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Affirmative action debate proves contentious

By CLAIRE HEININGER
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Tempers flared and tensions surfaced as five Notre Dame faculty members and roughly 130 audience members met to debate affirmative action in the Jordan Auditorium Monday night.

In an atmosphere that ranged from collaborative to combative, a panel comprised of assistant professor of political science Alvin Tillery, director of admissions Dan Saracino, director of Institutional Equity Rhonda Brown, associate director of the African American

Studies Department Richard Pierce and Louis Crisostomo, a second-year law student and the president of the Notre Dame Federalist Society, was asked to defend their views on affirmative action and then to address questions and audience commentary that often boiled over into controversial territory.

Saracino articulated Notre Dame's central argument in favor of affirmative action, saying that the University's current homogeneity contradicts its mission.

"This place does not accurately represent the world or the United States," Saracino

said. "Ninety percent white is not providing an education for the leaders of tomorrow."

He added that since racial clashes have dominated the affirmative action discussion, other "preferred" applicant groups such as legacies and the children of University donors are often overlooked.

"If you're black walking across campus, people automatically think you're here because of affirmative action. Part of me wants to require all of the other special admits to wear a sign on their backs that says [my parent is a] 'faculty

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PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

Dan Saracino, Rhonda Brown and Richard Pierce debate the merits of affirmative action Monday in the Jordan Auditorium.

Transition period begins for Istvan-Bell

Incoming pair prepares to take office April 1

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

After a drawn-out election process, Adam Istvan and Karla Bell must now wait six weeks before they can take over as student body president and vice president. However, they made it clear that they plan on taking full advantage of the time to prepare themselves for office.

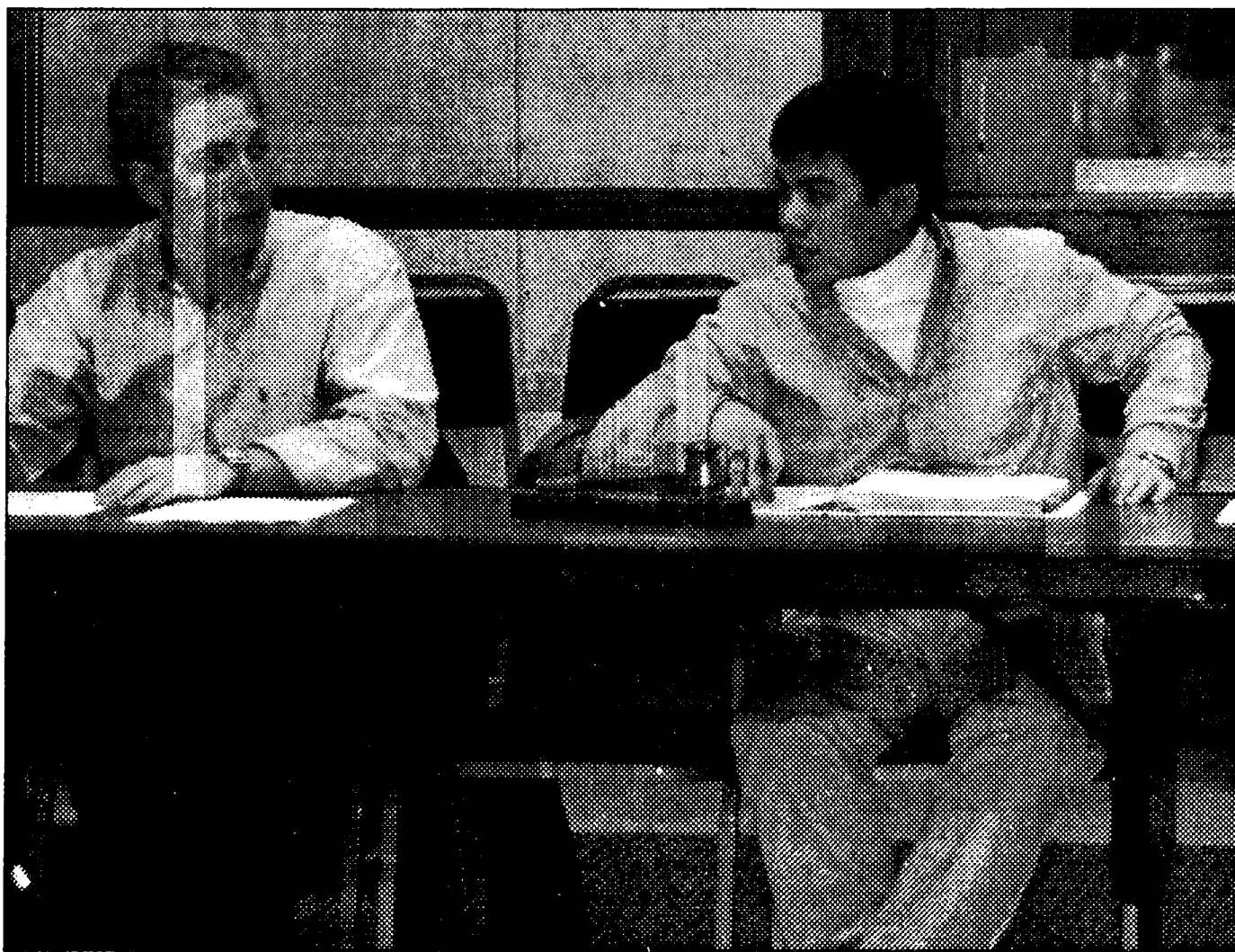
"For the next couple months, we'll be deciding who we want to have around us," Istvan said. "The first step is obviously to begin choosing our staff, to surround ourselves with people who can accomplish our goals. We've also already started scheduling meetings with administrators to find out where they stand on issues relevant to them. Basically, we need to find out where we are right now so we can best see where we need to go in the next two months and beyond."

Istvan and Bell also plan on meeting with current student body president and vice president Jeremy Lao and Emily Chin to get answers to questions about their respective positions, said Istvan. They are also focusing on making the transition into office as smooth as possible.

"Meeting with Jeremy will be the most important thing right now, to find out how the transition between administrations is going to work," Istvan said. "Transitioning will be placed on our shoulders and our staff's shoulders — we have to make sure there's not a step missed in the process."

Though Istvan has not yet been told of any requirements he must fulfill before April 1, he said that he plans on attending as many student government meetings as possible, starting with Wednesday's Student Senate meeting. He missed Monday's Council of Representatives meeting.

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PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

Pat Corker, left, and Jeremy Lao participate in discussion at Monday's Council of Representatives meeting.

Government restructuring continues as future leaders don't attend meeting

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Members of the Council of Representatives convened Monday evening in LaFortune to discuss several resolutions related to the restructuring of the Student Union Constitution.

However, neither student body president-elect Adam Istvan nor vice president-elect Karla Bell attended the meeting, surprising some council members who believed they would.

Bell said she was unaware of the weekly meeting, but said she would attend future meetings.

"Adam and I wanted to discuss several things with [student body president] Jeremy [Lao] before we came to the meetings," Bell said.

Istvan cited a busy schedule with respect to homework and impending midterms as the reason why he was

unable to attend.

"I have a really busy week academically this week, and I wasn't aware that my presence was expected at the meeting this week," he said.

The first resolution brought before the council addressed the issue of elections in residence halls. In previous meetings, COR members agreed that each hall would elect a president, a programming representative and a senator. However, there were differing opinions on how the elections should be structured.

One suggestion would have candidates for all three positions run on a combined ticket. Another plan proposed having separate elections for each position.

Hall Presidents Council co-chair Sarah Keefer said the matter is urgent.

"I need to tell dorms our decision [Tuesday]," Keefer said. "We need to have something that I can give them."

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Students react to controversial end to election

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

The day after results of the student body elections were announced, students reacted to the process.

This year's election began with four tickets, which were narrowed to a runoff after no ticket captured a majority of votes. The Charlie Ebersol-James Leito and Adam Istvan-Karla Bell tickets met in Thursday's runoff election. However, a significant number of abstentions kept either ticket from winning more than 50 percent of the close vote.

Under the Student Union Constitution, the decision went to the Student Senate, where senators were instructed to cast their votes in accordance with how their respective dorms voted. This procedure caused some controversy, as smaller dorms carried the same weight as much larger ones. In addition, Judicial Council President Elliot Poindexter chose not to release dorm vote totals to The Observer.

Some students, like Sorin junior Craig Barbolla, said such a system makes students in smaller dorms more powerful, at the expense of larger dorms and the off-campus community. About 1,600 students live off campus, but they had a single vote, just as Carroll's 100 residents did.

"I'm concerned that when the Senate voted, the off-campus students had less of a say than the smaller dorms on campus," Barbolla said.

Although some students had specific concerns over the election procedures, the prevailing outlook on campus was one of apathy.

Freshman Doug Cummings said he was out of the loop when it came to student government.

"Honestly, I didn't even know [the

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INSIDE COLUMN

How true it is

I am sitting on a Transpo bus. It's pretty early in the morning, and many people around me are headed to work. I am chatting with a young man sitting next to me, discussing the 3000 page anthology I have with me and the insane amount of writing involved with being an English major. All of a sudden, the woman sitting across from me leaps into the conversation. I hadn't even realized she was listening.

Katie Knorr

Illustrator

"You gonna get a job?" she asks me. "Well," I reply, "the job market isn't that good right now." This lights a spark, I can tell right away. She immediately launches into a speech that lasts the rest of the ride home. She explains her view that education is pointless in today's economy because there aren't any jobs to be found anyway. She tells me that Notre Dame has billions of dollars saved for use on expansion, yet other people struggle to earn enough money to live on. I listen, silent, nodding and giving vague little smiles, as she talks and talks.

I am beginning to feel terrible. She is forcing me to listen to an account of the kind of life I prefer to forget exists, the kind of life I have been lucky enough never to experience. She gives a story of a woman she knows, a mother with seven children, who barely has enough money to feed and clothe them all. I feel worse and worse as she goes on. Please stop, I think. I can't even imagine not having enough money to live on. That fear has never even crossed my mind.

The bus pulls into Library Circle. I am almost guilty that this is my stop. I wonder what the woman is thinking, seeing me get off here. This feeling doesn't go away easily. I carry it around all day.

Later, I am in class listening to a lecture by a retired police officer whose life had been turned around by volunteer service. His talk is like ice on a burning wound. I listen to him tell stories about himself and people he's worked with. He has come to Notre Dame to speak because here, people have the education and the opportunity to reach out to others. At Notre Dame, we are given the means to make a difference.

He was the voice telling me that one hurting soul is painful for the whole community, and that it is up to the community to heal itself. He was the voice telling me that we can't get anywhere by ourselves, and that most of the people who help us along the way are not as fortunate as we are. He was the voice telling me that it is not so much what you do as what you give, and that giving care allows for others to start caring about themselves.

He ended his talk by saying that even though people cause challenges, people are also the ones to solve them. And I couldn't help but think how true that is.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Katie Knorr at kknorr@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, a story in the Feb. 16 edition of The Observer entitled "Mendoza sponsors annual ethics week" incorrectly said Thomas Gruber pleaded guilty to fraud charges involving Sobieski Bank. In fact, former loan officer Andrew Ujdak pleaded guilty to the charges, while Gruber was president and CEO of the bank at the time. The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WERE YOU PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS?



Maya Chan
Freshman Lyons

"So apparently the male population isn't a fan of Charlie Ebersol ..."



Mike Manzo
Freshman O'Neill

"I voted for the other guys ... so ... yeah."



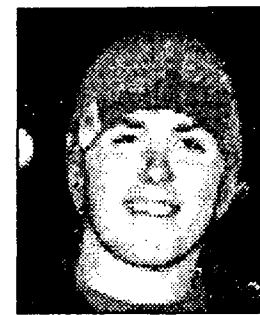
Alex Schafer
Senior Keough

"That was my pick, so it was cool."



Brendan Delaney
Sophomore Alumni

"Yes, but I didn't know I voted for a married guy."



Richard Pingalore
Sophomore Alumni

"I always had confidence the engineers would win."



Barry Kling
Freshman Alumni

"Who won it?"



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

Freshman Marcelo Ramos works on his homework in the Learning Resource Center yesterday evening on the second floor of the Coleman Morse Center.

IN BRIEF

The Students for Environmental Action is sponsoring a lecture by associate professor of civil engineering and geological sciences Clive Neal today in 12 Hayes Healey. Neal will speak on energy consumption and its environmental impact.

A student discussion on affirmative action will take place tonight from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Coleman Morse Center. The event is sponsored by Welsh Family Hall.

Professor Claude Eilers of McMaster University will deliver a lecture entitled, "The Origins of Rome's Jewish Community" tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Department of Classics and will be held in 320 Malloy Hall.

Students may attend an information meeting on a study abroad program in Seville, Spain, a new option for Notre Dame students in fall 2004 and spring 2005. The session will be held tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in DeBartolo 117.

The second part of the Strangers No Longer: Catholic Responses to Migration series will be held tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium. Two Scalabrini missionaries from Tijuana, Mexico, and Albert Brown-Gort of the Institute for Latin Studies will be speaking on border policy and the migrant experience.

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

OFFBEAT

Gorilla sings Valentine songs to workers

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. — Does "You Are So Beautiful" mean more when sung on bended knee by a gorilla?

It did to three employees at Zwink State Farm Agency in Grand Island, who were recently serenaded by a crooner in a gorilla suit.

Holly Fitch, who works at the agency, conspired with her co-workers' loved ones to arrange for the musical missives as a special Valentine's Day treat.

"It was awesome. It turned out great," Fitch

said.

The three lucky ladies were Darlene Zwink, Judy Price and Amye Lilienthal.

The secret serenader inside the suit was Celeste Haveln, an employee at a flower shop owned by Fitch's mother and brother.

West Virginia may regulate tongue-splitting

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A House of Delegates leader has introduced a bill that would make it more difficult for people to speak with forked tongues.

The measure proposed by House Majority Leader

Rick Staton would make it a crime to split a tongue, unless it is done by a physician.

"That's a new fad, like tongue piercing, and once it's done it's permanent, you can't sew it back together," said Staton. "We have some health issues that are associated with it."

Medical professionals say tongue splitting can cause excessive bleeding, infection, nerve damage, swelling and a permanent speech impediment, among other problems.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 31 LOW 25	HIGH 27 LOW 19	HIGH 37 LOW 30	HIGH 39 LOW 31	HIGH 46 LOW 31	HIGH 35 LOW 22

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Co-sponsorship for activities debated

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

Board of Governance officers discussed co-sponsorship of campus activities during Monday's meeting, as all campus activities, groups or clubs must present their plans to the board to receive co-sponsorship.

First year class president Claudia Toth presented a proposal for a battle of the bands between Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and Holy Cross College.

"There won't be too many costs, considering we don't have to pay for the venue or the bands," Toth said. "Money will go towards technicians and publicity."

The event, tentatively scheduled for March 26, will be produced by the Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross classes of 2007 and funded by all three schools. Notre Dame will most likely be in charge of finding bands, while Saint Mary's will handle catering.

Also discussed was a co-sponsorship of a Grassroots Organization Weekend [GRO] March 19-21. The weekend conference, put on by the Student Academic Council [SAC] and Peacemakers, is intended to allow students to better understand social injustices.

SAC requested \$1,500 from BOG in order to keep the event free for all students who wish to attend.

Both co-sponsorships were approved. Toth's proposal, however, was not allotted a specific amount of money.

Treasurer Kym Dunlap reported that there is currently \$11,000 in the co-sponsorship account. The members of the board agreed the funds should be wisely allocated.

In other BOG news:

◆ Campaigning for next year's class boards will begin Thursday. Meet the Candidates Night will be held on Monday, where candidates from each class will have one hour, beginning with the class of 2007 at 7 p.m. Elections will be held Feb. 24.

◆ Student Activities Board is holding a bus trip to see "The Passion of the Christ" on Ash Wednesday one hundred tickets were purchased for the event. The following day, John Fotopoulos, assistant professor of religious studies, will give a lecture.

◆ Residence Hall Association won several awards this past weekend at the Indiana Residence Hall Organization conference, competing against 13 other schools. Saint Mary's received third place in both the spirit and banner competitions and was named School of the Year. Jackie Wright, RHA publicity co-chair, won the assistant director position for IRO next year.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Regular meeting canceled

Informal discussion focuses on Observer Viewpoint section

By ANDREW THAGARD
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A lack of sufficient voting members prohibited the Council of Representatives from holding an official meeting yesterday afternoon, but the 14 members in attendance informally discussed their concerns about viewpoint letters and columns in The Observer regarding affirmative action.

The issue was brought to the forefront at the last CLC meeting and again at Wednesday's student senate meeting, when representatives from the Diversity Council criticized The Observer for its decision to run a column against affirmative action that was accompanied by an illustration of Martin Luther King, Jr. The group had presented a letter to both student senate and The Observer making specific demands of the student newspaper and proposing the implementation of a required semester-long course on diversity awareness for all undergraduate students.

Leah McGee, CLC's representative from the Diversity Council, briefed members on a Friday meeting that she and other student government representatives had with Andrew Soukup, editor in chief of The Observer.

"We ran down some of the issues we [the Diversity Council] presented in Senate ... We went back and forth for a while, but no real agreement was reached," she said.

Some members criticized The Observer for refusing to take action for what they perceived to be poor decision-making in its editorial practices.

"I think they should take responsibility for their actions and at least write a letter of apology to the Diversity Council," said Emily Chin, student body vice president and a member of CLC.

Other members, including Wyatt Maxwell, suggested that the letters and editorials were more a reflection of the opinions of the Notre Dame community than the attitude of the newspaper.

Charlie Ebersol, however, said the columns and letters printed seemed to suggest a conservative bias held by the editorial board.

"The Observer this year is radically conservative," he

said.

Still, Ebersol recommended that the Diversity Council show caution in the actions it takes on the issue.

"They [The Observer] are not a student organization ... I don't agree with what they did [but] beyond this point I don't think we can expect anything from The Observer," he said. "Ignoring this is better than letting it get fanned."

McGee thanked CLC for its advice and support and said that the Diversity Council is continuing to explore possible ways of responding, though she declined to give details.

In other CLC news:

Chin updated the council on the work of the committee studying transportation options for students with temporary disabilities. She said the committee spoke with Scott Howland, program coordinator of the Office for Students with Disabilities, and that the office would assist temporarily disabled students in renting motorized scooters. She also said the University would reimburse students for the expense of the rentals. The new policy should take effect in the fall semester.

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Law & . . .

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February 18, 2004

4:00 p.m.

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"The Place of Radical Protestantism in Early Modern Christianity"

Presenter

Brad Gregory

Associate Professor

Department of History

Commentator

John Copeland Nagle

Professor

Law School

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"I think my presence at the Senate meeting would be helpful, since they'll most likely be talking about problems with the election, and I've just gone through it too," Istvan said. "I think this is an issue that needs to be addressed immediately, because the discrepancies between the value of off-campus votes and those of the smaller dorms were ridiculous and unnecessary."

Throughout the campaign, Istvan placed a high priority on certain points of his platform, including securing a DVD rental for the basement of LaFortune, and he said that he intends to fulfill his promise to accomplish these things.

"We're going to start with the easy stuff. We already have the ball rolling on DVD rental in LaFortune, so we're going to finish that up and make sure it goes through," Istvan said. "We're also going to move forward with starting to talk to whoever we need to talk to to see if we can get the discussion going on SYRs, and with each individual item from our platform."

His current SYR policy reflects his protests over the changing of Notre Dame's hard alcohol policy — specifically the removal of SYRs from dorms and not directly against the ban of hard alcohol — during which time he gave an "impassioned" speech at a CLC meeting while Father Mark Poorman, vice president of student affairs, was present, Istvan said. Despite concerns that this incident will affect his relationship with Poorman and the administration, Istvan said he does not think it will do any lasting harm.

"Karla and I are meeting with Father Poorman next week, so I guess we'll see where we go from there," Istvan said. "I've heard nothing but wonderful things about [Poorman], and though it's been said to me that I'm his 'No. 1 hated student,' I don't think that's true. I

would love to have a good working relationship with him if he gives me the opportunity."

He also plans on integrating some of the other candidates' ideas into his policy plan, such as Craft-Lynch's proposal to put staplers and hole-punchers in every computer cluster.

"A good idea is a good idea — it doesn't have to be mine.

I'm not so arrogant to think that my ideas are the only ones worthwhile," Istvan said.

In regards to placing a student on the Board of Trustees, emphasized by the Ebersol-Leito ticket, Istvan said he has requested Ebersol's assistance in the matter, but will

pursue the matter with or without it.

"Obviously Charlie has some connections that can help us with getting a student on the Board of Trustees, and I've spoken with him about helping us out," Istvan said. "It'll be a lot harder without his help, and we'd really appreciate it, but even if he chooses to follow up on some other interests, I will still look into it," said Istvan.

Istvan also said that they plan on looking into expanding the student section for next year's basketball season, but how fervently they pursue it will depend on student interest and the performance of the team in March.

As Istvan and Bell look ahead to April 1, they also look back at the faults of previous administrations, and the apathy that continues to plague the campus.

"There are two ways to judge student apathy. One, they don't care, or two, they're not involved. The first step is to make sure they

care. Not every student is going to go join student government, because that's not the way it works, but they need to know that we're here for them," Istvan said. "Once I get my staff in place, we'll open up lines of communications to everyone, and we can move forward with what the student body wants and not my own personal agenda."

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election] was going on until after it was all over," Cummings said.

Senior Bill LaFleur echoed the sentiment, saying student government leaders have not shown results in the past.

"I didn't pay attention at all," LaFleur said. "They don't

do anything anyway."

Some students, like sophomore Elisa Valdez, noted the breakdown of senators' votes by gender.

"It's funny how the dorm vote distribution was split, boy-girl," Valdez said.

The Istvan-Bell ticket won 11 of 14 men's dorms, while Ebersol-Leito won 10 of 13 women's dorms.

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member' or 'my name is the same as the one on that building,'" Saracino said to appreciative applause.

As the speakers stepped outside of the Notre Dame context, a prevailing source of division amongst the panel members was the contrast between the constitutional text cited in affirmative action Supreme Court cases, such as Gratz v. Bollinger at the University of Michigan in 2003 and the University of California v. Bakke in 1978, and the reality of minorities' historical and everyday experience.

While Lewis explained his own opposition to affirmative action on the grounds of constitutional principles, claiming that racial preference in admissions policies does not meet the "compelling government interest" requirement for legal justification, other panel members criticized his abstract approach.

"Affirmative action isn't about constitutional law. In reality, it's about a historical dialectic in American society between modernity and memory ... It reflects the tension between what was — and how we perceive what was — and what is," said Pierce, who was asked to step in for the other two representatives against affirmative action, both of whom backed out of the debate on Monday afternoon. In the spirit of academic exercise, Pierce departed from his personal views in order to represent those who oppose affirmative action on the grounds of ineffective policy.

"Affirmative action is just not effective policy because it starts too late," he said. "If you want to improve someone's life, don't

start when they're applying for college at age 16 or 17. Start at age three. Affirmative action should begin in preschool."

Tillery, who supported current college admissions affirmative action policies, offered his views in a PowerPoint presentation that illustrated several benefits — including voting rights and the GI Bill — from which blacks had historically been excluded. He pointed out that the "strict judicial scrutiny" cited by Lewis has only been included in Constitution since 1977.

"Is the Constitution always a color-blind document?" Tillery asked. "Is [1977 until now] enough time?"

He referred to the metaphor of a man who has been "hobbled by chains" for centuries finally being called to the starting line of a race, saying the historical price paid by black Americans should not be overlooked in affirmative action arguments. Contemporary black experience of racism, he argued later, is equally relevant.

"If you circulate an application and your name is Kylie or Shenika, you are 50 percent less likely to get a call back than Todd Smith because they assume you're black," Tillery said in reference to a Harvard study. "African Americans share more experiences than you realize."

Brown added that the reality of African-American experience, particularly at Notre Dame, should hold more weight than a "critical mass" or a quota.

Paraphrasing Justice Stewart Potter's famous statement that he couldn't pinpoint what pornography was, "but I know it when I see it," Brown claimed that Notre Dame has a long way to go to achieve equal minority representation on campus.

"What is critical mass? I don't know what it is, but it's not here yet," Brown said heatedly, listing off situations from the classroom to the crew team where black students found themselves feeling isolated. "When we're all Domers from day one, then we have critical mass — and we'll fight until we get to that point."

Pierce questioned how and when the point of equality would be determined.

"If you support affirmative action, I would pose the question, how long should it exist?" he asked. "What are you going to mark as the signifiers of when it should end?"

Saracino said that Notre Dame chooses to avoid such concrete deadlines, focusing instead on consistent progress toward a more diverse student body.

"Affirmative action is not quotas. Affirmative action is saying these are goals — and goals are laudable," he said. "I think we have a long way to go at Notre Dame in both socioeconomic and ethnic diversity, but we're making progress ... [We want] to be able to say we're farther ahead than we were the year before."

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SEVENTH ANNUAL THOMAS AQUINAS SYMPOSIUM

On

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Little Theatre, Moreau Center for the Arts
Saint Mary's College

4:00 p.m.

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M. Cathleen Kaveny

7:00 p.m.

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David Hollenbach, S J

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Sharon no-confidence votes fail

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon survived no confidence motions Monday, even though some legislative allies abstained amid deep divisions over his plans to evacuate some Jewish settlements.

With the cracks showing in his center-right coalition, Sharon appealed for a broad-based government of national consensus.

The parliament voted against the three motions by 53 to 45 margins, with 22 members either abstaining or not showing up for the session. The opposition needed 61 of the 120 members of parliament to topple the government.

India, Pakistan plan peace talks

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — India and Pakistan held their first peace talks in 2 1/2 years Monday, praising a "new momentum" and working on a timetable to resolve decades of conflict between the nuclear-armed neighbors over Kashmir, terrorism and other issues.

As the two countries back down from the brink of their fourth war in 2002, the three-day talks are to lay the groundwork for ending a half-century of tension since their 1947 partition.

"There is realization in India and Pakistan that war is not an option, that you have to look at ways to find a peaceful resolution of the outstanding disputes between the two countries," Pakistani spokesman Masood Khan said after a meeting between Foreign Ministry officials of the two countries.

NATIONAL NEWS

Groups sue to stop S.F. gay marriage

SAN FRANCISCO — As hundreds of gay and lesbian couples lined up at City Hall for the historic chance to wed with the city's blessing, opponents filed legal papers Monday arguing that only judges can declare California's prohibition on same-sex marriages to be unconstitutional.

In a brief submitted for a court hearing Tuesday, lawyers for one of two groups seeking to block the unprecedented wedding march said Mayor Gavin Newsom was in blatant violation of state law when he directed the county clerk to issue marriage licenses to gay couples.

"What the mayor and his cronies have attempted to do is short-circuit the legal process by being both judge and jury themselves," said Alliance Defense Fund attorney Benjamin Bull.

Spirit sets personal distance record

LOS ANGELES — The Spirit rover went for its longest trip yet on the surface of Mars, traveling just over 88 feet but stopping short of the distance NASA had hoped it would cover, scientists said Monday.

Engineers had hoped the rover would travel 164 feet on its way to a crater known as "Bonnevill" to examine rocks and soil for evidence that water may have existed on the Red Planet, mission manager Jim Erickson said.

"Spirit, she's put some more territory behind her," Erickson said. "We're closer but not as close as we'd wanted to be."

LOCAL NEWS

Seat belt, alcohol laws stall in House

INDIANAPOLIS — A bill that would require people to wear seat belts in pickup trucks and a proposal prohibiting open containers of alcohol in vehicles both stalled in a House committee Monday.

Representatives on the House Public Policy, Ethics and Veterans Affairs Committee questioned some aspects of the seat belt bill. The open container bill met stronger opposition, with critics saying it amounted to federal government "blackmail."

The open container law would prohibit open containers of alcohol in vehicles even if the driver is sober, although exceptions would be made for limousine drivers and those with recreational vehicles. A violation would be a Class B misdemeanor carrying a fine of up to \$1,000.

HAITI

Rebel movement spreads inland

Gunmen kill three police officers in Hinche, now control Artibonite agricultural district

Associated Press

GONAIVES — Haiti's rebellion spread to the central city of Hinche on Monday as rebels and former soldiers killed at least three officers at a police station. President Jean-Bertrand Aristide pleaded for foreign help to stop the bloodshed.

The rebels descended on the police station in Hinche, about 70 miles northeast of Port-au-Prince, according to a Haitian security official who spoke on condition of anonymity. They killed district police chief Maxime Jonas, pushed police out of the city and threatened government supporters, the official said.

At least 56 people have died since the rebellion aimed at ousting Aristide exploded Feb. 5 in the city of Gonaives.

About 50 rebels descended on the police station in Hinche, about 70 miles northwest of Port-au-Prince. They killed district police chief Maxime Jonas, pushed police out of the city and freed prisoners from the jail before burning the station.

Louis-Jodel Chamblain, a former Haitian soldier who led a paramilitary group known as the Front for the Advancement and Progress of Haiti, or FRAPH, which killed and maimed hundreds of people between 1991 and 1994, reportedly led the attack, according to witnesses.

The attack was considered a serious blow and the first to the city of 50,000 people where corn, millet and beans are produced. The rebels now control most roads leading in and out of the Artibonite district, a rich agricultural area home to almost 1 million people.

"Blood has flowed in Hinche," Aristide told reporters at a news conference late Monday, saying he



An armed Haitian rebel checks a Red Cross truck bringing medicine to the rebel-held city of Gonaives Monday. Rebels now control a region home to nearly a million people.

had asked for technical assistance from the Organization of American States. "It may be that the police cannot cope with this kind of attack."

Aristide refused to talk about strategies for halting the unrest or whether he would ask for military assistance. He did, however, say the government would use peaceful means to quell the uprising that has prevented food, fuel and medical shipments.

"A group of terrorists are breaking democratic order," Aristide said. "We have the responsibility to use the law and dialogue to take a peaceful way."

Rebels armed with machetes and rifles escorted an aid convoy led by the

Geneva-based International Committee of the Red Cross into Gonaives on Monday. The convoy was carrying 1.6 tons of supplies, including blood and surgical equipment.

A surgeon and a physician were also sent to treat some 40 people wounded in the fighting.

"We are here to bring urgently needed medical assistance to Gonaives," Pedro Isely, leader of the Red Cross mission in Haiti, said Monday after arriving in the city.

In addition to the medical relief, the international non-governmental organization, CARE, began distributing food to people in Gonaives. About 50,000 people will receive a gallon of vegetable

oil, while others will get sacks of cereals, said Sandy Laumark, director of CARE in Haiti. The distribution will last about 10 days.

The rebels launched the rebellion from Gonaives, 70 miles northwest of Port-au-Prince, unleashing a deadly wave of violence that has spread to more than a dozen towns. Both sides have suffered casualties.

On Sunday night, Aristide loyalists reportedly killed two anti-government supporters in the port town of St. Marc.

Although the rebels are thought to number less than Haiti's 5,000-member police force, exiled paramilitary leaders and police have joined their forces, vowing to oust Aristide.

Study links breast cancer, antibiotics

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A study suggests antibiotics might increase the risk of developing breast cancer, but researchers said the data should not stop women from taking the medication.

Women who took the most antibiotics — who had more than 25 prescriptions, or who took the drugs for at least 501 days — faced double the risk of developing breast cancer over an average of about 17 years, compared with women who didn't use the drugs, the study showed.

The authors said more research is needed because it could have been the diseases women used antibiotics to treat — rather than the drugs

themselves — that increased breast cancer risk.

Also, since antibiotics are widely used to treat a variety of common infections caused by bacteria, including strep throat, some pneumonias and many gastrointestinal infections, it may be that women who never took the drugs were unusually healthy and therefore unusually resistant to cancer, the researchers said.

"It's very premature for people to stop taking antibiotics when they're needed," said lead author Christine Velicer, a researcher at Group Health Cooperative, a large nonprofit health plan in western Washington. "Antibiotics have a substantial public health benefit."

The results appear in Wednesday's

Journal of the American Medical Association and were released Monday.

The study involved 2,266 women 20 and older who developed invasive breast cancer and who were compared with 7,953 women who did not get breast cancer.

An increased breast cancer risk was found with increasing use of antibiotics, with the greatest increased risk in women who took the drugs for at least 501 days. Even women who had up to 25 prescriptions over about 17 years faced an increased risk — about 1.5 times higher than nonusers.

An increased breast cancer risk was found for all types of antibiotics, including penicillins.

Council

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In the end, the council voted overwhelmingly to leave the decision up to the individual residence halls. Each dorm will make an annual determination — before campaigning begins — whether it will run elections with split or combined tickets. This determination is to be made by the hall's rector, president, senator and, for future years, its programming representative.

Student Union Board manager Charlie Ebersol said the council's vote will allow each dorm to select effective leaders.

"We need the best people in the positions," Ebersol said.

The council also passed a resolution dealing with the budget approval process.

Under the current constitution, money is allocated by the Financial Management Board and is sent to the Council of Representatives for review and approval.

Chief of staff Pat Corker said the budget — which totals roughly \$600,000 — represents the combined financial resources of all student government bodies.

FMB chairman Don Norton said responsibility for approving the budget belongs in the council, which represents all student union organizations.

"It's the most rational thing that needs to be presented," Norton said.

Ebersol soon presented an amendment to the resolution, however, requiring a three-fourths majority to approve the budget. His amendment passed with little debate.

Seth O'Donnell, who runs the Club Coordination Council, said the supermajority will ensure the final budget will be well

received across student government.

"This is a group of people who will best be able to work out [budgetary] problems," O'Donnell said.

Keefer proposed that the FMB present its budget to the Student Senate for review before the COR makes its decision.

However, Ebersol said such a presentation would be unnecessary.

"COR has open meetings," Ebersol said. "If the senators want to come and listen to the budget, they can."

The last resolution addressed the approval of officials nominated by the student body president. Under the revamped constitution, the president may appoint students to fill several positions, including seats on Senate committees.

The council voted overwhelmingly to grant itself the power to approve such nominations. A proposal to require a three-fourths supermajority for such approvals failed.

Lao directed members of COR committees on policy and programming to resume their meetings. The committees are responsible for compiling proposed constitutional changes in their respective areas.

"It's time to get cracking on this," Lao said. "We have 1 1/2 more months to write a constitution, and we don't have much right now."

While a skeleton of the new constitution has been discussed at COR meetings for months, a final version is several weeks away, as council members hammer out the details.

In other COR news:

♦ Freshman class president Jason Laws announced his organization will sponsor a freshman class dinner Thursday in LaFortune featuring catered barbecue from Famous Dave's. Laws said he

was optimistic that the dinner will be a success. "I expect to have a great turnout, to see this strong, diverse and unique class," he said.

♦ Sophomore class president James Leito said his group will

sponsor a "Casino Night" event in the LaFortune Ballroom Saturday. "We'll give out between \$900 and \$1,000 in prizes for sophomores," Leito said.

Joe Trombello also contributed to this report.

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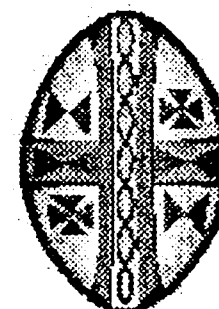
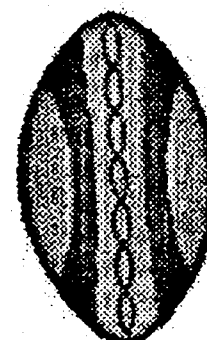
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IN BRIEF

Source code probe targets Mainsoft

WASHINGTON — The investigation into the illegal disclosure of blueprints for some versions of Microsoft Corp.'s Windows software has turned to a small technology company in Silicon Valley that works closely with Microsoft.

Self-appointed sleuths eager to solve one of the technology industry's most intriguing mysteries found references inside files accompanying the leaked Windows blueprints indicating Mainsoft Corp. had been working with the computer code before it began circulating on the Internet.

Microsoft has provided Mainsoft access to parts of its Windows blueprints since at least 1994 under conditions that generally prohibited them from disclosing them to others. Mainsoft helps businesses convert their customized Windows programs to run on rival operating systems, such as Unix.

Feds probe Titan over foreign contracts

SAN DIEGO — Federal regulators are investigating whether information-technology firm Titan Corp. made illegal payments to overseas consultants, the company said Friday.

The probe may affect the security and defense information technology concern's proposed sale to defense giant Lockheed Martin. Titan said in a statement it knows of no unlawful payments and will cooperate with the Securities and Exchange Commission investigation.

Representatives of the company met recently with the SEC and the U.S. Justice Department about Titan's own internal review of payments to international consultants, the company said.

Aventis challenges hostile takeover

PARIS — French pharmaceuticals company Aventis SA launched a court challenge Friday against a hostile bid from rival drug company Sanofi-Synthelabo SA, and denied that its appeal was intended as a delaying tactic.

An Aventis spokesman said the company had filed an application with the Paris appeals court earlier in the day seeking to overturn the decision by France's market watchdog, the AMF, to clear Sanofi to proceed with its hostile offer.

Business school opens Ethics Week

Panel of ND and IUSB law and business faculty discusses Enron scandal

By TRICIA DE GROOT
News Writer

The Mendoza College of Business kicked off its seventh annual Ethics Week with a forum entitled "Enron: A Multi-dimensional Examination of an Unethical Enterprise." The panel was composed of Matt Barrett, Notre Dame Law School; Tom Frecka, Mendoza College of Business; Jim Seida, Mendoza College of Business, and was moderated by Bill Schwartz, dean, School of Business and Economics, Indiana University at South Bend.

Each member of the panel introduced a different angle in evaluating the Enron controversy and presented the audience with perspectives from both a lawyer and an accountant. The panel also discussed the scandal concerning Enron's taxes.

Barrett began the forum by discussing the lawyers' perspectives in the Enron matter and its correlation to business ethics. Barrett said that "we know less about the lawyers because of attorney client privilege," but at the same time he said there was evidence that lawyers made Enron's unethical actions possible.

Barrett said lawyers "have a duty to the client to serve as zealous advocates, while accountants have the public watchdog role. They owe their duty to the public."

Barrett then discussed the role of three inside lawyers and two law firms pertinent to the Enron scandal. Barrett described the two outside firms as "having pressures and incentives to keep the firm's largest client happy."

In addition, Barrett noted



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Notre Dame professor Tom Frecka, left, speaks about the Enron scandal as Matthew Barrett of the Notre Dame law school, Bill Schwartz, dean of IUSB's school of business and economics, and Jim Seida of the Mendoza College of Business look on.

that no such incident had occurred since the Savings and Loan crisis 10 years ago.

After Barrett's discussion, Frecka informed the audience about the role accountants played in the scandal. His presentation focused on what he described as the ABC's of Enron: A, for Arthur Andersen, "the accounting firm with the best reputation and the largest employer of Notre Dame students;" B for bankruptcy; C for crime, conspiracy, lack of compliance, consulting and corporate culture; D for damage; E for ethics; F for fraudulent reporting and fraud of fair reporting. Frecka used these acronyms to describe the accountants' roles in the Enron scandal that demonstrate the changes that have

taken place in the accounting world due to the loss of Arthur Andersen. He discussed how each of the six factors played a role in the overall Enron scandal.

Seida spoke next and discussed the controversy surrounding Enron's taxes. He said the beginning of Enron's misrepresentation of its taxes would be hard to pinpoint because simply too much information would have to be processed.

"Information was there for all investors," Seida said. But he said no one chose to act on this information and he explained the length of time it takes before the company's illegal deeds would be noticed.

He also said Enron's lawyers and accountants did not object to their misrepresentations, so the company

could plead that they had no criminal intent. Therefore, Enron's \$38 billion debt was seen as only \$12 billion, and the company was able to "[make] a profit into a loss."

During the question-and-answer session, Barrett said that, because the crime was white-collar in nature, there would not be a high demand for a speedy trial.

"There is a reluctance to prosecute a white collar crime. People are more worried about blue collar offenses," he said.

The seventh annual Ethics Week continues with daily forums at 12:30 p.m. in the Giovannini Commons in the Mendoza College of Business until this Thursday.

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PHARMACEUTICALS

Eli Lilly defends Zyprexa patent

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The future of a \$4-billion-a-year Eli Lilly and Co. drug is at stake as a federal judge weighs whether the company should continue to hold its Zyprexa patent in the face of a challenge from makers of generic drugs.

Lawyers for Lilly and the generic drug makers presented closing arguments Thursday that concluded a three-week bench trial before U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young, who is not expected to issue a ruling for several months.

Lilly's attorneys argued the company's development of Zyprexa came after years of research by Lilly chemists who solved scientific problems that had stymied other chemists' decades-long efforts to develop a schizophrenia treatment lacking the side effects of old-line antipsychotics.

Lawyers for three generic drug makers who want to make cheaper knockoff versions of Zyprexa argued Lilly was awarded its patent based on faulty research. The lawyers also contend the discovery of the drug's molecular structure was obvious.

If upheld, the generic companies' claims could invalidate a 1993 patent that grants Lilly exclusive U.S. rights to the drug until 2011.

Zyprexa, introduced in 1996, is now Lilly's top-seller and accounts for about a third of the company's sales.

Zyprexa's sales now exceed the level once achieved by Prozac, Lilly's former blockbuster anti-depressant that lost patent protection in 2001 after a successful challenge by generic drug makers. With Zyprexa, Lilly hopes to avoid a repeat of the financial slide the company suffered after the Prozac patent loss.

In the trial, Lilly is looking at keep-

ing or losing its "life's blood," Lilly attorney Charles Lipsey said.

The case began about 2 1/2 years ago when Lilly filed a patent infringement lawsuit against the first of three generic firms that have sought approval to sell non-brand versions of Zyprexa in the United States.

The three are Zenith Goldline Pharmaceuticals, owned by Ivax Corp. of Miami; Indian drug maker Dr. Reddy's Laboratories; and the U.S. arm of Israeli-based Teva Pharmaceutical Industries.

The companies claim Lilly knew about the Zyprexa compound for years and included it in a patent that expired in 1995.

The generic companies argue that by the time Lilly was ready to market Zyprexa, time was running out on the first patent so it decided to apply for a second one, which violates patent rules.

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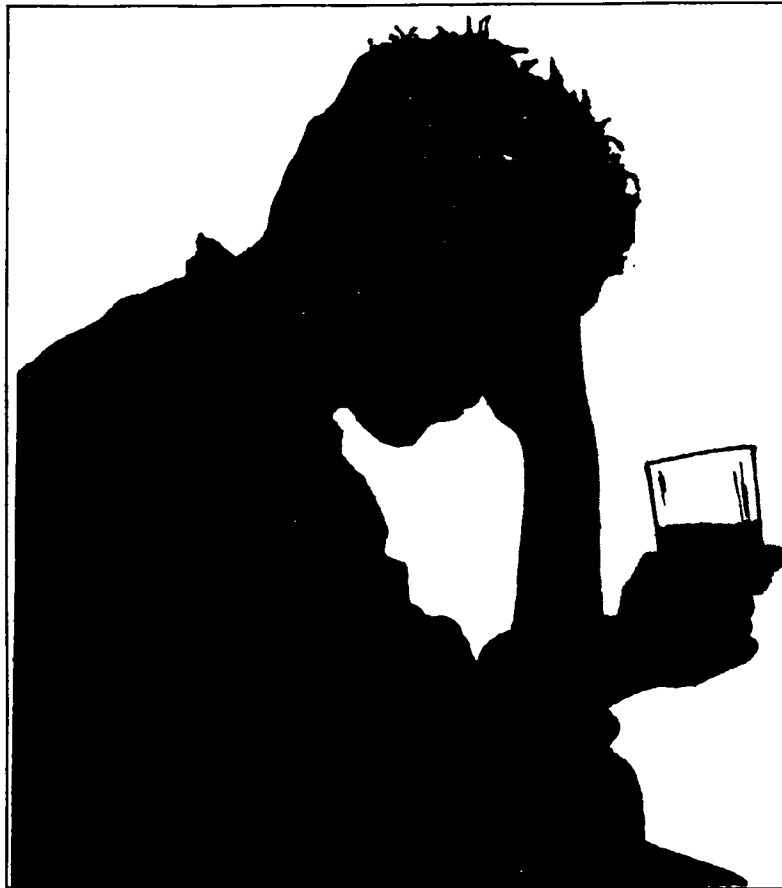
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Seeing the mental health reality

The Apocalypse is upon us here at Notre Dame. As the world turns with the local bishop combating genitalia monologues, the Campus Crusaders condemning our University's attempts at gay tolerance, the basketball team finally winning and student government elections actually intriguing, our world has to be at an end. Not to mention Alex Rodriguez ending up in a Yankees uniform, more attacks on U.S. troops in Iraq than any month since October and Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction." And what of this turmoil breaking loose in Haiti? These days, I find myself yearning for a baseball card collection and simple boyish ignorance.

Peter Quaranto

A Call to Action

While it is good that so many issues are being debated, society is more aware and interesting things exist to get us through the South Bend winter, I fear that one very important discussion gets lost in the mix. That discussion about mental health issues, which are more prevalent on college campuses than ever thought before, is one from which we cannot shy away.

According to studies of the American College Health Association, 39 percent of college students reported feeling so depressed that it was difficult to function during the past year. 9 percent admitted to having contemplated suicide and a 1.5 percent had attempted suicide. According to the National Mental Health Association (NMHA) suicide was the second-leading cause of death for college students.

These are certainly not trivial problems. Applying these studies to the Notre Dame populace would suggest that 3,120 students have been depressed at some point during the past year, 720 have contemplated suicide and 120 students have attempted suicide.

Do you know what your next-door neighbor is dealing with? Have you

taken the time to ask your roommate how he or she is handling the stress? Many profess the unity and strength of the Notre Dame family, but I fear many too many of us are not aware of the mental health realities of Notre Dame.

And suicide and general depression are only the beginning of a long list of mental health issues that plague students on college campuses across the country. According to the NMHA, more than 19 million American adults live with anxiety disorders. Five to ten million people have eating disorders, and many more are affected by the likes of OCD, ADD, ADHD, Schizophrenia, and more.

The harshest reality of such discussion is that the picture is worsening as college students are rapidly having more complex mental health problems and developments. This is alarming, but perhaps not very surprising when one looks at the typical daily schedule of the American college student.

Yet with that trend and while most people can relate to one or more of these issues, whether personally or through friends and family, it is shocking how little attention these issues, which affect us in so many real ways, receive.

As our Notre Dame world turns with heated debates on affirmative action, Viewpoint showdowns on the legitimacy of the Vagina Monologues and even discussions of my own love, Election 2004, we must not forget the battles and injustices that all those who deal with mental health issues must face.

We need to begin to ask questions about why so many college students deal with mental health problems. Is this a result of the many pressures and stresses that plague the lives of every student? College life is certainly not very conducive to healthiness, but does it go farther to tear at the mental and social threads that hold together the human person? Awareness will empower us to act more effectively in responding to these problems.

How can we respond? The Harvard

Crimson, the student newspaper, ran a 5-part series on mental health realities at their school. If The Observer were to run such a series in conjunction with the Psychology department, what would it find? Such is one idea, but the possibilities of dialogues, awareness campaigns and other actions are endless. The administration would do wisely to invest in such endeavors.

For the many out there who are currently suffering from such mental health problems, know that you are not alone and that there is help. Mental health does not define who we are. The Health Services and Counseling Center on-campus offer many services and resources that are open to all of us and are very helpful.

And for all who know of people suffering, the task that lies before us is to be friends, supporters and comforters in these lonely winter days. Community does not come from winning football championships, as some alumni would like to believe, or even from gaining national prestige, as the administration might want to believe; rather, community comes from people of different backgrounds and struggles coming together to share in one another's pain and suffer together. Community comes when we open our eyes to one another and shed the barriers that keep us apart and keep so many alone.

Today, let us commit ourselves to building such a community. The task is daunting, but in the end, I do believe it will save us all.

Peter Quaranto is a sophomore political science and international peace studies major. He wants to encourage the University to bring in Aung San Suu Kyi for this year's Commencement Address if she can get out of Burmese prison. If not, the University should join the fight to free Burma. Contact him at pquarant@nd.edu.

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OBSERVER POLL

Should the student government constitution be amended so that, in the future, the Senate will not decide an election in which a candidate does not achieve a majority?

Vote by 5 p.m. Thursday at
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Without friends no one would choose to live though he had all other goods."

Aristotle
philosopher

Thanking the 'TCPD'

So, in an effort to curb off campus violence and extend its ubiquity ever more into the lives of its students, NDSP has created a secret taskforce that we will now refer to as TCPD. Put simply, this assembly of butt-kickers makes Safe Walk seem, well, sophomoric.

David Barrett

Rather than knocking the icicles off my roof and salting my sidewalk, Turtle Creek chose to serve and protect me by accommodating this exciting initiative with open arms and a renovated townhouse. Initially, this raised a few uni-brows, especially those of occupants in adjacent buildings who feared that the heightened police presence would impede on their late night partying and fence peeing. However, these fears were soon and subsequently allayed upon reassurance from the officers that they were there to keep the peace, not to meddle in their neighbors' private affairs. Yet it is not in their blood to turn a deaf ear to late-night carousing, especially if that carousing is keeping them up.

The aforementioned neighbors happen to be friends of mine, and enjoy, on occasion, a quick wrestle before bed. In no way should this be taken euphemisti-

cally. These guys are from the classical Greco-Roman school, and simply like to engage one another in a little gladiatorial combat before brushing their teeth and washing their face. It is completely harmless, but totally vulnerable to skepticism.

So, a couple of them are going at it pretty hard a couple of weeks ago. Epically they sparred. Ankle-locks, oil checks — they barred none. They waged back and forth like this for what seemed like minutes, until their new neighbor finally burst through their door with gun drawn and feet placed. Apparently he mistook the repeated thuds against the wall, coupled with screams of wild indulgence, to be some far more guilty pleasure than the wrestling duel it, in reality, was. Understandable, kind of. He let them off with just a warning, and a request that they keep it down next time.

My first experience with TCPD, however, came this past Friday, at a time I did not expect it, but in a situation where I desperately needed it. I was walking back from the Bombay Boutique on Edison right around closing time with some completely random girl I met there, when I heard some loud, obnoxious shouting coming from a group of guys behind me. I dismissed the taunts, homophobic in nature, as intended for somebody other than me.

Seeing that they outnumbered me six to one and, unlike me, were without a female companion, it was not an illogical conclusion. But ignoring them only further riled them up.

Perhaps these guys were a little disappointed with how they knew their night would end, sweaty and unconscious from an all-out wrestle romp, and thought that embarrassing the helpless kid up ahead might help ease the pain. Chances are they, like every other male at this school, were high-school multi-sport standouts angry at the world because the inter-hall football season is now over. Let it go, guys. Regardless, they stopped yelling and started running to catch up with us.

Enter TCPD.

The benefits of being promoted from NDSP to TCPD are countless. Rather than tooting around campus on a 10-speed in a chinstrap, members of TCPD are each given a Dodge Neon with a recycled Le Sabre engine and a custom blue paint job. Undercover, they are told to remain inconspicuous, which everybody knows is impossible when behind the wheel of such a car.

Anyway, just as things were about to get really ugly, I spied a blue Neon coming our way. Before I knew it, the trigger-happy officer was out of his car flashing his piece and saying, "Who got the problem, huh punks?" As he inter-

rogated them, I ambled home and cooked a pizza, thankful for TCPD's intervention in what could have ended in my embarrassment.

I am here today because of TCPD, and am forever in their debt. However, there still is work to be done. For one, they can really help me out by keeping high school students out of my parties. I simply cannot be held liable. Secondly, they can rough up the big guy who comes around every weekend asking first for jumper cables and then for some spare change. I have reason to believe he does not actually need jumper cables.

I, too, was a skeptic at first, more worried about how my life would be made worse rather than better by their presence here at Turtle Creek. But now, I could not be happier with what I have seen out of them. They are not simply NDSP's sister organization, or some Safe Walk spin-off. They are the real deal, and we are lucky to have them. Just remember that if you want to wrestle, you will have to do it quietly, and I am sure you will agree with me.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Election was not in spirit of Notre Dame

Personal attacks appalling

I have been working with Charlie Ebersol and James Leito for the past six weeks on their campaign, and I am writing this for both of them, but particularly for Charlie, in an attempt to express my frustration not with the election, with the electoral system or with the result of the election, but with the numerous personal attacks made against Charlie these past six weeks, and the effect these have had on their campaign.

It is a recurrent issue that student government lacks an articulate voice and that it fails to do anything important for students, yet when presented with a presidential ticket this year that addressed both of these concerns and gave the most ground-breaking and realistic solutions to the issues, many students voted against that articulateness and productivity because they heard from someone who had heard from someone else not to vote for Charlie.

I am appalled at how many students on this campus so eagerly went to great lengths to explain to anyone willing to listen why they disliked Charlie so much and why he was such a terrible presidential candidate, but when pressed to explain how they came to such conclusions could only reference having heard someone else say something insulting about him. Or when pressed to make a comment about his and James' platform or their qualifications, agreed that both were worthy of election, but then quickly discounted both (the platform and their qualifications) as non-issues in the campaign that was supposed to be about who had the better ideas and who had the means to get them done. I was shocked by the comments on ndtoday.com that were neither constructive nor productive but instead vicious and malignant.

I came to Notre Dame because I believed students here embodied a sort of effective, impressive moral consciousness that made them more deliberate than other college students. Because of that belief, I

thought students would be more responsible about making such severe judgments about personal worth and character. But after hearing the girl across the table from me in LaFortune complain for nearly a half an hour about a person she has never met but hates anyway, after having similar situations play out repeatedly during the last six weeks, and after reading the postings on the message boards, I have become disenchanted.

Charlie is not a liar, and he is not lazy. He may be arrogant, but I have never known him to be mean or hurtful, and I have never seen him do anything that would warrant the harassment or personal assault he has received in past weeks. In fact, I have never seen him without the best of intentions. And whether or not those intentions are always understood, it does not change or outweigh the fact that he lost last year and ran again this year because he saw the potential for things happening at this University that other people had not even considered. It does not change the fact that Charlie was in dorms every night for the past three weeks meeting people, and it does not outweigh the fact he was far and away the most qualified and capable candidate to handle the presidency next year (not to mention that all of the campus media overwhelmingly endorsed him).

At a school that prides itself on creating well-rounded, honorable students, it is upsetting that those same students' ill-informed, unfounded dislike could cloud that which was so obvious — the decision to vote for the ticket able to finally give students what they so often complain about not having.

I guess more than anything, I am upset about how and when all of this became so un-Notre Dame.



Students made mockery of election

The result of this year's student body presidential election spoke volumes about you, Notre Dame.

Not only did it reveal that your political apathy is beyond ridiculous, but it also proved you are incredibly immature.

At some point in the last few weeks, I bet many of you discovered that Charlie Ebersol drives a Hummer. I bet you also heard that he is difficult to work with and arrogant, too. But come on, how many of you actually know Charlie Ebersol?

That said, if you thought (and quite a few of you did) that throwing your votes behind Adam Istvan and Karla Bell would spite Charlie Ebersol, well, guess again. Charlie still has his Hummer, and you now have a president-elect with no student government experience.

Notre Dame, you made a mockery of this election.

I hope that come November 2004 you will demonstrate more maturity at the polls than you did last week. When given another opportunity to choose your candidate and cast your vote, I hope that more than 50 percent of you take it.

And if maturity somehow escapes you again come November, heed this advice: Before you enter that voting booth or seal that absentee ballot, consider your options. You have them. If there is no candidate who speaks to your cause, who represents your ideals and is worthy of your vote, then abstain. They put that box on the ballot for a reason.

That said, Notre Dame, I offer you this challenge in the wake of Istvan vs. Ebersol: Learn from your stupidity, grow up and, next time, vote like the mature 18- to 23-year-olds that you are supposed to be.

And finally, to Adam and Karla, I wish you the best of luck in the year ahead. You are going to need it.

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Beatlemania gone wild

Confessions of a modern-day Beatlemaniac

I can remember my middle school days very well. Like most kids, I was desperately seeking my own identity. There were the popular kids, the nerds, the athletes ... I was tucked nicely in the middle of these groups, not quite sure where I belonged yet. In sixth grade, I remember donning green Converse sneakers and listening to Weezer's blue album, thinking that maybe, in all my awkwardness, I'd become a post-grunge punk.

This worked for a little while, but I was still too nerdy, and I played too many sports to fit that role perfectly. I floundered around for a bit among the groups, and then one day my destiny became clear.

I remember driving home one night in my family's wood-paneled mini-van. My younger siblings were being annoying as usual, so I began to listen to the music my parents were playing on the van's tape deck. I'd heard the songs many times growing up but had never really listened to them. As I sat there in the car, before I knew what was happening, the Beatles' Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band album exploded in my head and blew me away. From that moment on, the deal was sealed. I was to be a Beatlemaniac for the rest of my life, only three decades too late.

Now, I would like to say I was a Beatle fan of the standard, respectable variety. Someone who appreciated the band's music and influence on culture and society, but who also maintained a normal lifestyle while doing so. Normal, however, will never be a word associated with what I became after first hearing Sgt. Pepper. Perhaps it was my desperation of seeking some sort of sixth grade identity, but things quickly spiraled into a rock 'n' roll obsession that haunts me to this day. I began buying all the Beatle albums I could afford with my meager weekly allowance. I checked out every single Beatle-related book in my local library. I began making Beatle mixed tapes off the radio from the Oldies station, and I started a scrapbook of every Beatle photo or article I found in the newspaper. And this was only the beginning.

My Beatles obsession spread to the clothing I wore, to the Scouse accent I adopted ... it even infiltrated my schoolwork. I can remember interpreting Beatle lyrics for my English classes and giving presentations on the life of John Lennon. I had my school band play "Yellow Submarine" for a concert. After school each day, I'd put on a Beatles album and play air guitar until dinnertime. Looking back, perhaps the strangest and most embarrassing aspect of my Beatle obsession was that I actually used to bake cupcakes on the Beatles' birthdays. John, Paul, George and Ringo each had baked goods made in their honor, which I would bring to school and pass out at my locker. I can only imagine what my teachers must have thought.

If an identity was what I was seeking, I had certainly found one. By seventh grade I was well known around school as a Beatlefreak, and I didn't care. Even if I lacked all elements of middle school coolness, I loved the Beatles and I loved rock 'n' roll. That's all that mattered to me.

I think it was when I baked cupcakes for Paul McCartney's birthday and neglected my own father's birthday a few days later that my parents realized maybe things were getting out of control. They sat me down and told me that the Beatles were well and good, but perhaps I should try and explore some other interests. I, of course, defended my Beatle obsession by stating that I couldn't help it that the Beatles were so amazing. Besides, I did have other emerging interests. My love of the Beatles was leading me to discover other great artists like Bob Dylan and The Rolling Stones.

Now that I am in college, I can look back on my middle school days and smile, knowing I have matured somewhat in the past eight years. My after-school air guitar has turned into a real guitar, which I play any spare chance I can, much to the dismay of my napping roommate. My music collection has a bit more variety in it now, and I no longer resort to baked good for Beatle birthdays. (My apologies to those who were excited that George's birthday is only a week away.)

Despite this slight maturing, however, my love for the Beatles has remained intact. In fact, just last semester a life-long dream of mine came true. While studying abroad in France, I was able to make the pilgrimage to my personal rock 'n' roll Mecca: Liverpool. I took the Chunnel to the motherland of my favorite mop tops and, with a very patient friend in tow, was able to ride on a Magical Mystery Tour Bus all around the hometown of those loveable lads.

Although Liverpool might not get as many pages in a tourism book as London or Paris, for me it was the greatest sight my eyes had seen. Not only was it incredible to see the houses, schools and parks where the lads grew up, but to be in the company of other Beatlemaniacs was a homecoming experience in itself.

The atmosphere on the bus was all Beatle, from the music playing to the chatter among the bus riders to the trivia questions of our tour guide. Riding that Magical Mystery Tour bus, I thought I'd died and gone to rock 'n' roll heaven.

Now that I'm back to reality at school, I can only play my guitar, hum Beatle tunes and daydream wistfully of my time in Liverpool. At least I now know that it's okay to love the Beatles as much as I do; I'm not alone in my obsession.

Even 40 years after their music hit American shores, it is never too late to be a Beatlemaniac.

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It was 40 years a

February marks the 40th anniversary

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February is the 40th anniversary of the Beatles coming to America. From the moment their Pan-American Flight 101

landed in New York and those four lads from Liverpool set foot on American soil, the world would never again be the same. They had already taken England by storm, leaving the nation in a swirling frenzy of Beatlemania, and now here they were ready to conquer America.

Ed Sullivan, host of the famous Sunday night television staple The Ed Sullivan Show, had witnessed the British Beatlemania first hand while in a London airport with his wife in October of 1963. So impressed with the clamor these "Beatles" made,

Sullivan contacted the group's manager and asked them to appear on his program before the word Beatle had even been uttered in America.

With Sullivan's promotion and hype, the Beatles began to gain some attention state-

side. Capitol Records finally released the "I Want to Hold Your Hand" single in late December 1963, and soon kids were calling into radio stations asking them to play Beatle songs non-stop. The truth be told, the Beatles had already been rejected multiple times by U.S. record companies, and

their single released on smaller labels had all flopped. Thanks to Sullivan, though, all this was now changing.

By the time the Beatles landed on American shores on Feb. 7, 1964, they had the number one song in the country and the number one place in the hearts of teenage girls everywhere. The screaming fans who assembled to greet them when

they got off the plane in New York were only a small taste of the mania that was to follow.

Two days later, when the Beatles appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show, 73 million fans tuned in to watch history in the making. The jowly Sullivan, who had been hyping the Beatles for weeks, announced, "Ladies and gentlemen, the Beatles! Let's bring them on!" Before he could even finish his sentence, the roar of fans in the audience drowned him out. Their screaming, their tears and their uncontrollable passion filled the next eight minutes, shocking both Sullivan and the Beatles, neither of which had imagined the uproar and pandemonium the band was capable of creating. The Beatles tore through three quick numbers, "All My Loving," "Till There Was You" and "She Loves You" before exiting the stage for the other acts of the night. The audience, however, remained itching for their encore performance of "I Saw Her Standing There" and "I Want to Hold Your Hand."

No one had ever seen anything like it, including the Beatles. In later interviews, Lennon is reported as saying of Americans, "They're wild, they're all wild. They just all seem out of their minds. I've never seen anything like it in my life."



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John Lennon



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George Harrison

go today ... or , at least, this month

ary of the Beatles' arrival in America — an event that changed the world



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On Feb. 7, 1964 the Beatles arrived at JFK airport in New York to a manic crowd of screaming fans. From the moment they stepped off the plane, the rock 'n' roll world would never be the same.

As wild as the fans were, those watching on television got to both see and hear the full show, and to them, the Beatles were the wild ones. Their mop-top hair, their cocky poses, their loud music — it was new and shocking. Young people loved it, old people were startled by it, and everybody had an opinion about it.

Sister Susan Dunn, the rector of Lyons Hall, remembers well the Beatles' first Ed Sullivan appearance. "I was a junior in high school," Dunn said. "Their little heads were bopping up and down on the television. It was very bold."

Notre Dame Classics professor Catherine Schlegel, who was only eight years old at

the time of the Beatles' Ed Sullivan appearance, also remembers the show vividly.

"It was the high point of my young life," she said. "I was totally blown away by them." Schlegel also remembers the response her mother had to the scruffy mop tops.

"She said 'I give them three months — they'll fade out like the Singing Nun did.'"

Lucky for Beatle fans everywhere, Schlegel's mother was proven wrong.

Almost overnight, the Beatles became a household name, and by April of that year, they had the top five songs in the country. With their quick wit and cheeky humor, the Beatles charmed the American press and soon their hair, their clothes, their speech and their music were a ubiquitous presence in the United States. As the

Beatles set out on their two-week tour after their first Ed Sullivan performance, most Americans, like Schlegel's mother, thought they were just a passing craze. Little did they know that this band would be the major cultural influence for the next decade and would continue to be a relevant force in music even 40 years after their first landing in the U.S.

For the next two years, the Beatles toured in the maddening tornado of Beatlemania, running from hotel to plane to bus in attempts to escape their crazed fans. It wasn't until their 1966 Candlestick Park performance in San Francisco, Calif., when the Beatles finally decided that touring was no longer a real possibility for them. Their music was becoming too advanced for onstage reproduction, and the constant audience screaming made touring more of a burden than a pleasure.

Solely a studio band from 1966 until their break up in 1970, the Beatles made some of the best music in rock 'n' roll. Every album was totally different, with songs only of the highest quality. The Beatles opened the doors to experimental sounds with Revolver. They single-handedly started the psychedelic movement with

Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club. Their so-called "White Album" was a fantastic collage of four men slowly heading their separate ways.

And, in 1970, they did just that. John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr were officially over as a band, but not before they had changed the

course of modern music forever. Their influence was so great that, even 34 years after their break up, they are still winning grammy awards and influencing new musicians at every turn.

Even fans who weren't there to witness the Beatles on Ed Sullivan still owe a debt of gratitude to those four loveable mop tops. To thank the Beatles personally is, of course, impossible, but at least fans can resort to the old sing-a-long of the

Beatles fan club, "We love you Beatles, oh yes we do. We love you Beatles, and we'll be true. If you're not near us, we're blue. Oh Beatles, we love you!"

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The Beatles released 13 albums throughout their career, ranging from the early rock of Please Please Me to the psychedelia of Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band.

NHL

Without leading scorer, Toronto defeats Pittsburgh 8-4

Associated Press

The Maple Leafs' top goal scorer was injured and their No. 3 goalie was in net. The Pittsburgh Penguins seemed to have every opportunity to end their NHL-record home ice losing streak.

Instead, like most nights, they had no chance.

Owen Nolan scored twice and figured in Toronto's first four goals, three in just over four minutes of the first period, and the Maple Leafs sent the Penguins to an NHL-record 12th consecutive home loss, 8-4 Monday night.

Despite playing without All-Star forward Gary Roberts (pulled leg muscle), the Leafs went 4-for-5 on the power play and have 14 power-play goals in six games. They also got a short-handed goal from Mats Sundin in the second period, his 31st goal in 41 career games against Pittsburgh.

"Sure, the points were there, but I've worked hard some nights and had no points whatsoever," said Nolan, who was two points off his career high of six. "It was nice to get rewarded for it and it was a big two points for us." The Penguins haven't gotten those two points at home since beating Chicago 1-0 on Dec. 29. They broke a tie with four other clubs that previously shared the league record with 11 consecutive home losses: the Boston Bruins (1924-25), Washington Capitals (1975), Ottawa Senators (1993) and Atlanta Thrashers (2000). Until this season, the Penguins had never lost more than eight in a row at home.

"You definitely never think this is going to happen," Penguins rookie Ryan Malone said. "The refs must not like us too much because it would be nice to get a break here or there."

Pittsburgh has lost its last 15 games, but is not threatening the NHL record of 17 consecutive losses because it earned a point in Saturday night's 3-2 overtime loss in St. Louis. The Capitals (1975) and Sharks (1993) each lost 17 in a row in regulation time during their record streaks. "I don't think about it at all," Malone said. "We've just got to get this thing turned around and get some bounces and work harder than we have been."

Toronto's No. 3 goalie, Mikael Tellqvist, made 22 saves to win

for the first time since beating Carolina on Nov. 5. Tellqvist played because Ed Belfour sat out with a stiff back for the fifth time in six games and backup Trevor Kidd has allowed 13 goals in his last four games.

The Maple Leafs, who have outscored the Penguins 17-6 in beating them three straight times, also got a goal and two assists from Darcy Tucker and a goal and an assist each from Matt Stajan and Nik Antropov.

"We kind of got away from the program a little bit in the second period, but we had enough sense of mind to pull it back in and get it going again," Bryan McCabe said. "I thought we played pretty well."

Toronto gave Tellqvist some margin for error in his first start since Nov. 15 as Tucker, Nolan and Mikael Renberg scored in a span of 4:11 midway through the first to put the Leafs up 3-0. Tucker and Nolan on the power play. Tucker gathered his own rebound and batted the puck past Sebastien Caron with his stick about waist high.

Defenseman Ric Jackman, traded by Toronto to Pittsburgh last week, and Tomas Surovy scored early in the second to get the Penguins to within a goal, but Nolan answered with his second power-play goal of the game on a hard one-timer from the left circle faceoff dot at 12:15 of the second.

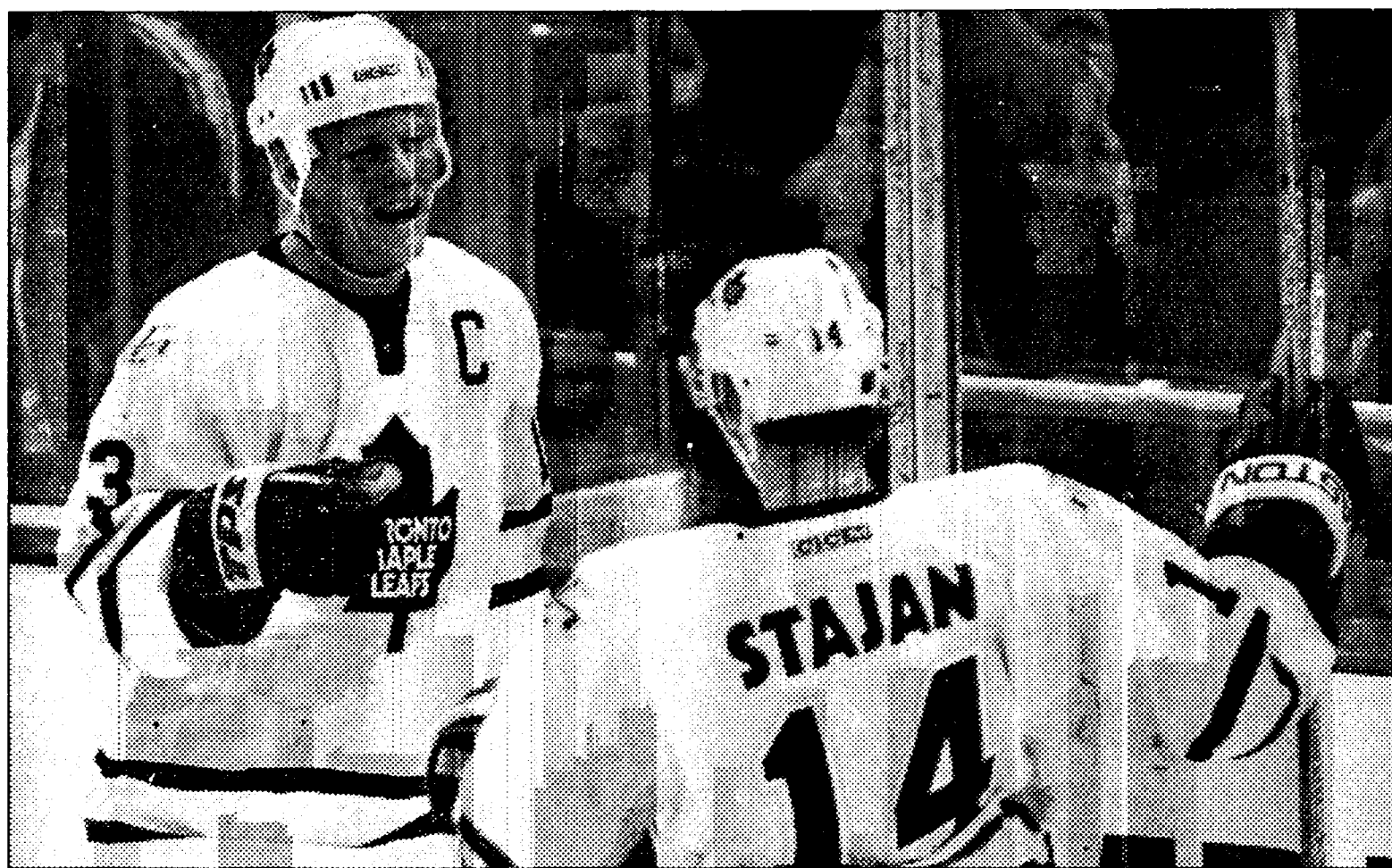
"We decided to start pressing harder, and got a few more goals up, but we still had a little lapse again," Nolan said.

Sundin scored short-handed just over a minute later to restore the Maple Leafs' three-goal lead. Antropov, Stajan and Bryan McCabe scored in the third after Jean-Sebastien Aubin replaced Caron, who allowed five goals on 28 shots. The Penguins have allowed 19 power-play goals in 56 chances in their last 11 games, permitting at least one power-play goal in nine consecutive games.

"I'm not going to get into the goaltending," Penguins coach Eddie Olczyk said. "The penalty killing gave up four goals and I tried everybody (on the penalty-killing unit), pretty much." Maple Leafs defenseman Drake Berehowsky, traded for Jackman, had an inauspicious Toronto debut, drawing three penalties — two of which led to goals by his former team.

Kings 1, Islanders 1

The Los Angeles Kings were



Toronto's Mats Sundin celebrates his goal against Pittsburgh with teammate Matt Stajan during the second period.

pleased to finish their seven-game road trip with another point.

Arron Asham scored early in the third period and Rick DiPietro stopped 29 shots, rallying the New York Islanders to a tie with the Los Angeles Kings on Monday.

"For us to get a point walking in here at the end of a seven-game road trip is good," Kings coach Andy Murray said. "We knew they were going to be tough, but we battled hard."

Trent Klatt scored in the second period for the Kings, who have earned points in 10 of their last 11 games (4-1-4-2), including eight overtime contests. They finished their trip with eight points (2-1-2-2).

The tie moved Los Angeles into sixth place in the Western Conference, one point ahead of Dallas.

Cristobal Huet stopped 36 shots for Los Angeles.

"Huet was outstanding," Murray said. "He was a key part of our game."

The Islanders had two good scoring chances in the first period, but Michael Peca's shot hit the crossbar and Oleg Kvasha's shot clanged off the right post with less than two minutes remaining.

"When the posts are on your side, that's good," Huet said. "A little luck like that helps."

Klatt scored 90 seconds into the second period, grabbing a rebound of Joe Corvo's shot

from the left point and beating DiPietro.

Asham tied the score 50 seconds into the third when he one-timed a pass from Trent Hunter past Huet.

The Kings managed just three shots on a two-man advantage for 1:54 late in the third period.

The Islanders outshot the Kings 8-1 in overtime. Los Angeles hit the post late in the extra period.

"The five-on-three definitely got the crowd into it," DiPietro said of the 15,369 who attended the game. "It was a dull game until then. After that, we poured it on."

The Islanders got a scare with about 11 1/2 minutes left when Hunter and Kings defenseman Brad Norton hit knees. Hunter, the team leader with 22 goals, left the ice, but returned later.

"It was a bit scary," Hunter said. "Right now, it's a little sore. We'll see how it is [Tuesday]. I don't think he was trying to hurt me."

Norton agreed he wasn't trying to hurt Hunter.

"He just shot it, and turned at the last second," Norton said. "I was trying to hit his shoulder, but he made that turn and I couldn't move in time. I had no intention to hurt him."

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Senators 4, Rangers 1

The Ottawa Senators had such an easy time in their last meeting with the New York Rangers, you could hardly blame them for a slow start in the rematch.

Just 23 days earlier, the Senators sent New York to its worst loss in 11 years. The Rangers insisted they'd be ready for the Senators on Monday.

After a positive start, things again turned strongly in Ottawa's favor.

Zdeno Chara and Josh Langfeld scored 41 seconds apart in the third period to lift the Senators past the free-falling Rangers.

At the halfway point, each team had seven shots and two fights.

But after Bobby Holik gave the Rangers a 1-0 lead, the Senators picked up the pace.

"We were missing our pregame nap," Senators right wing Daniel Alfredsson said of the holiday matinee. "They got to 1-0 and it sort of woke us up."

Chara, who also had an assist and a fight in his second straight multipoint game, put Ottawa in front at 7:11 of the period.

Then Langfeld scored to help the Senators to their fourth straight win since the All-Star break.

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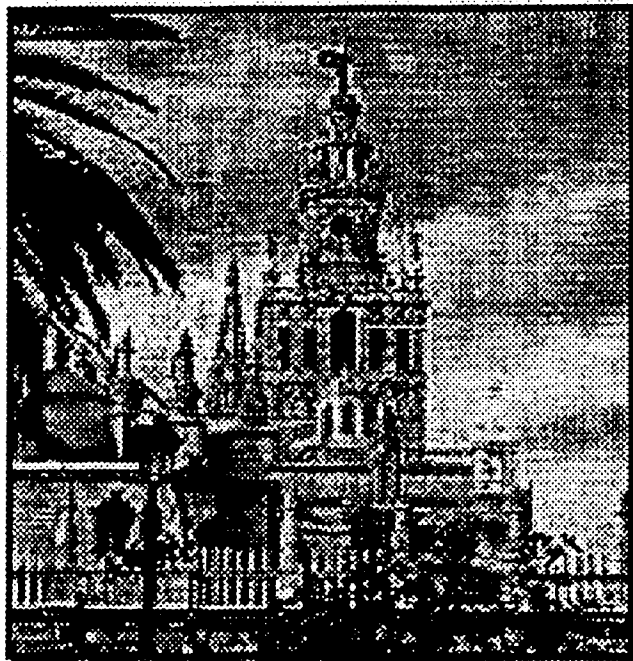
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MLB

Dodgers hire DePodesta as new general manager

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Dodgers opted for a young Ivy Leaguer to lead them, hiring Oakland Athletics executive Paul DePodesta as general manager Monday.

The move was the first by new owner Frank McCourt, whose \$430 million purchase of the Dodgers from News Corp. closed Friday. It came just two days before pitchers and catchers report to spring training in Vero Beach, Fla.

At 31, DePodesta is the third-youngest person to be hired as a big-league general manager. Theo Epstein was hired by the Boston Red Sox at age 28 in 2002, and Randy Smith was 29 when the San Diego Padres hired him in 1993.

DePodesta, an assistant to Oakland GM Billy Beane since 1998, succeeds Dan Evans, who had one year remaining on a three-year contract.

"We needed to make a change, we needed a fresh start," McCourt said at a news conference. "In the end, I found this to be a clear choice if not an easy one. During the search, there was one person that stood out."

"A lot of capable people had a high level of interest in this job. Money was no factor at all. We wanted to find the best possible person. We found that man in Paul."

DePodesta graduated cum laude from Harvard in 1995 with a degree in economics. He played baseball and football for the Crimson.

"I don't have all the answers, I know that," said DePodesta, who signed a five-year contract. "My mission is to be on a relentless quest for baseball knowledge. I know that will lead us in a positive direction."

"What I'm committed to is finding a way to win. I've been given a mandate by Frank and also the resources to be as aggressive as we possibly can."

DePodesta said the Dodgers

have about twice the resources as the A's.

"I don't think that there's any one way of doing things," he said. "When we were in Oakland, we did what we felt we had to do to win. I think probably my best attribute is being able to have an open mind."

Oakland reached the playoffs the last four seasons, but failed to win a postseason series. DePodesta worked for the Cleveland Indians for three years before joining the A's.

McCourt said the day after the sale was approved that the 44-year-old Evans would be merely a candidate for his own job. The Dodgers' GM since Oct. 3, 2001, Evans interviewed along with other candidates including Philadelphia Phillies assistant GM Ruben Amaro.

"I think more than anything else I'm glad that there's closure," Evans told The Associated Press. "We were on the right track for long-term success. I think Dodgers fans will be the real winner. That's obviously the most disappointing part."

"Frank and Jamie McCourt have the right to make this decision. I definitely don't agree with it. I loved working here. I was completely committed to the Dodgers and my staff. It's a shame we didn't get the opportunity to complete our job here. That's not my call."

Evans said his "hands were tied" during the ownership transition, keeping him from making any significant deals.

DePodesta is considered one of baseball's top young executives and had been expected to take over as GM of the A's in November 2002, when Beane agreed to become GM of the Boston Red Sox. But Beane changed his mind and stayed in Oakland.

DePodesta also was offered the Toronto GM job a couple years ago, but turned it down. The Blue Jays then hired J.P. Ricciardi, who worked with DePodesta under Beane in Oakland.

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NBA

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New Jersey	31-20	.608	10-0	-
New York	25-29	.463	6-4	7.5
Boston	23-31	.426	2-8	9.5
Philadelphia	22-31	.415	3-7	10
Miami	22-32	.407	4-6	10.5
Washington	16-34	.320	4-6	14.5
Orlando	13-41	.241	1-9	19.5

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Indiana	39-14	.736	7-3	-
Detroit	33-21	.611	4-6	6.5
New Orleans	28-24	.538	5-5	10.5
Milwaukee	27-24	.529	5-5	11
Toronto	25-26	.490	5-5	13
Cleveland	20-33	.377	5-5	19
Atlanta	18-35	.340	5-5	21
Chicago	15-38	.283	3-7	24

Western Conference, Midwest Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Minnesota	37-15	.712	7-3	-
San Antonio	35-18	.660	7-3	2.5
Dallas	33-19	.635	7-3	4
Houston	30-22	.577	5-5	7
Memphis	30-22	.577	6-4	7
Denver	31-23	.574	5-5	7
Utah	26-27	.491	5-5	11.5

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Sacramento	37-13	.740	7-3	-
LA Lakers	31-19	.620	6-4	6
Seattle	25-27	.481	3-7	13
Portland	24-27	.471	7-3	13.5
Golden State	23-28	.451	6-4	14.5
LA Clippers	22-29	.431	4-6	15.5
Phoenix	18-37	.327	2-8	21.5

Men's Basketball Polls

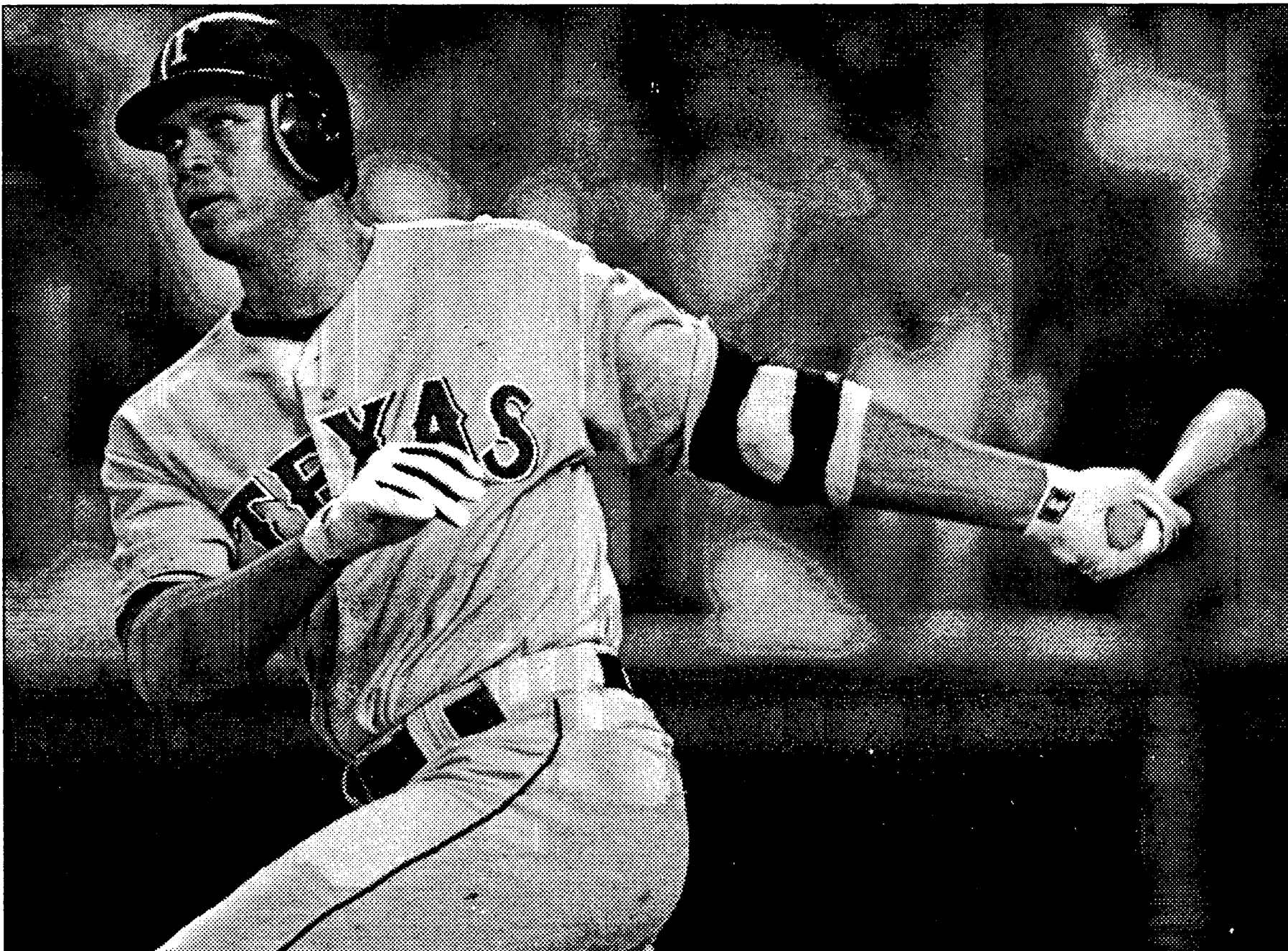
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team	rank
1 Stanford (64)	1
2 Saint Joseph's (8)	2
3 Duke	3
4 Mississippi State	4
5 Pittsburgh	5
6 Gonzaga	6
7 Oklahoma State	7
8 Connecticut	8
9 Kentucky	9
10 Louisville	10
11 Texas	11
12 Wisconsin	12
13 North Carolina State	13
14 Arizona	14
15 Wake Forest	15
16 North Carolina	16
17 Cincinnati	17
18 Georgia Tech	18
19 Providence	19
20 Southern Illinois	20
21 Kansas	21
22 Texas Tech	22
23 Memphis	23
24 LSU	24
25 South Carolina	25

Coaches

team	rank
1 Stanford (26)	1
2 Saint Joseph's (4)	2
3 Duke (1)	3
4 Pittsburgh	4
5 Mississippi State	5
6 Gonzaga	6
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9 Kentucky	9
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25 Utah State	25

MLB



Former Texas Rangers shortstop Alex Rodriguez hits a home run last season. The Rangers and the Yankees have agreed to a deal that will send Rodriguez to the Yankees in exchange for Alfonso Soriano.

Rangers trade Rodriguez to Yankees

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez is coming back to New York, the city he left when he was 4, and moving onto the biggest stage in town — Yankee Stadium.

Baseball's highest-paid player, and perhaps its most talented, was finally and officially dealt to the New York Yankees from Texas on Monday after commissioner Bud Selig approved the record-setting swap.

"I'm pretty excited. This is a big, big one," Yankees owner George

Steinbrenner said at the team's minor league complex in Tampa, Fla.

"It ranks with when we signed Reggie," he said, a reference to slugger Reggie Jackson.

Rodriguez, the first reigning MVP to be traded, will be introduced at the stadium on Tuesday, flanked by manager Joe Torre and Yankees captain Derek Jeter, who will keep his shortstop job. The 28-year-old A-Rod will shift to third base to fill the hole left when Aaron Boone wrecked a knee last month.

Texas gets second baseman Alfonso Soriano and

a minor league player to be named, but it will still have to pay \$67 million of the \$179 million Rodriguez is owed over the remainder of his deal.

Steinbrenner and Yankees general manager Brian Cashman personally assured Jeter that he would keep his position and that Rodriguez would switch to third — where his only major league experience is one inning during an All-Star game.

"Derek's response to me was he thinks this is pretty cool," said Cashman, who also said moving Jeter was "not a consideration whatsoever."

"You go with the man that brought you to the dance," he said. "You're going to stick with him. You don't mess with success. ... There is no issue there — who's the starting quarterback? We have arguably the best left side of the infield in the history of baseball."

Fervid Yankees fan and former mayor Rudolph Giuliani couldn't agree more.

"It's great for the city. He's returning home," he told The Associated Press. "This could be another variation of Maris-Mantle, Jackson-Munson, Gehrig-Ruth."

IN BRIEF

Shot put champion Toth tests positive for steroids

American shot put champion Kevin Toth tested positive for the steroid THG and the stimulant modafinil at the 2003 national championships and could be suspended for two years, the U.S. Olympic Committee announced Monday.

Toth is one of four athletes who flunked THG tests during the U.S. championships in June. The others, announced earlier, were Regina Jacobs, John McEwen and Melissa Price.

Jacobs and Price also were national champions.

All four face two-year bans if the positive tests are upheld. Final decisions on their cases are expected this spring.

Later Monday, agent John Nubani announced Toth was retiring, though he still plans to go through with the appeals process.

Toth stunned the track and field

world with a throw of 74 feet, 4 1/2 inches at the Kansas Relays in April — the best performance in the world in 13 years. His winning throw at the national championships was 69-7 1/2.

The USOC said Toth also tested positive for THG during an out-of-competition test in July.

Toth, McEwen and Price are disputing the THG test results through the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency's arbitration process. Jacobs instead filed a claim with the American Arbitration Association.

"We're contesting the charges, and the case will proceed through the USADA process," said Toth's attorney, Howard Jacobs, no relation to Regina.

European 100-meter champion Dwain Chambers also tested positive last year for THG and faces a two-year ban. He will appear before a UK Athletics disciplinary panel Thursday.

Toth was one of dozens of athletes

who appeared before a grand jury probing a nutritional supplements lab.

Kings' Webber removed from injured list

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The Sacramento Kings activated Chris Webber from the injured list Monday, but the star forward will have to serve an NBA suspension before he can return to the lineup.

Webber, a five-time All-Star, was the Kings' leader in scoring, rebounding and assists last season. He hasn't played since tearing cartilage in his left knee during the second round of last season's playoffs, and he had extensive offseason surgery.

Webber faces a suspension after pleading guilty last July to charges of lying to a grand jury about his relationship with Ed Martin, a University of Michigan booster who claimed he loaned \$616,000 to Webber.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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Purdue at Michigan State 7 p.m., ESPN
Florida at Georgia 9 p.m., ESPN

NBA

New Orleans at Indiana 7 p.m., FOXSports Net

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Undefeated Stanford new No. 1 in AP poll

Associated Press

The last two unbeaten teams are 1-2 in the rankings.

Stanford replaced Duke at No. 1 in The Associated Press men's college basketball poll Monday, and Saint Joseph's moved up to No. 2 for the first time in nearly 40 years.

The Cardinal and the Hawks, the only undefeated teams in Division I, each rose one spot after Duke (21-2) lost to North

Carolina State 78-74 Sunday night.

That ended the Blue Devils' 18-game winning streak and their four-week stay at No. 1.

This is the third season in which Stanford (21-0) has reached No. 1, after five weeks in 1999-00 and seven weeks in 2000-01.

"It lets us know that we're working hard, and people are respecting us, and we're doing something right," Stanford jun-

ior forward Josh Childress said Monday.

He and his teammates weren't fazed when Duke was voted higher than Stanford even though the Blue Devils had lost.

"Coming into the season, Duke was ranked ahead of us, and they always were, so it was natural for them to take it. It didn't bother us," Childress said. "We kept playing hard and working hard, and that's paying off."

Stanford received 64 first-

place votes and 1,791 points from the national media panel. The Cardinal beat California 69-58 in their only game last week and are the fifth team to top the poll this season.

The other schools with appearances at No. 1 were Connecticut (eight weeks), Kansas (one week) and Florida (one week). The Gators dropped out of the Top 25 completely Monday.

Saint Joseph's (22-0) received

the other eight first-place votes and 1,721 points to match the highest ranking in school history. The Hawks, who beat Dayton and Rhode Island last week, were ranked No. 2 for two weeks in 1965-66.

After No. 3 Duke, Mississippi State (21-1) moved up two spots to fourth, matching the Bulldogs' highest ranking since the final poll of the 1961-62 season.

Pittsburgh, which lost to Seton Hall in double overtime and then beat Connecticut in a showdown for first place in the Big East, dropped one place to fifth.

Gonzaga moved from seventh to sixth, tying its highest ranking: The Bulldogs were No. 6 for the last two polls of 2001-02.

Oklahoma State jumped three spots to No. 7, and Connecticut, Kentucky and Louisville completed the Top 10.

Texas was No. 11 for the third straight week, followed by Wisconsin, North Carolina State, Arizona, Wake Forest, North Carolina, Cincinnati, Georgia Tech, Providence and Southern Illinois.

The last five ranked teams were Kansas, Texas Tech, Memphis, LSU and South Carolina.

Florida (14-7), which lost 73-70 to LSU on Saturday for its third loss in four games, dropped from No. 22 to out of the rankings. It is the first time the Gators — briefly No. 1 in December — have been out of the Top 25 since Feb. 8, 1999, a span of 94 polls. That was the second-longest current streak behind Duke's 143; Kansas is now second with 70 consecutive polls.

Memphis (18-4) and LSU (17-4) were the week's newcomers, replacing Florida and Utah State.

Memphis, which beat Marquette 89-71 Saturday, enters the Top 25 on a nine-game winning streak that includes a victory over Louisville. LSU's win over Florida on Saturday was its fifth straight since a three-game losing streak.

Sophomore Class Office Candidates

The tickets of candidates running for sophomore class office are listed below. Elections will be held on Monday, February 23, 2004.

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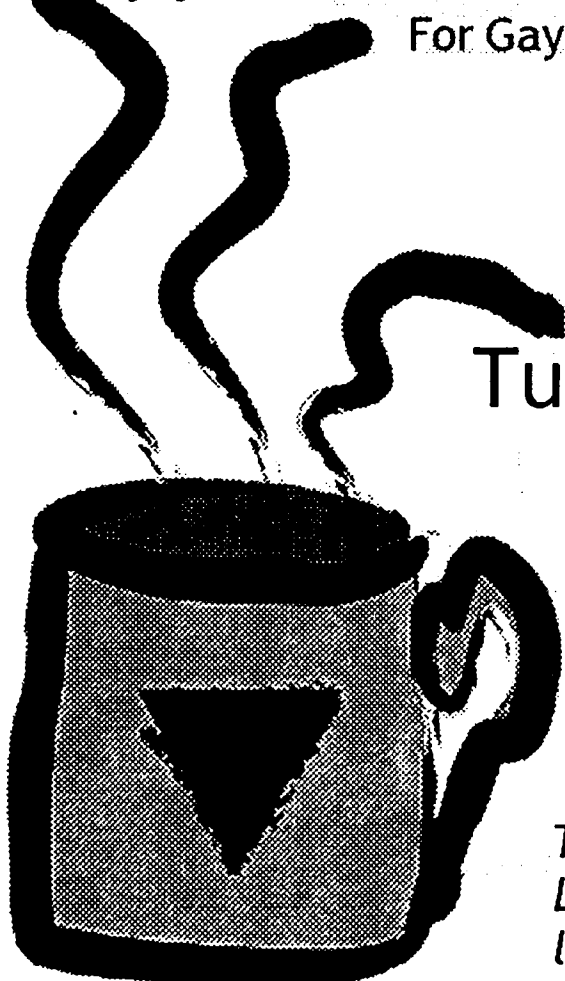
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CLUB SPORTS

Hellrung qualifies for club skiing national championship

Special to The Observer

Senior standout Leigh Hellrung of the Notre Dame ski club qualified for her third trip to the Nationals this weekend in Regional competition. In a very strong field, the women's squad just missed joining Hellrung in team competition. The top three schools qualify for Nationals, and three strong varsity teams from Northern Michigan, St. Olaf, and Minnesota Duluth claimed those spots. The Irish tied another varsity power, Minnesota, for fourth place in the 16-school field.

Hellrung placed fourth in the Giant Slalom behind three skiers from Northern Michigan. Teammates Alanna Lundgren, 22nd, Molly Butler, 24th, Rita Morgan, 39th, and Saint Mary's Danielle Clements, 66th, competed in a field of 189 to finish in third place heading into Sunday's Slalom. Hellrung's 11th place finish again paced the club, but the Irish finished the Slalom in 6th place, and fourth overall. Butler finished 26th, Lungren, 29th, Morgan, 42nd, and Clement's 33rd in a field of 213.

The men's squad placed a surprising 10th in the Giant Slalom and 18th in the Slalom to finish 14th overall in a 19-school field. Mike Ryan and Joe Payne finished 47th and 49th respectively in the Giant Slalom. Payne was the only Irish skier to complete the Slalom, finishing 40th in the event.

The top three schools and the top skier from among all the other schools earn the right to compete at the Nationals. This year, Hellrung will travel to Sugarloaf, Me.

Ultimate Frisbee

Notre Dame's ultimate frisbee men's squad kicked off its spring competition at Cincinnati's Arctic Vogue this weekend. Eighteen teams gathered to play in temperatures ranging from the low 20's to the 30's and a strong wind. A small Irish squad including two rookies split four pool games on Saturday, dropping their opener to Eastern Michigan 11-9, winning their second contest with Xavier, 11-6, falling to Cincinnati Volatile 11-6, and defeating Ohio State B 11-3. This earned the Irish the No. 1 seed in the B bracket on Elimination Sunday. The Irish lived up to their seed with wins over Xavier, 11-4, Ohio State B 11-3, and Berea

College 11-9 in the finals.

A sluggish start cost the Irish the game with EMU, and the Irish had no answer for Team Volatile's depth and experience, with most members having played 10 or more years. Senior Sean O'Neill and junior Matt Sullivan provided leadership for the Irish. Freshman Eric Morin and Mike Savino came up big on both offense and defense all weekend, while junior Jake Ament caught the final goal on Sunday to earn the B bracket title.

Gymnastics

The Notre Dame/Saint Mary's gymnastics club competed at Purdue's Golden Grips Invitational this weekend, with the women's squad placing 5th among 14 teams, and the men's squad finished sixth. In women's competition, Purdue, Ohio, and Miami (Ohio) claimed the top three spots. Caitlin O'Brien placed sixth on the vault and tied for sixth on the beam to lead the Irish. Kristi Peterson, Mary Blazewicz, Maura Steed, Wendy Syetanoff, Kim Turnipseed, Krissy Jackson and Susan Jennings all earned points for the Irish.

Andrew Roberts, Dana Collins, Ross Strambu, Calvin Umeda and Todd Moffat all contributed to the men's scoring. Eastern Michigan, Purdue and Illinois finished at the top of the men's standings.

Women's water polo

Western Michigan played host to the Midwest Regional Seeding Tournament this weekend in Kalamazoo. As expected, Notre Dame and Miami Ohio renewed their bitter rivalry in a closely-contested championship final. The eighth-ranked RedHawks avenged a 7-6 Irish victory a week earlier with a 6-5 win to capture top seed in the Regional Championships in April. The Irish will be seeded second.

Early round victories over Miami B, 12-3, and Ohio, 13-3, earned the Irish a spot in the finals. Freshman Jana Stewart saw considerable time in net, spelling team captain Brigitte Alge. M.C. Cimino, Kaitlin Shorock, Christina Hoover, Bridget O'Neill and Katie Lancos led a balanced attack for the Irish.

Men's volleyball

Notre Dame's men's volleyball club finished conference play this weekend in Sheboygan, Wisc. The Irish dropped all three of

their contests to Northern Illinois, 25-19, 25-10; Wisconsin Oskosh, 25-16, 25-18; and Wisconsin Milwaukee, 25-21, 23-25, 15-5.

Notre Dame will next take to the courts against Michigan State at Lake Michigan High School this Saturday at 8 p.m.

Women's ice hockey

Notre Dame dropped a pair of games this weekend to Western Michigan. In a season when several key players were lost due to injuries, studying abroad, and illness, the club has never failed to pick itself back up and take on the challenge of playing in a very strong conference with a short-handed squad.

On Friday, the Irish fell behind the Mustangs 2-0 and fought

back to tie the score on a break-away goal from Julia LaPointe and an end-to-end rush by Tori Blainey. WMU scored again and again the Irish answered with LaPointe's second goal. Scrappy play found the Irish down 4-3 after two periods, but the lack of depth took its toll in the third period and the Irish fell 7-3.

In the rematch on Sunday, the Irish were competitive early, trailing by one goal after the first period. The second period was a backbreaker however, as WMU scored six unanswered goals. The Irish showed resolve in battling to a scoreless third period.

Equestrian

Taylor University in Marion, Ind., was the venue for a pair of

IHSA shows this weekend. IUPUI's 37 points earned High Point Honors on Friday, with Purdue's 30 points good enough for Reserve High Point. The Notre Dame/Saint Mary's squad finished with 21 points.

Results were as follows: class 1 open fences Katie Baron 2nd, Claire Freeman 4th; class 7 novice fences Catherine Linn 1st; class 8 open flat A Baron 3rd, Kelsey Ostberg 6th; class 9 open flat B Molly Kopacz 1st, Elizabeth Bell 3rd; class 10 open flat C Freeman 6th, Julia Burke no placing; class 15 novice flat Linn 6th; class 16 advanced walk trot canter Lauren Croall 2nd; class 18 advanced walk trot canter Kristen LaSota 3rd; class 21 walk trot Anne Trout 4th.

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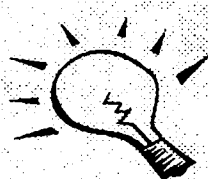
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from a cold-weather climate, the team more than held its own.

"It was great just to get out of the cold weather and play," Gumpf said. "The girls just played hard all weekend. They didn't play perfect, but they played tough and believed in each other and in themselves."

Offensively on the weekend, the Irish were paced by juniors Megan Ciolli and Liz Hartmann. Ciolli, one of 40 players selected to the USA Softball Player of the Year watch list, collected a .625 batting average at the tournament.

Hartmann sparked the Irish power attack with three homeruns and seven RBI. She hit the game-winning homerun against Nebraska.

"Megan's just a great leader," Gumpf said of her lead-off hitter. "She knows how to get it done, and then she goes out there and does it. Liz, meanwhile, was just on

fire.

"The other teams tried to pitch around [Hartmann] and they couldn't. I bet she's still giving the Nebraska coach nightmares."

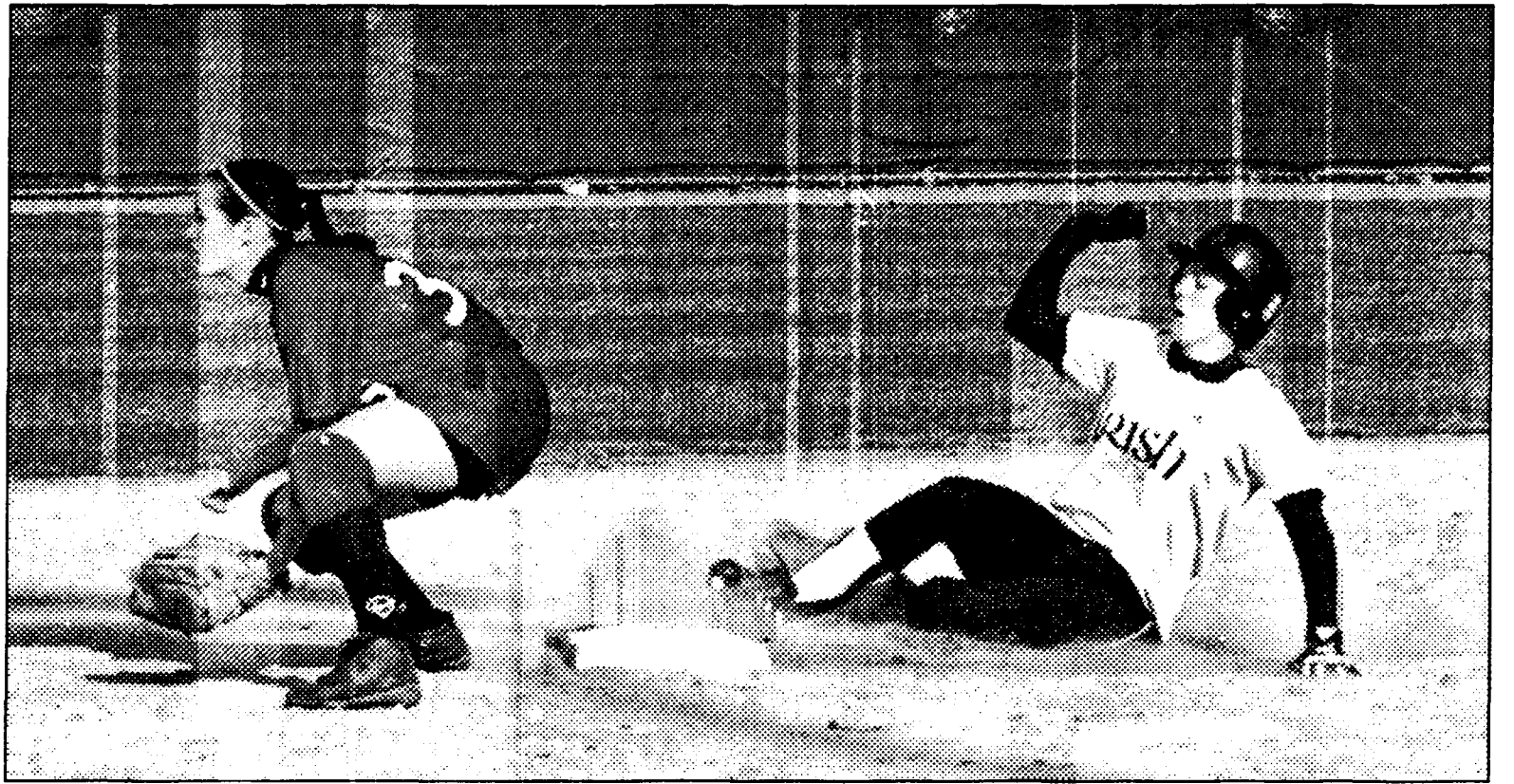
Notre Dame travels to the Palm Springs Classic in Palm Springs, Calif., this weekend where they will face five teams — including an exhibition against the U.S. Olympic Team — over three days. The Irish do not open play at home until Mar. 20 against Eastern Michigan.

Notre Dame 8, Hawaii 7

Sophomore Kellie Middleton made the most of her first hit of the season, connecting on a two-run walk-off home run that gave the Irish the victory over the Rainbow Warriors.

Middleton's hit closed out a five-run rally in the bottom of the seventh inning, after Notre Dame had allowed Hawaii to tack on two unearned insurance runs in the top of the seventh.

Sophomore Heather Booth started for the Irish, scattering seven hits and allowing two earned runs and five total runs in 5 2/3 innings. Reliever



Megan Ciolli slides into second base against St. John's last season. Ciolli was one of the offensive leaders last weekend hitting .625.

Carrie Wisen (1-0) earned the victory after Notre Dame's rally.

No. 2 California 2, Notre Dame 1

The Irish gave the 7-0 Golden Bears as much as they could handle but came up short in their loss to No. 2 California. Despite playing in

just their second game of the season, Notre Dame outthit the potent Golden Bears and junior Steffany Stenglein (0-1) held one of the best offensive teams in the nation at bay.

Nicole deFau provided the lone RBI of the game with a single in the sixth inning but the Irish could not rally in the seventh. The Irish committed two errors in the game, one of which led to a California run.

"We hit the ball really well, but we made a lot of mistakes," Gumpf said. "You can't make those mistakes against a good team like California. The great thing about mistakes early on, though, is that they can be fixed."

"The other teams tried to pitch around [Hartmann] and they couldn't. I bet she's still giving the Nebraska coach nightmares."

Deanna Gumpf
Irish coach

Wisen (2-0) collected her second win of the year, setting the Cornhuskers down in order in the bottom of the seventh.

Notre Dame 3, UNLV 1

Stenglein (1-1) picked up her first victory of the year, striking out 10 UNLV batters in a complete game. She was able to continually pitch out of trouble, as the Rebels stranded 10 runners on base in the game.

Middleton paced the Irish attack with two hits, two stolen bases and one RBI.

Sophomore Mallorie Lenn and Hartmann collected the other RBI for the Irish.

Notre Dame 4, Portland State 1

Booth (1-0) pitched a complete-game five-hitter as the Irish cruised to their largest margin of victory at the UNLV Classic.

Ciolli and Hartmann each hit solo homeruns, and sophomore Megan Ruthrauff led the team with two RBI in the contest.

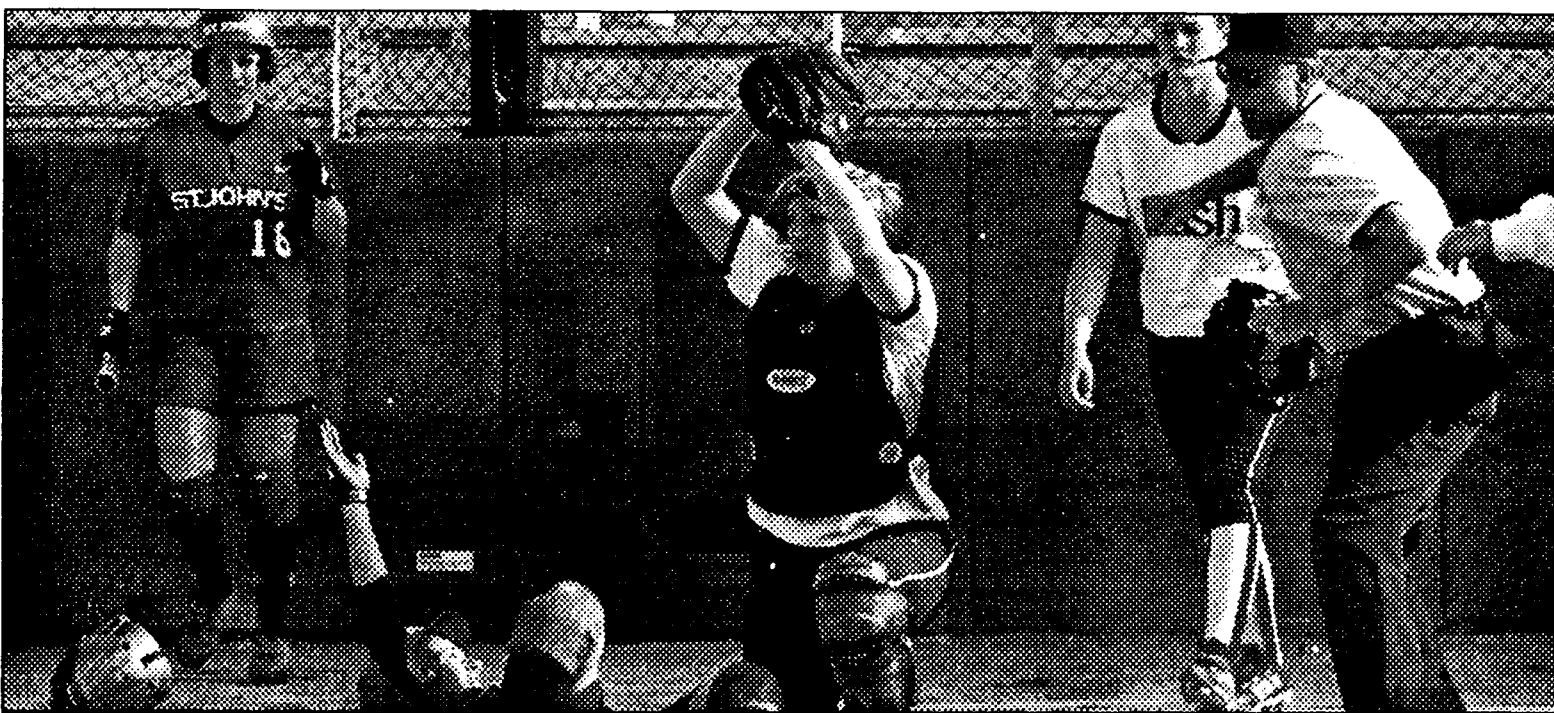
Ciolli hit 4-for-4 in the game and scored two runs.

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Notre Dame 6, No. 8 Nebraska 4

Down 4-2 going into the seventh inning, the Irish stormed back to shock No. 8 Nebraska and collect their first win of the year over a ranked opponent.

Freshman Stephanie Brown hit the first run of her Notre Dame career with a one-out two run shot. Two batters later, Hartmann connected on a two-run blast of her own.



Irish catcher Mallorie Lenn tags a St. John's runner at home plate last season. Lenn collected an RBI in last weekend's 3-1 win over UNLV.

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five points of the game. However, the Irish responded with a 9-2 run that got them right back in it.

After six straight Syracuse points, the Irish responded with a 23-8 run allowing the Irish to control most of the first half. That run was keyed by the Irish getting hot from 3-point range. Notre Dame started 1-of-7 on 3-pointers, but made 5-of-6 during that stretch to shed Syracuse's 2-3 zone.

But after halftime, when the Irish led 38-29 going into the locker room, the Orangemen took a 53-52 lead by switching from their patented zone defense to man-to-man.

However, the Orangemen couldn't sustain that defensive intensity and went back to the zone, and the Irish capitalized by going on a 16-4 run. Irish center Tom Timmermans made his first 3-pointer of the season during that stretch.

In crunch time, the Irish made 13 straight free throws to close out the game and take a major step toward the NCAA Tournament.

Notes:

♦ Thomas was named the Big East Player of the Week Monday for his efforts in Notre Dame's wins over Connecticut and Seton Hall.

In the two games, Thomas averaged 28.5 points, 5.5 rebounds and 4.5 assists. For the season, Thomas currently ranks fifth in the Big East in scoring, averaging 19.0 per game.

Thomas won the honor once last year, sharing the honor with Miami's Darius Rice for his play during the week of Jan. 20, 2003.

♦ Syracuse guard Billy Edelin missed his fifth game over the past three weeks Monday night. Edelin left the team for personal reasons and doesn't have a set date to return to the Orangemen.

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SYRACUSE (16-6, 6-5)

Warrick 9-20 10-12 28, Nichols 2-7 0-5 5, Forth 0-1 0-0 0, McNamara 7-23 3-4 20, Pace 2-7 0-0 4, Roberts 0-0 0-0 0, McNeil 3-4 0-0 6, McCroskey 4-9 0-0 9

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	38	46	84
SYRACUSE	29	43	72

3-point goals: Notre Dame 11-23 (Thomas 5-10, Quinn 4-7, Falls 1-1, Timmermans 1-1, Cornette 0-4), Syracuse 5-22 (Nichols 1-5, McNamara 3-15, McCroskey 1-2). Fouled out: None. Rebounds: Notre Dame 31 (Jones 12), Opponent 42 (Warrick 16). Assists: Notre Dame 13 (Thomas 5), Syracuse 10 (McNamara 6). Total fouls: Notre Dame 14, Syracuse 22.

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ages 3.5 3-pointers per game — the second most per game in the nation — and has connected on over 37 percent of her attempts this season. She leads the team with 15.8 points per game.

Junior guard Secret Stubblefield is second on the team in points, averaging 13.9 per game, while freshman Angie Clark posts 13.0 points. Clark is also second in the Big East in double-doubles per game with eight and has been named Big East Rookie of the Week five times this season.

"They're a very aggressive

and hard-working kind of team," McGraw said. "They're scoring a lot of points, so it's going to be a test for our defense."

Notre Dame's defense has been its strength for most of the season, holding nine of the last 10 opponents under 40 percent shooting from the field. The Irish give up just 59.4 points per game this season.

The Irish offense has been

led all season by junior forward Jacqueline Batteast, who averages over 14 points and eight rebounds per game.

She also has eight double-doubles on the season.

The other Irish player to average double figures in points is guard Megan Duffy, who hit all three of her 3-point attempts against

Providence on Saturday.

McGraw said St. John's will throw several defensive packages at Notre Dame's offense.

"They're a very aggressive and hard-working kind of team. They're scoring a lot of points, so it's going to be a test for it's defense."

Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

"They play a lot of junk defense," McGraw said.

With only five games, including this one, left on Notre Dame's schedule, the Irish hope to end the season on a strong note to improve their seed in the Big East and NCAA Tournament.

No matter what seed the Irish are in the NCAA Tournament, though, they will play their first two games at the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame has a quick turnaround after tonight's game, facing Pittsburgh on the road Thursday. Tonight's tip is at 7 p.m.

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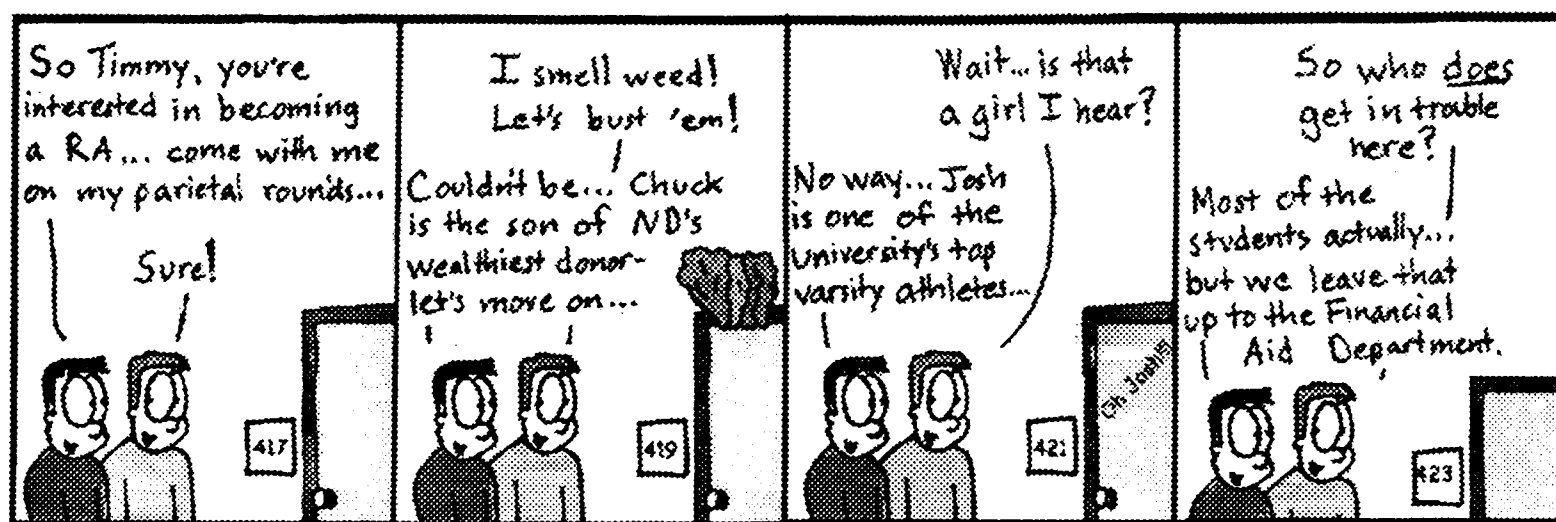
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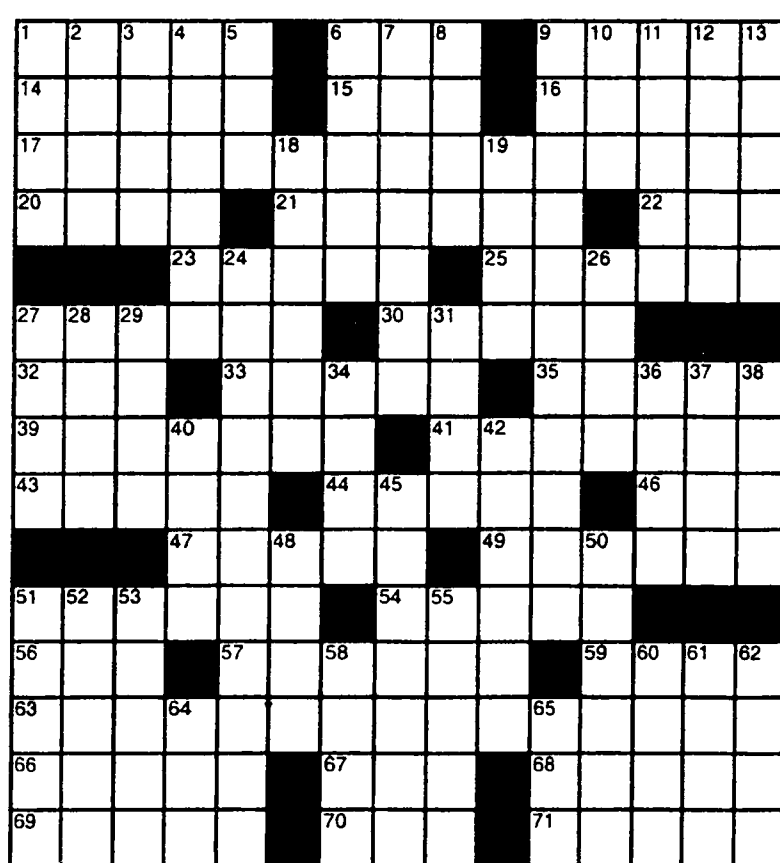
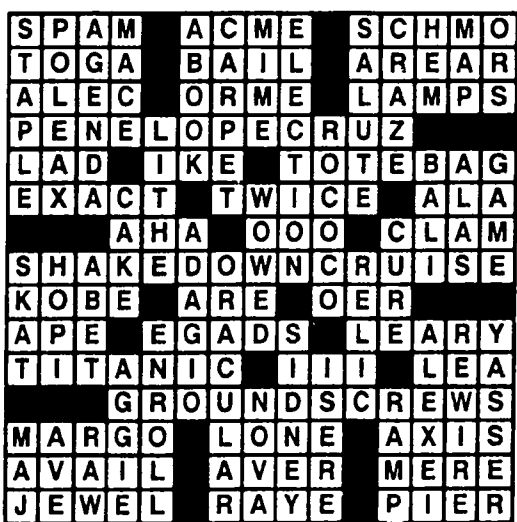
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your luck will be superb today. Social entertainment and travel should be scheduled in. You can enhance your reputation if you are outgoing and open when talking to others. ****
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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Keep busy if you don't want to get into arguments with your mate. Productivity will speak for itself. Spend time fixing up your surroundings in a way that is sure to please everyone. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your creative drive will enable you to complete hobbies or projects. Look into making purchases that will add to your wardrobe. You will be admired for your organizational ability. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Relatives may not tell you the whole truth about the circumstances that surround them. You should look into taking a pleasure trip with the one you love or at least doing something special together. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Social functions will result in romantic attractions. You can benefit through conservative investments. Look into seminars that will broaden your vision concerning finances. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put your energy into your personal goals. It is best to lay your cards on the table regarding your intentions and be prepared to defend your position. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Try not to be disappointed if your partner is not willing to bend to your whims. Take a different approach. Make them an offer they just can't refuse. ***

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Taking drastic measures will not help if you have a problem with your mate. Talk to someone you respect and ask their opinion regarding your dilemma. Evaluate your own motives. **

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Victory puts Irish back in the tourney hunt

Notre Dame defeats Syracuse 84-72 to win third straight

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish have officially moved to the bubble.

Behind 25 points from Chris Thomas and 22 from Chris Quinn, Notre Dame defeated Syracuse 84-72 Monday night at the Carrier Dome, the third straight Irish win against a top-30 team in the RPI.

The Irish are now 13-9 overall and 7-5 in the Big East while the Orangemen fall to 16-6 overall and 6-5 in conference.

The win was Notre Dame's first against Syracuse since Jan. 23, 2001 when the Irish won 74-60 at the Joyce Center. Before Monday, Syracuse had won 10 of their last 11 games against Notre Dame.

Thomas reached 20 points for the fourth straight game for the first time in his career. Against the Orangemen, he

was only 6-of-16 from the field but made 5-of-10 from behind the arc and 8-of-9 from the free throw line.

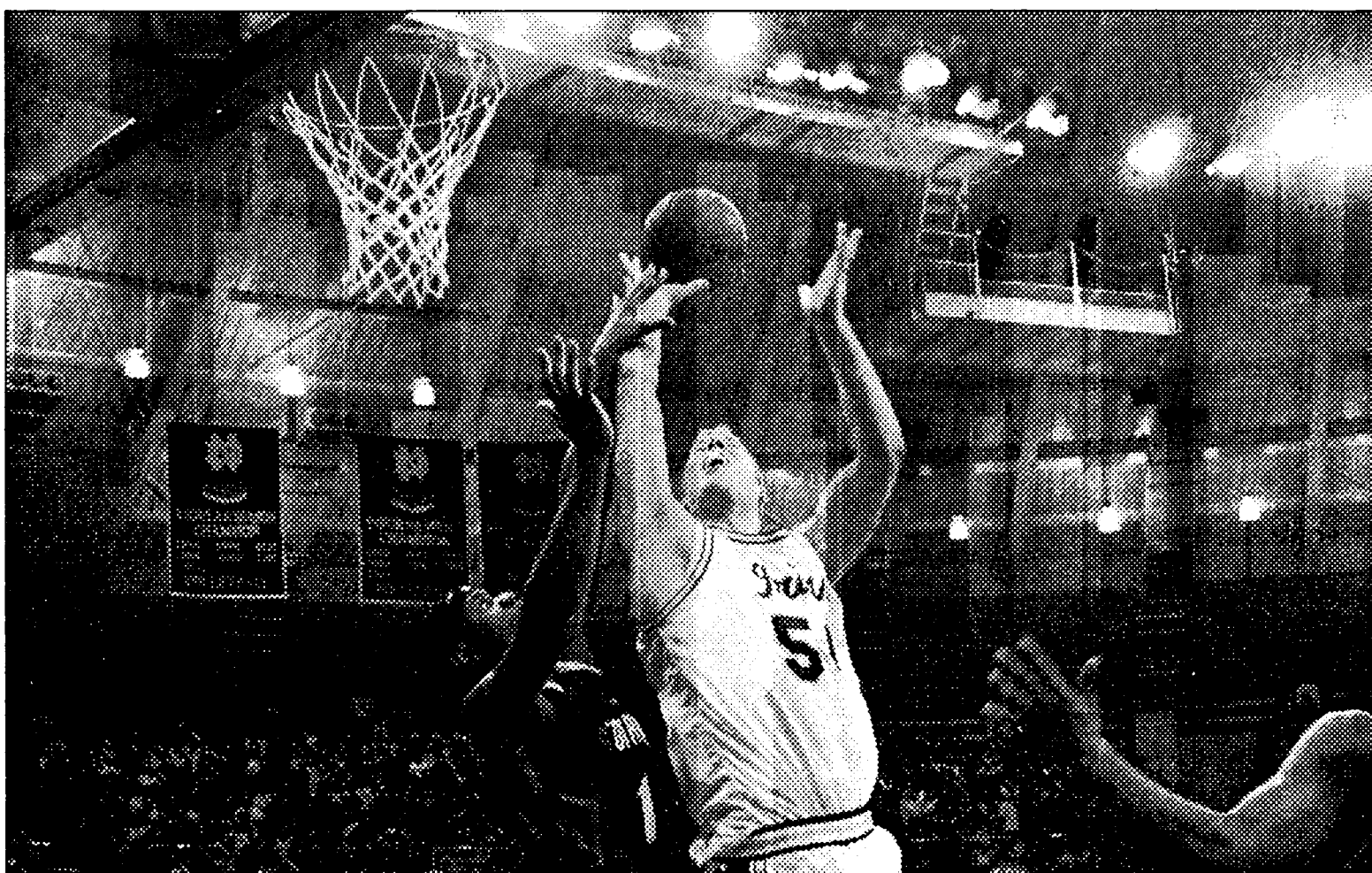
Monday night was also the first time this season Thomas and Quinn each scored over 20 points in the same game — something Irish coach Mike Brey has been looking for all year.

With Torin Francis out, Torrian Jones continued to crash the boards leading the Irish with 12 rebounds.

Syracuse forward Hakim Warrick recorded game-highs with 28 points and 16 rebounds. Gerry McNamara scored 20 points for Syracuse, but shot only 1-of-9 in the first half and never really got going like he usually does against the Irish.

But early on, it looked like Syracuse would continue its dominance over the Irish with McNamara scoring the first

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Irish center Tom Timmermans drives towards the basket against a Seton Hall defender Saturday. Timmermans had 12 points against Syracuse Monday night.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish fresh after their latest win

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

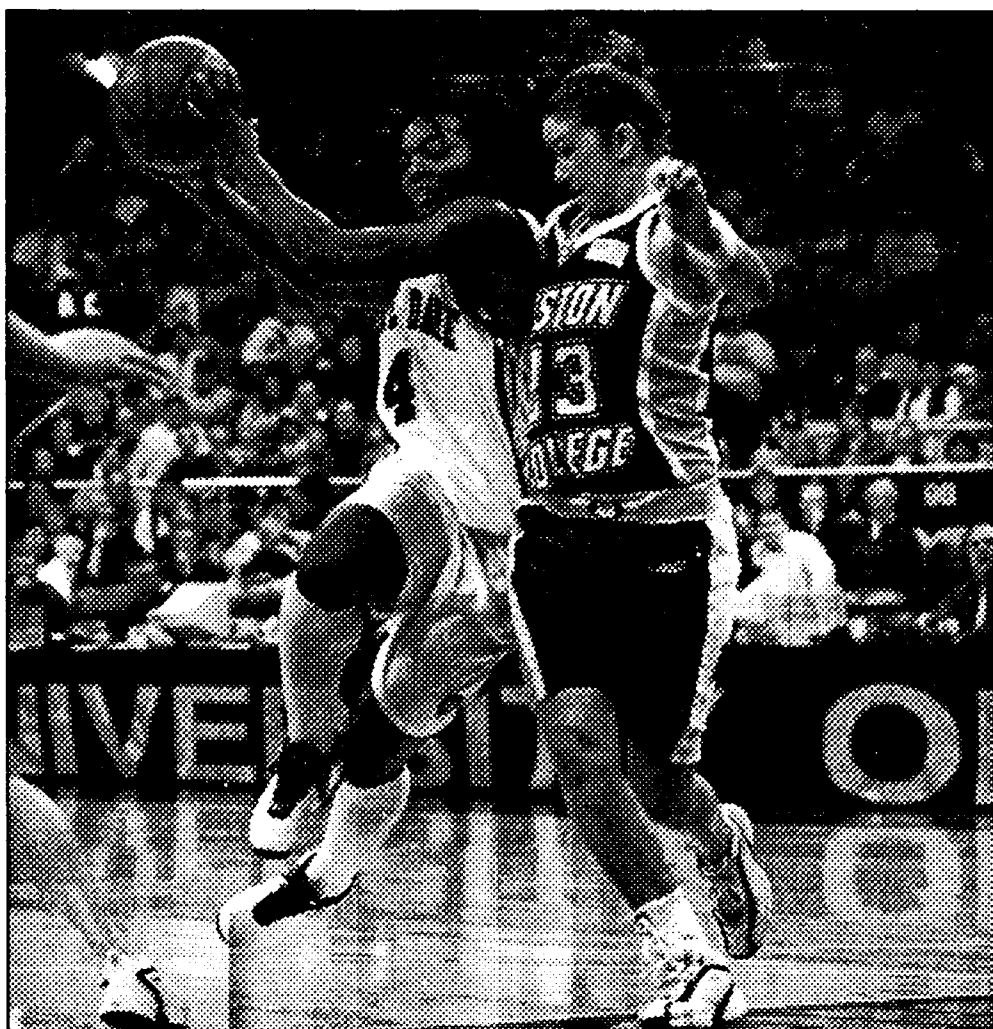
St. John's is 2-7 in its last nine games, but Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw knows records don't matter when her team plays away from the Joyce Center.

"It's a road game," McGraw said. "So it's a problem."

All of Notre Dame's (15-8 overall, 8-3 in the Big East) losses have come on the road this season — the team has a dismal 4-8 record outside of South Bend. The Irish are 11-0 at home this season and have a current 16-game Joyce Center winning streak.

Notre Dame is fresh off an 81-51 victory against Providence on Saturday. The Irish had five players score in double figures, including Jeneka Joyce, who had four 3-pointers and a career-high 14 points. The win, coupled with a West Virginia loss, brought Notre Dame within half a game of second place in the Big East. Connecticut leads the conference at 10-1.

St. John's (9-13, 3-8) has had a week off after losing to



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Irish guard Le'Tania Severe drives towards the basket against Boston College Jan. 31. The Irish are 11-0 in home games.

Miami 85-74 on Feb. 10. The Red Storm have a potent offense, led by one of the nation's best 3-point shooters

in senior guard Kim MacMillan. MacMillan aver-

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ND SOFTBALL

Notre Dame shows character with wins

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Playing in the home of Siegfried and Roy, it was fitting that the Irish used a little come-from-behind magic at the UNLV Classic this weekend, rallying to wins against Hawaii and No. 8 Nebraska en route to collecting a 4-1 record at the tournament.

"Coming back like that isn't easy," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said.

"The girls just didn't doubt themselves; they believe they can beat anybody and they proved that this weekend."

Friday, Notre Dame came back from a five-run deficit

to beat Hawaii 8-7 in the bottom of the seventh inning. The team then lost later that night to No. 2 California in a nail-biter, 2-1, despite out-hitting the Golden Bears 7-4.

Saturday, the Irish again came back against Nebraska

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Irish coach

to win 6-4, this time posting two two-run homers in the top of the seventh to get the victory. The Irish closed out play Saturday with a 3-1 win over host UNLV.

Sunday Notre Dame cruised to a 4-1 victory over Portland State, completing their successful run in the Classic. Despite being the only school

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

CLUB SPORTS

Senior Leigh Hellrung earned her third consecutive trip to the skiing nationals.

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Stanford claims the No. 1 ranking in the latest AP poll.

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The Rangers traded Alex Rodriguez to the Yankees.

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The Sacramento Kings activated Chris Webber from the injured list Monday.

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Dodgers signed DePodesta as its general manager, the third youngest GM for a major-league team.

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