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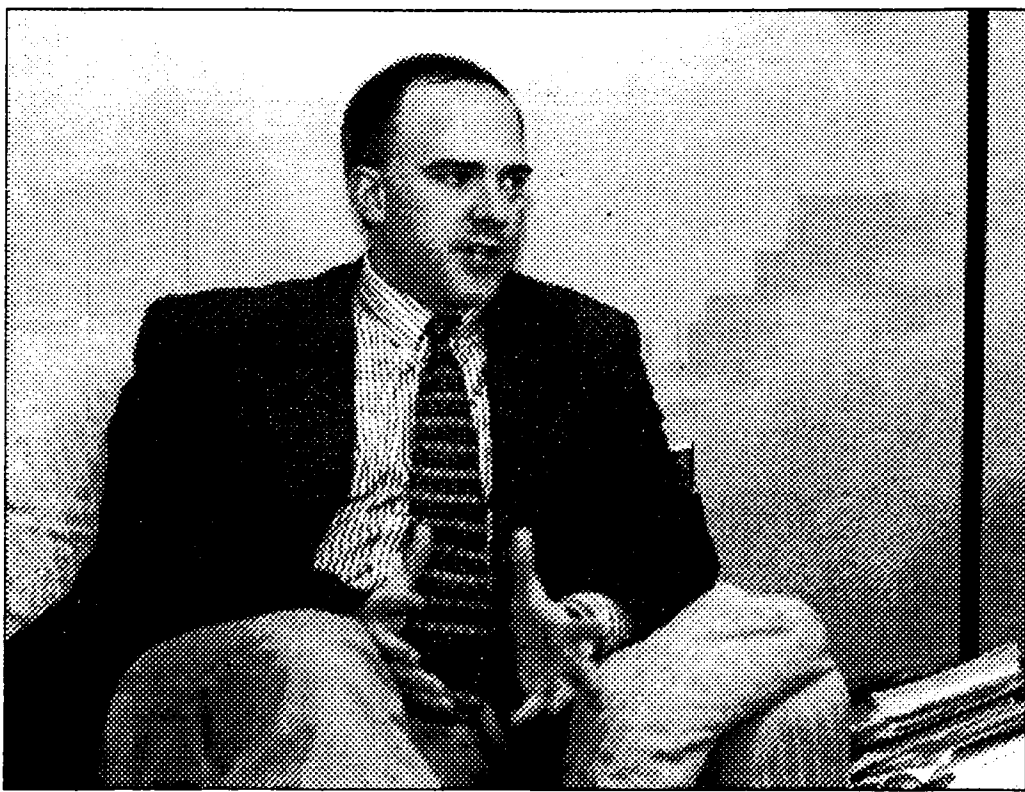
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## ND profs journey to Kashmir to promote, study peace



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Professor Dan Philpott describes his upcoming trip to Kashmir where he will assist in a reconciliation seminar. Cynthia Mahmood will also travel to Kashmir as an observer for the Kroc Institute.

By ANDREW THAGARD  
Associate News Editor

Two Notre Dame professors and members of the Kroc Institute are traveling to Kashmir Tuesday to promote and study the peacemaking process in the volatile region.

Dan Philpott, director of undergraduate studies at the Kroc and assistant professor of political science, is traveling on behalf of the International Center for Religion and Diplomacy (ICRD), a Washington, D.C.-based non-governmental organization. Cynthia Mahmood, director of graduate studies at the Kroc and an associate professor of anthropology, will travel as an observer for the Institute.

The trip is centered around a three-day seminar on reconcili-

ation in Islamabad on the Pakistani side of Kashmir but will also include meetings with politicians, militants and religious leaders. Their visit comes at a crucial time for the war-torn region, which is controlled partly by India and Pakistan. Leaders from the two nuclear powers have announced plans to host the most significant peace talks since escalating violence broke out in 1989. Control of the region has been a contentious and often bloody issue since the two nations gained independence from Britain in 1947.

While smaller in scope when compared to the work of governments and high-profile international negotiators, the mission of ICRD is no less ambitious.

"We're talking about something much more than a peace settlement," Philpott said. "Our

goal is to build up a movement of reconciliation in Kashmiri society."

Indeed, Philpott and Mahmood said true peace can only be achieved when the ordinary Kashmiri citizen changes his perception of the situation and opens his heart. The seminar, the sixth in a series led by senior ICRD vice president Brian Cox, includes 10 lectures each followed by group discussions. The event culminates in a reconciliation service.

"Its purpose is to impart a moral vision of reconciliation [on] the participants that will occur through a transformation of hearts and rebuilding of broken relationships," Philpott said. "Ultimately the seminar challenges the participants to look at the suffering of their community

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## Observer names editors

### Observer Staff Report

The Observer has hired department editors for all but one General Board position, incoming Editor in Chief Matt Lozar announced Sunday.

Three of the 10 positions are being filled by those who have served in the posts since January. Those rehired include Viewpoint Editor Sarah Vabulas, Scene Editor Maria Smith and Controller Paula Garcia. Mike Harkins was rehired as the Graphics Editor, a position he has held since March 2003.

The six new General Board appointments are:

- ◆ Claire Heininger, News Editor
- ◆ Heather Van Hoegarden, Sports Editor
- ◆ Angela Saoud, Saint Mary's Editor
- ◆ Claire Kelley, Photo Editor
- ◆ Carrie Franklin, Ad Sales Manager
- ◆ Kelly Nelson, Ad Design Manager

The appointments are effective March 15.

"Each person selected brings significant talent and experience to their respective positions," Lozar said. "I am confident the staff assembled will build on the tradition of excellence The Observer has established."

Heininger, a sophomore from Howard majoring in American Studies and minoring in journalism, started working with The Observer during the fall semester of her freshman year. The Ann Arbor, Mich. native

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## ND questions grade inflation

Smarter students, professor priorities may explain rise

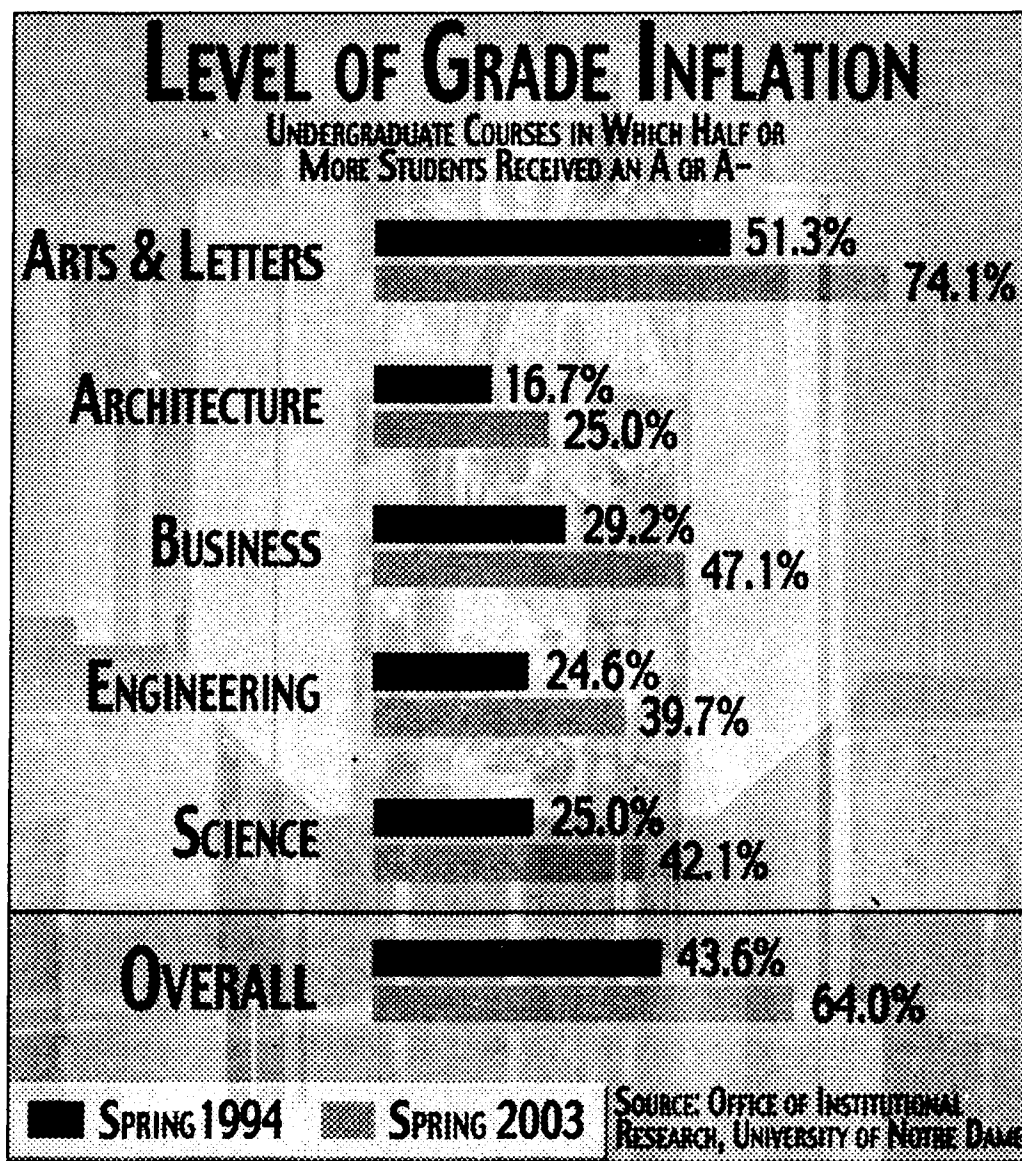
Editor's Note: This is the first in a two-part series exploring grade inflation at Notre Dame.

By JOE TROMBELLO  
Assistant News Editor

As the professor hands back the examination booklets, an anxious student eagerly flips to the front page and finds a grade of "A" written in bright, red pen. Gleefully, she breathes a sigh of relief and slips the test into her backpack.

What she may not realize is that her grade isn't so sparkling as it may first appear. The distribution of grades at Notre Dame — as at many other colleges across the nation — has steadily been on the rise.

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Schools nationwide battle issue of grade inflation

By JOE TROMBELLO  
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame is not the only university to recognize the presence of grade inflation, as rising grades have been problematic at other highly regarded institutions nationwide.

"I think it's a well-known fact that students across the nation are receiving higher grades than their peers of 20, 30 or 40 years ago," said Chuck Roboski, director of admissions operations at the Notre Dame Law School.

Grade inflation at Harvard University made national news when the Boston Globe reported in 2001 that more than 90 percent of Harvard's students were graduating with honors.

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## Student hosts show prospects campus life

By TRICIA de GROOT  
News Writer

The freshmen who hosted prospective members of the Class of 2008 last week wanted their guests to feel like just the opposite.

Instead of merely taking the prospects on campus tours and to informational meetings — activities that any visitor could attend

— the hosts did their best to expose the new students to campus life from the inside out.

These host students, selected by the Notre Dame Admissions Department because they expressed an interest in entertaining prospective students at the activities night in September or because they responded to an e-mail requesting host students, said they introduced their prospects to the Notre Dame

experience by taking them to classes, showing them their favorite places on campus, bringing them to the opposite sex's dorms and taking them to special events such as Bengal Bouts and interhall hockey games.

Freshman Joe O'Brien said that his own campus visit as a prospect last year encouraged him to pass along the tradition.

"I was one of the people who was hosted last year, and I

thought it was a good experience," he said. O'Brien added that showing his visitor Notre Dame's unique residence hall atmosphere was a first priority.

"I wanted [the prospective student] to know about the dorm communities and the sense of pride that we have for ourselves. I really emphasized the fact that here we accept everyone and that

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# INSIDE COLUMN

## Ready to start

I'd be lying if I said I wasn't scared.

After being named the 38th editor in chief for The Observer four weeks ago, my head hasn't stopped spinning.

Hiring department editors, working on the budget and trying to learn everything possible from outgoing editor in chief Andrew Soukup (who took this paper to another level, just look at the honors on today's page three) has made me feel like I'm not ready to take over running the campus newspaper.

But then I look at the people surrounding me, and I know the year will be a success.

My managing editor Meghanne Downes and assistant managing editor Joe Hettler have the same passion for The Observer that I do, maybe more. They know how to put in 30-40 hours a week while balancing a full class load and not go crazy.

These two talented people run the biggest two editorial departments at The Observer, and I couldn't be more blessed to have them right by my side for the journey.

The department editors we have chosen possess a wealth of experience in their individual departments. I have full confidence in them to keep their sections running at the high quality they run each and every day.

Yes, we will make mistakes, and I know my friends along with the rest of campus will point them out. My goal every day is to publish a perfect paper, and I get aggravated when something doesn't lineup correctly or there's a typo in an article.

But I promise when we do make mistakes that we will learn from them and do our best not to make them again.

I came to Notre Dame set on joining the marching band. I tried out, but didn't make it. I thought the world was over. I was on the phone to my parents what seemed like every day telling them I didn't belong here.

Prior to that shock, the idea of writing for the campus newspaper never entered my mind. But I came to The Observer as a band reject and the rest, as they say, is history.

Today's my first official day as the editor in chief of The Observer. I don't think my head's stopped spinning, but I'm just learning how to deal with the job a little more every day.

Because Friday morning at 4:45, when leaving the office and knowing my plane for Minneapolis was departing in less than three hours, I got the keys, a handshake and some words of encouragement from Andrew.

That's when I knew I was ready.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Matt Lozar at mlozar@nd.edu



Matt Lozar

Editor in chief

## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT FAKE TANNING?



Chelsea Madison

Senior  
off-campus

"Smells like burnt flesh but feels so good in the dead of winter."



Dave Shwelberger

Senior  
Keenan

"I'm not prejudiced against orange people."



Steve Helny

Sophomore  
Siegfried

"Do they have a bed that can fit two ... girls?"



Ken Kalahan

Junior  
off-campus

"It hurts my melanin."



Megan Lloyd

Junior  
off-campus

"It's better than Tan in a Can!"



Mike Maus

Sophomore  
Siegfried

"Some people here just shouldn't bother."



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Campus band Sudsbury Shore performs at the Up 'Til Dawn Fundraiser sponsored by Irish Fighting for St. Jude Kids Sunday at Legends. Proceeds from the event, which featured student performances and auctions, will be used to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

## IN BRIEF

Audition for Irish Idol, Notre Dame's version of the hit reality television show American Idol, tonight from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. in the Crowley Hall of Music.

Attend the first mass in the Last Homily Series, tonight in the Alumni Hall chapel at 9 p.m. Father James King will preside.

Come listen to Gonzaga University president Father Robert Spitzer, who will be speaking on "Restoring the Culture: Life and the Pursuit of Happiness" at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. Spitzer is well known for his work in the pro-life movement.

Watch the film Bill Moyers Reports: Trading Democracy today from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. A discussion led by Martin Wolfson, associate professor of economics, will follow.

Find out "Why All the Passion?" at a panel discussion of the Mel Gibson film The Passion of the Christ, beginning Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in 141 DeBartolo. Participants will include professors from the Theology and Film, Television and Theatre departments.

Learn How To Be An Effective Leader at a presentation conducted by John O'Connor of Hewlett Packard tonight from 8 to 9:30 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Center Lounge. He will share his insights on what leadership skills are necessary to have the desired impact on student clubs and organizations.

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

## OFFBEAT

### Jen and Ben dominate worst-film awards

LOS ANGELES — The honeymoon's over for Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez, but their mob-comedy flop "Gigli" really cleaned up Saturday at the Razzies, the first movie to take all six top trophies in the annual dishonorable-mention awards.

Golden Raspberry Awards voters picked "Gigli" as 2003's worst picture, Affleck as worst actor, Lopez as worst actress and the two as worst screen couple. "Gigli" filmmaker Martin Brest also took the Razzies for worst director

and screenplay.

### Cops compete to issue traffic tickets

PORTERDALE, Ga. — A contest between two police officers in a small Georgia town to see which one could issue the most traffic tickets was stopped by a judge who overheard the apparent winner talking about it, the mayor said.

Part-time Porterdale police officers Erin Cox and Frank Jackson wrote about 150 tickets in January, which was significantly higher than in previous months, Mayor Paul Oeland said.

### Library chooses phones over clogs

HOLLAND, Mich. — If there was any question about this west Michigan community's Dutch heritage, consider that it's now OK to have a cell phone in the city library — but wooden shoes remain banned.

The Herrick District Library Board voted Thursday to reverse its ban on cell phones, while deciding to keep the traditional Dutch shoes off-limits.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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## CORRECTIONS

The photo of Pat Quill that appeared in the Friday, February 27 issue of The Observer was inaccurately credited. Chuy Benitez was the actual photographer. The Observer regrets the error.



# FASO sponsors 10th annual Fiestang festival

*Bigger, better Saturday evening cultural celebration included dinner, dancing*



By KATIE MOUNTS  
News Writer

Saturday night marked the 10th annual Fiestang — a Filipino cultural celebration of dinner and dancing that has advanced a long way since its inception.

John Lira, co-president of the Filipino American Student Organization (FASO), has attended Fiestang since its first show in 1995, and said that interest and attendance have "improved drastically" since then. He remembers when dancers had to be brought in to help with the student performance, and that only about 40 people attended — a number that has multiplied since.

Co-president Charlene Vinalon estimated more than 450 students, faculty and community members attended this year's event. "Each year, it just gets bigger and bigger," she said.

Lira credited the recent publicity regarding diversity at Notre Dame with helping increase interest.

"There's a lot of work put into it with months of preparation," he said. "I was so surprised and so proud of everyone that was involved. ... It was more wonderful than anything I could have imagined."

The event began with a catered meal of traditional Filipino cuisine, which was followed by a presentation of cultural dances by members of FASO. The First Class Steppers and Ballet Folklorico also made appearances.

"Overall, we were very happy with the show," FASO co-president Eileen Magno said. "It turned out better than we had expected."

She attributed some of this year's success to the change in format to a themed skit. The show's theme, Time Machine, enabled different dances from

different time periods to be shown, she said.

Vinalon said that students who had previously been unfamiliar with Filipino culture told her they liked what they saw.

"I feel that a lot of people were pleasantly surprised by how much fun they had," she said. "[The festival] gave a little bit of insight into the culture."

While more improvement means more effort, the co-presidents agreed that it was worthwhile.

"[This year has] been a lot of work and a lot more stress," Magno

said. "It's been a really good experience, and I wouldn't trade it for anything."

FASO's next event, "Lumpia Night," will take place on March 25 as a part of Spring Visitation Week.

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## Observer honored at convention

Observer Staff Report

MINNEAPOLIS — The Observer was named Best of Show by The Associated College Press at the Best of the Midwest College Newspaper Convention Sunday, in the category of tabloids at four-year schools.

Individual staff members

also took top honors at the convention.

Andrew Soukup received a first place in feature writing for the story "Groody bound for national championships" from the March 28 edition of The Observer. Scott Brodfuehrer and Meghanne Downes were awarded first place in news writing for their

stories "Elam convicted of sexual battery" in the Sept. 1 Observer and Downes won first place in page design for the front page design of the Oct. 28 Observer.

Soukup also received third place in sports writing for his feature on Darrell Campbell, "Controlling his anger," in the Oct. 17 Observer.

## Trend

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According to Harvard's student paper, The Crimson, faculty and administrators participated in rigorous discussions to curb the problem, converted the grading system to the standard 4.0 scale and capped the percentage of students graduating with honors to 60 percent. Despite their efforts, an article appearing in the Feb. 13 edition of The Crimson reported the inflation again seems to be on the rise — 2002-03 data revealed the mean grade point average to be 3.41 and 47.8 percent of grades were in the A range.

Notre Dame faculty have said the national increase in grades means that they have to rely more on standardized test scores, among other methods, to better access graduate and law school applications.

"As we make admission decisions, we view not just

the overall GPA," Roboski said. "We also review the courses and major ... the rigor of the college attended, letters of recommendation from faculty and other factors."

Roboski said scores on the LSAT have proven to be better indicators of first-year law school performance than undergraduate grade point average.

"I believe the LSAT is generally a better indicator because GPAs of applicants cannot be easily compared," he said.

Charles Kulpa, chair of the department of biological sciences, said GRE scores prove important in the graduate school applications his department reads.

"Standardized tests are a way of taking into account grade inflation," he said.

Faculty said that general applications to medical and business schools have been fairly consistent with respect to GPAs.

In addition, Notre Dame professors who have taught at other institutions said they have noticed a difference in

the way grades are assessed.

Li Guo, assistant professor of classics, attended graduate school at the University of Chicago and taught a number of courses there. He said that that school, with notoriously challenging grading standards and less emphasis on classroom teaching scores with respect to promotion and tenure, frequently gave students low grades.

"I regularly gave Cs and occasionally Ds," he said.

"The


University of Chicago has traditionally not put emphasis on classroom teaching ... as a result, professors are not afraid of ... grading [students more] rigorously. Notre Dame has a much more rigorous teaching evaluation system in determining promotion and tenure cases."

*"I think it's a well-known fact that students across the nation are receiving higher grades ..."*

**Chuck Roboski**  
Director of admissions  
Notre Dame Law School

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**Charles Kulpa**  
Department chair  
Biological Sciences

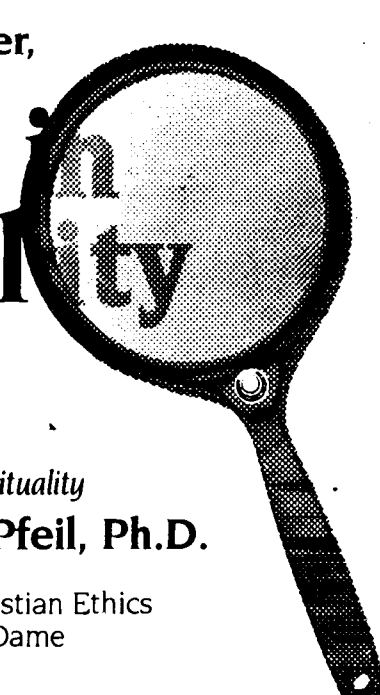


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# Grade

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According to the Office of Institutional Research, the percentage of University undergraduate courses in which half or more students receive a grade of A or A- has climbed from 43.6 percent in the spring of 1994 to 64.0 percent in spring 2003. The College of Engineering has experienced the most dramatic increase during this period — from 24.6 percent in spring 1994 to 39.7 percent in spring 2003 — an increase of almost 120 percent. The study showed the College of Arts & Letters having the highest percentage with 74.1 percent in spring 2003, while the College of Architecture had only a 25 percent mark in the same semester.

Faculty in the College of Science, which experienced a rise in A grades from 25 percent in 1994 to 42.1 percent in 2003, said that grade inflation in this decade has tapered off. Charles Kulpa, chair of the department of biological sciences, said he believes inflation in his department has flattened after increasing some what during the '80s and '90s.

"We have a number of courses where [the average GPA] is around a 3.0," he said. "In some courses it's higher."

Faculty and students nonetheless have expressed a divergence of opinions over these statistics, with many citing the dramatic increase in student profiles — such as SAT scores and high school class rank over the same time period — as explaining this grade increase. Seventy-nine percent of students entering college in fall 1993 were ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school class and had a mean

SAT score of 1218, while 84 percent of students who entered in 2003 ranked in the top ten percent of their class. These students had a mean SAT score of 1359 (the test was re-centered in 1996, partially explaining the rise in SAT scores).

## The historical perspective

Joseph Walter, chair of the department of pre-professional studies since 1971, said grade inflation began to occur at Notre Dame and across the nation in 1972 with the institution of the Vietnam War draft.

"If you gave students Ds and even Cs, they would come in [to your office] and literally cry," he said. "More often than not, they were off to Vietnam. They begged you not to [give that grade]. This was true not only here, but it happened at other universities and all over the nation."

Walter said students in his Analytical Chemistry class in the 1967-68 academic year earned 19 Cs, four Ds and two Fs. By 1972-73, only one student earned a C, the lowest grade in the class with five grades of B-. No student earned a C or below in a similar course in 1987.

Walter said medical schools have also seen a similar rise in student profiles on applications. He said in the 1950s and 1960s, students generally applied to two or three medical schools and had an average GPA of approximately 2.7.

"That student would not be admitted today," he said. "As years [have gone by], the training and caliber of students has increased."

Walter estimated that the average GPA of a student currently accepted into medical school is a 3.4.

## Higher caliber students

Faculty members within different colleges have expressed a diversity of opinions concern-

ing grade inflation. Most have said the rise is primarily due to the better quality of students Notre Dame has been able to accept.

"I'm not so sure that it's grade inflation," Walter said. "I perceive it as the caliber of students are increasing, you would not expect to have as wide a range of grades. Most students would be fairly similar."

Sam Gaglio, assistant dean of the Mendoza College of Business, said the rise in grades makes sense with the corresponding increase in the profiles of admitted students.

"We have good students and a lot of people are working at a high level," he said. "It's feasible to have a lot of good students, especially given the tightening of the admission requirements," he said.

Gaglio said faculty often choose not to curve grades so that students will receive Cs or Ds. Assessing grades in this way, he said, would unfairly penalize many.

"The assumption is that grade inflation is a bad thing," he said. "We have to make sure not to penalize our good students. I'm not going to arbitrarily give someone a C. ... The intent here is to make sure we give the right kind of grade."

Mark Roche, dean of the College of Arts & Letters, said grade inflation isn't necessarily a problem if it means students are simply receiving better teaching or more attention from instructors. He said grades should not simply serve to differentiate students but rather to assess the knowledge that students have obtained.

"The main purpose of grades is to document whether a student has achieved the learning goals of the course," he said. "[not] to demarcate differences."

## The downside of grade inflation

Sunny Boyd, associate professor of biological sciences, says rampant grade inflation can severely impact the credibility of an institution, and believes that distinguishing students who have worked very hard in a given course and thoroughly understand the material is important.

"When we have larger courses with a diversity of people, I'm sure there are differences in knowledge and effort, and these differences should be reflected in grades," she said. "It's also important to our credibility as an institution that grades reflect knowledge. ... We want to maintain our reputation as being a demand-

ing institution."

Boyd said artificially inflating grades in order not to damage a student's chance of graduate school acceptances ultimately proves detrimental to all parties.

"My approach is making the course rigorous enough that I can feel comfortable that students who get As deserve them," she said. "I have not been influenced by the idea that I should help students get into medical school by giving them higher grades. Giving people that are not academically strong [artificially high grades] is not doing anybody a favor."

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Iraqi council misses deadline

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's U.S.-picked leaders failed to meet a Saturday deadline for adopting an interim constitution but were expected to find compromise soon on contentious issues including the role of Islamic law and the status of women.

Earlier Saturday, the top U.S. administrator in Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, met with members of the Governing Council in an attempt to overcome their differences. An official in the U.S.-led coalition, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a charter could be completed Sunday.

At issue are efforts by conservatives to enshrine Islam as the main source of law in Iraq, Kurdish demands for that they not lose their self-rule federal region and Shiite attempts to dominate the new government's presidency.

### Israeli gunship targets militants

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — An Israeli helicopter fired missiles at a car in the Gaza Strip on Saturday, killing three people — including an Islamic Jihad militant — and wounding 15 others, doctors said.

One of the dead was identified by his family as Islamic Jihad militant Ayman Dahdouh. The other two victims were not immediately identified.

The car was pulverized, and Palestinian security officials struggled to keep order around the scene as surging crowds jumped on the wreckage and called for revenge.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### U.S. steps up bin Laden search

WASHINGTON — The United States is rounding up and questioning the relatives of fugitive al-Qaida leaders to generate information on the possible whereabouts of Osama bin Laden and his top deputies.

So far, the information received is unconfirmed and does not mean the terrorist leader's location has been pinned down or his capture is imminent. U.S. officials caution that rumors of significant progress are overstated.

On Saturday, Pentagon and Pakistani officials denied an Iranian state radio report that bin Laden had been captured "a long time ago" in Pakistan's border region with Afghanistan.

### Cops grill kin of missing family

TAYLORSVILLE, Miss. — Investigators searching for a family of three who disappeared on Valentine's Day questioned one of their relatives Saturday and searched his property in southern Mississippi.

Earnest Lee Hargon, an adopted cousin of the missing family, was in custody and was being questioned, said Warren Strain, a state Highway Patrol spokesman.

Authorities also closed off a county road on both sides of Leaf River Veterinary Services as part of the investigation. The clinic was given as a residence address by Hargon, whose wife is a veterinarian, Strain said.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Spring skunks swarm, spray state

ELKHART — Spring is in the air — and it stinks.

While the groundhog may receive more media attention, some Hoosiers say it's skunks that are the true heralds of the coming of spring. And if the smelly critters are to be believed, it's here.

"You can always tell when the frost comes out of the ground. That's when all the skunks come," said Dave Hess, who farms in northern Indiana's Elkhart County.

"I've noticed the last three days, all of a sudden they're on the move big time," he said. "It's springtime."

Perhaps that's because in spring a young skunk's fancy turns to thoughts of other skunks. Males of the species travel more during February seeking mates for the annual courting season.

And to a skunk seeking a new den, an accessible basement may be irresistible.

## HAITI

# Aristide resigns, flees into exile

*Top judge assumes power as capital descends into anarchy; U.S. wants U.N. aid*

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE — President Jean-Bertrand Aristide resigned and fled into exile Sunday, pressured by foreign governments and a bloody rebellion. Gunfire crackled as the capital fell into chaos, and Washington dispatched Marines.

The Marines were expected to arrive Sunday night, a U.S. official said, and France also said it was sending troops. They would be the vanguard of a multinational force that the United Nations Security Council was to consider later Sunday, and the Bush administration hoped for quick approval.

"The government believes it is essential that Haiti have a hopeful future. This is the beginning of a new chapter," President Bush said at the White House. "I would urge the people of Haiti to reject violence, to give this break from the past a chance to work. And the United States is prepared to help."

After word spread of the president's departure, angry Aristide supporters roamed the streets armed with old rifles, pistols, machetes and sticks. Some fired wildly into crowds on the Champs de Mars, the main square in front of the National Palace.

On the main John Brown Boulevard, Aristide followers armed with shotguns set up a roadblock; at the same spot, hours later, they had disappeared — leaving behind the bullet-riddled bodies of three men sprawled inside an all-terrain vehicle.

The head of Haiti's



A Haitian rebel shouts "peace" Sunday as a truck of policemen drive by in the Canape Vert district of Port-au-Prince. On the same day, Haitian president Jean-Bertrand Aristide stepped down and fled the country amid U.S. pressure.

supreme court said he was taking charge of the government, and a key rebel leader said he welcomed the arrival of foreign troops.

"I think the worst is over, and we're waiting for the international forces. They will have our full cooperation," Guy Philippe told CNN.

The U.N. Security Council planned consultations for later Sunday, and the United States hoped it would approve a resolution to authorize international peacekeepers for Haiti, which erupted into violence

3 1/2 weeks ago when rebels began driving police from towns and cities in the north.

A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, would not say how many Marines were expected in the speedy deployment, which President Bush ordered only hours after Aristide fled under pressure from the United States and former colonial power France.

France decided to send a detachment of between 120-140 soldiers to Haiti, said Catherine Colonna, spokeswoman for President

Jacques Chirac. She said the troops would arrive on Monday and they would work "in coordination with the United States."

A 50-member Marine anti-terrorist security team has been in Port-au-Prince for several days helping secure the U.S. embassy. Canadian troops were seen guarding the airport in Port-au-Prince.

Though not aligned with rebels, the political opposition had also pushed for Aristide to leave for the good of Haiti's 8 million people, angered by poverty, corruption and crime.

# Ethanol tanker explodes in Atlantic

*Blast kills at least 3 crewmen off Va. shore; Coast Guard searches for survivors*

Associated Press

PORTSMOUTH, Va. — The Coast Guard searched the frigid Atlantic Sunday for 18 crew members of a tanker that exploded while carrying 3.5 million gallons of ethanol. Three crewmen were known dead and six others were rescued.

"Our first and foremost concern will be finding the 18 people that are missing," Coast Guard spokeswoman Kryss Hannum said.

Hannum said there was no reason to believe the explosion was anything other than an accident.

Two Coast Guard patrol boats and a C-130 airplane and helicopter were conducting the search about 50 miles off Virginia's Eastern Shore.

"We're going to search as long as it's reasonable and hope they're alive," she said.

But with water temperatures below 50 degrees, the likelihood of

additional survivors being found grew increasingly slim. Hannum said some of the crew members were sleeping at the time of the explosion and some were on deck, so it's unlikely that they were wearing gear that would protect them from the cold water.

The survivors were rescued from a life raft within three hours of the accident and flown to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. They were treated for conditions including hypothermia and had to be decontaminated after being found covered with a petroleum-based substance.

One survivor was in serious condition, two were in fair condition and the three others were released Sunday morning, hospital spokeswoman Vicki Gray said. Two Coast Guard personnel treated for minor injuries also were released.

"They look like they've been through an ordeal and they're very introspective about what hap-

pened," Gray said of the rescued crewmen, who are Filipino and did not speak English. "They're very quiet, subdued, like you would expect."

The crew members have declined interview requests, Gray said. Hospital chaplains helped the crew talk to their families in the Philippines by telephone.

Coast Guard officials said that most of the ethanol spewed from the tanker had evaporated, but fuel from the ship's storage tanks has formed a 9-square-mile oil slick in the Atlantic.

Guardians don't yet know how much of the fuel aboard the ship spilled; but they say it was carrying 48,000 gallons of stored diesel fuel and 193,000 gallons of fuel oil.

Environmental officials are most concerned about the fuel oil, a sticky, heavy, molasses-like substance that was used to power the vessel.

## Kashmir

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and [decide if] they want to speak words of encouragement."

While this seminar is geared to a mostly Muslim crowd, previous ones have included Hindu, Islamic and Buddhist participants. To date, 350 people have attended the seminars and 100 graduates have continued to discuss reconciliation within "cell groups." The seminars and the other works have led to the formation of core groups dedicated to promoting peace on both sides of the line of control that separates the Indian and Pakistani parts of the region. These cell groups are what Mahmood calls "a cadre of foot soldiers for peace."

The events also have sometimes had dramatic effects on the participants. During a seminar held in June 2001 on the Indian side of Kashmir, a Muslim man had a life-changing experience. Eight years earlier, the man had witnessed the assassination of his father and later his brother and was himself shot repeatedly and left to die.

"He survived the shootings through nine surgeries [but] for eight years he was on a vendetta to find and kill the gunmen," Philpott said. "At the seminar he had a transforming experience and ... he stood up and forgave the slayers from his heart and

renounced his vendetta."

The man, Philpott said, has gone on to become an active core group member and initiate aid programs that help victims of violence, particularly widows and orphans.

While the results of its work are generally less visible, ICRD has found a great degree of success in a movement with elite and grass roots elements. By meeting with regional politicians, militants and religious leaders, Philpott said he hopes to further develop relationships of trust and create important networks. The trip is of interest to Mahmood in part because it complements her work focusing on war and peace and conflict resolution.

Although the two praised the potential benefits of the trip, they also acknowledged the possibility of danger in traveling to the region despite the group not encountering problems in the past.

"We've all accepted that a certain degree of risk taking is inherent to this work," Mahmood said.

Despite the dangerous area and tension between the countries, the group has the consent of India and Pakistan.

"All of the work we've done over there has been done with the knowledge and approval of both governments," Philpott said.

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Cynthia Mahmood  
Kroc Institute

## Host

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"I wanted [the prospective student] to know about the dorm communities and the sense of pride that we have for ourselves. I really emphasized the fact that here we accept everyone and that despite the lack of frats and everything that it's all still fun and exciting," said O'Brien.

Becky Scholl-Maguire, another freshman host, said that the family aspect of Notre Dame was most important to share.

"I tried to convey the sense of family and tradition and explain how everyone has so much pride in Notre Dame and is happy that

they are here," she said. "I tried to provide a good experience for her because my visit to Notre Dame was when I fell in love with the school."

Freshman Kathleen O'Brien agreed with Scholl-Maguire that meeting current Notre Dame students made her prospect feel more welcome.

"I think it's really important for her to get to know the type of people that go here because that is what made the difference for me," Kathleen O'Brien said. "I also wanted her to know what separates Notre Dame from other schools, [such as] the family atmosphere and tradition."

Tommy Clarkson said that a dose of student life was equally — if not more — important than

experiencing the University's academic setting.

"I wanted to make sure that he saw there was life outside of classes and that he got to get an inside look at what the students do during their days," Clarkson said.

He added that he had received positive feedback from his visitor.

"I thought it was a pretty good experience he got to see a lot of what the day to day life of a student is," he said. "[The prospect] asked questions and seemed genuinely interested."

These freshmen will continue to host students until the Class of 2008 makes their final decisions.

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## Editors

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previously worked as an assistant news editor.

Van Hoegarden, a sophomore from Pasquerilla West, is an accounting major from Burr Ridge, Ill. She has covered women's basketball and volleyball.

Saoud is a junior majoring in English writing with a minor in early education. Originally from South Bend, Saoud lives in Holy Cross Hall and is currently working with the South Bend Tribune as an academic intern.

Kelley, who is currently abroad in Rome, began shooting sports and news last year. The junior English and art history major from Columbus, Ohio originally lived in McGlinn.

Franklin, a Welsh Family junior, is majoring in political science and Arabic studies. The Cincinnati native joined The Observer's staff as an account executive.

Nelson, a junior from Pasquerilla West, began working for The Observer during the spring of her freshman year. The pre-med and psychology double major is a native of Rockford, Ill.

Vabulas took over as Viewpoint Editor in January after previously working as the Scene Editor. A sophomore from Marietta, Ga., she lives in McCandless Hall and is majoring in communications and theology.

Smith was rehired in January as Scene Editor after studying abroad during the fall semester. A native of San Diego, Smith lives in McGlinn and is majoring

in the Program of Liberal Studies.

Garcia first joined The Observer in January when she was hired as controller. A sophomore accounting Oak Brook, Ill., Garcia lives in Pasquerilla East.

Harkins, a junior management information systems major from Dillon, originally hails from Canton, Mich.

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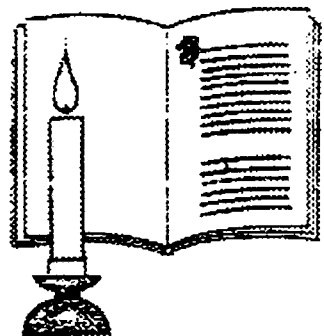
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| <b>Up:</b>               | 2,185         | <b>Same:</b> 181 | <b>Down:</b> 109 |
| <b>Composite Volume:</b> | 1,503,463,808 |                  |                  |

|                         |           |        |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>AMEX</b>             | 1,254.41  | +9.27  |
| <b>NASDAQ</b>           | 2,029.82  | -2.75  |
| <b>NYSE</b>             | 6,692.37  | +14.71 |
| <b>S&amp;P 500</b>      | 1,144.94  | +0.03  |
| <b>NIKKEI(Tokyo)</b>    | 11,041.92 | 0.00   |
| <b>FTSE 100(London)</b> | 4,492.20  | -23.70 |

| COMPANY                 | %CHANGE | \$GAIN | PRICE |
|-------------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| INTEL CORP (INTC)       | -1.02   | -0.30  | 29.20 |
| MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)     | +0.11   | +0.03  | 26.53 |
| SUN MICROSYSTEMS (SUNW) | +1.92   | +0.10  | 5.31  |
| SIRIUS SAT RADIO (SIRI) | -2.00   | -0.06  | 2.94  |
| CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)    | -0.81   | -0.19  | 23.16 |

| Treasures    |       |       |       |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 30-YEAR BOND | -1.30 | -0.64 | 48.57 |
| 10-YEAR NOTE | -1.53 | -0.62 | 39.84 |
| 5-YEAR NOTE  | -1.83 | -0.55 | 29.45 |
| 3-MONTH BILL | -0.54 | -0.05 | 9.27  |

| Commodities              |       |  |        |
|--------------------------|-------|--|--------|
| LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)    | +0.65 |  | 36.16  |
| GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)       | +1.30 |  | 396.80 |
| PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.) | -0.25 |  | 95.95  |

| Exchange Rates |  |  |        |
|----------------|--|--|--------|
| YEN            |  |  | 109    |
| EURO           |  |  | 0.8013 |
| POUND          |  |  | 0.5355 |
| CANADIAN \$    |  |  | 1.336  |

## COMPANY BRIEFS

### Disney shareholders await vote

LOS ANGELES — Michael Eisner probably won't lose his job at the annual Walt Disney Co. shareholders meeting this week in Philadelphia but his foes intend to make sure he at least feels nervous about the possibility.

Ex-board members Roy E. Disney and Stanley Gold hope Wednesday to persuade at least 20 percent of shareholders to withhold their approval for Eisner and three other board members. The company is preparing for a dissenting vote as high as 30 percent.

Eisner's re-election to the board is not in doubt because he is running unopposed.

### Sprint to combine tracking stocks

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. — Sprint Corp. announced Sunday that it will combine the company's two tracking stocks into a single common stock under the FON symbol on the New York Stock Exchange.

In 1998, the company created a tracking stock for its wireless business, Sprint PCS, which trades on the NYSE under the symbol PCS. Sprint has just over one billion PCS shares and about 906 million FON shares outstanding.

PCS common stock will be eliminated and each share of PCS common stock will be converted into one-half share of FON common stock on April 23, 2004, leaving about 1.4 billion total shares outstanding after the recombination.

### Visa to expand car rental coverage

NEW YORK — Visa USA announced that it will provide car rental insurance to all of its credit card holders, effective today.

The company, based in San Francisco, said the insurance — also known as collision damage waiver coverage — previously was available only for select cards.

"As a result of these changes, an additional 75 million Visa card holders, and more than 185 million in total, will now benefit," said Al Banisch, senior vice president for Visa's consumer credit products.

To get the coverage, consumers must use their Visa card when renting a car and decline the rental car company's offer of collision damage coverage.

## ENTERTAINMENT

# 'The Passion' pulls in \$118M

Religious furor, debate fuel massive box office receipts; already year's top draw

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Mel Gibson's gamble on "The Passion of the Christ" paid off enormously, riding a storm of religious debate to a \$117.5 million haul in its first five days, according to studio estimates Sunday.

"The Passion," which debuted on Ash Wednesday, rocketed to the No. 1 box-office slot for the weekend with \$76.2 million from Friday to Sunday.

It was the seventh-best three-day opening ever, behind "Spider-Man" at \$114.8 million and such Hollywood franchises as "The Matrix Reloaded" and the first two "Harry Potter" movies.

"The Passion" put up the second-best five-day figures for a movie opening on Wednesday, behind last year's "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" at \$124.1 million and ahead of "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace" at \$105.6 million.

The first movie released in 2004 to cross the \$100 million mark, "The Passion" easily passed the weekend's No. 2 flick, "50 First Dates" at \$88.7 million, as the year's top-grossing film.

Once considered a niche film that would appeal mainly to conservative Christians, the bloody chronicle of Christ's crucifixion swelled to blockbuster proportions as Gibson rallied church groups to support it and accusations of anti-Semitism brought mainstream attention.

"It's an event movie," said Bruce Davey, Gibson's partner in his film company Icon Productions. "It all began with the grass-roots campaign we started, but



Getty

Actor Mel Gibson talks with Jay Leno about his new movie "The Passion of the Christ" during a Thursday taping of "The Tonight Show." The film has become a dark horse blockbuster, raking in \$117.5 million in less than a week.

the controversy has obviously helped in creating awareness."

Some Jewish and Christian leaders have said they fear "The Passion" will revive the notion that Jews collectively were responsible for Christ's death.

Gibson has denied such accusations, and key cast members — including Jim Caviezel, who plays Christ, and Maia Morgenstern, a Jewish actress who plays Mary — said Gibson approached the film with great respect for Judaic traditions.

Gibson put up the movie's \$25 million budget and will reap most of the returns. Hollywood studios passed on the movie, so Gibson put it in theaters through independent distributor

Newmarket Films, which will get a cut of Gibson's profits.

"The Passion" provided a box-office jolt for theaters, whose ticket sales were running 7 percent behind last year's. After four straight weekends of declining revenue, the top 12 movies took in \$132.1 million, up 53 percent from the same weekend a year ago.

"The Passion" took in more money than the rest of the top 12 combined, with other new movies making barely a ripple.

The Ashley Judd crime thriller "Twisted" debuted at No. 3 with \$9.1 million from Friday to Sunday. "Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights," a prequel to the 1980s hit, opened in fifth

place with \$5.9 million. The horror spoof "Broken Lizard's Club Dread" premiered at No. 10 with \$3 million.

Playing in 3,043 theaters, "The Passion" averaged a whopping \$25,041, compared to \$3,367 in 2,703 cinemas for "Twisted."

The success of "The Passion" is more remarkable considering it was shot in two dead languages, Aramaic and Latin, and plays with English subtitles. The movie's violence, including a savage depiction of Christ's scourging and crucifixion, also did not deter movie-goers, who lifted "The Passion" to the second-best R-rated opening ever behind "The Matrix Reloaded" at \$91.8 million for its first weekend.

## LABOR RELATIONS

# Grocery workers vote on contract

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Grocery workers spent a second day Sunday voting on a tentative contract that would end a strike and lockout that has crippled Southern California's grocery industry for nearly five months.

Thousands of members of the United Food and Commercial Workers union stood in lines to vote, said Barbara Maynard, a UFCW spokeswoman. They had until midnight to vote on the offer, which requires them to pay for health benefits for the first time and includes a one-time bonus but no raise.

The tentative agreement between the union and grocery stores covers 70,000 employees of Albertsons Inc., Kroger Co. and Safeway Inc.

Since Oct. 11, about 59,000 workers have been on strike or locked out. Others continued working at

markets by special agreement while the contract was negotiated.

The 4 1/2-month dispute gained national attention because it was seen as a referendum on affordable employee health care. Presidential candidates John Kerry and John Edwards were among those who rallied behind the grocery workers.

Many employees said Sunday they were eager to return to their jobs and voted to ratify the deal, although some observed that the offer was not much different from one the union rejected in October.

It was unknown whether replacement workers would be immediately released if the contract was approved by union members.

An agreement was reached Friday. Workers said the contract offer included a ratification bonus of 30 cents for every hour worked in the year before the strike-lockout

began.

Under the expired contract, workers paid no monthly premiums for health benefits and a \$10 copay for doctor's visits and prescriptions.

The new offer includes no premiums for the first two years of the contract. Beginning in the third year, however, workers would pay \$5 a week for individual coverage and \$15 a week for family coverage, according to a union fact sheet given to workers.

Employees said their co-payments would increase to \$25 for a doctor's visit and \$100 for treatment at a hospital emergency room.

The proposed agreement differentiates between current workers and those hired after Oct. 5, when the old contract expired. New employees would receive a lower wage rate, and it would take them longer to get raises, according to the fact sheet.

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## Emerging from the sea of apathy

One of the greatest legacies bequeathed by the Baby Boomer Generation is the wave of apathy and cynicism embodied by Generations X and Y. Baby Boomers are our parents, our professors and our politicians. While they exposed the true nature beneath the postwar American utopia, their deconstructive legacy has left a philosophical void in our generation's souls. Only recently have we begun to turn the tide.

Bill Rinner

A Voice of Reason

Political correctness became the shining light of the disenfranchised; moral relativism, the cornerstone of academia; and divorce, the natural consequence of marriage. American leaders, once revered for their strength, turned into one-liners for talk show hosts. Now the largest religion in America can hardly be discussed openly, much less expressed outwardly.

Their minds were opened, now ours are closed — not to the plurality of moral codes and personal philosophies, but to the adoption of a single one that can serve to define the self. Why such reluctance? Perhaps the parallel trend of diminishing personal responsibility offers clues.

The "it's not my fault" mantra is now celebrated by everyone from trial lawyers to psychiatrists to opportunistic civil rights leaders with quick-fix solutions for problems that in part could be solved through a bit of personal contemplation and self-motivation. In such an atmosphere, the most difficult thing one can do is develop a personal philosophy that might be blamed for personal shortcomings at some point in the future. Defining oneself on purely situational grounds to maximize short-term gains seems to be the only rational path to follow.

Scourged for their purportedly narrow-minded or intolerant world views, traditional liberals and conservatives gave way to the self-proclaimed mod-

erates. The term "moderate" by itself offers little information about one's true philosophical grounds, if they exist at all. Still, a young generation instructed by its elders that the greatest sin one can commit is to insult another's views converged towards this ambiguous center, where comfort generated apathy.

Educators at every level only fed this apathy by instructing their students to deconstruct their hollow viewpoints and embrace a shallow hymn of multicultural understanding that discouraged ideological pluralism in favor of ethnic and cultural diversity. The latter is an essential component of modern society, but the prospect of celebrating philosophical diversity causes many to recoil in fear of offending those with conflicting views shaped by something as fundamental as ethnicity.

Today our generation faces the task of redefining itself through individual rather than collective means. Focusing on how cultural identity helps shape the self is a small step in the right direction, but overcoming the fear of expressing a firm ideological or political view is the most crucial component. We cannot rely on an overriding cultural wave of epic proportions; instead, we must look inward and confront the voice in our head that says the easiest path is that of least resistance.

After regaining confidence in our values, the next step is outward expression in a more public forum. Remember that kid in your first-year classes who asked all of the stupid questions, knowing his professor would mercilessly shoot him down every time? Despite his ignorance and stubbornness, he was still the bravest one in the classroom. Taking a lesson from his example might prove more enlightening and worthwhile than previously assumed.

While a few professors relish the ability to sweep their students' values away as a misguided strategy for opening their minds, you must not fear expressing your opinions, partic-

ularly if they diverge from the professor's. Instead of interpreting a professor's challenge to your opinion as merely an opportunity to discard it, take the challenge as an opportunity to question and possibly reaffirm your own values. If you do decide that your previous biases and opinions were flawed, then find a revised view to fit in its place rather than falling into the sea of apathy.

The tragic events of September 11 will define our generation as we decide whether or not to overcome our indifference and engage ourselves in the surrounding world. Being forced to use an incident of such tremendous magnitude as an opportunity to explore one's personal identity is regrettable but completely necessary. This year's election will afford us an opportunity to decide the future path of the nation, domestically and internationally.

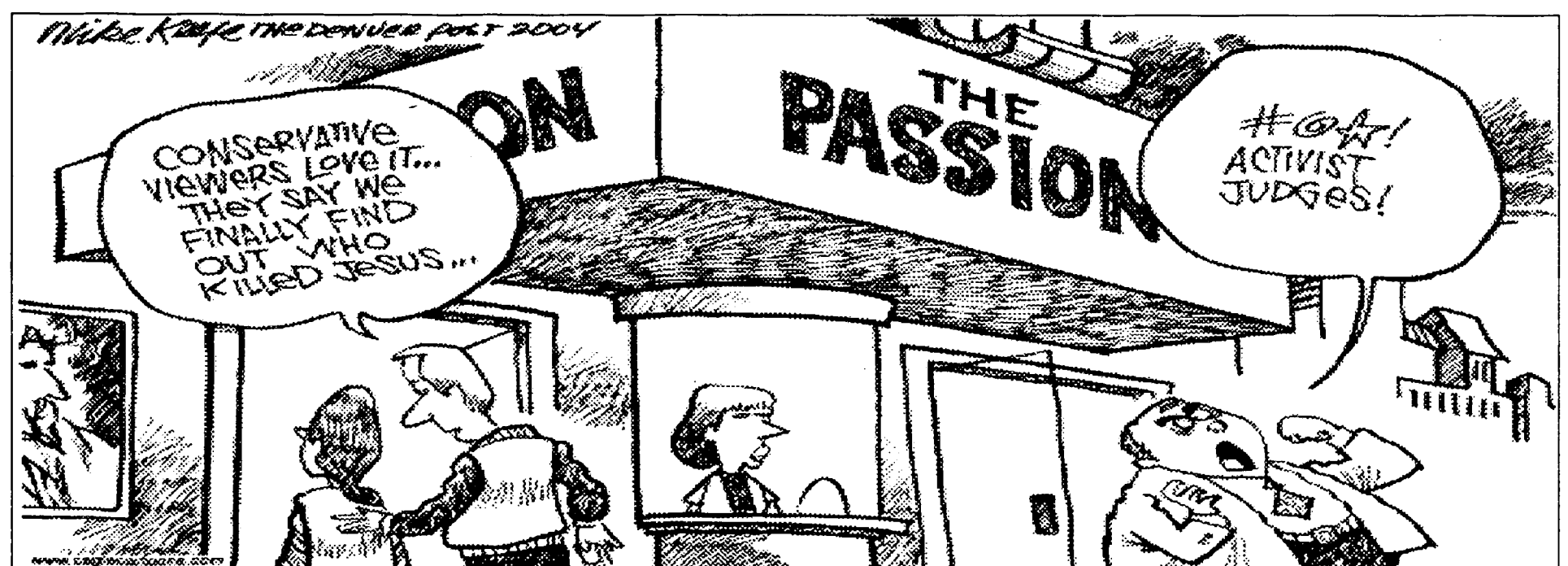
Disregarding individual perceptions of President George W. Bush, he threw down the gauntlet to the international community by considering terrorist attacks against the nation an act of continuing war. His subsequent foreign policy decisions attempted to address the root of the problem both directly and indirectly, and the country now must either fully commit to his vision or replace the playbook entirely.

Do you support the path of the nation, or should we make a drastic revision? Make up your mind, raise your hand, voice your opinion and defend it vigorously. Otherwise, the sea of apathy is wide enough to fit anyone who's up for a swim.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Opinions have greater power than strength of hands."

Sophocles  
Greek tragedian



## Restoring order in Haiti

The violent tenor of Haitian politics is tragically stubborn. Already overthrown once, the Aristide government is again faced with a coup d'état, albeit one proceeding in slow motion. Citizens, inured to upheaval as they are, haven't seen anything like it. A retired hotelier, reports *The Economist*, admitted he'd witnessed "quite a few revolutions, but this is the weirdest one."

**Roque Strew**

*Straight,  
No Chaser*

Apprehending the scale of atrocity visited on the people of Haiti over the years isn't easy for Westerners. How many coups amount to "quite a few?" Aristide himself put the tally at 32 revolutions. Since the beginning of the 19th century, when Haiti won independence from France, the Haitian military has been the centerpiece of the country's unceasing turbulence.

Among the poorest of the world's nations, Haiti had been ruled under military dictatorship by the Duvalier family, from 1957 to 1986, when popular sentiments exploded in favor of Duvalier's removal. Not long after, Haiti made a colossal step toward democratic government. In 1990, Jean-Bertrand Aristide was elected president by wide margins. Inevitably, a military junta followed several months later.

One of the brighter episodes in America's murky career in interventionism in intent (if not outcome) was President Clinton's deployment of 20,000 troops to Haiti in 1994. As *The New Yorker* noted, the goal of the deployment was novel: to "restor[e] an elected democracy to power." The optimism of Clinton's highly unpopular decision was undermined by its narrow focus: returning Aristide to power, rather than fostering institutional democracy. Nevertheless, it signaled a profound shift in foreign policy for America. More importantly, however, it marked the end of the Duvalier's cruel reign.

Surprising everyone, both the international community and the Haitian electorate, Aristide turned out to be a garden-variety populist despot. The radical metamorphosis of a Franciscan priest, devoted to altruism, into the textbook crooked dictator, could not be predicted. In retrospect, some lay blame on the deep roots of corruption in the country's political culture.

But the watershed came in 2000, when Aristide allegedly rigged the popular election. America swiftly meted out punishment. After the sham election, Sen. Jesse Helms spearheaded a Republican push to dam aid to Haiti, withdrawing roughly a half a billion dollars, annually — not the best policy toward an impoverished country verging on famine. The embargo strangled an economy already on life support.

The election matter also solidified internal resentments and suspicions. Perceived corruption and a failing economy were undoubtedly key in fueling anti-Aristide sentiment. Soon an amorphous rebel force began to assemble. What began as a ragtag militia has begun steadily to adopt the traits of a professional army. Numbering around 500 troops, the National Resistance Front for the Liberation of Haiti has already cemented control in northern Haiti.

And rebel forces aren't exactly sterling paragons of democratic values. In fact, they recall in some respects the Northern Alliance that helped the United States remove the Taliban, only far worse. Among their leaders are commanders of death squads, murderers, and the notoriously corrupt officers who served under Duvalier.

Without a doubt, these men cannot be permitted to take Port-au-Prince, the capital. Despite the imperfections of the Aristide government, it should not be violently overthrown again — especially by an improvised group of rebels with shadowy agendas and ominous histories. Corruption seems to be inescapable for now, but there clearly exists a lesser of two evils. At first, the American peace plan, involving an arrangement where the opposition and Aristide share power, seems to be the most promising. Comprehensive international involvement would later enable Haiti to wean itself off this temporary power-sharing arrangement. Despite the opposition's rejection of the American plan, on Feb. 24, this remains the best course of action.

Again, comprehensive international involvement is crucial. The cut-and-run school of interventionism — Afghanistan one of the school's most visible casualties — ought to have been abandoned by now. George Packer summed it up best in *The New Yorker*: "Dramatic interventions followed by elections aren't enough." According to *The Economist*, France understands this, proposing "an international police force to restore order, and aid to prepare for a presidential election under a government of national unity." A short-term commitment isn't a commitment at all.

There can be no reticence. America must put itself fully behind the formation of a strong, legitimate Haitian government — a need essential to stabilizing the country. Sowing the seeds of democracy over historically arid ground — general among neglected, developing nations — demands full commitment. Anything less is unavailing, costly and immoral.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Homosexuals deserve tolerance and acceptance

### *Homophobic aura permeates campus*

I am angry. I am disheartened. Most of all, I am sick and tired of students and administrators at this University ostracizing gay people.

After getting that off my chest, let me continue by stating that I am not pointing fingers in any way, nor am I attempting to attack any individual or group. My agenda is one driven strictly by rage and concern for the well-being of this University which is supposed to be grounded in justice and in Catholic morals. However, it seems to me — and to a lot of other undergraduate students with whom I have spoken — that many people, both in the Main Building and within the student body, in their struggle to cope with the presence of homosexuality at Notre Dame, have gone astray from basic human morality. By failing to embrace the problem and tackle the issue of homosexuality head-on, we are failing as good Catholics and as good human beings.

I understand that in being a Catholic university, Notre Dame must fight to uphold Catholic beliefs and doctrines; however, is this the right thing to do if it means alienating a segment of the student and faculty population? By not doing more to equate gay, bisexual and lesbian students with the rest of the student body, we are actively engaging in discrimination ourselves. By claiming, as Chris Brophy recently did in the *Irish Rover*, that official club recognition for the Notre Dame Gay-Straight Alliance would "further the current threat to Notre Dame's Catholic identity and moral stance," we are failing to recognize the fundamentality of basic equality for all people regardless of sexual orientation.

It is hard to formulate an argument against this, no matter how radical your own personal religious beliefs are. Notre Dame has been for years, and still is, practicing discrimination by failing to reach out to those of homosexual orientation and attempting to equate them, on a human level, with the tremendously heterosexual campus population. Sure, certain areas of this University are doing much to fight for this cause, and they should be commended and applauded. However, it is my personal belief that the current administration, as well as the current student body leadership, is not doing nearly enough to make attending Notre

Dame more tolerable, more bearable and most importantly, more acceptable, for students of different sexual orientation than the majority of those who attend this supposedly "family-like" institution.

To my knowledge, nobody who ran for student body president this year made the topics of homosexuality or diversity an issue of importance on their platforms. Personally, this is frustrating and maddening, for it does not take a survey or a special report by *The Observer* to realize that Notre Dame is not exactly a melting pot of racial or sexual diversity. In fact, all it takes to realize this is two eyes.

Let me finish my literary rant here by stating that it is certainly up for dispute whether or not an aura of homophobia exists here at Notre Dame; however, have those people who have been fighting against the Queer Film Festival and the official recognition of the Gay-Straight Alliance ever stopped for a moment and thought about what it would be like to be a homosexual student attending this school? Or how about what it would be like to be openly homosexual and attending Notre Dame? (For there are many students at this school who are gay but, for whatever reason, are personally discouraged from being open about it here on campus.)

As a resident of Zahm, I am used to being constantly ridiculed as living in the "gay dorm" on campus. This is, however, great testimony to the existence of a certain semblance of homophobia that does indeed exist here. How would you feel if you were gay and lived in Zahm? You would not be happy. In fact, being a gay student in any dorm at Notre Dame is difficult, and we, the heterosexual population here at Notre Dame, need to do much more than we are currently doing in order to reach out to our fellow gay, bisexual and lesbian students and fight to get them the equal status and recognition that they so fundamentally and rightfully deserve.

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## Government needs to retain separation of church and state

In recent national developments, San Francisco has been marrying gay couples, Ohio has passed a Defense of Marriage Act banning gay marriage and President Bush has issued a call for a constitutional amendment defining marriage as between one man and one woman. In his address, Bush declared marriage to be "A sacred institution between a man and a woman."

I, for one, do not understand how this translates into a constitutional ban on same-sex marriages. I was raised in an America that holds separation of church and state to be of the highest importance in running a government. I still believe that this separation should be kept as strong today as it was when the United States was founded.

Offering the gay and lesbian community civil union as the only option for a connection is a form of systematic segregation and discrimination based on sexual preference. This is an attempt by President Bush to bring back the "separate but equal" ideas that our country thought were in the past. Either marriage should be strictly non-secular, or it should be granted to all loving couples.

President Bush has also stated that his announcement is a showing of moral and ethical leadership. Is it not our right to be immoral so long

as it does not infringe on the rights of others? Last time I checked, if two men get married, my rights have been in no way violated. Banning gay marriage is a case of Bush leading his people to water and sticking their heads in it, trying to make them drink. Being a moral leader in our nation is as simple as setting a good example and preventing the infringement of personal rights by the actions of others, not forcing morals on others. If morality is not a choice, how truly moral is it?

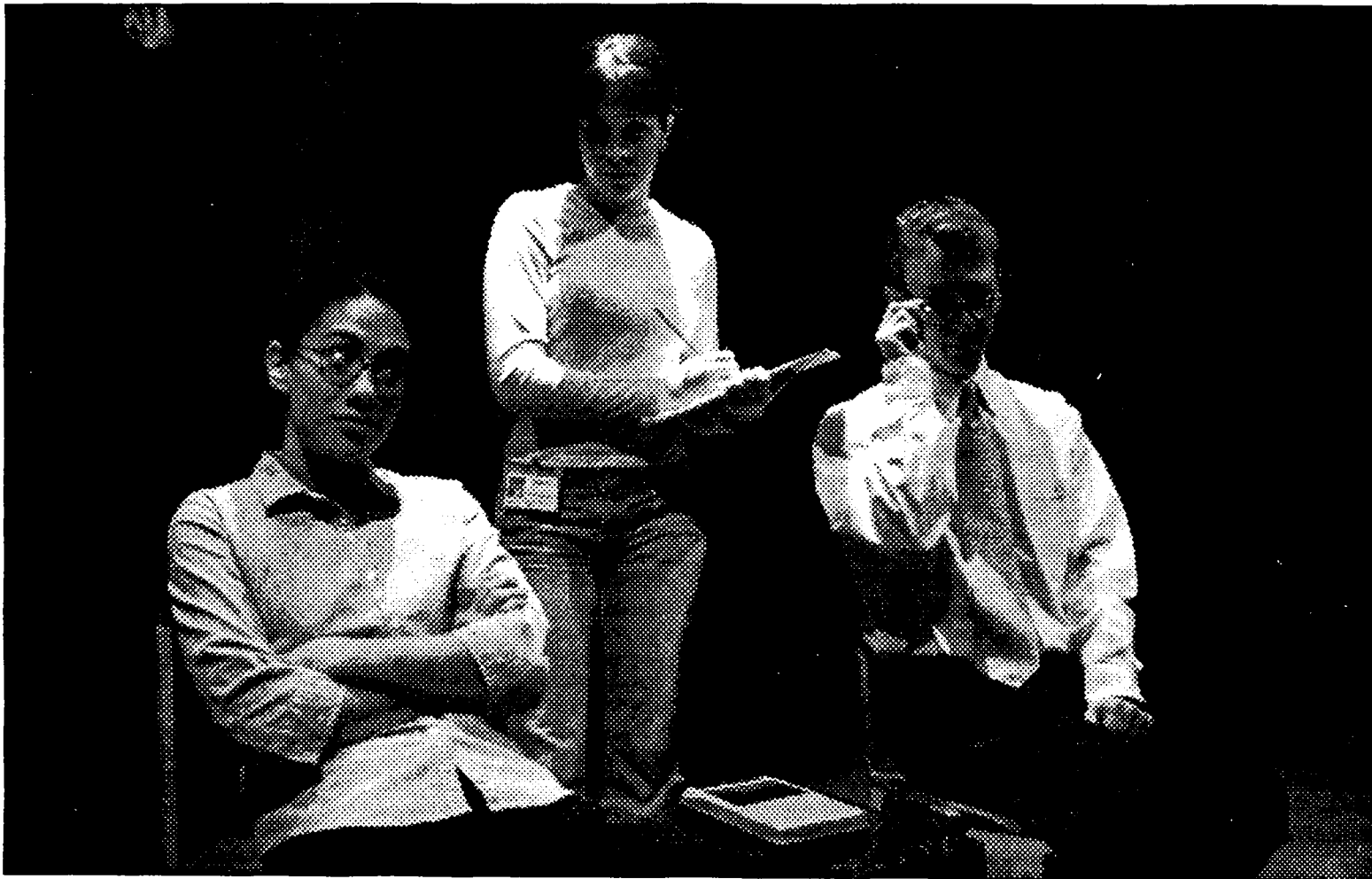
These are things we should consider this summer as we prepare to vote in what for most of us is our first presidential election. Do we want a president who blurs the separation of church and state that we as a nation have held as a cornerstone of government for over two hundred years? A president who denies civil rights based on sexual preference? Do we want a president who tries to impress his morals and beliefs on us as though we had no ability to choose how to live on our own?

Ponder well, my friends, for these questions will follow us for the next seven months and beyond.

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## GOD'S COUNTRY



By MARIA SMITH  
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Hate is an emotion with many faces. It can be blatant and violent, but it can also be quiet and subtle and grow in places where it would never be expected.

Steven Dietz's play "God's Country," performed by the Department of Film, Television and Theater last weekend, and examines the full range of racial hatred. The play follows the true story of a white supremacist neo-Nazi group known as The Order that operated in the Western United States in the early 1980s. The group participated in forgery and robbery in order to raise funding for its anti-Semitic initiatives. The group plotted the assassinations of prominent Jewish public figures. Eventually several members of The Order were convicted of the murder of Denver-based Jewish radio talk show host Alan Berg, that becomes the focus of the play.

Dietz describes the full spectrum of racial hate in his play, moving from intimate personal interactions between Order members and their families, to Order ceremonies and actual transcripts of courtroom investigations. The play moves in an increasingly intense montage of scenes culminating in the conviction of nine Order members. Many of the members portrayed in the play are still serving jail sentences today. The play was not easy to watch or to perform.

"It was intense, it really was," senior Adel Hanash said. "The whole time you have to tell yourself this really happened. This is based off real events."

"We actually had someone walk out of auditions during the skin-head scene," senior Justin Williams said. "They were so upset by it they left."

"God's Country" provides actors with a different sort of challenge from many plays. Dietz uses an ensemble cast in which actors are assigned numbers instead of names. There is no main character or lead, and several actors play more than one role. The play also features a nameless boy and a nameless voice, which are crucial to the play's development. At many points the actors seem to be less individual characters than part of an overarching characterization of hate and the institutions that support or oppose it. The method is particularly effective considering the topic — as the members of racial hate groupings band together under a unifying idea. The actors in the play band together to portray a unified concept.

Cast chemistry is an important aspect of a play where the actors

have to work together so closely. Many of the actors in the play have worked together before, and their history together showed in how well the cast interacted in last weekend's performance.

Hanash, cast as Actor Three, was one of the few characters that played a single role and did not frequently interact with the other characters.

"A lot of my part is just to watch what goes on onstage, and to watch it come together was amazing," he said. "So much of what they did, they had to be at the same pace, on the same level, and it really clicked."

"God's Country" is a play about



*Above, a reporter interviews members of The Order about several conspiracy theories, including the idea of a takeover by people with the last name Jackson. To the left, a member of a white supremacist organization. Below, leaders from several organizations gather to preach.*

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MEGAN RYAN



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**Director:** Megan Ryan  
**Writer:** Steven Dietz  
**Starring:** Justin Williams, S Hanash, Cheryl Turski, Patricia Buckley, Drew McElligott, Conner, Patricia Gilbert, Britt Tabor



# COUNTRY



being brought up to believe in their doctrines of racial hatred. He also serves to highlight the duality in the characters of people who seek to strengthen their love of home and family through unequivocal hatred of other groups. Bacon played the part of a young boy very convincingly, but the play would have benefited from a more developed personal interaction between the boy and his parents.

The lab theater in Washington Hall can be a difficult venue to use effectively, since at points it puts the actors less than a foot from the audience. However, it gives groups the luxury of choosing where to seat the audience to most effectively watch the play. For "God's Country," director Meg Ryan chose to have the audience sit on either side of the performers. The arrangement can make staging difficult since the actors must always be facing away from some audience members. However, this production of "God's Country" took much of its power from having the audience so close and surrounding the performers. This is a play about hate prospering in small communities in hometown America, and watching the play from close enough to see the labels on Bacon's jeans and smell the cigarettes Alan Berg, played by Adel Hanash, smoked onstage only brought the play closer to home.

"I think this play was probably originally designed for a normal stage, and the technical aspects would have worked better on a normal stage," Williams said. "But being right up in someone's face was an advantage. It made the show so much more intense and powerful."

Ryan also used costume color well to contribute to the collective sense of the play. Most of the actors dressed in black and white, and occasionally red or blue, whether appearing in business suits or preaching in robes. Berg stood out in his brown corduroys as someone outside the circle of what was going on, and clearly a victim of dangerous circumstances.

The cast only had a month to rehearse before performing its show, and several actors had conflicts with other plays or graduate school auditions in Chicago. The short rehearsal time only made their emotional performance of a difficult play that much more effective.

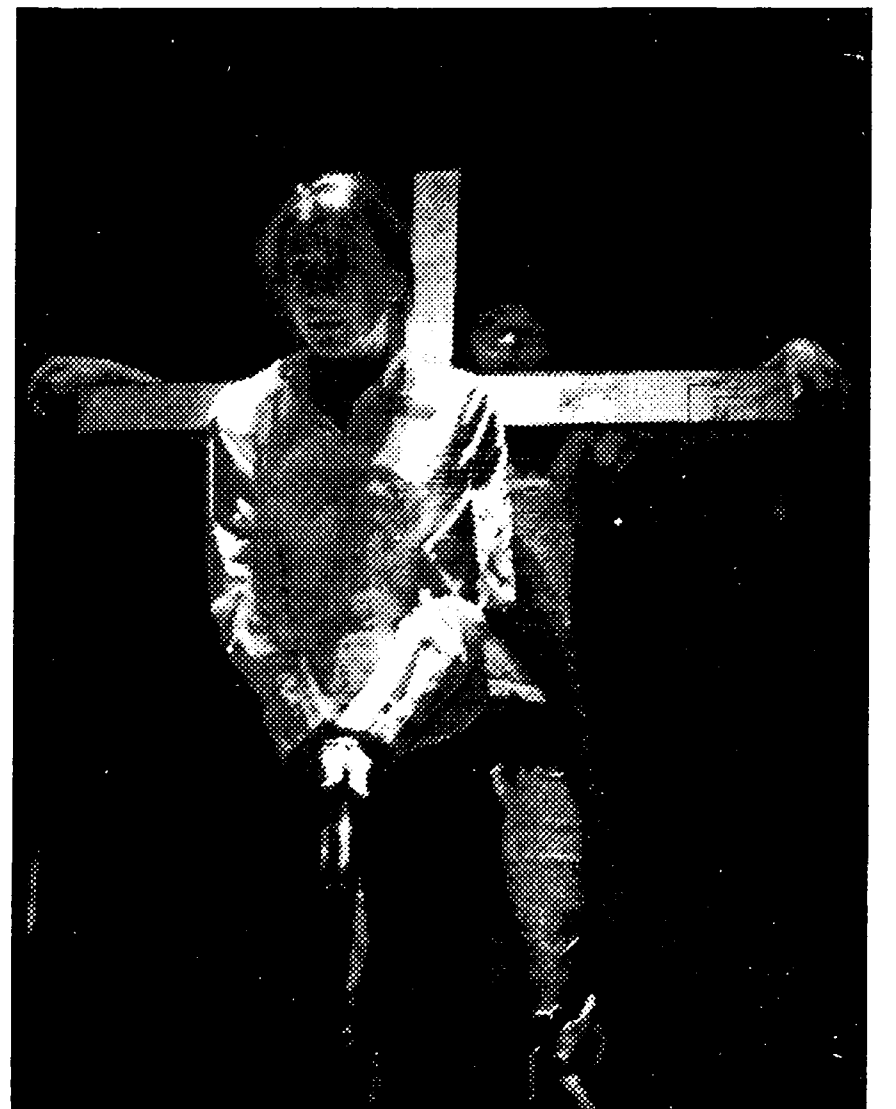
"To be presented with something like that was a great opportunity," Williams said. "The play itself is not fun, but getting to do something different and portraying a character that I am nothing like is the interesting part of theater."

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*Above, the ensemble cast of "God's Country" gathers at the beginning of the play. A nameless boy (Brittany Bacon) holds the candle. To the right, a member of a white supremacist group tortures a former student leader of his order. Below, members of The Order salute one of their leaders.*

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## HOCKEY

# For the Irish this year, the sky is the limit

Let's put this thing in perspective.

The last time Notre Dame swept Michigan at home in hockey was March 5-6, 1982.

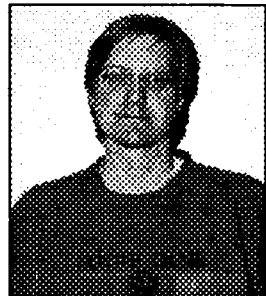
Freshman goalie David Brown, who started and won both games for the Irish this weekend, wasn't even alive.

For that matter, neither were Mike Walsh, Jason Paige, T.J. Jindra, Neil Komadoski, nor Rob Globke — who all scored goals in Notre Dame's sweep.

These guys sure looked like they were born to beat Michigan.

"Me being a freshman, I really wasn't that aware of the Michigan rivalry," Brown said after Saturday's 5-2 victory. "I've sure learned how to hate them though in the days leading up to this weekend."

There's no question this weekend meant a lot more to the Irish than the visiting Wolverines. Michigan needed only two points to clinch the CCHA regular season championship, while Notre Dame was fighting for home ice in the first



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round of the CCHA playoffs.

The Irish were poised to make a compelling case for inclusion in the 16-member NCAA tournament. Michigan, meanwhile, was hoping to move up in its seeding — the NCAA is already a lock for the maize and blue.

Notre Dame certainly looked like the team who wanted it more Friday, outshooting Michigan and really doing a great job on defense of stopping the Wolverines' speedy forwards. Wearing brand-new green jerseys, the Irish played as perfect a game as they have all season, eventually defeating their visitors from the north by a score of 4-1.

During that game, Michigan's starting goalie Al Montoya injured his groin and was replaced by Noah Ruden. Ruden returned to start Saturday night as well.

"We talked before this game, and I said that Michigan was really going to come out and rally around [Ruden]," Poulin said Saturday.

Notre Dame's coach might want to consider moonlighting as a fortuneteller, because that's exactly what happened. The Irish didn't even get a shot on Ruden Saturday until 8:44 into the game.

Luckily for the Irish, that first shot also turned out to be a goal. Notre Dame's early lead only seemed to infuriate

Michigan, though, who came back in the second period with two goals in less than three minutes to take the lead.

At that point, Notre Dame could have folded. After all, they'd already done more than anyone had expected of them — beating Michigan at the Joyce Center the night before. It would have been easy to have taken the two points from Friday and play a less-passionate effort Saturday — to just be satisfied with a split.

It was Senior Night, though, and Notre Dame's seniors had more pride than that.

"Us seniors have been through a lot of games in the past where we were getting outscored, and we learned to stay patient and work through it," senior forward Globke said. "We knew that we just needed to keep playing our game and that things would work out eventually."

It made sense then that Komadoski — a senior — would score the goal to make it 2-2.

Just another example of David (Brown and his teammates) beating Goliath. This season, the Irish have knocked off a total of four teams who are currently ranked in the top six (No. 1 Boston College, No. 3 Maine, No. 4 Michigan and No. 6 Wisconsin).

Assuming Notre Dame doesn't completely collapse toward the



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T.J. Jindra celebrates after scoring the first goal in the 4-1 Notre Dame win over Michigan Friday.

end of this season, the first NCAA Tournament berth in the school's history could be on the horizon with that kind of impressive résumé. They've certainly shown they are capable of beating the country's very best.

In discussing the play of his seniors Saturday, Poulin had a quote referring to the only one who didn't play — T.J. Mathieson, who has a 3.812 GPA in Aeronautical Engineering.

"He'll certainly be the best astronaut in that bunch, I'll tell you that much," Poulin said.

A fitting comment, considering that Mathieson and the rest of his teammates now have every right to shoot for the stars.

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## MEN'S LACROSSE

## Second half barrage lifts Irish in season opener

By PAT LEONARD  
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Recent meetings between Notre Dame and Penn State have been one-goal victories and overtime nailbiters. The same pattern seemed to take hold of the Irish season opener Sunday — in the first half, anyway.

Behind four goals from sophomore midfielder Matt Karweck and three goals and three assists from senior midfielder Matt Howell, the Irish took a 7-5 halftime lead and turned it into a 17-7 win at Meyo Field Sunday, outscoring the Nittany Lions 10-2 in the second half and 5-0 in the fourth quarter.

"This game has been a battle every year," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "And it was the same way today for a half. We

shared some goals. At the end of the first half, [a two-goal lead] is nothing. In the second half, though, I think we made some plays offensively and shot the ball well."

Notre Dame (1-0) entered the contest ranked No. 11 in the Lacrosse Magazine preseason rankings and No. 14 in the Inside Lacrosse Power poll. No. 17 Penn State (1-1) had defeated Ohio State 5-4 prior to Sunday's loss.

Notre Dame presented a much more dynamic offense than that of the Buckeyes. Six Irish players scored at least two goals, with four players tallying two or more assists.

Coming out of halftime with a 7-5 lead, Notre Dame got on the board first with a Karweck goal at the 14:41 mark of the third quarter.

After that, it was all Irish.

Following senior attack Dan Berger's third goal of the game with 12:30 remaining, junior midfielder Craig Bishko won the ensuing face-off and raced upfield. Sophomore midfielder Pat Walsh (three goals, two assists) would find the ball and score at the 12:24 mark, just six seconds after the previous goal.

"We went from sharing face-offs and loose balls to getting a lot of them," Corrigan said. "We dominated face-offs in the second half."

Winning face-offs and beating the Nittany Lions to ground balls in the second half turned the stereotype of a close Lions-Irish battle into a rout.

Despite three Irish penalties, the defense anchored by goalie Stewart Crosland and sophomore defenseman D.J. Driscoll held the Nittany Lions to just two goals in the half.

The first half saw the Irish get on the board first with a goal from sophomore midfielder Brian Hubschmann (two goals, four assists). The teams then traded goals throughout the half.

Junior midfielder Will Jones led the Nittany Lions attack, scoring his first goal of the game to make the score 2-1 at the 7:10 mark of the first quarter. He finished with three goals and one assist.

Following a Charlie Perry goal for Penn State at the 6:38 mark of the second quarter, however, the Irish closed the first half with three straight goals. Berger scored off one of Howell's three assists, and the Irish got two goals before the half, which came after timeouts that Corrigan called to set up plays in the offensive zone.

Hubschmann tallied his sec-

ond goal 16 seconds after a timeout called with 1:56 remaining, and Berger scored his second of the day at the 1:03 mark.

While Corrigan's effective usage of timeouts helped set up a 7-5 halftime lead and laid the groundwork for a blowup second half, the coach refuses to "take the credit."

"Our guys came out with great poise in those situations," Corrigan said. "When you get playmakers in a comfortable situation, they react. We take advantage when we get a man up."

Junior midfielder Brian Giordano also scored two goals and had two assists, while senior midfielder Nick Petcoff added an assist.

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| 2  | Saint Joseph's    | 24-0   | 746    |
| 3  | Pittsburgh        | 24-2   | 677    |
| 4  | Duke              | 22-3   | 664    |
| 5  | Gonzaga           | 23-2   | 656    |
| 6  | Oklahoma State    | 21-2   | 648    |
| 7  | Mississippi State | 21-2   | 574    |
| 8  | Connecticut       | 21-5   | 559    |
| 9  | Kentucky          | 19-4   | 541    |
| 10 | Texas             | 19-4   | 498    |
| 11 | Wake Forest       | 17-6   | 441    |
| 12 | Cincinnati        | 18-5   | 345    |
| 13 | Providence        | 18-5   | 338    |
| 14 | Arizona           | 17-7   | 296    |
| 15 | Wisconsin         | 17-6   | 295    |
| 16 | North Carolina    | 16-7   | 276    |
| 17 | Southern Illinois | 22-2   | 262    |
| 18 | Kansas            | 17-6   | 240    |
| 19 | N.C. State        | 19-7   | 226    |
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| 21 | Louisville        | 17-6   | 193    |
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| 1  | Connecticut    | 22-2   | 998    |
| 2  | Tennessee      | 23-2   | 956    |
| 3  | Duke           | 22-3   | 907    |
| 4  | Purdue         | 23-2   | 862    |
| 5  | Texas          | 23-3   | 844    |
| 6  | Louisiana Tech | 20-2   | 759    |
| 7  | Penn State     | 21-4   | 744    |
| 8  | Kansas State   | 21-3   | 722    |
| 9  | Texas Tech     | 23-4   | 713    |
| 10 | Stanford       | 20-5   | 625    |
| 11 | North Carolina | 19-5   | 553    |
| 12 | Minnesota      | 20-5   | 448    |
| 13 | Colorado       | 20-5   | 432    |
| 14 | Houston        | 23-3   | 413    |
| 15 | Georgia        | 18-7   | 394    |
| 16 | TCU            | 22-4   | 394    |
| 17 | LSU            | 21-5   | 380    |
| 18 | DePaul         | 22-4   | 377    |
| 19 | Miami          | 20-4   | 249    |
| 20 | Auburn         | 20-6   | 229    |
| 21 | Baylor         | 20-6   | 196    |
| 22 | Michigan State | 19-6   | 183    |
| 23 | Oklahoma       | 17-7   | 127    |
| 24 | Boston College | 18-6   | 88     |
| 25 | Virginia Tech  | 19-6   | 87     |

## USA Today Hockey Poll

|    | team             | record  | points |
|----|------------------|---------|--------|
| 1  | Boston College   | 25-3-4  | 510    |
| 2  | North Dakota     | 22-6-3  | 472    |
| 3  | Maine            | 23-5-3  | 421    |
| 4  | Michigan         | 23-8-1  | 414    |
| 5  | Minnesota-Duluth | 22-8-3  | 397    |
| 6  | Wisconsin        | 18-9-7  | 326    |
| 7  | Minnesota        | 20-11-3 | 295    |
| 8  | New Hampshire    | 17-10-5 | 235    |
| 9  | St. Cloud State  | 18-10-4 | 234    |
| 10 | Miami (Ohio)     | 18-11-3 | 221    |
| 11 | Denver           | 19-10-5 | 178    |
| 12 | Ohio State       | 20-14-0 | 111    |
| 13 | Colgate          | 18-9-5  | 101    |
| 14 | Michigan State   | 21-14-1 | 87     |
| 15 | Massachusetts    | 16-9-6  | 30     |

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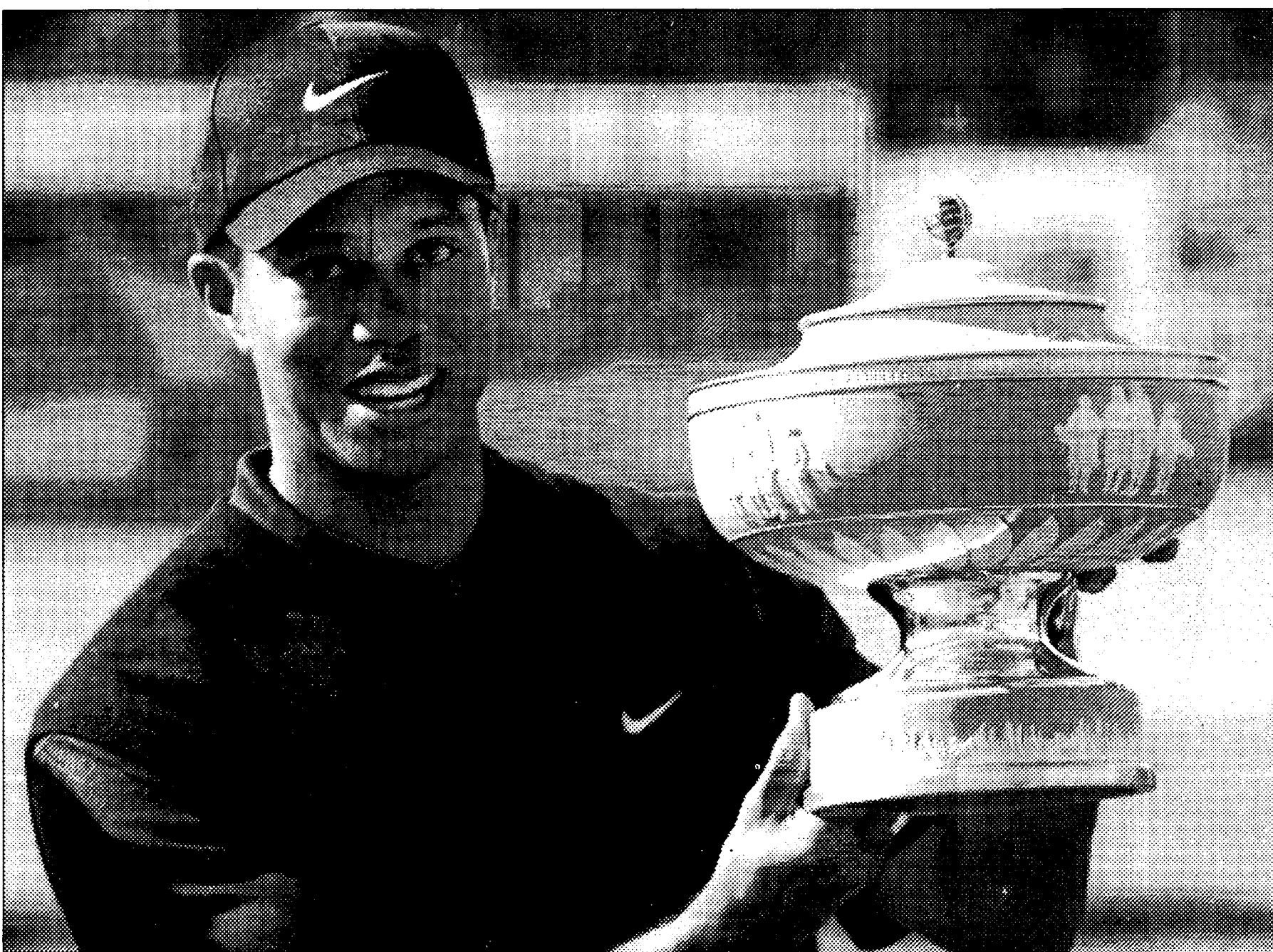
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## GOLF



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Tiger Woods holds the winners trophy of the Match Play Championship where he finished first for the second straight year. Woods was unable to take the lead until the 25th hole, when he passed Davis Love III to win.

## Woods wins Match Play second straight year

Associated Press

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Tiger Woods made it sound so simple, even after making it look so hard.

"It all boils down to what my dad always told me when it comes to match play," Woods said. "All you have to do is just be better than your opponent that day. All you have to do is win more holes than you lose."

When he tapped in a 4-foot par putt on the 34th hole Sunday, Woods proved again that he has no match.

Spraying his tee shots all over La Costa Resort, unable to take the lead

until the 25th hole, Woods turned a terrible tee shot into an unlikely birdie, then roared past putt-starved Davis Love III to win the Match Play Championship for the second straight year.

"He's obviously the best at what he does," said Love, who failed to win a hole over the final 17. "That shows even more in match play. He can play the game no matter what rules you put out there."

Woods won for the 40th time on the PGA Tour in just his 149th start, the quickest anyone has reached that milestone. Jack Nicklaus played 221

events before he won his 40th tournament.

Woods earned \$1.2 million, the biggest first prize ever on the PGA Tour, and reminded everyone who's No. 1 in the world — and who's the best when the world gets together.

He won for the eighth time in the 14 official World Golf Championships he has played.

Even more impressive is his back-to-back victories in the Accenture Match Play Championship, the most unpredictable format in golf because of the five 18-hole matches required to get to the finals.

Woods thrives on this for-

mat.

"Right from the first tee, it's eyeball-to-eyeball," he said. "That to me is a great rush."

His amateur record was among the best ever — three straight U.S. Junior Amateurs, followed by three straight U.S. Amateur titles. His professional record is starting to catch up.

Woods is 20-3 in this tournament, and 30-5-1 overall in match play.

That's why Love knew he was in trouble when he failed to build a lead in the morning session, missing three birdie putts inside 10 feet.

## IN BRIEF

### BCS agrees to add fifth game to increase access

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — The Bowl Championship Series agreed to add a fifth game Sunday, increasing access for schools not part of college football's most lucrative post-season system.

The champions of the six BCS conferences — the Big East, ACC, SEC, Big 12, Big Ten and Pac-10 — will maintain automatic berths in one of the five games. The remaining four spots will be at-large berths to be decided by a complex formula using national rankings.

The fifth bowl is still subject to final approval based on market viability, but all indications point to it being in place when the new BCS contract takes effect before the 2006 season.

"This agreement is a significant victory for college sports and higher education," NCAA president Myles Brand said.

The current BCS bowls are the Rose, Sugar, Fiesta and Orange. One of those bowls pits the top two teams in the BCS standings in a championship game, which will be the Orange Bowl next season. The Rose, Fiesta and Sugar host the other games.

Oregon president Dave Frohnmayr, a member of the BCS Presidential Oversight Committee, said the fifth bowl would join in the title game rotation. He also said the Rose Bowl would retain its longstanding ties to the Big Ten and Pac-10 champions during years in which it does not host the title game. The other bowls also would have the chance to protect conference ties.

Frohnmayr said existing bowls probably will get the first shot at becoming the fifth BCS bowl. Cities expected to show immediate interest include Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, Jacksonville, Orlando and San Diego.

### White House proposes steroid summit

The White House wants to organize a summit of representatives from the major sports leagues and the U.S. Olympic Committee to discuss steroid use by athletes.

Officials at major league baseball, the NFL, NBA, NHL and USOC confirmed Sunday they were contacted by the White House about such a meeting.

The White House had no immediate comment Sunday.

Spokesmen for the NFL, NHL, NBA and baseball said those sports would participate but added no date had been set.

NFL Players' Association executive director Gene Upshaw said he would be interested in taking part in the meeting — but only if others participate.

"We're not looking to be in a position to be the only ones at a summit," Upshaw said in a telephone interview.



## Men's

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for the Irish. Thomas finished with six assists and zero turnovers, while Quinn had four assists and turned it over once.

The Irish broke out of a two-game losing streak and look to build some momentum in their last two Big East games before the conference tournament.

UCLA (11-14) lost for the 11th time in 13 games. The Bruins haven't had back-to-back losing seasons (they finished 10-19 last year) since 1940-41.

The Irish rebounded from a poor shooting performance against Providence Tuesday to make 12-of-26 3-pointers and shoot 48 percent from the field overall against the Bruins. From the start, the Irish were on fire and used their hot long distance shooting to build a 29-9 lead.

The Bruins, who looked totally out of sync in the beginning of the game, eventually pulled it together and got as close as 31-23. But a jumper from Quinn put the Irish back up 10 and sparked a 13-2 run to close out the half, where the Irish shot 9-of-18 from behind the arc.



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer  
**Irish guard Chris Quinn drives with the ball against Seton Hall Feb. 14. Quinn had 20 points against UCLA Saturday.**

After pulling within eight in the first half, the Bruins never cut the lead down to single digits again.

The Irish close out their home regular season schedule Thursday when they host Georgetown at 7 p.m.

### Note:

Brey said at his Thursday press conference that forward Torin Francis, who has been sidelined since Notre Dame's

win over Connecticut Feb. 9, will probably not return to the court for the Irish this season.

Francis averaged 14.2 points and 8.8 rebounds in 20 games this season.

### NOTRE DAME 75, UCLA 60 at the PAULEY PAVILION

#### NOTRE DAME (14-11, 7-7)

Cornette 1-5 0-0 3, Jones 3-6 1-2 7, Timmermans 9-15 0-1 20, Thomas 8-17 0-0 21, Falls 0-1 0-0 0, Quinn 7-14 2-2 20, Cornett 2-4 0-0 4.

#### UCLA (11-14, 7-9)

Ariza 3-10 3-4 10, Cummings 5-11 0-0 10, Hollins 3-5 7-9 13, Crispin 1-3 0-0 3, Bozeman 1-5 0-0 2, Thompson 4-8 0-0 10, Rubin 3-6 0-0 6, Walcott 0-0 0-0 0, Fey 3-5 0-0 6, Hoffart 0-0 0-0 0.

|            | 1st | 2nd | Total |
|------------|-----|-----|-------|
| NOTRE DAME | 44  | 31  | 75    |
| UCLA       | 25  | 35  | 60    |

3-point goals: Notre Dame 12-26 (Thomas 5-10, Quinn 4-6, Timmermans 2-4, Cornette 1-4, Jones 0-1, Falls 0-1), UCLA 4-12 (Thompson 2-2, Ariza 1-5, Crispin 1-3, Cummings 0-1, Rubin 0-1). Rebounds: Notre Dame 31 (Timmermans 8), UCLA 29 (Ariza 10). Assists: Notre Dame 16 (Thomas 6), UCLA 9 (Leader Bozeman 4). Total fouls: Notre Dame 13, UCLA 12.

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## Women's

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In the second half, Notre Dame came out strong, keeping the score close in the first five minutes.

Batteast cut the lead to 34-32 with 14:54 remaining.

But when Rutgers went on a 19-4 run, including eight consecutive makes, the Irish

hopes were demolished as the Scarlet Knights led 53-36. Notre Dame didn't get any closer than 12 the rest of the way.

"We got momentum going in the second half, and we really didn't keep it," McGraw said. "We just lost everything — we didn't fight. We didn't compete."

For the Irish, it was just another Georgetown, Seton Hall or West Virginia — all Big East road games that the Irish could have won.

"We've had this problem all year long," McGraw said. "We have struggled to win on the road because we don't have the right attitude when we go into a road game."

Batteast led the Irish with 25 points on 10-for-17 shooting. Megan Duffy had 14 points and four assists on 5-for-9 shooting.

Cappie Pondexter led the Scarlet Knights with 20 points and four assists. Michelle Campbell added 16 points on 6-for-7 shooting, and Chelsea Newton scored 11 points on 5-for-5 shooting.

For the game, the Irish shot 40.8 percent, but Rutgers shot 58 percent overall, the highest mark by a Notre Dame opponent this year.

Despite the loss, the Irish remain second in the Big East standings. They can clinch the No. 2 seed in the Big East tournament with a win Tuesday against Syracuse, or with a Villanova loss to Pittsburgh Tuesday.

*"We just lost everything — we didn't fight."*

**Muffet McGraw**  
Irish coach

But the fact remains that the Irish have struggled on the road this season, going 5-9 away from the Joyce Center.

"At this point in the season I don't feel very good

about us finding [what it takes to win on the road] all of a sudden," McGraw said. "I think it's something that each player really has to look and say, 'What can I do better?' Right now nobody's doing their job."

### RUTGERS 69, NOTRE DAME 55 at the LOUIS BROWN ATHLETIC CENTER

#### NOTRE DAME (18-9, 11-4)

Batteast 10-17 4-4 25, LaVere 2-8 2-4 6, Severe 0-3 2-2 2, Duffy 5-9 2-2 14, Hernandez 1-2 0-1 3, Joyce 1-5 0-0 3, Borton 0-0 0-0 0, Gray 0-1 0-0 0, Flecky 0-0 0-0 0, Erwin 1-4 0-0 2.

#### OPPONENT (17-10, 9-6)

Hurns 3-6 1-2 7, Campbell 6-7 4-6 16, Pondexter 8-14 3-5 20, Newton 5-5 1-3 11, McCullough 1-3 0-0 2, Locke 0-4 0-0 0, Jett 3-7 0-0 7, Cahoe 1-1 0-0 0, Richman 2-3 0-0 4.

|            | 1st | 2nd | Total |
|------------|-----|-----|-------|
| RUTGERS    | 27  | 42  | 69    |
| NOTRE DAME | 24  | 31  | 55    |

3-point goals: Notre Dame 5-11 (Duffy 2-3, Joyce 1-5, Batteast 1-2, Hernandez 1-1), Rutgers 2-9 (Jett 1-4, Pondexter 1-1, Locke 0-4). Fouled out: None. Rebounds: Notre Dame 27 (LaVere 7), Rutgers 29 (Campbell 9). Assists: Notre Dame 12 (Severe, Duffy 4), Opponent 18 (Hurns, Pondexter, Newton, Jett 4). Total fouls: Notre Dame 20, Rutgers 17.

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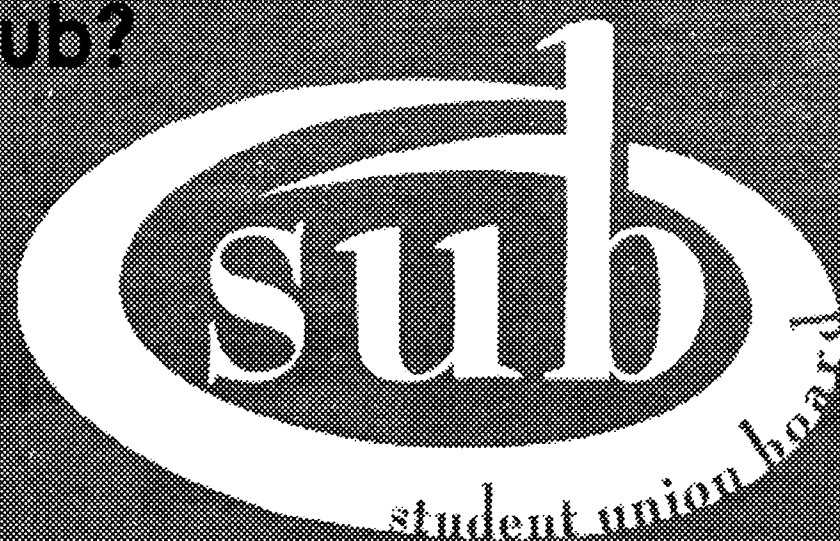


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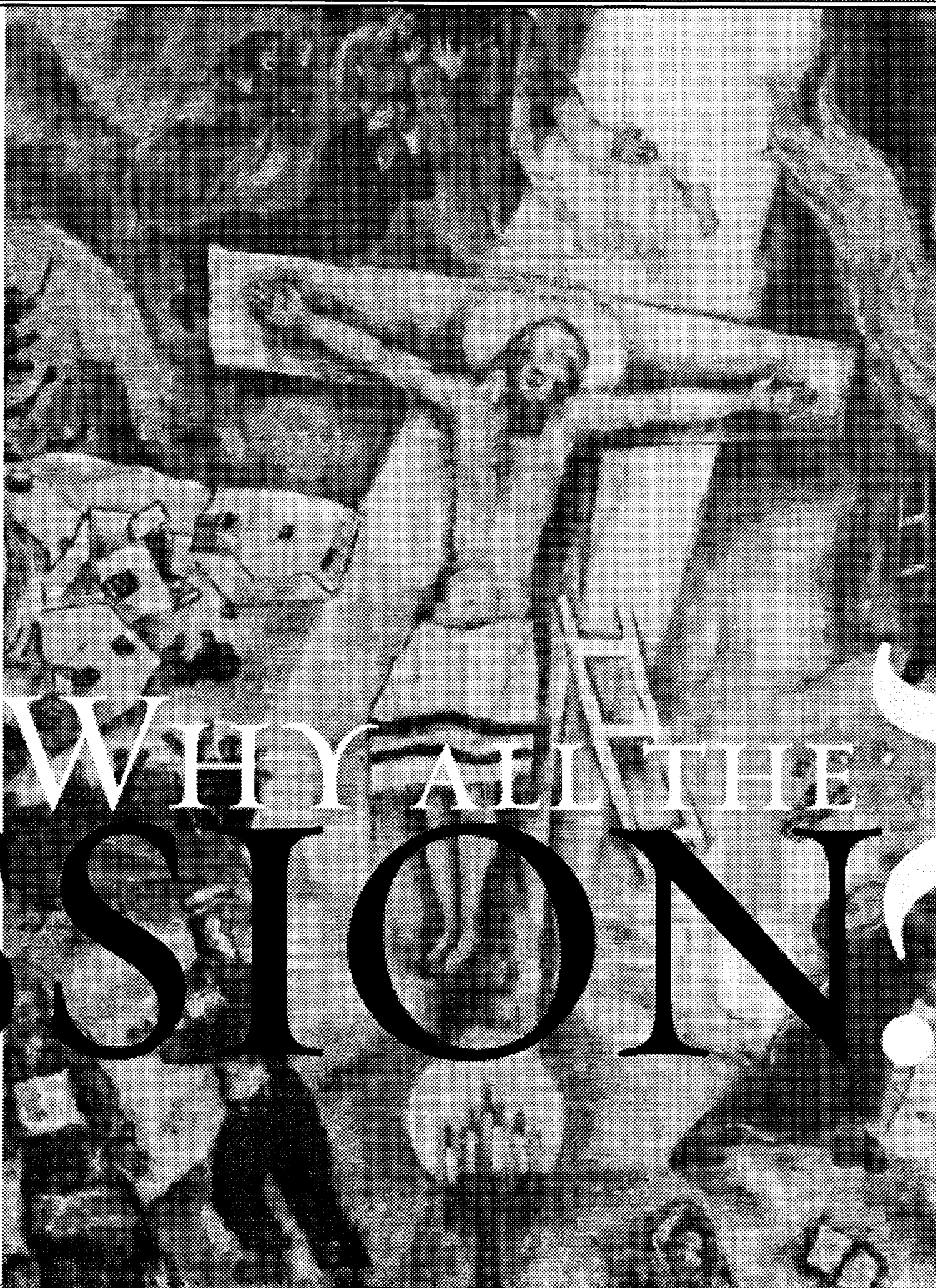
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# Offense

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three top 25 opponents — Florida Atlantic, Winthrop and Minnesota — by a combined score of 41-15, plus a 12-3 victory Saturday afternoon over NAIA opponent Florida Memorial.

"It was truly an amazing weekend. Once again we just played great in every facet of the game," Mainieri said. "These teams that we've played are really good teams, and in two of the three of the games, we made them look not so good. And really I think it was a case of our kids playing well in every facet again."

With the four wins on the weekend, the Irish improved to 6-0 on the season — the best start for an Irish squad since 1960.

## Notre Dame 19, Winthrop 6

The contest with the Eagles got off to a slow start Friday afternoon, as the game remained scoreless through three innings; before the Irish plated six runs on seven hits in the top of the fourth as Notre Dame sent 10 batters to the

plate in the inning.

Sophomore shortstop Greg Lopez led the Irish against Winthrop, going 4-for-6 with six RBIs, four runs scored and a home run.

First baseman Matt Edwards was 3-for-4 with two RBIs and a pair of runs scored and catcher Javi Sanchez went 3-for-5 and also had two RBIs and two runs scored for the Irish.

Junior pitcher Chris Niesel was again dominating on the mound for Notre Dame, getting his second win of the season while allowing only one earned run over seven innings pitched with five strikeouts.

"We know what [Niesel] is going to give us every time," Mainieri said. "He had another quality outing and put a lot of strikes in there and made the other team try to beat him."

Winthrop got five of its six runs in the ninth inning Friday with Notre Dame entering the inning up 19-1.

## Notre Dame 12, Florida Memorial 3

Against the Lions, the Irish put 11 runs across the plate in the first five innings, as Mainieri played many of his players that do not usually

start against NAIA Florida Memorial.

Sophomore outfielder Brennan Grogan hit his first career home run against the Lions, and freshman catcher Sean Gaston had a four-hit day.

Lopez had a pair of doubles for the Irish in a 2-for-3 performance.

Freshman pitcher Jess Stewart got the win for the Irish in his first career start, allowing two runs in five innings pitched. Classmates Chris Vasami and Jeff Samardzija, who also plays wide receiver for the Notre Dame football team, also got time on the mound in the contest.

## Notre Dame 3, Florida Atlantic 2

In arguably the best game of the weekend, the Irish needed a one-out, ninth inning solo home run from Edwards — his third of the season — to secure the win in a nail-biter.

The eventual game-winning shot came off Florida Atlantic closer Craig Hughes, who had not allowed a run in his previous 13 2/3 innings pitched on the season.

Edwards also had a game-tying solo home run to lead off the seventh inning.

Florida Atlantic had an opportunity to tie the game in the bottom of the ninth following a leadoff single from centerfielder Tim Mascia, who later stole second. After a groundout and a walk by left fielder Anthony Albano, the Owls had runners on first and third with one out.

But pinch hitter Robbie Widlansky hit into a fielder's choice as Albano was thrown out at second, and pinch runner Mike McBryde — in the game for Mascia at second —

got picked off rounding third and was tagged out in a run-down to end the game.

The loss was the first of the season for Florida Atlantic, who fell to 11-1 on the year and had been ranked as high as No. 12 coming into the weekend.

*"It was truly an amazing weekend. Once again, we just played great in every facet of the game."*

**Paul Mainieri**  
Irish coach

The Owls took the early lead in the game in the third inning, before the Irish came back to tie the score at 1-1 in the top of the fourth on yet another solo home run off the bat of Sanchez.

Sophomore lefty Tom Thornton got the start for the Irish and contributed seven solid innings, allowing two earned runs on six hits. Classmate Ryan Doherty got the win for the Irish, pitching a scoreless 1 1/3 innings to end the game.

"Tom Thornton, for the second straight week in a row against as good of competition you're going to find in the country and in as difficult a setting as you're going to find in the country, just completely dominated the other team," Mainieri said. "He did a great job and gave us a chance to win with seven solid innings."

"If we keep getting that kind of pitching out of him for the rest of the year, we're going to be tough to beat."

## Notre Dame 19, Minnesota 7

In their final game of the weekend, the Irish used a 19-run, 19-hit offensive attack to top the Golden Gophers.

Gaston lead the potent Irish offense, going 5-for-6 from the plate with three runs scored and three RBIs. Shortstop Matt Macri was also dominant at the plate, going 4-for-6 with five runs scored and a career-high six RBIs. Grogan finished the day 4-for-5 from the plate with

two runs scored and a pair of RBIs.

The Irish found themselves in a 2-0 hole to Minnesota early before Macri's two-run homer in the fourth tied the game at 2-2. The Irish would take a 4-2 lead later in the inning on RBI singles from Grogan and second baseman Steve Sollmann.

The Gophers rallied for four runs in the top of the fifth to reclaim the lead at 6-4, but the Irish tied it up again in the bottom half of the inning.

In their next at-bat, the Irish blew the game open with seven runs on four hits as 12 batters came to the plate in the inning for the Irish. Notre Dame would add six more runs in the next two innings.

Freshman right-hander Derik Olvey made his first career start on the hill for the Irish, allowing five earned runs on seven hits in 4 1/3 innings pitched.

Freshman Dan Kapala got the win in relief for the Irish, working three innings and allowing one run.

The Irish travel to San Antonio Saturday for the Alamo City Irish Baseball Classic, where Notre Dame will face Southern Illinois, Texas-San Antonio and Penn State.

## Notes:

♦ Freshman centerfielder Danny Dressman sprained his ankle trying to beat out a bunt in the game against Florida Atlantic and was unable to play Sunday against Minnesota. Mainieri said he is unsure of Dressman's status for next weekend.

♦ Junior pitcher Grant Johnson, who is trying to work back from Tommy John surgery that sidelined him for all of the 2003 season, was unable to play over the weekend due to tonsillitis.

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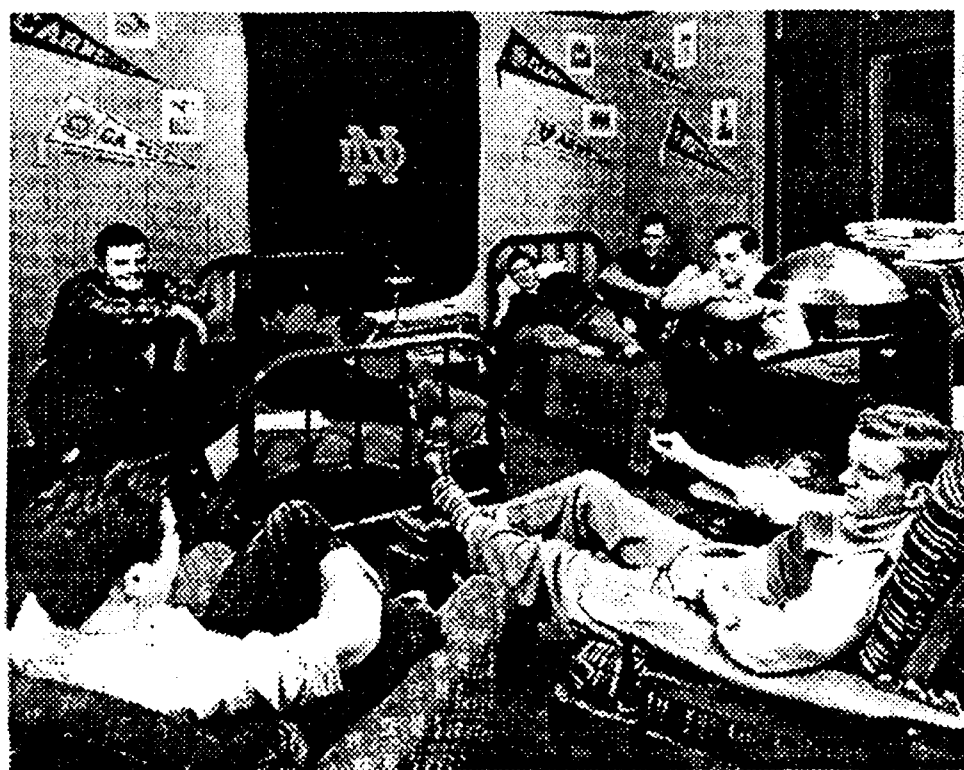
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## Sweep

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knew what I could do. I got my chance to prove myself and I was able to really take advantage of it."

The Irish have made a living knocking off ranked teams on the road or neutral sites this season, with No. 1 Boston College, No. 3 Maine and then-No. 4 Wisconsin their first victims. This was the first and only time that Notre Dame had a chance to defeat a ranked team at the Joyce Center, and in front of two consecutive sellouts, the team took advantage of that chance.

"We always say that each game is worth two points, but I think that there are certain points throughout the season where you look back and say, 'Okay, that's where we took the next step,'" Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "I think this was a very big weekend, not just on the micro level [of this season] but perhaps even on the macro level [in the history of the program]."

With their wins this weekend, the Irish moved up in the RPI rankings from No. 16 to No. 13, and currently sit at the same level in the PairWise Rankings — two of the biggest components in deciding the 10 at-large bids for the 16-team NCAA Tournament.

They also took a large step toward securing home ice in the first round of the CCHA playoffs — which goes to the top six teams in the conference. Notre Dame currently sits tied for fifth with Alaska Fairbanks with 29 points, and only one point behind fourth place Ohio State.

Friday night's game started with a relatively defensive first period, as neither team could get a goal against either Brown or Michigan's All-American goalie Al Montoya. The Irish solved Montoya just 1:17 into the second period, as Matt Amado made a perfect cross-ice pass to T.J. Jindra, who roofed the puck over Montoya for an early Irish lead.

Notre Dame would add to its lead less than 10 minutes later as Cory McLean scored on a breakaway, beating Montoya through the five-hole as McLean was being chased by a Michigan defenseman.

"I knew he was chasing me, but he was a defenseman and I just wanted to use my speed to hopefully get by him," McLean said. "I was able to get by him and luckily the puck went in for me."

The Irish would make the score 3-0 when Jason Paige scored a rebound goal on the power play at 14:45 of the second period. Montoya crumpled to the ice following the goal after apparently injuring himself and was replaced by sophomore Noah Ruden.

The change in goal sparked the Michigan offense, as the team got on the board on a power play at 3:15 of the third, with Eric Nystrom scoring on a deflection. Nystrom's goal broke Notre Dame's streak of 36 straight penalty kills.

Notre Dame responded with a power play goal of its own — with Paige again collecting loose change and pushing the puck past Ruden.

"That goal [to make it 4-1] was a very big goal, because Michigan's a very good team and we didn't want to give them any momentum," Poulin said. "Coming back and answering their power play goal with one of our own was enormous."

Senior defenseman Brett Lebda picked up an assist on that goal and also assisted

Paige's earlier goal and Amado's second-period goal. It was the third three-point game of the defenseman's career and his second with three or more assists.

For the game, Notre Dame outshot Michigan by a count of 26-24.

Saturday, Michigan came out and bottled up the Irish in the defensive zone seemingly all game, outshooting Notre Dame 41-16. Notre Dame capitalized on its few offensive looks, however, scoring four goals against Ruden before Cory McLean iced the game in the third period with an empty-net goal.

The Irish scored on their very first shot of the game at 8:44 of the first period, when Mike Walsh threw a shot at the net that appeared to hit a Michigan defenseman before beating Ruden to the short side.

When Michigan came out in the second period, it came out with a vengeance, with Jeff Tambellini scoring the equalizer just 20 seconds into the frame. Less than two minutes later, Andrew Ebbett gave Michigan its first lead on the weekend when he poked a loose puck past Brown during a scrum in front of

the Notre Dame goal.

Poulin immediately called a timeout to try and settle his troops.

"Michigan really rallied around their young netminder," he said. "They got us out of our game in the second period with those two goals, so we took the timeout to just try and settle things down some."

The move worked, as defenseman Neil Komadoski scored at 15:43 of the second with a hard slap shot from the blue line to the top right corner that eluded Ruden. Just 17 seconds later, T.J. Jindra outskated a Michigan defender to a loose puck in the corner and made a backhanded pass to Amado, who was skating down the slot.

Amado whipped the puck past Ruden and gave Notre Dame the lead back, setting off an enthusiastic celebration from the crowd. The Irish took advantage of that momentum and tried to pull away even more, but Josh Sciba hit a post and Lebda shot just high on a breakaway near the end of the second period.

The Irish would need to wait until the third period to get their insurance goal, but it came off the stick of senior forward Rob

Globke, who deflected a Paige shot from the blue line past Ruden at 7:10 of the third period.

"It was really important for us to come out tonight and play just as good as we did [Friday night]," Globke said Saturday. "It's something that we discussed earlier and something that the coaches put upon us and we were able to come through."

Notre Dame closes out its season on the road, traveling to Lake Superior State for a two game conference series against the Lakers starting Friday.

### NOTRE DAME 4, MICHIGAN 1 at the JOYCE CENTER

|            | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Total |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| NOTRE DAME | 0   | 3   | 1   | 4     |
| MICHIGAN   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 1     |

#### SCORING SUMMARY

##### First Period

No scoring.

##### Second Period

ND — T.J. Jindra (Matt Amado, Brett Lebda), 1:17.  
ND — Cory McLean (Aaron Gill), 10:41.  
ND — Jason Paige (Wes O'Neill, Lebda), 14:35 PP.

##### Third Period

UM — Eric Nystrom (Brandon Rogers, Matt Hunwick), 3:15 PP.

ND — Paige (Josh Sciba, Lebda), 4:27 PP.

Shots on goal: Notre Dame 26, Michigan 24. Power plays: Notre Dame 2-of-3, Michigan 1-of-5. Goalies: David Brown 23 saves out of 24 shots (ND), Al Montoya 14 saves out of 17 shots, Noah Ruden 8 saves out of 9 shots (UM).

### NOTRE DAME 5, MICHIGAN 2 at the JOYCE CENTER

|            | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Total |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| NOTRE DAME | 1   | 2   | 2   | 5     |
| MICHIGAN   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 2     |

#### SCORING SUMMARY

##### First Period

ND — Mike Walsh (Rob Globke, Lebda), 8:44 PP.

##### Second Period

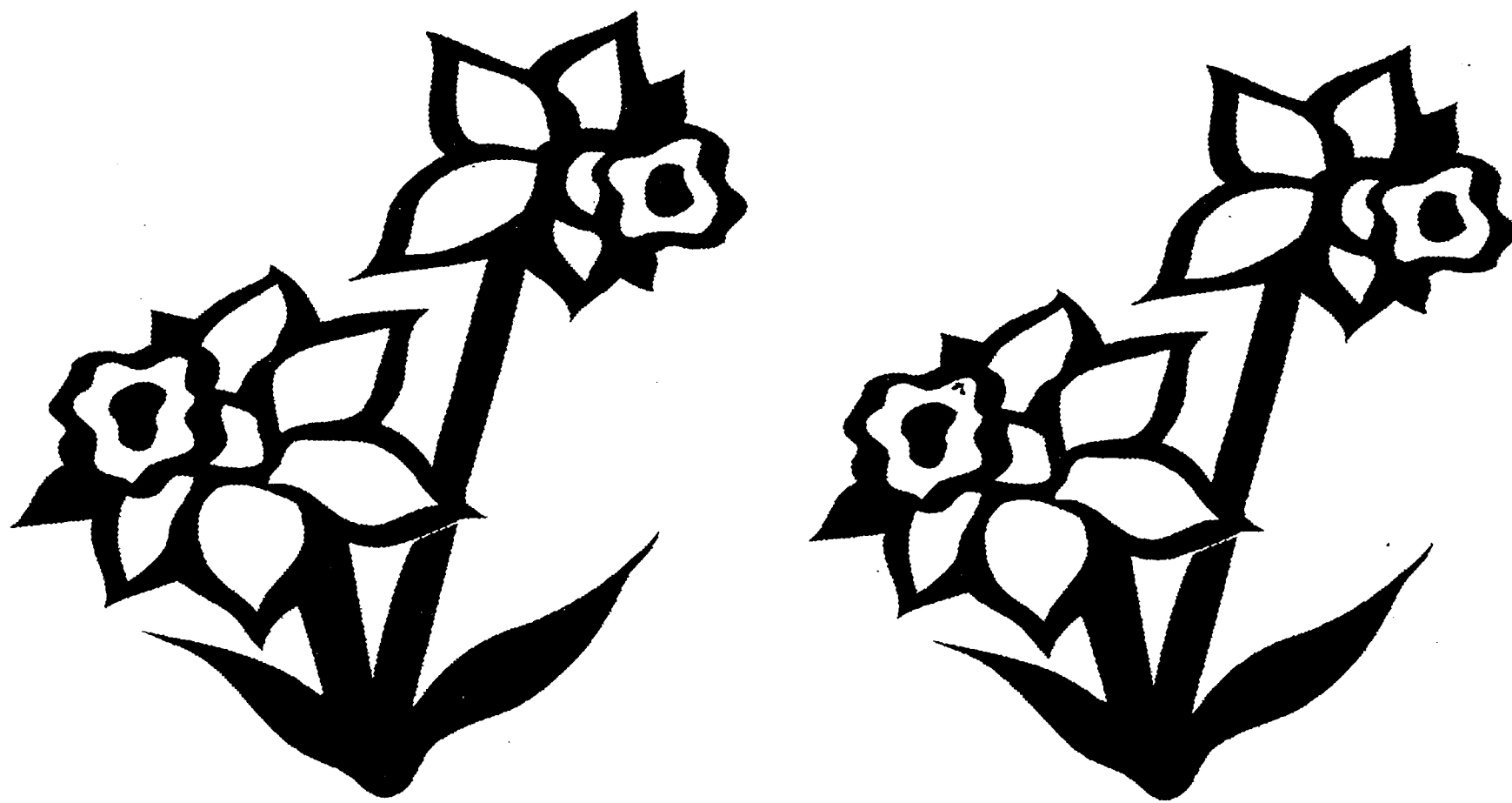
UM — Jeff Tambellini (Dwight Helminen, Eric Werner), 0:20.  
UM — Andrew Ebbett (Jason Ryznar), 2:19.  
ND — Neil Komadoski (Tom Galvin, Michael Bartlett), 15:43.  
ND — Amado (Jindra), 16:00.

##### Third Period

ND — Globke (Paige, Brad Wanchulak), 7:10.  
ND — McLean (unassisted) 17:25 EN.

Shots on goal: Notre Dame 16, Michigan 41. Power plays: Notre Dame 1-of-5, Michigan 0-of-6. Goalies: Brown 39 saves out of 41 shots (ND), Ruden 11 saves out of 15 shots (UM).

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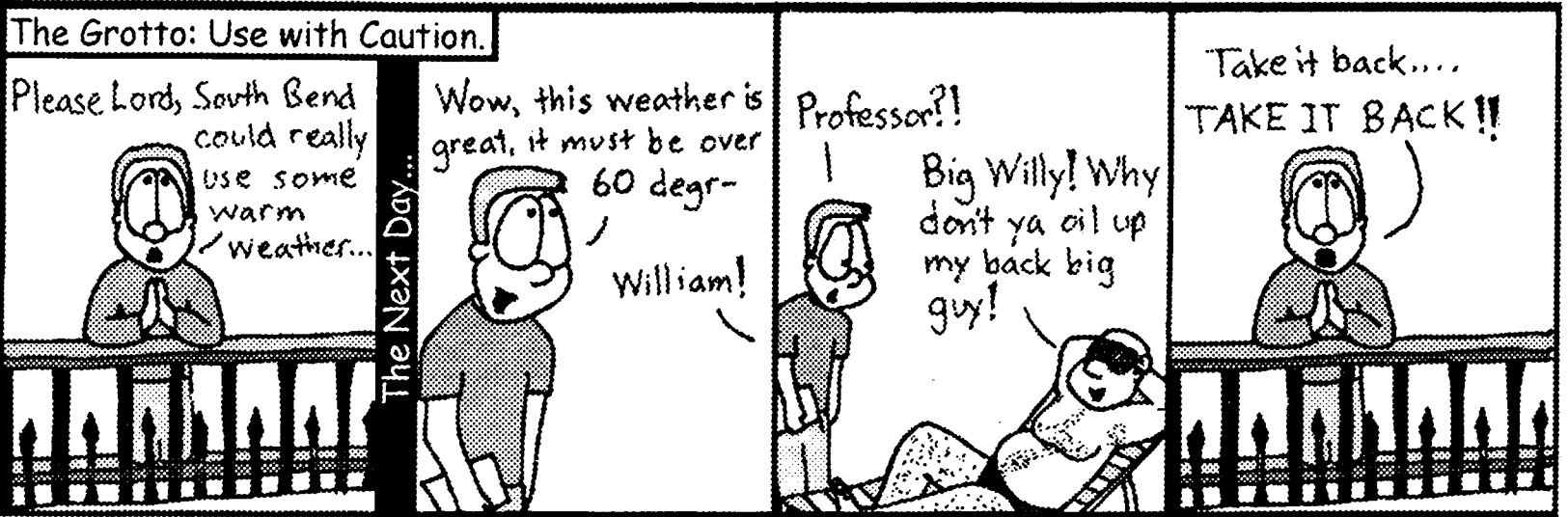
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

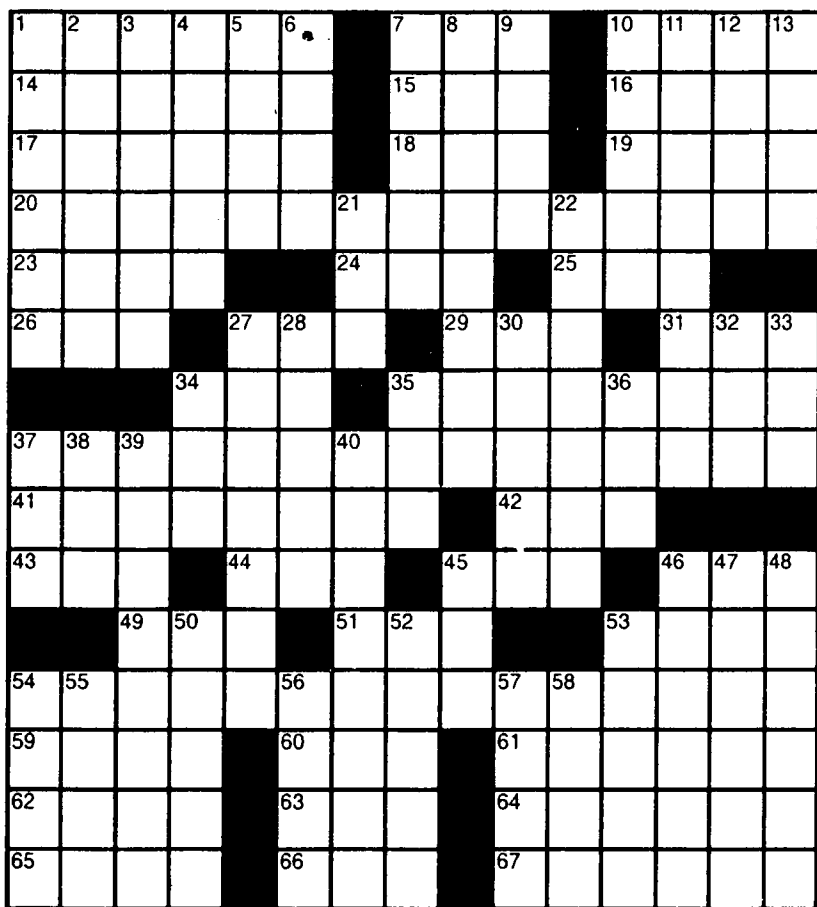
Print answer here: O O O O O AND O O O O O

Saturday's Jumbles: DRAFT HOARD FINISH SOOTHE  
Answer: What the fashion writers gave the latest skirt length — "SHORT" SHRIFT

CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Layers
  - 7 Sound of a lighting bolt
  - 10 Cut the hair of
  - 14 Main argument
  - 15 Frank Sinatra's "\_\_\_ Fool to Want You"
  - 16 Top-notch
  - 17 Losses, in accounting
  - 18 Charlie Rose's network
  - 19 Serving with chop suey
  - 20 Jonathan Swift pamphlet about Ireland
  - 23 To be given away
  - 24 Court
  - 25 The whole shebang
  - 26 Twisty turn
  - 27 See 29-Across
- DOWN**
- 29 With 27-Across, get hitched
  - 31 Cigarette residue
  - 34 Ukr., once
  - 35 Flight paths
  - 37 Reason for turning down an invitation
  - 41 Capulet rival
  - 42 Stars and Stripes land
  - 43 Ocean
  - 44 Guess: Abbr.
  - 45 Film director Craven
  - 46 Nightwear, for short
  - 49 Helios' Roman counterpart
  - 51 Cal's mother
  - 53 Jai \_\_\_
  - 54 2003 teen comedy
  - 59 Practice, as skills
- DOWN**
- 60 Apply
  - 61 Territory
  - 62 In addition
  - 63 Spy novelist Deighton
  - 64 Show clearly
  - 65 Spelling contests
  - 66 "Acid"
  - 67 Caught, as fish



Puzzle by Zach Jesse

- ACROSS**
- 33 President after F.D.R.
  - 34 Drunkard
  - 35 Get better, as wine
  - 36 Drs.' group
  - 37 Afternoons and evenings, briefly
  - 38 Caviar
  - 39 Kinda
  - 40 Wackos
  - 45 Internet start-up?
  - 46 Flexible
  - 47 Actress Rule
  - 48 Like finished contracts
  - 50 Nabisco cookies
  - 52 Continuously
  - 53 Come clean
  - 54 Ishmael's captain
  - 55 Spy
  - 56 Select
  - 57 First lady's residence
  - 58 Hawk's opposite

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EUGENIA LAST

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**Happy Birthday:** You've got your act together, and it's time to show everyone exactly what you have to offer. Your shrewd business sense will impress associates and colleagues. You will be honest and straightforward, gaining popularity and a good reputation in your chosen field. This is a perfect year to move quickly, focusing on exactly what you want to accomplish. Your numbers: 7, 10, 27, 33, 41, 45

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You can gain approval and get kudos, by asking for help and putting a little heart into your speech or request. Rewards, gifts or money from investments, surrenders or taxes can be expected. \*\*  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** A change of attitude has probably disrupted your home environment. Verbal abuse may lead to walkouts or rash statements you may regret later. \*\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Red tape will be impossible to clear up today. You may as well work on projects that will allow you to make progress. In-laws or relatives will oppose your intentions. \*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Your family is probably feeling neglected and unloved. You have been so busy trying to figure out what to do next that you've forgotten you're not alone. \*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Once again you find yourself having problems with co-workers and employers. You are ahead of your time, and trying to stay in one spot is just asking too much. \*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You may find yourself changing crowds. Boredom has led you in new and unique directions, which offer interesting friendships. \*\*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You will be emotional if you have been extravagant or let children or friends take advantage of you financially. You should channel your efforts into getting rid of bad habits. \*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Coarse language may cause you to want to get out of the house. You are better off visiting friends or relatives than entertaining at home. \*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** This will be a difficult day to deal with co-workers. You are not likely to be treated well, and your boss may make it hard for you to do your work effectively. \*\*\*

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You can look into new jobs, but don't count on getting help from someone who may have promised you assistance. Financial limitations will have to be dealt with on your own. \*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You won't get the reaction you want from your mate today. Intimate relationships with colleagues will lead to gossip that could easily affect your position. \*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You may divulge secret information without realizing it today. Be cautious not to get involved in office chatter that will cause problems for others. \*\*\*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You will have a strong sense of who you are and what you want to do from a very young age. Your ability to push yourself and your beliefs will always put you in the limelight. You are sensitive toward others and therefore will be well-liked throughout your life.

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## HOCKEY

# Rude hosts

*Irish sweep No. 4 Michigan in crucial home series*

By JUSTIN SCHUVER  
Associate Sports Editor

Not even green jerseys could stop the Irish this weekend.

The Irish (17-11-4, 13-10-3 in the CCHA) swept Michigan (23-10-1, 18-7-1) at home for their fourth sweep of a CCHA opponent at the Joyce Center this year. None was bigger than this one, though, as Notre Dame convincingly defeated the No. 4-ranked team in the country and first place team in the conference.

Wearing alternate uniforms each night, the Irish first defeated the Wolverines 4-1 Friday wearing their green jerseys. They completed the sweep Saturday in their gold jerseys, defeating Michigan 5-2.

No matter what color sweater, the story was the same, with Notre Dame having the early momentum in each game before Michigan would make a run to either cut into the deficit or tie the game back up.

A constant in goal for the Irish through those potent Wolverine offensive outbursts was freshman goalie David Brown.

Brown, who has had one of the best rookie seasons ever in a Notre Dame uniform,

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"For the Irish this year, the sky is the limit"  
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Notre Dame players Michael Bartlett, T.J. Jindra and Brett Lebda celebrate during Notre Dame's 4-1 victory over No. 4 Michigan Friday night.

was good — and at times great — this weekend, stopping a combined 62 shots in the two victories.

"It's just started since the beginning of the

year," Brown said after Saturday's game. "Coming in as a freshman, no one really

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## BASEBALL

# Irish beat three top 25 teams

By CHRIS FEDERICO  
Sports Writer

Don't tell the Irish hitters they're not supposed to be in mid-season form yet.

Just the second weekend into the 2004 season, No. 10 Notre Dame (6-0) put 53 runs on the board with 57 hits over the course of four games to sweep the Florida Atlantic Classic in Boca Raton, Fla.

"I don't remember us every swinging the bat this well early in the season," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "Usually our hitting is that last thing that comes around. This year it seems like or guys have just come right out of the gate getting good swings. We're not striking out very much, we're drawing some walks and we're hitting the ball hard."

The Irish also used solid starting pitching and nearly perfect fielding to knock off

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## ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Irish stumble in road loss to Rutgers

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN  
Sports Writer

There's no place like home — but don't tell the Irish that. They already know it.

After defeating No. 21 Miami by 35 points at home Tuesday, the Irish traveled to Rutgers and experienced yet another road loss. The Scarlet Knights (17-10, 9-6 in the Big East) shot the lights out (72.7 percent from the field) in the second half, leading them to a 69-55 win.

"We gave them wide open layups and easy shots," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "It was really disappointing to

watch — very frustrating."

Notre Dame (18-9, 11-4) started off strong jumping out to an 11-6 lead to start the game, behind six straight points from forward Jacqueline Batteast.

However, the Irish were unable to sustain that effort,

"It was really disappointing to watch — very frustrating."

Muffet McGraw  
Irish coach

allowing Rutgers to climb back into the game, scoring eight of the next 10 points.

But the Irish scored eight straight points to give them a 24-23 lead with 3:39

remaining in the half. Rutgers responded with two late shots to put them up three at the half.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Irish bounce back at UCLA

*Irish center Tom Timmermans sinks career-high 20 points in Notre Dame victory over Bruins*

By MATT LOZAR  
Associate Sports Editor

The only thing left for Tom Timmermans was to look at the bench and call his own number for an isolation clear-out.

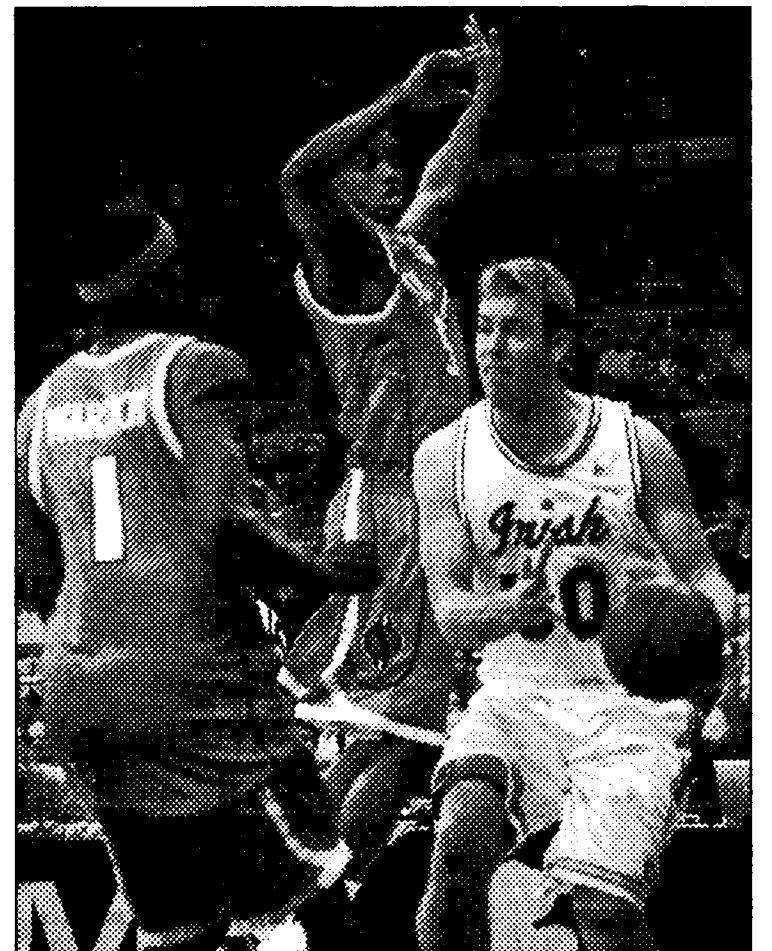
Timmermans scored a career-high 20 points in seemingly every way possible for a 6-foot-11, 270-pound center — 3-pointers, baseline jumpers and inside post moves — as the Irish defeated UCLA 75-60 Saturday at the Pauley Pavilion.

The 20 points from Timmermans combined with 21 points from Chris Thomas and 20 from Chris Quinn coming off the bench outscored the 10 Bruins who saw the court.

Timmermans finished 9-of-15 from the field and connected on 2-of-4 3-pointers. Coming into Saturday, Timmermans had made two 3-pointers in his career. Saturday was the second time this season Timmermans had set a career high for points.

Thomas and Quinn alternated running the point

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Irish center Tom Timmermans makes a move with the ball against Syracuse Jan. 17. The senior had 20 points against UCLA Saturday.

## SPORTS AT A GLANCE

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The Irish swept No. 4 Michigan this weekend.

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Florida Memorial 3

Notre Dame 3,  
Florida Atlantic 2

Notre Dame 19,  
Minnesota 7

The 10th-ranked Irish went 4-0 over the weekend and won the Florida Atlantic Classic in Boca Raton, Fla.

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### ND WOMEN'S BBALL

Rutgers 69,  
Notre Dame 55

The Irish again struggled on the road as they fell to 9-6 in the Big East with a loss to the Scarlet Knights.

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### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame 75,  
UCLA 60

Irish center Tom Timmermans scored a career-high 20 points Saturday to help the Irish to a win.

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### MEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame 17,  
Penn State 7

The Irish opened the 2004 season at home with a commanding victory over the Nittany Lions.

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