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One year later, ND remembers Chad Sharon

By CLAIRE HEININGER
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His rector remembers him as "Smiling Chad."

The Notre Dame community remembers him as the mysterious disappearance that became a tragic loss.

But his father just remembers him as a boy with a dream.

A year after the body of freshman Chad Sharon was found floating in the St. Joseph River, his father Steve wanted the campus his son had loved so much to remember him the same way. In a letter addressed

to "all our dear friends at Notre Dame," Steve and his wife Jane, of Pelican Lake, Wis., wrote to express their gratitude to the University community that offered their son a world of opportunities — and now offers them a world of strength.

"We just wrote it to thank everyone ... we've sure gotten a lot of support," Steve Sharon said. "That

was [Chad's] dream in life, to continue his education, to go to Notre Dame, and he got to realize it for a short time."

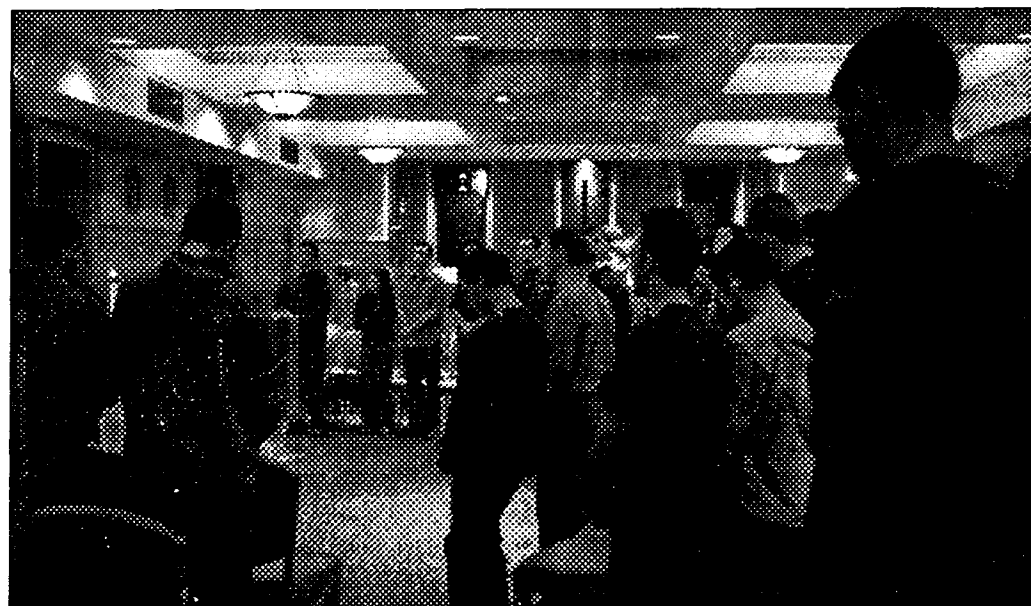
The Sharons' letter will be read at a Memorial Mass in the Fisher Hall chapel at 5:15 tonight. Father Mark Poorman, vice president for student affairs, will join Sharon's former rector Father Robert Moss as the celebrants.

"I think the Notre Dame family feels his loss very keenly," Poorman said. "At the same time, on a Christian campus, we have to remember that he's at

Mass

The memorial mass for Chad Sharon will be celebrated today at 5:15 p.m. in the Fisher chapel.

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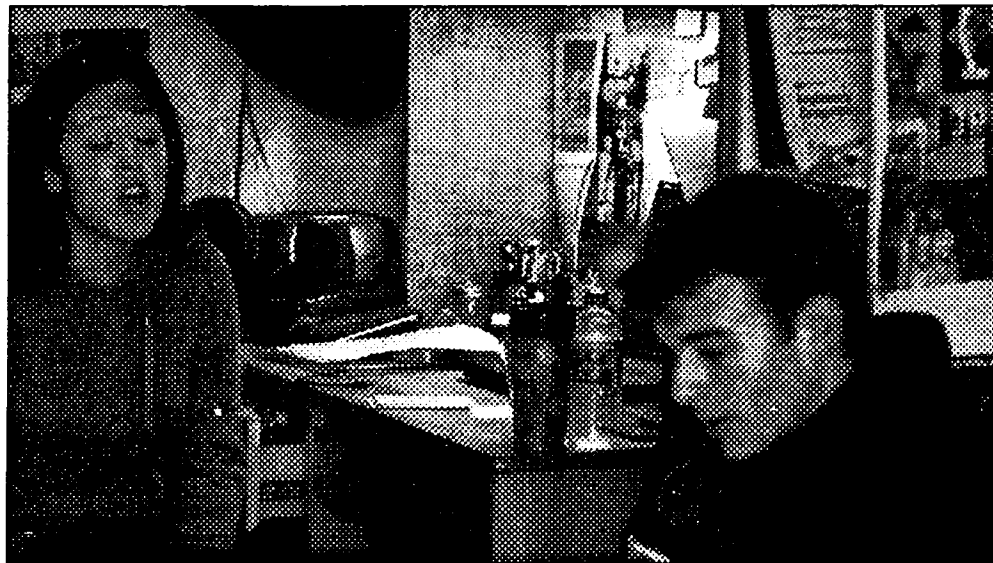
TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Students attend a Mass last February in honor of Chad Sharon, a freshman whose body was found one year ago today.

Campaigns continue before runoffs



Members of the final two tickets for student body president talk to students as part of their campaign effort. The Ebersol-Leito ticket and the Istvan-Bell ticket used the two days following Monday's elections to campaign.



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Ebersol, Istvan spend last day in dorms talking with students

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

The final two tickets in the student body presidential race faced two final days of campaigning after Monday's elections. Both the Charlie Ebersol-James Leito ticket and the Adam Istvan-Karla Bell ticket took a proactive approach as they approached the final election.

Ebersol credits his strategy of dorm visits and receiving student feedback with giving him his top placement after Monday's election.

He said in these final days, he and Leito have been "going around to the dorms, giving stu-

dents an opportunity to talk to us and meet us. ... I think that's the single biggest reason that we were able to garner the type of support that we were on the first round."

Istvan also said he and Bell have been visiting dorms these last two days.

"I've been going dorm-to-dorm reminding people that the election is [today] and asking them if they have any questions about Karla or [me] or our platform," he said.

Both tickets also believe that getting students to vote in today's election is important.

Student Body Presidential Elections

Voting begins at 8 a.m. at <http://apps.nd.edu/elections>

Istvan made it a point in his dorm visits to make sure that people knew about the election.

"If people were there, I talked to them, otherwise I left a flyer with our platform and reminding them to vote," he said.

Ebersol also said that making sure students vote is one of his top priorities.

"We've really been trying to focus on reminding students to ... vote," he said. "It's not about gaining more votes between two days ago and now, but making sure people vote. There was a staggering number of people that voted, and I want to make sure

we maintain that number."

Candidates are not allowed to campaign on the day of the election, and both tickets acknowledge that they face a long day of waiting for results.

"I'm working a six-hour shift tomorrow, so I'll have plenty to distract me there," said Istvan. "It seems like there's a lot of support out there for me. At this point, it's in the voters hands."

Ebersol also remains confident about student interest.

"Hopefully I'll be able to concentrate in my classes," Ebersol said of having to wait for the results. "I feel good in the sense that we'll see a

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Low attendance shortens, almost cancels run-off debates



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Charlie Ebersol debates Wednesday night.

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

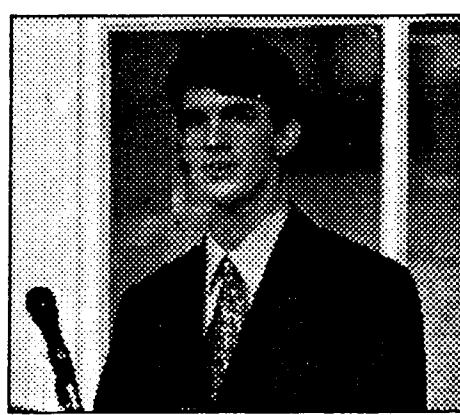
Wednesday night's run-off election debates between Ebersol-Leito and Istvan-Bell took place in a shortened format, after a low attendance rate made organizers rethink the event altogether.

"The debates are supposed to benefit the candidates, and with no attendance besides

each ticket's supporters, their time might better be spent campaigning or tying up loose ends," judicial board president Elliot Poindexter said.

The debates continued in spite of concerns, with each ticket allowed to give an opening statement, answer two questions posed by the other candidates and respond to pre-screened questions

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MEG DAVISSON/The Observer

Adam Istvan answers a question at Wednesday's debates.

STUDENT SENATE

Group discusses diversity

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

The Student Senate received a presentation Wednesday from Diversity Council representatives Leah McGee and Andrea De Vries requesting a mandatory academic course for all students to examine diversity on campus.

McGee and De Vries introduced a letter to the Senate from the Diversity Council, asking for the Senate's support in an endeavor to, as the letter states, "[create] a task force to propose a mandatory semester requirement to address issues of ethnic diversity."

The Diversity Council wrote the letter in response to what it called "an underlying current of racism" in The Observer. The letter and other materials provided to the Senate by the Diversity Council specifically cited a Viewpoint article, a photo poll and a "Fives" comic strip as offensive to blacks on campus.

The letter continued, "... we would argue that a newspaper should represent its community, and should not publish articles that are disrespectful to any group within that community."

While the letter calls for specific action to be taken by The Observer, McGee said they were seeking support from the Senate specifically regarding the addition of a diversity class to the University's mandatory curriculum, and a task force to investigate such an addition.

"What we're directly seeking from you is support for the institution of a class requirement," McGee told the sena-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Coffee talk

I didn't know I had an accent until I came to Indiana.

The reality hit me hard and fast, though, at Freshman Orientation. I made the unfortunate mistake of inquiring about study abroad options during one of the mass information sessions — and, as soon as the words left my mouth, several hundred heads turned in my direction. Astounded, I ignored the administrator's answer and spent the rest of the meeting mulling over my question to determine what I possibly could have said to draw such attention.



Sheila Flynn

News Writer

I found out as soon as the meeting ended, when several people asked where I grew up in New York.

"How did you know I'm from New York?" I asked, stunned.

They explained that "abroad," to most people, is not pronounced "abrawd." "Long Island" is not "Lawng Island." This shocked me. I have no idea how I had never before noticed that people on television and from other parts of the country spoke differently from myself and everyone I knew. But I hadn't.

Very soon, people were showing up outside my door and insisting that I speak. Hallway. Water. Coffee talk — the universal favorite. These were all phrases I spoke on demand, to the wonder and delight of my eager audiences.

My cultural education continued as I was introduced to other regional dialects. I learned to differentiate Minnesotans from Wisconsinites, Chicagoans from Pittsburgh natives. I've roomed with a Texan and a Southern Belle from the Alabama/Georgia border. Granted, my accent was often more noticeable than their linguistic idiosyncracies (it doesn't help that I am inclined to shout, talk quickly and screech in a high-pitched, hyper sort of stereotypical New York way), but their distinctive speech patterns were there, all the same. And I was fascinated.

That is one reason why, amidst all the grief Notre Dame gets for its reputed homogeneity, I maintain that the geographic diversity, at least, is unrivaled. Almost everyone from my high school went to college on the East Coast, and 90 percent of the people they know are from Long Island or New York. Half of them think the world ends at the Hudson. No one can ever remember if I attend college in Iowa, Indiana, Illinois or Idaho, because — to them — "all those states" are the same.

Yet while they drive five minutes to visit college friends, I fly five hours. My best friends and I cover the major U.S. geographical regions, hailing from L.A., Chicago, Georgia and N.Y. Since starting at ND, I've seen more of the country than anyone else at home. I love New York and know I'll end up there, but if I hadn't left to come here I would never have learned so much about the rest of the country — states, people, accents, etc. And that experience, to me, is invaluable.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Sheila Flynn at sflynn2@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, Grant Johnson was reported as having "Tommy John" surgery in a Feb. 11, 2004 article. Johnson actually missed the 2003 season while rehabilitating from a shoulder injury.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF NOTRE DAME HOSTING A QUEER FILM FESTIVAL?



Alyssa Brauweller

Freshman
Pasquerilla East

"I haven't seen it yet, but I say go for it."



Rachel Meeks

Freshman
McGlinn

"I think it's a good idea because it opens people's minds to different kinds of people."



June Barco

Freshman
McGlinn

"I don't have a problem with it personally because people need to learn about people other than themselves."



Kiley Elfring

Freshman
McGlinn

"I support them hosting it because I think it's good exposure to things we aren't used to."



Jimmy Costanzo

Junior
Fisher

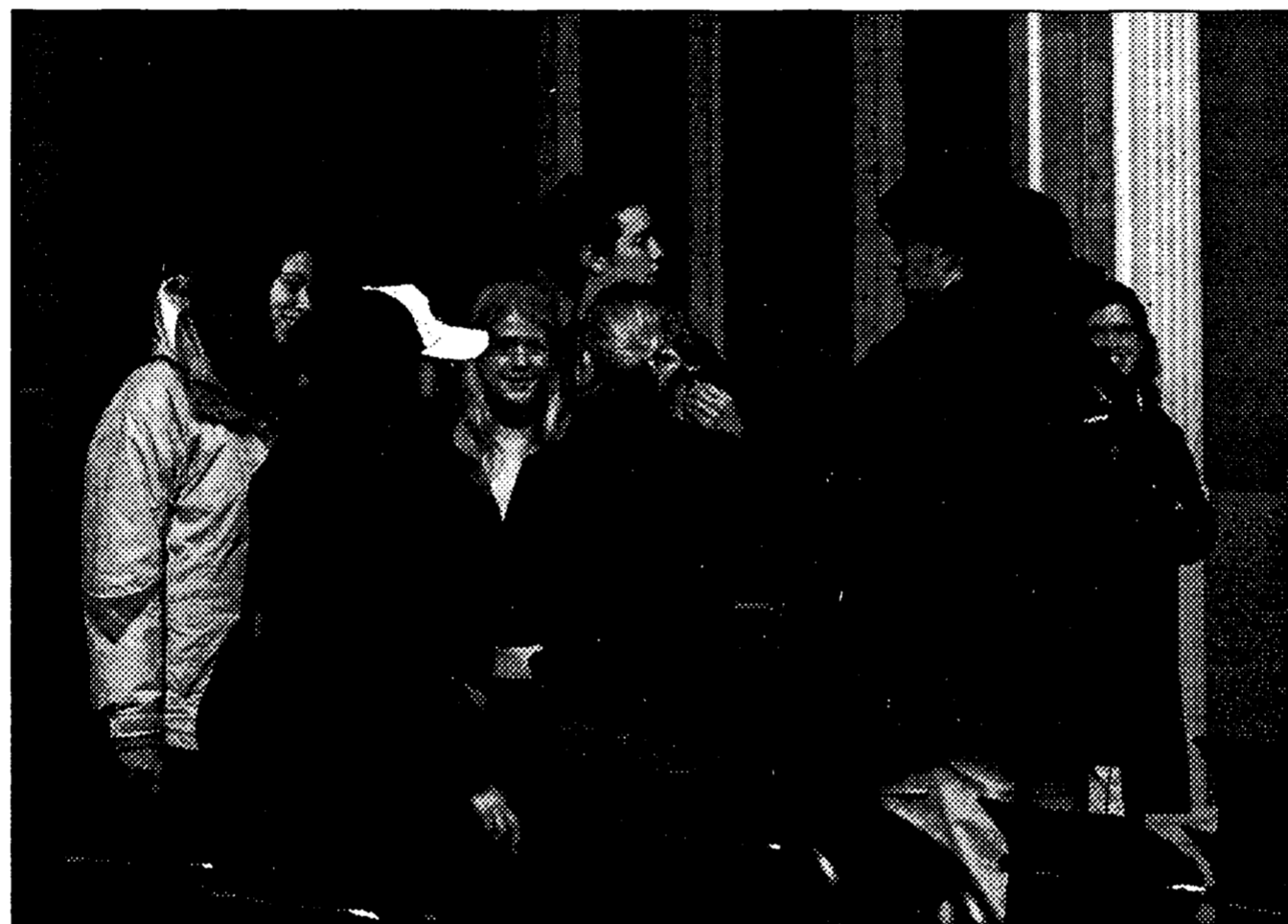
"It shows the university can still be open-minded about things."



Annie Tilton

Freshman
McGlinn

"Go for it! Let them do their thing!"



MEG DAVISSON/The Observer

Students gather after the student body presidential debates Wednesday between the two final tickets of Charlie Ebersol-James Leito and Adam Istvan-Karla Bell. Online voting takes place today from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Remember to vote online in the student body president and vice president runoff election. Online polls are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

"To Walk Humbly With God — Our Life With the L'Arche Community" will be presented by Holly Arends and Stacie Swanson as part of Disabilities Awareness Week. Their presentation will be at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Stapleton Lounge, LeMans Hall.

Come join Valentine card making in the Dooley Room of LaFortune tonight from 10 p.m. to midnight. The cost is \$2, and the event is sponsored by the Class of 2006.

AcoustiCafe will feature student artists and authors reading from their own works tonight from 10 p.m. to midnight in the basement of LaFortune.

The Student Union Board is sponsoring a showing of Disney's "Brother Bear" tonight, Friday and Saturday at 10 p.m. The movie will be shown in 101 DeBartolo, and the cost is \$3.

Come talk about current events in world politics with political science professor Dan Lindley at the Kroc Institute Current Events Roundtable in the South Dining Hall Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Look for the Kroc Institute sign in the northwest area of the Hall or the northeast if NW is closed. No readings or preparation necessary, just come and exchange news and views.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

OFFBEAT

Typo changes ad to 'Brother for Sale'

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Barbara Bennett wanted to sell her Brother brand sewing machine, so she bought a classified advertisement under "Miscellaneous" and "Items under \$50" in The Columbian newspaper.

Instead, the words "sewing machine" were accidentally dropped, leaving a "Brother" for sale ad.

One caller wanted to know if the price was negotiable. Another, upon hearing what was really for sale, said merely,

"Thank you," and hung up.

Bennett, 41, a customer service representative, said Tuesday she has two brothers in California and is not putting either on the block. Newspaper officials agreed to run a corrected ad.

Ohio town requires waterproof doghouses

OLMSTED FALLS, Ohio — Dogs in this Cleveland suburb have something to bark about.

City Council unanimously approved a law Tuesday requiring doghouses to be waterproof

and lined with bedding that resists dampness. The houses also must be equipped with self-closing doors or flaps.

Removed from the final law was a provision that required dog owners to bring their pets inside if the temperature dips below 20 degrees.

Violators of the law, which will take effect within 10 days, can lose their dogs and face maximum penalties of 90 days in jail and a \$700 fine.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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SMC begins Phone-a-thon month

By ANGELA SAOUD
News Writer

Saint Mary's annual Phone-a-thon kicked off last week, beginning a month of phone calls made by students asking for donations from sponsors that can be used all throughout campus.

JudeAnne Wilson, assistant director of the Annual Fund, said the drive is going well so far.

"We started making calls on Feb. 2," Wilson said. "Already, we've gotten a lot of positive reactions, and we usually find that this is a good way to make contact with and let alumnae, parents of students and friends of Saint Mary's know what's going on throughout our campus."

The Phone-a-thon, which has been held consistently for the past 15 years, uses paid student workers to call alumnae, former and current parents of Saint Mary's students and people who have donated to Saint Mary's in the past. After the students

explain the latest happenings on campus, they proceed to ask for a donation, which can be allocated wherever the donor chooses.

Junior Kendall Krische is one of the 84 student workers making phone calls Sunday through Thursday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

"It was hard at first, and I was really nervous the first time I called someone," Krische said. "But the more you do it, the easier it gets. Let's just say I have a newfound respect for people who do this for a living."

Last year, the Phone-a-thon campaign raised nearly \$143,000, donated by 1,621 people. In 2002, the campaign raised almost \$200,000.

"Our goal this year is to raise \$150,000," Wilson said. "This is a great fundraiser for us, and most people are happy to hear from the students and get their perspective on what is happening at Saint Mary's."

The money donated becomes part of the Annual Fund, which covers various expenses on cam-

pus. Within that fund, donors can choose to send their money to such causes as student scholarships, the technology department, financial aid and other areas needing financial assistance on campus.

"Most people who donate really want to help out the students," Wilson said. "We see a majority of the money being allocated into the financial aid department or into scholarship funds."

Wilson stresses that students do not make these phone calls only to ask for money.

"When I train the students, I tell them that they are not only fund-raisers, but they are friend-raisers, as well," Wilson said. "Part of the goal of this drive is to raise awareness of happenings on campus. I encourage the ladies to become friends with the people they call."

The Phone-a-thon will continue until March 3.

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Presidents elected to Saint Mary's SDB, RHA

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
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Presidential elections held Tuesday for Saint Mary's Student Diversity Board and Residence Hall Association left Ashley Doughty and Adriana Puente and Martha Hottenstein and Jill Funnell to fill their respective administrative positions on April 1.

Both tickets ran unopposed. In each of the elections, students could choose to vote in favor of the candidates, against the candidates or abstain.

Hottenstein and Funnell received 79 percent of the vote in the RHA election. Abstentions accounted for 14 percent and seven percent of students voted in opposition.

The ticket initially plans to stick to those ideas listed on its platform, but Hottenstein said that more ideas would be discussed once a new board is

established.

"We want to establish a good [rapport] with the board and make sure everyone is on the same page," she said.

Transitioning Opus Hall, Saint Mary's new on-campus apartments, into the RHA is the ticket's top priority for the year. It is also what Hottenstein and Funnell see as their biggest challenge, yet one they say they are ready to face.

Doughty and Puente received 79 percent of the vote in the SDB election. Abstentions accounted for 16 percent and five percent of students voted against the ticket.

Doughty said she and Puente's first priority upon entering office is to reach out to accepted Saint Mary's students who have yet to make their final commitment. As specified on the ticket's platform, board members will include a letter with personal contact information in packets sent by the admissions office to accepted students. The process of drafting a letter is already in progress, Doughty said.

In addition to selecting a new 12-member board, Doughty and Puente hope to work toward increasing student, faculty and staff participation at Student Diversity Board events. They also intend to broaden aspects of diversity beyond those associated with race and ethnicity.

"Overall, we just want to keep up with what SDB has done so far," Doughty said. "I think that our platform ideas are feasible to start, if not fully achieve."

Although only 21 percent of students voted in Tuesday's election, neither of the tickets nor elections commissioner Nicole Haeberle was surprised at the turnout.

"[Voter turnout] seems much lower compared to the student body election we just had, because that was abnormally high," she said.

She credits the interest in the recent student body election to the fact that opposition existed among tickets for the first time in three years. The three tickets that ran executed successful campaigns and heightened student interest, Haeberle said.

"I was happy that students came out considering both the RHA and SDB elections had only one ticket, but I still would like to have seen a higher voter turnout," she said.

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good voter turnout, and for me, the more people that vote, the better off we are because it shows that people are really interested in student government."

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"Minority groups can only advance after accepting that the means to progress is by increasing their own merit, not robbing it from others."

—Greg Parnell

Do YOU have an opinion on this matter?

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California water-rights ruling could threaten species

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — An effort to save two rare fish more than a decade ago could come back to haunt environmentalists after a recent court decision awarded millions of dollars in compensation to farmers who lost water in the process.

If the December ruling by a federal judge survives expected legal challenges, the government could find itself forced to pay much more for efforts to protect endangered fish, draining resources away from conservation.

The eventual result would have implications across the West, where the federal government often clashes with property owners in attempts to save species on the brink of extinction.

"There may be implications for how the Endangered Species Act is implemented," said Alf W. Brandt, the Interior Department lawyer who argued the government's case. "There may be implications for how water diversions are made."

The case stemmed from the government's efforts to protect endangered winter-run chinook salmon and threatened delta smelt between 1992 and 1994 by withholding billions of gallons from farmers in California's Kern and Tulare counties.

Court of Federal Claims Senior Judge John Wiese ruled that the government's halting of water constituted a "taking" or intrusion on the farmers' private property rights. The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution prohibits the government from taking private prop-

erty without fair payment.

Wiese's Dec. 31 ruling, which awarded \$26 million to a group of California farmers for the water diversion, is a clear victory for champions of property rights, who have sought to rein in what they see as regulatory excesses committed in the name of the environment.

"What the court found is that the government is certainly free to protect the fish under the Endangered Species Act, but it must pay for the water that it takes to do so," said Roger J. Marzulla, the attorney representing the water districts that brought the claim.

Environmentalists called the rul-

ing a stealth attack on the Endangered Species Act that could gut efforts to preserve species in the future by making them too costly to enforce.

"The purpose of these suits is simply a backdoor attack on environmental laws," said Barry Nelson, a senior policy analyst with the National Resources

Defense Council. "And frankly, it's to bust the federal budget as the price tag for complying with environmental-protection laws."

Along the California-Oregon line, for example, a similar court case could leave the government with a \$100 million bill for water diverted from farmers in 2001 for species protection.

EVER WANT TO START A NEW CLUB?

The Office of Student Activities is currently accepting new club proposals. If you have an idea for a club, whose purpose is not currently served by an existing club, the Club Coordination Council encourages the submission of a new club proposal to the Student Activities Office for review. More information can be found at: www.nd.edu/~sao/clubs/newclub.htm

All requirements must be completed before the new club proposal will be reviewed, including:

- Budget
- Advisor
- Bylaws and purpose statement
- List of planned events/activities
- List of officers

Submit the required information to Amy Geist, 314 LaFortune, by 5pm Friday February 13, 2004 for review this year. The next new club review will not occur until January 2005. Contact the Student Activities Office with any questions!

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Haiti death toll reaches 47

GONAIVES, Haiti — To cheers of approval, rebels set ablaze an accused government hit man and shot another man Wednesday, raising the death toll to 46 in a popular uprising that began in this traditional hotbed of revolutionary fervor. President Jean-Bertrand Aristide said he would not resign.

South of Gonaives, police attacked rebels holed up in a slum in the port city of St. Marc, and witnesses said gunmen loyal to Aristide torched homes, killing two people, as looting and reprisals raged.

In northern Cap-Haitien, Haiti's second-largest city, sporadic gunshots crackled overnight, attackers looted a food warehouse and Aristide militants set up blazing barricades to prevent a possible rebel incursion.

The armed revolt has spread to several of the nation's towns and cities since beginning last Thursday in Gonaives, about 60 miles north of the capital, Port-au-Prince. But the weeklong rebellion has become somewhat of a stalemate, and much of the country remains quiet.

Russian candidate resurfaces

MOSCOW — A Russian presidential candidate who disappeared for five days gave a rambling account of his absence Wednesday, suggesting in a radio interview that he spent part of it hiding out in Ukraine from shadowy operatives tailing him for two years.

But Ivan Rybkin also lashed out at authorities for not informing Russians about his whereabouts, saying they easily could have tracked his movements across the Ukraine border through a border control computer.

NATIONAL NEWS

Mass. govt. rejects compromise

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Legislature narrowly rejected a compromise proposal Wednesday that sought to legalize civil unions but ban same-sex marriages, delivering a setback to lawmakers who wanted to avoid taking the divisive issue head-on.

The defeat of the compromise means that lawmakers will return to the Statehouse on Thursday to consider either an outright ban on gay marriage or letting the state's constitution remain intact.

The joint House and Senate session adjourned for the evening about 8:30 p.m. after about six hours of debate.

The bipartisan proposal was crafted by Senate leaders who wished to overturn a high court decision legalizing gay marriage while still extending equal benefits to gay couples. It was rejected 104-94.

Texas murderer executed

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — Maintaining his innocence, a convicted killer was executed Wednesday for a 1991 triple slaying in which one victim was a 10-year-old girl pregnant with his child.

"I just want to say I am not sad or bitter with anybody," Edward Lagrone said in a brief final statement. "Like I've said from Day One, I didn't kill them. But I'm no better than the people that did."

He concluded by saying: "Jesus is Lord. That's all I have to say."

STATE NEWS

House examines Kernan's request

INDIANAPOLIS — House Republicans filed a formal records request Tuesday seeking more details about an effort backed by Gov. Joe Kernan to have an absent Democratic lawmaker vote for part of his full-day kindergarten plan from home.

"There are still a lot of questions out there that shouldn't be dropped," House Minority Leader Brian Bosma, R-Indianapolis, said during a Statehouse news conference.

Hours later, Indiana State Police Superintendent Mel Carraway issued a formal response that provided few new details, including those about Carraway's own involvement.

IRAQ

Civilians wounded in Baghdad

Second suicide bombing in two days leaves up to 47 dead; total count nears 100

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A second suicide bombing in as many days killed up to 47 people Wednesday, pushing the toll in the back-to-back attacks to 100. Again, Iraqis were the targets — this time, a crowd of volunteers for Iraq's new army — in an apparent campaign to wreck U.S. plans to transfer power by summer.

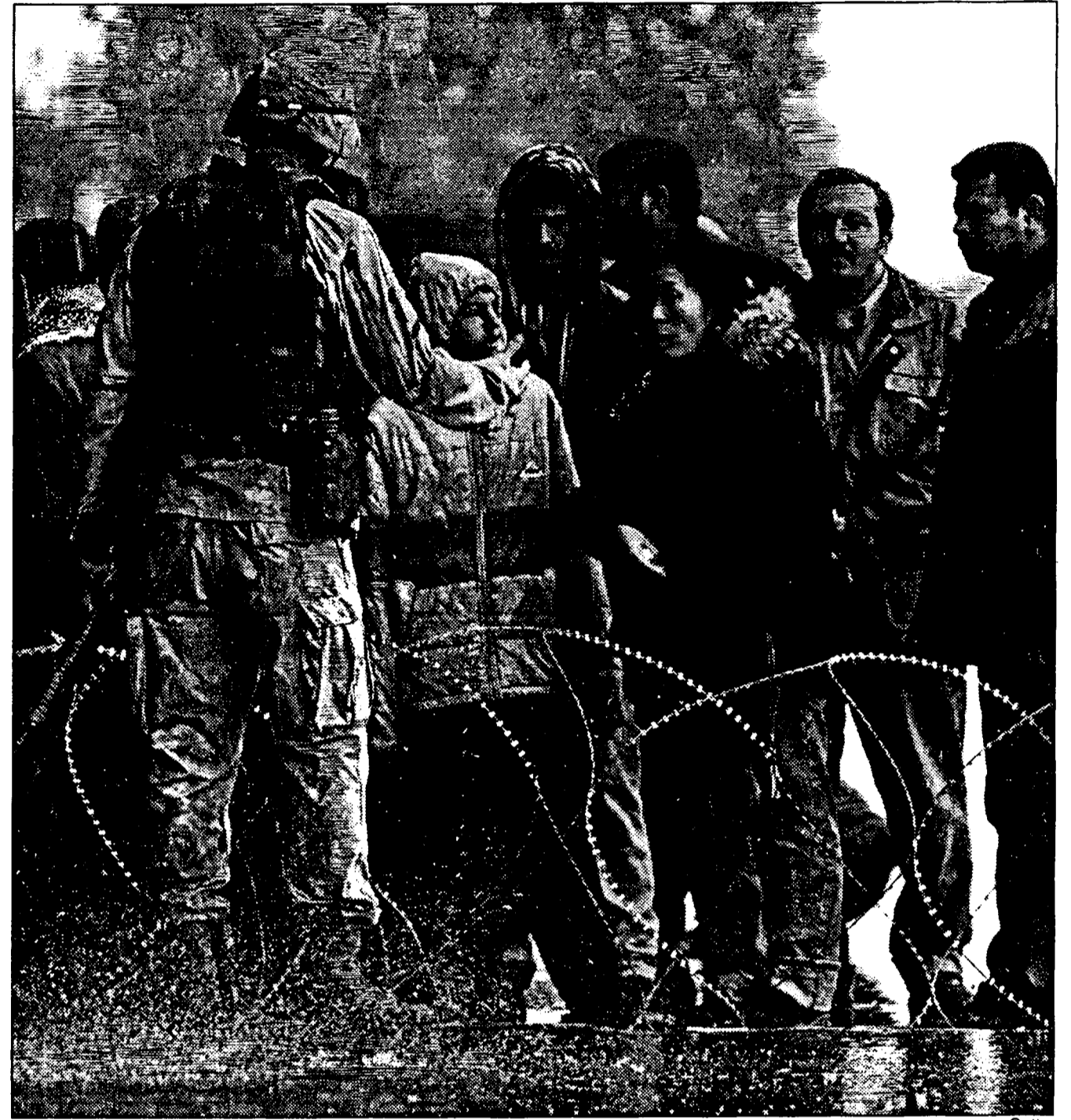
The U.S. military posted a \$10 million bounty on a Jordanian militant suspected of organizing violence by foreign fighters and plotting an acceleration in attacks aimed at sparking a Sunni-Shiite civil war in Iraq.

The United States made public a letter to al-Qaida leaders thought to be sent by the militant, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. In it, he warns that militants are in a "race against time" to stop the June 30 handover of power, when Iraqi security forces will take a stronger role in battling the insurgency. The military announced Monday that it intercepted the document.

In Wednesday's attack in Baghdad, an Oldsmobile packed with 300 to 500 pounds of explosives drove up to a crowd of Iraqis waiting outside an army recruitment center — only a few blocks from the heavily fortified Green Zone, headquarters of the U.S. administration.

The driver detonated the explosives, killing 47 people and wounding 55, the U.S.-led coalition said. The Iraqi Interior Ministry put the toll at 46 dead.

The aim Wednesday was clearly to kill Iraqis working with the U.S.-led coalition, rather than a particular religious group,



A U.S. Army soldier stands in the rain on Tuesday in Baghdad, directing Iraqi citizens away from the scene of the second suicide bombing in two days.

because the crowd was likely a mix of Sunnis and Shiites.

But the suicide bombing Tuesday targeted a mostly Shiite town, Iskandariyah, south of the capital. A truck carrying a similar amount of explosives blew up outside a police station, killing 53 Iraqis, including would-be recruits lined up to apply for jobs.

There was no claim of responsibility for the rare consecutive attacks, but Maj. Gen. Charles H. Swannack Jr., commander of the 82nd Airborne

Division, said he saw a connection between al-Zarqawi — and his memo — and the recent bombings.

"Iskandariyah is right on the line between Sunni and Shiite, so the attack there might be trying to foment some kind of civil war," said Swannack, whose division is based in the town.

A U.S. official in Washington said al-Zarqawi's involvement could not be ruled out, but that the blasts were more likely the work of supporters of Saddam

Hussein. "They view police in training to be collaborators with the U.S.," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

A prominent Sunni Muslim cleric, Hareth al-Darri, called al-Zarqawi "an imaginary character" and expressed doubt that he was playing a central role in the insurgency.

"Our position on resistance in Iraq is that of any Muslim whose land is occupied," al-Darri, head of the Muslims' Scholars Committee of Iraq, said in an interview Wednesday.

Kerry looks at campaign strategies

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nomination within reach, John Kerry's advisers are discussing strategies for sharpening his message, spending his money, airing TV ads and collecting a winner's share of the 538 electoral votes in November's general election.

While the candidate focuses on defeating John Edwards and Howard Dean to sew up the Democratic race, parts of his mushrooming political team have put President Bush firmly in their sights.

"In a cycle that has been this unpredictable, the Kerry campaign is wise to stay focused on the task at hand. But engaging the administration serves a dual purpose for

Senator Kerry," said Democratic strategist Michael Feldman.

"Going toe-to-toe with President Bush is also the best way to secure the Democratic nomination," Feldman said. His former boss, Al Gore, polished off the 2000 Democratic nominating struggle while at the same time eying Bush.

With each of his 12 primary season victories, Kerry has stepped up his criticism of Bush. He calls White House foreign policy feckless, Iraq policy reckless, domestic policy ruthless and distortions of his own record baseless.

"George Bush and the Republican smear machine has begun trotting out the same old tired lines of attack," Kerry said recently, adding that he has news for Republicans: "I am not going to

back down."

Thus, he's already begun to build up his general election campaign.

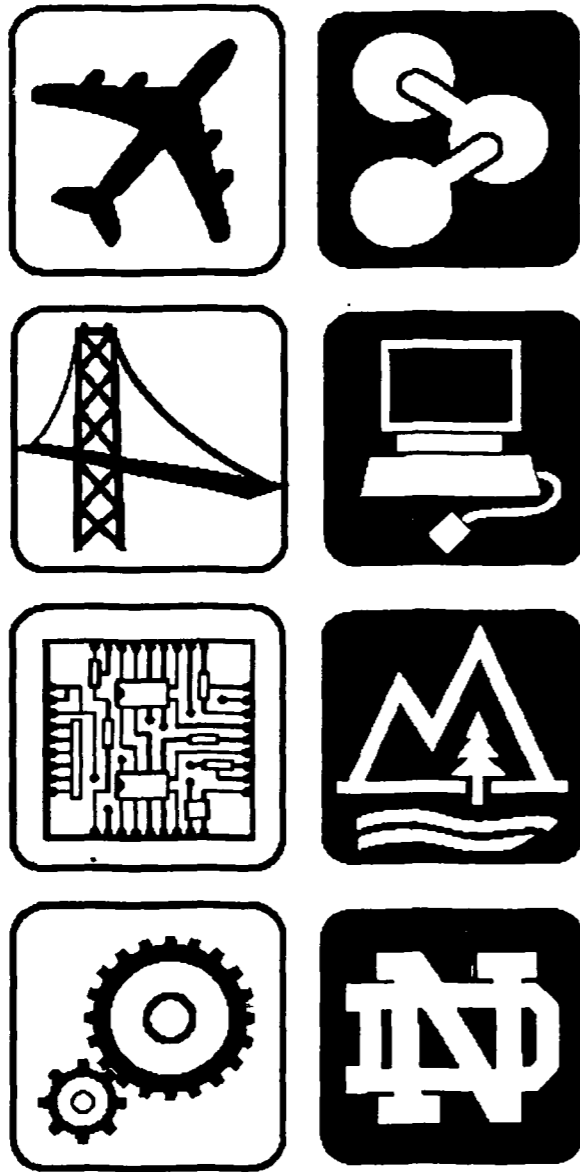
It starts, as with much in American politics, with money.

Kerry plans to tap \$15 million in the Democratic National Committee coffers to respond to a multimillion-dollar TV ad campaign Bush is poised to unleash once Democrats select a nominee.

In addition, Democratic interest groups are raising tens of millions of dollars that can be spent to criticize Bush, though not in coordination with Kerry.

Campaign aides are just beginning to develop a budget for the period between when the nomination is settled — as early as March 2 — and the nominee officially accepts it in early August.

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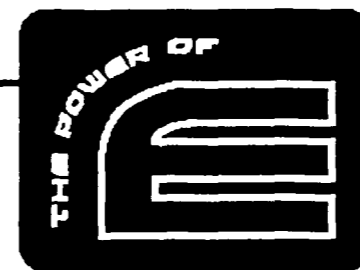
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IN BRIEF

Oracle, PeopleSoft merger blocked

SAN FRANCISCO — Business software maker Oracle Corp. lost an important round when the Justice Department recommended blocking its proposed \$9.4 billion takeover of rival PeopleSoft Inc., but the fierce fight still isn't over.

Just how badly Oracle has been hurt by Tuesday's recommendation will hinge on how much clout the advice carries with Assistant Attorney General R. Hewitt Pate, the head of the Justice Department's antitrust department. He will make the final decision, due by March 2, on whether there's ample reason to stand in the way of Oracle's \$26-per-share bid for PeopleSoft.

Until Pate decides, Pleasanton, Calif.-based PeopleSoft appears to have regained the upper hand in its eight-month slugfest with Oracle.

The momentum shift comes less than a week after Redwood Shores, Calif.-based Oracle stepped up the pressure on PeopleSoft by raising its all-cash bid by 33 percent in a move many analysts predicted would seal the deal.

SEC adopts fund changes

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators are moving closer to banning payments by mutual fund companies to induce brokers to sell certain funds — a practice that critics say creates conflicts of interest and hurts investors.

The Securities and Exchange Commission also voted Wednesday to adopt new rules requiring funds to provide investors a twice-yearly "shareholder report" with fuller information on fees and expenses. The report will include the dollar amount of fund expenses paid by shareholders on a \$1,000 investment.

The SEC, which has been making a series of changes in rules governing the mutual fund industry, is promising that dramatic reforms protecting investors from abuses will be in place by early summer.

The agency has been under pressure from investor advocates and lawmakers who are pushing legislation to overhaul the fund industry amid growing evidence that ordinary shareholders are hurt by trading and marketing abuses.

Comcast makes bid for Disney

Cable television company offers over \$50 billion for Walt Disney Company

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Cable television giant Comcast Corp. made a surprise bid Wednesday to buy The Walt Disney Co. for more than \$54 billion, a deal that would take advantage of Disney's growing vulnerability to create the world's biggest media conglomerate.

Disney's board released a statement saying it would "carefully evaluate" Comcast's unsolicited offer. If approved, the deal would drastically alter the nation's media landscape by bringing together two companies that have enormous interests in the film, television and cable TV industries.

Comcast is the nation's largest cable company with 21 million subscribers, and has a stake in several cable networks, while Disney owns the ABC and ESPN television networks, in addition to movie studios and theme parks.

Comcast CEO Brian Roberts said the combination "would create one of the world's premier entertainment and communications companies, and, we believe, restore the Disney brand to prominence and the company to growth."

A Disney-Comcast combination would eclipse Time Warner as the world's biggest media company.

The offer comes at a vulnerable time for Disney. The boardroom has been in turmoil over Disney chief Michael Eisner's leadership and the collapse of talks to extend the company's lucrative deal with Pixar Animation Studios, which created such blockbuster hits as "Toy Story" and "Finding Nemo." Disney is also suffering from lagging performances at key businesses such as ABC.

The deal could mean the end of the 20-year career of Eisner, who is fending off criticism from former board members Roy E.



Brian Roberts, president and CEO of Comcast, right, confers with Stephen Burke, the company's executive vice president, before their press conference Tuesday.

Disney, the nephew of Disney founder Walt Disney, and Stanley E. Gold about his performance and lack of a succession plan.

Comcast said Eisner declined earlier this week to discuss a possible merger.

The bid was initially valued at \$54 billion, but investors bid up the price of Disney stock beyond the Comcast offer — a signal that Comcast would have to sweeten its offer to be successful.

Comcast made the announcement just as Disney was to start two days of meetings with analysts at its flagship Walt Disney World theme park and hours before Disney was to announce strong

first-quarter earnings.

As if to answer the bid, Disney released its first-quarter earnings hours sooner than originally planned.

The earnings easily beat analysts' expectations and showed the company was firmly on a turnaround that would see 30 percent earnings growth this year and double digit growth until at least 2007, Eisner said.

Eisner made a brief reference to the bid at the beginning of a conference call to discuss the earnings, saying the board had asked Disney's management and advisers to "provide an in-depth analysis of the proposal to enable the board to

respond appropriately."

Analysts said the Disney-Comcast combination made sense, but questioned whether Comcast would be able to sufficiently sweeten the pot.

They also were not surprised that Comcast, which has access to cable subscribers, would be interested in Disney, with its visible brand and roster of top-rated cable channels.

But they were taken off guard by the timing. Disney's stock, which has lagged over the past six years or so, has risen sharply over the past year and earnings have also climbed on the strength of Disney's film slate and a turnaround at its theme parks.

Greenspan cautions about deficit

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan warned on Wednesday that mushrooming federal budget deficits eventually could threaten the national economy, which he said had shown "impressive gains."

Greenspan, delivering the central bank's twice-a-year economic report card to Congress, offered a fairly upbeat assessment and expressed hope companies would step up hiring. Hiring has been painfully slow and become a political sore spot for President Bush.

Against that backdrop, Greenspan reaffirmed the Fed's stance that it would be patient in considering pos-

sible increases in short-term interest rates, which now are at a 45-year low of 1 percent. The comment pleased Wall Street. The Dow Jones industrials jumped 123.85 points to close at 10,737.70 — the highest level in more than 2 1/2 years.

Still, he said low interest rates "will not be compatible indefinitely" with the Fed's primary job of fighting inflation. Some private economists believe the Fed could start nudging up rates this year. Others predict rates will not change until 2005.

Greenspan tempered his optimism with a dose of caution about the dangers of budget deficits.

Last week, the Bush administration projected that this year's deficit will reach a record \$521 billion.

"Federal budget deficits could cause difficulties even in the relatively near term," Greenspan told the House Financial Services Committee.

"Should investors become significantly more doubtful that the Congress will take the necessary fiscal measures, an appreciable back-up in long-term interest rates is possible," Greenspan said.

That view is at odds with the administration, which has argued that the deficits pose no immediate threat of pushing interest rates higher.

The administration has pledged to cut the deficit in half over the next five years. Rep. Jay Inslee, D-Wash., said that pledge was a "fantasy."

Chad

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home with God. I encourage everyone to come out to Mass [tonight] and celebrate Chad's life."

Moss said that he planned to call the Sharons after the Mass reception, which will include the dedication of a plaque and the announcement of a tree to be planted in the spring to honor Chad Sharon's memory.

"His RA put it so well last year at the funeral — he was 'Smiling Chad,'" Moss said. "He was so anxious, so happy about being here, so glad to be a part of ND — just a wonderful spirit."

Sharon's close friends at Notre Dame praised that spirit, saying that the sincerity and contentment they remembered in Sharon was still a part of their everyday lives.

"We don't ever forget him. He was a great guy," said junior Danita Altfillisch, who attended high school with Sharon in Merrill, Wis. "His dad is always saying how Chad wouldn't have wanted us to be sad and mourn, just to be happy, because that's how Chad was."

Tom Gorman, who lived on the third floor of Fisher across from Sharon last fall, agreed that Sharon would not have wanted his friends to dwell on the negative.

"He would want us to go out and have a normal day," Gorman said. "He was just that kind of person — he never did anything for himself. It was always for everyone else. That's how we remember him in Fisher."

Fisher freshmen have had this memory passed along, as well, through the efforts of upperclassmen. Gorman said that during Freshman Orientation, several new residents saw Sharon's portrait hanging in the hallway and asked him who it was. Gorman told them, and then cautioned them about their own actions.

"We've been pushing it on the freshmen — it's a tough learning tool, but you have to learn from it," Gorman said. "It becomes subconscious. Always jump in cabs. When people leave, leave with them."

Sharon's death occurred after he left a Corby Street party alone at around 2 a.m. on Dec. 12, 2002. He was reported missing by Fisher Hall staff on Dec. 13, prompting a comprehensive investigation by both Notre Dame Security Police and state authorities. Notre Dame and local businesses offered a \$50,000 reward for information leading to Sharon's safe return as helicopter and dog searches were conducted throughout the local area for the next two months. On the afternoon of Feb. 12, his body was discovered partially submerged underneath the river's Angela Bridge by a construc-

tion employee working near the site.

While he described it as an isolated tragedy, Poorman expressed hope that Sharon's situation would strike a chord with students who venture off campus into what can often be dangerous territory.

"Chad's death was a tragic accident that reminds us how fragile life truly is," he said. "It is difficult to know how to prevent a similar situation. It just reminds us to be as mindful as possible in looking out for each other, especially when students find themselves in unfamiliar surroundings off campus."

He added that he and other University officials had kept in contact with the Sharons since their son's death.

"Steve and Jane are wonderful people, and I've grown close to them in the course of this whole ordeal," Poorman said.

Bill Kirk, associate vice president of residence life, said that he speaks with the Sharons "about once a month," and that he had invited them to the Mass. When they could not attend, Kirk said, they proposed the idea of

the letter, which will be published in The Observer on Friday.

"We sure would've liked to have been there with everybody," Steve Sharon said, but he and Jane both faced time constraints from their full-time jobs. Sharon said that he and his wife had decided to celebrate their son's dream by creating a scholarship fund for a student from Merrill to attend the University.

"We wanted to pass it on in his name," Steve Sharon said. "He just loved Notre Dame."

Kirk encouraged students feeling intense loss to respond to the positivity of the Sharons' wishes.

"We gather so often in prayer to celebrate life, and we plan to do that [tonight]," Kirk said. "We want to celebrate the time he was with us."

Altfillisch echoed these thoughts.

"For those that knew him, don't mourn," she said. "Just remember him, remember his smile, remember his spirit."

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Senate

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tors. "What we're asking from you is support to investigate ... how we can work with the various bodies of this institution so that we can get a better understanding of diversity on campus."

The letter also addressed the options available to students if this proposition became mandatory.

"There are currently many classes available which would fulfill this need," the letter said, "for example, 'Race, Ethnicity and American Politics,' taught by [assistant professor of political science] Alvin Tillery, as well as 'Whiteness Studies,' which is taught by [assistant professor of American Studies] Thomas Guglielmo..."

"As an institution of higher education, the University of Notre Dame has an obligation to deal with the racial tension existing on this campus," it continued.

Badin senator and chair of the Senate's diversity committee Laura Feeney said that her committee will soon present a resolution to the Senate asking the

Campus Life Council to form a task force to investigate the possibility of such a requirement.

"We're going to make as few demands as possible and as many suggestions as possible to get the best response," Feeney said.

In other Senate news:

♦ Judicial Board president Elliot Poindexter updated senators on the student body presidential elections. Poindexter reminded senators of the debates between the last two tickets, Charlie Ebersol-James Leito and Adam Istvan-Karla Bell, which took place Wednesday night. He also informed senators that the runoff election takes place today from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

♦ Student body president Jeremy Lao informed senators about the survey that will soon be put out by the Office of Residence Life and Housing. Lao encouraged the senators to participate in the survey. "[The survey] has lots of implications on the future of ResLife," he said. "I encourage you, and encourage all of your constituents, to take that survey."

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Lawmakers cite halftime show in demands to end indecency

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Janet Jackson's exposed breast was

the talk of Capitol Hill on Wednesday, with lawmakers and regulators saying it's the latest example of all that's wrong with TV and should serve as the impetus for gov-

ernment to get tough with broadcasters.

At a pair of hearings, lawmakers excoriated Mel Karmazin, president of Viacom Inc. His company owns CBS, which broadcast the raunchy Super Bowl halftime show that included Jackson.

Members of the House Telecommunications Committee spent more than two hours grilling Karmazin, who again apologized for the show that ended with singer Justin Timberlake tearing off part of Jackson's top and exposing her right breast to 90 million TV viewers.

"You knew what you were doing," said Rep. Heather Wilson, R-N.M., her voice cracking. "You wanted us to be all abuzz. It lines your pockets."

Karmazin insisted that CBS and MTV did not know about plans to rip off Jackson's top, nor the crotch-grabbing dance steps that were also included

in the halftime show. He said none of those actions took place during rehearsals.

"Everyone at Viacom and everyone at CBS and everyone at MTV was shocked and appalled and embarrassed at what had happened," Karmazin said.

To prevent a repeat, he said CBS will air live programming on a five-minute delay, which was done for the Grammy awards this week. He said the network-owned stations would also buy equipment so that locally televised live programs would also be time-delayed. And he said the network was reviewing its standards for commercials in response to criticism over a movie trailer for a horror film and Super Bowl ads showing a flatulent horse and a crotch-biting dog.

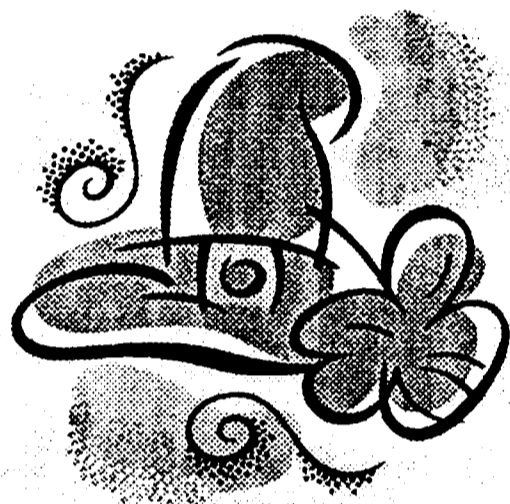
The halftime show, produced by CBS' corporate cousin MTV, drew more than 200,000 complaints to the Federal Communications Commission.

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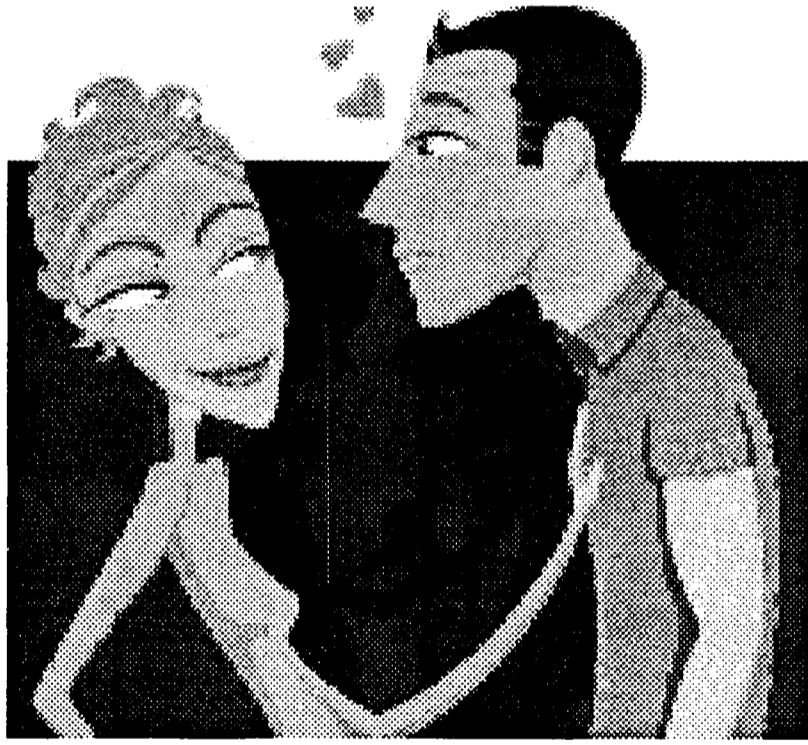
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SOUTH KOREA

Researchers cull stem cells from clone

Associated Press

SEOUL — Researchers in South Korea for the first time have cloned a human embryo and then culled stem cells from it, marking an important step toward one day growing patients' own replacement tissue to treat diseases.

The experiment is sure to revive controversy over human cloning, both in the United States and internationally.

This is not cloning to make babies. Instead it's called therapeutic cloning, in which embryos that are the genetic twins of a particular patient are grown in a test-tube to supply master stem cells that can grow into any tissue — without being rejected by that patient's immune system.

The technique offers the potential of breakthrough treatments for diabetes, Parkinson's and other diseases, but any therapy is years

away from being tested in people.

Scientists have used therapeutic cloning to partially cure laboratory mice with an immune system disease. And they know how to cull stem cells from human embryos left over in fertility clinics, offering the potential of cell therapy but not patient-specific treatment.

But attempts at cloning a human embryo in the stem-cell quest have failed until now.

Scientists from Seoul National University report they succeeded — thanks, they say, to using extremely fresh eggs donated by South Korean volunteers and finding a gentler way of handling the genetic material inside them.

The report appears in Friday's edition of Science magazine.

It's elegant work that provides long-anticipated proof that the technique is possible

using human cells, said stem-cell researcher Dr. Rudolf Jaenisch of the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research in Cambridge, Mass.

"That's an important point to prove," he said.

Still, "it's not of practical use at this point," Jaenisch said, stressing that years of additional research are required.

For one thing, the cloning technique still doesn't work well: The Seoul team collected 242 eggs, from which they succeeded in cloning 30 blastocysts — early-stage embryos containing a mere 100 cells. From those, they harvested just one colony of stem cells.

Still, it's likely to renew debate over whether all forms of human cloning should be banned. In Congress, the House last year voted to do that, but the Senate stalled over whether there should be an exception for research of this type.

Debates

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from the audience.

"Most of the press surrounding this election has been experience, and incorrectly so. We have the experience we need ... and it's not like they're going to stick us in the president's office and say 'Go.' Besides, we have more Notre Dame experience, and still live on campus," said presidential candidate Adam Istvan, opening the evening's debate.

Presidential candidate Charlie Ebersol countered, defending the value of experience for next year's student body president.

"This election is essentially all about experience. The restructuring of the student government is something you had to have been involved with to be able to take advantage of," said Ebersol. "It's not about being on campus the longest; it's about being involved with campus government longer."

Ebersol and Leito fielded questions from Istvan and Bell about their policies of placing a student on the Board of Trustees and creating an endowment for speakers and concerts.

"The votes for [getting a student on the Board of Trustees] exist because of relationships I developed, and they won't be there for another president ... This needs to be the president's main priority," said Ebersol of his ability to get a student on the Board of Trustees.

Vice presidential candidate James Leito went on to defend their plan for a speaker endowment.

"The endowment allows student organizations not to worry about losing money when they bring in speakers or concerts ... Charlie's writing the report on this and knows where the money is," Leito said.

Istvan responded by citing the controversy surrounding the David Spade event last semester, calling it a "mismanagement of funds that showed [Ebersol] missed what student involvement would be."

Bell spoke on the issue of gender relations on campus, and the lack of diversity involving sexual-orientation.

"We will continue to work on getting a Gender Resource Center, and recognizing the Gay/Straight Alliance on campus," Bell said.

During the portion of the debate when the candidates took questions from the audience, each ticket was able to speak on a variety of topics, including their plans to reduce student apathy on campus.

"Our greatest asset is being able to use senators and dorm presidents to get opinions from the students who speak up in hall councils, or those that talk to the representatives around the dorms," Bell said.

Ebersol agreed with the benefits of placing a greater emphasis on residence life representation in student government, but also added his own opinion.

"Apathy is something you want to combat by getting feedback, and we plan on creating as many means of getting feedback as possible," said Ebersol.

Istvan and Bell also detailed their "pledge system," which would aim at getting SYRs back in the dorms by having students sign a pledge not to abuse alcohol during the dance, and Ebersol and Leito explained their new TCE policy, which would require that TCEs be taken mid-semester rather than at the end of the course so as to receive more valuable feedback.

"Everything on our platform has been well-researched," said Leito during the debate's closing statements. "Not only are we looking to solve short-term problems, but we want to improve upon the University for future generations."

In his final argument, Istvan said, "We can relate to every student on this campus. ... In all of our policy, we're looking out for the students."

Online voting for the election will take place today from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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For dictionaries, against thesauri

It is more than half a century since Orwell warned that the English language was in a bad way and that this fact had political consequences. "Politics and the English Language" was a timely essay, and it will continue to be timely for as long as the English language is in danger. Which is to say: It will continue to be timely for as long as the English language exists.

Peter Wicks

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Two decades after Orwell's essay was published, W. H. Auden estimated that nine-tenths of the population of England did not know what 30 percent of the words they used actually meant. I suspect that matters are even worse now, on both sides of the Atlantic.

Consider, for example, the phrase "one of a kind," which means — as a moment's thought will show — the opposite of what it is commonly used to mean. Now, it might be replied that there is really no problem here. Since the phrase is never used literally, to denote membership of a group, the colloquial usage creates no confusion. But note that the literal meaning of the words is much more precise than the new meaning, which is indeterminate between "exceptional" and "unique."

We cannot stop our language from changing, but the process is not totally outside of our control. A healthy linguistic conservatism is based upon the observation that the colloquial use of language is almost always less precise than its literal usage and thus involves a waste of meaning.

Words are precision instruments and like other such instruments, they are easy to break and hard to repair. You can use a microscope to knock a nail into a wall, but it won't be any use as a microscope afterwards. Words often lose meaning through pretentious usage, and we should regard the man who uses "decimate" to mean destroy much as we would regard a carpenter who thinks he is displaying a superior intellect by using a microscope instead

of a hammer.

In schools, teachers often encourage carelessness by advising their students to use a thesaurus to avoid repetition. This gives the false impression that words are interchangeable, when in fact there are no perfect synonyms. No words have exactly the same connotations and a thesaurus should only ever be used in conjunction with a dictionary, to discern which word best expresses what the writer wishes to say.

Clichés and dead metaphors are both signs of careless thought. The term cliché was originally a metaphor itself, derived from printing techniques. To say that someone's language is clichéd is to say that it is full of the sort of stock phrases which are used so frequently that a printer would make a single stereotype (also a printing term) for the whole phrase.

And, just as the cliché saves the printer effort, so our clichés save us effort, but only because they free us from the laborious task of thinking. As Orwell put it, the speaker who uses clichéd phrases "has gone some distance towards turning himself into a machine. The appropriate sounds are coming out of his larynx, but his brain is not involved as it would be if he were choosing the words for himself."

The perfect speaker, an unattainable but necessary ideal, would be one who chose every word he spoke out of all the options his language presented to him. When you have something precise to say, speaking in stock phrases is like trying to practice surgery when the joints of your fingers are fused.

The evisceration of the meaning of words is particularly advanced in advertising and politics. When I buy the "ultimate edition" of a favorite film on DVD, I know that within a year or so it

will have become the penultimate edition because "ultimate" no longer means ultimate, it just means "very, very good." In newspeak: doubleplus-good.

Political debate requires fine distinctions, but as Auden saw, for millions of people, "words like communism, capitalism, imperialism, peace, freedom, democracy have ceased to be words, the meaning of which can be inquired into and discussed and have become right or wrong noises to which the response is as involuntary as a knee reflex."

I'll leave it as an exercise to the reader to fully update Auden's list, but any modern version would surely include "dialogue" and "unilateral."

The word dialogue, once perfectly meaningful, has long since turned cancerous and should be removed from the language before it does any more damage. A series of letters about a controversial play in which the writers exchange charges of bigotry is not a "dialogue" any more than the Civil War was a free and frank

exchange of ideas. The invasion of Iraq is an issue about which thoughtful people can, and did, disagree, but to say, as many did, that the United States acted unilaterally is not simply wrong; it is illiterate.

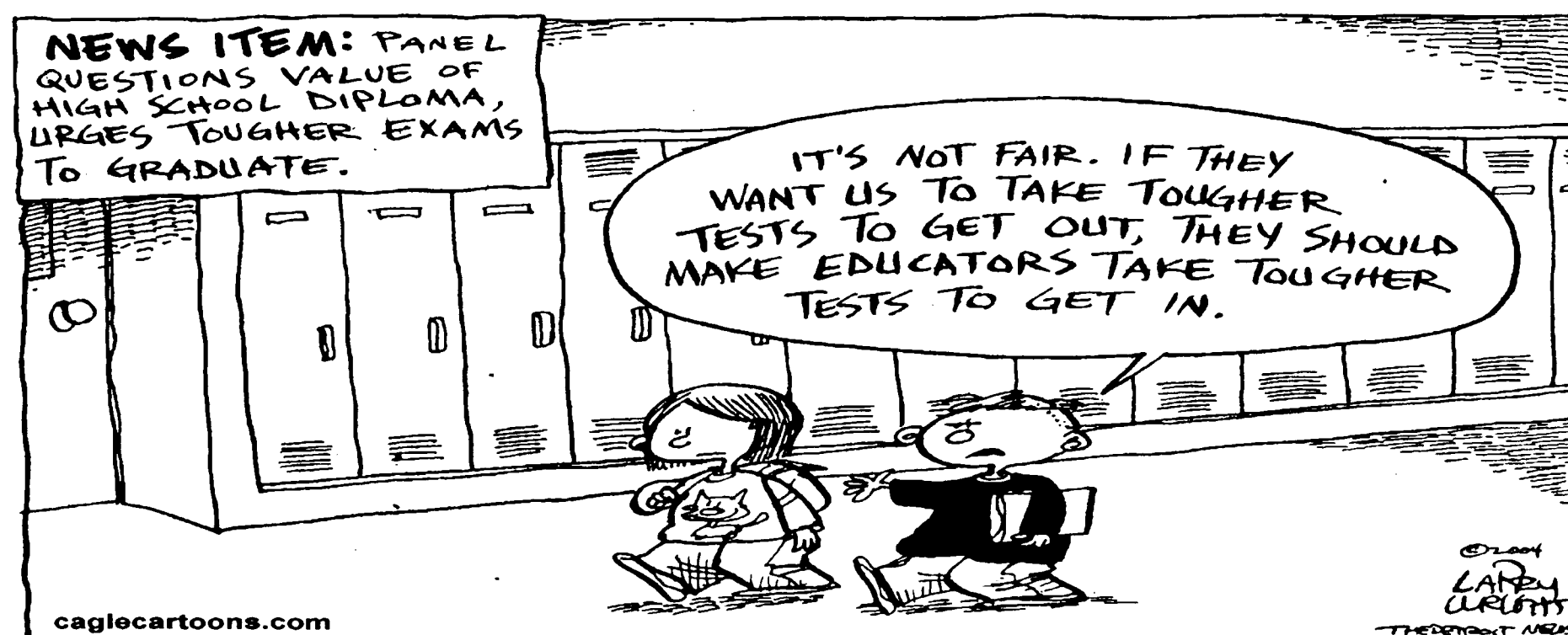
This is not pedantry. Unless we speak and write as if the meaning of our words mattered, we will never think clearly and as Orwell saw, "to think clearly is a necessary first step towards political regeneration."

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



OBSERVER POLL

Do you think Notre Dame should host the "Queer Film Festival" and "The Vagina Monologues?"

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Men are born ignorant, not stupid. They are made stupid by education."

Bertrand Russell
philosopher

U-WIRE

Progress in American justice

Race, economic status and geography are all important and discriminating factors in determining which criminals receive the death penalty in the United States, Diann Rust Tierny said on Friday in her speech "Justice Denied: The Implementation of the Death Penalty in the U.S."

Liz Yepsen

The Dartmouth

Tierny, the director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Capital Punishment Project, is working toward a nationwide abolition of the death penalty. The process is not a quick one, however.

"The way we get there, to abolition, is to take people through the very exercise, which is to actually get your hands dirty, to see that there are problems and to see that we can fix them," Tierny said.

The primary factor that unfairly determines whether a defendant will get the death penalty, according to Tierny, is race. The racial makeup of the jury is key in determining whether a defendant will get the death penalty, and the selection of a jury based on race is even a strategy taught in some defense attorney training classes.

The race of the victim of the crime is also an influential factor. Defendants in cases in which the victim is white are statistically more likely to receive the death penalty than if the victim were black.

"We have a system that is supposed to be vindicating the lives of the victims and it is vindicating some more than others. We have a system that values some people more than others," Tierny said.

Economic status is yet another influential factor. Defendants living in poverty are not able to afford the better defense attorneys. Public defenders are less experienced with death penalty cases and the quality of service provided is in keeping with their small salary.

Geography, too, plays a role in the handing down of a death penalty sentence, Tierny said. It is unfair

that certain precincts or judges are notorious for handing down lethal sentences, while others in other states or cities are less likely to do so, even though the crime might be the same.

Tierny cited education and involvement as steps towards abolition of the death penalty. Many voters support the death penalty because they believe it should be reserved for the "worst of the worst," but this careful application is not a realistic one.

"The basic reason people support the death penalty is a gut-feeling about justice and fairness. Whatever abstract justice they think the death penalty has, this death penalty isn't anywhere near what you think it ought to be," Tierny said.

Tierny described the movement toward abolition of the death penalty as a journey and exalted the transition from an abstract discussion of ethics to a concrete debate over law as evidence of progress.

"When you get to the point that you are making laws, then people really have to grapple with these issues," she said.

Progress is being made in New Hampshire to restrict the types of cases to which the death penalty can be applied, New Hampshire state senator Clifton Below said. A bill to abolish the juvenile death penalty, now applicable to criminals 17 and older, will be presented to lawmakers Monday. The bill proposes to restrict the age to those 18 and older.

Tierny and Below spoke as part of Friday's Death Penalty Symposium sponsored by Dartmouth Civil Liberties Union, Amnesty International at Dartmouth College, Dartmouth College Greens, The Dartmouth Free Press, the Tucker Foundation, Panarchy undergraduate Society and the Rockefeller Center.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dating potential at Notre Dame

As I perused the paper on Wednesday, Feb. 11, I couldn't help but notice the multiple references to the dating scene on the Notre Dame campus.

Let's recap. The question of the day was, "How would you describe ND's dating scene?"

This question elicited responses such as "nonexistent," "what dating scene?" "you have a better chance with sheep," and so on. You get the point. The common view of dating at Notre Dame is that it really doesn't exist.

On a campus where so many individuals put their energy and efforts into fruitless endeavors — such as trying to change the alcohol policy, abolishing parietals, protesting the Vagina Monologues, etc. — I don't understand why the vast majority of people complain about the dating scene, yet do nothing to change it.

I'm not saying that it's not worthwhile to fight for things you're passionate about — i.e. pro/con Vagina Monologues — but it seems strange to me that students are willing to put so much effort toward those issues, and then casually complain about the dating scene without doing anything to change it.

It's unlikely that protesting parietals will actually get parietals

revoked. However, it is very likely that changing your own attitudes and actions toward dating at Notre Dame will change the dating scene.

I'm just as guilty as everyone else. I've made the comments — "Ooohhhh, they had lunch together. What's going on there?" — but I pose a challenge to myself and to every student here to hold a more mature attitude toward gender relations on this campus.

I would like to live in an environment where I don't raise my eyebrows when I hear that two people are going out to eat. What's the big deal about simply trying to get to know someone of the opposite sex better by spending time together?

It's not a big deal. So, let's all act that way.

If we change our attitudes toward dating and maybe even go out on a limb and actually ask that cute guy/girl from class out on a date (heaven forbid), I think we'll see a change in the dating scene. I, for one, am ready to make the effort. If anyone else agrees, then give me a call.

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Feb. 11

Don't be puzzled

This Friday's crossword puzzle was created by two Notre Dame alumni: James M. Jenista ('79, '81) and James C. Jenista ('03). New York Times crossword puzzle editor, Will Shortz, called it the hardest puzzle he has run in a decade. I encourage everyone to try out this extremely challenging puzzle.

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Confronting the 'Monologues'

I was a little confused about Christina Dehan's letter to the editor yesterday, mainly because I couldn't figure out what she was talking about. The "Monologues" ... hmmm ... I've never heard of this play.

Perhaps Ms. Dehan was referring to the more popular play, "The Vagina Monologues." With all the recent controversy over "The Vagina Monologues," I wouldn't be surprised.

It just doesn't make sense, though. How can a person write a six paragraph letter denouncing a play without ever mentioning the name of it?

I'm not attacking or defending the performance of "The Vagina Monologues" at Notre Dame. I don't have the time and my efforts would be in vain; my non-Catholic opinions would never win here. All I'm saying is that if you're going to attack something, at least recognize what it is, instead of softening it because it offends you.

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Rolling out the Red Carpet for Notre Dame band

Campus band brings home-grown music talent back into the spotlight at Legends

Here on campus, music usually doesn't take center stage. When you're competing with a nationally recognized football team and a basketball team that just beat fifth-ranked Connecticut, it's no wonder why. A look beneath the surface layer of buff and bronzed athletes, however, reveals an oft-overlooked area of Notre Dame talent. Although athletic prowess may not be their forté, there is a self-described "hefty and awkward" group of guys who can hold their own when it comes to guitars and drums. The band, The Royal They, consists of four members from Fisher and Alumni Halls — Drew Baumgartner on guitar, Bucket Cullen on bass, Phil Hewett on drums and Nick "Husky" Williams, the token sex idol in the group and occasional lead vocalist. The Observer recently got to sit down with these guys to shed some light on the mysterious campus music scene:



Julie Bender

Q. Your band has an interesting name, The Royal They. How did you guys decide upon this name for the group?

Bucket: It was a long process. It doesn't actually mean anything, but it took months to decide on a name. A bunch of ideas were thrown around — Optimus Prime Time, Push for Green — that sounded to political.

Husky: The Royal They was the name nobody hated. (laughs) The name I would have picked, though, is still St. Nick and the Baby Shakers.

Q. As far as musicians go, the Beatles were self-taught, and Moby is classically trained. Where on the spectrum do you guys fall with your musical backgrounds?

Bucket: I've been playing bass for a couple years now. I took a few lessons to get started, but now I mostly just play what I hear on CDs.

Drew: When I was starting out on guitar I took lessons, but now I've started to give lessons to other people.

Phil: (Counting on his fingers) I've been drumming for 12 years. I started taking lessons when I was in fourth grade.

Husky: Well, I'm classically trained in opera singing (laughs). Nah, I sang in choirs in high school, just amateur things like that. I would like to point out, however, the rest of these guys are incredible on their instruments — enormously talented.

Q. How would you describe the type of music you play?

Bucket: I would describe it like a good mixed tape — you know, songs that are recognizable, but not overplayed.

Husky: Yeah, it's a lot of classic rock stuff mixed with songs recognizable from our middle school days.

Q. Do you write your own music at all? If so, how would you describe those songs?

Bucket: We've got a handful of originals and more on the way. It's got a different sound to it, but it's enjoyable.

Husky: It's eclectic, to say the least. I'd even say there are

some blues overtones in it.

Q. Who are your musical influences?

Bucket: My big three are Primus, Bela Fleck and the Red Hot Chili Peppers

Drew: Dickey Betts and David Gilmore

Phil: Carter Beauford of DMB, Chad Smith of the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Tony Williams from Miles Davis' band. That guy invented fusion — he's awesome.

Husky: Mine would be Ella Fitzgerald, Britney Spears and X-tina.

Q. So, what music are you guys listening to now? What's on your turntable?

Phil: Red Hot Chili Peppers, the new Incubus and the new Perfect Circle with Danny Carey on drums.

Bucket: I've been listening to a lot of Van Morrison lately.

Husky: Nick Drake and The Junior Varsity

Drew: Bread (momentary silence, then whole group laughs.)

Q. You're playing at Legends tonight, but where else have you played gigs before?

Bucket: Mostly off-campus parties and stuff like that.

Drew: We played at Stepan Center for the Relay For Life.

Phil: Also, last semester we did a show at Legends playing with ND Professor Don Savoie. It was a cool experience. He's a great musician.

Q. What do you think of the Notre Dame music scene?

Drew: Pretty bad. Personally, I saw people more interested in music and more talented in high school than here. What I like to say about Notre Dame is that people don't know what they like, they like what they know.

Bucket: It's not as big of a scene as some other schools but there are some groups doing some pretty cool stuff here.

Husky: It's tough, because the nature of the school isn't conducive to bands. It's tough scheduling and finding time to practice. You do find some good campus bands, though, like Sudsberry Shore. They're really good.

Q. Are you guys serious about the future of the band? Do you think you'll stay together for the long haul?

Bucket: Well, we haven't even been together for a year yet ...

Drew: Yeah, our equipment was locked in a closet for a few months there.

Bucket: We have discussed possibly putting together a demo tape and seeing what the response would be. We're open about it.

Husky: I'm graduating this year, but I'll be living in South Bend or Chicago, so I'll still be in the area to keep playing with these guys. This summer we may try to get together for Summerfest in Milwaukee. Three of us will be around here, but unfortunately Phil will be back in Arizona. (Smiling) We can replace him pretty easily though.

Phil: Hey!

Q. If you guys made it big and became rich and famous, what would be the first thing you'd do?

Bucket: (instantaneously) Kick Sting's [butt].

Husky: And buy a Wendy's frosty machine. (everyone nods in agreement)

Q. Just for kicks, what are your thoughts on the Super Bowl halftime show? Planned or accident?

Bucket: Well, you know, I called my buddy JT up on the phone. He was hesitant with the details, but he confided that it was definitely planned.

Husky: (straightens up, clears throat) I'm pretty tight with CBS, and I know from my sources that it was planned. (a cell phone rings ... Husky gets a sheepish expression) 'Hi Mom ... I've got to call you back, I'm in an interview right now ...'

The Royal They play tonight at 10 p.m. at Legends. Come show your support for a real, live Notre Dame band. (And no, you cannot pet them.)

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Photo courtesy of The Royal They

This picture, titled "No Nose Goes," very effectively captures the fun-loving spirit, the creative tendencies and the snot of this popular Notre Dame band.

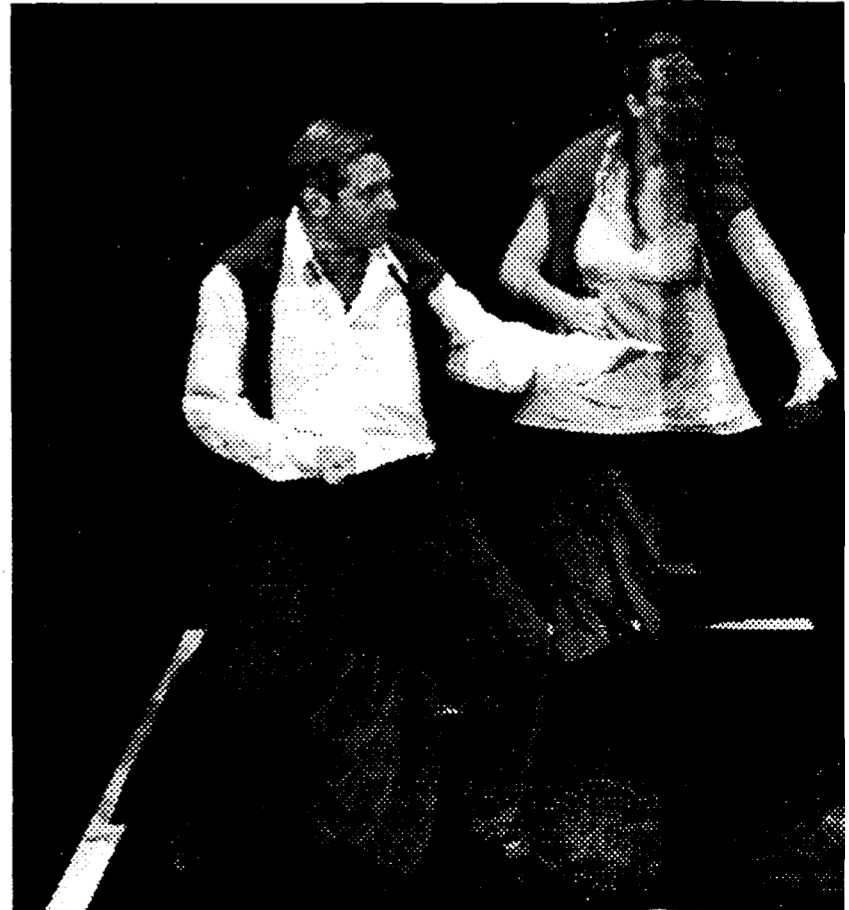
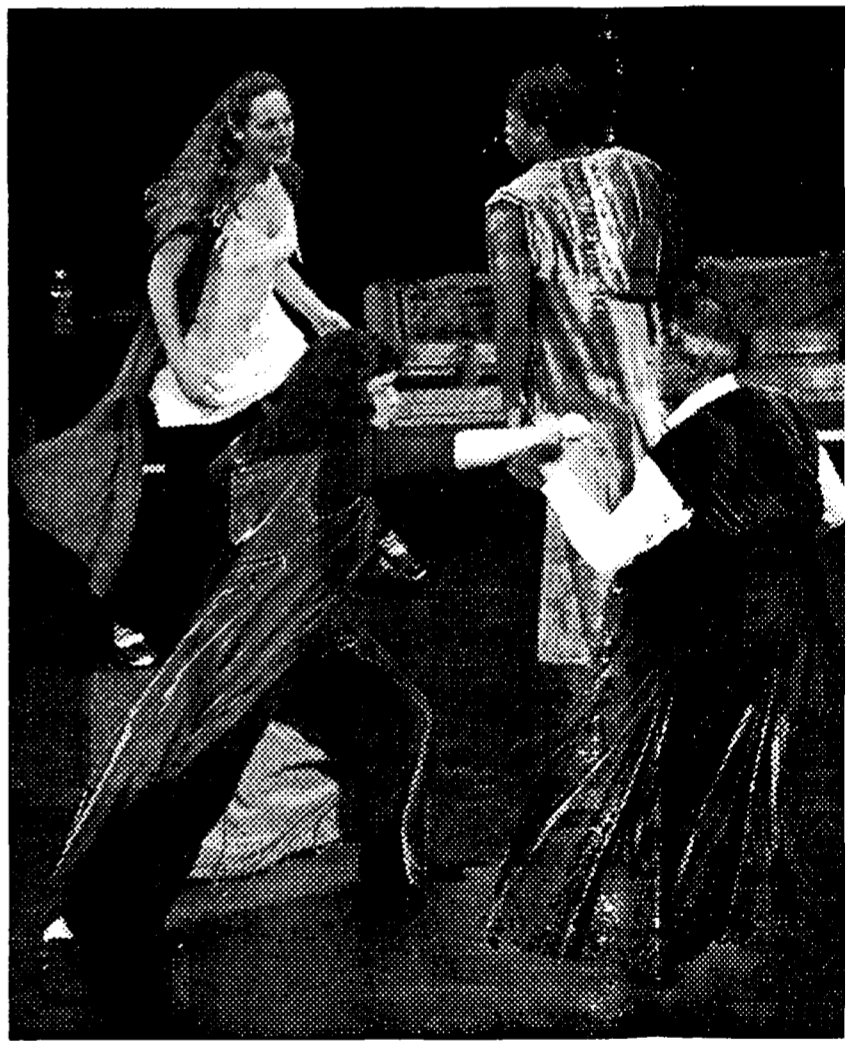
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By JON RETARTHA
Scene Writer

What would Valentine's Day weekend be without the greatest love story of all time? The famous tale of two star-crossed lovers comes to Washington Hall this weekend as The Actors from the London Stage perform William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet."

The plot is the basis for the thousands of romantic comedies and dramas that have followed it. Two families in Verona, Italy, the Montagues and Capulets, are in constant dispute. From the two families come two young children — Romeo, a Montague, and Juliet, a Capulet. The two fall in love and must hide their romance from their feuding parents. It is a tale of violence, hatred and death. But above all these things, it is a story of love's ability to conquer all and heal the wounds of hatred.

The company, comprised of Actors from the London Stage, is made up of five players who take on several different roles each. The company



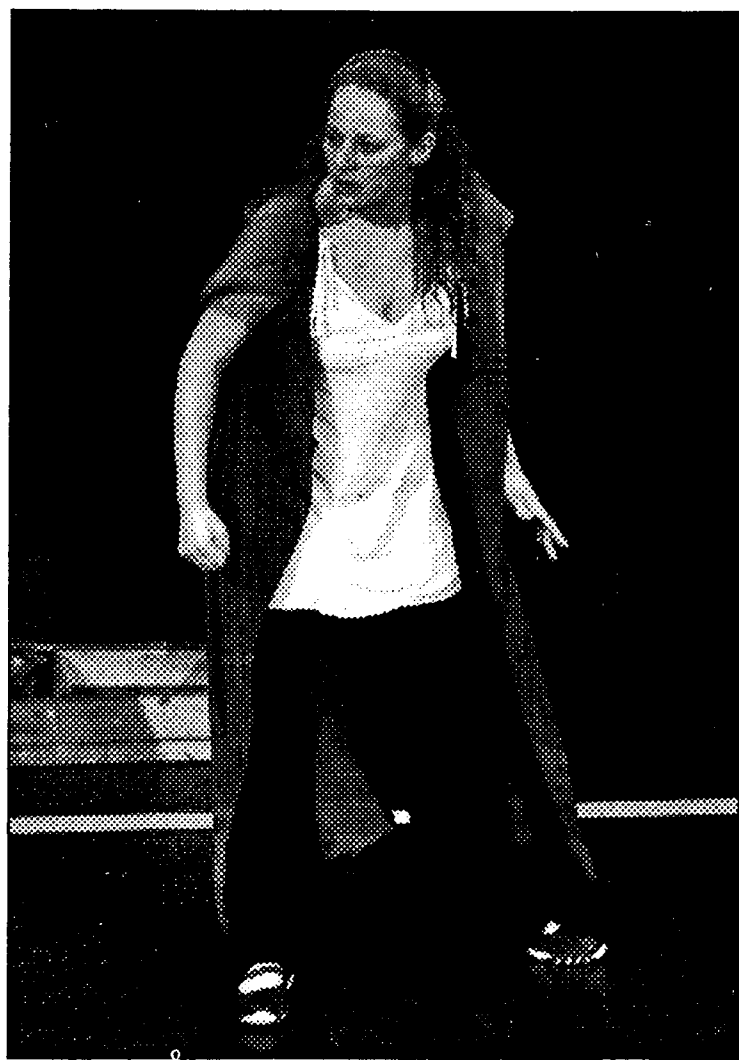
Since the Actors from the London Stage travel with the cast members take on various roles throughout

Two star-crossed lovers celebrate St. Valentine's Day

prides itself in using Shakespeare's words to illuminate the tale, a ladder is the lone set piece used against the black backdrop. The ladder also doubles as a prop, and several other small items are used to delineate one role from another. The company works together in developing the production with no directors. They also take pride in involving several FTT students in the marketing and production of the play.

Because of the lack of sets and props, a heavy burden is placed on the acting abilities of the players. For the most part, they deliver. Peter Lindford takes on the roles of Lord Capulet and Mercutio, one of Romeo's friends. It is difficult to ask an actor to play both a Capulet and a Montague without causing much confusion among the audience, but Lindford plays each of the roles distinctly and effectively. As Mercutio, he is a jovial swinger who is always ready for a party and very protective of those he loves. As Lord Capulet, Lindford displays both affection for his daughter Juliet, and a concealed rage that erupts wildly whenever someone acts against his will. It would be easy for Lindford to simply choose one side for both Mercutio and Lord Capulet, but he succeeds in bringing several facets to both characters.

David Acton, along with Lindford, dominates in every scene. His task as an actor is arguably the toughest, as he plays four main characters and is able to make a distinction between each. As Friar Lawrence, he provides a stern wisdom but also plays on the Friar's role as a kind of father figure to Romeo. As Lord Montague, he provides stern anger but also patience and contemplation.



MEG DAVISSON/The Observer
The pseudo-modern dress of the actors is one of the many ways that the company is able to bring the performance to life.

becoming a joke with Lindford. His portrayal actually drew laughter from the audience in even the most dramatic scenes.

Victoria Duarri also has the task of taking on an opposite sex role, along with playing traditional female roles. Primarily, Duarri is Juliet, the heroine of the tale. She does a beautiful job of playing the love-smitten daydreamer and the angry, desperate woman who seeks to evade her father's wishes. In a role demanding so much because of its fame, Duarri exudes a confidence that only adds to Juliet's transformation from a girl into a woman. As a male, she plays Benvolio, Romeo's good friend, and displays a care-free, happy and masculine disposition which sets

Iwuji's strong revival after the intermission was mirrored amongst all the actors, who gave everything they had for the climactic final scenes. It was truly a joy to watch the actors grow deeper and deeper into their characters as the play went on, and it provides for a big payoff at the end. Some of the most beautiful language in all of Shakespeare illuminates "Romeo and Juliet's" simple story. People always talk about how love can never be truly explained, but Juliet's musings about love are perhaps the only true record we have of the emotion expressed fully in words. Shakespeare's beautiful text, along with the solid performances of the actors makes "Romeo and Juliet" a great way to spend the weekend with the one you love.

"Romeo and Juliet" plays at Washington Hall today, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.. Tickets are \$12 for students, \$14 for senior citizens and \$16 for adults and can be purchased at the LaFortune box office.

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her far apart from her Juliet character.

Francesca Ryan primarily plays Nurse, who is the caretaker of Juliet. It appears Ryan spent too much time focusing on her main role without giving much attention to her other roles. As Nurse, she is the perfect loving mother figure to Juliet. Her chemistry with Duarri is unmistakable. However, her roles as Paris (Juliet's suitor) and Prince (the chief lawgiver in Verona) fall terribly flat. If it were not for the yellow flower Ryan wears when she is in the role of Paris, it would be difficult to separate the two characters because they both have no distinction at all.

Nevertheless, most of these shortcomings among the cast are in more minor roles, and the delivery from the actors in their main roles more than make up for the faults. The biggest disappointment lies in the play's most important character. Chuk Iwuji is less than perfect in the role of Romeo, a part that demands perfection. He has little chemistry with Duarri, and often thinks too much and overdelivers his lines to little or no effect. He tries hard to be multifaceted, but in the process detracts from every side he has. It was hard to distinguish his happy persona from his love-stricken one, and his sadness and pain rang strangely hollow. However, he did make a strong comeback in the second half, however, and the all-important death scene turns out very powerful and impressive.



MEG DAVISSON/The Observer
The storyline of Romeo and Juliet is familiar to all, but the dramatic performances of Shakespeare still offers surprises for the audience.



MEG DAVISSON/The Observer
The travel with only five performers, all of throughout the course of the show.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Barnett faces university investigation of recruiting

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — When Gary Barnett was hired to coach Colorado's football team five years ago, he was embraced as a disciplinarian who would end an era of loose recruiting practices and return the team to national prominence.

Now the coach is at the center of the school's biggest scandal in decades, perhaps ever.

Amidst perceptions that a boozy round of recruiting visits by high school prospects in 2001 ended in gang rape, Barnett faces a university investigation that was all but ordered by Colorado's governor.

The latest blow came this week when a striptease operator said he regularly sends lap-dancers to perform for Colorado athletes. The most recent performances were booked two weeks ago — well after the rape allegations became public and just days after Barnett promised to step down if it was shown his staff had anything to do with what he called "tawdry" behavior by student-athletes.

To top it off, a former athletics official said Barnett seemed reluctant to crack down on entertaining recruits because it could give an advantage to other schools.

Barnett denies it all, telling The Associated Press he will be cleared by the investigation and disputes accusations in a federal lawsuit that the Boulder campus is a hostile place for women.

"I expect them to find that we

have an exemplary program in every aspect," Barnett said.

The coach blames the players and students for the December 2001 party that led to the rape allegations and says he can't watch players and recruits 24 hours a day.

"No coach or any member of my staff had anything to do with that night," he said. "At no time did any coach take part in arranging, creating or encouraging a party of any sort. You just don't do that."

At 57, Barnett has led Colorado to a Big 12 Conference title and a BCS bowl game in his five seasons as head coach (his contract runs through 2006). When he took over from Rick Neuheisel in January 1999, his former players at Northwestern said Colorado was getting a new sheriff.

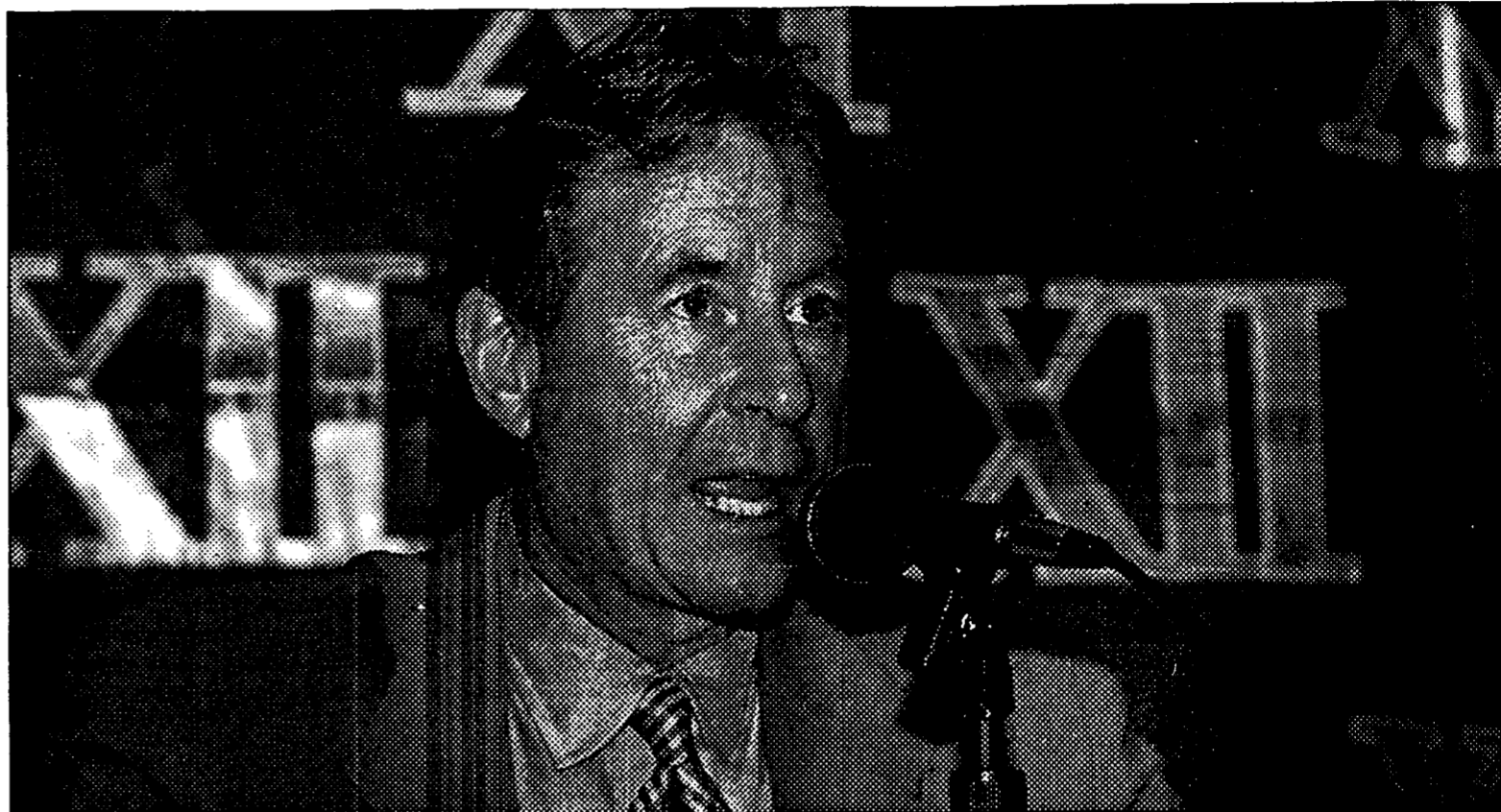
During the last two seasons, nine players were suspended for various violations of team rules, including curfew and behavior standards.

"Coach Barnett is such a stickler," receiver D.J. Hackett said. "He's really strict on rules and stuff."

Still, Barnett had his share of controversy even before becoming head coach at Colorado.

He led Northwestern to a pair of Big Ten titles and a Rose Bowl berth after the 1995 season. He was also there during a betting scandal in which four football players were indicted and accused of lying about gambling and point-shaving activities.

Their coach was not implicated. Barnett later called the scandal a "tremendous betray-



Colorado coach Gary Barnett speaks at Big 12 media day on July 31. Barnett and the Buffaloes are under investigation by the university for possible recruiting violations. Colorado players are accused of taking recruits to parties with underage drinking and other violations.

al" by the players.

Barnett was also with the Colorado program as an assistant coach during some of its darkest days. Between 1986 and 1988, players were accused of crimes ranging from drunken driving to serial rape, and the school was featured in a Sports Illustrated cover story that still brings bitter memories.

Barnett himself wasn't criticized during that mess, which tarnished the tenure of head coach Bill McCartney but didn't stop the Buffs from winning a national championship in 1990.

Since then, the program has been slapped with two years of NCAA probation for violations that occurred mostly under

Neuheisel. The problems included illegal contact with recruits and excessive reimbursement for recruits' travel and entertainment expenses. Barnett was cited for two minor violations.

Much more serious are the accusations leveled in federal lawsuits filed by three women who say they were raped during or after the 2001 off-campus recruiting party. The suit accuses the program and university of fostering an environment in which women are routinely sexually harassed, which would violate federal bans on gender discrimination in colleges.

No players or recruits were

charged. But Boulder County's top prosecutor accused the university in a deposition of using sex as a recruiting tool. The school is appointing a panel to investigate, and the criminal investigation has been reopened.

The party took place during what Barnett calls a brief period of free time that recruits spend with their student-sponsors.

"Their day is packed," he said. "As coaches, we're involved with them all but 3 1/2 hours every day. And for those 3 1/2 hours they're with one of our players, one-on-one. You try to eliminate as much risk as you can."

NBA

Blazers' Allen claims Wallace wanted out

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Portland Trail Blazers owner Paul Allen said Rasheed Wallace wanted to play elsewhere, and that was the deciding factor in the Blazers' decision to trade the embattled star.

"We talked about taking the team in different directions and Rasheed wanted to play somewhere else next year, and we (took) all those factors into account," Allen said in a news

conference at halftime of Portland's game against Utah on Tuesday.

"We got three great guys and two guys who have been All-Stars, so given those parameters I think we came out in a pretty great place."

Wallace, a 6-foot-11 forward who was in his eighth season in Portland, was dealt Monday along with Wesley Person to Atlanta for Shareef Abdur-Rahim, Theo Ratliff and Dan Dickau.

"Anytime you trade an extremely talented player who is a big part of your success as a franchise, those are difficult decisions," Allen said.

Allen acknowledged that Wallace's unpopularity with fans meant that he and the team would have eventually parted ways.

"I think it's about the expectations that the community and the fans have of the players here in Portland, which I think is at a higher level than

other cities in this country," Allen said.

Wallace gained notoriety during the 2000-01 season, when he compiled an NBA record 41 technical fouls.

Last season, Wallace and teammate Damon Stoudamire were cited in Washington state on marijuana charges while returning from a game in Seattle against the SuperSonics.

His troubles continued when the NBA suspended him for

seven games for threatening an official on the loading dock of Portland's Rose Garden arena after a game.

It was the longest suspension ever imposed by the NBA for something that didn't involve physical contact or substance abuse.

Player misbehavior on and off the court partly led Allen to release a 25-point code of conduct last summer in an effort to try and win back the community.

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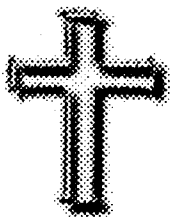
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NBA

Baker's absence risks contract termination

Associated Press

BOSTON — Vin Baker is expected to miss his 10th consecutive game Thursday night, a mark that could allow the Boston Celtics to terminate a contract that was to pay him \$35 million more over the next 2 1/2 years.

Baker missed two months and the playoffs last season after he checked into a rehab center to treat alcoholism. He agreed at the time to follow an after-care program this season and submit to frequent testing.

But Baker failed to comply with the terms of the agreement at least three times, and was suspended indefinitely on Jan. 23. The team has not disclosed the nature of the violations, which could include a positive test or refusal to take a test.

Only the doctor overseeing Baker's care, approved by the team and player, can determine if he's ready to return. But the agreement said that if Baker wasn't back within 10 games, the Celtics have the right to terminate his contract.

"We continue to wish him the best, but other than that we're not commenting," Celtics spokesman Bill Bonsiewicz said Wednesday from Chicago, where the

Celtics were preparing to play the Bulls.

Baker, who said he began binge drinking during the 1998-99 lockout, was suspended Feb. 27, 2003, and didn't play again last season. But after treatment he returned in better shape and determined to make it up to his teammates.

He scored in double figures in 21 of his first 35 games, but then his production dropped off again. He totaled just 12 points in four games before being suspended for three games, then played in just two of the next

five games before being suspended again. The 6-foot-11 Baker was the eighth overall pick by the Milwaukee Bucks in the 1993 draft. He averaged 21 points and 10 rebounds over his last two seasons in Milwaukee before he was traded to Seattle for the 1997-98 season.

His first season in Seattle showed only slight dropoff, and he was good enough to be picked for the 2000 U.S. Olympic team. But by the time the Sydney games came around, his play had deteriorated to the point where he was rarely used.

"We continue to wish him the best."

Bill Bonsiewicz
Celtics spokesman



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**RCIA Community
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6:00-7:00 p.m.
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friday 02.13

Mass for Peace
First Friday dinner
& discussion follows at CSC
5:15 p.m.
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Schola Antiqua Concert
8:00 p.m.
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7:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.
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Legends

considerations...

Living in the Eye

Forecast: Hurricanes Ahead

by John Glynn
Intern, Campus Ministry

Seniors, it's that time of year again. Reechoing through dorms and classrooms on campus seem to be the same question: what am I going to do next year? As much as we'd like to have someone tell us what we should do, the choice is ultimately up to us. The decision is ours alone, but how do we make it? When we are constantly fighting the daily grind of classes, papers, labs, homework, etc, while simultaneously applying for jobs and grad schools, how do we find the time and space to gain some insight into what to do with our lives?

Allow me to give a shameless plug for retreats. Retreats help to remove us from the everyday routine of life to quiet us down, share reflections, and help us get some perspective. Retreats can be wonderful tools for getting some peace and quiet in which to reflect on the course of our lives. Most last only one or two nights, and can be a welcome sigh of relief in a stressful semester.

However, we can individually "retreat" every day, that is, we can find peace, solitude, and clarity in the midst of the business of life. By finding a little time every day to meditate and reflect, we can bring out the fruits of an internal process in external ways. If we lack clarity of mind, how can we break through our own confusion; if we lack clear vision of our lives, how can we overcome our sense of being lost; if we do not have peace in our hearts, how can we let go of our emotional burdens? Our duties therefore extend not only to passing our courses or getting our applications in, but to the personal cultivation of the individual life of faith as well.

However, the more we come to the silence and peaceful places in our hearts, the more we need to constantly deepen and enrich our meditative experiences in order to be consistently built up by them. Fr. John Dunne uses the metaphor of an eye of a hurricane to describe this process of movement in a place of stillness. The light and peace of the eye exists in the midst of the swirling dark clouds of the hurricane, but finding it is not enough in and of itself. For if we find the eye and remain still, the hurricane pushes the eye elsewhere and swallows us up again. To remain therefore in that center of stillness requires movement *with* the storm, to be still without being stagnant, to constantly return to the eye in order to never lose it. For us as Christians, the one who calms the storm, who brings peace in our hearts, is Christ, but following Him does not mean our lives will not be chaotic or painless. Living in the eye, living in Christ, means enduring the unpredictability of the world while in our hearts flow a current of peace and stillness. Let us take a moment to "retreat" every day and find our centers of stillness, to find Jesus waiting in our hearts, and walk one more day with Him.

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St. Edward's Hall Chapel

5:00 p.m.
Law School Mass
Law School Commons

7:00 p.m.
MBA Mass
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Faculty Lounge

Sunday's Scripture Readings

1st: Jeremiah 17:5-8

2nd: 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17,20-26

OLYMPICS

Eliminated U.S. team hears chants of "Osama!"

Associated Press

GUADALAJARA, Mexico — The boos nearly drowned out "The Star-Spangled Banner," and a few dozen fans chanted "Osama! Osama!" as the United States was eliminated by Mexico in Olympic men's soccer qualifying.

A loud anti-American crowd hollered as Mexico beat the United States 4-0 Tuesday night

in the under-23 tournament, claiming a berth in the Athens Olympics.

As U.S. players left the stadium for their bus, several fans — some clutching beers — chanted "Osama! Osama!" in reference to al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden.

"It's better than having things thrown at you," U.S. Soccer Federation president Bob

Contiguglia said Wednesday after returning to Colorado Springs, Colo. "I was bothered by the whistling during the national anthem. It's just the way it is. You accept it. Our kids showed a lot of dignity. They didn't do silly things on the field."

Police in riot gear held back the crowd and urged people to calm down.

"I think the fans here in Mexico

are terrific; I think their patriotism and support of their team is terrific," U.S. coach Glenn Myernick said. "But unless I missed something, not one of them came down on the field and kicked the ball. We were beaten by a better football team tonight, not by the fans."

For Mexico, the game partly avenged a 2-0 loss to the United States in the second round of the

2002 World Cup. The U.S. men will miss the Olympics for the first time since 1980 — when the entire American delegation boycotted the Moscow Games. Mexico also ended the United States' 19-tournament streak of qualifying for every FIFA men's outdoor event, including the World Cup, the Olympics and the World Youth Championship for players under 20.

BOXING

With Lewis gone, WBC title at stake

Associated Press

LONDON — Less than a week after heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis retired, Corrie Sanders and Vitali Klitschko have begun talks for a bout for the vacant WBC title.

Promoter Vernon Smith said Wednesday he hopes for an April 24 fight date, preferably in New York or Las Vegas, with HBO the broadcaster. Discussions with the Klitschko camp started Tuesday night, he added.

The title was vacated Friday when Lewis left boxing rather than defend his crown in a rematch with Klitschko.

Lewis said he will help promote Sanders and the Klitschko fight. Lewis is director of the management company representing Sanders.

"I know they are very scared of (Sanders) because of his unorthodox style," Lewis said at Wednesday's news conference. "Corrie Sanders is the next champion. Corrie has been working very hard for a long time and deserves this opportunity. I think he'll make a fine champion."

Sanders, the former WBO champion from South Africa, knocked out Klitschko's brother, Wladimir, in the second round last March in Hanover, Germany. The 38-year-old Sanders is 39-2 with 29 knockouts.

"When I beat Vitali, I'm sure I'll be the only person that can beat two brothers in the same division," Sanders said Wednesday.

Vitali Klitschko, a Ukrainian based in Germany, was leading Lewis on all three scorecards after six rounds before being stopped on cuts last June in Los Angeles.

"I'm going to whack Klitschko like he's never been whacked before," Sanders said. "Nobody gave me a chance against Wladimir. That was a good fight and this one will be even better."

Sanders said he wasn't worried about fighting the 32-year-old Klitschko.

"I still feel like a 31-, 32-year-old," he said. "I still believe I have a year or two in me."

Sanders said if he beats Klitschko he would give a rematch to his brother.

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NFL

Colts players wait on Manning's new contract

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning's new contract likely will determine whether some key teammates start looking for new jobs.

Less than two weeks before the deadline for placing an expensive franchise tag on Manning, the NFL's co-MVP, the Indianapolis Colts have made little progress on re-signing five other starters, and a key backup before they become free agents March 3.

The players' agents don't expect much to happen until Manning's situation is resolved.

"I talked to Chris Polian about a month before the season ended and he made it clear nothing would be done until 18 is done," agent Cliff Brady said Wednesday, referring to the uniform number Manning wears and the team's assistant director

of football operations.

Brady represents starting right tackle Ryan Diem, a restricted free agent. If the Colts make a low offer to Diem and he signs with another team, the Colts might only get a fourth-round pick in April's NFL draft as compensation.

The question now is how quickly and how affordably the Colts can get a deal done with Manning so they can start working to give him a better supporting cast.

Team owner Jim Irsay has promised to make Manning the NFL's highest-paid player, but if the Colts and their four-time Pro Bowl quarterback don't reach a deal by Feb. 23, Irsay said he would give Manning the team's franchise designation. That means Manning would count about \$18 million against next year's salary cap, expected to be

about \$79 million.

Colts spokesman Craig Kelley said the team would not comment on the negotiations. Manning and his agent, Tom Condon, also declined comment.

Meanwhile, about 15 other players remain in limbo.

Brady said the Colts haven't indicated whether they will make a high offer of about \$1.3 million, which would cost other teams a first-round pick to sign Diem, or a low offer, which Brady believes would make Diem an attractive free agent.

Other players who are still waiting to work out deals include starting linebacker Marcus Washington and cornerback David Macklin, who moved into the starting lineup late in the season. Both are unrestricted free agents.

The Colts also have three other key restricted free agents —

starting guard Rick DeMulling, backup running back Dominic Rhodes and cornerback Nick Harper, who led the Colts with four interceptions last year.

Other players could be released because of their high salary cap numbers. They include offensive lineman Adam Meadows, quarterback Brock Huard and defensive lineman Chad Bratzke.

Brooks Henderson, who represents Meadows, said they have not been granted permission by the Colts to begin negotiating with other teams. He expects Meadows to be released and said several unidentified teams are

interested in his client.

By cutting Meadows, the Colts would save about \$5 million. Meadows was a second-round pick in 1997 and started all but four games in his first six seasons with the Colts before losing his job to Diem last year.

"It does look like they will release him," Henderson said. "They have not said anything that direct to us, but we realize that's probably going to happen."

Bratzke's cap number is even higher, about \$10 million next year, and Huard, Manning's backup, is scheduled to make a base salary of \$5 million next year.

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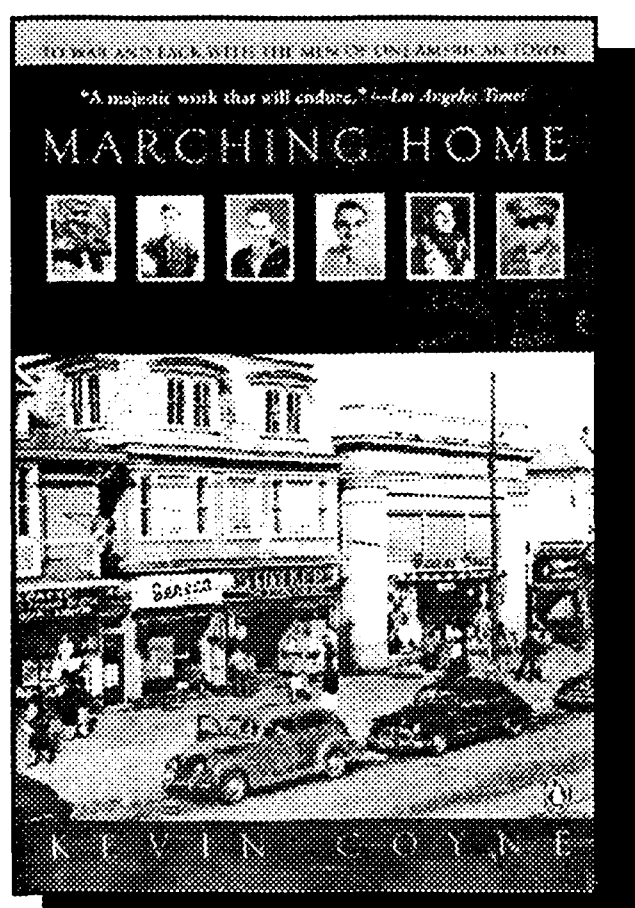
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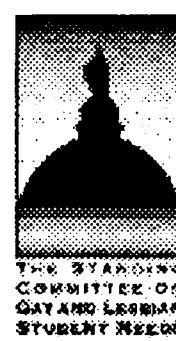


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Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

| team | record | pts. | last 10 |
|--------------|------------|------|----------|
| Philadelphia | 29-12-11-5 | 74 | 7-2-1-0 |
| New Jersey | 28-15-10-1 | 67 | 6-4-0-0 |
| NY Islanders | 26-21-6-2 | 60 | 5-2-2-1 |
| NY Rangers | 20-24-7-4 | 51 | 2-8-0-0 |
| Pittsburgh | 11-37-5-3 | 30 | 0-10-0-0 |

Eastern Conference, Northeast

| team | record | pts. | last 10 |
|----------|------------|------|---------|
| Toronto | 30-14-9-3 | 72 | 7-2-1-0 |
| Boston | 28-14-11-4 | 71 | 6-3-1-0 |
| Ottawa | 29-15-7-4 | 69 | 5-4-0-1 |
| Montreal | 28-21-6-2 | 64 | 5-5-0-0 |
| Buffalo | 24-26-5-1 | 54 | 6-4-0-0 |

Eastern Conference, Southwest Division

| team | record | pts. | last 10 |
|------------|------------|------|---------|
| Tampa Bay | 28-17-7-3 | 66 | 7-1-1-1 |
| Florida | 19-23-11-3 | 52 | 4-4-1-1 |
| Atlanta | 21-28-6-2 | 50 | 1-7-2-0 |
| Carolina | 17-26-10-2 | 46 | 2-7-1-0 |
| Washington | 17-31-5-2 | 41 | 4-5-0-1 |

Western Conference, Central Division

| team | record | pts. | last 10 |
|-----------|-----------|------|---------|
| Detroit | 31-15-8-2 | 72 | 4-2-4-0 |
| St. Louis | 26-21-7-1 | 60 | 1-8-1-0 |
| Nashville | 26-20-6-2 | 60 | 6-4-0-0 |
| Columbus | 15-28-8-3 | 41 | 4-4-2-0 |
| Chicago | 14-29-7-5 | 40 | 3-7-0-0 |

Western Conference, Northwest Division

| team | record | pts. | last 10 |
|-----------|------------|------|---------|
| Colorado | 30-11-10-4 | 74 | 5-0-3-2 |
| Vancouver | 31-15-7-3 | 72 | 6-3-0-1 |
| Calgary | 27-20-5-3 | 62 | 4-5-1-0 |
| Minnesota | 19-21-15-2 | 55 | 3-4-1-2 |
| Edmonton | 22-24-6-1 | 53 | 4-6-0-1 |

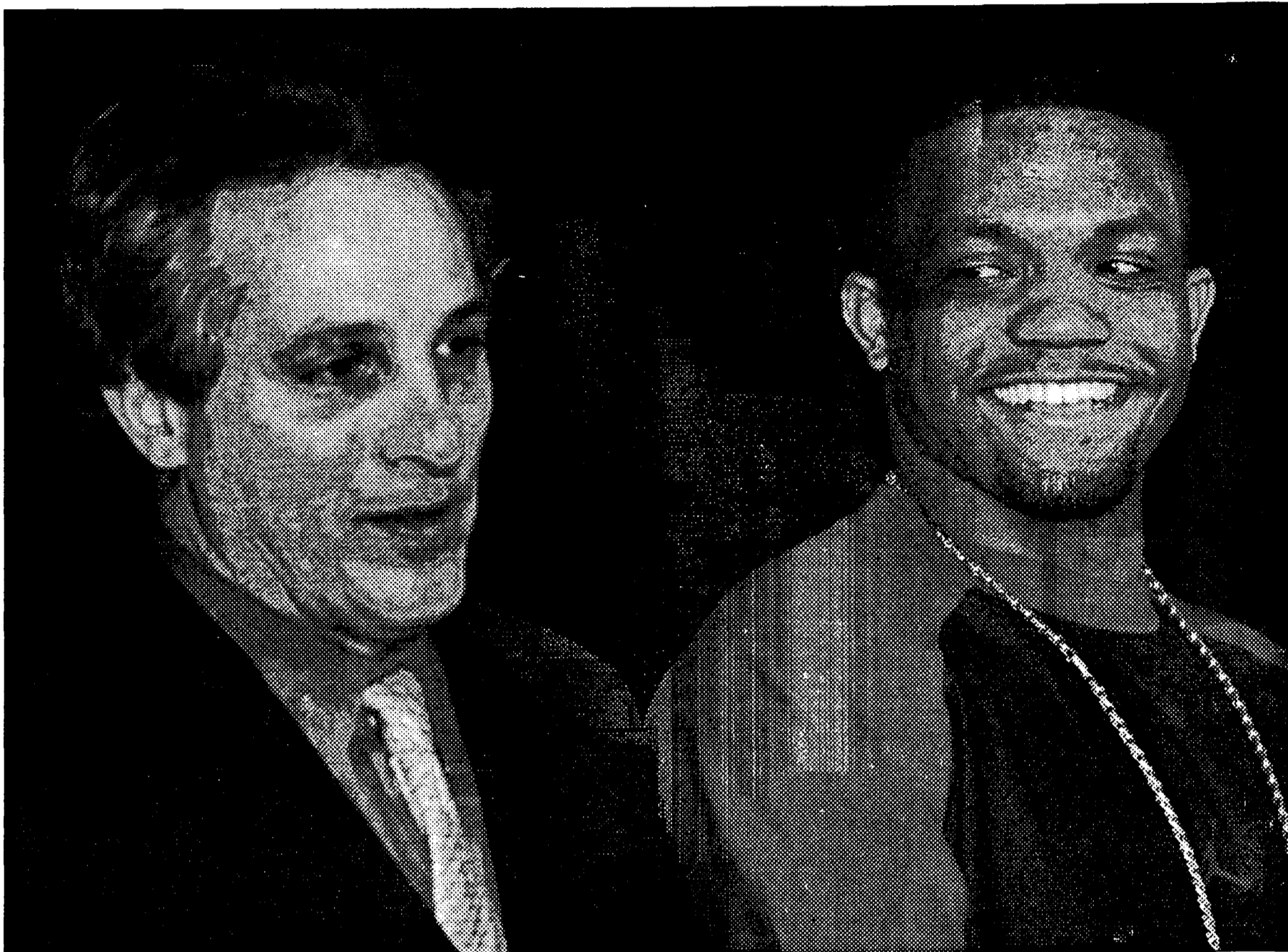
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| San Jose | 26-14-11-5 | 68 | 6-3-0-1 |
| Dallas | 27-20-9-0 | 63 | 8-1-1-0 |
| Los Angeles | 22-15-13-5 | 62 | 6-1-3-0 |
| Phoenix | 18-19-14-3 | 53 | 2-5-2-1 |
| Anaheim | 17-23-8-7 | 49 | 4-3-1-2 |

Men's Basketball Top 25

| | team | record | points |
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| 1 | Duke (24) | 20-1 | 765 |
| 2 | Stanford (6) | 20-0 | 748 |
| 3 | Saint Joseph's (1) | 20-0 | 714 |
| 4 | Pittsburgh | 22-1 | 678 |
| 5 | Connecticut | 19-3 | 640 |
| 6 | Mississippi St. | 19-1 | 603 |
| 7 | Gonzaga | 19-2 | 591 |
| 8 | Kentucky | 16-3 | 547 |
| 9 | Louisville | 17-3 | 506 |
| 10 | Oklahoma State | 17-2 | 500 |
| 11 | Texas | 16-3 | 491 |
| 12 | Cincinnati | 16-3 | 431 |
| 13 | Kansas | 15-4 | 399 |
| 14 | Wisconsin | 15-4 | 355 |
| 15 | Arizona | 14-6 | 291 |
| 16 | Georgia Tech | 17-5 | 279 |
| 17 | North Carolina | 14-6 | 228 |
| 18 | Wake Forest | 13-6 | 187 |
| 19 | Texas Tech | 17-5 | 186 |
| 20 | Florida | 14-6 | 150 |
| 21 | Providence | 15-5 | 109 |
| 22 | South Carolina | 19-4 | 103 |
| 23 | Utah State | 19-1 | 98 |
| 24 | Southern Illinois | 18-2 | 92 |
| 25 | Syracuse | 14-5 | 75 |

NCAA FOOTBALL



Maurice Clarett and his lawyer talk to the press at the New York News Conference. Clarett was ruled eligible for the NFL draft.

Federal judge rules in favor of Clarett

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Maurice Clarett is ready to enter the NFL draft, clearing another legal obstacle Wednesday when a federal judge rejected the league's request to suspend her ruling.

U.S. District Judge Shira Scheindlin concluded the Ohio State running back could face "very detrimental" harm if excluded from the draft. She said the NFL would not be irreparably harmed if Clarett and other underclassmen are eligible.

"Maurice Clarett's going to be in the draft," the

player's lawyer, Alan Milstein, said after the decision.

NFL lawyer Gregg Levy said the league will ask the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to stay Scheindlin's ruling while it appeals.

Scheindlin ruled last week that an NFL rule barring eligibility to Clarett and other young players from April's draft violates antitrust law.

"Contrary to the NFL's argument, most of the rules governing this case were established decades ago," she said.

"Indeed, the legal framework for that decision was

laid in a long line of Supreme Court precedent," she added.

Scheindlin said "it would be perverse indeed" to grant a delay of her ruling.

"If a stay is granted, Clarett will miss the 2004 draft," she said. "He will not be eligible to play in the NFL until the 2005 draft, when he would have been eligible under the current rule. If the stay is granted, Clarett will have effectively lost his lawsuit."

The judge said the NFL's concern that younger players may over-train or resort to steroid use to better qualify for the draft "makes no sense." Players

must announce they are entering the draft by March 1.

She predicted few younger players would enter the draft.

"At worst, the NFL will be forced to tolerate the handful of younger players who are selected in the 2004 draft," she said. "What would amount to a one-year suspension of the league's eligibility rule scarcely imposes any great hardship on the NFL or its teams."

Levy, the NFL lawyer, was not surprised by this latest ruling and insisted the league is confident about its coming appeal.

IN BRIEF

Big Ten to experiment with instant replay for football

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The NCAA Football Rules Committee has recommended that instant replay be used on an experimental basis during Big Ten conference games in 2004.

The proposal must still be approved by the NCAA championships/competition cabinet for Division I. A date for the cabinet to consider the matter has not been set, the NCAA said in a release Wednesday.

The Big Ten proposed the use of instant replay to the rules committee, spokeswoman Sue Lister said.

The conference collected data on conference officiating during the 2003 season and presented it to league coaches, who unanimously endorsed the experiment last month, Lister said.

Under the proposal, all games between Big Ten schools will be played with the experimental rule.

Non-conference opponents who play televised games in Big Ten stadi-

ums would have the option to play with replay.

The experimental system would use only those replays provided by the league's broadcast partners. Not all Big Ten games are televised.

A technical adviser assigned to each game by the conference's officiating department would be the only person able to request a replay and render a judgment. However, they will be prohibited from requesting replays of specific plays or shots from specific camera angles.

If approved, other proposed committee rules could be recommended for implementation nationwide in 2005.

Those changes include having referees announce player fouls and stopping play immediately if the offensive team prevents the defense from making timely substitutions.

Basketball coaches marry

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The opposing coaches returned to the court for a celebration after a high school bas-

ketball game Tuesday night, but nobody was cutting down any nets. With their players and fans looking on, the coaches had something more meaningful to celebrate as they began their new life together as husband and wife.

Aletha Penn, coach of the Center High School girls team, was married to Steve Cassity, just after his Hickman Mills team beat her team 65-60.

"Basketball brought us together," said the bride. "I don't know. It just seemed natural for us."

She and Cassity met at a basketball camp, and kept in touch through the sport. She spent some time in New York working in fashion design, while he was in Wichita as an assistant coach at Wichita State University.

Eventually, Penn came back to Kansas City to coach at Center, and Cassity said he called her "to ask about a couple of her players."

"Let's be honest here," said Penn. "I don't think he was interested in my players."

around the dial

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FENCING

Idle Irish practice during three-week break

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

After spending the last three dual meets battling top-ranked foes like Ohio State and Penn State, the Notre Dame fencing team is in the midst of a well-deserved three-week rest. Both the men and women knocked off the second-ranked Buckeyes at the Notre Dame Duals on Jan. 31, but neither team will compete until the West vs. Central Dual Meet on Feb. 21.

For fifth-year foilist Forest Walton, the break is a welcome one. "We were traveling so much that we were just getting ahead of ourselves, and maybe that's why we lost to St. John's," he said. "We've been training and everyone's well-rested now. We're back on the top of our game."

The West vs. Central Duals will be held in West Lafayette, Ind., but the competition should pose little challenge for a team with only one combined loss between both the men and women. The duals may allow the walk-on fencers to see actual competition. "All of these are teams we need to beat," senior epeeist Kerry Walton said. "[But] if we can get all our walk-ons in so everybody on the team [gets] monograms, that's what we're going to try and do."

Additionally, in the last dual meet of the regular season, the Irish hope to use the experience to keep the rust away in preparation for their postseason run.

"Our team is smart enough to know they get this [tournament] to practice a lot of things," Kerry Walton said. "They're not going to slack because their recruits haven't been fencing as long as us."

The Midwest Fencing Conference Championships, which begin March 6, mark the first of the postseason tests the Irish will face. The event will be held in South Bend at the Joyce Center, giving the Irish home-floor advantage. Forest Walton

and the rest of the Irish already have their sights focused on play-off preparation.

"The coaches are really pushing us hard and that's what we all need," Forest Walton said. "That's what is going to give us an NCAA title this year. That's what's going to allow us to repeat."

For the next week and a half, however, the fencers are stuck facing their own teammates in practice. While competing against the same people repeatedly can become monotonous, the Irish do have an advantage. Those same people are among the best in the country.

"Every day people can try new stuff, and just fencing each other makes you ready for the competition we're going to face," Forest Walton said.

The non-scholarship fencers contribute as well. They provide the challenge of unfamiliar fencing styles to the more experienced fencers like Kerry Walton.

"Walk-ons are awesome because you've never fenced these people before and it's something new," Kerry Walton said.

But the coaches are also working hard to keep practices lively to avoid repetition of the same routines.

"We played a little game of ultimate Frisbee for 20 minutes during practice," Kerry Walton said. "[The coaches] throw in different things and they keep us entertained."

Even though he does try to mix up his practices, Irish coach Janusz Bednarski remains focused on the task at hand — improvement.

"We will try to improve what mistakes we made," Bednarski said. "In our victories, it was not easy to win. Our team is very young, so for them, work is a must."

Additionally, the break gives the injured fencers a chance to rest.

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Fencer Aaron Adjemian lunges at an opponent at a recent match. The men's and women's teams will not participate in a match until the West vs. Central Dual Meet on Feb. 21.

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Letter

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perceived the letter as a "serious substantive message", since the letter was addressed to the Board of Trustees, "it would be up to the trustees to give an answer."

Kelley said the letter writers had received no response from board members, and Storin said that he did not know if athletics were discussed at the trustees' meeting. Attempts to contact Board of Trustees chairman Patrick McCartan were unsuccessful.

The authors explicitly say that the letter does not represent a call to fire Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham, who won his first eight games as an Irish coach but has since gone 7-10.

"The issues aren't with Tyrone Willingham," Kelley said. "The jury is still out on him, but we wish him all the luck and are behind him."

Willingham, in comments made to a Chicago radio station Tuesday, said the letter didn't surprise him. "Our alumni are very passionate," he told WSCR-

AM.

Instead of criticizing the coaching, Kelley said, the letter is a plea to the University's highest body to re-organize certain aspects of the University.

Notable in the letter is that only Willingham is mentioned by name, which Kelley said was a deliberate move. Kelley said the authors wanted to shed light on their criticism of structural problems instead of attacking athletic director Kevin White or University President Father Edward Malloy.

The letter suggests three proposals to fix what the letter writers see as fundamental problems with the football program. First, the authors suggest that the athletic director delegate more authority to focus more attention on football. Second, the letter says the athletic director should have more control — and subsequently be judged by — football coaching hires. Third, the writers call for the appointment of a lay person to the University's executive vice president, the third-ranking administrative spot at the school that has remained vacant since Father Timothy Scully resigned in June 2002, to

improve the school's "financial, administrative and athletic pursuits". That would leave the University president, who must be a Holy Cross priest, free to focus on academic and spiritual matters. Currently, Malloy handles the duties of the executive vice president.

But associate athletic director John Heisler said that many of the concerns in the letter are already in place in some form in the athletic department.

"I think it's ludicrous to think that football wouldn't be important in any scheme of things," he said.

Many of White's duties in terms of overseeing other sports are already delegated, a departmental structure he inherited he was hired in 2000. And while the athletic director has direct oversight of football and both basketball programs, Heisler said a variety of athletic department staff assists in the administration of the football program.

"Some of the suggestions could be that Kevin doesn't pay attention to football," Heisler said. "I don't know how anybody could say that who is around here every day. He doesn't go very

long without communicating with Tyrone, and at the end of the day, I'm not sure what else you can do."

Heisler also pointed out that White was responsible for providing the recommendation to hire George O'Leary and Willingham to a committee during the 2001 coaching search. The associate athletic director suggested that some of the sentiment for more power given to the athletic director comes from Gene Corrigan's relative ease in hiring Lou Holtz in 1985. That decision was made after a four-hour conversation between the two friends, Heisler said, and isn't possible in today's complex coaching environment.

Heisler pointed to Notre Dame's commitment to improving its facilities, the increased scholarship Notre Dame provides to Olympic sports and the heightened competitiveness of the non-major programs as significant improvements that occurred in White's tenure.

Kelley also praised those improvements, but said the success of the athletic director should be based primarily on the success of the football program.

"It's got to be 95 percent foot-

ball," he said. "We don't want to hear a thing about the [NACDA] Cup."

The recent struggles of the football team show why the alumni are frustrated, Kelley said. Notre Dame has endured three losing seasons in five years, was placed on NCAA probation for the first time in school history in 1999 and endured an embarrassing coaching search in 2001.

Kelley said the letter writers were initially reluctant to release the letter to the media, but the lack of response from the Board of Trustees convinced the authors to make the letter public.

And although just over 400 alumni signed the letter — a small percentage of the University's more than 100,000 alumni — Kelley said the feedback he received has been positive.

"We're being inundated with people who support this," he said. "The reception to this by alumni has been fabulous. If we ever have to do something like this again, I expect the number to be much bigger."

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FOOTBALL

Eight Irish to combine

Special to The Observer

Eight former Irish football players are invited to the 2004 National Football League Combine schedule for Feb. 28 to Mar. 4, at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. Receiving invitations are defensive tackle Darrell Campbell, cornerback Vontez Duff, free safety Glenn Earl, nose guard Cedric Hilliard, running back Julius Jones, offensive tackle Jim Molinaro, kicker/punter Nicholas Setta and inside linebacker Courtney Watson.

Campbell was the leader of the Notre Dame defensive line in 2003, recording 25 tackles, 6.5 for loss and three sacks. For his career, the 6-foot-4, 300-pounder finished with 87 tackles, including 23 for loss and 11 sacks. A team captain, Campbell was the 2003 winner of the Nick Pietrosante Award presented each year to the Notre Dame player who best exemplifies the courage, loyalty, teamwork, dedication and pride of the late Irish All-America fullback Nick Pietrosante. Campbell, who played in the 2004 Senior Bowl, graduated in December with degrees in English and computer applications.

Duff was a third-team Associated Press All-American in 2002 and led the Irish secondary in 2003. He finished the year with 33 tackles, two interceptions, four pass breakups and two fumble recoveries. A team captain, he also was one of Notre Dame's leading special teams players, finishing his career with the all-time record for number of kicks returned (120), while ranking third on the all-time Notre Dame total kick return list with 1,955 yards and fourth in all-time kickoff return yards at 1,230. Duff, who played in the East-West Shrine Game, is a sociology major in the College of Arts and Letters.

Irish All-American

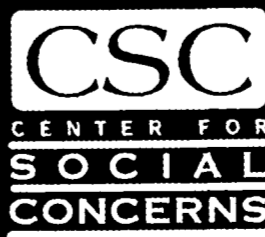
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MEN'S TENNIS

Diverse freshman class represents promising Irish future

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

They compose a diverse group — hailing from New York to Miami to South Bend, with an Irish junior champion and the "Georgian Juggernaut" rounding out the quintet.

Some made an immediate impact in the Irish lineup, while others complete one of the deepest teams Bobby Bayliss has coached.

They are the freshmen on the Irish men's tennis team, who, despite their differences, have brought together experience, grit and raw talent to put points on the board for the team this year. They are Irakli Akhvlediani of Vienna, Austria; Stephen Bass of Bronxville, N.Y.; Ryan Keckley of South Bend, Ind.; Barry King of Dublin, Ireland and Bobby McNally of Miami, Fla.

They are the future of men's tennis at Notre Dame.

"These guys are going to do some great things," Bayliss said. "And they're all different — really, really different."

"Irakli is in his own little world sometimes, and Barry is the big, lumbering Irish guy, everybody's buddy," Bayliss said. "Stephen is the New York kid who talks too fast — nobody can understand him — and Ryan's the real dark horse. No one has begun to realize how good he's going to be. Bobby is also a really strong player."

The class is transitioning well, with Bass and King playing No. 3

doubles and No. 4 and 5 singles, respectively. Keckley has seen time at No. 6 singles and is teamed with senior tri-captain Luis Haddock on the No. 1 doubles team which is ranked 18th nationally.

"The biggest transition is that [college tennis] is an individual sport with a team aspect to it. You have to care more about the team than yourself," Bass said. "I think it's such a good sport in college because people learn to act individually as well as on a team."

The team has gelled as a team over the early spring while playing indoors, a huge change for many of the freshmen.

"I've never played indoors in my entire life," Florida native McNally said. "It's the craziest thing ever — it took me three weeks just to get used to the sound of balls and lack of heat. It's a different world, indoor tennis."

Don't tell Akhvlediani and King about different worlds. Both players have had to make the bigger, international transition.

"It's a big difference, and it's an experience for me," Akhvlediani said. "I played in a lot of single tournaments [in Austria]. I didn't have a lot of experience playing with a team. It's something I want to explore further and something that can help me in my game and overall tennis performance."

For Akhvlediani, the challenge of change was magnified by the move from Austria to the United States.

"The system here is really dif-

ferent," he said.

King hails from Ireland and believes the system's differences are positive ones, a foreign system that not only encourages team play but a team mindset.

"The competition level has gone up a huge amount," said King of his move to the United States. "Having coaches on the court and being on a team is different. Playing for the team, I'm trying to win for them more than myself. The camaraderie for the team is really strong, and something I didn't have before. I want to go out there and give 100 percent for team and for coaches."

"It's unusual for me," Bayliss said of his two foreign players arriving this year. "[Though] most [college tennis] teams have a preponderance of foreign talent."

Both Akhvlediani and King, however, set goals of playing college tennis in the United States, and Notre Dame was a top choice.

Now, both foreign players and the other three freshmen are a tight-knit family.

"The five freshmen, I think we're so close it's probably strange to see," McNally said. "We hang out on weekends and eat dinner all together. It's great having four guys just like you, who go through the same things just like you ... Everyone likes

each other a whole lot. With so many freshmen playing right off the spot, we get a little more respect from the upperclassmen. It makes things a whole lot easier."

Bass was recruited by other top schools and programs and has actual family on the team, as well; his junior brother, Jimmy, also plays varsity tennis.

Since the beginning of the year, Bayliss has compared this class to the freshmen of 1989, who developed into a finely-tuned, title-contending powerhouse.

"We had a very large and talented class," Bayliss said. "All players were among the top 100 prospects in country, which gave us a chance to really make an impact next year." The Irish, who had not been ranked since the polls began in the early 1970s, were the new kid on the tennis block.

Although the Irish didn't make the NCAA tournament that year, they committed themselves to being the best, Bayliss said. The next year, they appeared in the final 16 and reached the NCAA final in 1992. As seniors, despite the loss of their No. 1 singles player, the team finished in the top 10 and was among the final eight in the NCAA tournament.

Bayliss believes the current freshmen have the ability to be

such a class. He also thinks they have the ability to play professional tennis after graduation.

"[Bass] is one tough out, an absolute nightmare to play against because he gets everything back, and he would cut off his arm to win a point," Bayliss said.

King brings similar intensity to the court.

"He's a big shaggy dog; everybody likes him," Bayliss said of King. "He has no trouble making friends. He's a lot of fun, and he has an enormous upside and a huge serve."

Keckley, who could not be reached for comment, is home-grown for the Irish and has succeeded so far despite injury and the considerable handicap of playing tennis against a lack of strong opponents.

"He has tons of upside," Bayliss said, "and [he] can become a really tremendously gifted college player."

"[McNally has] a big forehand, good left-handed serve and great doubles instincts," Bayliss said. Also left-handed, Akhvlediani struggled with the changes at the beginning of the year, but Bayliss pointed out that he is "doing really well this semester, which reflects in his tennis."

There are big shoes for these freshmen to fill. From their record so far, however, one thing is certain — they will step up to the task this season and in seasons to come.

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Cornett

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him, and I have to try to be better than him."

At one point Monday, Cornett — the least heralded of Notre Dame's sophomore

class — was the only second-year player capable of playing. Francis had left early in the first half with back spasms, and doctors were examining Chris Quinn's ankle in the locker room.

But all four of Notre Dame's captains were on the floor, and each captain chest-

bumped the sophomore every time he made a big play — which was often.

"Everyone on this team has their own role," Cornett said. "I'm just glad I was able to help."

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Pitchers

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Dame.

"I don't feel any added pressure," Niesel said. "With the losses of [Axford] and [Manship], that will give opportunities to other guys on our staff. I think we have a great staff. I think we'll do a good job."

After going 4-0 with a 3.36 ERA his freshman year, Niesel earned All-American and Big East Pitcher of the Year status as a sophomore. He was 9-1 with a 2.65 ERA and led the Irish staff in numerous categories including wins, strikeouts, innings pitched and starts. He regularly throws three pitches — a low-90s fastball, a hard-breaking curveball and a changeup. This summer, he even worked with coach Terry Rooney to develop a slider.

After the end of last season, Niesel had won 31 of his last 33 decisions, dating back to his senior year of high school. That stretch also included his two seasons at Notre Dame, summer ball in the Cape Cod league and two Blue-Gold game scrimmages.

Joining Niesel in the rotation will be sophomore Tom Thornton, who went 5-1 with a 1.81 ERA against mostly mid-week competition last season. Mainieri believes Thornton is ready to face better teams this year and has slated him to pitch against USC in Notre Dame's second game next weekend.

"There's no question in my mind that Tom Thornton has good enough stuff to win against good teams," Mainieri said. "He's got a lively fastball, his curveball can be very nasty and his changeup is improving — and he throws the ball in the strike zone."

Mainieri also expects to use several freshman pitchers in the rotation or out of the bullpen. Derik Olvey is expected to start in Notre Dame's third game against Louisville. The Los Angeles Dodgers drafted Olvey out of high school in the 13th round, but the Alabama native honored his commitment to Notre Dame and could make an immediate impact for the Irish staff. Olvey was an All-American after going 9-1 with a 1.49 ERA as a high school senior.

Mainieri said fellow freshman Dan Kapala and Jess Stewart will be integral parts of the bullpen.

Kapala went 11-4 with a 1.05 ERA as a senior, while Stewart was 6-3 with a 1.41 ERA during his last season in high school.

"[Kapala and Stewart] are two freshmen that I think are going to shoulder a big load on our staff this year," Mainieri said. "Quite frankly, our team is going to go about as well as those guys pitch for us out of the bullpen because we're going to desperately need them to do some great things for us."

Notre Dame will also use several returning players like Joe Thaman, Tyler Jones and Ryan Doherty in the bullpen. Mainieri expects to use a variety of pitchers in different roles during the first part of the season.

Thaman played first base during his first three years at Notre Dame but converted to pitcher after last season. Thaman pitched in high school, and Mainieri said the senior will have a chance to throw significant innings in 2004.

"[Thaman] pitched as well as anybody during fall practice," Mainieri said.

Jones will assume a more prominent role this season, as the coach said he could pitch in upwards of 25-30 games after going 2-1 with 12 innings of work in 2003. Rooney changed Jones' pitching style from throwing overhand to sidearm, which gives him more movement on his fastball and off-speed pitches.

The 7-foot-1 Doherty has the best chance to be the Irish closer this season after posting a 2.20 ERA in 44 innings of work last season. Mainieri said Doherty will be the "main guy coming out of the bullpen this year" for the Irish.

"He has a chance to be a dominating relief pitcher for us," Mainieri said. "He's going to throw the ball really hard."

Rooney worked with Doherty on improving his two-seam fastball. This pitch, which Doherty now throws consistently, cuts in on right-handed hitters and tails away from left-handed hitters. Doherty also throws a good changeup.

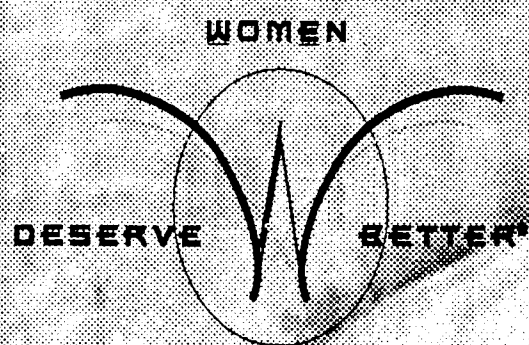
Mainieri said the Irish need the entire staff to improve to make up for the limitations of Johnson and the losses of two pitchers.

"With the loss of Axford and Manship, we're going to need all those guys to step forward," Mainieri said.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles falter, lose lead in second half

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

The Belles took a solid lead into halftime Wednesday night, but Adrian College dominated the second half and Saint Mary's suffered a disappointing 67-51 loss.

At the end of the first half, the Belles (6-16) had a 30-26 lead, but an quick start to the second half by Adrian (8-13) quickly shifted the momentum.

The fast pace of the game favored Adrian. The Belles gave up 41 points in the second half, while their offense was held to 21 points.

The loss gives the Belles a 1-10 record in the MIAA and puts them in last place in the league. With the loss, the Belles now have a three-game losing streak.

The leading scorer for the Belles was forward Emily Creachbaum, who dropped in 17 points on 8-of-15 shooting. Guard Bridget Boyce was the second-leading scorer for the Belles with 12 points. Boyce also added three steals.

In last week's games against Olivet and Calvin, the Belles relied heavily on their bench to provide a strong effort. Against Adrian, the bench proved not to be a factor.

Justine Mullen scored eight

points to account for all of the Belles' bench points. In last Monday's home victory over Olivet, the Belles had six different players come off the bench to score a combined 32 points.

Four different Adrian players reached double figures.

Guard Corrie Helldobler led Adrian with 15 points and six rebounds. Mandi Lemmons also put in a strong effort with 12 points and five assists in the comeback.

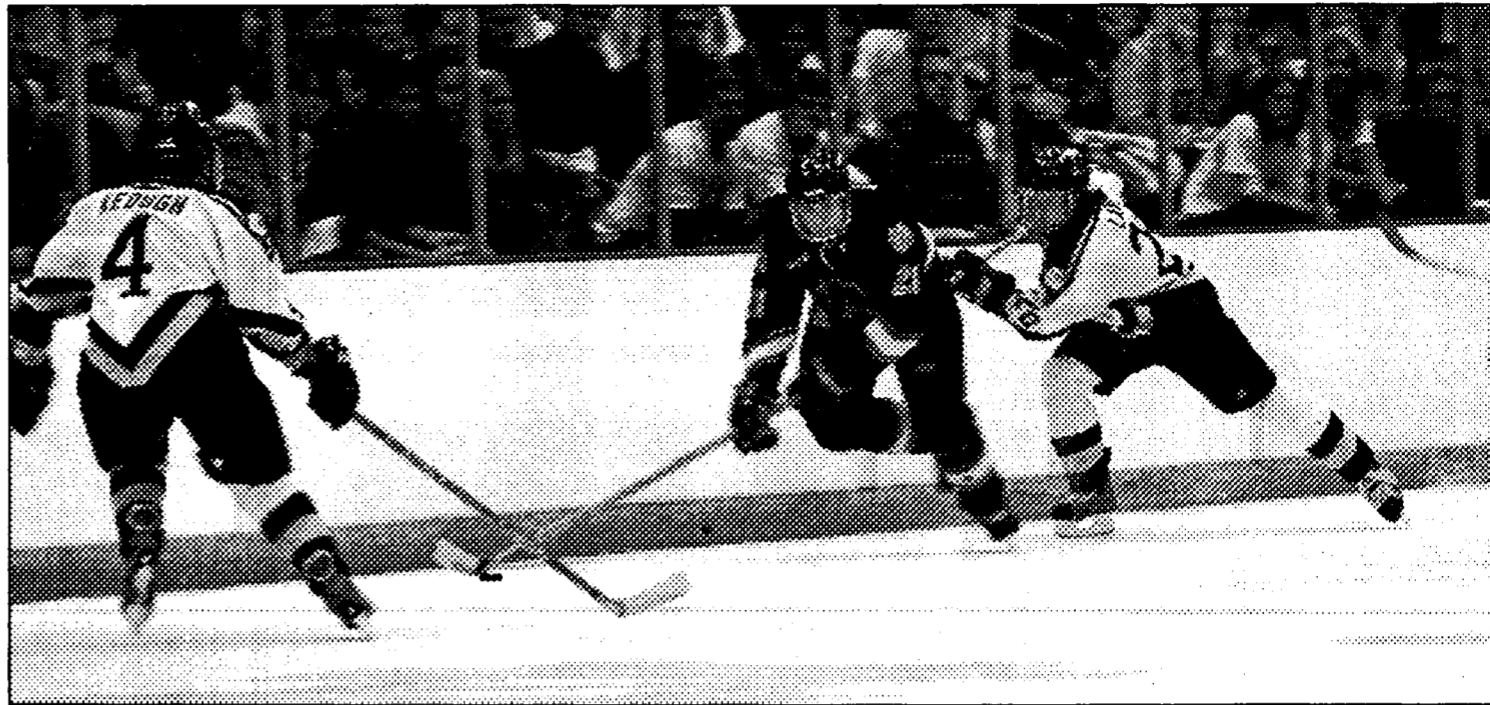
Both teams had trouble from the free throw line with the Belles shooting 8-for-20 and Adrian making only 13-of-25.

In the end, the two teams were even in most statistics, but Adrian capitalized on a rebounding advantage and superior shooting to open up a big lead.

This is not the first time the Belles have had trouble maintaining their stamina in the second half. In previous games this season, the Belles have lost their edge after a strong first half.

The Belles have only three games left this season and only one more home game. On Saturday, the team goes on the road to face Alma College.

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ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Irish sophomore Tim Wallace goes for the puck against Alaska Fairbanks Jan. 30. The Irish have struggled to score this season, and it has put the pressure on their goalies.

Irish

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Notre Dame scored four goals or more in a game — Jan. 9 against Bowling Green — the result was a loss, 5-4. Notre Dame's highest offensive output this season, six goals against Western Michigan on Dec. 5, was also a loss (8-6).

It's hard to tell where the Irish would be right now if they had a powerful offense as well as the stellar goaltending of freshman David Brown and junior Morgan Cey. Michigan currently sits in second place in the CCHA and has the best defense in the league with only 65 goals against.

Pretty similar to the Irish, right?

But the Wolverines have

scored 99 goals this season in just 20 games. It's not hard to see that even with all the defense in the world, there still needs to be some offense to pick up the slack.

Poulin has often said that his team sometimes relies on the goalies too often to bail them out of a difficult situation. While Brown and Cey have certainly stolen their share of games in which the Irish were badly outplayed but still got a point or two, there's only so much a net-minder can do.

Earlier this season, the Irish were as high as first place overall in the CCHA. The team currently has a sub-.500 conference record (9-10-3) and sits in eighth place in the 12-team league.

The conference awards home ice at the end of the season to the top six teams. If Notre Dame wants to host the

first round of the CCHA playoffs at the Joyce Center, some of those pucks are going to have to go in the net, starting with this weekend against Ferris State.

It's not as bleak as it sounds. With the CCHA as competitive as it has ever been, Notre Dame's 21 points is currently only three points behind Ohio State and Western Michigan, who are tied for the sixth place position.

But if the Irish are to make any real jump up the standings over their last six conference games, their sleeping giant of an offense is going to have to wake up.

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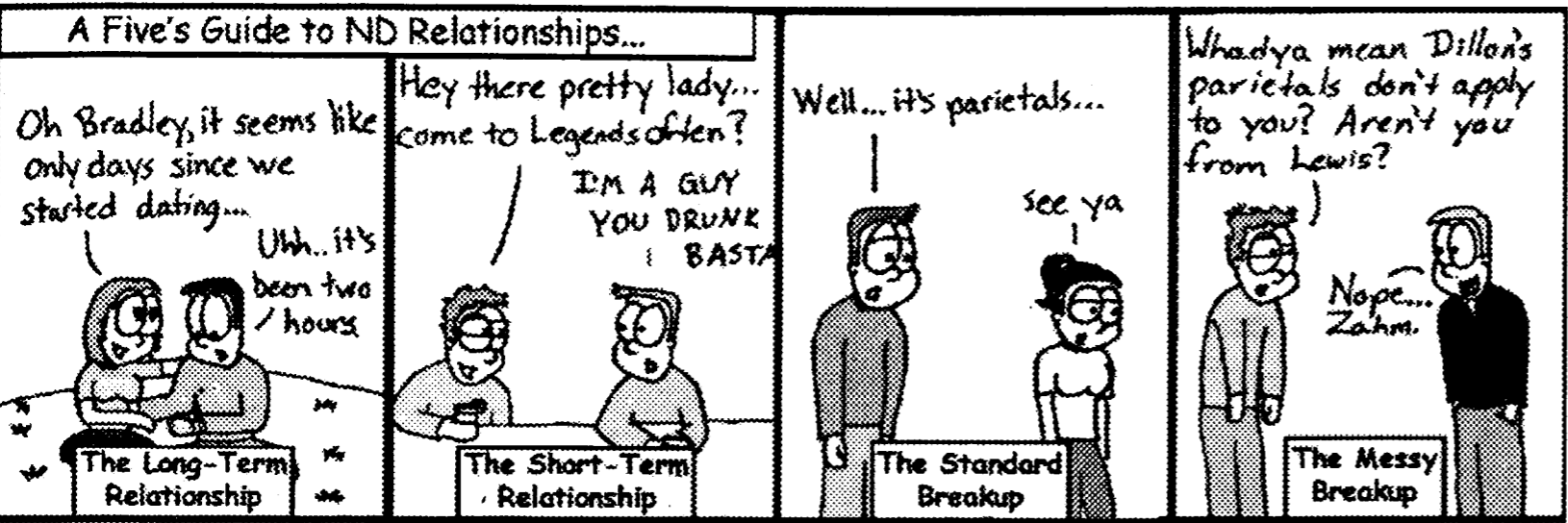
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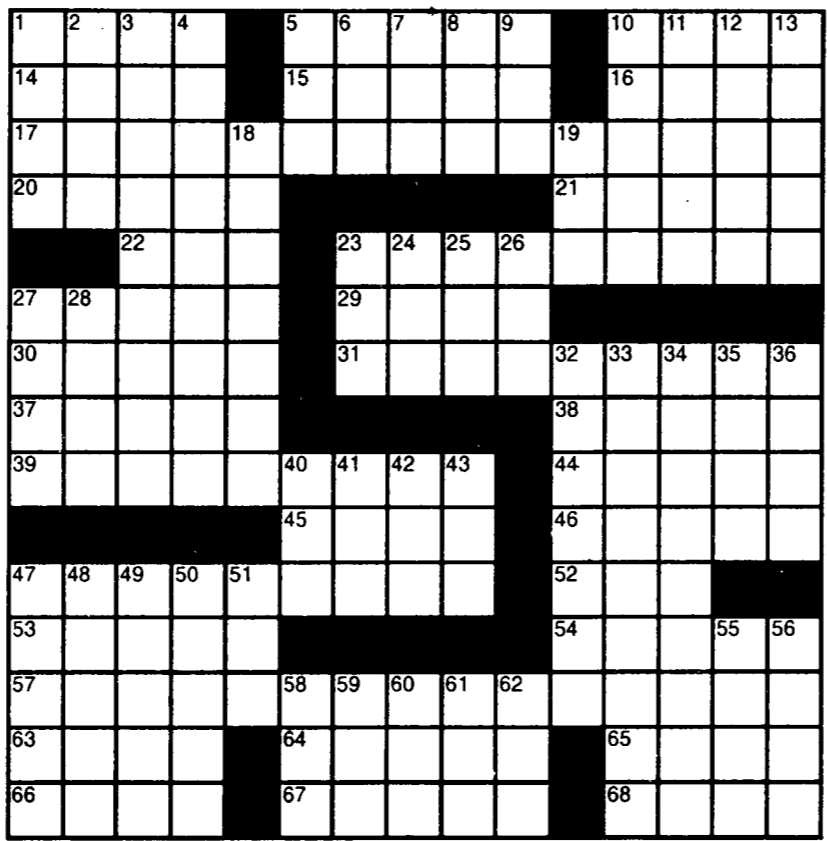
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- 31 Sexy person
 - 37 Scream or be rowdy, as a child
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 - 8 Scand. land
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EUGENIA LAST

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Happy Birthday: You have what it takes to dazzle the world this year. Put your heart and soul into your desired accomplishments, and you will find yourself in a leadership position. You have plenty to offer if you stand tall and present your ideas in a confident manner. Don't hesitate or second-guess yourself, and you will reach your goals. Your numbers: 6, 14, 20, 23, 34, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Partnerships will be strained if one of you has been disagreeable. Try to be understanding and sort the situation out before things get out of hand. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't waste your time trying to get others to understand why you are doing things the way you are. Work diligently on your own and avoid being dragged into conversations that will lead to disagreements. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You should be involved in activities that include children. Your creative input will be welcomed at any group gathering. Go shopping for that special outfit you've been wanting. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your temper will be pushed to the limit if you allow family members to take you for granted. Disillusionment regarding your partnership will lead to moodiness. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep your thoughts to yourself. You may have been given false information that could damage someone's reputation. Find out the facts before you take action. You can excel if you are diplomatic. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Unforeseen expenses will cause worry. Talk to someone who can advise you of ways to improve your financial situation. You need attention today. Spend time with someone you love. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Disharmony will lead to anguish and minor illness. Don't let others force you to do or say things that will be upsetting. You need to pamper yourself for a change.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Pick your friends and acquaintances carefully. You mustn't let anyone talk you into spending your money on something you don't fully believe in. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will have a problem with colleagues. Try not to back yourself into a corner. You need to allow others to do their own thing. If you focus on your own goals, you will get ahead. ****

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will have to be careful not to go over your budget. Take the time to help a friend in need, but don't go overboard. You can find solutions to existing problems, but you must act upon them if you wish to turn things around. *****

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Stepping up

Cornett makes most of opportunity to play against Connecticut

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Faced with the possibility that Torin Francis wouldn't be healthy enough to play against Connecticut, Irish coach Mike Brey turned to Rick Cornett and told him to be ready.

"He shrugged me off," Brey said Monday night. "He said, 'Coach, don't worry about me. I'll be OK.'"

Those were strong words coming from a player who had played just nine minutes in Notre Dame's previous seven games.

But the sophomore proved his coach had little to worry about, and Cornett's gritty 15-minute stint Monday was a big reason why Notre Dame upset No. 5 Connecticut.

"Once I knew Torin wasn't at full health, I knew someone was going to have to step up," said Cornett, who finished with six points and seven rebounds while defending pre-season national player of the year Emeka Okafor for most of the night.

Brey hoped Monday's win would be a turning point for the player he said improved the most over the summer. And while Cornett came off the bench early in the season when Tom Timmermans was

injured, he hadn't made the impact the Irish coaching staff expected.

That changed in a win against DePaul, where Cornett scored 10 points and grabbed five rebounds in 16 minutes of action. At that point, Brey believed his sophomore had turned the corner and was ready to assume a regular spot in the Irish rotation.

But then a healthy Timmermans returned to the Irish lineup and Cornett was back on the bench. Until the Connecticut game, he didn't see any significant playing time.

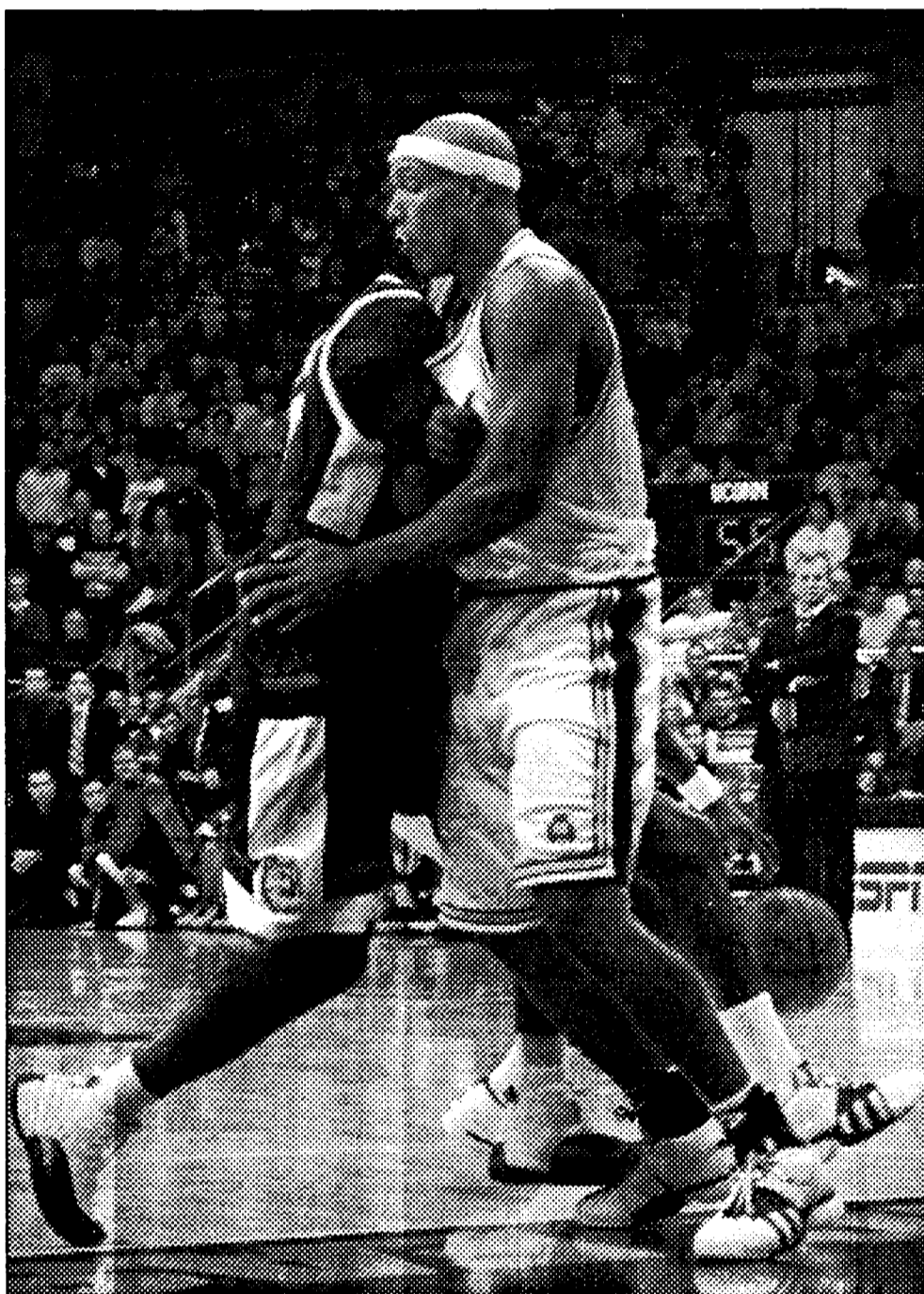
Now Brey believes the Connecticut game can be a turning point for the sophomore forward, especially with Francis' health in doubt.

"Fearless," was how Jordan Cornette described Cornett's performance Monday.

Cornett insisted Okafor did not intimidate him, and his play reflected that. His scrappiness underneath the basket helped the Irish outscore the Huskies 14-11 on second-chance points.

"He puts his pants on the same way that I do," Cornett said. "He's a great player, but I have to go out there with the mentality that I'm better than

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Rick Cornett sets a screen against Connecticut Monday night. With Torin Francis out, Cornett stepped up for the Irish.

TIM KACMAR/The Observer

HOCKEY

Irish have struggled on offense

After a 2-0 loss at Miami of Ohio last Saturday, a game in which the Irish played well enough to win but were bested by a freshman goaltender making his first career

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shutout, Irish head coach Dave Poulin had some positive words.

"There were tremendous chances all game," he said. "Those are going to go in eventually, and they're not going in right now for us, but we're going to have a great finish this year and have a great finish down the stretch."

Notre Dame has played on the edge all season, but its lack of offensive output may be the team's Achilles heel. The Irish have scored just 73 goals in 28 games.

An average offensive production is fine when you have great goaltending and defense like the Irish do this year. The team is second overall in the CCHA in goals against with 68. Still, there will be games when that defense will falter.

Ironically, the last time

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FOOTBALL

Letter expresses alumni discontent

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Several hundred Notre Dame alumni have signed a letter sent to the University's Board of Trustees harshly criticizing the way the football program is managed, a move the letter writers hope will spark a reorganization at Notre Dame they believe will lead to football success.

The letter, which was signed by 412 alumni who graduated between 1949 and 2003 and live in 41 states, was delivered to the trustees before their winter meetings began Feb. 5. It charges that current administrators have "proven incapable" of running the football program at championship-caliber levels.

"What motivated us is our feeling of how important championship football is to the environment of kids and education and the bonding of people who go through that institution," said Tim Kelley, who graduated in 1964 and was one of the letter's principal authors. He added that the letter grew out of alumni discontent with the fact that the Irish haven't seriously challenged for a national championship since 1993, not because the Irish finished 5-7 in 2002.

University spokesman Matt Storin said it was "unusual" for the University to receive a letter signed by hundreds of people. While Storin said Notre Dame

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BASEBALL

Rotation to lead the way

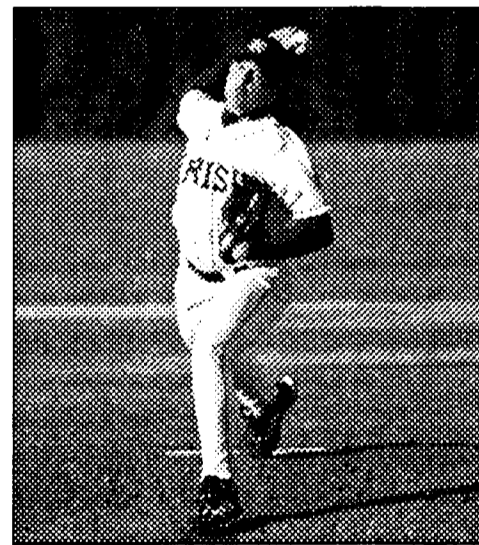
By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

As the baseball season draws near, Chris Niesel is in a familiar position.

Last year at this time, Niesel was expected to become the ace of Notre Dame's pitching staff after freshman All-American Grant Johnson had season-ending shoulder surgery in late December 2002. Niesel and Johnson were supposed to be a dominating No. 1 and No. 2 in the Irish rotation, but when Johnson went down, the pressure to perform well increased for Niesel. The same will be asked of Niesel this season as Johnson rehabilitates and two other projected starters — John Axford and Jeff Manship — are out with season-ending elbow problems.

"Niesel is our bulldog out there," Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri said. "Last year when [Johnson] went down with the injury, the onus was on [Niesel] to lead the staff, and he did a tremendous job all year last year. When [Johnson's] back to full strength, I'm going to feel like we have co-aces like I did their freshman year. But until then, [Niesel] is really going to have to shoulder the load again, and I believe he's up to that task."

While Johnson is on track to return to the starting rotation at some point in the first half of the season, he will be on a pitch count and will come out of the bullpen for the initial part of the year. The limitations on Johnson — he will be limited to 50 pitches at first — as well as the injuries to Axford and Manship, mean other Irish pitchers must



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Chris Niesel pitches last year for Notre Dame.

step up against stiff competition. Niesel will be the only truly experienced starter returning, and he hopes to continue his impressive career at Notre

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

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Adrian 67,
Saint Mary's 51

The Belles cannot hold a halftime lead in a loss to Adrian.

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The University of Colorado is under investigation for possible recruiting violations.

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