits town

CORRAL, Chile

A diver tethered to a rowboat descends into the calm bay and resurfaces moments later with a bag full of the tangled seaweed known locally as "pelillo," or little hair. This harvest is an important one for the people who live simply in this remote town on Chile's southern coast. They don't eat the seaweed — but it helps them eat. The pelillo is converted into the fine, cream-colored powder of pure agar, most of which is shipped more than 10,000 miles across the Pacific to Japan, where it is used in noodles, candies, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals and other products.

EGYPT



AFP Photo

Infuriated villagers rioted and set trucks ablaze Sunday following the death of 16-year-old Samah Mustafa, who was killed by a speeding truck while crossing a highway nine miles north of Cairo. Protestors blamed Mustafa's death on authorities' failure to build footbridges.

Girl's death spurs rioting, burning

Associated Press

Thousands of villagers rioted Sunday, hurling rocks at motorists and setting vehicles ablaze after a speeding truck killed a 16-year-old girl, a police official said.

The rampaging villagers seized the driver of the truck that killed Samah Mustafa, beat him severely and set fire to his vehicle, the official said on condition of anonymity. The driver was hospitalized in critical condition.

Protesters demanded a crackdown on motorists who routinely ignore traffic rules along the road, which is

the main agricultural route to the coastal city of Alexandria.

Villagers said scores of people had been killed and injured along that part of the road as a result of speed violations and reckless driving, the police official said.

Dozens of riot police were sent to the village of Mit Nema, about nine miles north of Cairo, after about 3,000 people began demonstrating. Villagers set fire to a police van, a fire engine and a paper factory. They also rolled a boulder onto railway tracks, blocking trains for an hour, the official said.

Police fired tear gas and arrested about 20 alleged protest leaders, the official said. Six police officers and 34 villagers were admitted to hospital with injuries. Most of the villagers suffered from tear gas inhalation.

The disturbance caused a traffic jam stretching to the outskirts of Cairo.

Road accidents resulting from reckless driving along Egypt's main roads claim thousands of lives every year. Traffic figures for 1998 reveal that over 6,000 people were killed in accidents.

US soldiers pitch tents for evacuees

Associated Press

ANISLAG, Philippines U.S. soldiers pitched tent shelters Sunday to relieve overcrowding at evacuation centers where tens of thousands of people have been living to escape a volcano that began erupting last month.

Disaster relief officials have been busy feeding more than 66,000 people and preventing diseases from spreading at the centers in the wake of a series of powerful eruptions by Mayon volcano, which remained relatively quiet

for a fourth day Sunday.

Working side by side with Filipino troops, about 30 U.S. soldiers hammered tents into place while throngs of evacuees watched in a clearing in Anislag village in Albay province.

The U.S. military contingent, led by Navy Capt. Bob Harward, brought the tents, bottled water, mats and 20,000 gas masks, funded by a \$418,000 donation from the U.S. government.

The American soldiers were among more than 2,000 U.S. troops who had joined the monthlong joint

military exercises — called Balikatan, or "shouldering the load together" — in the Philippines that ended Friday.

"It's tied in with the Balikatan because the same counterparts we have been training with, learning how to fight, can show their flexibility in quickly transitioning into humanitarian operations," Harward said.

A convoy of army trucks brought the relief cargo from two U.S. C-130 planes to Anislag. There, U.S. troops, Philippine soldiers and police, some wearing yellow hard hats and

orange vests, unloaded the relief goods as smiling evacuees milled around.

Officials said up to 3,000 people could be accommodated in the tents.

Defense Secretary Orlando Mercado said they would transfer some of the evacuees sheltered in grade school buildings to the tents to allow classes to resume.

Mercado denied newspaper reports that food supplies were running low in the evacuation centers, citing as an example rice stocks in Albay, which he said are good for another six months.

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Pontiff beatifies 44 martyrs at ceremony

Associated Press

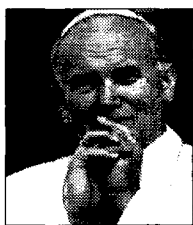
From Polish nuns executed by Nazis to victims of 17th-century religious warfare in Brazil, Pope John Paul II honored 44 martyrs Sunday, holding up their lives as profiles in courage for today's Catholics.

The honor, called beatification, is the last formal step before the process of sainthood can begin.

Among those declared blessed during the ceremony on a spring-like day in St. Peter's Square was Vietnam's first martyr, Andre de Phu Yen. He was baptized at age 15 and beheaded three years later in 1644, when he refused to renounce Christianity.

"May all the disciples of Christ find in him the strength and support in trial," John Paul said in French.

Vietnam's people are predominantly Buddhist, but the country has the largest Catholic community in Southeast Asia outside of the Philippines. Many Vietnamese attended the beatification in tradi-



John Paul II

tional silk costumes.

Appearing to tire during the 2 1/2-hour-long ceremony, the pope used the various languages of the martyrs' homelands as he offered encouragement to Catholics worldwide. Shoring up faith of those who have trouble with church teachings, such as bans on birth control and premarital sex, is a key goal of John Paul's papacy.

"Although they lived in historic moments far apart and in very different cultural contexts," the pope said of the 44 martyrs, "they are brought together by an identical experience of loyalty to Christ and to the church."

Many from Rome's large Filipino community were among the tens of thousands of faithful at the ceremony. They cheered loudly when the pope proclaimed the beatification of Pedro Calungsod, a Filipino killed at age 17 during a 1672 expedition by Spanish Jesuit missionaries to the Marianas.

The pope also beatified Maria Stella Adela Mardosewicz and 10 fellow Polish nuns who offered their lives to the Nazis in exchange for those of dozens of families in 1943.

The women were executed by rifle fire in woods near the border of Poland and Belarus. The families all survived, although many were deported to work camps.

RUSSIA

Rivals criticize Putin for NATO stance

Associated Press

MOSCOW

Acting President Vladimir Putin set off a wave of criticism Sunday from his rivals in the presidential race by telling a British television network that Russia could join NATO.

Some critics called Putin's comments a betrayal of Russia's interests. Others called them a bid for votes from Western-minded Russians in the March 26 election, or an effort to soften his hard-line image abroad.

Asked whether Russia could join NATO, Putin told British Broadcasting Corp. interviewer Sir David Frost: "I don't see why not. I wouldn't rule out such a possibility. But I repeat — if and when Russia's views are taken into account as an equal partner." The interview was broadcast Sunday and picked up by Russia's main networks.

NATO has been keen to cooperate with the Kremlin since the 1991 Soviet collapse, but has not shown any sign it is inviting Russia to join. U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has said NATO could expand to include Russia, but other U.S. politicians strongly resist the idea.

Despite cooperation on some projects, relations between Russia and NATO —

formed during the Cold War to deter Soviet troops from moving westward — remain shaky. Most Russians see NATO expansion into Eastern Europe as a threat.

Moscow virtually severed all ties with NATO last year in response to the alliance's bombing campaign in Yugoslavia. NATO, meanwhile, condemned Russia for using excessive force in Chechnya.

But an agreement to restore ties was announced last month when NATO Secretary-General Lord Robertson visited Moscow.

Still, it appeared unlikely that Putin would press soon for membership in the U.S.-led alliance. Putin has made restoring Russia's global clout a key campaign slogan, and has brushed off months of Western criticism of the war in Chechnya.

Russian television commentators Sunday pointed out that Putin usually tailors his remarks to his audience, and keeps many promises vague.

Reformist lawmaker Grigory Yavlinsky dismissed the comments on NATO, saying Putin

was unlikely to follow through with action.

"His actions absolutely don't correspond to his statements," Yavlinsky said on the Itogi television program. Yavlinsky is also running for president.

Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov, who polls at a distant second behind Putin in the presidential race, said Sunday that joining NATO would further weaken Russia.

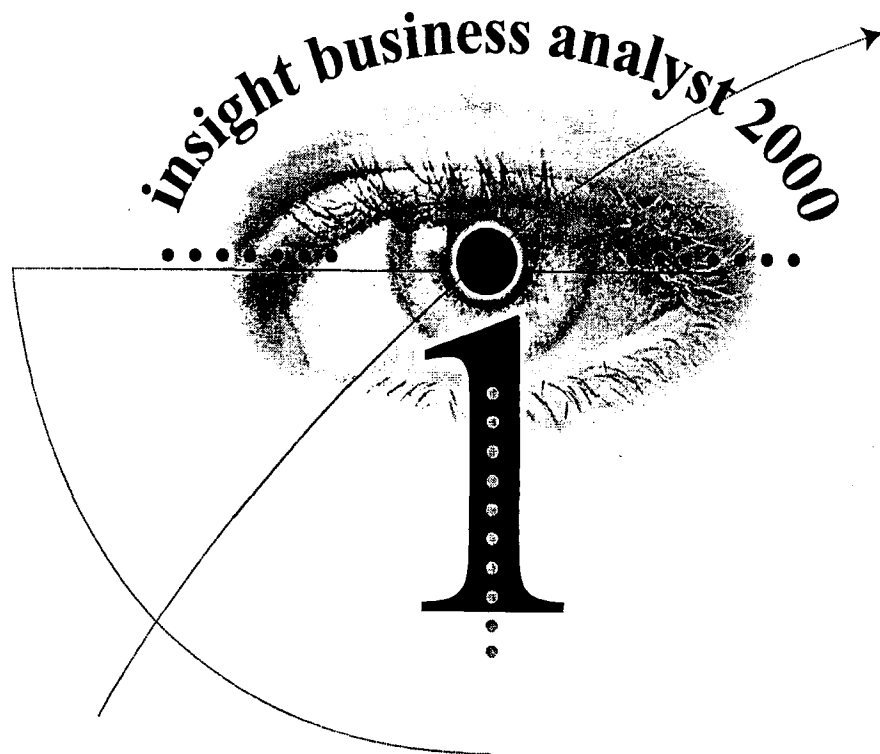
Putin's "statement is naive and unpardonable for a politician of his level," Zyuganov told Interfax. "He should at least hire knowledgeable foreign policy advisers."

Konstantin Titov, a presidential candidate and the reformist governor of Samara, welcomed the idea of joining NATO. But Titov said Putin's statement was little more than a campaign stunt for attracting reformist voters, according to Interfax.

Deputy Parliament Speaker Vladimir Lukin said that Russia could join if it transformed from a military to a political alliance and Russia was offered equal terms.

"His actions absolutely don't correspond to his statements."

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MOZAMBIQUE

Flood survivors return to devastation

Associated Press

CHOKWE
With floodwaters subsiding under a baking sun, hundreds of famished people straggled home to the southern town of Chokwe on Sunday, searching for homes and belongings amid collapsed buildings, ruined crops and bodies buried in dried earth.

The returning residents of Chokwe were among the thousands of Mozambicans who were trying to fathom what remained of their hardscrabble lives made all the worse by devastating floods.

United Nations and aid agency officials said Sunday the international relief operation in this southeast African nation was

shifting from those threatened with drowning to distributing food and water to desperate survivors. Between 800,000 and 1 million people lost their homes in the deluge and were in urgent need of help, they said.

President Joaquim Chissano said in the capital, Maputo, that flood victims would need outside food aid for at least 10 months.

Josefina Macha was more fortunate than many in Chokwe, 126 miles north of Maputo.

He recovered hundreds of ears of corn, which he'll use for seed when he plants again. On Sunday, the ears were laid out to dry on a sheet of plastic.

"It's not so bad. I think we'll be OK," he said as a pot on a cook-

ing fire boiled nearby.

Others were not so fortunate.

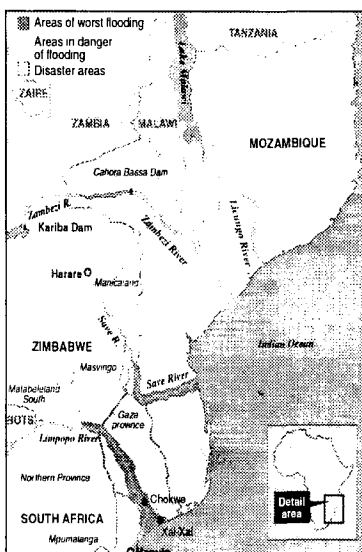
Along a path, Paineta Khoza lay still under a blanket, then stirred and pulled back the cover, revealing a drawn, emaciated face.

"I'm dying," she whispered. "I haven't eaten since last Sunday."

When the floodwaters hit Chokwe on Feb. 27, Khoza was hospitalized with tuberculosis. Fleeing medical workers placed her atop a junked pickup truck as the water quickly rose.

There she laid alone for six days until the waters receded. Someone returning to town put her on the ground, where she remained unattended until two workers from the aid group Doctors Without Borders brought her to their medical station.

Aid workers found the bodies of 11 flood victims on Sunday. One of them was a mentally ill man, whose family had chained him to a metal beam outside their house, then fled when the water rushed in, said Chris Horta, one of the workers.



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Horta used an ax to free the man's body from the chain. His remains were zipped into a white body bag while his mother wept nearby.

"I don't mind picking up dead bodies," Horta said, "but the fact that more people are going to die because no other aid has arrived here really bothers me."

Country awaits more rain

Associated Press

MAPUTO

With fears of heavy rain again looming, authorities warned thousands of displaced Mozambicans on Sunday against returning to low-lying areas to search for what remains of their homes and belongings.

As the swollen Limpopo and Save rivers receded, rescue workers and aid officials said the risk of drowning had diminished. What now faced flood survivors was the scramble for food and clean water.

"The rescue phase is coming to a close," said Ross Mountain, a United Nations special envoy who spent two days flying over still submerged areas of the southeast African nation.

Relief efforts focused instead on distributing aid to desperate survivors, many of whom were still only accessible by air, said Brenda Barton, a spokeswoman for the United Nations World Food Program.

Fights broke out in camps as survivors, ravenous and thirsty after being stranded in trees and on rooftops for up to a week, clambered for food.

A total of 37 helicopters and 15 planes delivered aid on Sunday, mostly in the Limpopo River valley, 125 miles northeast of the capital, Maputo, Barton said.

Another two helicopters were ferrying stranded people to locations where relief groups were attempting to distribute the emergency supplies, she said.

In neighboring South Africa, 32 airmen from McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey and Dover Air Force Base in Delaware arrived at Hoedspruit air base on Sunday to set up aid operations for up to 600 American troops.

Mountain said many survivors were ignoring the pleas of aid workers and government officials and returning to flood-battered areas, raising the possibility they may need to be rescued again if heavy rains and flooding resume.

The remnants of Cyclone Gloria, which together with a steady, two-week downpour caused the deluge, has been downgraded to a tropical storm. The storm hovered over the Indian Ocean off the coast of Mozambique on Sunday, and was expected to bring more rain, Mozambican weather forecasters said.

Although the relief effort was gaining pace, President Joachim Chissano said the international community had been slow to respond to the catastrophe, an allegation the U.N. envoy denied.

"It does take time to get help from Europe. We need to be realistic," Mountain said. More than \$40 million had already been pledged for emergency relief and reconstruction, he said.

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Californians to vote on gay marriage

Associated Press

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. The pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church told his congregation Sunday that he welcomes gay people into his church. But he doesn't want them marrying.

Dr. John Huffman said he supports Proposition 22, the controversial measure on Tuesday's ballot that would bar gay marriages from official recognition in California.

"Love the sinner, hate the sin," Huffman said. "I am not prepared to declare that what the Bible says is sin is no longer sin."

With the election just two days away, churchgoers around California struggled with how to vote on a measure that has galvanized and divided the religious community.

Leaders of Mormon, Roman Catholic and evangelical Christian churches support Proposition 22. Three Southern California bishops — Episcopal, Lutheran and Methodist — issued a joint statement opposing it, saying it could lead to discrimination. On Friday, the Roman Catholic priest who heads the Los Angeles Archdiocese's ministry to gays and lesbians also publicly opposed it.

Huffman titled his sermon "The Bible, Homosexuality and Proposition 22."

"God called his people to sexu-

al purity — a man and a woman committed to each other," he said.

Church elders at St. Andrew's voted last month to support Proposition 22.

"We feel, as Christians, we should be taking a stand on that, a loving stand, and basically be supporting marriage between a man and a woman," said Pam Metherell, 56, an elder.

The issue was on the minds of 200 Mormons gathering at a suburban Sacramento church for a monthly sacrament meeting. Church member John Tennant urged the congregation to pray for Proposition 22's passage.

In liberal San Francisco, a forum at an Episcopal church failed to attract any proponents of the measure.

San Francisco Supervisor Mark Leno, who is gay, called the proposition "mean-spirited," pointing out that gay marriages aren't allowed in California.

"It's a completely bogus argument," he said.

California does not allow same-sex marriages, and that won't change whether Proposition 22 passes or fails. The measure would keep California from recognizing same-sex marriages allowed elsewhere.

No other state allows such marriages, but proponents argue Vermont is close enough to make the initiative a necessary preemptive strike.

Study: Hand-washing stops infection

Associated Press

ATLANTA

Infections contracted in hospitals kill as many as 88,000 people each year, a number that could be reduced with increased use of technology and simple measures such as more frequent hand washing, a researcher said Sunday at a conference on the problem.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control opened a five-day conference on preventing and reducing healthcare-associated infections in Atlanta.

Dr. Richard Wenzel, chairman of the internal medicine department at the Medical College of Virginia said new devices such as catheters coated with antibiotics have proven effective against infection spread at health facilities.

But those are still far cost-

lier than simple but equally necessary steps as getting doctors and nurses to wash their hands after every patient contact, he said.

"Hand-washing is cheap, but the impact from it is great," Wenzel said.

Using what he called conservative estimates, Wenzel calculated that bloodstream infections contracted at health care facilities could be the nation's eighth leading cause of death, claiming more than 25,000 people each year.

On Thursday, the CDC reported that the rate of such infections fell by about 44

percent in the 1990s in medical intensive care units at 300 facilities that report to the government.

The infections typically are caused by catheters, intravenous lines and breathing tubes common to most hospital stays. Such devices allow bacteria easy entry into the body.

Wenzel said simply placing an alcohol dispenser at each patient bed cut blood infection rates by 40 percent in one hospital because workers disinfected their hands more often.

Another effective method is for doctors to model good habits in front of colleagues and medical students.

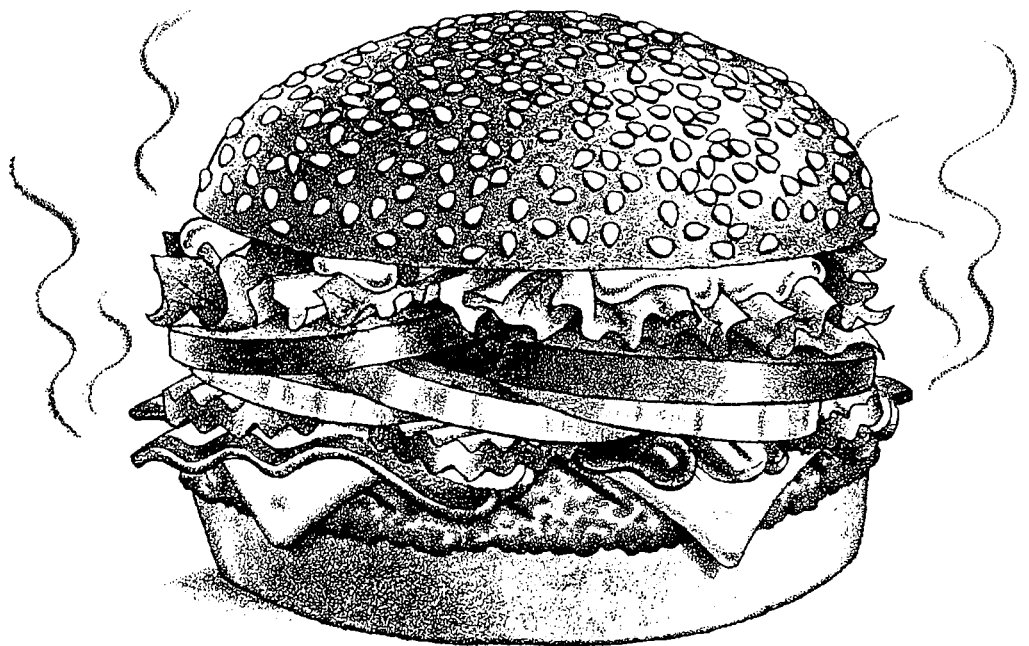
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Bradley, McCain struggle as 'Super Tuesday' approaches

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Fighting to stay alive, Republican John McCain on Sunday questioned whether George W. Bush is "ready for prime time."

and Democrat Bill Bradley suggested that voters can "barely tolerate" Al Gore, as the presidential nomination races head for a climactic multistate showdown Tuesday.

"A happy life," McCain replied, when asked what was in store if he fared poorly.

The two underdogs expressed confidence as they made the TV talk show rounds, even as aides braced for the worst by quietly making plans for dignified exits. Bradley advisers acknowledged he has little chance of loosening the vice president's grip on every "Super Tuesday" state. The McCain team held out hope for an election night surprise.

Despite months of acrimony, McCain ruled out running as a third-party candidate, and both underdogs said they could support their rivals in defeat. McCain, stung by negative ads, qualified his pledge to back the GOP nominee if it is Bush: "I expect Governor Bush to change. I expect him to run an entirely different

campaign than the kind that he's run in this primary."

Speaking with reporters Sunday in Oakland, Calif., a confident Bush said he had plans for the party when he becomes its nominee for president.

"I intend to unify the party and then I intend to reach out like I've done in the state of Texas and attract voters who may not have come into our primary," the Texas governor said.

Republicans compete Tuesday in 13 states for 613 delegates, and Democrats battle in 15 states for 1,315 delegates -- more than half the total each party requires of its nominees. Spanning from Maine to California, the contests amounted to the closest the country has ever come to a national primary.

While Bradley is foundering across the board, McCain is doing well in New England but is threatened by the Texas governor everywhere else:

♦ New York is close, with new polls giving Bush an edge.

♦ Bush holds a yawning lead over McCain among California Republicans, who award 162 delegates in the winner-take-all primary. The Arizona senator could still win the state's

nonbinding popular vote, which would give him shaky platform to argue he is the better general election candidate. Of that scenario, Bush said: "First it's important to get the delegates. The delegates are what determine who becomes the nominee."

♦ Bush holds wide leads in Georgia, Missouri and Ohio.

Their battleground shrinking, McCain advisers believe he must win New York, Ohio, all of New England and the nonbinding popular vote in California to stay in the race. Campaign manager Rick Davis called Ohio "the sleeper story," because McCain must overcome a 25-point deficit in the polls to make his long-shot scenario a reality.

Campaigning in New York and Ohio, McCain unleashed a scathing indictment of Bush's environmental record in Texas, as well as his presidential campaign tactics.

"They're getting more and more like the Clinton campaign," McCain said in Cleveland, comparing the 1996 Clinton administration fund-raising scandal to a \$2 million ad campaign by Bush allies.

The Texas governor denied involvement in the ad campaign, but refused to ask his allies to pull the ads, saying, "That's what free speech is all about."

McCain said the ads criticizing his environmental record in the Senate illustrate why he wants to overhaul the financ-

ing of federal campaigns.

"Governor Bush ought to be ashamed of this," he said, taking a swipe at Bush's own environmental record by calling Texas the "worst violator" of clean air regulations.

Bush also is running ads in New York state questioning McCain's commitment to fighting breast cancer. McCain's sister suffers from the disease, and Bush said last week that is "all the more reason to r e m i n d"

McCain of his record.

"I wonder if someone who would treat a situation like that is ready for prime time," McCain said Sunday, his eyes narrowing as he shrugged his shoulders.

He compared Bush to Steve Forbes, whose picked apart Bob Dole's Senate record in the 1996 GOP primary.

"This kind of negative attack just shows that Bush wants to win in the worst way," said McCain, who appeared on CBS's "Face the Nation" and NBC's "Meet the Press."

Bush said McCain's position on breast cancer is documented on his Internet site. "My response (to McCain) is the Republican Party and independents are going to nominate me because I'm talking about

things that matter to Americans," said Bush, who appeared on CBS and ABC's "This Week."

Bradley was less critical of his rival than McCain, but passed up a chance to say Gore was honorable. "I think he distorted the record," he said. "I had hoped that we could get to an election where people could be choosing between two politicians they esteem as opposed to one they

can barely tolerate." He did say he thought the negativity of the campaign had "calmed down" in the last two weeks.

Gore acknowledged easing up on Bradley, if not dropping him

altogether from his stump speeches. But Gore said that didn't mean he assumes he has locked up the nomination.

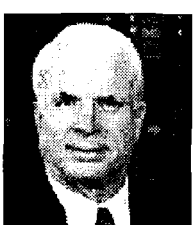
"I thought that his tone changed in the last several days with far less of the attacks that have become commonplace and I wanted to reciprocate," Gore told reporters as he traveled to Cranston, R.I., to discuss seniors' health issues. Gore also was endorsed Sunday by the Philadelphia Inquirer.

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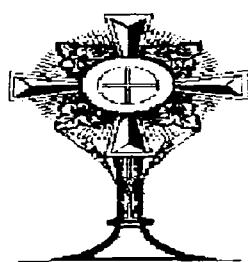


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Don't blame guns or water bottles

Last Wednesday, a Notre Dame student chucked an empty water bottle onto the court in the closing seconds of the men's basketball game against Syracuse, which prompted the referees to whistle a technical foul on the Irish and potentially cost them the match and a berth in the NCAA tournament.

I personally believe that whoever supplied that particular person with the water bottle should be punished. After all, if it can happen at Notre Dame, it can happen anywhere.

That's about the silliest thing you've ever heard, right? Now, read that last paragraph again and replace "water bottle" with "gun" and "Notre Dame" with "Columbine" or "Mount Morris Township, Mich." Odds are many of you would believe that statement then.

By no means am I equating the tragedies of school violence with the travesty of the Syracuse game. I'm sure I speak for the team when I say that when compared to Columbine or Mount Morris Township (where a six-year-old boy shot a classmate last week), the result of the game last week or its implications — or even the game in general — become minutely insignificant.

However, some connections can be made.

The water bottle itself isn't to blame for Wednesday night's incident.

Whoever sold the water bottle isn't. The NWBA, National Water Bottle Association, isn't. Scenes from video games or music videos or movies where water bottles are thrown aren't. The only person at fault was the kid who threw the water bottle. No one disputes that. But when two teenagers plot for over a year to murder their fellow stu-

dents, fingers are pointed at the guns, whoever sold them, the NRA, video games, MTV, Hollywood — in short, anyone and everyone except Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris.

When a six-year-old grows up in a decrepit home environment surrounded by guns and drugs and then shoots Kayla Rolland, a six-year-old classmate, President Clinton blames the Republican-led Congress: "They have done nothing and meanwhile ... every single day there are 13 children who die from guns in this country."

Gun control advocates believe that their programs can prevent future Columbines. But the 20,000 gun laws that are already on the books haven't stopped anything. What makes them so sure that the 20,001st law will work?

The plain and simple truth is that it won't. Rough and easy proof: The four areas with the strictest gun control laws in the nation are New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. Fourteen percent of America's murders occur in these havens of gun-control legislation. Why is that? Well, the phrase may be trite or stale, but "when guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns." Common criminals can get weapons as easily as fans can get water bottles — legislation or no legislation. In areas where it is next to impossible for law-abiding citizens to exercise their Second Amendment rights, the criminals have the market cornered.

But where guns are less restricted, crime goes down. Professor John Lott of the University of Chicago noted that "when state concealed handgun laws went into effect in a county, murders fell by 8.5 percent, and rapes and aggravated assaults fell by five percent and seven percent [respectively]." In fact, the reason why a school rampage in Pearl, Miss. ended was that Joel Myrick, the assistant principal, went to his car to get his gun.

So what can be done? Step one is to properly prosecute illegal uses of firearms. A Syracuse University study

found that from 1992 to 1998, prosecutions of illegal uses of firearms dropped 46 percent. However, prosecution has to be done without punishing responsible gun owners.

In 1997, criminologist Gary Kleck estimated that more than 2.5 million people a year defend themselves lawfully with firearms. But no one ever hears about this fact because of the din of the constant drum-beating for gun-control legislation targeted at responsible gun owners.

For example, President Clinton's latest brainchild are so-called "smart guns" — firearms electronically protected so only the adult owner can use them. Why is this even an option? If the mother of the six-year-old in Michigan was a responsible gun owner, these gadgets wouldn't have been necessary. If irresponsible gun owners were punished properly, there would be no need for this legislation.

The Washington Times states, "What matters is who has his hands on the weapon — not the weapon itself." It sounds so simple: throw a water bottle, you're to blame, you get punished; shoot someone, you're to blame, you get punished.

When I was a kid, I was always told that "when you point your finger at someone, you have three fingers pointing back at you." Gun-control activists should heed this advice instead of continuing to push worthless legislation while blaming everything else for today's gun problems.

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Questionable Freedoms

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QUOTE OF THE DAY



"In Columbine, those two murderers broke 18 laws on the books. You could pass 50, but the problem is, bad people still do bad things."

Wayne LaPierre
Vice-President of the National Rifle Association

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We all have crossed the line

It seems we are all agreed that the "waterboy" crossed the line. That line is one we all walk every day and sometimes cross ourselves. He just did it in a very public and juvenile way. There is no excuse for what he did.

Despite two warnings, including a direct appeal from the head coach, he could not overcome the childish impulse to throw a Powerade bottle in frustration. The extent of the stupidity of his action has been thoroughly explored and expressed in various formats by students, alumni and staff of the University in both campus and other media outlets.

Some of the discourses (particularly those on the Internet) have demonstrated that the waterboy is not alone in being unable to deal with his emotions appropriately. While these postings are unlikely to cost the men's basketball team postseason chances, they reflect a level of immaturity and poor judgment on par with that shown by the waterboy himself.

His misbehavior has also brought the image of the student body as a whole into question as being one of obnoxious, destructive fans.

Those who regularly attended men's basketball games this season will hopefully disagree with these mischaracterizations of the student section, or "the sixth man," as it is introduced before every home game. Until the Syracuse game, basketball games were — with a few exceptions — a refreshing combination of exciting athletic performance, high crowd energy and generally good behavior. Unlike football games, the student section was filled with fired-up, knowledgeable and, for the most part, sober and coherent supporters.

Unfortunately, as the men on the court tried to meet the mounting pressure of a two-point deficit with under 10 seconds left in the game to hold on to NCAA tournament hopes, it became too much for the waterboy and he responded by sending his Powerade bottle into orbit.

Let us not forget that he is not alone in crossing the line. Two others in the crowd had done it before him. Their identities and whereabouts are not being circulated or their safety threatened. Nor should they be. But to pin this all on the head of a single sophomore is crossing the line as well. Perhaps in the heat of the

moment, the waterboy forgot he was at a basketball game, thought he was holding a squid or dead fish and it was halftime at a football game.

After all, he is not the first person in this University to trample on the long hours of hard work of a group of dedicated students.

Last year when the band was repeatedly pelted with marine life, its members were offended and incensed. Fortunately, the collective student body returned to its senses and focused on getting hammered and pelting each other with marshmallows and other assorted items. For the little girl that was injured during those incidents and the numerous families and fans unlucky enough to get seats in the vicinity of the student section, the impact of students crossing the line of acceptability was already all too familiar.

Every weekend in residence halls, bars and other social settings, students cross the line from fun and social to out of control, dangerous and disgusting. There is not a big difference between outrageous and obnoxious but once you've gone across the line — as the waterboy knows all too well — you cannot take it back.

The added pressure of maintaining the previously pristine image

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of the University and its outstanding student ambassadors only enhances the pressure of succeeding in all

aspects of a well-rounded college life. Every day we, like many other college students across the country, are faced with decisions about how to spend our time and energy. Those who choose to take the challenge and compete with the best of both worlds (academic and social) are faced with decisions of how much is too much in either aspect of their lives.

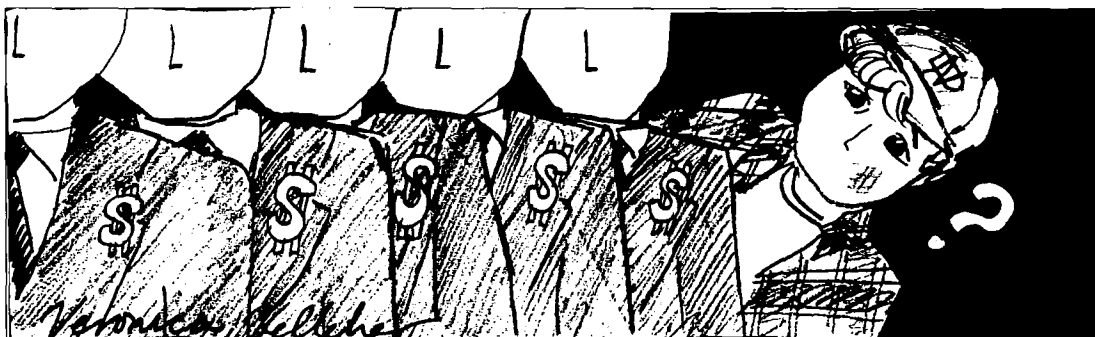
Sometimes we, like the waterboy, make the wrong choice and go overboard in one direction or the other. Granted, we don't do it in front of the entire student body and a national television audience with less than 10 seconds on the clock and down by two points, but the idea is the same.

All we can do is take each decision as it comes, learn from his and our mistakes and leave the Powerade at home.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Don't discriminate in church

There are very few times in my life when I have felt so out of place as I did Saturday at the 5 p.m. mass at the Basilica. I felt more ostracized than when I went to mass in the crypt church covered in paint from Christmas in April last year. This time I was not covered in paint, but when I walked into the Basilica there were several people in tuxedos and fur coats. This was the weekend to recognize scholarship and fellowship donors.

Now, I don't have anything against this group of people. In fact if it wasn't for them, I wouldn't be at Notre Dame today. What I am against is the ushers asking everyone who was not in formal attire, "Could you please sit in the side aisle today, the center section is reserved."

I cringed in disgust every time one of the ushers had to say this, so did the ushers. This was not planned by the ushers, or by the donors. In fact, all the donors who were sitting next to me were extremely nice.

I kept thinking about the Dark Ages when the peasants had to stand way at the back of the church and were not allowed to partake of communion, especially of the blood of Christ.

The Basilica is a small church. How important is it that someone sits in the center aisle, or five feet away in the side aisle? Generally, I am proud to be a Domer. I like telling people how great Notre Dame is and what wonderful

people live, work and study here. As I spend more and more time here, there are many instances that make me ashamed to be a Domer. These include tossing an octopus, a fish and a frog (who almost caused a little girl to lose an eye) at football games, insults towards our athlete classmates, derogatory comments aimed at players from other schools in basketball and hockey games and tossing water bottles on the court at basketball games. I realize that this is the minority of the student body, but they are still representatives of our University. They are the rotten apples that give everyone here, and the University of Our Lady a bad image.

Saturday I had to watch as people who wanted to get to mass early and get a good seat were asked to leave their seats to make room for the donors. Is there something wrong with this? While I realize that the generosity of the scholarship and fellowship donors should be recognized, and that these wonderful people deserve respect and admiration, this should not be done by making members of the Notre Dame and South Bend community who do not have the resources to be so generous feel inferior.

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Reaction to 'Waterboy' is shameful

Never before have we been so appalled by wanton stupidity as by that which the students have recently displayed. We are personally ashamed of the recent behavior exhibited by the students of this wonderful university. Not because they are the most tenacious smack-talkers this side of New York. Not because they create cartoons that are funny while being absolutely, positively NOT racist in any way, shape or form. Not even because they change the possible outcomes of games by hurling refuse on to the field of play.

No, not even the latter. What makes us ashamed of the student body is its reaction to one student's rash decision to throw an empty water bottle on to the court during Wednesday night's basketball game against Syracuse. The students have blamed the loss exclusively on the thrower — and he has suffered for it.

First of all, blaming the loss entirely on the thrower is completely asinine, as he only changed the possible outcome. What if the foul had not occurred? Murphy may not get a chance at a three and we'd still lose. One can't attribute final outcomes in reality to "what-if" scenarios that could radically change the path of the outcome.

Does the thrower's rash act of civil disobedience warrant death threats? Does it warrant perpetual threats of being beaten? Does it warrant threats and harassing phone calls made to his parents? His parents, for God's sake! (Rumor has it they had to shut down their phone to escape the calls.) The thrower can't go to his room anymore; he's staying elsewhere to avoid being harassed. His roommates no longer have the use of a phone due to the inability to escape the perpetual stream of malevolent solicitations. Stanford locked its doors early this week to avoid lynchings coming

and snooping. NDToday.com decided to temporarily take down its Voting Booth due to the stream of personal negativity. The list goes on and on. It's disgusting.

Everyone seems to be overlooking the fact that the thrower is a person and he didn't intend to cause such a ruckus. He made a simple mistake; he didn't consider the consequences of his action. Sure, he deserves some verbal berating in jest and perhaps a few harsh words, but nothing on the level to which the students have responded.

It is quite honestly sickening to watch how quickly the students can turn on one of their own. Have a little class.

And a word to the "outraged" alumni. Get off your high horse already. Notre Dame isn't the place where you went to school; it has changed. Get over it. It won't forever be exactly as you remember it. Just because the face of the University changes that doesn't mean we are no longer "a cut above." The students are still great fans — we just have a few "Leave-It-On-The-Court" issues to deal with.

The thrower is not a bad person. The students have not done anything on the court that deserves the scrutiny that they have received recently. Just remember to act with a little more class after the game has ended. It is, after all, just a game.

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Farley boasts history of cherry bombs and smokers

Nine out of 10 Notre Dame students associate the word "smokers" with Farley Hall, located on North Quad, next to the North Dining Hall.

"I think this is an odd stereotype to develop," says Farley resident Amanda Baker. "I have smoked before, once or twice. Okay, it was more like four or five. Well, I guess I smoke occasionally. Only about one cigarette a day, except for when I'm stressed, then it's a few more. But I would not call myself a 'smoker.'"

Katie Sanders

Farley Hall Resident

Other Farley residents echo this fear of being typecast. "It's not as if every person in this dorm smokes," says sophomore Susan Wisler. "One girl in my section doesn't."

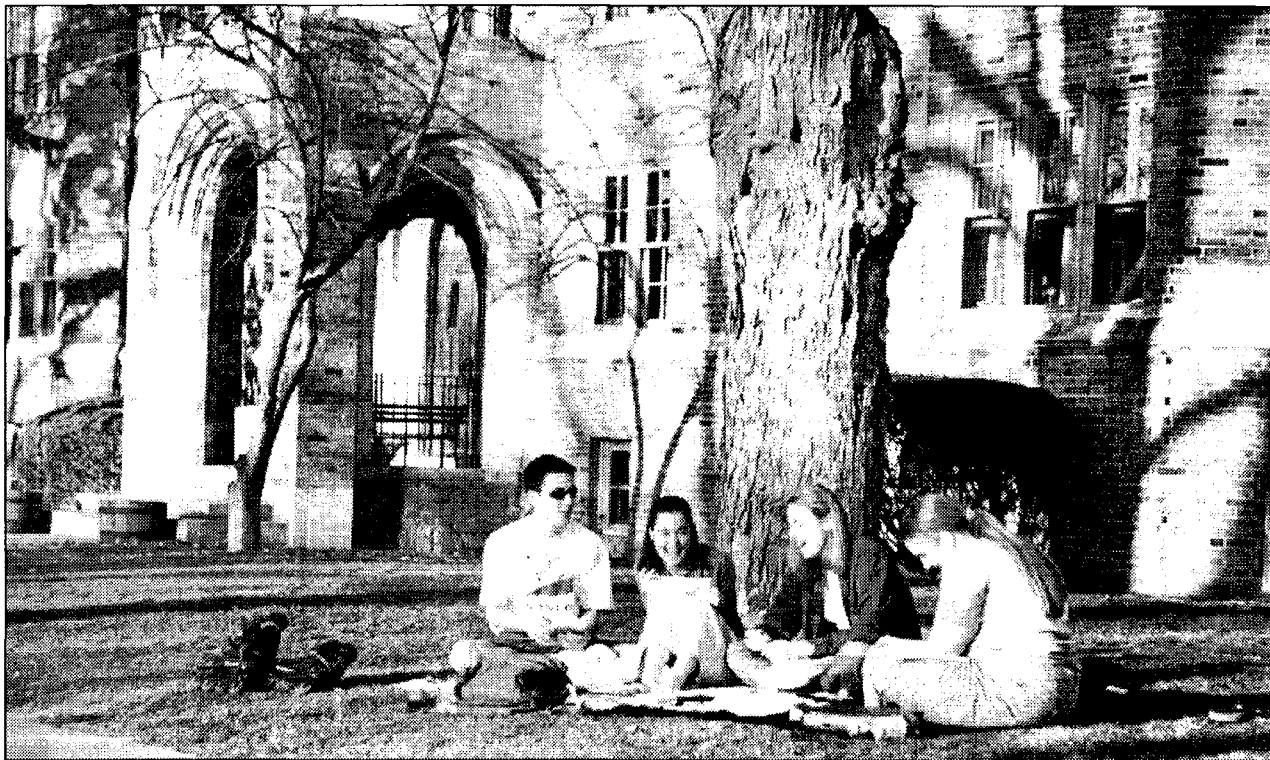
Hall co-president Jenny Geraci notes that the little front porch sheltering nicotine addicts is not the only remarkable thing about Farley Hall.

"We are a close dorm with many great activities and a rich history," she says.

Farley Hall, after its opening in 1942, housed 200 freshmen men. In the pre-mod quad days, it was thought to be almost off-campus. The male residents were not known as smokers, but instead got the reputation for having the healthiest legs on campus because of the long walk to South Dining Hall, a full 965 steps by one resident's count.

Father Theodore Hesburgh, among various other accomplishments, was the first rector of Farley. At the time, Father Hesburgh divided his time between writing a book, teaching four classes, heading the Theology department and taming the freshmen men — the last perhaps the most daunting of the tasks. This year at a Farley Mass, Father Hesburgh related the story of a hall conflict from the early days. Some unknown perpetrator set off a cherry bomb in the stairwell. Father Hesburgh gathered all of the boys in the hall together for a meeting, explained his intolerance for this type of behavior and pulled out his own supply of cherry bombs, a rather large box. He threatened to set off one cherry bomb every hour on the hour until the guilty party came forward. It seems that the Farley men valued their sleep because the cherry bomb problem promptly ended.

No cherry bomb problems have plagued the current rector, Sister Carrine Etheridge, but she spends her time



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Once thought to be on the edge of campus, Farley's location lets residents socialize on North Quad. Above, Joe Peace, Marcia Buescher, Michelle Wallan and Jen Stoner enjoy the unseasonably warm weather.

keeping the women busy. Like most dorms on campus, Farley can boast a number of interhall sports teams, Sunday and weekly Masses and various service activities. Besides the smoker stereotype, the rest of campus knows Farley best for Pop Farley Week. This week, named in honor of Reverend Farley, consists of Mass and activities, culminating in a very elaborately decorated dance on Saturday. The decorating is a contest that the sections take very seriously, most section members staying in on Friday night to help.

Farley residents feel very centrally located on campus, with short walks to LaFortune, the library, Rolf's and the

North Dining Hall (although on nice days many girls still make the 965 step trek to South for the arguably better food).

Although Farley residents may or may not fit the smoker stereotype, the majority of girls are ready to praise their residence hall. Perhaps their love grows from the little porch where they can find smoking camaraderie, but more likely, they love Farley for one of the other aforementioned reasons.

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Carroll is hotbed of politics, service and unity

This time of year is particularly difficult for the residents of Carroll Hall. The early morning walk across the frozen tundra, otherwise known as South Quad, can be dreadful. While most dorms' entrances open up directly onto campus, the Vermin's walk to O'Shag or Debartolo can take up to 15 minutes. That student in your 8:30 a.m. class who always walks in five minutes late with frostbite on his face is probably from Carroll. And the long walk from Carroll to the South Dining Hall has led to a close relationship between Carroll residents and the Pizza Man.

Casey Grabenstein

Carroll Hall Resident

However, the Vermin take their unique position in stride and with a sense of humor. During the Super Bowl, one group of second floor residents actually invited the

delivery man from Wolfie's to their room to watch the second quarter of the game.

Carroll Hall also wants to give everyone on campus a chance to see what it is like to be a Vermin for a day. In the works are plans for a major dorm event called "The Carroll Hall Music Festival: A celebration of food and music." Food will be provided by Carroll's favorite order-out businesses, Wolfie's, Domino's and Papa John's will all be on the menu. The date of the event is set for April 8. Although a music act has not been secured, the event coordinators have contacted Otis Day and the Knights (yes, the same guys from "Animal House") and are confident that they will perform on the Carroll lawn. All proceeds go to the Make-A-Wish-Foundation.

Besides being the most isolated dorm on campus, Carroll is also the smallest dorm with 104 residents. This small population has led to an unparalleled sense of brotherhood. Most residents know each other by name and always extend a helping hand. Brian Coughlin, Carroll's rector of two years, lived in Grace Hall during his undergraduate years and remarks, "Carroll is on the opposite end of the spectrum in relation to the bigger dorms. The students here are very close and committed to each other."

This closeness and unity has led to a devotion and commitment to Notre Dame and the community. Carroll Hall donated more coats and jackets for Project Warmth than any other dorm on campus. Many Vermin also spend their weeknights visiting the mentally handicapped Logan Center residents. Sophomore Pat Brennan, who leads many of the projects, states, "The turnout has been great. The residents of the Logan Center have enjoyed talking with the guys as well as coming to Carroll to play pool and watch movies." The Vermin have also provided activities



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Carroll residents reveal their camaraderie and creativity while listening to music played by Tony Weaver.

such as bingo nights and basketball nights for guests at the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

Carroll Hall has also been a hotbed of political activity lately. Sophomores Bob Leblanc and Dominique Angiollo were elected dorm co-presidents by one vote in a heated election. Junior Elliot Nelson's ticket for president of the class of 2001 fell short but managed to garner over 40 percent of the run-off vote. Carroll's own Jonathan Jorissen was elected president of the class of 2002 by gathering 67 percent of the vote in a landslide victory.

Living in Carroll is a unique experience. The unity and brotherhood of the dorm promotes the growth of leaders and service-minded individuals. However, because of its locality, not many Notre Dame students have ventured out to the home of the Vermin. Everyone at some point should experience a taste of Carroll life. Hopefully, everyone can make it out to the Carroll lawn on the 8th of April to experience the Food and Music of the Vermin.

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Vermin hope their dorm will become a destination for students through "The Carroll Hall Music Festival."

Acknowledging good-byes: a tip to graduating seniors

Graduation is near! This is usually the time of year that members of the Senior Class start to experience this reality very differently. In the areas of friendships, dating relationships and post graduation plans, there will be new pressures as this timeline marches forward. For some individuals, they cannot begin to think about the fact that graduation is a mere two months away without resenting anyone who brings it up. For those who already know their career plans and have secured positions in the work world, volunteer service and/or graduate and professional school, there is a great deal to look forward to. Some look ahead eagerly, waiting to move on, and others may be apprehensive about the transition from college to the next level. For those who do not know what they are doing, do not have a specific job offer in hand or dread leaving Notre Dame, it is a difficult time. New friendships and romantic relationships may have developed this year or relationships changed after studying abroad or meeting new people on- and off-campus. The fact that most seniors will not be returning to Notre Dame in the fall may put pressure on those involved to label, define, figure out or project into the future about what these connections mean in ways that the end of previous years did not demand.

If there was ever a time to respect individual differences, this is it. Transitions bring out both the best and worst in all of us. Some people need more time away or space from significant others to figure out how they feel and want to proceed. Some individuals want to talk about how vulnerable and uncertain they feel and worry that they will be judged and criticized. Some individuals may struggle with how to feel pride in their accomplishments when others they care about are still uncertain.

A few individuals may boast of their accomplishments without acknowledging any empathy for those who are still trying to secure their next step. In the same residence hall section or off-campus housing situation could live someone who has received many job offers or letters of acceptance to graduate or professional schools, and someone who has received none. This can stir up a multitude of feelings for both parties. Some people worry that they cannot celebrate their success without appearing insensitive to those who are waiting. On the other hand, it makes perfect sense that people would want to celebrate and share accomplishments. The individuals who have received rejections or continue to be in limbo naturally worry and have fear about what lies ahead for them. A lengthy job search process, for most individuals, is difficult and takes a toll on the individual's self-confidence.

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Many times, instead of doing the hard work of talking about and inviting people to share their perspectives, people start to talk less and friendships that once meant so much start to feel strained. Individuals can also err in the other direction and feel like every minute should be spent processing the status of the relationship and what will happen next. This was not the way anyone thought that second semester of senior year was going to be. After many memories over the course of these years, surely awkwardness will not prevail. However, it does when people are afraid to take the risk to do the hard work of acknowledging each other and accepting that people may feel differently about this semester, graduation and life after graduation.

Why is it so hard to talk about these differences? We do not want to appear anxious, inadequate, uncomfortable or unsure so we do not talk. We avoid talking or we pretend that everything is OK.

Most people are too smart to buy this, but they play along by not pointing out that there is discomfort. We magically believe that if we do not talk about it, it will go away and everything will be fine.

It bears repeating: If there was ever a time to respect individual differences, this is it. Take the risk to go ahead and talk about your different perspectives with your friends, and listen without judging how your own or your friends' transition to graduation "should" be.

Accept that you and your friends share this common experience, but in unique ways. You are all going through many endings and beginnings, which naturally brings up feelings of loss, uncertainty, sadness, excitement, regrets, anxiety and anticipation. Even your perception of time changes as you go through a transition.

Whereas you used to primarily attend to the present day-to-day realities of college life, now your awareness of time expands to include the past, the present and the future. Give yourself and your friends permission to express all that you are going through. Try not to let your discomfort with acknowledging good-byes get in the way of remaining connected. You may be going through this transition in your own unique ways, but your emotional and spiritual connection with your friends will transcend as you move on toward your journeys ahead.

The intent of this monthly series of articles is not to provide counseling but to provide information about a variety of mental health topics. To seek help with your individual concerns, please contact the University Counseling Center at 631-7336 to schedule an appointment.

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AP ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS



Photo courtesy of TriStar Pictures

As he did in "Philadelphia," Hanks undergoes physical transformations to play a plane crash survivor in "Cast Away."

Tom Hanks plays gaunt castaway

MEMPHIS, Tenn.

A slimmer Tom Hanks is due in Memphis next month to film parts of a movie in which he plays an island castaway, a spokesman says.

Hanks plays a workaholic Federal Express executive who survives a plane crash and is stranded alone on a small island in the film "Cast Away," a 20th Century Fox and DreamWorks studios production with Robert Zemeckis directing.

While on the remote island, Hanks has to "completely transform himself both physically and emotionally in order to survive his circumstance," Russell said.

The film began production in early 1999 with scenes in Los Angeles and Moscow, but it had to take an eight-month break while Hanks lost more than 40 pounds to give his character a gaunt look when he returned to civilization.

Julia Roberts takes pride in Southern roots

NEW YORK

Julia Roberts is proud to be a Southern girl.

The Smyrna, Ga., native told the New York Daily News for Sunday's editions that her Southern background "manifests in two ways."

"Good manners and care taking. I say, 'Please, thank you, sir, ma'am.' I think I'm polite, I love to cook dinner and I keep the toilet scrubbed."

Roberts' new movie, "Erin Brockovich," opens in theaters Friday. It's based on the true story of a single mother who comes across a case involving a high incidence of cancer in a small town while working as a clerk in a Southern California law office.

"Erin is tenacious and completely believes in the idea of justice, that good will always prevail," Roberts said.

Katie Couric's cancer test to be televised

PHILADELPHIA

"Today" show host Katie Couric took a camera crew along as she underwent a recent colonoscopy, a screening test for cancer.

The procedure will be shown Monday and Tuesday on the NBC morning show as part of a weeklong series on colon cancer.

Couric, 43, who was given a mild sedative for the test, discusses what is happening throughout.

"We're showing it to demonstrate that there's no reason people should be scared," executive producer Jeff Zucker told The Philadelphia Inquirer for Sunday's editions. "We try to do it with tremendous sensitivity. We don't show a lot of her colon. We're not going to gross anybody out."

Couric's husband, NBC legal commentator Jay Monahan, died of colon cancer two years ago.

Heston cancels anti-gun rally appearance

DENVER

Charlton Heston has canceled a planned appearance at the kickoff of a campaign for a crackdown on gun crime.

The actor and leader of the National Rifle Association had agreed to share the stage with James Brady of Handgun Control at Monday's public-awareness kickoff for Colorado Project Exile, a federal-state crackdown on gun-related crime.

"We were trying to get his schedule cleared up and it looked like that goal had been accomplished a couple of days ago, and other commitments overtook us," National Rifle Association spokesman Bill Powers said late Friday.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 6 Irish struggle in quarterfinal victory over Hurricanes

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STORRS, Conn.

They say the third time's a charm, but don't tell that to the Miami Hurricanes.

Earning their third win against Miami this season, the Irish knocked the Hurricanes out of the Big East tournament Sunday at Gampel Pavilion at the University of Connecticut with a 67-52 quarterfinals win.

But the Hurricanes didn't go out without a fight. With nothing to lose against the sixth-ranked team in the nation and the second seed in the tournament, the Hurricanes pulled out all the stops and made the Irish earn their spot in the semifinals.

And any Irish player will tell you it wasn't easy.

"We don't want anyone to out-hustle us," said Hurricanes guard Shiela James. "Because we knew we were the underdog we had nothing to lose tonight. We left everything on the floor."

That was an aggressive mentality that the Irish weren't ready for when they stepped on the court.

The old standbys were there — center Ruth Riley scored 18 and looked like an All-American in the second half, point guard Niele Ivey scored 13 and made three steals while directing the squad on the floor and guards Danielle Green and Ericka Haney hit some big buckets

when it counted.

But the Irish made more mental mistakes than they had planned on.

The Irish didn't play their trademark basketball. There were no scoring runs, no big defensive stands and no huge lead.

The Irish played well enough to win, but not well enough to show big teams like UConn and Rutgers that they are in it for the long haul.

"I wanted to see us up big early and clear the bench but I knew that wasn't going to happen," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw. "We needed to get our timing back."

With 14 turnovers in the first half and 23 on the night, the Irish gave the ball up too many times and let the Hurricanes hang closer than they should have.

And that was just what the Hurricanes wanted. Trailing by less than 10 points for most of the game, the Hurricanes believed they had a shot to pull off a huge upset and that mentality turned up their intensity. And it showed — when Miami stepped on the court after every break, they looked like they wanted it more.

"They're aggressive and never give up," said Ivey. "They always give a 110 percent effort when they play us."

While the Irish stepped up when it counted, it was the smaller points of their game that

needed attention.

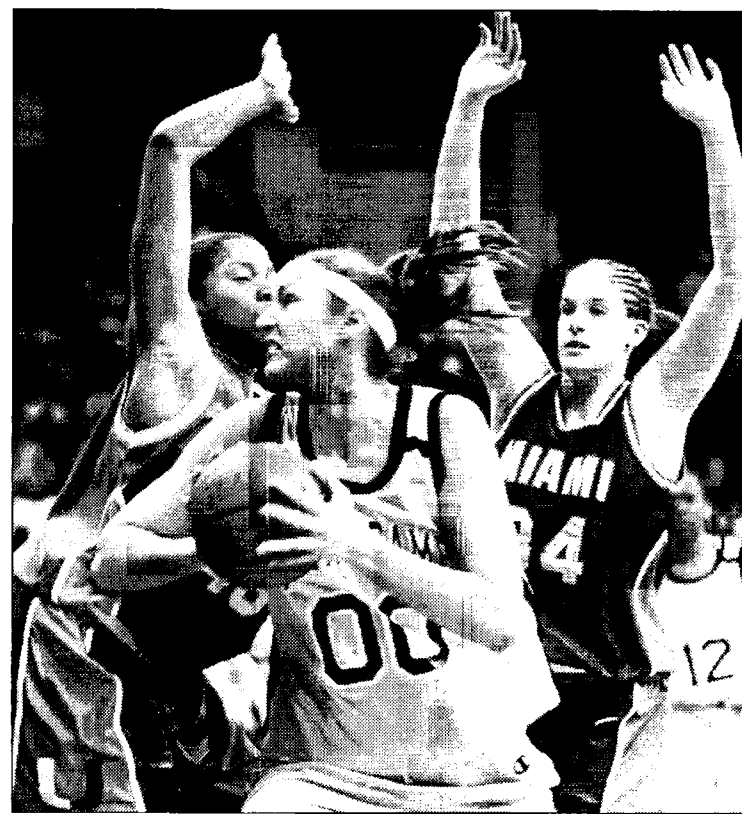
Sluggish passes around the perimeter and careless dribbling that cost the Irish the ball are mental mistakes the Irish can't afford to make at this point in the season — every time Notre Dame steps on the court from here on out is a must-win situation.

Green's turnover when she kicked the ball off her dribble with no defender pressing her that turn into a Miami field goal and forward Kelley Siemon's air-ball foul shot in the second half typify the mental mistakes that could cost Notre Dame the Big East championship or a berth in the NCAA Final Four later this month.

The Irish, playing like a top-10 team against Rutgers in the regular season, came out on top only with a clutch basket from behind the arc by guard Alicia Ratay to send the game into overtime. If the Scarlet Knights can take the game down to the wire when the Irish aren't on top of their game, then the Knights could easily advance past a clumsy Notre Dame squad.

But the Irish have a lot of basketball left to play and under different circumstances. They aren't coming into tonight's game with eight days off and in a foreign arena. They have one game under their belt and are comfortable with the setting. And that's something the Irish know.

The Irish had their ups and



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Center Ruth Riley takes it the hoop in a game against Miami earlier this season.

downs during the regular season, but they didn't earn a 25-3 record with sloppy play. They have at times played to the level of their lesser competition, but have always stepped up for big games against ranked teams. After the game, the Irish made it known that they are focused on

the task at hand and plan on stepping on the court tonight with a different mindset. And that's what counts.

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turnovers in the half.

"I wanted to see us get up big early and clear the bench," McGraw said. "But I knew that wasn't going to happen. We needed to get our timing back."

Notre Dame's fast break offense led to easy points to start the second half.

Danielle Green scored six points, on three driving layups, in the first four minutes of the half to expand the Irish lead to 12 at 41-29.

"Danielle did a great job in transition," McGraw said. "She came out ready in the second half."

Erika Haney added two layins for the Irish to begin the half. And when they weren't scoring in transition, the Irish turned to their center, Ruth Riley, to provide some scoring.

Riley led the Irish with 18 points and 14 rebounds, including seven in the first eight minutes of the second half as the Irish tried to keep their double-digit lead.

"I didn't think she shot particularly well in the first half," McGraw said of Riley. "But overall I thought she had an

outstanding game. She really played like an All-American tonight."

Miami narrowed the margin to six, at 53-47 with 7:43 remaining, forcing McGraw to call a full timeout. Following the timeout, the Irish scored on their next three possessions, including a Niele Ivey three-pointer from the top of the key.

Green and Ivey connected on free throws in the final two minutes to provide the final margin.

The two Irish guards were the other Irish players in double figures. Ivey scored 13 points, while Green had 12 points to go with eight rebounds and four assists in 31 minutes.

Small forward Alicia Ratay shot just two for nine from the field for eight points, and none in the second half.

"I don't question her shot selection because I think she knows what she can do," McGraw said of Ratay. "But I would like to see her shoot a lot more. I could see tonight she was trying to go to Ruth."

Notre Dame needs Ratay to heed her coach's advice tonight when the blue and gold face eighth-ranked Rutgers, which advanced to the semifinals with a 61-32 victory over Villanova Sunday.

The two teams met on Feb. 19, and the Irish came away

with a 78-74 overtime victory. In that game, Ratay shot a perfect seven for seven from three-point range.

"That was definitely the most exciting game of the year," McGraw said of the previous Rutgers game. "I thought you saw pretty much everything that could happen in a basketball game, happen in that game."

Though her team struggled a bit against Miami, McGraw understands the bigger picture.

"At this point in the season, I just feel like we're 1-0 in a three-game tournament," McGraw said. "And that's all that matters."

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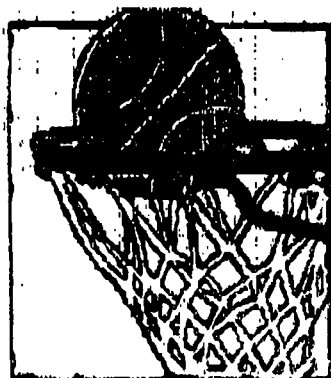
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TRACK AND FIELD

Distance medley relay sets record, seeks national title

By MOLLY McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Notre Dame basketball team will not be the only team nervously awaiting the NCAA's decision as to who advances to the championships. Many members of the Irish track and field squad await Monday's announcement by the NCAA about who will advance to next weekend's indoor championships.

Going into the Alex Wilson Invitational, several of Notre Dame's top athletes were hoping to get the extra inch on their jumps or the few seconds off their times to make it to the national championships at the University of Arkansas next weekend.

After Saturday's meet, the only sure spot is held by the men's distance medley. The team broke the meet record of 9 minutes, 43.18 seconds with a time of 9:39.40, and missed tying the school record by one second.

The team of Phil Mishka, Chris Cochran, Tim Kober and Luke Watson is now ranked second in the nation and is looking to win the event at nationals.

"Running with competition,

which we really haven't done yet, will definitely help," Cochran said. "Looking at the competition, we have to look to win. I think we're in striking distance of Stanford. Anyone can step up in a national meet. I think we can step up as much as anyone else."

Going into Saturday's meet, the team wanted to take a couple of seconds off its time to secure its spot in nationals.

"I think the main difference with Friday's performance was that we all knew we had to run a little better than last time to ensure getting in the national meet," Cochran said. "And we all had experience in the events."

Last time it was Watson's first time in his leg [of the race] and I'm sure the 1200 was new for Mishka."

Marshaun West was one of the long jumpers hoping to qualify on Saturday. He needed a jump of at least 25-foot-6 to ensure the championships, but only jumped 24-foot-5 on Saturday.

"It had to do with the level of competition and also my health wasn't 100 percent," West said. "I'm just going to concentrate on outdoors. I'm going to try and stay healthy and work on my technique and not get hurt."

He has a provisional qualifying mark in the long jump, but will have to be in the top 15 in the nation to go. It will be announced Monday evening who will advance.

Along with West, high jumper Jen Engelhardt and long jumper Tameisha King were hoping to get the distance needed to get into nationals.

Although Engelhardt's jump of 5-foot-9 and 3/4 was a provisional qualifying mark for the championships, it may not give her the necessary edge.

"I don't think Tameisha and Jenny will get in," fields coach Scott Winsor said.

Winsor believed that the competition is tougher this year than in previous years and that may affect who qualifies.

"[The field] is pretty competitive," Winsor said. "It's an unusual year, I would say. Usually it takes 180 [inches in high jump] to get in, but this year it took 182."

Head coach Joe Piane refuses to throw in the towel, however. Along with the jumpers, Ryan Shay qualified for the 5000, Phil Mishka and Tim Cover have marks in the 800, and Liz Grow may go in the 400. Patty Rice also has a qualifying time in the mile, and Alison Klemmer in the 3000.

"I hope they all go," he said. Monday's announcement will tell if they'll be packing their bags for Kansas next weekend.

Piane believes the athletes have proven their abilities regardless of the outcome for nationals.

"There are 308 Division I schools, each with around five

jumpers. That's over 1500 competitors," he said. "If you get a qualifying mark, you're in the top 20 in the nation. That's pretty good."

Aside from the men's distance medley that won their event, the Irish took the number one spot in many other events at Saturday's contest. Matt Thompson won the 35 lb. throw with a distance of 54-foot-1 and Quill Redwine took the triple jump with a distance of 46-foot-8.

King, West and Engelhardt all won their respective events

as well. Mishka won the 800m race with a time of 1:48.44 and Grow won the 400 at 54.16s. Cochran took the 200m dash with a time of 21.37s.

Regardless of who advances to nationals, the team will now shift its focus to the outdoor season, and the competition that lies ahead.

"We just have to get focused on the outdoor season," Winsor said. "These people that don't get in, just have to regroup and make the outdoors a priority."



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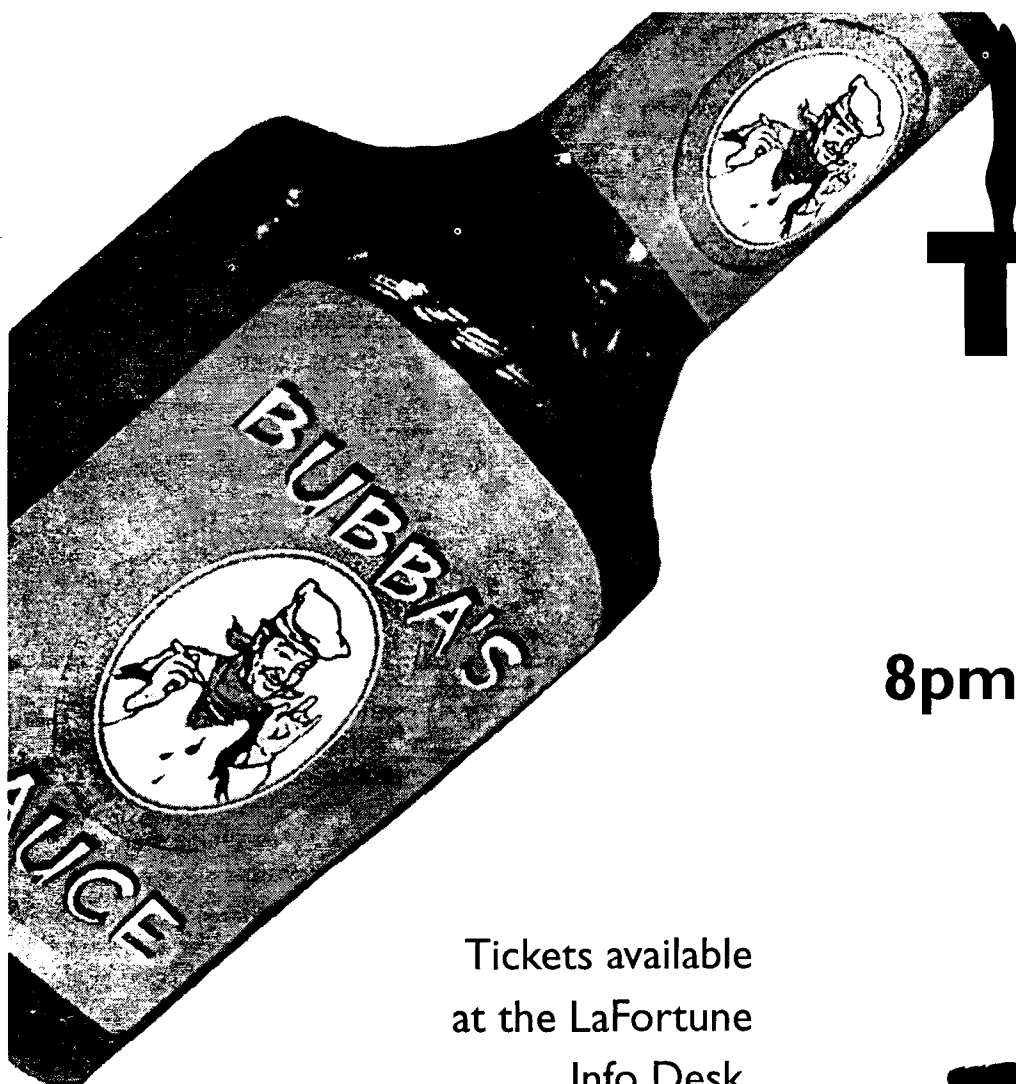
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assists in 21 minutes. "That was the game right there."

"He hit some open jumpers," Doherty said of Carroll. "He's a shooter and when he's open I want him to shoot it. He's dangerous. If you leave him open, I feel every time he shoots, it's going in."

Carroll, who made 4-of-5 three pointers, wasn't the only who saw his shots go down. The rest of the Irish also got in on the action.

"The shots went down," said Doherty, who watched his team jump out to a 27-point lead with 2 minutes, 10 seconds left to play in the first half. "We took a lot of good shots and we made them."

The Hoyas were unable to get any closer than 17 points in the second half and Notre Dame cruised to its largest margin of victory in a conference game since the 1996-97 season.

"We got thoroughly outplayed in every phase of the game — defense, rebounding, shooting," Georgetown head coach Craig Esherick said. "Our offense stunk up the place and Notre Dame had a lot to do with that. We got our butts kicked today."

The Irish did an excellent job crashing the boards, as they outrebounded the Hoyas, 51-29.

"We were trying to work on that in practice and we made sure we did a good job of

doing that," sophomore power forward Troy Murphy said. "Coach really stressed that a lot in the pre-game talk. He said that was going to be a big part of the game and we did that well."

All seven Notre Dame players who scored shot over 50 percent from the field. Murphy, the conference's leading scorer and rebounder, led the way with 23 points and 15 rebounds.

Sophomore David Graves also had one of his biggest games of the season, pouring in 14 points and grabbing 13 boards.

Senior point guard Jimmy Dillon dished out nine assists, while Martin Ingelsby and Jere Macura came off the bench to score seven points apiece.

The Hoyas shooting woes were apparent early on. Kevin Braswell and

Lee Scruggs, two of Georgetown's leading scorers, were both 2-for-11 from the field and combined for just 11 points. The Hoyas shot just 30 percent for the game and only knocked down 5-of-26 shots (19 percent) from behind the arc. They also struggled from the foul line, making just 9 of their 17 attempts.

Demetrius Hunter had a team-high 14 points, while Ruben Boumtje Boumtje grabbed 11 rebounds.

With the win, the Irish close out the regular season with a 17-13 record and an 8-8 mark in the conference. Notre Dame locked up the No. 7 seed in the Big East Tournament — its highest seed ever — and will play No. 10 seed Rutgers on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Madison Square Garden.

"We got thoroughly outplayed in every phase of the game — defense, rebounding, shooting."

Craig Esherick
Georgetown head coach

FENCING

Men defend title at Midwests

♦ Women fall to Northwestern, take second

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

Jan Viviani was in trouble in the deciding bout of the 2000 Midwest Conference team epee championship.

With the score tied 2-2 in his bout with Ohio State's Geoff Kane, the freshman epeeist began to lose his balance and fall off the edge of the strip. He quickly recovered and stabbed the Buckeye to score a touch and take a 3-2 lead. Viviani went on to score the next three touches and win the championship for the Irish.

"I think it was when I almost fell off the strip and still got a touch — that was the deciding factor in the bout," Viviani said with a smile.

The men's fencing team was all smiles Saturday as the Irish won each weapon en route to the overall title.

In the finals, the foil squad cruised to a 5-1 victory over Cleveland State while the sabre squad blanked Wayne State for the title. Only the men's epee team had a challenge in the finals.

The Buckeyes surprised the Irish as they opened up a 2-0 lead with wins over Viviani and Brian Casas.



Viviani

"The first two bouts that we lost kind of surprised me," Gaither said. "Our guys are definitely good enough to come back."

The Irish quickly recovered to win the next four bouts to take a 4-2 lead. The Buckeyes, however, would not go down easily — winning two bouts over Casas and Gaither.

With the title on the line, Viviani, who finished second in epee wins for the Irish this season, wrapped up the bout despite his near slip.

In foil, the Irish rolled to victory — winning 15 bouts while only dropping two. Ozren Debic, Forest Walton and Steve Mautone led the Irish in the finals.

Mautone clinched the title with a 5-4 win over Tamir Strowder.

On the sabre side, the Irish cruised through the quarter-finals and semifinals relying mostly on reserve fencers. In the finals, however, the Notre Dame starters returned and dealt Wayne State a 5-0 loss.

Irish No. 4 sabreman Matt Fabricant fenced the deciding bout for the Irish against Mark Mathias. Mathias, who finished in the top 8 in Sunday's individual championships, jumped out to a 3-0 lead on the freshman.

Fabricant never panicked, however, and won the next five touches to clinch the championship for Notre Dame.

"I think it is a testimony to the fact that he is a really good fencer," sabre captain Clay Morton said about Fabricant's victory. "He got a few bad calls against him so he just refocused. He forgot about the bad touches and did what he needed to do to win. That's what makes him a good fencer."

On the women's side, the Irish failed to defend their

1999 Midwest Championship as Northwestern won the epee and sabre titles along with a second place finish in foil to win the championship.

Although Irish managed to top the Wildcats in foil, the sabre team lost in the finals while the epee team lost to Cleveland State in the semifinals.

Notre Dame jumped out to a 4-3 lead but could not win the deciding bout as both Kim DeMaio and Anna Carnick lost consecutive 5-4 bouts.

"We had some equipment problems early but it was no excuse," DeMaio said. "There was zero leadership on my part as a captain and it came down to the last bout which it never should have come down to. All excuses aside, we just didn't fence the way we should have."

Although DeMaio went 0-3 and Carnick went 1-2 against Cleveland State, freshman Megan Call led the Irish with a 3-0 record.

"Megan Call was great," DeMaio said. "It's just too bad that Anna and I couldn't come up with the other two wins."

In foil, the Irish fell behind 2-0 to the Wildcats before Magda Krol defeated Maggie Kebrdle 5-0 to kick off a run where the Irish won 5 of 6 bouts to take the match.

Northwestern, however, got the best of Notre Dame in the other head-to-head match as the Wildcats won the women's sabre title 5-2.

Freshman Natalia Mazur won both bouts as the other starters, Carianne McCullough and Katie Flanagan, struggled against the No. 1 sabre squad in the country.

"It was just too many fundamental errors," sabre captain McCullough said. "We kept falling short and our defense was weak."

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BENGAL BOUTS

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"Strong bodies fight, that weak bodies may be nourished."

Monday, March 6, 2000

Penn upsets top-seeded Nowak in title fight

By BILL HART
Senior Sports Writer

Fans got their money's worth in one of the most anticipated fights at the Joyce Center on Friday evening, when Sean "The Erie Kid" Nowak faced off against Don "The Destroyer" Penn for the 165 lb. division title. In likely the most balanced bout of the night, Penn came from behind to take a split decision and shock the top seed.

Both fighters came out aggressively in the early rounds, each depending on the same styles that had gotten them through the semifinals on Tuesday. Penn relied on the left jab and hard right, while Nowak used high-low combinations and boxed his opponent within the ropes.

"I had to be aggressive, because I knew he was a strong boxer," Penn said about his strategy. "I needed to be [aggressive] continually throughout the course of the fight."

After trading blows through the first two rounds, Penn connected with a strong right hook that sent Nowak staggering. But the top seed recovered, responding with a hook of his own that sent Penn to the mat midway through the round.

"I was surprised," Penn said about the blow. "He took a lot of punches, and yet he was able to come back like that. He threw a lot of punches, and he didn't seem fazed by the punches I was throwing."

By the time Penn brushed himself off with a standing eight count, both fighters were so tired that neither could land another solid blow. The crowd came to its feet for the fight's conclusion, drowning out the final bell.

170 lb. division

Siegfried sophomore Rob "The Golden Schlager" Joyce scored an impressive upset, defeating top seed Brian "Hoppe" Hobbins in a unanimous decision.

Joyce looked confident from the opening bell, putting Hobbins on the defensive early. In the latter half of the first round, Joyce landed several combos that left Hobbins staggering.

"I knew he had a better reach," Joyce said. "That made it pretty hard for me to get inside on him. He tried to prevent me from staying inside for most of the fight."

Hobbins seemed to be unable to recover from those early blows. With Joyce's endless assault, the Keenan junior was unable to both defend himself and time his punches effectively. A big right hook in the second round by Joyce gave him a commanding lead, but he had to also stop one of Hobbins' patented third-round comebacks to preserve the victory.

"I knew I had a slight lead in the third," Joyce said. "But I also knew I had to keep things up. He was a pretty tough fighter, and he really came at me in the third. I didn't face that in my other two fights."

175 lb. division

With his family in attendance, Tom "The Tulsa Bomber" Biolchini continued his family's

40-year commitment to the Bengal Bouts, earning his third straight title through a unanimous decision over Josh "The Sandman" Thompson.

Biolchini came out ready to fight, using a strong right hook to keep Thompson on the defensive. By controlling the center of the ring, Biolchini was able to dictate the tone of the fight and move away from Thompson's blows.

Thompson looked better in the second round, but he wasn't able to land enough blows to come away with the victory. While Thompson held a slight advantage in reach, Biolchini used his agility and patience to wear down his opponent until the final bell.

180 lb. division

Keough sophomore Marc Criniti accomplished a feat few boxers can claim when he beat out both the first and second seeds to earn a division title.

After defeating Tom DeSplinter in the semifinals on Tuesday, he completed his improbable road to a championship with a split decision win over Joey "Soda Pop" Leniski in the championship bout.

With two left-handed fighters, this bout proved to be different for Criniti than his previous fights.

"For the whole time this year, he and I were sparring against right-handers, preparing for fights against them," he said. "We really didn't have any experience against left-handed opponents; it was pretty awkward."

The contender came out early with left-right combos in the center of the ring, and came back from an early deficit in the first round. Leniski seemed unable to connect with the jabs he used so frequently in the earlier bouts, and Criniti used that to press his advantage even more. After a vicious flurry in the second round, Leniski lost his balance and stumbled to the canvas.

While Criniti's strategy kept



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Tom "The Tulsa Bomber" Biolchini lands a punch in his 175-lb. title fight against Josh "The Sandman" Thompson. Biolchini won his third straight title by unanimous decision.

Leniski on the defensive early, he needed a strong defensive stand to hold off the top seed.

"I was starting to get a little more tired in the third round," Criniti remarked on the comeback. "Joey was really starting to come after me at that point, too. I just had to keep moving and using my jab, just trying to score points."

190 lb. division

After defending his top seed from freshman Chris Pearsall in the semifinals, senior Mike "Honey" Hammes proved he had what it takes to do it again and earned a split decision over sophomore Kevin "Hardcore" Brandl.

Brandl's slight advantage in reach had an effect on Hammes' performance early on, requiring the top seed to change his plan of attack. Hammes began to turn the tide in the second round, going on the defensive to deflect most blows and timing a flurry

of jabs and combinations that stunned his opponent.

In the third round, Hammes landed two powerful left hooks before backing away from a potentially disastrous barrage from the challenger. While Brandl was able to anticipate multiple combinations from the top seed, Hammes' offensive versatility defeated Brandl in the end.

Heavyweight division

Using a combination of agility and caution, Keenan junior Peter "Beat the Rap" Ryan ended the night with a textbook display of boxing tact, beating graduate student Dan "Let Me" Adam by unanimous decision.

Adam came out strong, looking for a heavy hit to knock the top seed out. His aggressiveness paid off early on, with a set of punches putting Ryan on the ropes.

But after the initial fireworks ended, the junior captain settled

into this game plan: after waiting for Adam to make his move, Ryan would wait for the threat to pass and pummel his opponent before he had a chance to put his guard back up.

"I played a little conservative because he's such a big, strong boxer," Ryan said. "I wanted to stay away from his punches and just play off his mistakes."

In that style, the champ got many shots in early on, prompting the ref to stop the fight early in the second round when Adam's face was dripping blood. Ryan eventually wore Adam out, prompting some wild roundabouts from the challenger throughout most of the third round.

"I don't think it was frustration more than it was exhaustion," Ryan said about Adam's movements. "We were both pretty tired by the third round. The guys in my corner were telling me to stay away, and he still had a powerful blow at that point."

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Molina and Nathan Borega.

The Irish held the lead going into the locker room, but it didn't take long for the Spartans to answer. At the 0:45 mark of the second period, sophomore right wing Adam Hall sent in a shot from between the circles off a rebound from sophomore Andrew Hutchinson.

After tying the game, numerous Irish penalties kept the home team on the defensive. Midway through the second period, the Spartans held a 5-on-3 advantages for just under 30 seconds. While the Irish were able to kill three penalties early in the second period, an interference penalty at the 15:45 mark proved to be just the edge the Spartans needed. One minute later, Zasowski was unable to counter a 2-on-1 advantage, as Hall scored his second goal of the night off a pass from freshman left wing Brian Maloney.

"It seemed like it was an uneven game with all the penalties," senior captain Ben Simon

said. "It's kind of ironic how we're the least penalized team in the league, and we always seem to have more penalties than the other team."

The Irish missed a huge opportunity late in the second, when goalie Ryan Miller fell down to leave an empty net. But a stabbing glove save prevented the home team from taking advantage.

Early in the third, the Irish found themselves in danger of being scored on again. Hall attempted to get the hat trick, but Zasowski covered up the puck for one of his 32 saves on the night.

At the 5:53 mark in the third, the PA announcer informed the crowd that Ferris State was losing to WMU 4-2 late in the game. The reaction by the team was almost instantaneous.

"They felt it on our bench," Poulin recalled. "After hearing the score, they really picked it up. Dan Carlson was the first to jump up and he said, 'It's in our hands, let's go get it.' There was a definite surge."

After fending off another penalty, the Irish earned their second power play opportunity of the night at the 13:42 mark, off a hooking penalty from Spartan center Shawn Harcoff. Simon won a right-side faceoff in the Spartan zone and passed the puck to senior Tyson Fraser. After a shot by senior Joe Dusbabek was blocked by Miller, Simon rebounded the puck at the inside edge of the right circle and hit a low shot past Miller's right leg at the 14:23 mark.

"The shot just hit off one of their guys and bounced our way," Simon said about the play. "That's just the way



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John Wroblewski (left) and Brett Henning (right) collide with a Michigan State player while chasing down a puck along the boards during Friday's game.

things were going. They were going our way, and we'll take it."

Both sides fended off last-minute shots to force overtime, which saw numerous chances for the Irish fall short.

"We have never been happier with a tie," Poulin said about the game. "And the way it happened, coming back to get it. Every time we have tied this year, it was really a tie. Tonight, we came back and got this one."

The Irish started off strong in Saturday's game at the Munn Ice Arena, as Simon scored on a forehand shot inside the far left post at the 8:20 mark of the

first. But the Spartans rallied back with five unanswered goals, ending with a power-play shot by Hall at the 15:27 mark of the second.

Notre Dame began to mount a comeback off power-plays early in the third period, beginning with junior Jay Kopischke's fifth goal of the season, a tap-in score off a pass from Dusbabek at the 2:01 mark.

Minutes later, Dusbabek threatened to score off a pass from Carlson. A shot from the high slot was deflected near the right goalpost, but Simon was there to bank the rebound off Spartan goalie Joe Blackburn,

ending the scoring for the night.

Despite the loss, Notre Dame will face Ferris State in the first round of the playoffs, in a best-of-three series at the Joyce Center starting on Friday. The Bulldogs swept the Irish earlier in the year, winning two games in mid-October at Big Rapids, Michigan. But with the two teams playing on the Irish home ice, the outcome could be decidedly different.

"Ultimately, we didn't really need Ferris if we took care of our own end," Simon remarked. "But we capitalized on the chances we did get, and we're going to roll from there."

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FENCING

Carnick pulls off stunning comeback in final seconds

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

Northwestern head fencing coach Laurie Schiller could taste victory.

There was no way his fencer, Kellie MacDonald, could lose. She had an 8-5 lead over Notre Dame freshman Anna Carnick with just 12 seconds remaining in the bout. With his entire team gathered around him cheering, Schiller counted down the seconds until he could celebrate MacDonald's Midwest Conference epee championship.

Too bad nobody told Carnick that the match was already over.

The freshman from Mishawaka won an unbelievable three touches in the next 12 seconds to send the bout into overtime.

Schiller could only watch in stunned silence as Carnick scored a touch in sudden death overtime to keep the individual epee crown in Irish hands.

"That is mental toughness,"

Notre Dame head coach Yves Auriol said about Carnick's win. "That's very unusual to come back and score three touches. That shows something."

Carnick showed that, despite being just a freshman, she has the poise and toughness of a seasoned veteran. After taking a 5-3 lead into the final period, she lost five straight touches to fall behind 8-5. Instead of panicking or giving up, she just took a deep breath, reevaluated her style and started her come back.

"I knew how I had beaten her before and I kind of lost focus for a while," she said. "So I just needed to concentrate on the action. I knew that she was stronger but I was quicker so I had the advantage with a little bit of time left."

Carnick's first Midwest championship was the second championship of the day for the Irish. Just minutes before Carnick won her title, Ozren Debic

defeated teammate Forrest Walton to win the individual foil title.

Debic led Walton 10-7 before Walton battled back to close the gap to 1, 11-10. That was as close as Walton would get however, as Debic won the next four touches to win the bout, 15-11.

While the Irish only won two individual championships, they placed fencers in the top five in every weapon.

Sophomores Andre Crompton, Gabor Szelle and freshman Matt Fabricant all advanced to the semifinals in men's epee. Crompton defeated Szelle in the semifinal, 15-5 while Fabricant fell to Wayne State sophomore Jakub Krochmalski in the other semifinal.

In the final, Krochmalski used a quick attack to overcome Crompton's defensive style and win the championship, 15-11.

Crompton trailed 10-6 before battling back to tie the bout at 10.

Krochmalski, however, won four of the next five touches to take the bout.

"He had a pretty good attack so I tried to use my

defense a little bit better," Crompton said. "I had fenced him a few times before and I noticed that his attack was pretty strong so I tried to work on my defense."

With Crompton's experience against Krochmalski, he believes that he will defeat Krochmalski next weekend at the NCAA Regional Qualifier.

"I have beat him before so I think in Regionals I will definitely take him," he said.

In addition to defeating Szelle, the 1999 Midwest Champion, in the semis, Crompton faced a tough battle in the quarterfinals against junior Irish All-American Andrejz Bednarski.

"I don't really like fencing teammates," Crompton said. "But I use that as an advantage. I know how they fence but they also know how I fence."

Freshman Jan Viviani also a tough battle against teammate Brian Casas in the epee semifinal. Casas, a sophomore All-

American from Mishawaka, and Viviani battled back and forth for eight minutes before Viviani took a 9-8 lead with just seconds left.

With time as his enemy, Casas stepped up his attack but Viviani countered to score a double touch.

Viviani scored a touch on Casas' last desperation attack to win the bout 11-9.

In the final, Viviani faced Alan Jones of Ohio State. Despite falling behind 10-7 going into the third period, Viviani rallied to tie the match at 13.

"Coach gave me some advice and I took that advice," Viviani said about his change in strategy after the first two rounds.

Viviani, however, did not stick to his new strategy in the closing minutes and lost the bout 15-13.

"I changed up and started acting like an idiot," Viviani said. "I just relaxed and I thought I was going to win."

As victory slipped away from Viviani in the epee finals, senior Magda Krol and freshman Liza Boutsikaris each dropped their bouts in the women's foil semifinals.

Boutsikaris fell to eventual champion Faen Groes while Krol dropped a heart-breaker to Northwestern's Kristen Dorf, 15-11.

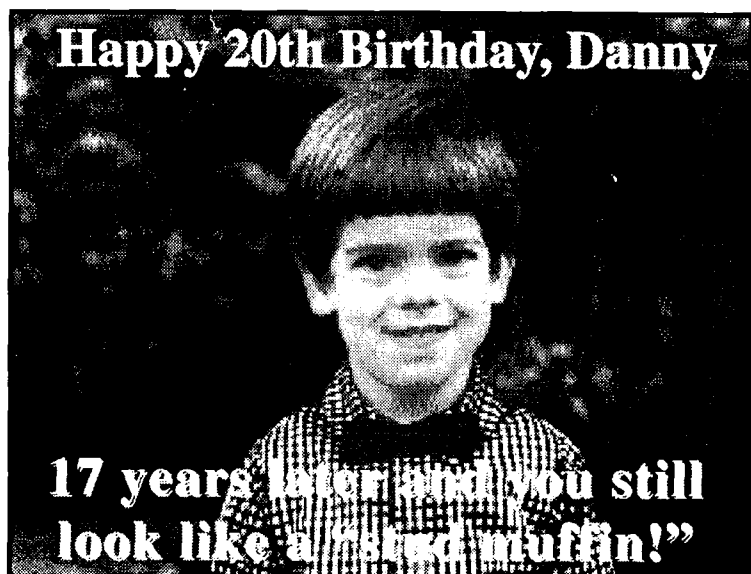
Krol fell behind early, 13-5 before she rallied back to close the gap to three, 14-11. Dorf, however, regrouped after Krol's come back to win the bout, 15-11.

Women's sabre was the only weapon where the Irish did not place a fencer in the top four. Freshman Natalia Mazur finished fifth for Notre Dame as Northwestern claimed all four semifinalists.



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Freshman foilist Forest Walton (left) parries an attack at the Chicago meet on Feb. 5. Walton finished second this weekend in the Midwest Conference Championships.



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BENGAL BOUTS

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"Strong bodies fight, that weak bodies may be nourished."

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Ali in attendance at hard-hitting title bouts

By BRIAN BURKE
Sports Writer

As if the finalists in the 70th Annual Bengal Bouts needed any added motivation, they received an extra jolt of adrenaline Friday night upon learning they would be going for a title in the presence of the greatest fighter of all time. With Muhammed Ali in attendance, the boxers lived up to their end of the bargain, providing several hard hitting contests in search of a championship.

120 Pounds

In a minor upset, Shawn "Knockout The Old And Bring In The" Newberg took the first title of the night, earning the split decision over top seeded James "Piranha" Fishburne. Although both fighters started tentatively, Newberg settled in and employed the same effective strategy he used in the semifinals.

As in his previous fight, Newberg allowed his opponent to chase him around the ring and swing at his hands, then countered with combinations when Fishburne wore down. The tactic appeared to frustrate Fishburne as he was unable to land open shots while scrambling after Newberg.

"That's the strategy I use a lot: block and go, block and go," Newberg said. "I think I was able to get up early and

sustain [the lead]."

Newberg plans to move up a weight class for next year.

130 Pounds

At 130 pounds Matt "The Don" Fumagalli knocked off another high seed to secure the title. Having already defeated the No. 1-ranked fighter, Fumagalli took a split decision over second-seeded Camilo "Rollin'" Rueda.

Overall it was a sloppy contest with plenty of holding and errant elbows, but Fumagalli was most successful when he backed Rueda into the ropes and traded punches. Rueda tried to stick and move, which worked at times, but both fighters tired by the third round, and Fumagalli was able to grind out the win.

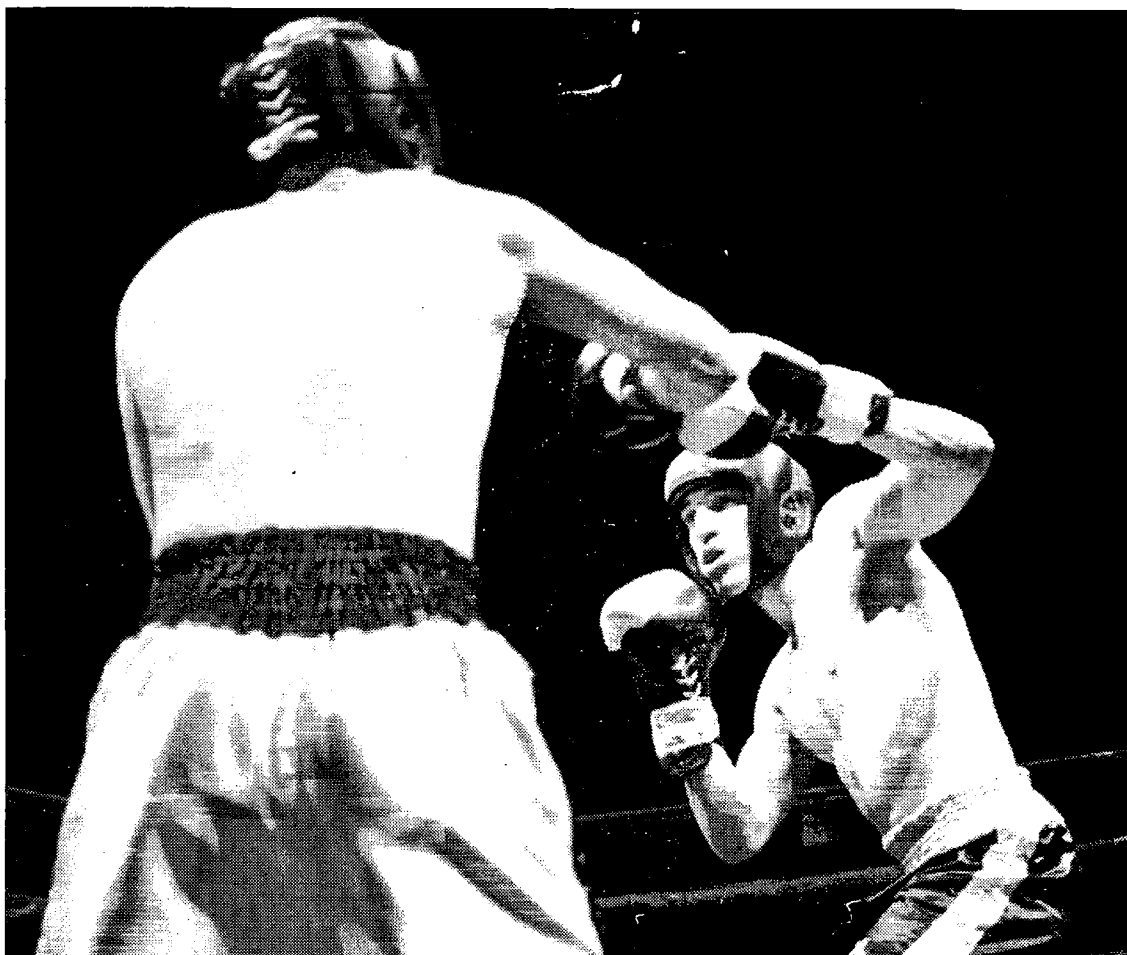
"I had to keep him in. I just knew when he came in, I had to get my hits," Fumagalli said.

The championship was especially satisfying for Fumagalli considering the competition he faced on the way.

"Jason [McMahon] was the man to beat in my bracket, and Camilo in the other," Fumagalli said. "It was a real accomplishment to fight such good boxers as those guys."

140 Pounds

As expected, both top ranked Kurt Wilson and Mike "The Motor City Madman" Waldo came out swinging away in the finals of the 140-



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Dennis "The Natural Disaster" Abdelnour (left) and J.R. "Maddog" Mellin (right) exchange blows in Friday's 150-pound title fight.

pound card. While they stood toe-to-toe for much of the opening round, Waldo was able to land a good straight right that gave him an early lead. Wilson came back as the

pace slowed in the second, staying low and landing jabs to the body.

What made the difference was the third round, where Waldo simply outlasted Wilson. Waldo managed to get Wilson against the ropes where he connected on enough hooks and straight rights for Wilson to be assessed a standing-eight. In the end, it was Waldo coming away with a unanimous decision.

"Kurt was the first guy I sparred with, and he killed me, so I knew what he was like coming in," Waldo said. "I knew whoever won that third round would win it."

150 Pounds

Senior captain J.R. "Maddog" Mellin capped off an excellent four years in Bengal Bouts with a unanimous decision over Dennis "The Natural Disaster" Abdelnour for the 150-pound title.

While Abdelnour came into the title bout with two knockouts, what may have been overlooked was Mellin's ability to also stand in and trade punches. After a closely fought first round, Mellin broke it open in the second by knocking down Abdelnour with combinations to the head. Abdelnour came back swinging furiously, and he did land some damaging hooks that bloodied Mellin.

"At first I felt pretty good, especially after the knockdown, but he came back after that. He's a really hard hitter," Mellin said.

Mellin avoided getting into trouble in the third, fighting more conservatively to earn the decision.

"At the advice of my corner, I was up on points, and with the cut above my eye I needed to dance some."

This is Mellin's second title in four finals appearances.

155 Pounds

In the 155-pound card, Jeff "The Pittsburgh Kid" Dobosh took the title with a unanimous decision over Paul "He-Man" Mehan.

Both fighters struggled to land combinations early, but the second round turned into a slugfest where the momentum swayed back and forth. By the third round, Dobosh was in control, countering Mehan with jabs and straight rights that almost knocked off the helmet of his foe, leading to a standing-eight.

"I love the counterpunch, but he didn't charge so I had to be the aggressor, and that's not my style," Dobosh said. "In the third [round], he felt he had to come to me, so that worked well."

Dobosh was especially thrilled to meet Muhammed Ali after his victory.

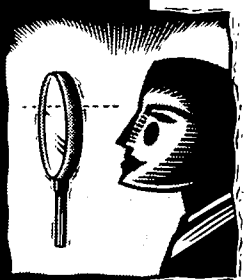
"I met [President] Clinton, and that was nothing, but [after meeting Ali] I was in total awe," he said.

160 Pounds

In a battle of surprise finalists, Chris "My Nickname Was Excised" Matassa needed just over a round to take the title in a technical knockout of P.J. "Downtown" Duwors.

What became apparent early on was the significant reach advantage of Matassa, which he used to land several damaging hooks and capitalize with uppercuts when Duwors put his head down.

The second round began with more of the same, as Matassa landed jabs and hooks at will. The fight was stopped 29 seconds into the round for what appeared to be only an interruption for bleeding, but Matassa was soon declared the winner.



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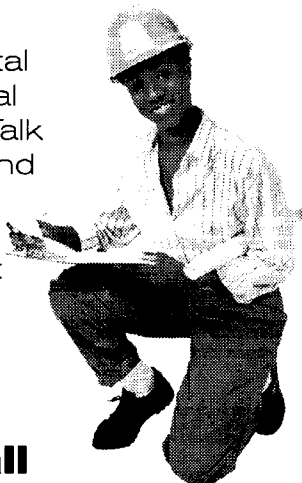
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Graves' play opens door to Notre Dame's success

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

Notre Dame men's basketball coach Matt Doherty said Saturday that sophomore David Graves' play in the paint is a key ingredient in the recipe for Notre Dame success.

"You know Troy [Murphy] is going to compete," Doherty said. "You know Harold [Swanigan] is going to compete. You know Ivan [Kartelo] is going to compete. David's the key, I think, to our front-line, and he really came out and battled and boxed out."

If Graves is the key, the door to victory is wide-open for the Irish following Graves' tremendous performance against Georgetown.

The 6-foot-6 forward dominated the boards for the Irish, fighting his way to every loose ball. His 13 rebounds, 10 of them on the defensive end, kept Georgetown from connecting on second and third chance shots. They also helped Notre Dame gain a 51-29 rebounding advantage in its final regular-season game, a 77-54 victory on the road.

"I was most impressed with their rebounding," Georgetown head coach Craig Esherick said. "I knew they were a good shooting team, but I thought they rebounded the ball very well, particularly Graves. They beat us to every loose ball, outshutled us."

Graves averages just 4.9 rebounds per game, but provided fans with a glimpse of his power potential, nabbing 12 rebounds against Vanderbilt in December.

Because Graves is not the primary rebounder for Notre Dame, his extra rebounding against Georgetown gave the blue and gold an unexpected boost. If one rebound equals a two-point basket, Graves' "bonus" rebounds prevented a 16-point swing in favor of the Hoyas.

"To get 13 rebounds — you know, the whole team competed," Doherty said, "But he

[Graves] was very impressive."

Graves added 14 points on the offensive end, one more than his season average. As in rebounding, Graves has had his ups and downs in scoring, ranging from a rock bottom of three points in a loss to Maryland to a high of 33 in Notre Dame's overtime loss to Vanderbilt.

Graves was six for 10 from the field against the Hoyas, hitting shots from all over the floor. He muscled his way inside for three lay-in shots in the paint. He hit two short jumpers from opposite views of the hoop. And he netted his 66th 3-point field goal of the season, the third highest total in school history.

"We had seen what the teams have done to us," Graves said. "They've really jumped on us and got in the lead. We just wanted to come out tonight and just jump on them, so I think we did a great job today. We played the best basketball we've played all year."

Graves' line of statistics in Saturday's box score didn't show a single goose egg. He recorded two steals, two blocks and one assist. On the down side, he also gave the ball away three times. The most telling statistic, however, is that Doherty was pleased enough with Graves' play to keep him on the court for the entire 40 minutes of the game. Graves didn't get a rest from the opening tip-off until the final buzzer.

"This one's just rewarding," Graves said. "It's rewarding to get a win like this and in the fashion that we did."

Notre Dame's second-leading scorer behind Troy Murphy, Graves is a guy who builds on momentum and, unfortunately, slides into ruts.

Every game he scored in double digits has led to a string of high-scoring games. Likewise, each game he has been held to single-digit scoring, with the lone exception of last week's nine-point outing against Syracuse, has been followed by another.

The 14-point performance at Georgetown followed nine points versus Syracuse, so it

should be the first of several double-digit games. With Graves in a rhythm, the Irish can count on solid shooting and rebounding.

When he gets into a groove, Graves is the go-to guy for the Irish.

In the pre-season NIT, he hit a jump shot at the buzzer to hand Notre Dame the victory over returning Final Four team Ohio State. Last month, Graves knocked down a jumper with .3 seconds remaining to give Notre Dame a 76-74 win over Seton Hall on the road.

Although just a sophomore, Graves plays a commanding role for the Irish. After Notre Dame's two-point loss to No. 9 Syracuse Wednesday, a determined David Graves promised that his team would not give up on the rest of the season.

"This team has a lot of character," Graves said. "We're not going to quit."

One of Graves' primary goals in coming to Notre Dame was to bring Notre Dame back to its glory days — the days of sold out crowds, excitement on campus and regular trips to the NCAA tournament. He's been helping the Irish to deliver, as fans have returned to the Joyce Center in droves and the Irish have beaten five top-25 ranked teams.

With the Big East Tournament beginning Wednesday, the Irish need a tournament title or at least a strong run to stand a chance of going to March Madness for the first time in 10 years.

"We still have chances for the NCAA tournament," Graves said. "We're going to keep working hard. We're going to come out with a lot of intensity."



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David Graves looks for an open player in Saturday's win over Georgetown. He finished with 14 points and 13 rebounds.

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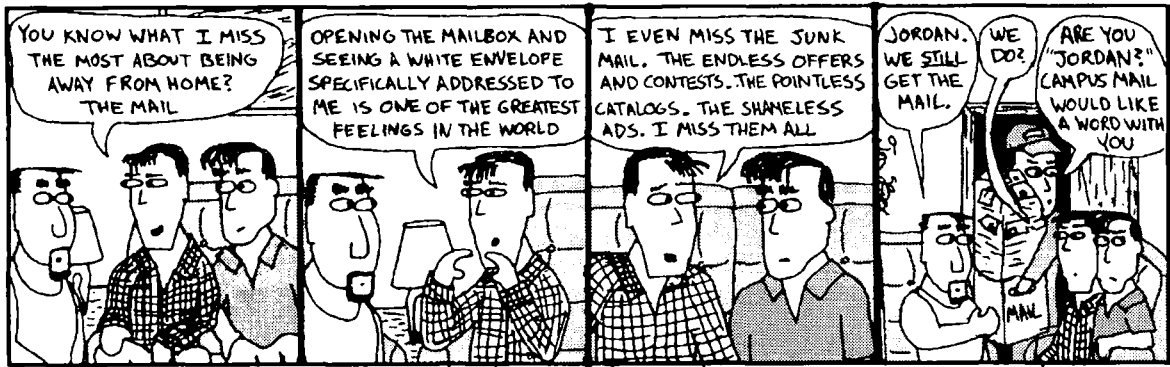
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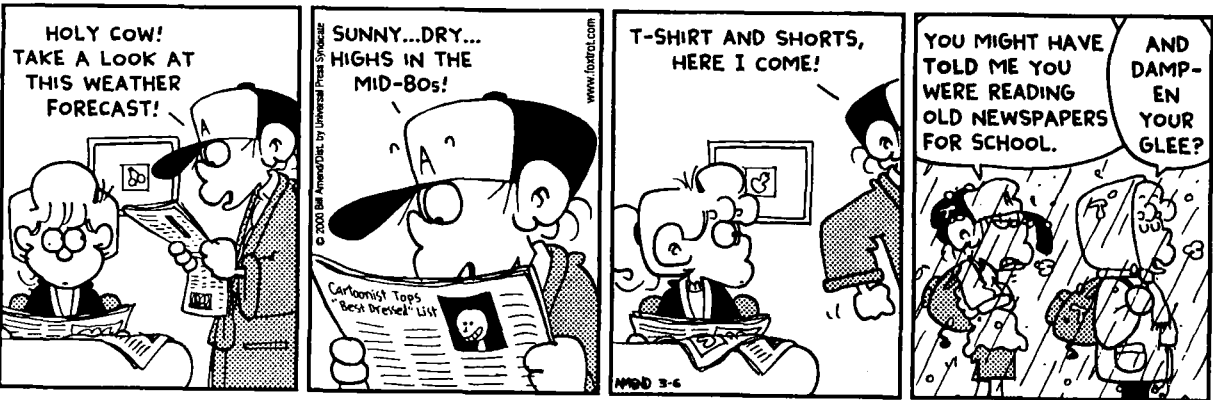
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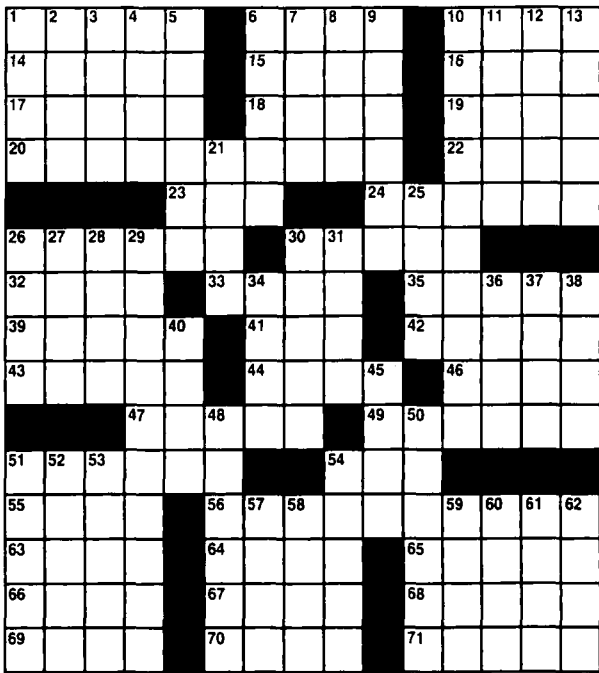
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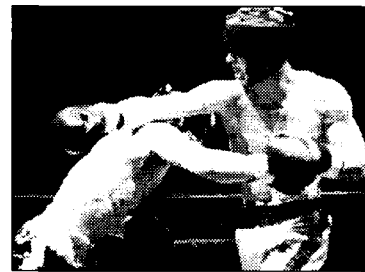
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame advances to semis with victory over Miami

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

STORRS, Conn.
The preparation for the 2000 Big East tournament began eight days ago, following a 77-59 loss to top-ranked Connecticut. The Irish had more than a week to get ready for the stretch run of the season, one they hope leads deep into March. And they knew it began Sunday, with a first-round Big East tournament game against Miami.

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poor shooting early on and a tough Miami defense throughout to emerge with a 67-52 victory. But by the way they played against the Hurricanes you could have sworn their focus was elsewhere, presumably on a rematch with the Huskies in the final on Tuesday night.

"We had a week to prepare but we didn't have a week to prepare for Miami — we just had a day to do that," head coach Muffet McGraw said. "I think it was hard to focus on just one team."

That lack of focus almost hurt the Irish.

"We took a couple days off of practice [this week]," McGraw said. "But I think it looked like we took the week off."

Miami, which had lost twice earlier in the season to Notre Dame, played aggressively the entire game. Their full-court pressure and trapping half-

court defense forced the Irish to turn the ball over and uncharacteristic 23 times.

"We don't want anybody to out hustle us," Miami guard Sheila James said.

"Because we knew we were the underdogs we had nothing to lose tonight. We played like it was our last game. We left everything out on the floor."

McGraw credited the Hurricanes for their hustle.

"I thought their press really slowed us down," she said. "They did a great job controlling the tempo of the game for the first 30 minutes. We weren't ever really able to get that spurt."

The teams traded baskets for much of the first half. But Notre Dame took a 32-25 lead into the locker room at halftime despite shooting 37.9 percent from the floor. The Irish also had 14

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JOB TURNER/The Observer

Freshman Alicia Ratay drives on a Miami player in a game earlier this season. Ratay had eight points in Sunday's contest.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish answer wake up call

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Prior to Saturday's Big East showdown with Georgetown, first-year head coach Matt Doherty presented his players with a challenge.

"Skip Meyer [the trainer] and I were talking before the game and he told me that Notre Dame had never come out and played well against Georgetown," Doherty said following the Irish's 77-54 trouncing of the Hoyas. "I challenged them before the game to come out and be the aggressor and set the tone."

The Irish did just that. Freshman Matt Carroll scored 13 of Notre Dame's first 20 points and the Irish jumped out to a 25-6 lead in the opening 10 minutes of Saturday's game at the MCI Center in Washington, D.C.

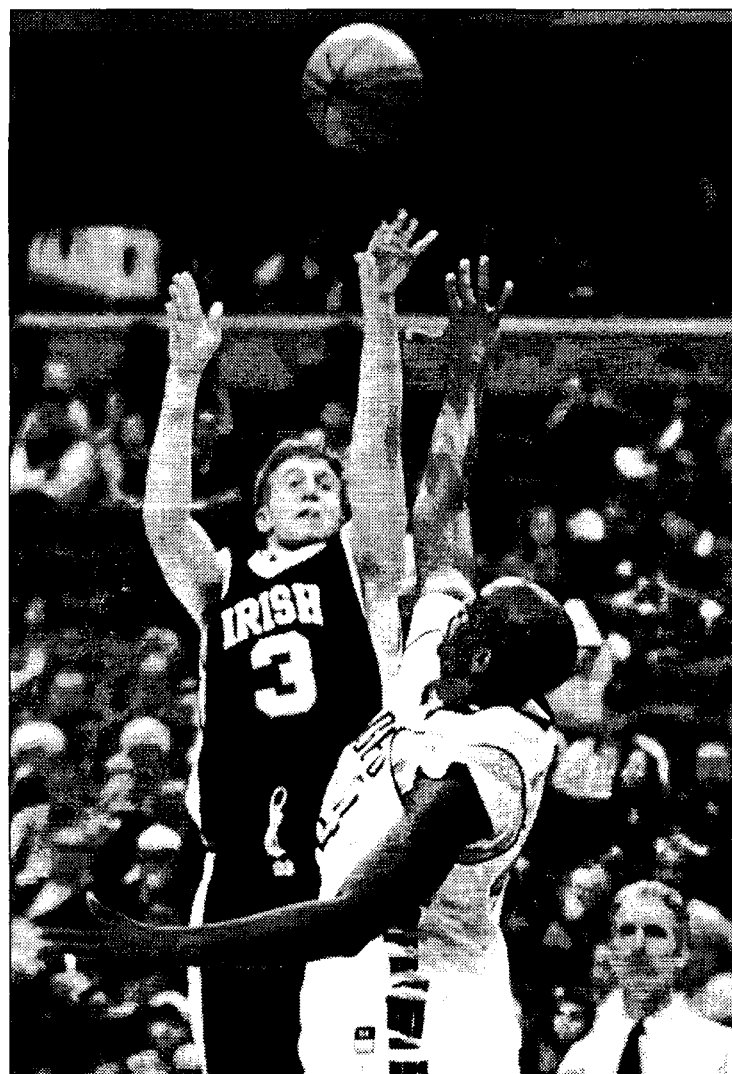
"I felt like I got into a rhythm and had some open looks," said Carroll who finished with 16 points and three

Notre Dame 77
Georgetown 54

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LIZ LANG/The Observer

Troy Murphy launches a shot over the outstretched arm of Georgetown's Ruben Boumtje Boumtje in Saturday's game.

HOCKEY

Irish skate to 2-2 tie on senior night

By BILL HART
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Looking at the crowd on Senior Night at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse, one might have seen a few fans crossing their fingers. But with the events of the past week, Irish hockey fans had many reasons to be nervous.

While Notre Dame did hold a two-point lead on fifth place in the CCHA and the last playoff spot played on their home ice, sixth-place Ferris State had two games of its own against 10th-seeded Western Michigan.

Meanwhile, Notre Dame was taking on Michigan State, which holds the top penalty killing and power play units in the conference. Even worse, the Irish only had 16 healthy skaters to put on the ice against the Spartans, after sophomore David Inman was declared likely to miss the rest of the season due to illness.

But through the emotions of the eight seniors, possibly playing their last home games at Notre Dame, the

Irish earned a 2-2 tie against the Spartans, good enough to secure home ice for the first round of the CCHA playoffs when combined with a loss by the Bulldogs on Friday.

"You don't like to have things out of your control," Poulin said about the playoff picture. "The ideal situation would have been for us to win tonight and tomorrow night, but you take all the help you can get in this league. Home ice is a big advantage for us. We like this building and we play well at home."

The Irish dodged a few bullets early in the first period, including a Spartan pass which slid through the blue circle, after freshman goalie Tony Zasowski was pushed away from the net. Both teams traded shots until the 14 minute, 50 second mark of the first, when left wing Dan Carlson went coast-to-coast, evading two defenders, en route to a score.

"Carlson's goal was obviously highlight material," Poulin remarked. "I remember seeing him do stuff like that in high school."

It was the junior's 16th goal on the season, with assists by senior defensemen Sean

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE



at Big East Tournament
vs. Rutgers at Storrs, Conn.
Today, 8 p.m.



at No. 8 Illinois
Thursday, 3 p.m.



CCHA Quarterfinals
vs. Ferris State
Friday-Sunday, TBA



at BYU
Saturday, 3 p.m.



at Big East Tournament
vs. Rutgers at New York
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.



Track
at NCAA Championships
Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m.



Swimming
at NCAA Zone Diving
Friday-Saturday, TBA



at Denver
Saturday, 1 p.m.