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Obsessed with winning a radio, a vacation or a million dollars, audiences since the 1920's have gathered to watch game shows.
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JPW already passed and midterms loom over the campus, but one mom realizes what Notre Dame is really about.
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Notre Dame announces commitment to WRC

By JASON McFARLEY
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At the urging of the task force on anti-sweatshop initiatives, University President Father Edward Malloy announced Tuesday that Notre Dame will become the 74th school to join the Workers Rights Consortium.

The decision follows almost a year of task force work on the issue and a major anti-sweatshop campaign by student activists. The task force offered its then-confidential recommendation to Malloy on

Friday and did not expect him to make a determination until Wednesday.

On Tuesday, task force member Brian O'Donoghue expressed satisfaction with Malloy's decision to join the watchdog organization.

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Brian O'Donoghue
student body president

"I'm ecstatic that Notre Dame is joining the WRC," said O'Donoghue, student body president. "This represents an important social justice action on behalf of the University."

The WRC was created last year by anti-sweatshop activists to improve working conditions and empower laborers.

Saint Mary's joined the WRC last April, shortly after the University announced that it would not seek membership in the

group due to a lack of information. Nearly a year later, University officials said they have eased at least some qualms about joining the WRC.

In a letter to Scott Nova, WRC executive director, task force chair Bill Hoye wrote, " [T h e University is joining the WRC] in light of our shared commitment and our collective experience in the fight against

unacceptable labor practices."

"It is our hope that a partnership between the WRC and Notre Dame will improve conditions for workers while helping to focus attention on this important issue," Hoye wrote.

On Tuesday Hoye was pleased with Malloy's acceptance of the task force's recommendation, saying it demonstrated the University president's confidence in the body.

But perhaps no one was more pleased with Tuesday's announcement than members of Notre Dame's Progressive Student Alliance, who over the course of the past year have created a big push for University member-

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Amanda Hughes
PSA member

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Created code of Conduct	Task force on anti-sweatshop initiatives	Requested that corporations disclose factory locations	Joined Fair Labor Assoc., ND opted not to join WRC	Required disclosure of factory addresses by licensees	PSA held rally to urge ND to join WRC	Task Force makes recommendation to President Malloy	ND joins WRC
Fall 1997	Spring 1999	Fall 1999	Spring 2000	Fall 2000	Feb.22, 2001	March 2, 2001	March 6, 2001

KATIE McKENNA/The Observer

Diversity Board's accomplishments in question

By MYRA McGRUFF
News Writer

As elections for the Student Diversity Board approach, the Board's accomplishments are in the spotlight.

The Student Diversity Board set out to bring a cultural awareness on campus when it began in the fall of 2000, but people on campus have different ideas as to whether the Board accomplished as much as it could have and what it needs to do in the future.

"Through co-sponsorship, doing events we want to educate people, to tell them that there is more to Saint Mary's campus," said Akmaral Omarova, president of the Student Diversity Board.

But some students believe the Board has not been educating people on Saint Mary's campus. They do not see the Board focusing on the cultural issues and broadening how students view each other.

"They focus on other issues but seem to be ignoring the racial part that is already here. I see members of the Board on campus that pass me and still don't talk to me," said Deon Thompson, member of Sisters of Nefertiti.

Some of the Board's events, such as last semester's Thanksgiving cultural potluck dinner, never came to fruition, once again making it more difficult to educate people about the unique makeup of Saint Mary's campus.

"We gathered all the recipes for the event and at the last minute the dining hall decided not to make them. They didn't think students would want to eat

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Higher pay leads students off-campus

By ERIN LaRUFFA
News Writer

While many of their peers are working at places like the Huddle Mart or Hesburgh Library, some Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students choose to venture out into the South Bend job market.

For some, income from off-campus jobs is an important supplement to financial aid.

Notre Dame sophomore Shana Blair — who receives about \$15,000 in scholarships, while the rest of her tuition comes in the form of loans — works at Colorado Steakhouse to cover additional expenses. Blair used to have an on-campus job at the library, but actually makes more money as a waitress.

"I need to use that money for every day expenses," said Blair. "I couldn't work enough hours at the library."

However, money students earn at off-campus jobs can hurt them when they apply for financial aid, a process they must go through yearly.

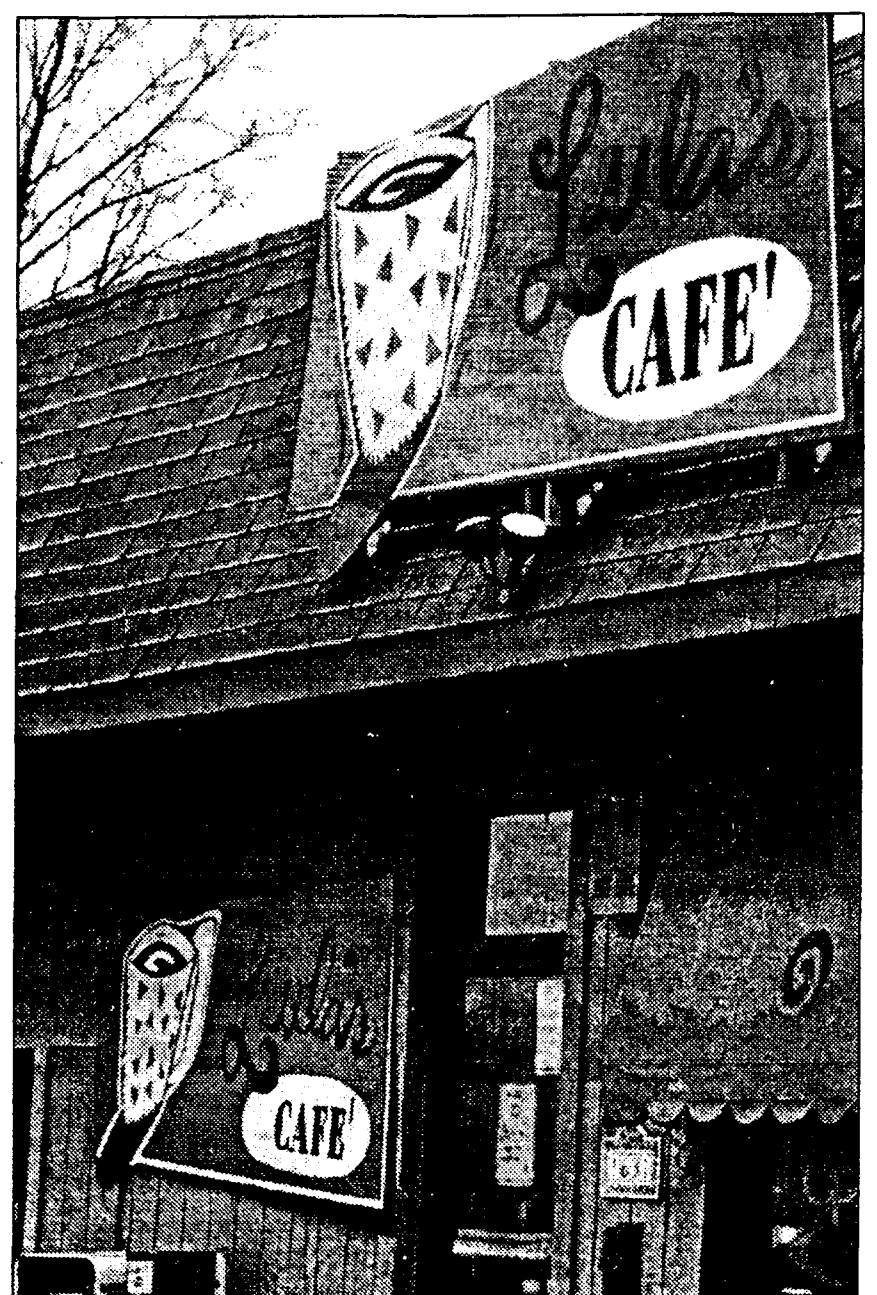
Cortney Swift, who works in the Office of Financial

Aid as coordinator of the Student Employment Office, explained that there are two types of financial aid. With one form, money comes from Notre Dame, while the other form is work-study aid that is partially federally funded.

No matter what type of aid a student receives, total financial aid — including loans, scholarships, grants and work-study — cannot exceed a certain amount per student, Swift said. That amount is based on tuition, room and board, books and supplies, expenses and transportation costs. Although the actual amount differs somewhat among students, the average maximum amount this year for a Notre Dame student is \$31,600, according to Swift.

Money earned at an off-campus job is not counted as part of a student's financial aid, and therefore is not included when figuring out the maximum aid a student receives. However, that income does show up on the student's FAFSA application for the following year, Swift said.

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TONY FLOYD/The Observer

Lula's is the site of Yasemin Gadelhak's off-campus job. Gadelhak decided to get a job to help cover living expenses when she moved off campus.

INSIDE COLUMN

Who's at your table?

When you visualize Christ's Last Supper with the apostles, what does Christ and the apostles look like?

For Renee Cox, an African-American artist, she visualized Christ at the Last Supper as a nude black woman. Apparently, this is unacceptable to some individuals — namely the New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.



Colleen McCarthy

Associate News Editor

And how did Giuliani describe the work by Cox entitled "Yo Mama's Last Supper" which was displayed at the Brooklyn Museum of Art? His take on the artwork was, "disgusting," "anti-Catholic" and "outrageous." He also proposed setting up a committee to set "standards of decency" to regulate what kind of work is displayed at museums receiving public funds.

Giuliani and the rest of the individuals who are in an uproar over Cox's work are entitled to their opinion, but I think that anti-Catholicism is not at the root of their protests over Cox's nude black Christ. This is misogyny in full force and is indicative of the anti-woman discourse that pervades our society. The anti-Catholicism complaint is an attempt to disguise the sexism in these comments.

When I heard Giuliani's comments over the artwork, I was confused at why he chose to label the work "anti-Catholic." I've always been taught that Christ looks like whatever I want Her to look like. For me, that is a woman because I can relate best to Christ image. Christ is routinely portrayed in primarily black churches as being black.

Interestingly enough, according to an article in The New York Times, a work that portrayed Christ at the Last Supper that was exhibited earlier at the same museum (the Brooklyn Museum of Art) did not raise the ire of Giuliani nor garner any sort of comment. Perhaps then it is the race of the Christ figure in Cox's work that bothered Giuliani.

Whether it is the race, sex, or perhaps both of Cox's image of Christ that disturbs Giuliani, it is clear that he and others upset over Cox's work are threatened because the image of Christ as a black woman challenges the white-male discourse that dominates Catholicism.

It's sad that Giuliani cannot see or fathom thinking of Christ as anything other than a white male. Although if he is best able to relate to Christ as a white male, that is his prerogative. However, he should not then call a woman's artwork "outrageous" "disgusting" and "anti-Catholic" when she disposes to visualize Christ as anything other than a white male. As for the "standards of decency" committee that Giuliani wishes to put in place, whose standards will these be? According to Giuliani's standards, Cox's work would not make the cut. Why is it that a nude black woman portrayed as Christ is indecent?

A news flash for Giuliani: White men do not have the monopoly and final say on how people choose to visualize Christ.

When I think of who is at the table in my vision of the Last Supper with Christ, I embrace the idea of Christ as a woman. And I am sure that She would welcome Giuliani and any others at Her table. If the Church truly strives to be inclusive, then Christ — whether male or female, and of any race — should be welcomed.

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THIS WEEK IN SOUTH BEND

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
◆ Event: Regional Museum Student/Faculty show, South Bend Regional Museum of Art.	◆ Event: Tennis, Notre Dame men vs Michigan, Eck Tennis Pavilion, 4 p.m.	◆ Event: The Stanley Clark School's Kaleidoscope 2001, Century Center, 6 p.m.	◆ Event: South Bend Symphony, Morris Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.
◆ Event: Hesburgh Award for Business Ethics presented to Daniel Kelly, Jordan Auditorium, 4 p.m.	◆ Lecture: "U.S. Antidumping Petitions and the threat of Retaliation," Room C-103, Hesburgh Center, 4:15 p.m.	◆ Event: 18th Annual IUSB Job Fair, Century Center, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.	◆ Event: Tennis, Notre Dame women vs Michigan, Eck Tennis Pavilion, 11 a.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Syracuse students not invited to Clinton's speech

SYRACUSE, N.Y. Room 4-201 in the Center for Science and Technology had all the familiar surroundings of a Syracuse University classroom.

An overhead projector in a front corner, rows of chairs lined the floor and a wipe-board covered the front wall in the room where Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton spoke Friday about the upstate economy.

But no students filled this room — they were not invited to Clinton's first visit to Syracuse University after her election.

"There was a lot of people on campus who worked really hard to get her elected," said Ben Riemer, SU Student Association president. "We were really well connected to the local Hillary campaign."



Riemer, the former president of the College Democrats, added that he heavily campaigned in Syracuse for Clinton last semester.

Though the topic of the press conference was economic development, Riemer, a junior policy stud-

ies and economics major, said students could have benefited from hearing the former first lady speak.

"The issue is something that affects SU students currently and in the future," said Tim Schlittner, College Democrats president. "It is preposterous."

Schlittner, a sophomore political science major, said he plans to complain about the exclusion of students from Clinton's speech to the event's organizers, including those on campus.

But a university spokeswoman said the event was not meant for a student audience.

"It was a very focused thing," said Judy Holmes, who helped organize the event.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Student makes E. coli breakthrough

STANFORD, Calif.

Production of penicillin alternative erythromycin has just become quicker and cheaper, thanks to the work of Blaine Pfeifer, a doctoral student in the Chemical Engineering Department at Stanford University. Pfeifer's research was published in an article in the March 2 issue of Science Magazine. Pfeifer, who is working in the lab of Professor Chaitan Khosla, was able to genetically engineer Escherichia coli bacteria to mass produce the antibiotic by replacing E. coli genes with genetic material from other bacteria. Pfeifer was assisted by postdoctoral researcher Suzanne Admiraal. Erythromycin is naturally produced by soil bacteria, Saccharopolyspora erythraea, to inhibit nearby bacteria strains that may compete for resources. The process lacks speed because the S. erythraea populations grow slowly, only doubling every four hours. By contrast, E. coli populations can double in just 20 minutes.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

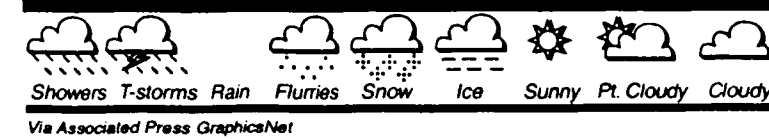
Vandals graffiti president's house

COLUMBUS, Ohio

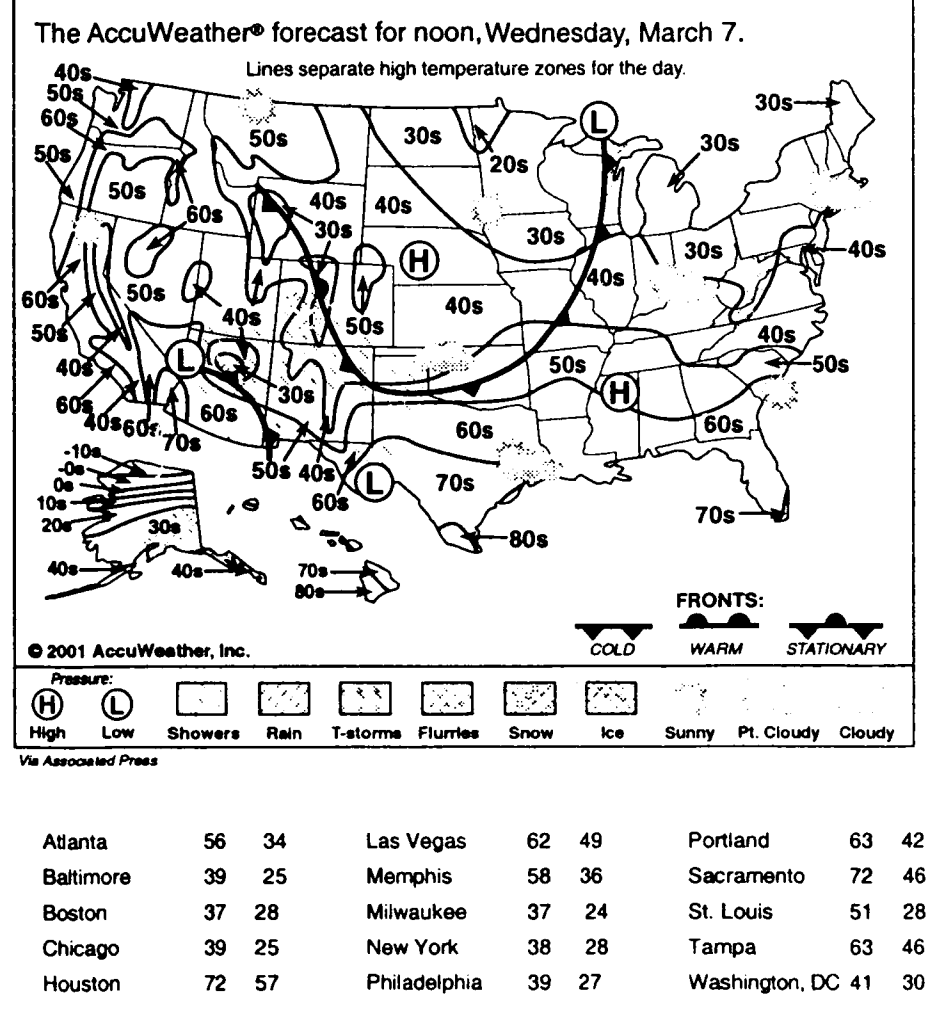
Ohio State University administrators were surprised as they prepared for work Monday morning. Both Bricker Hall and the home of Ohio State President William "Brit" Kirwan had graffiti sprayed across them, protesting a research project at OSU. Painted slogans covered the exterior walls of Bricker Hall, which houses the university's administrative offices, including Kirwan's office. Vandals also glued the locks of the building shut. "There is no way we can tell exactly what [the graffiti] means, but it's probably referring to ongoing research," Earle Holland, OSU spokesman. "Ask Dr. Y Why, Stop the Killing, OSU=Profits Over Pain, Stop Killing Cats and Cat+Meth=Bad Science" were displayed in large red letters covering all four sides of Bricker Hall. "Dr. Y" refers to Dr. William Yonushonis, director of laboratory animal resources, who has spoken in favor of animal testing in research projects conducted at the College of Veterinary Medicine.

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast			
AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures			
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Thursday	☁	39	23
Friday	☁	34	22
Saturday	☀	42	27
Sunday	☁	45	31
Monday	☁	49	36



NATIONAL WEATHER



Police find alum football player stabbed in burning home

By MARIBEL MOREY
Assistant News Editor

As a football player at Notre Dame in the late 1940s, Richard Cotter was a hot commodity. "He was quiet and modest and according to all the women the best looking. All the Saint Mary's girls flocked him," said Terence Meany, law partner and friend since the first grade.

After graduating from Notre Dame, he led a quiet life as a pilot and then later as a law partner and father of 10.

Now 60 years later, Cotter and his friend, Mary McIntyre were found murdered in his Austin, Minnesota home Feb. 17.

Stacey Cotter, one of Cotter's adopted sons, has been charged with the killings.

"Stacey had been involved in other criminal acts," Terese Amazi, Austin chief deputy sheriff. "Family members are the ones who put us on to him from the very beginning."

Stacey currently refuses to talk to law enforcement, while the police plans to get him on for first degree murder, said Amazi.

"There are several [of the children] who've had brushes with law enforcement, but he's had the most extensive criminal record," said Amazi. "He is convicted of wrongful imprisonment [kidnapping] and he's a registered sex-offender."

Under Minnesota law, sex offenders must report all their daily activities at all times, but there might have been

lapses, said Amazi. The prosecutors might be using this point in their investigations.

Mower County Sheriff Bary Simonson said both 73 year-old Cotter and his longtime friend McIntyre, 68, died of "homicidal violence." Authorities believe the fire that destroyed the home was likely set to cover up evidence.

Simonson said it appears the fire was intentionally set and might have burned for an hour or two before neighbor Tom Branden called 911 at 5:14 a.m.

Reports from medical examiners in Ramsey County indicate Cotter was stabbed to death; however, "they can't determine what caused the death because of the bad condition of her body [due to the fire]," said Amazi.

McIntyre was visiting Cotter to help him with his recuperation after a hip replacement surgery in December. She was there to help him out, said Amazi.

Cotter and his ex-wife divorced years after raising five adopted children and five children of their own.

After graduation from Notre Dame in 1951, Cotter returned home to Austin, Minnesota and reunited with old friends. Meany and Cotter continued on to the military. "We started first grade and went to law school together. In the military we were briefly separated because Dick was a pilot," Meany said.

After the military, Meany and Cotter joined to form their own law firm. Cotter had been an attorney in the Austin area for 40 years, but retired four years ago. "He was still somewhat active as a personal representative for



NATHAN HOWARD/The Post-Bulletin

Mourners hold hands Sunday night during recitation of the Lord's Prayer during the funeral for Richard Cotter at St. Edwards Church in Austin, Minn.

probate matters," said Meany.

Cotter was actually still working a day before he was found dead. "I saw him [in the office] the day before he was murdered. He came into the office and he was talking how well he was doing with his artificial hip he had replaced," said Meany.

But Meany stresses that Cotter was a quiet man and preferred to be at home rather than socializing and playing golf.

"While I spent a large part of my life with Dick, he was very quiet," Meany said. "He was a good friend, a good

partner and he took care of his family."

In Notre Dame, Cotter was a reserve halfback/fullback who earned three monograms, one each in 1948, 1949 and 1950. He carried 16 times for 64 yards for the 1949 national championship team, said John Heisler, assistant athletic director. "He was also a four-time finalist in the Bengal Bouts."

The case is still under investigation, and Amazi stresses that it is up to Stacey whether the trial will drag on. "Right now it's up to Stacey if he wants to talk," Amazi said.

Ain-A That Good News!

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Spring Concert Tour



WRC

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ship in the WRC.

Most recently, the PSA organized a Feb. 22 rally on the Fieldhouse Mall. Organizers of the event collected more than 400 signatures on a petition encouraging the University to join the WRC.

Leafleting, chalking and individual conferences with task force members have also been part of their activist campaign, said PSA member Amanda Hughes. Hughes called Notre D a m e ' s joining the WRC a major step forward for t h e University.

"I'm really excited about [the decision]," Hughes said. "This is major progress for N o t r e Dame."

But while Hughes expressed no reservations about WRC membership, both Hoyer and O'Donoghue said their enthusiasm about joining the still-fledgling organization comes with some concerns.

Hoyer said the WRC's complaint-based policy of monitoring factories potentially allows many sweatshop labor problems to go unchecked. He also voiced concerns about universities comprising a majority of the WRC's membership but only a third of the presence on the board of directors.

O'Donoghue raised other doubts.

"I have very serious issues with the WRC. There are some questionable things about the group that still concern me," O'Donoghue said, calling the WRC decision "a huge leap of faith" despite his task force vote in favor of joining the consortium.

O'Donoghue said he doesn't foresee WRC membership furthering the University's anti-sweatshop initiatives but rather Notre Dame advancing the WRC's global impact.

In his letter to the WRC and on Tuesday, Hoyer said the University would review annually its affiliation with the group as well as continue to pursue its own anti-sweatshop initiatives.

"The task force will continue to exist, and the University will maintain its work on issues of fair labor," Hoyer said.

The University's membership in the WRC is contingent on its contributing 1 percent of its licensing revenue to the group. Hoyer said historically Notre Dame ranks nationally among the top two schools in generating licensing revenue.

Notre Dame has a history of taking an activist stance on anti-sweatshop matters.

In 1997, the University created a code of conduct regulating the production of Notre Dame apparel and goods and 18 months later formed the task force on anti-sweatshop initiatives.

In late 1999, the University requested that manufacturers of its school-logo merchandise disclose their factory locations. Last August it required disclosure of factory addresses by its licensees.

Notre Dame is currently co-chairs the university advisory council of the watchdog Fair Labor Association (FLA) and continues to study living wage issues in the United States and abroad.

The University is now establishing a regional watchdog committee for Mexican and Central American factories, making it the only college in the country to have its own monitoring system.

In June, Notre Dame will also become the first university to prohibit the manufacture of products sporting the Notre Dame insignia in countries that ban worker's rights to organize or form unions. That includes China, the second leading manufacturer (behind the United States) of Notre Dame goods.

Hughes praised the WRC decision and other anti-sweatshop efforts but called for additional student input on future endeavors.

"If I have one concern about [joining the WRC], it's the way the decision was handled — with minimal student representation on the task force," Hughes said.

She said the PSA is willing to work with other student organizations and University officials on current and upcoming anti-sweatshop projects.

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Amanda Hughes
PSA member

Recycle The Observer.

Undergraduate members of the gay, lesbian, and bisexual community are invited to apply for membership on the

Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs.

Applications are now available in the Office of Student Affairs (316 Main Building) or on the Standing Committee web site:

<http://www.nd.edu/~scglsn/>

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 23, 2001, and can be submitted at the Office of Student Affairs.

Please visit our web site for more information.

Department of Art, Art History and Design

The Riley Prize in Art History and Criticism

The Department of Art, Art History and Design is pleased to announce its annual competition for the Riley Prize in Art History & Criticism. Current Notre Dame undergraduate and graduate students are invited to submit essays on any topic in the history of art or art criticism for consideration in the competition. Essays must deal with the visual arts. They may have been written in conjunction with a course taken at the University, but need not have been.

Rules governing the competition are available in the Art Department Office. Two copies of the submission must be delivered to the Art Department Office, 132 O'Shaughnessy Hall, by 3:00 PM, Monday, March 26, to be eligible. A student may only submit ONE entry.

Annual Archbishop Romero Lecture

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2001 • 4:15 P.M.

Margaret Hebblethwaite
Women in the Gospels

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2001

"Peace is not the product of terror or fear. Peace is not the silence

6:15 P.M.
PRAYER SERVICE

7:00 P.M.
LECTURE

of cemeteries. Peace is not the silent result of violent repression.

MARGARET HEBBLETHWAITE

Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all.

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—Archbishop Oscar Romero

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Cuba demands end to sanctions:

Cuba's chief economic planner says his country wants to trade with the United States but insisted the communist nation won't buy a single aspirin until all U.S. sanctions are lifted unconditionally. "If the blockade is lifted, yes, we will buy. Not only aspirin, but many other products," Vice President Carlos Lage told The Associated Press on Monday night in an exclusive interview.

Railway crash was unavoidable:

Railway companies cannot be faulted for a fatal chain-reaction collision in which a Land Rover barreled down an embankment and onto the tracks, derailing two trains, a government report said Tuesday. The Feb. 28 incident in northeast England in which 10 people were killed was "wholly exceptional."

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Courts stop execution: The Georgia Supreme Court halted the execution of a convicted killer four hours before he was scheduled to die Tuesday. In a 4-3 ruling, the court said it was delaying Ronald Keith Spivey's execution until it addressed whether electrocution violates the Constitution's ban on "cruel and unusual" punishment.

Army recovers remains from crash:

A somber procession of military vehicles delivered the remains of 21 guardsmen to a central-Georgia air base as Army investigators scrambled over the site where their plane crashed, mapping and videotaping the charred wreckage. Lt. Col. Deborah Bertrand, a Robins Air Force Base spokeswoman, said the bodies were transported Monday to the base south of Macon. Local law enforcement officers escorted the convoy. "We were careful to provide the greatest degree of deference and respect," Bertrand said.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Man blames voodoo for murder:

A Gary man has pleaded guilty to killing a woman whose husband suspected she was cursing him with voodoo. Anthony Gooden, 31, pleaded guilty to murder Monday for the September 1997 beating death of Alysa Hobson, Lake County prosecutors said. Hobson's husband, Jentry Hobson Jr., 55, was sentenced in November to 25 years in prison for arranging to have her killed. Hobson pleaded guilty but mentally ill to the charge of conspiracy to murder his 50-year-old wife, a counselor at Pulaski Middle School in Gary.



AFP Photo

Mourners visit the temporary memorial outside Santana High School, site of Monday's shooting. Fifteen-year-old Charles Andrew "Andy" Williams has been accused of killing two students and injuring 13.

Killer's threats went unreported

Associated Press

SANTEE, Calif. Some classmates described the 15-year-old as a "nerd" and a "dork" and said he was taunted relentlessly. Others said the high school freshman told them he was going to bring a gun to school and shoot up the campus but they didn't take him seriously.

"We thought he was joking," said Neil O'Grady, 15. "We were like, 'Yeah, right.'"

On Monday, the student authorities identified as Charles Andrew Williams, allegedly opened fire at Santana High School, killing two and injuring 13

in this middle-class San Diego suburb.

One student said he had a smile on his face as he fired away with a .22-caliber pistol in this middle-class suburb about 20 miles northeast of San Diego.

"It was total chaos. People were trying to take cover," said student John Schardt, 17, who was in a nearby classroom when the shooting started about 9:20 a.m. in a boys' restroom.

Williams allegedly had hidden the gun in his backpack.

Police Lt. Jerry Lewis said the teen-ager shot two people in the restroom, then walked into a quad

and fired shots randomly. He stopped to reload his weapon as many as four times, getting off 30 or more shots, Lewis said.

"The bell had rung to go to class and we were all walking to go to class and all of a sudden you hear the sound of like a cap gun," said student Jennifer Wall.

"Pop, pop, pop and everyone started ducking," recalled fellow student Nika Ocen-Odode.

Andrew Kaforey, a 17-year-old senior, said he ran into the bathroom with a security guard after hearing what sounded like a firecracker or a gunshot.

"He pointed the gun right at me but he didn't shoot,"

Kaforey said.

As he and the guard ran out, Williams shot the guard in the back, Kaforey said.

Williams finally surrendered in the bathroom, dropped his gun and said he acted alone, telling officers: "It's just me," according to authorities.

Students Bryan Zuckor, 14, and Randy Gordon, 17, were killed. Zuckor was shot dead in the bathroom; Gordon was wounded on the quad and died at a hospital.

Eleven other students, a 29-year-old student teacher and a 22-year-old campus security guard were wounded.

SAUDI ARABIA

Hajj continues despite stampede

Associated Press

Nearly 2 million pilgrims threw pebbles at pillars in a symbolic stoning of the devil Tuesday at a site where a day earlier 35 Muslims performing the ritual were crushed and trampled to death.

The tragedy during the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, or hajj, was the main topic of discussion among participants Tuesday, with many blaming overzealous pilgrims as well as bad organization.

On Tuesday, crowds of pilgrims moved patiently along the giant

ramps surrounding the three stone pillars symbolizing the devil at which the faithful cast seven pebbles.

Pilgrims who had completed the ritual changed from their traditional hajj garbs — seamless white robes for men and modest head-to-toe costumes for women — and put on their usual clothes, their heads shaved in the tradition for those finishing the pilgrimage.

Many recalled the chaos from the day before.

"It was a very tough day. Our group passed it unhurt, thank God," said a Qatari pilgrim who wanted to be identified only by his first name,

Jaber.

The government said in a statement that the deaths occurred when some pilgrims in the massive crowds dropped luggage they were carrying, causing others to trip and fall amid the press of people. Besides the 23 women and 12 men killed, a total 107 people were injured, said the statement, carried by the official Saudi Press Agency.

The crush took three hours to get under control, witnesses said. An Egyptian journalist who was performing the ritual at the time said he saw a few people at a time suffocate or fall and be trampled to death.

Market Watch 3/6

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AMEX: 928.94 +1.97

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TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY/SECURITY	%CHANGE	SGAIN	PRICE
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+3.39	+0.92	24.00
DELL COMPUTER (DELL)	+11.74	+2.75	26.19
NASDAQ 100 SHAR (QQQ)	+3.89	+1.85	49.40
INTEL CORP (INTC)	+3.70	+1.13	31.50
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	+3.65	+0.62	17.62

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"It doesn't go against their financial aid, but we would count their earnings against next year's financial aid eligibility," she said.

Therefore, for some students, working off-campus could actually hurt them.

For someone like Blair, however, that is not the case. She explained that a combination of her hourly wages and tips at Colorado Steakhouse make it worthwhile for her work there.

Financial aid is not always a consideration for students with off-campus jobs.

Notre Dame senior Yasemin Gadelhak, who works at Lula's, decided to get a job to help cover living expenses when she moved off-campus.

"Living off campus gets expensive," she said.

Because her father is a faculty member, Gadelhak receives free tuition. Therefore,

when she worked on campus at the Rockne Memorial and Rolf's, she was not paid.

But working at Lula's has other benefits for Gadelhak as well. She also said that working there is fun, and similar to working on campus because the majority of customers are Notre Dame students or faculty due to Lula's close proximity to campus.

"It's great. You get to see everybody," she said.

For Saint Mary's senior Ruth Geis, her job at The Limited in University Park Mall is perfect for the opposite reason.

"It was nice to be able to get away from the whole school environment ... It's something to do to get off campus," Geis said.

Blair finds a similar benefit working at Colorado

Steakhouse.

"It's nice getting out of Notre Dame and meeting people," said Blair.

"Extra spending money" is another benefit her job offers, according to Geis, who is not a financial aid recipient and has never had an on campus job.

But working off campus does have some drawbacks, according to Blair.

One problem she has faced is that unlike her former on-campus bosses, the ones at the restaurant are not always understanding about her homework and tests.

"On campus, they're really cool if you have an exam the next day," Blair said.

Geis works primarily on weekends to try to avoid that problem.

"My classes are my priority, and then I work," she said.

Students not receiving financial aid can still work on campus, according to Swift. She said her office posts positions on its job board web site. Salaries of students not on financial aid are not considered work-study, and so their salaries must be fully funded by the University.

Diversity

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the food," said Omarova.

Although its cultural event for last semester ran into obstacles, the Board was able to make steps to improve the campus for those students with disabilities.

"The Board has given a voice to disabled students. Last semester we were able to propose measures to improve accessibility on campus for disabled students and hopefully money will be set aside to make those changes," said Sara Mahoney, a member of Students with Disabilities and Diversity Board.

The Board also plans to pack the month of March with activities. Featuring events ranging from International Women's Week to Hunger Awareness Week, each member of the Board has taken on a cause.

"We are working on getting students to sponsor a child with the Sisters of the Holy Cross in Mexico. If this works we want to start sponsoring children around the world," said Virginia Brewer-Delgado.

Along with helping the world, the Board is trying to involve the South Bend community in its effort to enrich Saint Mary's students.

"For Disabilities Week we want to bring in the Logan center. We want people to see that Saint Mary's is not just one homogenous community," said Omarova.

Even though the Board is

planning events for March, some students think the Board can play an even bigger role on campus.

Some students, like campus activist senior Maureen Capillo, are concerned because they want a Board that is visibly active.

"They haven't done much and they have a lot of work ahead of them," said Capillo.

Utilizing its resources is key, said Jamie Newcomb, Board member.

"Having all these people in one place is an incredible amount of power only if we use it," said Newcomb.

One of the efforts of the Board to increase dialogue on campus this semester has been to hold student forums to discuss various issues.

The first forum in February was so successful that a second was held the next week to continue the discussion on diversity and stereotypes people harbor.

The Board also wants to use the forum as a place for student opinions.

"We want to get Saint Mary's community into dialogue about any issues students have," said Omarova.

The Board acknowledges there is much to be done to work on creating a culturally aware campus.

"It is an ongoing challenge and daily struggle. The more we talk the more we open and I think by next year we will be in a different place," said Terri Johnson, advisor and director of Multicultural Affairs at Saint Mary's.

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Ameritech awards Tarara to create lab

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

Virtual laboratories are on the horizon at Saint Mary's. Rick Tarara, professor of physics at Saint Mary's, was awarded a \$10,000 grant from Ameritech to develop a virtual physics laboratory experiences.

Tarara hopes that the experiences, which will be video sequences and animated simulations, will enhance students' experience in the lab and allow schools with limited equipment to offer more varied experiments to students.

"The whole project is about providing a software tool that is a pre and post-lab exercise for physics labs to familiarize students with equipment," Tarara said.

Tarara explained that a major problem with physics labs is the limited time allowed students. Within the limited time slot, students are expected to become familiar with equipment, perform the experiment and analyze the results.

A virtual lab that allows students to become comfortable with the equipment before lab time and return to the equipment once the lab is completed will offer the students a more complete lab experience.

"Time is a problem in many labs," Tarara said. "You have a certain amount of time in lab, and once you leave, you don't

have access to the equipment. If you can be familiar with the equipment when you come in, you won't have to waste the first half-hour of lab."

The grant allows Tarara to expand on a rougher, initial version of animated computer simulations that he began several years ago. He has initial work done on an air track simulation already completed.

Once the entire lab is completed he will offer it free on the internet to interested faculty at

both the high school and college level.

"The first thing I hope to do is to release this experiment on the web and get some feedback before going on to the next experiment," Tarara said. "I will offer it

free on the internet for download through my website."

Tarara will be presenting his virtual laboratory to both a meeting of the Indiana Association of Physics teachers and at the National Association of Physics teachers meeting.

Ameritech has a history of supporting ideas that enhance technology available to students and skills students learn.

"Ameritech is committed to supporting educational initiatives that utilize technology to enhance learning," said George Fleetwood, president of Ameritech Indiana. "We are proud to support Saint Mary's College as it expands the opportunities high school and college students have to learn."

"The whole project is about providing a software tool that is a pre and post-lab exercise for physics labs to familiarize students with equipment."

Rick Tarara
Saint Mary's professor of physics

AFGHANISTAN

Taliban destroy Islamic symbols

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan

Taliban troops interrupted demolition of two giant stone Buddhas to celebrate the Muslim festival of Eid al-Adha, but will continue destroying the statues when the holiday ends, a Taliban official said Tuesday.

Parts of the massive statues — the larger of the two was believed to be the world's tallest standing Buddha — have been destroyed and demolition will continue when Eid ends Thursday, Abdul Salam Zaeef, the Taliban's ambassador to neighboring Pakistan, said in Islamabad.

"We don't know how long it will take to destroy them, but they will be eliminated," he said.

The Taliban's reclusive leader Mullah Mohammed Omar has ordered all pre-Islamic statues in the country destroyed, including the two towering Buddhas hewn from a cliff face in central Bamiyan in the third and fifth centuries.

Their destruction, as well as thousands that of other relics, including a 2,000-year-old seated bodhisattva, has generated international outrage. In Buddhism, bodhisattvas are people of great spiritual awareness who help others reach enlightenment.

The U.N. Security Council on Tuesday condemned the Taliban's order to destroy the relics as an "incomprehensible and wanton" act of violence against the country's cultural heritage.

Council members joined other U.N. bodies, governments, religious and cultural organiza-

tions in urging the Taliban to halt the destruction of an important part "of the world's cultural treasure."

An eyewitness report earlier said Taliban soldiers were firing anti-aircraft weapons at the giant statues.

"I am being told from Kabul that they are using mainly explosives because the statues are very strong," Zaeef said. "We do not want to spend more money or resources to destroy them. That's why we are using explosives."

He said troops have demolished 25 percent of the two Buddhas. The Taliban's Information and Culture Minister Qatradullah Jamal said earlier that the legs and feet had already been destroyed.

Reporters trying to reach Bamiyan, a valley in the Hindu Kush Mountain range nearly 80 miles from the Afghan capital of Kabul, were turned back by Taliban troops armed with automatic weapons.

Most other Buddhist statues in museums throughout Afghanistan have already been destroyed, said Taliban officials who did not want to be quoted.

It's not known whether the priceless bodhisattva is among them, but one Afghan source said "everyone believes it has been demolished. No one believes it is still there."

Islamic clerics within the Taliban ranks were outraged by the bodhisattva's naked torso when the Kabul Museum was briefly opened last August. The statue was quickly encased in glass.

NATO mulling Macedonian border

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

NATO is considering allowing Yugoslav forces to help keep ethnic Albanian rebels out of Macedonia following clashes there this week, NATO Secretary-General Lord Robertson said Tuesday.

Robertson said the Alliance would decide this week whether

to let Yugoslav troops return to a narrow strip of land along the joint border of Yugoslavia, Macedonia and the Yugoslav province of Kosovo, which is under NATO and U.N. control.

The area is within a three-mile buffer zone set up in 1999 around Kosovo to prevent Belgrade's troops from launching surprise attacks against NATO-led peacekeepers who entered the province after the 78-day NATO bombing campaign, launched to stop then President Slobodan Milosevic's crackdown on Kosovo Albanians.

However, ethnic Albanian militants have used the corridor to smuggle weapons and fighters into southern areas of Yugoslavia's main republic Serbia, which has large ethnic Albanian populations.

The militants want to unite parts of Serbia and Macedonia where ethnic Albanians live. Although NATO entered Kosovo to protect ethnic Albanians, it now fears the aspirations by ethnic Albanian militants in southern Serbia and Macedonia could trigger a new Balkan conflict.

Three Macedonian soldiers were killed this week in clashes with ethnic Albanian gunmen, prompting Macedonia to close its border with Kosovo. Macedonian police said about 170 ethnic Albanians fled their homes Monday to escape the fighting.

Yugoslav forces would not be allowed to return to Kosovo under the plan being considered by NATO. However, Robertson said NATO-led peacekeepers were stepping up controls along the Kosovo-Macedonian border "to restrict the use of Kosovo as

a reinforcement area."

"We're looking very closely now at the decision, a possible decision to allow Yugoslav forces into the ground safety zone along the border with the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and I hope a decision on that will be taken this week," he said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell appeared Tuesday to back the initiative to let Yugoslav troops patrol the Macedonian border.

"We are examining how we can begin to transfer the ground safety zone back to

Yugoslav authorities over time — not all at once, but perhaps beginning with the most difficult area in the south," Powell said in Washington.

Macedonia has a restive ethnic Albanian community, which makes up about one-fourth of its 2 million people.

On Tuesday, Macedonian President Boris Trajkovski promised not to surrender "a single foot" of his territory to "terrorism and extremism."

In Belgrade, Yugoslavia's interior minister, Zoran Zivkovic, said allowing the Yugoslav Army into the border area would provide the "best protection" for Macedonia and for southern Serbia.

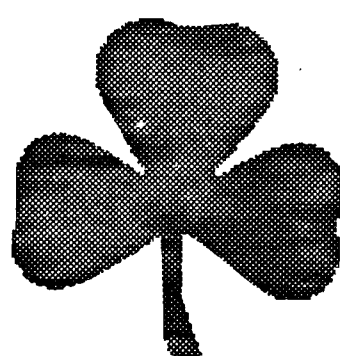
NATO-led peacekeepers in Kosovo have been trying to stop the flow of weapons and fighters into both southern Serbia and Macedonia since rebel activity spilled over from Kosovo last year.

"We hope that by isolating the area concerned, cutting off supply lines, we will make it much more difficult for these people to continue operating and to continue with their provocative action," Robertson said.

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Lord Robertson
NATO Secretary-General

Alumni-Senior Club's Pre-Spring Break/St. Pat's Party



On Wednesday, this week, the Club will be preparing students for the upcoming Spring Break by hosting a special party. Expect traditional St. Patrick's festivities, (see our webpage at www.nd.edu/~asc) including "Find the Shamrock" game to win cool prizes from our sponsor. We'll

also be catering to all our spring breakers, especially those going to warmer areas, by offering something "cool" to your personal satisfaction.

Come see what it's all about this Wednesday night and get your Spring Break started off right. Must be 21 or older with valid ID.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Parents praise Notre Dame family

A week ago my husband Harry and I had the privilege of being a part of Notre Dame's wonderful Junior Parents' Weekend. It was a fun and memorable experience that we both enjoyed immensely.

Along with our daughter Hyland we also did what most Domers do everyday: ate in the dining hall, visited your beautiful bookstore and listened to Father Edward Malloy, Father Joseph Walter and other faculty members and professors as they enlightened us on various matters concerning our daughter's studies at Notre Dame.

As parents we left your fine campus feeling a much deeper closeness to your school. It is because of our grand weekend

that my husband joins me in thanking you as students for making our stay one that continues to fill our heart with precious memories. You were kind, helpful and respectful.

We now have a greater understanding of how you feel when you chant, "We are ND" in the stadium. Please know that we too love Notre Dame and appreciate the loyalty and pride you have toward the Notre Dame family.

Nora Cronin

Morgantown, W.Va.

February 27, 2001

Learn for learning's sake

Fear. You can see it anytime a professor assigns a creative assignment. The classroom becomes silent as the students open their eyes wide in fright. Whether it's a short story in a particular author's style or a first-person anecdote in a foreign language, the class will grow nervous and inevitably hands will begin shooting up across the classroom.

How will this be graded? Is this what you want us to do? Can I show you a draft? And when the professor fails to provide them with a clear formula, a deliberate recipe for a good grade, they panic.

Notre Dame does not have a creative student body. Its strongest colleges are science and business which I think sets the tone for the rest of the University. Our alumni are known for their mergers and I.P.O.s, not their debut novels or feature films. Even the campus seems to lack that philosophical feel to it that you get when you walk through Ann Arbor or one of the Ivy League campuses out east.

No, you'll never confuse South Bend for Oxford, but what we as intellectuals lack in creativity we make up for in elbow grease.

For a Catholic university there's quite a Protestant work ethic here — weeks like this it's especially evident — and it's heightened by a Catholic sense of guilt that I suspect is the pulling force keeping so many students home studying on weekend nights.

I've been told that in a national study our average workload at Notre Dame was in step with the top four schools in the nation. I question how scientific such a study can be but even so it's a telling ranking and to me not a surprising one.

Part of the reason our workload is so heavy is because people here seem to thrive on it. Notre Dame students are like academic Rudy's. We may not be the smartest or cleverest or most privileged in our previous education but we'll out-work, out-hustle, out-extra-credit you into the ground.

Check that. Extra credit at Notre Dame doesn't really exist. Extra credit is offered, don't get me wrong, but the whole notion of extra credit is that certain students will do additional and more challenging work in order to raise their grade in relation to others. At Notre Dame, more often than not, virtually everyone in the class does the extra credit. Since most classes are graded on a curve this means extra credit acts like required credit.

And no matter how ludicrous the ways of generating credit get, the students never flinch. A few years ago a science professor here promised extra credit to any of his students who went to watch his elementary school son play soccer. Off they went, 50 strong, to watch an Indiana children's soccer game in the name of higher education.

But don't misunderstand me; I'm not coming down on a healthy work ethic. No doubt it's an admirable characteristic for a student body to have — and it's why big Chicago accounting firms swoop in every spring and take Domers by the hundreds off to cubicle lives on the Golden Coast — but with everyone working so hard here grading becomes tricky.

Grade inflation is a problem at universities across the country, especially in the liberal arts where objectivity is often lost in a tiring web of opinions. With no right or wrong answers or no clear cut grading key how do you justify giving an A, B, C or (gasp) a C- to a student?

If you grade according to how hard the students work then nearly everybody deserves an A or high B because at this school as with other top universities students will work themselves silly to beat the bell curve. If you don't award most of

them A's, they could do serious harm to themselves.

But it's wrong to give grades based on the amount of effort a student gives. Working hard is a means to success but not an end. In America, we tend to champion work ethic as a byproduct of our rugged frontier origins — but work ethic shouldn't carry too much significance in academia.

This could be why America has never excelled at producing top of the line intellectuals compared to, say, a less otherwise productive country like France. You don't want the French to go to war for you or even to roof your cottage for that matter, but they know how to think.

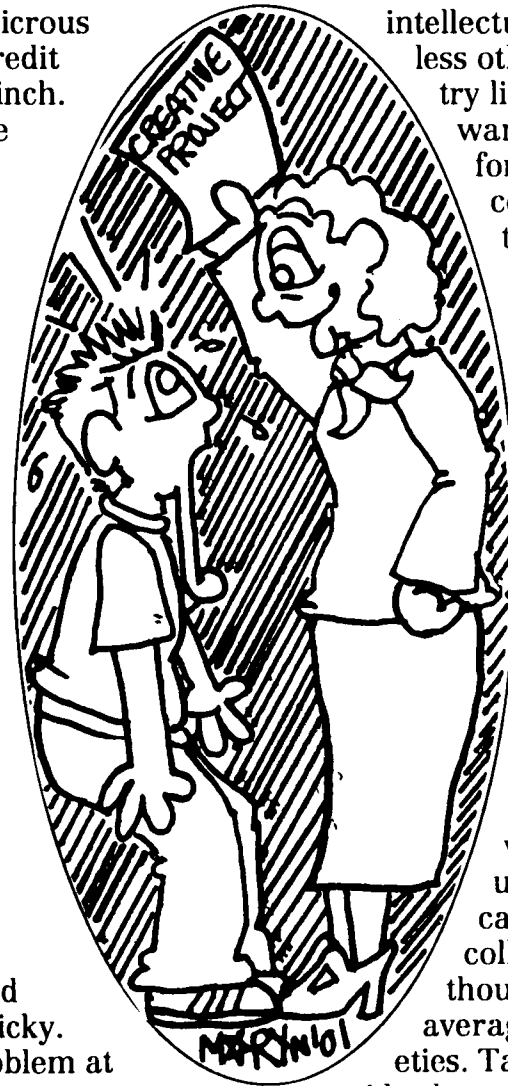
In fact, the whole continent of Europe seems a little smarter than North America, a little more prone to contemplation. Meanwhile we Americans, specifically arts and letters majors at small Catholic universities in Northern Indiana, don't think much but work really hard.

Which circles back to my point that as students sometimes it feels like we're a little too wrapped up in the means to an education. You didn't come to college for midterms, thought pieces, grade point averages or Greek honor societies. Take a step back and consider how ridiculous this game is.

And at the risk of sounding too much the intellectual — admittedly I hung up my tweed jacket with the elbow patches more than a year ago — sometimes it's a nice change of pace to learn simply for the sake of learning.

Scott Blaszak's column appears every other Wednesday.

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SCOTT ADAMS

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The mere imparting of information is not education. Above all things, the effort must result in making a man do and think for himself."

Carter G. Woodson
historian

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Use membership to improve WRC

Notre Dame should be commended for its decision to join the Worker Rights Consortium and the chance to expand its ability to stomp out sweatshop labor in the production of college apparel. This decision could strengthen Notre Dame's role as the leading university in the battle against sweatshops.

For years, Notre Dame has set the standard for anti-sweatshop initiatives by universities. It was the first university to adopt a code of conduct for manufacturers in 1997 and was the first university to monitor its own sweatshops. Notre Dame has also banned the manufacturing of any of its products in countries like China that do not allow workers to organize. This ban will take effect June 30.

But Notre Dame's leadership in the battle against sweatshops doesn't stop with codes of conduct and independent monitoring. It is also one of the co-chairs of the university advisory council of the Fair Labor

Association (FLA). The University is also working with church and human rights organizations to increase its monitoring of labor conditions in Latin America. Clearly, Notre Dame

has taken several steps toward curtailing sweatshop labor. After taking such a strong stance against sweatshop labor,

Notre Dame must ensure that its membership in the WRC only enhances its mission against sweatshops. Notre Dame has

made a significant financial commitment to the WRC by earmarking 1 percent of its licensing revenue to the Consortium. As one of the largest collegiate licensors in the country, Notre Dame has given thousands of dollars to the WRC.

At the same time, the University acknowledges concerns regarding the structure of WRC and its plan for monitoring factories. Currently, only five universities sit on the board of directors of the WRC. If universities are going to spend significant money

on the WRC, they should have a larger say in the direction of the WRC.

Currently the WRC only steps in to monitor factories when a complaint has been logged. While this system is effective for resolving disputes by placing the power of major universities behind the workers, it does little to prevent these problems initially. The WRC should randomly monitor factories before problems occur.

In joining the WRC, the University expressed its confidence that these matters can be resolved satisfactorily. As the newest member of the WRC, Notre Dame should push for a swift resolution to these concerns.

If Notre Dame's experience as the leading anti-sweatshop university can strengthen the WRC, then Notre Dame's investment is worthwhile. Through the FLA, WRC and its own independent monitoring, Notre Dame can make a strong statement against sweatshops.

The Observer Editorial

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Trust in promises is necessary

First and foremost I would like to thank the University of Notre Dame for joining the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC).

Secondly, I would like to answer some concerns and miscommunications between the administration and student groups, particularly in regard to Professor Todd Whitmore's comments yesterday in his article, "WRC Decision A Difficult One."

I commend the University for its work on the sweatshop issue. It has done, as Whitmore mentioned Monday, some wonderful work. I also agree that the importance of such work is defined by its commitment to the Catholic social teachings of solidarity and 'subsidiarity.'

However the question then becomes what this solidarity with workers actually means. In the Kukdong example it meant a number of things.

For one, it meant that the Mexican law had to support and encourage unions (as it should in China) but it also meant that these "governmental" unions had to support the workers' needs.

In Puebla, the home of the Kukdong factory, this was not the case. Their "union" was a government union and it was not supporting or helping workers which is why on Jan. 8, 25 workers were fired for organizing and on Jan. 9, 800 workers participated in a work stoppage.

As the above example shows this reality is a tedious one. Factory conditions and locations vary. These problems are constantly changing and exist at personal and local levels. The conditions in Mexico for apparel workers are different than the working conditions in Indonesia. Not better or worse, just different.

These differing realities make "regular monitoring" enormously difficult. Who is doing this "regular monitoring?" How is it being done? What purpose does it serve? Who is the beneficiary? The workers or the monitors?

When Price WaterhouseCooper, a multi-national auditing firm, does "regular monitoring" they are serving the interests of their customers and not, as the Fair Labor Association likes to claim, the workers in sweatshop conditions. This difficulty (i.e. how one defines

"regular monitoring") is the reason why the WRC is concentrating on complaint based procedures at this juncture.

In regard to Whitmore's concern surrounding the pulling out of companies in production areas — I share your concern and fear. This fear gets to the hardest part of solidarity work. How and when do we best throw our weight and privilege around?

There were many universities and colleges at the WRC founding conference last April that had this exact fear. Administrators were afraid that "public exposure" would alienate corporations and thus result in defensive and very drastic measures like pulling out and leaving thousands without jobs.

The response last April was, "We have the same concerns. But we cannot let our fear stop us. We must move forward on this issue and we need your help and support to get this project off the ground. We will inevitably address these concerns as an unified organization when the time comes. We promise."

That promise was a profound and important promise to hear. And I believe the Kukdong incident and in particular how the WRC as an unified organization handled the incident was a perfect example and confirmation of this promise.

We, as a community, must identify and give voice to our fears as Whitmore did Monday afternoon. We must also think through them and sometimes move past them as the University did yesterday morning when they joined the WRC. Thank you.

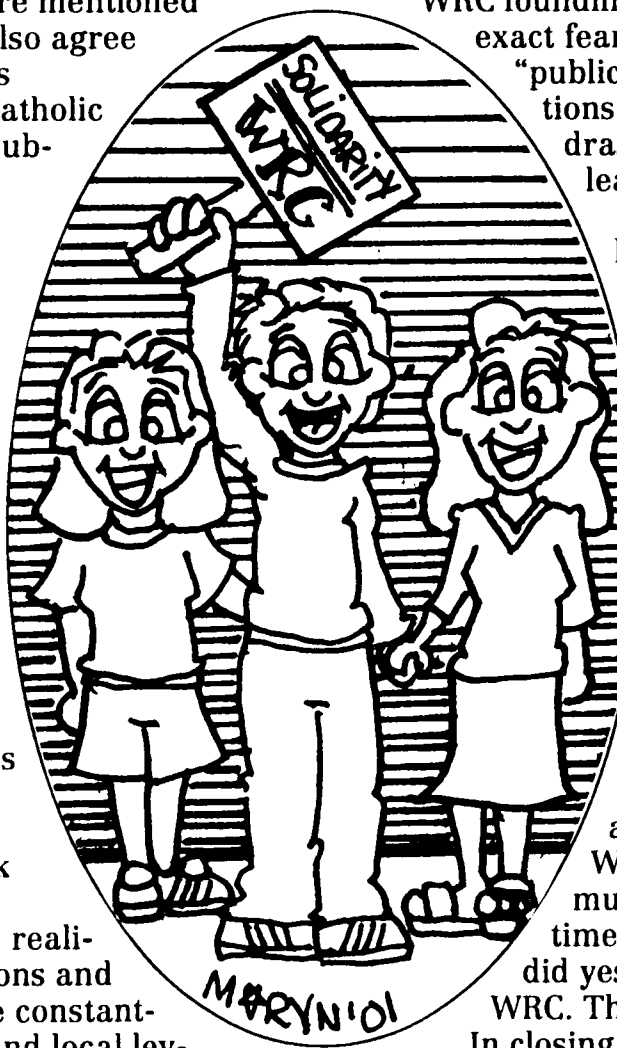
In closing I suggest — maybe even highly recommend — that the University consider applying their commitment of solidarity to their interactions with the Notre Dame student body. In regard to sweatshop issues this would mean allowing an undergraduate student or two who are also active in the Progressive Student Alliance to sit with voting rights on the Notre Dame anti-sweatshop task force and advisory committee to the president.

Maureen Capillo

senior

LeMans Hall

March 6, 2001



Collection revives Romero's spirit

In the days before his death on March 24, 1980, Salvadoran Bishop Oscar Romero said in his homily, "I must tell you, as a Christian, I do not believe in death without resurrection. If I am killed, I shall arise in the Salvadoran people."

Romero was assassinated because he spoke to the people of El Salvador about the poverty of the masses, calling on people of God to take action. El Salvador went through years of bloody civil war that robbed the nation of many of its young people and much of its natural resources.

Economically the country was set back decades and only recently are some gains being made. Until the earthquakes in recent weeks.

El Salvador continues to experience earthquakes on a daily basis, some 60 in total — not just aftershocks. Over a million people are homeless. The estimated poverty rate of 40 percent rose to over 50 percent of the population after the first quake hit.

The people of El Salvador could use the spirit of Oscar Romero now. And his spirit is alive here at Notre Dame.

Al Sondej was a member of the Notre Dame Class of 1974, my class. The class that is able to boast Notre Dame's first astronaut, James Wetherbee, who is scheduled to take off in Space Shuttle Discovery on Thursday of this week. But Al Sondej is also a hero of that class.

Many people to this day remember Al faithfully outside of the North Dining Hall every evening meal, collecting money for people in poverty. A bench there commemorates his efforts.

During the 1970s Al responded to an earthquake in Guatemala by traveling there to help in relief efforts. Al has since passed away but friends of his from the class of 1974 have established a fund in his name here at Notre Dame to assist in poverty relief efforts.

This past week members of that group approached the University with the hope that a fitting memorial for Al's years here at Notre Dame would be to send the proceeds (amounting to several thousand dollars) from Al's fund to El Salvador through Catholic Relief Services.

Romero's spirit lives on, and so does that of Al Sondej!

The week after spring break, Notre Dame will commemorate the 21st anniversary of Romero's assassination with the Annual Oscar Romero Lecture. Lectures and a prayer service will be held on Monday and Tuesday of that week.

As we remember Oscar Romero we can all take this opportunity to also remember his spirit that lived in Al Sondej and continues to be present in our lives on this campus. In Al's memory students will be taking collections outside of both the North and South Dining halls and at the Monday Romero lecture at the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

Please remember our sisters and brothers in El Salvador as they raise money for earthquake relief and rebuilding efforts through the Catholic Relief Services.

Keep the spirit of Romero and Sondej alive in our midst!

Jim Paladino, a member of the Notre Dame class of 1974, is the Associate Director of Program and Resource Administration at the Center for Social Concerns. The CSC's column appears every other Wednesday.

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Jim Paladino

*For a More
Just and
Humane World*

Man triumphs over technology as CBS game show loses

Technology has been screwing people over for more than 100 years. Every time your computer crashes or you watch the "Personalized Settings" box take forever loading up in the lab, technology is screwing you.

But technology screws over corporations too, not just individual people. It seems that technology has been screwing CBS forever.

During the Grammys this year, the CBS edit people kept missing Eminem swearing on the air. As a result, several naughty words kids hear everyday on the playground were said on America's last moral compass — television.

You probably don't remember Michael Larsen, who used technology to screw over CBS back in 1984. Larsen, an unemployed ice cream truck driver, competed on a little game show you might remember fondly: "Press Your Luck."

"Press Your Luck" was the game show where people dressed in teal and bad 80s hair competed for thousands in cash and prizes. People hoped not to hit "Whammies," which were little cartoon characters that took all your money to buy more blue eye shadow, which was the fashion at the time.

Contestants would watch a flickering board and then hit an enormous orange button to stop the board, all the while chanting "No Whammies, Big Bucks, no Whammies, Big Bucks."

Larsen taped every episode of "Press Your Luck" and figured out by pausing his VCR over and over that the game board had only six random patterns. This is like "Jeopardy!" recycling questions, hoping that "nobody pays attention to Alex Trebek anyway."

Larsen memorized the patterns and went from Ohio to Los Angeles to seek his fortune like some covered wagon pioneer from the 1800s. What is not clear is if he left Ohio to avoid kids running up to the ice cream truck with 100 pennies wanting to buy a Fudgesicle.

Once it was his turn to play on the show, Larson kept getting hitting the "Big Bucks" square, racking up \$20,000, then \$30,000 on a game show where winning 10 grand was a big day for a contestant.

About this time, the show's producers realized they were getting screwed, and CBS had sinister emergency meetings to deal with the Larsen problem.

Larsen kept spinning, and eventually got to over \$110,000. At this point he stopped because his concentration began to slip and he got lucky on a couple spins that he didn't hit right.

It's a shame that he did stop because he had a kid going to Notre Dame and \$110,000 wasn't enough to cover the tuition hike in 1984. Apparently they had a "budget crisis" back then too. (I made that up).

CBS only aired the episode with Larsen twice, and when they sold the rights to the reruns to the USA Networks, they put it in the contract that USA couldn't show the Larsen episode, probably out of bitterness. CBS also added 10 more patterns for the board to stop future contestants from screwing them the way Larsen had.

So here are the lessons to be learned from Michael Larsen:

1. If you have technology, it will eventually screw you.
2. If you're going to make a game show, put really dumb people on it and save yourself some money.
3. Game shows have permanent bad karma. They let people win money, and then they take it away. It's like teasing a dog with a Milkbone. You can tease the dog all you want, but eventually he will bite you in the leg.

Who will technology screw next? It's hard to tell. But I, for one, hope it will be CBS.

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Short Circuits

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From game shows' earliest days to the "S

By C. SPENCER BEGGS

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Game shows attract die-hard followers of all ages, fans who live to hear Bob Barker yell, "Come on down!" or hear Regis ask, "Is that your final answer?"

From the earliest days of quiz shows, these armchair players have competed right along with the contestants on their TV screen. Game show addicts are found across the country, and Notre Dame is no exception.

Sophomore Sean Milligan, reigning champion of Playstation "Jeopardy!" in Fisher Hall, considers himself a game show guru.

"I think game shows are the best thing that ever happened to TV," said Milligan. "Where else can you do absolutely nothing and still be a hero for a day?"

Like many of his hall mates, Milligan enjoys his daily fix of game shows. His favorites include "Jeopardy!," "The Price is Right," "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" and "Temptation Island".

Milligan is confident in his game show stratagems. "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" I rule that game," he said. "I'd win at 'Temptation Island' and 'Survivor' at the same time."

Since his childhood, Milligan has been watching game shows and planning his shot at the million dollar question. Of course, the jackpot was not always \$1 million.

In fact, the first game show had no prize and was not even aired on television, proving just how far the genre has come since its conception.

History

Today it is almost impossible not to recognize the phrases "Is that your final answer?" or "I'd like to buy a vowel." The catchy theme music from "Jeopardy!" and "Wheel of Fortune" is impossible to get out of your head. You're humming it right now, aren't you?

Yet while these programs have become a staple in American popular culture, the game show as we know it today is surprisingly young. In 1923, only 13 years after the

first public radio broadcast, two ambitious young men — "Time" magazine co-founder Britton Hadden and his circulation manager Roy Larsen — made world history. With the strike of a chime, the two men premiered "The Pop Question Game" in an attempt to increase the readership of the fledgling news journal.

"The Pop Question Game" consisted of a selected guest answering one question, or "skull test," before the chime's last note sounded.

No prize money was offered on "The Pop Question Game". No fancy cars or dream vacations were won with the correct answer. Moreover, the creators of the game show concept had no idea how big their publicity stunt would become.



John Carpenter, David Goodman
Wants to be a Millionaire."



Now in its 28th season on CBS, "The Price is Right," hosted by Bob Barker, is the longest running game show in television history.

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nts to be a millionaire?

Survivor" phenomenon, Americans have been obsessed with TV competition



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n, John Trela and Kim Hunt (clockwise from top left) react to winning \$1 million on ABC's "Who

The first radio show to have a real game show format was the "Professor Quiz" show, which debuted in March 1937. The show boasted a host, an announcer, a studio audience and prizes.

"Professor Quiz" aired on CBS, at that time a radio station like all the other major networks. By the next year, other networks had taken notice of the successful idea, and soon there were over 200 programs with a similar format.

Shortly after the first for-profit television broadcasts, games shows made the transition to the little screen. The first commercial television game show, NBC's "Uncle Jim's Question Bee," aired July 1, 1941. The show beat out the more famous "first" game show — CBS's "Truth or Consequences" — by a few short hours.

"Uncle Jim's Question Bee" was actually the direct descendant of the "Professor Quiz" show. When the original host of "Professor Quiz" became ill, he was released from contract with CBS. After recovery, he was hired to host "Uncle Jim's Question Bee" by CBS's biggest rival.

Before Regis and "Who Wants to be a Millionaire," there was another catchphrase on America's lips. Beginning in the 1940s, NBC's "Dr. I.Q." set the standard for pompous and overly loquacious hosts. Each night an assistant would announce with great gusto, "I have a lady in the balcony, Doctor."

While the phrase may not be as catchy as the famed "Jeopardy!" category "potent potables," "Dr. I.Q." defined the America's game show in a way no other program had done or would do for 50 years. The vaudeville pomp and grandeur of "Dr. I.Q." is apparent in almost every game show seen today.

Today's Game Shows

Modern game shows have moved from being purely games shows to incorporating different genres. For example, "American Gladiators" combined prize incentives with a physical challenge aspect. A more recent trend in shows like "Temptation Island" and "Survivor" is to tap into the relatively new arena of the real-life documentary.

Newer shows like MTV's "Fear," which places people in situations deliberately designed to play on

their phobias, focus on the contestants themselves rather than the game. Similarly, "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" centers on the contestants' reactions as they struggle to answer difficult questions.

Another show, FOX's "Greed," pits people against each other in a way unlike other earlier quiz games. In "Greed," contestants must play cooperatively and against each other at the same time. Again, the show focuses on the participants themselves rather than the game.

Game Show Flops

Unfortunately, many ideas in game shows have not been received with the enthusiasm of "Survivor" and "Temptation Island." Because of the relatively low production cost of game shows, thousands of hours of film from bizarre concepts are locked away in studio vaults.

For example, in 1982 Greg and

John Rice, twin midgets, hosted the unusually titled "That **** Quiz Show." The show was based on a gambling premise between teams of players with unusual jobs or backgrounds.

Unfortunately, the offensive nature of this premise caused the show's cancellation two months after it premiered.

Another ill-fated game show, 1961's "You're in the Picture," was hosted by Jackie Gleason. In this game, situation panelists were set in a picture

frame and obscured by a screen, except for their heads.

By asking yes-or-no questions, contestants tried to ascertain what the panelists were doing behind the screen. "You're in the Picture" was so disappointing that Jackie Gleason apologized to the audience in advance before the second episode was filmed. Luckily, the networks had the good sense to pull the plug before the second episode aired.

The basic premises of more successful game shows have evolved little over the last 60 years. A look at "The Encyclopedia of TV Game Shows" exposes how often producers repackaged old themes. "The Price is Right" is suspiciously similar to the 1947 show "Missus Goes A-Shopping," and comedy improv show "Whose Line is it Anyway" closely resembles Jack Lemon's "The Ad-Libbers" from 1951.

Do You Want To Be A Millionaire?

It is easy to sit back and watch faceless contestants match their wits against the masters, but does everyone have the chutzpa to actually play? The selection process is not as hard as one might think.

"Jeopardy!" offers contestant interviews year-round. The interview consists of a 50 question test. Those who pass the test go on to a videotaped mock session of the game filmed by none other than host Alex Trebek. The lucky hopefuls who make it past the taping will then have their names put in an active file for a year, during which they may be called upon to attend a real "Jeopardy!" round.

The selection process for "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" is less exclusive. Interested parties may call in and play a telephone version of the game during announced hours.

Winners of the round are entered into a random computerized drawing to play a second qualifying round. If successful, the parties will again be placed in a computerized random pool and may then be called as contestants for the show.

Strategies to win at the games are widely varied. A brief look at the games section of any large bookstore reveals numerous titles on how to succeed in each show. Some books recommend systems for managing time while others claim to have advanced knowledge of what questions the quiz will pose.

Those are strategies too involved for connoisseurs like Milligan.

"The trick to winning at 'Jeopardy!' is being fast on the buzzer and knowing way too much useless stuff," he said. "In 'Survivor' you have to make friends, but not really be their friends."

It may be a while before you see Milligan's face in the hot seat of a quiz show, but he is confident that if anyone is brave enough to step up to the buzzer, he will soundly show them what it means to be a true game show guru.

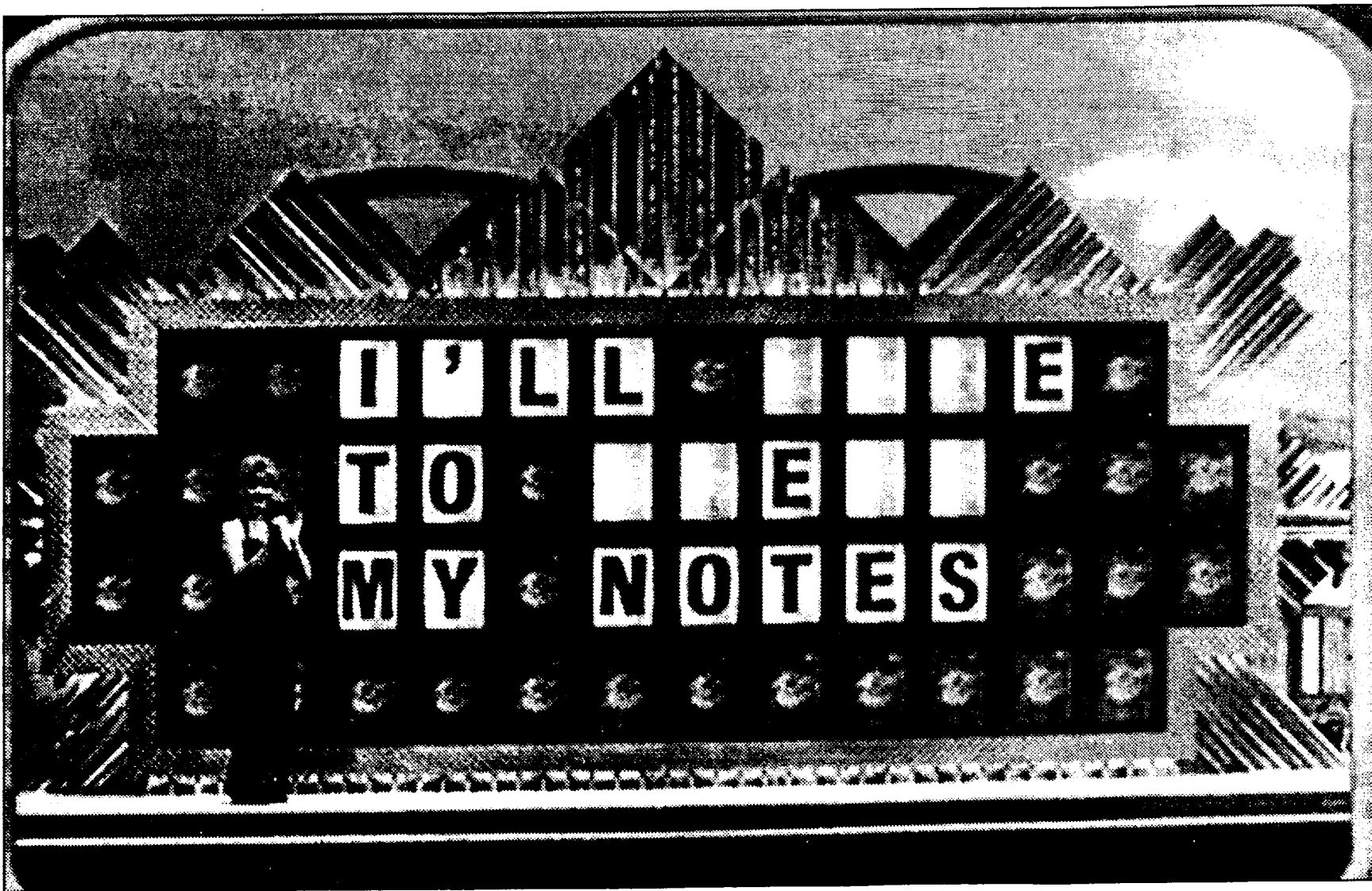


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Contestants spin for big money and ask to buy vowels on CBS's "Wheel of Fortune," now in its 18th season starring Pat Sajak and Vanna White.

Hoops

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"We beat a hell of a team," Huskies' head coach Geno Auriemma said. "I think it should have ended when it was 76-all and we all could have gone home."

The victory was bittersweet, however, for the Huskies. Shea Ralph, last season's NCAA Final Four MVP, went down late in the second half with a knee injury. Ralph, who twice has torn the anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee, apparently suffered the same injury in her left.

"On the examination, it was clear that the ligaments in the knee are loose," Connecticut team doctor Michael Joyce said. "My strong clinical impression at this time is that she tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee."

Ralph had 11 points, six assists and three steals in 14 minutes before hurting her knee.

"Every time I come home and say so-and-so's been practicing great or playing great, I jinx them," Auriemma said. "I came home before the tournament started and I said, 'Shea Ralph's going to be the MVP of the tournament.'"

Without Ralph and All-American Svetlana Abrosimova — who already suffered a season-ending left foot injury on Feb. 7 — Bird stepped to the forefront.

The point guard, who finished with a team-high 15 points on the night, hit more than just the crucial game-winner.

In the closing seconds of the first half, Bird nailed a running three-pointer from just inside the half-court line to put the Huskies ahead 52-46 heading in to the locker room.

"We were trying to go get into man-to-man," McGraw

said. "I was really disappointed that she didn't have somebody in front of her when she shot that."

Bird then broke a 73-73 tie in the game's final minute, hitting a three-pointer from the top of the key. Riley countered with a lay-up 10 seconds later to pull the Irish within one.

Bird then dribbled the ball out of bounds, setting up a possible game-winner for the Irish.

UConn center Kelly Schumacher fouled Riley in the lane. The Big East player of the year hit the second free-throw after bouncing the first off the back of the rim.

The crowd went nuts, anticipating a last-second game winning shot. McGraw contends that the loud environment kept her team from properly defending in the game's final seconds.

"I think the crowd was definitely a factor," McGraw said. "At the end of the game we had a foul to give, but we didn't have a timeout left to kind of organize things and tell them that."

Riley was named to the All-Tournament team following the game, along with teammates Kelley Siemon and Alicia Ratay as well as Connecticut's Ralph and Asjha Jones. Connecticut freshman guard Diana Taurasi, who scored 14 points, including four three-pointers, on Tuesday, was named the Tournament Most Valuable Player.

Riley led the Irish with 23 points and nine rebounds. She played only 33 minutes as she committed four fouls.

"I think they wanted her on the bench, so they kept going at her," McGraw said. "I think they had some success doing that."

Siemon added 16 points,

eight rebounds and two steals for the Irish while Ratay scored 14 points, including three three-pointers. Point guard Niele Ivey touched for 11 points while handing out nine assists.

"We don't play well if Niele Ivey doesn't play well," McGraw said. "She played extremely well today. I think our balance has been really the key for us."

Despite trailing by six at the halftime buzzer, Notre Dame had one of its best shooting halves of the season. The Irish hit 60.7 percent of their field goal attempts in the opening half, while limiting the Huskies to 52.5 percent from the floor.

In the second half, the Irish defense got even better. Connecticut attempted 39 shots from the floor, connecting on only 10.

The Irish shot only 40.7 percent in the second half. McGraw attributes the shooting woes to the fast pace of the game's first 20 minutes.

"Our game is to run," McGraw said. "We played our own game but in the second half I think we paid the price for it. I think they did too, because their shots weren't dropping."

Connecticut backup center Kelly Schumacher, averaging only 6.1 points per contest coming in, came off the bench to score 10 points playing inside against Riley.

"Schu knew I wasn't happy with her, because she wasn't practicing very good," Auriemma said. "She was looking at me with this look on her face like 'You're an idiot.' She said, 'Put me in.' I said, 'All right, go in.'" She would never say that before."

The Irish now have a week off before hosting the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament in the Joyce Center. Opponents and game times will be announced Sunday.

McGraw hopes to see her team face off against the Huskies for the third time this season in the Final Four.

"We're extremely hopeful that there will be a trilogy," McGraw said. "We're both No. 1 seeds so if it plays out as it should, we will should get another chance to play."

Classic

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an Instant Classic.

By this weekend, Connecticut will probably erect a Sue Bird statue. According to Bird, however, if the final seconds ended differently, she would be hung in effigy. With 16.3 seconds left and Connecticut ahead 76-75, center Kelly Schumacher set a screen for Bird, who drove past Niele Ivey. Bird took a few dribbles before the ball bounced off her leg and went out of bounds for the turnover.

Forget that Bird sat out the previous night's semifinal due to back spasms. Forget that Bird finished with a team-high 15 points. Forget that 33 seconds earlier, Bird hit a three-pointer to give the Huskies a three-point lead.

"I knew if I didn't hit the game winning-shot," Bird said, "there were going to be problems in the University of Connecticut coaches' offices."

In the other coaches' office, Muffet McGraw and company must be pleased. Ruth Riley, after struggling offensively the past two games, accumulated a line (23 points, 9 rebounds, 3 blocks) worthy of the National Player of the Year award. The Irish shot 50.9 percent from the field, out rebounded the Huskies 42-39 and received a 16-point 8-rebound performance from All-Tournament member Kelley Siemon.

And although they lost, Tuesday's game may have been more impressive than the 96-72 win over then No. 1 Connecticut on Jan. 15. In that contest, Notre Dame played flawlessly while Connecticut seemed shocked and startled and even "gave up," according to Bird and coach Geno Auriemma.

On Tuesday, Notre Dame did not handle the Connecticut pressure as well as before, Riley got into foul trouble, and the Huskies found the gaps in the Irish zone, a defense that caused nightmares for the Huskies in January.

But even with those problems, the Irish still had a chance to win their

first-ever Big East tournament title.

"I feel better about this game [than the 54-53 to Rutgers on

Feb. 17]."

McGraw said. "This game I feel we played at least pretty well. There's a lot of good things to take from it."

Auriemma had the same reaction. Sort of.

The Huskies' eighth straight tournament title was spoiled by bad news. Shea Ralph, a second-team All-Big East selection and the team leader, tore the ACL in her left knee with 5:18 left in the first half and will likely miss the remainder of the season.

Ralph, the Big East Player of the Year last season, joins forward Svetlana Abrosimova, the conference Player of the Year in 1998-99 on the sidelines for the NCAA tournament. Abrosimova injured her left foot on Feb. 1 and underwent surgery to repair a torn ligament.

Before the injury, Ralph had 11 points, 6 assists and 3 steals.

"Somebody asked me [before the tournament], 'Have you seen a different look in your players eyes?'" Auriemma said. "I said 'No, they all look just as dopey as before, except for Shea Ralph.' You can't play better than the way Shea was playing. It's impossible. She was on her way. She was on her way."

Connecticut is on its way to the NCAA tournament as the nation's top team. Although they will be without Ralph and Abrosimova, the Huskies have more depth than a Father Hesburgh sermon. Five players scored in double figures and eight played more than 14 minutes on Tuesday.

When the NCAA brackets are announced on Sunday night, both teams will likely be No. 1 seeds. So another game is possible.

"We're extremely hopeful that there will be a trilogy," McGraw said. For now, the focus remains on Notre Dame-Connecticut II.

A few minutes after the contest, while the Connecticut players were accepting the tournament trophy, one Husky fan in Section 109 shouted to no one in particular.

"That was a great women's basketball game," he said.

He's wrong.

That was a great basketball game.

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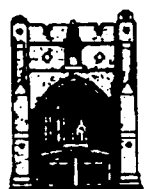
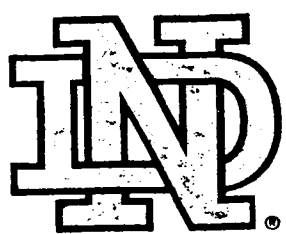
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NHL

NHL looks to speed game, improve flow

Associated Press

LA QUINTA, Calif.

Hockey is one of sport's fastest, most frenetic games — until a whistle blows and the action comes to a screeching halt.

The NHL is considering ways to cut down on stoppages — such as goalies freezing the puck when there is no opponent near — and keep the game going.

"I think the general impression is 'Let's find a way to speed the game up within the game where there are less whistles,'" Colin Campbell, NHL director of hockey operations, said Tuesday during a break in the league general managers' meetings.

"Everyone likes to see a game with one continuous flow. The players like to play in the game, the coaches like to coach it, the fans like to see it."

Keeping the game moving does not necessarily require rule changes, but possibly just more delay of game calls in accordance with the existing rules.

Campbell said that, during a session with some GMs on a committee to discuss the issue, these questions were raised: "Why try to bring in new rules to make the game continuous? What's going on with our present rules and how have they eroded: skaters shooting the puck on purpose into the stands; a skater on purpose falling on the puck; a goaltender freezing the puck when there's no opponent near him?"

He said the committee has been filtering through some suggestions and studying the results of a questionnaire sent around the league.

"Why would we even consider blending new rules into the game, trying to figure out how to call them consistently, when we already have rules, whether they were put in there one year, five, 10, 15 years ago, that have been eroded," he said.

"We've all seen games where the guy intentionally stops play to keep the puck in his hand. It was called years ago, but it's not now," Campbell said.

"The hardest part is getting consistency of application from our referees to 30 teams, 700 players and all the fans. That's why there are always complaints with calls. That [getting the word around] is our task. We've taken baby steps."

Any changes in the way the rules are enforced will have to wait until at least next season. Campbell said the committee will make a report this summer.

The idea isn't to shorten the game, but to keep it flowing.

"Commercials, we're not going to change that. The length of the intermissions, we're not going

to change that. But can we get the players to move the puck, not just stop the play? That's what we discussed," he said.

Studies have shown that goalies freezing the puck is the most frequent cause of the game being stopped.

If the league does decide to enforce some of the rules to speed up the game, it obviously will take some getting used to.

"You let the players and officials know in training camp, in exhibition, and that's it. Then I don't think you'll see it happening much," Campbell said.

He also said that the league was, at the behest of the players' union, going to look again at how the fight-instigator rule might be modified to make it clearer.

Also at Tuesday's session, the first of three days the general managers are meeting in this desert resort, Anaheim GM Pierre Gauthier said the Mighty Ducks were still trying to help Guy Hebert, the team's goalie since it came into the league in 1993, land with another team.

Hebert became expendable Monday when the Ducks swapped Teemu Selanne to San Jose for goalie Steve Shields and left wing Jeff Friesen.

Phoenix GM Cliff Fletcher said the Coyotes, who traded holdout goalie Nikolai Khabibulin to Tampa Bay on Monday for three players and a draft pick, are still shopping. His list includes a defenseman or two and maybe a wing — all preferably young.

"I think you saw in the big trade we made yesterday that we got a draft choice, a 19-year-old and a 21-year-old," Fletcher said.

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MLB

Ramirez swings Pirates to victory

Associated Press

Terry Mulholland.

FORT MYERS, Fla.

Aramis Ramirez continued his hot hitting and the Boston Red Sox kept up their poor fielding as the Pittsburgh Pirates won 7-3 Tuesday with six unearned runs.

Ramirez went 2-for-3 with a single, double and two RBIs. He is 7-for-11 with seven runs, 17 total bases and five RBIs in four spring training games.

The Red Sox made three errors, giving them 11 in five games, four of them losses. Of the 39 runs they've allowed, 19 were unearned.

"It's early," Boston manager Jimmy Williams said. "We have people out there who we know can catch the ball."

Mike Lansing, filling in for injured shortstop Nomar Garciaparra, committed an error with one out and no runners on in the first inning that led to two unearned runs. Brian Giles' double put runners at second and third.

A wild pitch by loser Rolando Arrojo let in one run and another scored on Ramirez's ground-out to second. Meanwhile, winner Kris Benson got the Pirates off to a good start with three scoreless innings in which he struck out three, walked none and allowed two hits.

Pittsburgh, which ended a three-game losing streak, got its only earned run in the fourth on a double by Ramirez, a wild pitch by Tomo Ohka and a fielder's choice grounder by former Boston designated hitter Reggie Jefferson.

A fifth-inning error by third baseman John Valentin led to three unearned runs that made the score 6-0. They came in on consecutive singles by Ramirez, Kevin Young and Jefferson.

Boston scored in the sixth on Brian Daubach's double and Dante Bichette's RBI single off

Twins 8, Rangers 5

Corey Koskie had three hits and three RBIs, making his 7-for-10 at the plate this spring, and the Minnesota Twins beat the Texas Rangers.

Scott Sheldon's two-run homer for Texas off Willie Martinez tied the score 4-all in the fifth.

Minnesota went ahead in the sixth against Brian Sikorski on an RBI single by Mike Moriarty and a two-run homer by Michael Restovich. Both are non-roster players.

Koskie had run-scoring singles in the first and in a three-run fourth. He added an RBI double in the ninth.

Dodgers 8, Braves 4

Chris Donnels hit a two-run homer off John Smoltz, making his first appearance since elbow surgery last spring, and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Atlanta Braves.

Smoltz, who had a ligament in his right elbow replaced last March 23, threw 25 pitches, struck out two and walked two. He didn't feel any pain.

"It felt great," he said. "There's a sense of joy and relief that this is step one of five games to get me ready for the season. And I want to be as ready as everyone else. I don't want to be looked upon like whatever happens is bonus. I'm excited about the way I threw the ball."

Braves manager Bobby Cox called Donnels' home run a "popup" that was swept out by strong winds.

"I thought he threw free and easy and was just outstanding," Cox said. "He looked poised and comfortable. Smoltz made the whole day. I'll give up a win anytime to see that."

Los Angeles starter Darren Dreifort and Chan Ho Park combined for five hitless innings.



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Awards

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Boston College from a 3-13 Big East record a year ago, the worst in the conference to 13-3 this season, the best of any team.

"The two guys who were selected player of the year were from championship teams," Brey said. "I think it just sends a great message. It's so good when your individual award winners come from championship teams or teams that are in the hunt."

In the process of rebuilding Boston College, the 6-1 sophomore Bell scored 20.1 points per game, good for third in the Big East, and a third-best 2.6 steals per game.

"I never envisioned myself being here so soon," Bell said.

Eagles' coach Al Skinner also got credit for Boston College's turnaround, capturing Big East coach of the year.

Seton Hall freshman Eddie Griffin won rookie of the year, after leading the Big East with 19 double-doubles and the nation with 4.5 blocks per game.

Providence junior John

Linehan, a point guard, won defensive player of the year, as the

Friars improved from 4-12 in the league a year ago to 11-5 this season.

Syracuse's Preston Shumpert and West Virginia's Calvin Bowman shared the award for Most Improved Players, with the voting slighting Notre Dame senior point guard Martin Ingelsby.

Ingelsby, who played a limited reserve role a year ago, now averages 37.9 minutes per game as a team captain. He has posted the best assist-to-turnover ratio in the Big East at 3.49, while finishing near the top of the league in assists.

"I thought Martin was so deserving," Brey said. "I wanted it so bad for him — something, maybe most improved, maybe third team."

Ingelsby seemed more interested in getting more team wins than individual honors. The same goes for junior forward Ryan Humphrey, who was named to the third team All-Big East, but could have made a case for being a second team selection. Humphrey scored 14.3

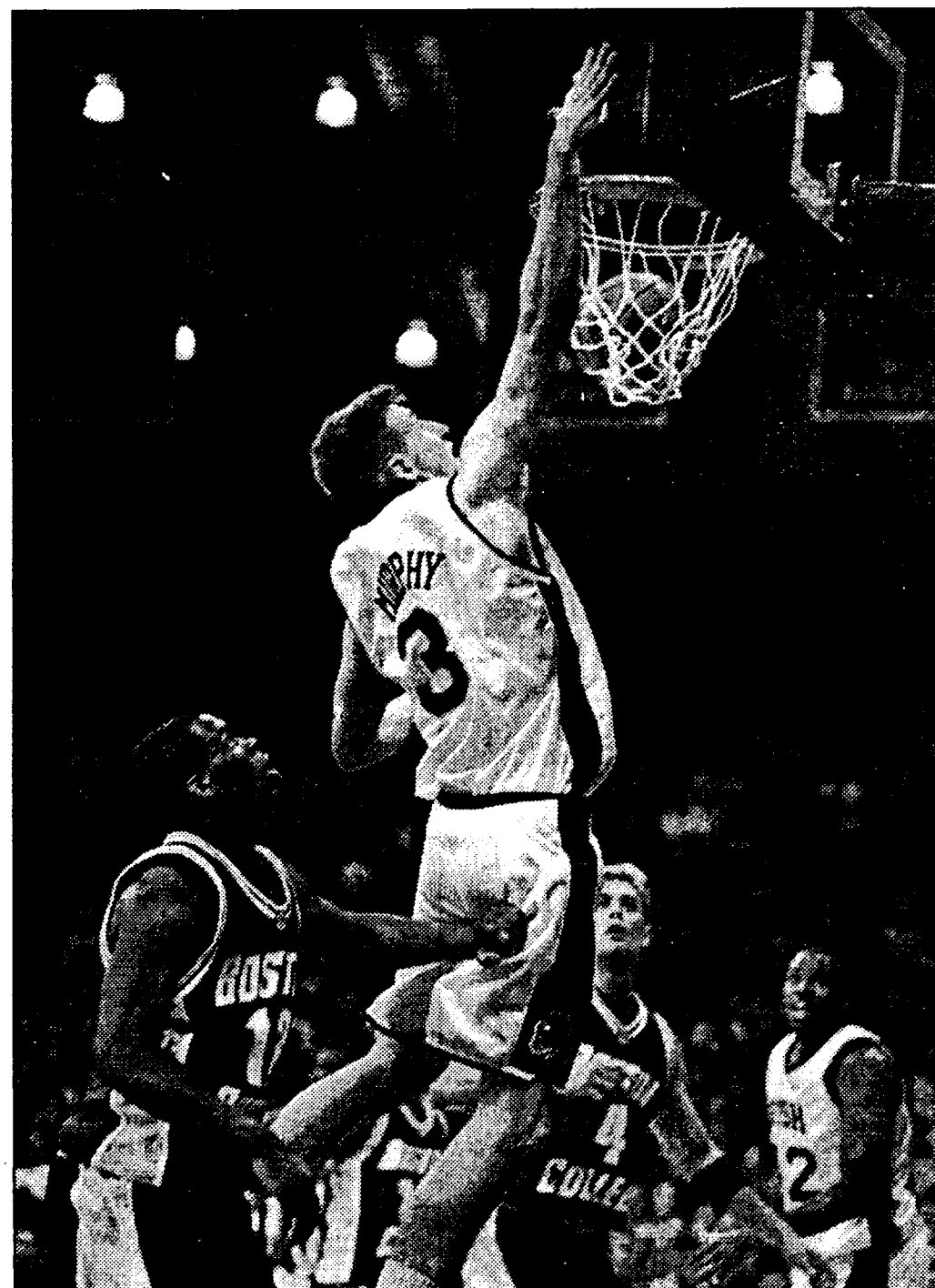
points and pulled down nine rebounds per game in his first season as a transfer from Oklahoma.

"I've just got to take it as it comes," Humphrey said. "The only thing that matters are the team goals. As long as we win the championship, that's all that matters."

While Brey thought Humphrey could have been picked a bit higher, he also thought Ingelsby or sophomore shooting guard Matt Carroll had the types of seasons worthy of all-conference selection. Then again, the Irish coach recognized that their snubs indicated the quality of Big East players.

"There's a lot of good players in our league," Brey said. "They've really grasped winning and chasing a championship and going back to the NCAA Tournament. So the individual things have been brushed off pretty quickly, and they're going for the team goals."

Big East Tournament play begins today. The Irish have a first-round bye, and will face the winner of tonight's Miami-Pittsburgh face off Thursday at 7 p.m.



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Junior Troy Murphy flies over Boston College defenders. Murphy was named Big East player of the year Tuesday.

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NHL

Gretzky, Coyotes see big changes

Associated Press

PHOENIX
Not even a month has passed in the Wayne Gretzky era, yet the Phoenix Coyotes have already fired and hired a general manager and traded the team's holdout goalie.

On Monday night, Phoenix sent goaltender Nikolai Khabibulin and defenseman Stan Neckar to the Tampa Bay Lightning for defenseman Paul Mara, forwards Mike Johnson and Ruslan Zainullin and a second-round draft choice.

The first major player move made on the watch of managing partner Gretzky may just have been a way to unload one of the two All-Star goalies in Phoenix.

But speculation also remains that this could be the beginning of a number of deals the team will make to reduce its payroll before next Tuesday's NHL trading deadline.

Coyotes GM Cliff Fletcher said Tuesday he will "absolutely" make additional moves but hedged as to whether they would occur before the deadline. He has spoken with several general managers concerning Phoenix captain Jeremy Roenick and leading scorer Keith Tkachuk, both of whom Fletcher believes will still be members of the Coyotes on Wednesday night.

"We're looking at it with an open mind," he said of the possibility of trading Tkachuk. Fletcher said the offer would have to be perfect to let go of a player who's on pace to score 40 goals for the fourth straight season.

"I don't know if that deal's there. If not, he's a very good hockey player and we're happy to have him."

Fletcher was more definitive about the immediate future of Roenick, who becomes an unrestricted free agent at the end of the season and has been negotiating with the Coyotes.

"You know nothing's going to happen before the trading deadline," Fletcher said from a GMs meeting in La Quinta, Calif. "There's no situation here where we would say: 'If you don't sign before the trading deadline, we're trading you.' That's not an issue."

Trading Roenick and Tkachuk has been mentioned as a way to offset a financial burden incurred by the new owners. Principal owner Steve Ellman said the Coyotes will lose \$20 million by year's end while playing in an arena with many limited-view seats. He also went through a series of deadline extensions to secure the \$90 million needed for last month's purchase.

Tkachuk commands \$8.3 mil-

lion this season, but Gretzky said last month he wants him to stay.

"I hope to build a team around Keith Tkachuk," he said. "I've said that from Day 1."

Gretzky also made a commitment last year to keep Khabibulin, the second-winningest goalie in franchise history. But with Khabibulin's high salary demands and the stellar play of Sean Burke — who has almost single-handedly kept Phoenix in the playoff hunt — the five-year starting netminder became expendable.

"The numbers Nik was throwing out were respectable, but we couldn't bite the bullet," Gretzky said. "It's good for him, but we had to better our hockey team, and we're getting some young guns to help."

Youth has become a top priority for the Coyotes, who recently lost 35-year-old forward Claude Lemieux to an ankle injury for the remainder of the regular season.

Fletcher, who took over for Bobby Smith just two days after Gretzky became managing partner, said the team's wish list includes a winger and a couple of defensemen.

Three-time All-Star Teppo Numminen is out with an ankle injury and the Coyotes have suffered through a five-game winless streak in which they have yielded 25 goals.

Red Wings topple Canucks 4-3

Associated Press

VANCOUVER

Steve Yzerman scored twice as the Detroit Red Wings continued their dominance of the Vancouver Canucks with a 4-3 victory Tuesday night.

Yzerman made it 3-1 on the power play at 15:43 of the second period, then added the eventual game-winner 4:25 into the third on a one-timer from the slot.

Martin Lapointe added a goal and an assist, and Mathieu Dandenault also scored for the Red Wings, who haven't lost to Vancouver in more than three years.

Markus Naslund scored his 38th goal, and Ed Jovanovski and Daniel Sedin added power-play goals for the Canucks, who fell to 0-13-3 against Detroit since Feb. 6, 1997.

Naslund made it 4-3 with 5:30 left to play.

The Canucks had several chances to get even after they pulled goalie Dan Cloutier, and went on a power play. But

Vancouver couldn't get the tying goal past Manny Legace.

Legace finished with 20 saves to improve to 19-5-4.

The Red Wings, who have lost just once in 14 games (11-1-3-0), moved one point ahead of St. Louis for first place in the Central Division.

Detroit finished 1-for-7 on the power play, but scored twice just after a man-advantage expired.

Jovanovski staked the Canucks to a 1-0 lead midway through the first period, but Lapointe tied it at 14:59, just two seconds after Naslund stepped out of the penalty box.

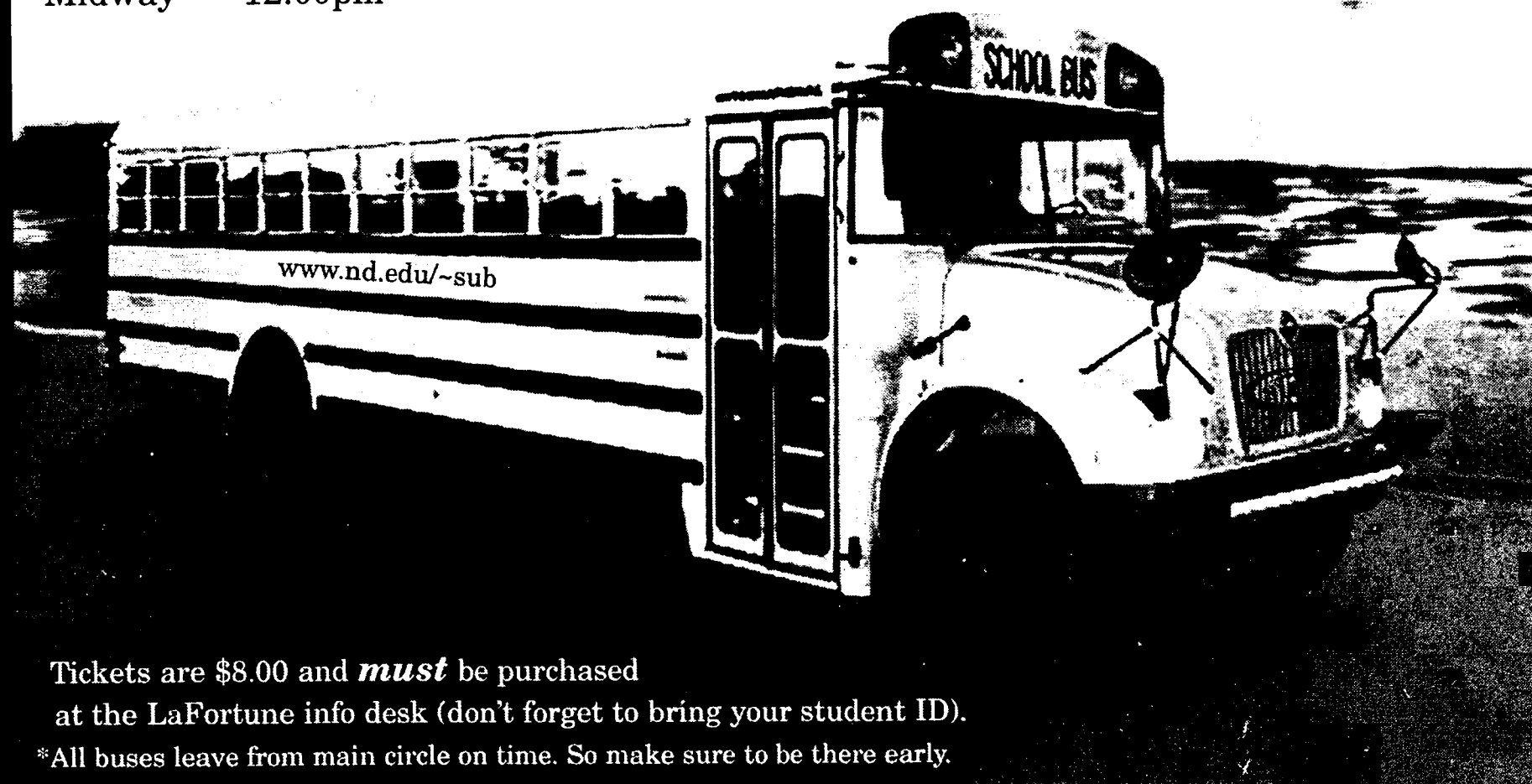
Dandenault gave the Red Wings the lead for good with a wrist shot from the slot 7:31 into the second period, six seconds after a Vancouver penalty expired.

Daniel Sedin made it 3-2 and moved into a tie for the rookie goal-scoring lead when he tipped twin brother Henrik's point shot past Legace with 1:30 left in the second period for his 18th goal.

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HOCKEY

Freshman Lebda named to CCHA all-rookie team

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame freshman defenseman Brett Lebda has been selected to the Central Collegiate

Hockey Association's all-rookie team for the 2000-01 season.

Two teammates, freshman center Aaron Gill and freshman Rob Globke were awarded honorable mentions.

Lebda finished the season as the CCHA's highest scoring rookie defenseman with seven goals and 19 assists for 26 points. Those numbers also rank Lebda second among all CCHA defense-

men in the scoring column trailing only Michigan's Jeff Jillson (10-18-28).

Among Lebda's seven goals two were power play goals, two were shorthanded goals and one was a game-winning goal. The offensive-minded defenseman finished third on the team with 112 shots on goal.

In December, the 5-10, 195-pound blueliner became the first Notre Dame player since 1994 to score five points in a game when he had a goal and four assists in a 7-3 Irish win at Nebraska-Omaha.

A product of the U.S. Under-18 developmental team, Lebda is the fifth Notre Dame player to be named to the CCHA all-rookie team. He joins current teammate, David Inman (1998-99) along with Mark Eaton (1997-98), Joe Dusbabek (1996-97) and Jamie Ling (1992-93) to receive the honor. He is the second Notre Dame defenseman named to the team, joining Eaton who is currently playing for the Nashville Predators in the National Hockey League.

Lebda was selected as a CCHA rookie of the week on Feb. 25 for his play in Notre Dame's games at Alaska-Fairbanks when he had a goal and three assists, helping the Irish to a tie and a victory.

Gill scored 11 goals with 15 assists for 26 points while Globke scored 17 goals and added nine

assists for 26 points. His 17 goals were second among CCHA rookies behind Jeff Campbell's 23.

All three Notre Dame freshmen finished the year with 26 points to tie for third in team scoring. This marks the first time since the 1978-79 season that three freshmen finished the year with 25 or more points in one season.

The CCHA rookie-of-the-year Award will be announced on Thursday, March 15 at the CCHA Awards Banquet in Detroit, Mich.

The 2000-01 CCHA all-rookie team:

Forward — Jeff Campbell (Western Michigan) Forward — Dave Steckel (Ohio State) Forward — R.J. Umberger (Ohio State) Defense — Mike Komisarek (Michigan) Defense — Brett Lebda (Notre Dame) Goaltender — Dan Ellis (Nebraska-Omaha)

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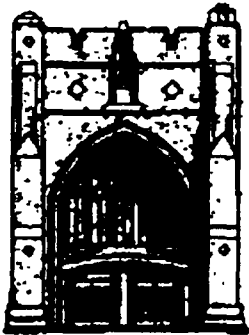
Forwards — Derek Edwardson (Miami), Aaron Gill (Notre Dame), Rob Globke (Notre Dame). Defense — Doug Andress (Ohio State), Andy Burnes (Michigan), Mike Gabinet (Nebraska-Omaha), Mike Jarmuth (Western Michigan), Felipe Larranaga (Alaska-Fairbanks). Goaltender — Craig Kowalski (Northern Michigan), Preston McKay (Alaska-Fairbanks)

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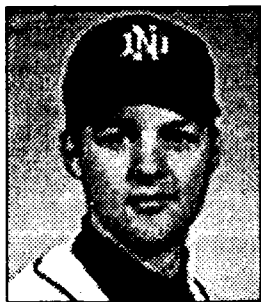
Heilman tosses shut-out, notches ninth Big East honor

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame senior righthander Aaron Heilman has received his ninth career Big East Conference pitcher-of-the-week award, after tossing the first nine-inning shutout of his career in Friday's 3-0 win over Florida Atlantic, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Since the Big East awards began in 1985, Heilman is the only individual to amass more

than four player or pitcher of the week awards in his career (including one in 1998, three in 1999 and four in 2000).



Heilman

With plenty of professional scouts in attendance for last week's

through spring training territory-and with Florida Atlantic ace Petersen Benjamin going for the Blue Wave-Heilman fashioned the March 1 shutout in often dominating fashion, blanking FAU at Florida Power Park during the Devil Rays College Invitational.

Heilman scattered five hits and one walk over the nine innings while striking out nine batters in his economical 110-pitch outing, versus a Blue

Wave offense that already had posted wins this season over the Miami Hurricanes and Oklahoma State. He faced just five batters over the minimum (32), thanks to a double play in the fifth inning and an earlier rundown play.

After working out of a fifth-inning jam, the 6-5, 225-pounder retired 13 of the next 14 batters before second baseman Steve Sollmann's fielding error with two outs in the ninth.

The next batter recorded the fifth hit off Heilman, who then ended the game with his ninth K.

Heilman kept his pitches down in the zone for most of the day, as just six balls left the infield. His 27 outs included the nine Ks, 11 groundball outs (two on a double play) and just two flyouts, plus two infield popups, two infield lineouts and the rundown play (one of FAU's five hits was an infield single).

SOFTBALL

Schmidt earns first Big East award

Special to the Observer

Freshman righthander Kristin Schmidt has earned her first career BIG EAST weekly pitching award. The Irish freshman was named co-pitcher of the week on Monday, March 5, by the Big East Conference for her performance versus Jacksonville State and UAB last weekend. Schmidt shares this week's award with Clarisa Crowell from Virginia Tech.

Schmidt improved to 5-1 this season with two victories at the Frost Classic in Chattanooga, Tenn., March 2-3. She struck out 15 batters in 11 innings pitched, yielding just one run and scattering 10 hits. Her two impressive victo-

ries lowered her season-ERA to 1.46.

Against Jacksonville State on Friday, March 2, Schmidt pitched 6.1 innings, striking out eight and giving up just one run.

Facing UAB on Saturday, March 3, (the Blazers entered the game 2-0 in the tournament) Schmidt used her change-up to baffle hitters all afternoon. She struck out seven in the first four innings and gave up just three hits.

Schmidt has combined with Jen Sharron (Agoura Hills, Calif.) to post an 11-1 record and 1.06 team ERA as Notre Dame's two top starting pitchers. Both hurlers also have combined to post 91 strikeouts this season.

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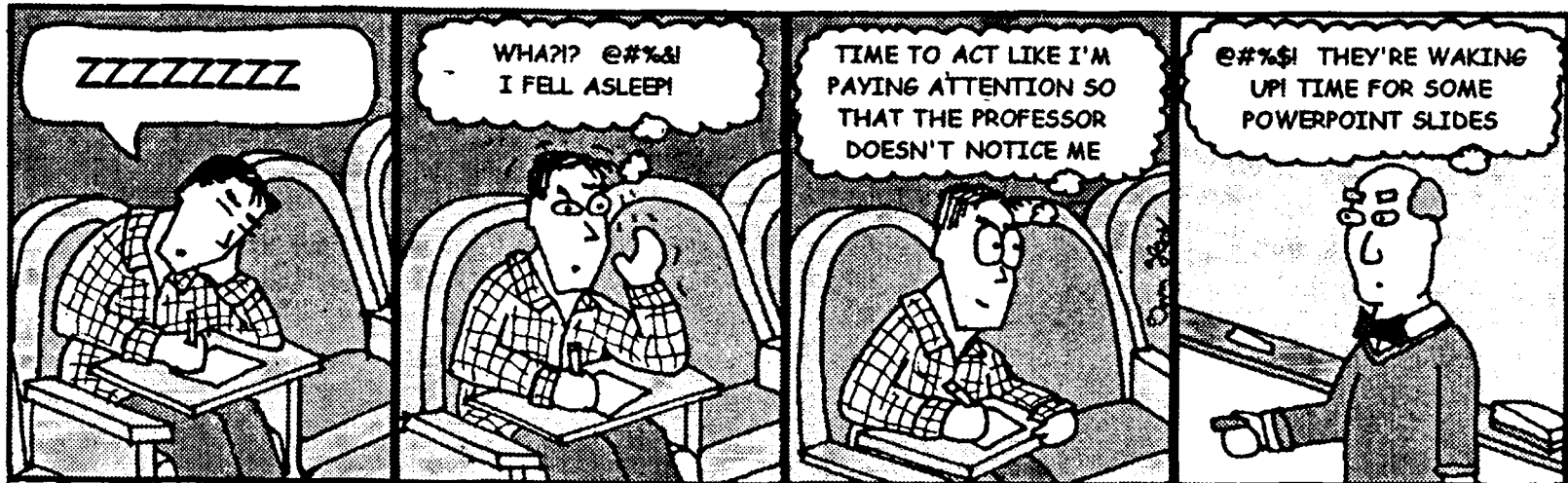
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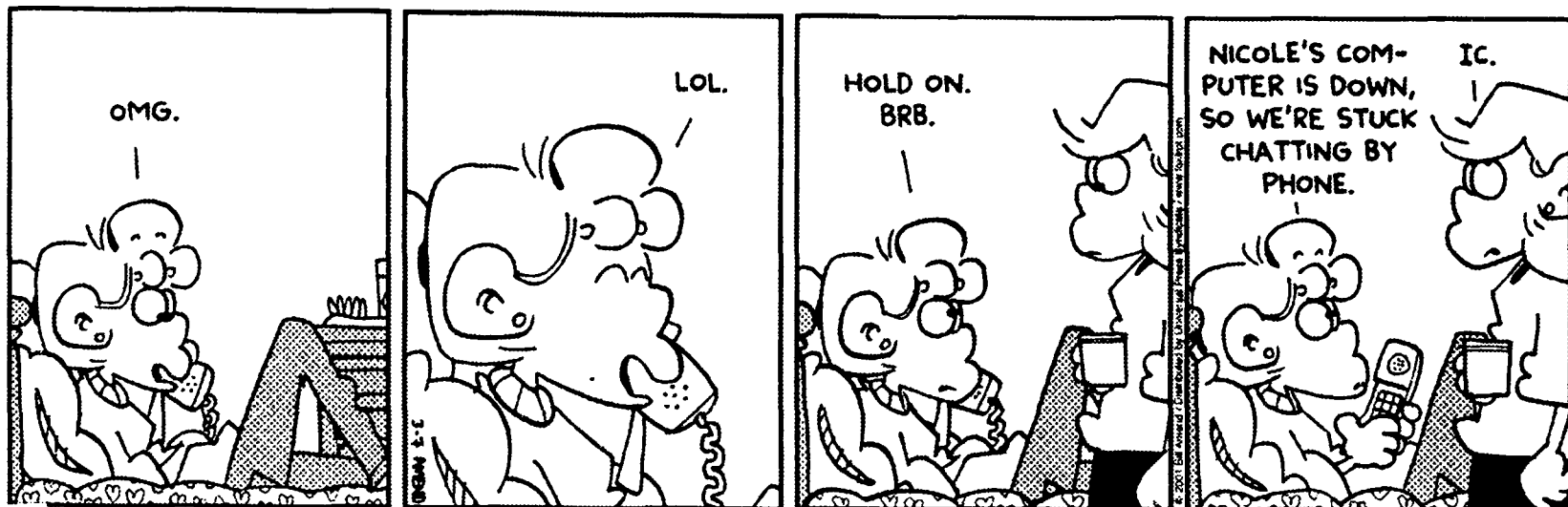
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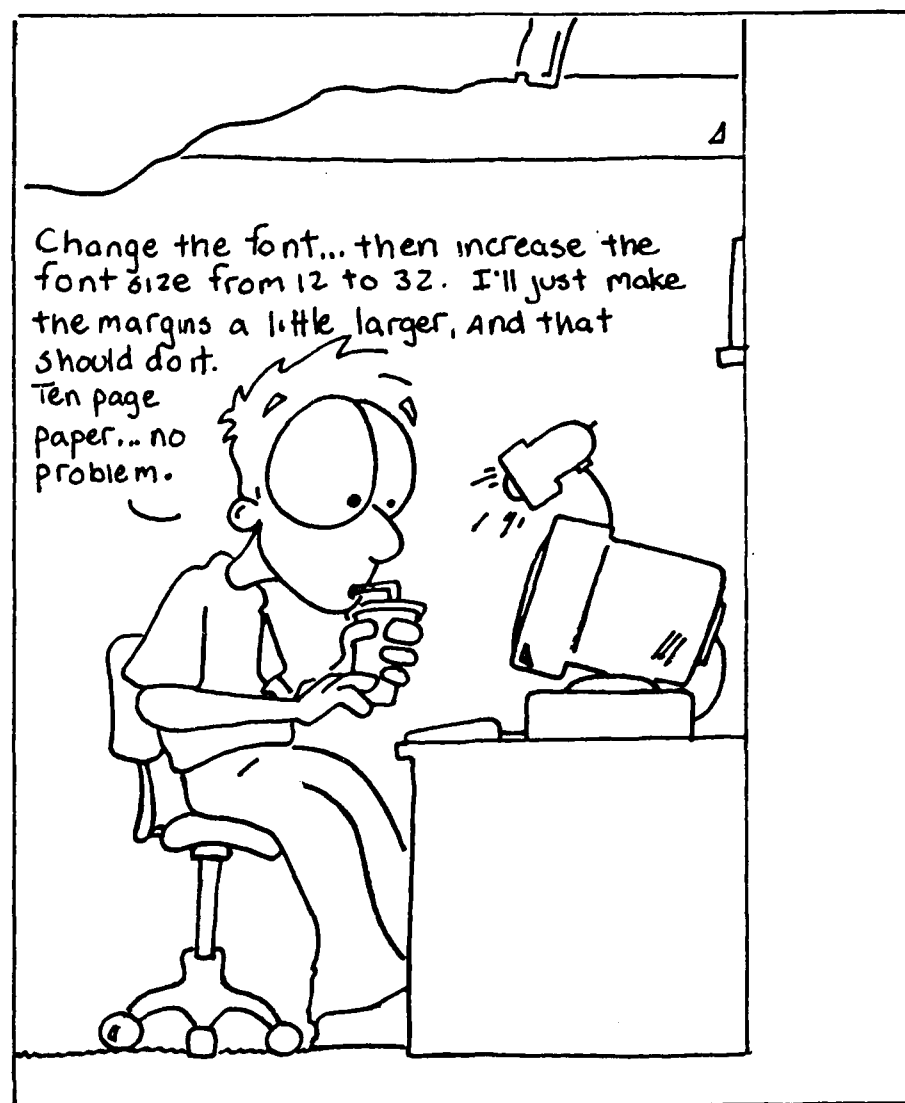
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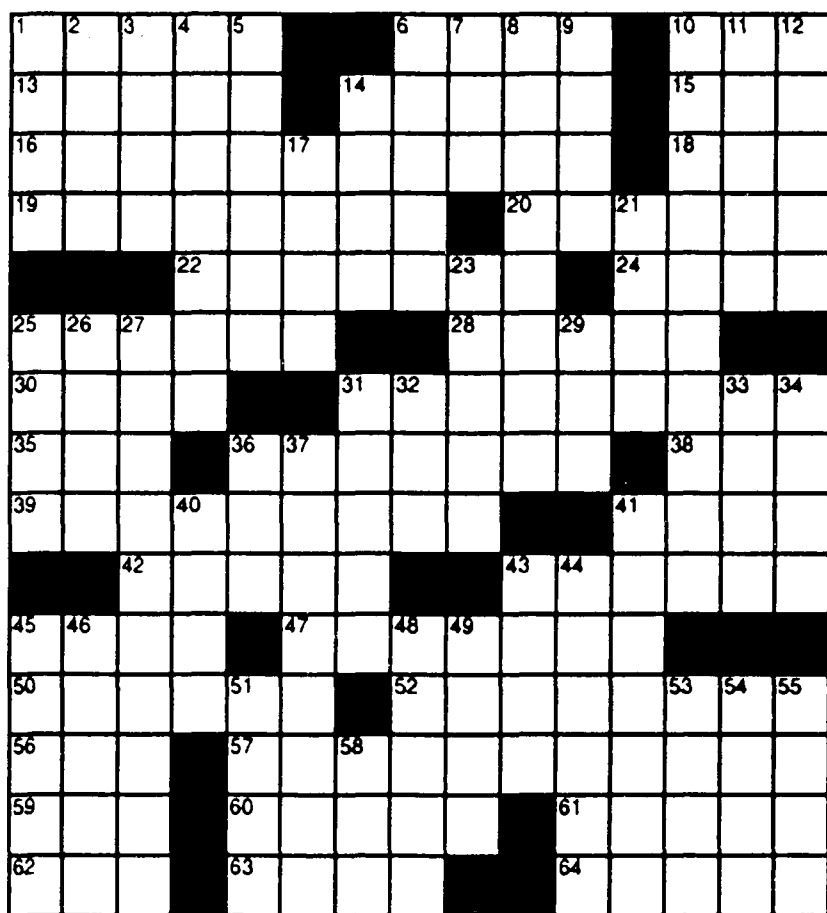
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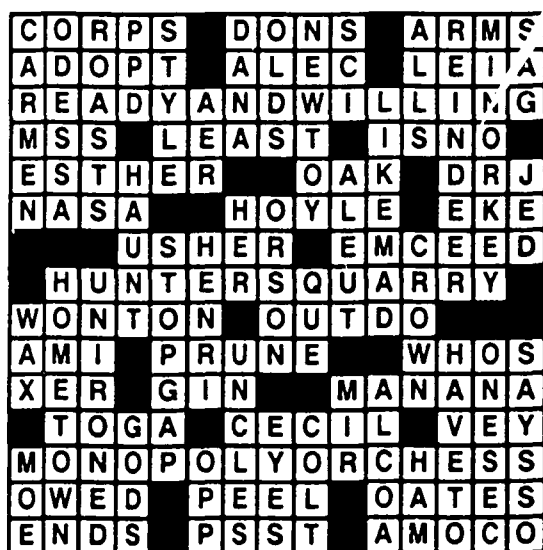


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WOMEN'S BIG EAST TOURNAMENT

Bird flies over Irish

Last second shot hands Huskies Big East Tourney

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

STORRS, CONN.

So they said Sue Bird was injured. On Monday, Connecticut's point guard sat out her team's Big East semifinal win over Rutgers with a sore back. Tuesday, the junior made a last-second lay-up to give the Huskies (28-2, 15-1) their ninth consecutive Big East Tournament championship, topping the Irish (28-2, 15-1) 76-74.

The Huskies' victory avenged a Jan. 15 loss to the Irish in the Joyce Center, the only time the Irish have ever beaten the Huskies.

With 5.1 seconds remaining, Ruth Riley hit a free throw to tie the game at 74. Bird took the inbound pass and sprinted the length of the court. She took the ball right at Riley in the lane, letting it fly high above the rim.

Nothing but net. Who said Sue Bird was injured? "I saw Ruth stepping up with her hand up and I thought she was going to get a piece and it was going to be an airball," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said.

Said Bird: "I definitely have a lot of confidence in that type of situation. I caught the ball and I just went."

The shot provided the perfect climax in an exciting game that featured six lead changes and four ties. Connecticut twice led by as many as eight points, but Notre Dame kept storming back.



Senior guard Niele Ivey pulls past Connecticut's Swin Cash during Notre Dame's Big East Championship loss Tuesday.

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Irish, Huskies play a game for the ages

STORRS, CONN.

And so this conference championship game culminated with an injured Sue Bird driving down court, stopping for a split second, falling away, and connecting on a front-rim grazing, game-winning prayer. How appropriate.

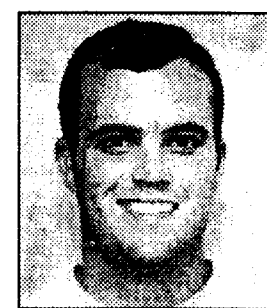
One possible season-ending injury, two buzzer-beaters, six All-Big East performers, and enough excitement that made even the normally reserved Alicia Ratay show some emotion.

Who said the female version of Dr. James Naismith's century-old sport was boring?

"I felt like every play, the way the crowd was reacting, was the game-winning play," Bird said. "Even every time we would hit just a simple lay-up."

In the sports journalism field, superlatives are written more frequently than nouns. We tend to over-hype, overanalyze and over criticize. Even unimportant regular season games are treated like something special.

But Tuesday night's final? Forgive the following: It may have been the most memorable game in conference history. By this weekend, ESPN will probably deem it



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Assistant
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MEN'S BIG EAST TOURNAMENT

Murphy claims Big East player of the year after tournament

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
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NEW YORK, N.Y.

There were a few prerequisites for Big East player of the year this season.

The winner needed to lead his team in scoring, play for a division-champion team and have previously won the award for Big East Rookie of the Year.

One more thing, his name had to be Troy.

Luckily, Notre Dame forward Troy Murphy filled all the requirements as he shared the honor of Big East player of the year with Boston College's point

guard Troy Bell.

"This year was really a team effort," Murphy said. "If they needed me to rebound the ball, I tried to do that. If they needed me to make the pass, I tried to do that. I did whatever the team needed from me, rather than last year, when I just tried to



Murphy

score a lot."

Many thought Murphy, a returning All-American would

get the nod over Bell, particularly after Notre Dame beat Boston College in head-to-head competition, but the two players shared the wealth.

"Troy Bell had a great year," Murphy said. "He's definitely deserving of being player of the year. I was maybe surprised that they didn't have three guys. Michael Bradley [Villanova] had a heck of a year."

Murphy, a 6-foot-11 junior, became one of just four players to win the award multiple times, as he was the sole selection a year ago. None of the previous repeat-winners won more than one outright award. St. John's' Chris Mullin was the lone selec-

tion in 1983, but shared it with Georgetown's Patrick Ewing in 1984 and 1985.

Connecticut's Richard Hamilton, who captured the honor in '98 and '99, shared it with Miami's Tim Janes in '99.

"Everybody wants to kind of give it to another person," Murphy said of winning multiple times. "You have a higher standard held to you. They say you were player of the year last year. People are gunning for you; you have a bull's-eye on your back. It does make it more satisfying."

This year, Murphy led the Big East in scoring with 22.6 points per game and finished fourth in rebounding with 9.3 boards per

game. He also pushed the Irish to win their first ever banner, as they won the Big East West Division with an 11-5 division record.

"I think this one means more than last year, even though you shared it, because we're part of a championship run," Irish coach Mike Brey told Murphy.

Murphy, whose parents Jim and Christine, were both in attendance, has yet to go home empty-handed from a Big East award ceremony. The New Jersey native won Rookie of the Year his freshman season.

Bell joined Murphy by taking

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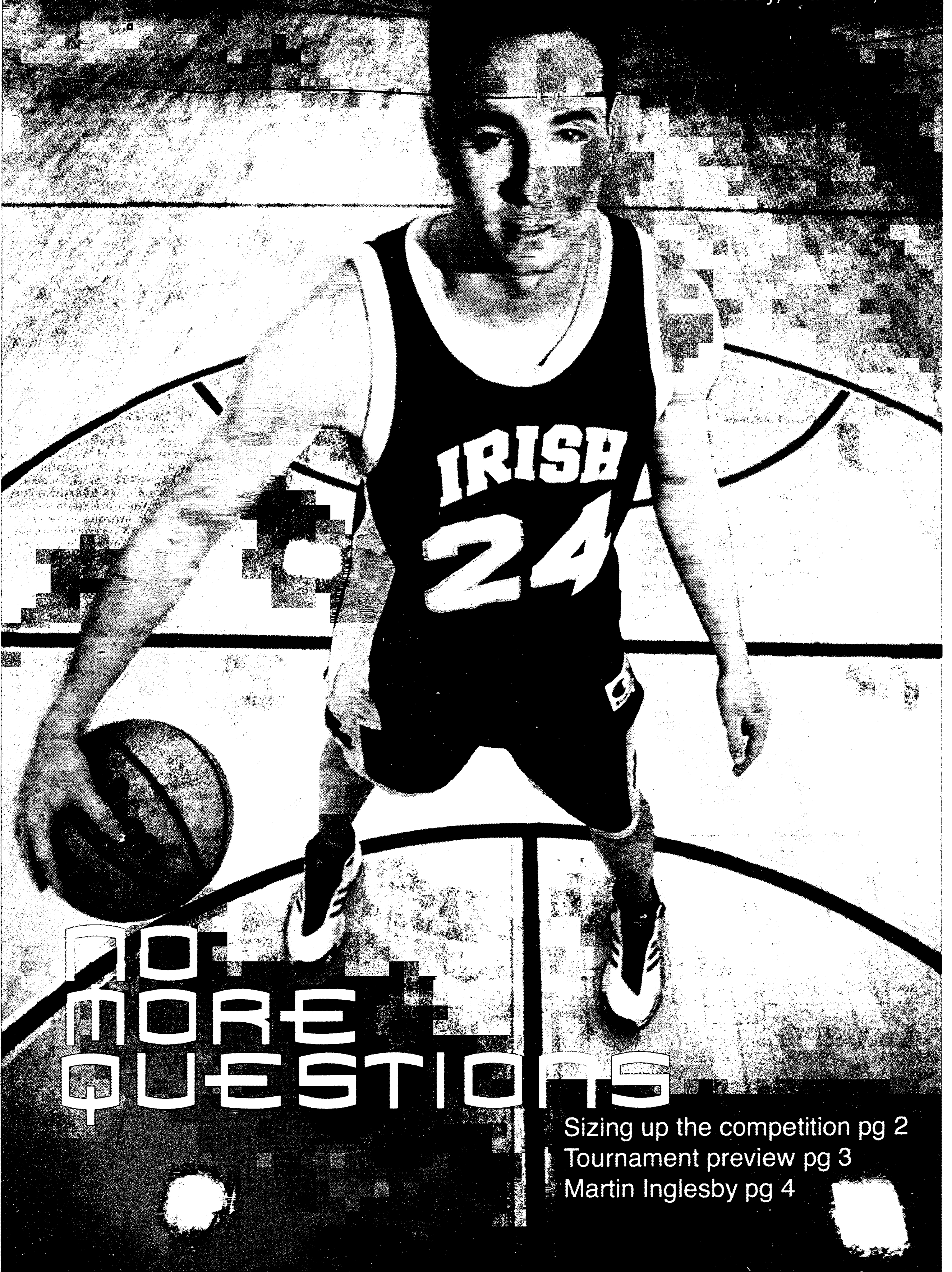
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Sizing up the competition



Connecticut Huskies

If the Huskies earn two Big East victories this weekend, the East's No. 6 team could deliver head coach Jim Calhoun his 600th-career win. But that will be a formidable task as it faces stiff conference competition. The Huskies lost a close one to Seton Hall last weekend and are 3-2 in their last five outings. Connecticut will face Syracuse in Wednesday's opening round.



West Virginia Mountaineers

The No. 4 seed in the West, the Mountaineers, are smarting after their 31-point loss Saturday to the top seed in the East — Boston College. But West Virginia's first round competition, Villanova, could prove to be just as tough. The two teams battled it out in a double-overtime brawl Feb. 20 in Morgantown. The Mountaineers came out on top then and will look to do it again.



Pittsburgh Panthers

The Panthers, the No. 5 seed in the West division, have put their season back together with three wins in four games after suffering a season-worst four-game slide. With a losing record in the Big East, the Panthers could set themselves up for a huge upset win in the second round against the Irish if they can dispose of the Hurricanes in round one.



Georgetown Hoyas

The No. 20 Hoyas muscled their way to a first-round bye with a win over the Irish last weekend. The big men down low have led the Hoya squad to a 23-6 (10-6) season record. Winning four out of their last six outings, the Hoyas are primed for tournament action. Georgetown will face the winner of the St. John's-Seton Hall game Thursday.



Boston College Eagles

The Eagles are one of the teams to beat this week as they clinched the Eastern division title with a 13-3 conference record. Boston College trounced West Virginia last weekend as a solid ending to the regular season. Guard Troy Bell is one of the best in the league and has spearheaded the Eagles' turnaround this season. The team finished 3-13 in the Big East last year.



Seton Hall Pirates

The No. 6 seed in the West has struggled in the Big East all year. Dropping 11 games to conference foes, the Pirates have stagnated at the bottom of the Big East rankings all season long. Facing St. John's in the first round, Seton Hall will need an outstanding performance all around and especially from freshman forward Eddie Griffin to pull off an upset.



Miami Hurricanes

With 80 wins in the last four seasons, the Hurricanes are always a team to reckon with. Split with an 8-8 conference record, Miami has had its share of ups and downs this season. The East's No. 4 seeded Hurricanes will face Pittsburgh, the fifth seed in the West in first round action. Miami finished the regular season strong, winning four of its last five games down the stretch. If the Hurricanes win they will face the Irish in round two.



Syracuse Orangemen

The No. 19 Orangemen earned the third spot in the West division after finishing the season with 22-7 (10-6) record. The Orangemen lost their right to a first-round bye after Georgetown beat Notre Dame Sunday to earn an automatic bid to the second round. The Orangemen will have to topple Connecticut before moving ahead in the tournament.



St. John's Red Storm

The East's No. 3 seed, the Red Storm, gave Boston College a scare last week as it almost upset the No. 9 Eagles before falling 67-62. St. John's suffered another heartbreaker Sunday when it fell to Syracuse in double overtime. Two close conference losses could have the 14-13 team more hungry than usual for a big win. The Red Storm is the favorite against Seton Hall.



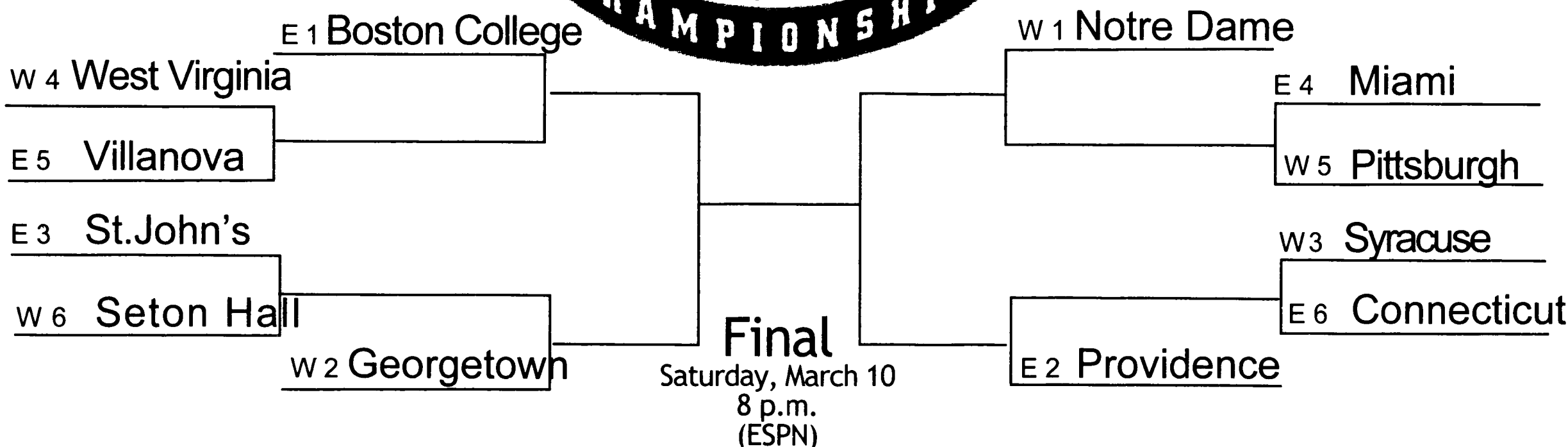
Providence Friars

With a 21-8 (11-5) record, the Friars earned the No. 2 spot in the East division and a first-round bye in the tournament. This season has proven to be a landmark one for the squad — it is the first time the team has earned 20 wins in a season prior to the conference tournament. Their first round bye is also a first for the Friars. They will match up Thursday against the winner of the Syracuse-Connecticut first-round game.



Villanova Wildcats

With only two wins in their last five outings, the Wildcats are hungry for a win. Their first round competition West Virginia makes them even hungrier for victory. The Wildcats gave the Mountaineers a run for their money in Morgantown two weeks ago, but couldn't come up with enough points when the buzzer sounded. The East's No. 5 seed, Villanova, holds a 5-3 edge in Big East competition against West Virginia.



Hungry Irish storm into New York looking for title

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

The trophy had already switched positions in the locker room. The markings on the banner had been earned and the T-shirts had already been printed up. Notre Dame was just waiting for the final buzzer of Sunday's game against Georgetown to sound to officially step into the limelight with its first Big East division title.

Motivation was lacking — and the No. 13 Irish played like it in their 79-72 loss to the No. 20 Hoyas.

"We won [the division] a week ago by 30 points," Irish power forward Troy Murphy said. "The trophy was here three or four days ago. We should have definitely focused more on this."

But regardless of an end-of-the-season slide with two straight conference losses, the Irish will turn their focus to something they have not earned yet — to a trophy they want, but need to play for — The Big East Conference title.

Heading to New York this week, the Irish have earned a bye in the tournament's first round and will first step on the court Thursday against the winner of today's Miami/Pittsburgh matchup.

And the Irish are confident that they have not lost any momentum heading into the postseason.

"We're No. 1 in our division," Irish forward David Graves said. "You can say it's wide open — like the whole season has been with a lot of upsets that you couldn't predict — but we believe that we can win the Big East Tournament. We have every intention of adding another banner in the Joyce Center."

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Irish forward

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That confidence in ability and excitement about the possibilities the postseason offers for his squad is what head coach Mike Brey expects from his 19-8 team.

"The guys don't feel as tired and the bumps and bruises don't hurt as much in March," Brey said. "They'll tell you that. There's a bounce in their step even though they've logged so many miles."

The miles the Irish have logged have been tough ones. Brey's squad turned up the heat in the season's early going, amassing a 9-2 record before entering into the conference schedule. The team hit some stumbling blocks, however, when they lost three out of four on the road in the midseason to Syracuse, Seton Hall and Kentucky. The Irish looked on par to finish the regular season on a roll with eight consecutive wins in the Big East, but have dropped three of their last five to Seton Hall, Connecticut and Georgetown.

Despite the setbacks of late, the Irish are convinced they are as sharp as ever.

"I don't think we've lost an edge," Murphy said. "We won 19 games this year. This is

where we should be. Nineteen wins. I think we're all right."

Ready or not, the Irish have a formidable task ahead of them. In order to capture the conference championship, the team needs to come up with three wins in three days — a tiring thought for a squad that relies heavily on a six-man rotation.

The Irish will stick with their usual starting line-up of Murphy, forwards Harold Swanagan and Ryan Humphrey, and guards Matt Carroll and Martin Ingelsby. Graves, who lost his starting position this season will continue to play a dominant role off the bench.

"[Graves] is one of the biggest positives [on the team]," Brey said. "He's confident and I think we have him in a good frame of mind. We're going to need all six ready to go."

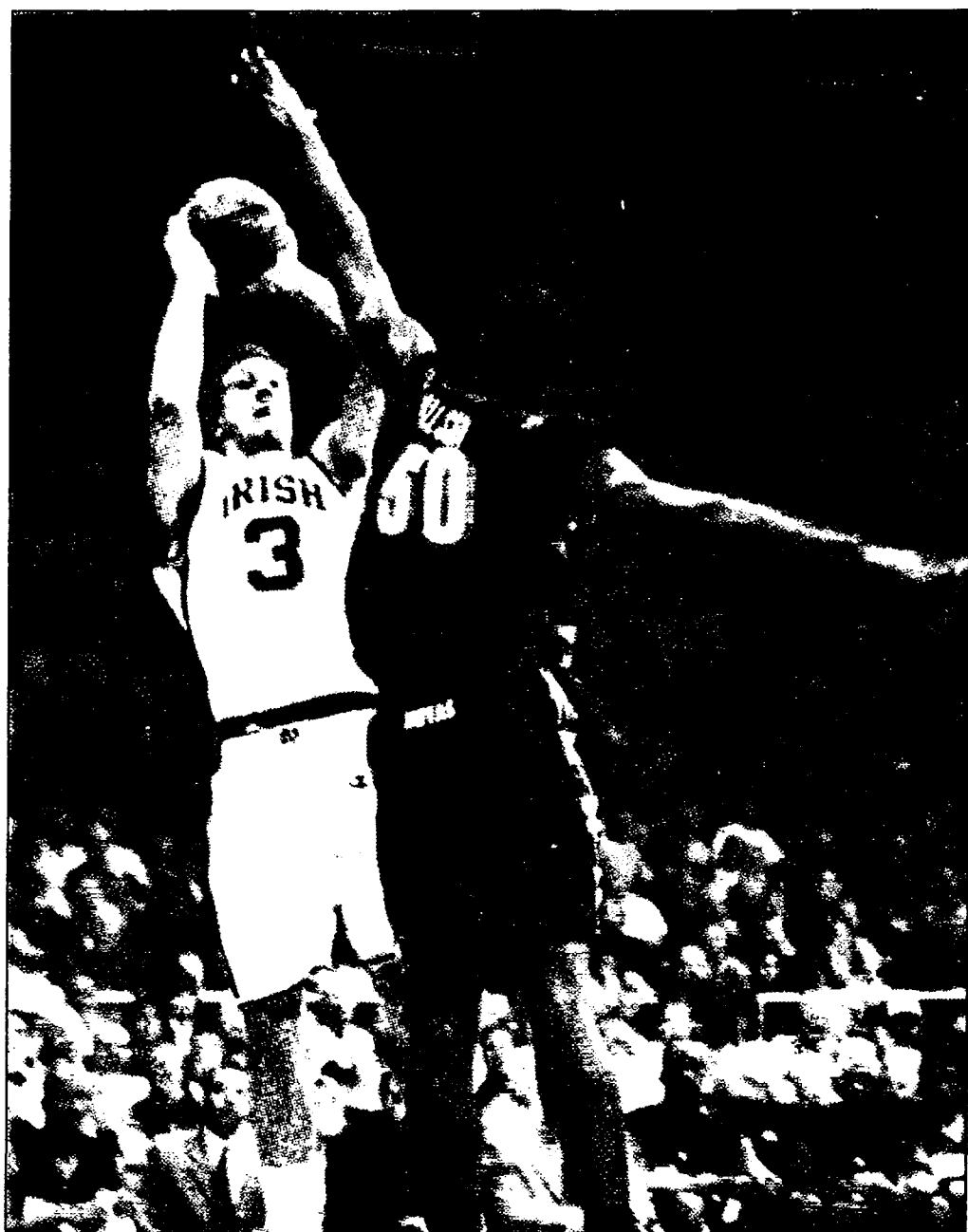
Even if all six key players are primed for playing time, the Irish may need to look to their bench more than usual the further they advance and the more tired the players get throughout the tournament.

Brey will look to reserves forward Jere Macura and guard Torrian Jones to give the key unit a rest.

"Jere and Torrian have been good," Brey said. "We don't go in with preconceived minutes for each player. We have to have them ready to play. They've learned the last five weeks to be ready even if they haven't been rewarded with big minutes. Three straight games would be difficult. Jere and Torrian will need to steal some minutes for us."

But before the Irish can worry about multiple games, they have to pass the first test Thursday night.

Brey's squad plans to concentrate on their intensity level and



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Big East First Team All-American selection Troy Murphy shoots the ball Sunday over Georgetown's Wesley Wilson.

quickness to outmatch either the No. 4 seed in the East — Miami — or the No. 5 seed in the West — Pittsburgh.

"[We're going to need] quickness to the basket and quickness in the lane," Brey said. "[Teams] beating us to the ball has bit us a few times this season. That's something we need to identify in New York and identify beyond."

But Brey and the Irish are

hungry for another banner to hang up in the Joyce Center and are ready to earn it this weekend.

"I think we'll be ready to play," Brey said. "I'm glad we're playing on Thursday because the team could use a little bit of rest. It will give us an advantage to be rested and get in the right mood. We'll go to the banquet, get into the atmosphere and be ready."

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Ingelsby makes good on senior season

♦ Captain rebounds from bumpy year to start at point guard

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

Martin Ingelsby's transformation from forgotten to indispensable took just three days. Somewhere between Matt Doherty's decision to pack his bags for North Carolina on July 11 and Mike Brey signing on as the new Irish men's basketball coach on July 14, Ingelsby became the point man for Notre Dame.

The full transition would take a bit longer. Ingelsby had plenty of people to convince of his ability to lead a top-25 team, but with Brey as coach, the ball and the team were in Ingelsby's hands once more.

Less than eight months later, Ingelsby has proved himself quite capable of standing up to Big East competition. The senior captain has been more reliable than the mailman in pushing Notre Dame to a Big East West Division title and a likely NCAA Tournament bid, logging overtime minutes on the court and leading the conference in assist-to-turnover ratio.

The comeback couldn't be sweeter for Ingelsby.

Season to forget

Ingelsby returned home to Philadelphia for Christmas 1999 entertaining thoughts of transferring, with his Notre Dame future seemingly spiraling into a black hole.

Ingelsby had started all but two games at point guard during his first two years, both under then-coach John MacLeod, but during the first months of his junior season under Doherty, he'd slid out of the starting five and further and further down the bench.

Ingelsby began the season sharing guard duties with senior Jimmy Dillon. In a season-opening 59-57 upset of Ohio State, Ingelsby scored 14 points, including two 3-pointers in the final two-and-a-half minutes. He remained in the starting lineup through the sixth game of the year, but in an overtime loss to Indiana, he saw just 11 minutes of court time.

The next game, Ingelsby found himself beginning the game in his warm-up clothes. He never learned what caused the demotion.

"There was really no explanation for why it happened," Ingelsby said. "It was just like, something had to change, and it was me."

Questions began creeping into the former Pennsylvania player of the year's mind. What was wrong? Could he get more playing time elsewhere? Should he stay at Notre Dame?

He talked things through with his parents, Tom and Rose Ingelsby, who told him

to pray about it and hang in there.

"He hit a little bump in the road last year," said Tom Ingelsby, a former NBA player who coached Martin's Archbishop Carroll High School team. "I think he handled it maybe better than some of us did. He handled it with a lot of class, and he never lost his self-esteem. He hung in there and stayed competitive, and then this year he's come back and had a very, very solid season."

Ingelsby read and reread an Abe Lincoln quote sent by his younger brother that read, "I will prepare, and sometime, my day will come." He got support from guys on the team, especially fellow Philly native Matt Carroll, then a freshman. He learned who his real friends were — the ones who stuck with him as close as his Fisher Hall roommates.

Ingelsby filed all the suggestions away, then made his own decision. Despite the unsettling year in which his playing time dwindled to single digit minutes by season's end, he didn't waver.

"I made a commitment to Notre Dame, and I was going to stay for four years no matter what," he said. "I thought about it [transferring], but I knew I had to deal with adversity. I was going to make the best of it. I just wanted to come in and work hard, and hopefully things would change."

Through it all, the unflappable Ingelsby stayed behind his team and his coach. No matter how much the situation bothered him, he wasn't one to cause a scene.

As a result, few people realized how tough the benching was on him. He'd had a basketball in hand "since he was born," although his dad estimated Ingelsby didn't begin organized basketball until the ripe old age of 5, so to have the game pulled from under him was unnerving.

Not only was the 1999-2000 season frustrating for Ingelsby individually, it was difficult from a team standpoint as well. The Irish just missed an NCAA Tournament bid, instead being disappointed with an NIT berth, where they lost in the finals.

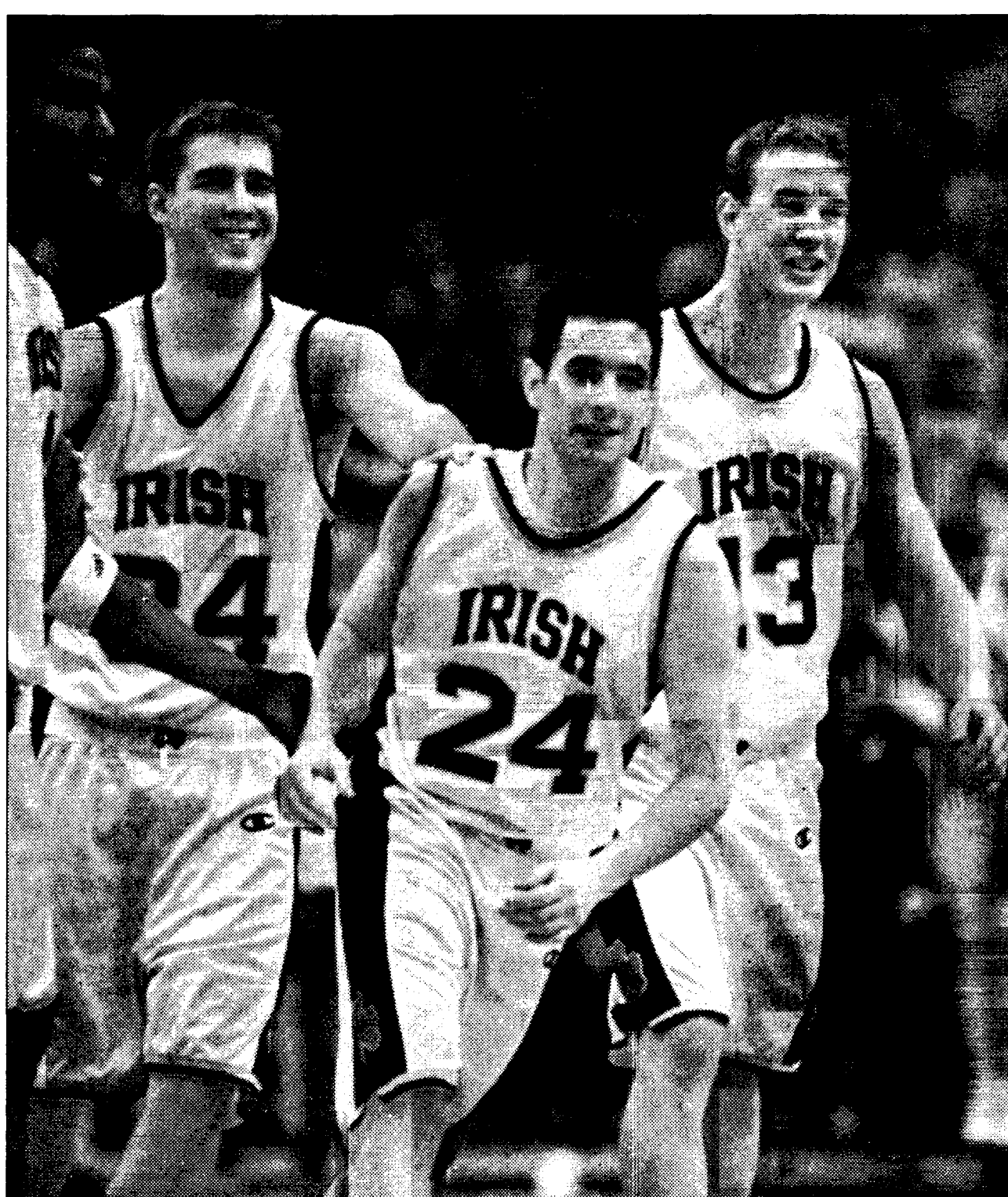
"I felt that if Martin had played more last year, they would have been in the NAAs," said MacLeod, who recruited Ingelsby. "With Martin out there, the guy playing Martin can't leave because Martin's going to make a lot of shots."

Ingelsby wasn't sure how his final year would develop, if he would get the starting nod once Dillon graduated, but he decided to remain at Notre Dame long enough to find out.

A Perfect Match

The answer came last July when Brey took over as head coach. One of the first moves for the former Delaware coach was to drive up to Philadelphia, wake Ingelsby out to dinner and tell him what he had in mind for the senior-to-be.

"One of the biggest changes was when Coach Brey came up to my house,"



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Notre Dame point guard Martin Ingelsby (No. 24) enjoys his senior season with teammates Ryan Humphrey (left), David Graves (34) and Matt Carroll (13).

Ingelsby said. "We went out to dinner and just talked basketball. He said, 'I couldn't have been more happy to hear that I have a senior point guard.' He gave me a lot of confidence in myself, and he gave me the ball from day one. From day one, I knew that this was my team and I was going to be the point guard."

Brey and Ingelsby clicked from the start. Their personalities were similar, both calm and collected, laid-back yet focused.

"I think our demeanors are similar," Brey said. "He's the perfect point guard for me, that's all I know. I have the utmost confidence in him."

While Brey trusted Ingelsby's abilities from the start, many others were not as upbeat.

Fans and preseason magazines alike ragged on Notre Dame's team captain, knocking him as the one weak link in an otherwise strong Irish team. They questioned his speed, his defensive ability, his capacity to counter former high school All-Americans in the Big East.

But if Ingelsby hadn't given up on himself the year before, he saw no reason to start now.

"I took that as a challenge to go out and prove myself, that I could play at this level and play at this level well," Ingelsby said. "I think I've done that so far this year, and I think those people are quiet now."

Ingelsby's half right. The naysayers aren't quiet, but they're not critical, either; they're outspoken in their support for the senior, and with good reason.

"I think he's surpassed all the expectations we had for him this year," junior forward Troy Murphy said.

He's maneuvered his way through the Big East regular season, helping the Irish post 11 league wins, three more than their previous best. He's played a team-high 37.2 minutes per game this season, the rare break usually coming at the end of a blowout victory.

In his comeback season, Ingelsby's dished off 6.6 assists per game, 11th-best in the nation and third-best in the Big East. Despite bringing the ball up the court, he averages less than two turnovers per game. Oh, and the team's top 3-point specialist also hit a game-winning shot against 10th-ranked Boston College Feb. 21.

Not everyone was surprised.

"I expected it," Carroll said. "Just from playing with him last year, I knew that he was a great player."

Brey agrees.

"I just think you're seeing the culmination of a young man who's worked very hard to be a good college player, and it's all coming together his senior year."

Even more key than his stats are Ingelsby's intangible contributions to the team. The calm senior never gets flustered, even in the harshest of road environments. He keeps his composure, setting the example for his teammates.

"You'd never know if he was winning or losing just to look at his face," said Rose Ingelsby. "That's the way he is. He never gets too upset."

Ingelsby's senior season has earned him an invitation to the Port Smith camp in early April, a chance for NBA and overseas scouts to check out the potential draft players. If playing professionally doesn't work out, coaching is surely in Ingelsby's future, possibly at Notre Dame.

"I would like to, definitely, especially coming back under Coach Brey," Ingelsby said of returning to the Irish in a different role. "I feel like he's the one that recruited me. We have a great relationship on and off the court. He's the type of guy I'd like to work under."

The feeling is mutual.

"He would be a guy I'd love to have back here someday," said the first-year Irish coach. "Maybe he goes away first and then comes back, but he would be a guy that I would be very interested in."

Not Done Yet

It would be hard to ask for much more from anyone, let alone a player so underestimated at the season's start and so overlooked a year ago.

Ingelsby's not quite done refuting his critics' claims, however.

While winning eight consecutive Big East games and capturing a division banner was a thrill, that's not enough for Ingelsby. He's got a Big East Tournament to win this week, and the NCAA Tournament on his mind as well.

"We're really happy with the way things have gone this year," Ingelsby said, "but we're not satisfied."

If anyone's entitled to a little satisfaction, it's Ingelsby.

one-on-one WITH MARTIN INGELSBY



Ingelsby

position: point guard

year: senior

awards: Gatorade state player of the year for Pennsylvania in senior year, won Markwood Award as best Philadelphia high school player, McDonald's All-America honorable mention

notables: leads the Big East with a 3.49 assist-to-turnover ratio, plays a team-high 37.9 minutes per game

birthdate: Nov. 24, 1978

hometown: Berwyn, Pa.

dorm: off-campus — Castle Point

major: marketing

dimensions: 5-foot-11, 175 lbs.

favorite book: Fall River Dreams

favorite TV show: Ed

favorite music group: Bare Naked Ladies

favorite sports team: Celtics

dream car: Escalade

place I'd like to visit: Australia

greatest personal athletic moment: hitting the game-winning shot against Boston College

one thing most people don't know about me: my nickname is Moose

Final Four predictions: Notre Dame,

Duke, Illinois, North Carolina

All-American picks: Notre Dame's Troy

Murphy and Matt Carroll, Duke's

Shane Battier and Jason Williams,

Iowa State's Jamaar Tinsley