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Appleby sheds light on sexual abuse reports

By CLAIRE HEININGER
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Bless us Father, for we have sinned.

The phrase drilled into penitent Catholics for generations took a grave turn Friday when the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops disclosed two reports



Appleby

that detailed the nearly 11,000 child sexual abuse allegations made against priests since 1950. As the weekend passed, the nation's Catholics and non-Catholics, clergy and laity alike weighed in on what many have labeled the bishops' own act of contrition.

Notre Dame history professor and Kroc Institute director R. Scott Appleby — who addressed the bishops on June 13, 2002, when they first convened in response to the scandals — added his own voice to the debate Monday. And while he praised the

reports as a step towards accountability and engagement on the part of the hierarchy, he maintained the Church can't yet be forgiven — nor is it trying to forget.

"Closure isn't a word I would even think about using yet," Appleby said. Despite the cooperation and apologies offered by many bishops across the country, he said that others are still too rooted in their beliefs about Church infallibility to see the people behind the staggering figures.

"There are many bishops who have been contrite, who are

repentant, but we need to go much further," he said. "Some bishops still don't seem to get it, [because] they are still so beholden to a certain idea of the Church that it blinds them to the suffering of the victims."

Reaching out to these victims, Appleby said, should be the Church's first priority — and will require a certain dose of humility to be considered real penance.

"Repentance is manifested more than ritually," he said. "The idea of nailing an apology to the wall of a cathedral, well that may be something. But repentance is a

changed attitude towards the victims ... listening to their stories and allowing themselves to be converted into sympathy."

But while sympathy is one thing, accountability is another. And although the bishops admitted their transgressions in the reports, Appleby said the several resignations that should be the next step are not likely to follow. Citing a "required solidarity" among U.S. bishops, Appleby said he wouldn't be surprised if deference to their "fraternity" was tak-

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Departments analyze, debate grade inflation

Class levels, size may contribute to rise in grades

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

By JOE TROMBELLO
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Despite the presence of more highly qualified students, Notre Dame faculty and students said that other factors may have caused grade inflation. Smaller classes, special teaching programs, greater contact with professors and a high importance on TCEs scores all impact the way grades are assessed.

As the level of courses increase, grades follow — the average grade in an Arts & Letters 100-level course in Fall 2002 was 3.470, as compared to the 3.582 average for 400-level courses. As students become more specialized in their majors and interested in the course material, they may naturally achieve better grades.

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GRADE ANALYSIS					
	MEDIAN STUDENT GPA		AVERAGE GRADES GIVEN IN COURSE		
	FALL 1993	SPRING 2003	FALL 1993	SPRING 2003	
FRESHMAN	3.098	3.355	100 LEVEL	3.161	3.411
SOPHOMORE	3.087	3.393	200 LEVEL	3.235	3.410
JUNIOR	3.126	3.369	300 LEVEL	3.261	3.459
SENIOR	3.220	3.397	400 LEVEL	3.400	3.546
5TH YEAR	3.081	3.324	500 LEVEL	2.769	3.534

	AVERAGE GRADE GIVEN BY INSTRUCTOR TYPE	
	FALL 1993	SPRING 2003
FULL	3.213	3.465
ASSOCIATE	3.266	3.444
ASSISTANT	3.202	3.428
INSTRUCTOR	3.427	3.318
SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL	3.399	3.569

SOURCE: INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH, UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
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Colleges, departments respond to higher grades

By JOE TROMBELLO
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Various departments and colleges said they are handling the presence of grade inflation differently at Notre Dame. Some said they take a more pro-active approach, while other faculty members said their respective college has not yet rigorously addressed the inflation.

University-wide, the calculations for Dean List awards and graduating with honors have been increasing along with average GPAs. Effective in 2005, the University will award summa cum laude to students graduating in the top five percent of their college, magna cum laude to the top 10 percent, and cum laude to the top thirty percent. This will replace the current 3.4, 3.6 and 3.8 cutoffs, respectively.

Within various colleges, however, the

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Students prepare for Spring break trips

By LAURA VILIM
News Writer

After months of freezing temperatures and long hours studying, most students who have chosen to travel over Spring Break are turning south for an escape through warm weather and relaxation.

However, when compared to previous years, fewer students are using Notre Dame's Anthony Travel to make their plans, and an unusually small number of these students are using South Bend Regional Airport.

Assistant Manager of Anthony Travel Kayleen Carr said that although there are fewer students using the travel agency, and that between 500 and 600 students have booked travel packages through the agency.

This year, the most popular travel package has been for a week vacation in Acapulco, Mexico.

"Acapulco is popular because it is relatively inexpensive and [offers] guaranteed warm weather," Carr said. "It is the least expensive [package] in Mexico."

Sophomore Meghan Winger and her friends chose to use Anthony Travel to plan their last minute trip to another Mexican destination, Puerto Vallarta.

"We made our plans through Anthony Travel after other plans fell through," Winger said. "[Puerto Vallarta] was the nicest place we could go for the most reasonable price."

One of the greatest draws of Puerto Vallarta, besides its warm weather, is the fact that several

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

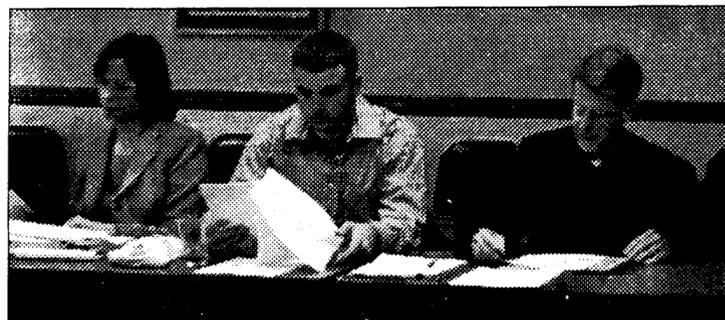
Poorman addresses group

By ANDREW THAGARD
Associate News Editor

Vice President of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman addressed the Campus Life Council during its meeting Monday, presenting members with an outline of his office's strategic plan and announcing actions to be taken in response to the CLC's recommendations. These include establishing a gender relations center and the renewal of transportation services for students with temporary disabilities.

"I appreciate the opportunity to come and update CLC on some projects of interest," Poorman said. "This [report] has taken a lion's share of our time, especially during the last 15 months."

The plan received provisional approval at the last Board of



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Father Mark Poorman, right, responds to the Campus Life Council's recommendations at Monday's meeting.

Trustees meeting and will receive final approval during the Board's meeting in May. It focuses on residence hall life, campus programming and leadership development along with improving services like the Career Center, University Health Services and technology for

graduate and undergraduate students.

"[Generally] strategic plans are about buildings," Poorman said. "I think the focus of this report is on ... programming and staffing

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INSIDE COLUMN

Texas Hold'em

Once a week my friends and I partake in a little game called Texas Hold'em. Every Friday between 4 and 5 p.m. we gather in my room to test our luck and bluffing skills.

After classes end we gather around the table for a little fun.

Paul Roncal

Assistant Graphics Editor

For those of you that do not know, Texas Hold'em is one of many ways to play poker. In this variation two cards are dealt face down to each player. A round of betting takes place. Then three cards are dealt face up in the middle — this is referred to as the flop. Another round of betting takes place. One more card is dealt in the middle, which is named the turn. Once again the players bet. After the fifth and final card, the river, is dealt the final round of betting takes place.

We have had some epic hands over the course of the last semester. One of the more memorable hands was when I had a jack and a nine. My friend Spack had an ace and a king. The flop came up as ace, king and queen. The turn came up as no help to either of us. After the turn Spack decided to bet aggressively. I had no business staying in since the only card that could help me was a ten. Some people still have no idea what I was thinking, but I decided to test my luck and try for the straight. Hermes, the Greek god of luck, must like me because as the river revealed itself to be a ten, Spack's jaw fell to the floor in disbelief. That was not the only time the river has brought me luck. Spack had pocket sevens with another seven on the board after the flop. I called with pocket jacks. Once again Spack was out of luck for I picked up a third jack on the river.

I am not the only one to make Spack wish he had better luck. My friend Burkhardt had a six and a nine. Spack had a king and a queen. After the flop Spack goes all in with a pair of queens. Burkhardt picks up not only a six but also a nine. We now commonly refer to the six and nine as the money hand. Burkhardt has made other people sorry they tried to beat him. Burkhardt had a queen and a five. My friend Harks went all in with pocket jacks. As Burkhardt shouted, "[Queens] come in pairs!" Two queens showed up on the table.

So what is the moral of the story? Boys and girls, the thing to remember is that ladies come in pairs, and if you have a six and a nine be aggressive, for it is the money hand. Spack may know a great deal about the game but could always use more luck. If you are looking to have a little fun, try your hand at a little game called Texas Hold'em.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Paul Roncal at proncal@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, the name of a University of Michigan professor who gave a lecture in McKenna Hall, Simon Gikandi, was misspelled in the Feb. 26 edition of The Observer. The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE RECENT SOUTH BEND WEATHER?



Brian Hedges
Freshman Siegfried

"Tell God to keep doing what he's doing."



Katie Manley
Junior LeMans

"Spring is here!"



Keyin Boyle
Junior Off-Campus

"God is just teasing us."



Molly Welton
Senior LeMans

"I like playing football outside."



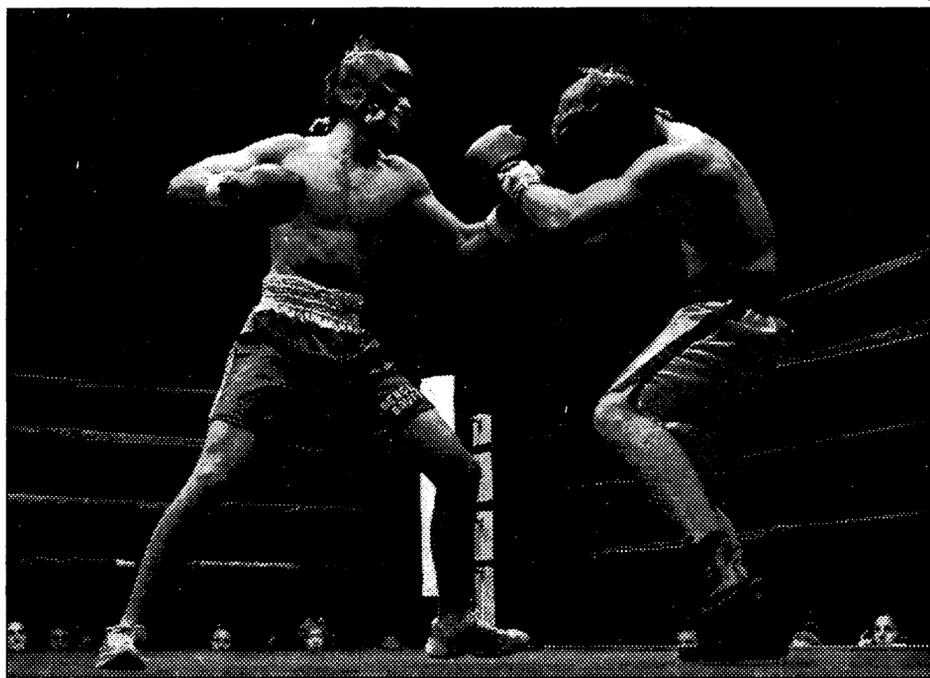
Pat Manning
Freshman Siegfried

"All I know is that the squirrels that live outside my window keep getting louder."



Will Knight
Junior Off-Campus

"Bring back the snow!"



MEGAN DAVISSON/The Observer

Nathan Lohmeyer, left, fights Paul Hagan in the Bengal Bouts Monday. The Bouts, which raise money for the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh, began Wednesday and will conclude with the finals March 17.

IN BRIEF

A panel of professors will hold a discussion entitled "Iraq One Year Later, What Have We Learned?" today at 4:15 p.m. in the Kroc Institute Auditorium of the Hesburgh Center. Come hear a diverse set of perspectives from professors Keir Lieber, Dan Lindley, George Lopez and Martha Merritt.

Nik Nikas, a pro-life advocacy lawyer, will give a lecture entitled "The Partial Birth Abortion Act: What It Is and Will It Save Lives?" today from noon to 1 p.m. in room 121 of the Law School.

A panel discussion of the Mel Gibson film "The Passion of the Christ" entitled "Why All the Passion?" will be held today from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in room 141 of DeBartolo. The event is co-sponsored by Campus Ministry, the Department of Film, Television and Theatre, the Notre Dame Holocaust Project and the Department of Theology.

The film "Dr. Strangelove" will be shown Wednesday in the Kroc Institute Auditorium in the Hesburgh Center at 7 p.m. There will be a brief introduction by Professor Dan Lindley highlighting how the film's lessons about nuclear proliferation and nuclear accidents remain timely. This Stanley Kubrick film is the American Film Institute's third best U.S. comedy ever and the American Film Institute's 26th best U.S. film.

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

OFFBEAT

'Lost' town changes its name

LONDON — Lost: several road signs and one village's identity. Exasperated at losing its name signs to souvenir hunters, the Scottish hamlet of Lost (population: less than two dozen) has changed its name to Lost Farm, which it hopes will prove less appealing.

At least five of the signs have disappeared in recent years; the longest any sign lasted was three months, and one disappeared after just a day, said Mark Skilling, principal engineer for Aberdeenshire Council. "It's infuriating," he said

Friday. "The hamlet is very popular because of its name and we suspect souvenir hunters of taking the signs."

Skilling said it costs about 100 pounds (U.S. \$185) to replace the sign. "Apart from making it, we have to take it to Lost, which is quite far away," he said. "We hope that the name change means in future the sign will last."

666 appears on some 'Passion' tickets

ROME, Ga. — Tickets at one movie theater screening Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" are being deemed decidedly unholy.

The number 666, which many Christians recognize as the "mark of the beast," is appearing on movie tickets for Gibson's film at a Georgia theater, drawing complaints from some moviegoers.

The machine that prints tickets assigned the number 666 as a prefix on all the tickets for the film, said Gary Smith, owner of the Movies at Berry Square in north-west Georgia. The 666 begins a series of numbers that are listed below the name of the movie, the date, time and price.

"It's from our computer and it's absolutely a coincidence," Smith said.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group discusses tickets

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Members of the Council of Representatives, student government's highest body, assembled Monday in LaFortune to discuss issues ranging from basketball ticket distribution to off-campus representation.

Student body president Jeremy Lao circulated a draft of a letter he will send to assistant athletic director Jim Fraleigh. The letter will call for short- and long-term improvements to allow more students to attend Irish men's basketball games. The draft asks the athletic department to consider creating a secondary market for tickets, allowing them to be freely traded by students. In addition, student leaders want to decrease the number of student season tickets, freeing those seats to be sold to students on a game-by-game basis.

The letter also encourages the development of a program like North Carolina's "Carolina Fever," in which students who attend less popular sporting events can earn points, which may be redeemed for early purchase of basketball tickets.

Lao said the letter reflects the views of leaders from across student government, while putting forth a unified stance.

"This is the letter I'm going to send to Mr. Fraleigh as the voice of the student union," Lao said.

Sophomore class president James Leito suggested getting input from leaders of the Leprechaun Legion.

The council also addressed two resolutions dealing with off-campus representation. The first, proposed by off-campus president Sarah Blake, would have changed the student union constitution to put four off-campus senators in the Student Senate. The off-campus population is currently represented by one senator, as is each residence hall on campus.

Blake said off-campus students' interests are frequently ignored by the Senate. "A lot of the issues we have are distinct, but they get swept under the table," she said.

"This is something most people [on the council] agreed with from the beginning of the restructuring," she said.

However, other council members blasted the idea, saying each constituency should have one vote.

"The point of a Senate is not necessarily to be proportionately representative," Judicial Board president Elliot Poindexter said.

Cavanaugh senator Jordan Bongiovanni echoed the sentiment.

"Dillon is twice the size of Carroll, but we don't have two Dillon senators and one Carroll senator," Bongiovanni said.

Some members proposed dividing the South Bend area

into quadrants, each represented by an off-campus senator.

"The residential area around Castle Point is different from the residential area around Turtle Creek or Lafayette," Leito said.

In the end, the resolution failed overwhelmingly. Only Blake and off-campus senator Amy Chambers voted in favor.

Another resolution, mandating that off-campus president, senator and programming representative run on separate tickets passed unanimously, after little debate.

In other COR news:

◆ The council considered an appeal for funds from Best Buddies, a club that promotes awareness of autism and other mental disabilities. The club requested funds in order to bring a speaker to campus during Disability Awareness Week in late March. The issue was twice brought up for debate, after which the council unanimously approved an outlay of \$2,000.

◆ Senior class president Jazmin Garcia said her class council will sponsor a kickoff event for the "Rock the Vote" program on the evening of March 18 at Legends. She said several campus organizations have contributed funding, and she encouraged the other class councils to do the same.

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ing precedence over individual morality.

"I think many of the bishops probably have their own opinions — which I would share — that there should be resignations of bishops who repeatedly re-assigned predator priests, that that should be the way the Church repents," he said. "But their sense of obedience to the Pope is so profound that if he tells them to resign, they're going to resign."

"They're going to be respectful of that vertical relationship," Appleby continued. "I can't imagine them commenting publicly that 'We think Bishop X should resign.'"

The clerical silence that Church structure can impose should stand as an incentive for lay Catholics to take on more authority and responsibility, he said. Though Friday's reports were sponsored by the Council, the verdict delivered was entirely determined by a lay review board — a step Appleby called "absolutely necessary."

"The bishops needed to take authority to clean up their own house and they recognized that they would not be credible by themselves," he said. "While [the members of the review board] are Catholic, they are independent, and they are very critical of the bishops in that report."

Appleby believes that such crucial lay authority should not be confined to uncovering and assessing the abuse scandal. And just like the road to repentance, achieving lay involvement will be a grueling but vital process.

"I hope that one of the results

of this sad and tragic episode would be for the laity to take responsibility ... to take co-ownership of the church with the priests and religious," Appleby said. He listed parish and diocesan councils as structures that are already in place to increase lay power in personnel, management and finance areas, but said that motivating Catholics to give up their free time and their resources to help a struggling Church would be difficult.

The challenge to do both — to be professional and to be Catholic, and to let the Church reap the benefits of the two — is one that falls squarely on the shoulders of current Notre Dame students, Appleby said.

"We're at the crux of a generational change where the millennials, as you're now called, could really make the church an afterthought — and a lot of people have — or could revitalize it," he said. "And if Notre Dame students don't work to revitalize it, then who else would?"

Appleby stressed that despite the alternate sorrow and finger pointing that have characterized the scandals' — and now the reports' — aftermath, neither the Church's role in helping the poor and marginalized nor its sacred identity should not be forgotten. And students today, he added, must demand a large part of that identity for themselves.

"I'm hoping that Notre Dame students will recognize that however flawed and imperfect the church is ... it is worthy of their most zealous reform," he said. "The church is going to rise and fall on your generation in a way that hasn't been true before."

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Inflation

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"There is a modest correlation between students liking classes and students doing well in those classes," said Mark Roche, dean of the College of Arts & Letters.

Students like Sarah Greene said that increased concern about grades does not impact what classes students take but can influence the extent to which they are intellectually stimulated in learning for its own sake.

"I do not feel that students at Notre Dame avoid classes that challenge them to preserve their GPAs, but I do think that students' consciousness of their GPA [can] hinder the engagement of the material," she said.

Greene said numerous factors have contributed to a heightened grade concern in comparison with past generations, including a greater number of students attending college and the increasing competition that students face with respect to job offers and graduate school acceptances.

In addition, faculty members said that the smaller class size associated with higher-level courses could also contribute to the rise in grades.

Joseph Walter, chair of the department of pre-professional studies, said that he believes the inflation in science — a department with

some large, required courses — does not occur in the more rigorous science classes. Walter attributes the inflation to be primarily due to the 100-level courses that allow non-science majors to fulfill the science requirement, general chemistry — a course that many first-year students take regardless of major — and calculus courses intended for arts and letters and business students.

Walter said of the the more solid science courses like organic chemistry or physics, "I don't think grades have increased."

Roche said that different departments and colleges also treat grades differently — quantitative courses such as science or engineering, according to him, rely more on right-or-wrong answers than a discipline like English or history does.

"There are different grading cultures and grading environments within colleges," he said.

Roche commented that particular features about the College of Arts & Letters may predispose students to have a more personalized and nurturing learning environment. Roche noted that the presence of small, university seminar courses in the first year and classes such as First Year Composition that focus heavily on the writing and editing process provide students with better access to their professors and a more personalized learning experience.

"I think it's an environment where students should do well because of the nurturing," he said.

In spite of individual differences with respect to departments of colleges, some faculty said that the universal importance of TCE scores on untenured faculty may also influence grades. Although the data suggests otherwise — junior faculty actually give slightly lower marks than tenured faculty — professors said that the importance placed on TCE scores for tenure and promotions could encourage some faculty to inflate grades in hopes of receiving higher TCE scores.

"If there is anything driving grade inflation, it's the critical

importance of TCEs to retention, tenure and promotion," said Sunny Boyd, associate professor of biological sciences. "So much weight is based on that one measurement."

Boyd also said that she and other colleagues in the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, where she serves this year as a Kaneb Scholar, have discussed better standardizing the process by which departments evaluate their professors' teaching quality and ways to reduce the weight placed on TCE scores.

Roche said that his college makes a special point to focus on teaching. Departments such as theology provide brief lectures on teaching skills during faculty meetings, encourage job candidates to teach a class as part of their visit and conduct regular peer visits to monitor teaching quality.

"There is a very strong and positive culture in Arts & Letters regarding thinking about teaching," he said.

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rigor with which grade inflation is examined and pursued varies. Sam Gaglio, assistant dean of the Mendoza College of Business, said that the college evaluates grades each semester and rigorously monitors the grading system and course content.

"[Grade inflation] is being evaluated on a regular basis by department chairs, both in the department as a whole and especially in classes with multiple sections," he said.

Gaglio, however, especially in classes with numerous sections, for there to be some discrepancy in grades from year to year. He noted that one section could contain a group of very high-performing students, while another section could have students that perform less well.

Charles Kulpa, chair of the department of biological sciences, said he monitors grades within his department on a yearly basis. He notes that infla-

tion has been relatively small in his department and depends somewhat on the instructor of a given course.

Kulpa said that if he were to note grade discrepancies or a pattern of out-of-line grading among a particular faculty member, he would approach that faculty member on an individual basis.

"I'd ask why," he said. "But I wouldn't necessarily tell them that it's wrong. I don't want to legislate how grades are given."

Mark Roche, dean of the College of Arts & Letters, said that although his college has some procedures in place, they have not yet rigorously addressed grade inflation.

"We've done a lot of things, [such as] discussions with individual faculty members, but we haven't really tackled it as a college. I think it's about time."

On the student side, Jeremy Staley, former chair of the academic committee of the Office of the Student Body President, said that his committee had not addressed the issue of grade inflation before he left to study abroad in Rome this semester.

This issue was not discussed

much in the academic committee," he said. "However, last year, during my term on student Senate, the issue was brought up a few times, especially from our student representatives on the Academic Council."

Both Roche and Staley said that faculty had expressed concern regarding various recent proposals to either publish TCE scores or to include an average course grade on a student's transcript. Roche said that a proposal to include both a student's grade in a course as well as the average grade for that particular course on transcripts was proposed but later rejected by the Executive Committee.

Roche also said that college regularly shares TCE scores with each department every semester and takes both these scores and the quality of teaching very seriously.

"We weigh teaching even at the level for promotion from associate to full professor [seriously]," he said. "I don't think all universities have a culture like that."

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Burst water pipe floods Dillon

Observer Staff Report

A water pipe burst underneath the 24-hour lounge in Dillon Hall Monday afternoon, flooding part of the first floor and causing water to also leak into the basement.

The leak began around 4 p.m., spreading into the area between the first floor 24-hour lounge and the main hallway.

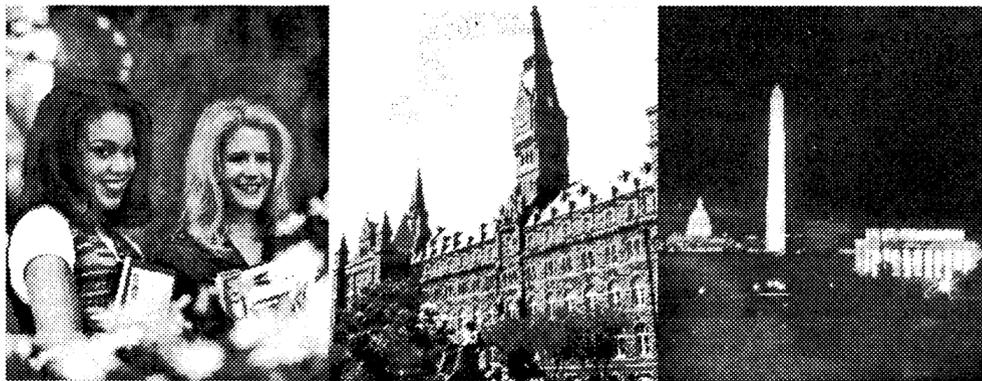
The water also flowed from a crack in the ceiling into the main hallway of the basement near the stairway. The basement leak was contained by garbage cans soon after it was discovered.

On the first floor, the water grew to about an inch in height between the lounge and in the hallway spanning about six rooms. Residents in rooms near

the 24-hour space placed towels outside their doors to block the water as it began to spread from the lounge into the hallway. About 20 minutes later, the water was shut off and the puddles were vacuumed up.

The flood did not significantly damage the furniture or belongings in the lounge. The cause of the burst pipe was unknown.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Gunman kills Arafat advisor

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Gunmen shot and killed a well-known adviser to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in Gaza City early Tuesday, security officials said.

Khalil al-Zaben, 59, was hit by 12 bullets as he left his office in the Sabra neighborhood, hospital and security officials said.

Al-Zaben published a weekly magazine devoted to Palestinian affairs and human rights. He joined forces with Arafat in the 1960s and served in a number of capacities, including media adviser and personal secretary.

Palestinian police rushed to the scene of the murder and began investigating. Security officials said they did not know who killed al-Zaben.

Amnesty details rights violations

TRIPOLI, Libya — Amnesty International, given its first access to Libya in 15 years, has detailed a number of serious human rights violations, including the disappearance of prisoners and intolerance of political activity.

The four-member team shared its report with Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, who promised to consider Amnesty's recommendations, team leader Claudio Cordone told The Associated Press early Monday.

The visit is part of Gadhafi's continuing efforts to improve the image of his country, long seen as a rogue state. Libya has recently renounced its nuclear weapons program and accepted responsibility for the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am jetliner over Lockerbie, Scotland.

NATIONAL NEWS

Church must change health plan

SAN FRANCISCO — In a precedent-setting decision, the California Supreme Court ruled Monday that a Roman Catholic charity must offer birth-control coverage to its employees even though the church considers contraception a sin. The 6-1 decision marked the first such ruling by a state's highest court.

Experts said the ruling could affect thousands of workers at Catholic hospitals and other church-backed institutions in California and prompt other states to fashion similar laws. California is one of 20 states to require that all company-provided health plans must include contraception coverage if the plans have prescription drug benefits.

Nichols trial steps up intensity

McALESTER, Okla. — Jury selection began Monday in the murder trial of Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols after the judge refused to postpone proceedings while the FBI reviews whether investigators suppressed evidence of a wider conspiracy.

Nichols, already serving a life sentence on federal charges for his role in the bombing, could get the death penalty if convicted of the state charges. It was expected to take two weeks to select 12 jurors and six alternates.

LOCAL NEWS

Eastern time zone will remain

INDIANAPOLIS — A proposal that sought to move most of Indiana to the Central time zone and have it observe daylight-saving time appears dead this legislative session.

Democratic Rep. Chet Dohis of Merrillville said Monday he would not offer his resolution for consideration by the House this week.

That all but dooms its chances since lawmakers are scheduled to end the session by midnight Thursday.

Democrats vie for primary wins

Kerry eyes sweep in Super Tuesday election; Edwards vows to continue campaign

Associated Press

John Kerry vowed that he would not be another "wishy-washy, mealy-mouthed" Democrat, pledging Monday to wage a bare-knuckled campaign against President Bush as he sought a Super Tuesday sweep to lay claim to the party's nomination.

On the eve of their 10-state showdown, John Edwards faced signs of political distress as Kerry's last major Democratic rival — meager polling, paltry crowds and a growing realization inside his own ranks that the end may be near.

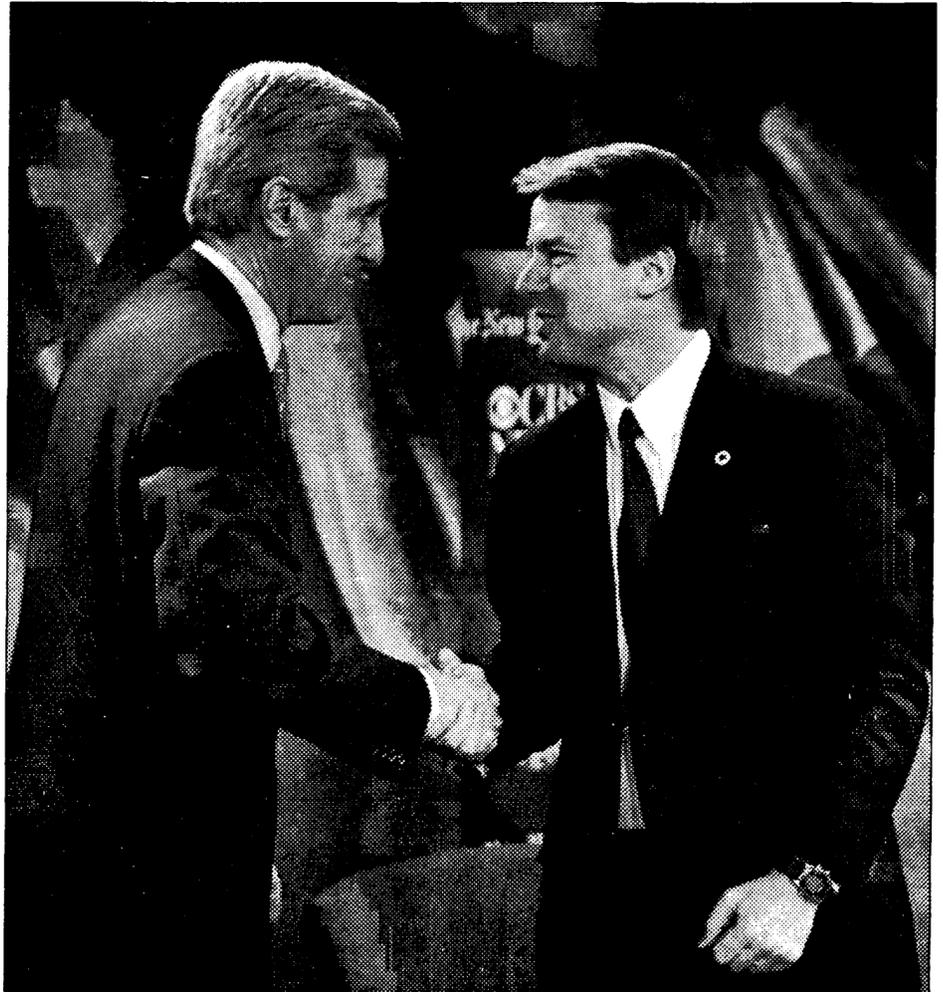
"At some point, I've got to start getting more delegates or I'm not going to be the nominee," Edwards said at a Toledo, Ohio, news conference.

Regardless of Tuesday's results, Bush plans to begin a multimillion-dollar TV ad campaign this week to reverse his downward trend. Kerry's campaign is considering a modest response designed to put the White House on the defensive, said two senior advisers who spoke on condition of anonymity. Democratic allies may move sooner.

Edwards drew 300 people to his University of Toledo rally, three times fewer than a crowd that welcomed Kerry recently to the same venue. Drawing even smaller crowds in Dayton, Ohio, and Cleveland later Monday, the freshman senator seemed listless and indifferent, stumbling over signature lines in his stump speech.

It seemed prophetic when aides at the Cleveland rally played Fleetwood Mac's "You Can Go Your Own Way."

The North Carolina senator pledged to stay in the race "until I'm nominated," but he declined to predict victory in Ohio, virtually a must-win state for him, as he acknowledged Kerry's



Democratic presidential candidates John Kerry and John Edwards shake hands before squaring off at a debate sponsored by CBS Sunday.

dominance. "There's no question that national momentum has an impact on these races," Edwards said.

He held out hope for an election surprise, noting that he defied polls by finishing just 6 percentage points behind Kerry in New Hampshire and Wisconsin. But the senator had more time to court voters in those states than he did for Tuesday's races.

Edwards' only victory came in his birth state of South Carolina, but that was four weeks and 11 defeats ago.

Kerry has won 18 of 20 primaries or caucuses, and led in pre-election polls in every competitive Super Tuesday venue. Ten states

with nearly 50 million registered voters award 1,151 delegates on the biggest day of the nomination fight.

A sweep Tuesday could give Kerry more than 1,500 delegates — a virtually insurmountable lead, though still short of the 2,162 needed to claim the nomination.

Edwards, with just 205 delegates as of Monday, will come under pressure to quit the race unless he wins two or more contests Tuesday, said strategists in both campaigns as well as several party leaders.

"I think it's wrapped up already," said Democratic strategist James Carville, who helped Bill Clinton become president.

Edwards virtually ceded

four New England states holding Super Tuesday elections: Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont and the front-runner's home state of Massachusetts.

He has campaigned in New York and California, the day's biggest prizes with a combined 606 delegates, but polls show Edwards trailing badly. One survey showed the race close in Maryland, but even Edwards' advisers discounted the survey.

His advisers privately held out hope for victories in Georgia and Minnesota's hard-to-predict caucuses, but they said Ohio looked out of reach, with long-shot candidate Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio cutting into Edwards' base.

HAITI

Rebels take police headquarters

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Rebels occupied the national police headquarters but kept away from the U.S.-guarded presidential palace after their convoy entered the capital Monday to the cheers of thousands celebrating the ouster of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Dozens of insurgents packing an eclectic array of weapons dating to World War II swaggered around a posh hotel where rebel leader Guy Philippe met with members of the political coalition that opposed

Aristide. He was joined by rebel commander Louis-Jodel Chamblain, who is a former army death squad leader and a convicted assassin.

With U.S. military forces on the ground and more on the way, Aristide claimed they forced him to leave Haiti and told him they would "start shooting and killing" if he refused, according to a telephone interview with the exiled president after he was flown aboard a contracted U.S.-government plane to the impoverished Central African Republic.

Aristide was put in contact with

The Associated Press by the Rev. Jesse Jackson on Monday following a news conference in Atlanta, where the civil rights leader called on Congress to investigate Aristide's ouster.

U.S. officials called the allegation — repeated earlier by other U.S. critics who said they were called by Aristide — "nonsense" and "absurd."

Philippe said he planned to make preparations for the new president, former Supreme Court Chief Justice Boniface Alexandre, to assume office, as called for in the constitution.

Council

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changes."

Poorman spent the majority of his presentation outlining goals of Student Affairs regarding on-campus housing and dorm life, among them the construction of four new residence facilities, the reduction of occupancy of existing dorms by 10 percent to relieve overcrowding, the demolition of University Village and its replacement with new housing for married students and the implementation of new on-campus living arrangements for seniors.

Poorman said that he would like to see the percentage of on-campus seniors increase from the current 46 percent to 52 to 54 percent in the coming years and raise the percentage of students who live on campus from 79 to 82 percent.

"It's a modest and doable goal," he said.

The report also proposes the replacement of Stepan Center with a new facility to accommodate 3,500-4,000 people, the construction of a retreat center and the expansion of the LaFortune Student Center to include Washington and Crowley Halls.

"The goals for campus life are the product of administrative, student, alumni, parent and faculty and staff input through the formation of an ad hoc committee and the use of surveys and focus groups," Poorman said. "I'm grateful to the committee for a thorough job."

Poorman also updated CLC on changes that were the result of their efforts, most notably the establishment of a gender relations center. The idea, he said, was first proposed in 2002 by then student body president Brooke Norton.

"I was very receptive to it at the time ... and the slow wheels of progress have finally yielded something," he said. "I'm pleased to announce that we are indeed going to create this center."

Poorman said that the new center will be housed in LaFortune and he named Pangborn as the founding director. The center will be funded through the Office of Student Affairs.

"It's humbling," Rakoczy said of being named the center's director. "I'm excited about the opportunity."

Poorman also addressed concerns raised by the CLC regarding transportation options for students suffering from temporary disabilities. Previously, golf carts had been available but the service was eliminated amid budget cuts last year. Next year, he said, temporarily disabled students will have access to motorized scooters stored in the Notre Dame Security and Police building. This year, students can contact the Office for Students with Disabilities for information on obtaining a scooter. He praised the Provost's Office for providing the funding for next year's project.

In other CLC news:

◆ Members unanimously approved the drafting of a letter to Poorman regarding campus beautification. The letter will include what members perceive to be problem areas on campus and will be accompanied with photos.

◆ The CLC approved a request passed by Student Senate to form a task force to address social awareness issues, includ-

ing diversity on campus and the possibility of implementing the concept into a required course for undergraduate students. Charlie Ebersol, director of the Student Union Board, requested to chair the committee.

◆ Members voiced their frustrations on the lack of activity of the CLC task forces this semester. Some of the task forces, including RA Training, have yet to meet since December, members said.

"If don't know if this is just my experience ... but with the exception of CLC meetings, I haven't gotten instructions to do anything else this semester," Rakoczy said.

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Break

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other groups of Notre Dame students will also be vacationing there, Winger said.

Senior Eric Bilinski is also traveling south with friends to Costa Rica for spring break. However, his group chose not to make its plans through Anthony Travel.

"We wanted an unconventional spring break trip, something out of the ordinary. It is our senior year, and we wanted a vacation we would remember for a lifetime," Bilinski said.

He and his friends started planning their trip during the middle of fall semester, but Carr says that students who have not yet made

plans to get away can still book packages with Anthony Travel. The generally smaller number of people traveling this year forces airlines and hotels to discount their fares, even for week long trips to hotels on the beach.

"There are always last-minute deals," Carr said.

While students have countless options for where to travel, the majority of them will fly out of one of the two Chicago airports instead of South Bend Regional Airport.

Representatives from South Bend Airport's travel agency Travelmore said they have booked reservations for fewer college students than usual this year.

Part of the reason why so few students are making plans to travel through South Bend Airport may be because the majority of

travel packages utilize charter planes that only fly between major airports such as Chicago's O'Hare and Midway. Carr said all Anthony Travel trips to Acapulco fly out of O'Hare because it is much less expensive than flying out of South Bend.

Bilinski said that while it may be somewhat more complicated to fly from Chicago, a few more hours of traveling did not discourage any members of his group from going to Costa Rica.

"We're driving to Chicago and then flying to San Jose. I don't think it discouraged anyone [because] we're going to have a good time no matter how we get there," Bilinski said.

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Stocks		
Dow Jones	10,678.14	+94.22
Up: 2,505	Same: 162	Down: 162
Composite Volume: 1,455,035,136		

AMEX	1,275.96	+21.55
NASDAQ	2,057.80	+27.98
NYSE	6,766.56	+74.19
S&P 500	1,155.97	+11.03
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,271.12	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	4,537.00	+44.80

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
INTEL CORP (INTC)	+1.68	+0.49	29.69
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.64	+0.17	26.70
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	+1.63	+0.21	13.08
SEPRACOR INC (SEPR)	+56.48	+15.99	44.30
SIRIUS SAT RADI (SIRI)	+2.04	+0/06	3.00

Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	+0.02	+0.01	48.58
10-YEAR NOTE	+0.20	+0.08	39.92
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.54	+0.16	29.61
3-MONTH BILL	+0.97	+0.09	9.36

Commodities		
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+0.70	36.86
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+2.80	399.60
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.275	97.30

Exchange Rates		
YEN		109
EURO		0.8031
POUND		0.5352
CANADIAN \$		1.337

IN BRIEF

Rise in U.S. stocks lifts dollar

LONDON — The U.S. dollar rose against other major currencies in European trading Wednesday. Gold prices fell.

The euro was quoted at \$1.2501 in late European trading, down from \$1.2658 Tuesday. Later, in midday trading in New York, the euro traded at \$1.2495.

Other dollar rates in Europe, compared to late Tuesday, included 108.95 Japanese yen, up from 108.13; 1.2570 Swiss francs, up from 1.2435; and 1.3370 Canadian dollars, up from 1.3307. The British pound was quoted at \$1.8750, down from \$0.1.8850.

Indiana's NICBCO lays off workers

ELKHART, Ind. — Sixty toolroom workers at a company that makes plumbing fittings have been told they are being laid off over the next ten months. The announcement Wednesday was not a complete surprise.

"They've been evaluating us for two years," Rick Cawley, president of United Steelworkers Local 14810, which represents the toolroom workers, told The Truth.

The toolroom workers, the remnant of a plant workforce that once exceeded 400 people, make plastic injection molds and tooling for stamping out brass and copper plumbing fittings for other NIBCO plants.

Grocery workers end their strike

LOS ANGELES — Long-idled Southern California grocery workers will soon be back stocking produce and manning checkouts after union members approved a new contract, ending a strike that inconvenienced millions of customers and cost millions more in lost sales.

After a two-day vote, 86 percent of grocery workers who cast ballots approved a three-year contract negotiated by the United Food and Commercial Workers union, concluding their five-month strike and lockout. The contract covers 70,000 workers, a majority of them employed by Albertsons Inc.; Kroger Co., which operates Ralphs stores; and Safeway Inc., which operates Food and Pavilions.

CORPORATE SCANDAL

Stewart defense receives attack

Prosecutor tells jury "Martha Stewart thought she would never get caught"

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Martha Stewart and her stockbroker concocted a flimsy cover story about why the homemaking icon sold her ImClone Systems stock and left a "trail of evidence" exposing their lies, a federal prosecutor said Monday in closing arguments.

In a methodical three-hour closing argument, prosecutor Michael Schachter told jurors that Stewart and broker Peter Bacanovic believed they would never get caught.

"But Martha Stewart and Peter Bacanovic were wrong," Schachter said. "They left behind a trail of evidence exposing the truth about Martha Stewart's sale and exposing the lies they would tell."

Stewart and Bacanovic face nine federal counts related to the sale of about \$225,000 worth of stock on Dec. 27, 2001, the day before the stock tanked on news that the government declined to review an ImClone cancer drug.

Prosecutors say Bacanovic sent word to Stewart that ImClone CEO Sam Waksal and his family were frantically dumping their own shares.

On Monday, Schachter tried to dismantle the centerpiece of the pair's defense — that they had struck a deal before Dec. 27 to sell Stewart's shares when ImClone stock dropped below \$60. The prosecutor called the story "phony," "silly" and "simply an after-the-fact cover story."

Bacanovic's lawyer fired back by attacking the credibility of the government's star witness and comparing the government's case with a house of cards.

"When you push on it, when you look at it closely, it collapses," Richard



Reuters

Martha Stewart arrives at a federal court in New York Friday for a hearing related to her securities fraud and obstruction of justice trial

Strassberg said. "Because it has no substance. It has no foundation."

Stewart took notes during the arguments and, as she has done throughout the trial, maintained a grim poker face. Her lead attorney was to make his case Tuesday, with the jury to begin deliberating as early as Wednesday.

The prosecutor listed seven reasons jurors would know the \$60 agreement is a lie. Among them: The pair has no record of having made the plan, other than a worksheet produced by Bacanovic with the notation "(at)60" next to ImClone stock — in a different ink from other marks on the page.

Schachter also listed inconsistencies — mistakes, he called them — in

the stories Stewart and Bacanovic told federal investigators looking into the ImClone trade in early 2002.

For example, Bacanovic claimed they had the \$60 conversation on Dec. 20, 2001. But Stewart placed it in late October or early November.

And Schachter said that Stewart's attempt to change the log of a message Bacanovic left her was evidence of a guilty conscience. Stewart quickly ordered her assistant to restore the message to its original wording, according to the assistant's testimony.

"This event is devastating evidence that she committed the crimes that she's charged with," he said.

Last week, U.S. District

Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum dismissed the top count of securities fraud, which accused Stewart of misleading investors in her own company when she claimed publicly that she sold ImClone because of the \$60 deal. The judge said the government had failed to provide enough evidence of criminal intent by Stewart. The dismissal left jurors to grapple with one central question — whether Stewart and the broker lied to the government about the stock sale.

The remaining counts against Stewart carry up to 20 years in prison, although federal sentencing guidelines could mean a sentence of just a year or so if she is convicted on all counts.

WALL STREET

Manufacturing stocks post gains

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average and Nasdaq composite index posted their strongest gains since early February on Monday on news that the improving manufacturing sector has managed to create jobs — a key piece of the economic recovery that, to date, has been lacking.

Manufacturing further expanded in February, although at a slightly slower pace than expected, according to the monthly report from the

Management. Analysts said the sector was consolidating its gains and preparing for stronger growth in the future.

Although the ISM's main business index fell to 61.4 in February compared with a revised 63.6 in January, analysts noted that the group's subindex for employment was surprisingly higher.

"This helps support the feeling that the employment picture is improving," said Peter Lunn, chief market strategist at Wall Street Access. "Everything will be good."

ing is that employment is getting better, but it's not where everyone wants it to be."

The Dow jumped 94.22, or 0.9 percent, to 10,678.14, its biggest one-day point gain since Feb. 11. The technology-focused Nasdaq rose 27.98, or 1.4 percent, to 2,057.80, posting its biggest gains since Feb. 6 despite concerns about the strength of semiconductor stocks.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 11.02, or 1 percent, at 1,155.97, posting its biggest one-day gain since Feb. 17.

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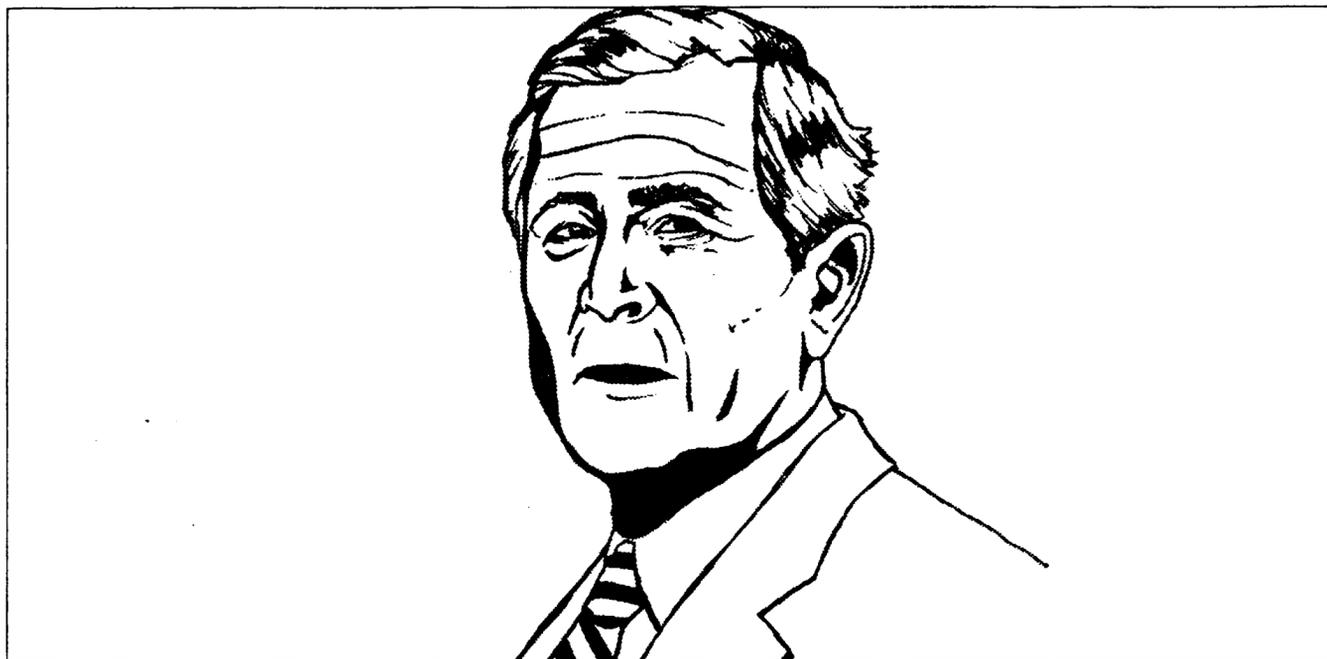
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Mr. President, where is the love?

Dear President George W. Bush, Four years ago, I was apathetic when you beat Al Gore to become President of the United States. Four years ago, I cared more about Paul Pierce joining the Celtics, the movie "Gladiator" and the new song "Country Grammar" by Nelly than your slim victory for the White House. Little did I know at the time that your election would prove the catalyst for my political awakening and engagement. And therefore, Mr. President, I want to begin by saying this: Thank you.

Peter Quaranto

A Call to Action

Sept. 11, 2001 was certainly the most important global event of my generation. I will never forget Mr. Donovan in calculus class telling us that two planes had flown into the World Trade Center towers. I will never forget sitting in Mr. Scanlan's history class when he told us, "Boys, the world will never be the same after today." I will never forget sitting at home with my brother and watching you address the nation. I remember being filled with pride, confidence and hope as you stood before me and told the nation that we would get through this traumatic day. I was proud, on that day, to be an American.

It was on that day, Mr. President, when you faced a choice. You faced a choice of using international law to mobilize the international community to combat terrorism or employing a unilateral approach of fighting terrorism. You faced a choice between bringing justice to these crimes against humanity through a military police force or using traditional war tactics to invade rogue states that could potentially harbor terrorists. Mr. President, you chose the latter, and I fear this may have been the most deadly decision of your adminis-

tration.

Since that decision, the United States has engaged in two wars, resulting in the deaths of at least 10,000 Iraqi and Afghani civilians and at least 750 U.S. troops. In the case of Iraq, it has recently been discovered that your claims about weapons of mass destruction were false. The United States has become occupier and parent to two troubled and unstable countries, which are soaking in tens of billions of U.S. taxpayer dollars and could easily become breeding grounds for terrorism. Osama bin Laden has not been caught, al-Qaeda remains relatively strong and the War on Terror has no end in sight.

Mr. President, on Sept. 11, the United States received the sympathy and support of the entire international community, giving us the highest international approval rating in U.S. history. Two years later, we have the lowest approval rating in U.S. history. Mr. President, I find myself hard-pressed to argue that you capitalized on the unique opportunities that the United States had post-Sept. 11 to work for a more safe, just and peaceful world.

Unfortunately, Mr. President, your foreign policy is not the only problematic element of your agenda. Under your watch, about three million Americans have lost their jobs, 2.5 million have lost their healthcare and two million have slipped into poverty. That is not to mention the other 35 million Americans who live daily in poverty, the more than 41 million Americans who live without healthcare and the 30 million Americans who suffer from hunger. Mr. President, where is the love?

Mr. President, the two most disconcerting policies that I am still trying to grapple with are veterans' benefits cuts, especially healthcare, and cuts in programs for civil servants, such as police officers and firefighters. I find it hard to reconcile your "support the troops" patriotic rhetoric with your

current policies that are cutting the legs from underneath the very defenders of American liberty and freedom. Mr. President, this sort of hypocrisy tears at the social threads that hold our country together.

I will not even begin to go into the problems of your current education system, your harmful environmental policies, your unrestrained support for the FTAA or your massive slashing of social programs for the poor and disabled. Mr. President, I will not even begin to address the fiscally irresponsible federal deficit that is projected to reach \$2.4 trillion over the next 10 years. Mr. President, where is the love?

Now, as we drive forward into this election year, you will most likely, with the help of Karl Rove, use your usual fear-tactics, "religious right" rhetoric and big business support to avoid addressing these real problematic elements of current U.S. society. Will the American public stand for this? We will find out in November.

Mr. President, I want to encourage you to use these next nine months to bring back the love that is so missing in our country right now. I want to encourage you to stop the cuts on social service programs, to work more closely with the international community on global issues and to empower the American people to rebuild communities committed to justice and equality.

Mr. President, where is the love? It's time that we get serious about building a country where the love is not so hidden.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on."

Robert Frost
poet

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student elections are comparatively good

So you say that student government elections are ineffective. Well, we beg to differ. Who are we, you ask? Well, we are those very same candidates you know and love from last year's election, the realistic ticket of the Triumvirate. Let's take a step back, shall we?

In order to get one's name on the ballot, it is required that one get 700 signatures. These signatures are required in order to show that the candidate has popular support from the student body. Before the Triumvirate, 300 signatures were required to prove student support. This is progress from apathy. Go figure. Anyhoo, try and remember that even at 300, though just about anyone and his cat could run for office, it's required that the students have popular support. This was not always the case. Let us look to this development throughout history.

Before Andrew Jackson in 1828, the electoral college in the United States worked poorly at best. The president was really chosen by the elites. In this system, Notre Dame's student body president would be elected by select administrators and student athletes.

Before declaring our independence, we were under the rule of England, and so in comparison, the student body president would be chosen by the Board of Trustees. Not to mention that then we would be, like England, the root of all that is evil.

The Founding Fathers were well aware of the Athenian Democratic phenomenon from the 6th to the 4th centu-

ry B.C.E. and wanted to make sure that we were as democratic as possible without being psychotic like those crazy Mediterranean lake dwellers.

Hence the representative democracy (more of a republic), rather than actual democracy, under which (if we applied the Athenian system) the student body president would be chosen at random from a lottery every day to head the Student Senate, which would have actual control. The senate, by the way, would also be chosen by lottery. This could lead to someone from the hellhole of Zahm leading, again leading us to be the root of all that is evil.

So why did those crazy Hellas come up with their system? Well, the whole

aristocracy thing wasn't really working for them, and with the importance of private property (the oikos, or Greek household) a democracy made sense.

Before that, the Greek world was in the control of Basileis, these head honcho type guys who had more than everybody else and were supposed to share the wealth. This worked as long as the Basileis didn't get greedy. The Basileis were the ones getting together making decisions, so again, the student athletes would be the ones calling the shots.

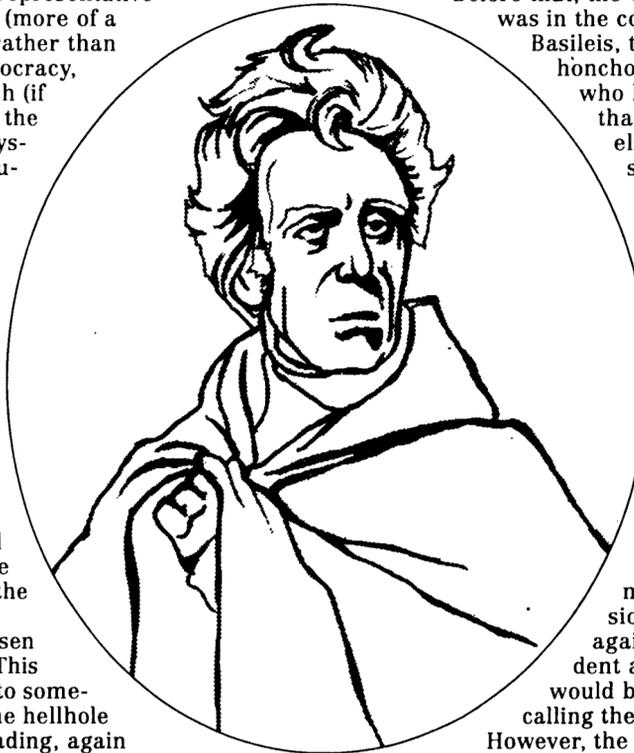
However, the problem with that is, when some uppity young stud comes and steals your woman, the rest of the Basileis have to come to your aid and a giant war

erupts (see Trojan War). Basically, if an athlete from Indiana University were to come and steal a Notre Dame athlete's girl, Notre Dame would go to war with IU. In large wooden horses. Of course, this begs the question of why you would try to steal a good Catholic girl as your sex slave when you could have a morally casual one without the expense of war from IU.

In conclusion, instead of focusing on how bad the electoral system is at Notre Dame, think of how good it is in comparison, and think about how bad it could be. Granted, we all want to start a war with IU and ride around in wooden horses, but it's one of those things we should all do willingly and for the right reasons, like IU being the root of all that is evil.

So next time you want to talk about the ineffectiveness of student government, think about the little changes that occur because of our marvelous system. Because of the magnificent success of the helper-monkey, chunnel-building ticket of the Triumvirate, you are now guaranteed to have more people run who are truly interested in making a difference, a difference that, thanks to our system, they can actually make.

Ryan Gagnet
 Stanford Hall
 John McCarthy
 Keough Hall
 seniors
 Feb. 29



Give Zahm Hall a chance

Zahm Hall, or "Zaam House" as its residents would prefer, is a very special place on campus. Being ever so conscious of the environment, Zahm is doing their part with the unparalleled number of beer cans it recycles in any given week. They provide a quiet haven for both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's girls who, because of the cold, just could not make it all the way to Turtle Creek. They look out for their fellow students by testing dining hall cups to assure they will not break if tossed down the stairs at NDH. Zahm is just looking out for our community here at Notre Dame.

Let us be blunt about this. Zahm is disliked. They are disliked by other male dorms and especially by the administration. I must admit, many of the displays Zahm makes are crude, even offensive. But I challenge you now to look past those for a minute, and try to imagine the spirit and community that is Zaam House.

The Zahm interhall hockey team "Fear" recently lost the championship game to Morrissey. An employee of RecSports came to the Zahm section during the game, and threatened to throw out the next person who picked up a parking cone to lead a cheer. He came back many times to check on the Zahm crowd. As the score grew in favor of Morrissey, the Morrissey crowd became increasingly rowdy, shaking the glass and yelling at the Zahm crowd, yes, through parking cones. RecSports was nowhere to be found. The fact is, Zahm residents accept the fact that they are as a unit disliked, and they indeed feed on it. The men of Zahm walked out of the JACC after losing the game chanting, "We're number two! We're number two!" Nowhere but Zahm have I seen such dorm unity and spirit, no matter the circumstances. They pack the stands at interhall games, stocked with cowbells, props and cheers galore.

The men of Zahm feel family ties to their dorm. They regard each other as brothers, and continually give each other unwavering support. At the preliminary rounds of Bengal Bouts, it seemed as if all of Zahm came out to see each Zahmbie fight. Every member of the Zahm crowd stood for the duration of each Zahmbie's fight. Win or lose, each fighter

received never-ending cheers, yells and support from his dorm.

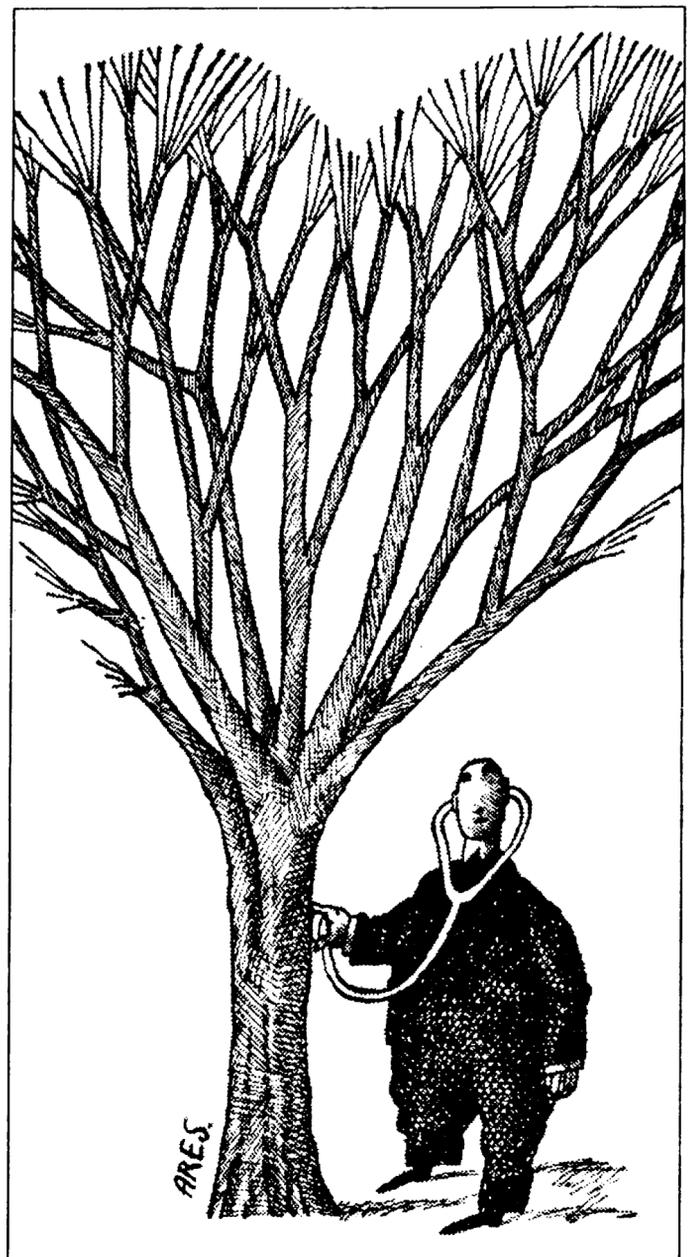
But Zahm does not revolve around sports and parties. They participate in many service projects, most of which go overlooked. Zahm has donated the most coats for Project Warmth two years in a row. This Thursday, Zahm residents will cook dinner for ex-convicts who are trying to reenter society at Dismus House, a service project the dorm is active in. Zahm is also active with the Robinson Community Learning Center and "There are Children Here," two after-school programs for local children.

The residence conditions at Notre Dame are truly unique from almost every major university in the United States, and many students have objections to Notre Dame's policies. Many people would like to see the University develop coed dorms or change the parietals policy. Whether or not this will happen in the future is beyond me. But the fact is, administrators have held strong with their policies because they believe they are essential to the University's current mission, both as a Catholic institution and an academic and social community. The University wants each dorm to become a community in itself, a place for each student to regard as their both their home and neighborhood. Dorm spirit is encouraged, and the University takes great pride in the spirit the students show for both their dorm and school. And yet the administration seems to have it out for Zahm. The fact is, Zahm is exactly what the administration claims it wants. They have unparalleled dorm spirit, they are not only a community but a family, and they are active in numerous charities and service projects.

No amount of dissent or ResLife letters can change the spirit and essence that is Zaam House. The administration and a wealth of students will continue to dislike Zahm. But it will only add fuel to the fire. Zahm will only cheer louder, party longer and work harder. Go ahead and dislike Zahm, just do not write them off.

Kim Fortelka
 freshman
 Lyons Hall
 Feb. 28

EDITORIAL CARTOON



A Spokesman for a Generation

By JULIE BENDER
Assistant Scene Editor

He's not the typical rock icon. In fact, he might more aptly be called the antithesis of rock 'n' roll. He's only 5-foot-6. He's a scrawny, pale-looking

thing who walks slightly hunched. His nose is hooked, his mouth sneering. He wears a harmonica strap around his neck and his right thumbnail is eerily long for the purpose of guitar strumming. And then there is the matter of his voice.

Bob Dylan

certainly doesn't look the part of the rock 'n' roll star, but his influence in the music industry is one that has had more power and sway than anyone could have predicted from a skinny kid out of Minnesota.

Starting Friday, that same skinny kid will be playing four dates in Chicago at different venues — the Aragon Ballroom, the Riviera Theatre, the Vic Theatre and Park West. These are just a few more stops on Dylan's so-called "Never Ending Tour" that he has been on since 1988. Following in the footsteps of country and blues artists before him, Dylan lives on stage doing one-night stands in various cities throughout the world. Such constant

touring is not to promote new albums, but rather to reshape and reinvigorate the art of live songwriting.

Although Dylan does not actually write new songs on stage, he reworks songs in his repertoire, changing lyrics, rhythms and instruments until the songs become almost unrecogniz-

able from their original form. Some fans dislike this and would rather the songs be played with strict adherence to their album versions. But the majority of Dylan fans love the game of trying to guess what he is playing. Often it isn't until the second or third verse that a familiar

lyric or guitar hook can be distinguished. It's all part of the strangeness that is Bob Dylan.

Born in 1941 in Duluth, Minn., Robert Allen Zimmerman had a rather uneventful childhood — one that certainly didn't reveal any clues about what his future held. He was the son of Jewish parents who owned a small furniture shop, and at the age of six he moved to the town Hibbing, near the Canadian border. By nine or 10, Zimmerman was teaching himself piano and was learning to blow on a cheap harmonica he had obtained. His interest in music took off from there. Zimmerman learned guitar and began forming bands with schoolmates throughout junior high and high school. His heroes were Little Richard, Elvis Presley and James Dean.

From leather jackets and motorcycles, Zimmerman entered the University of Minnesota and began to expand his interest in music to folk from the Great Depression era. He changed his name officially from Robert Zimmerman to Bob Dylan, and Woody Guthrie became a huge influence. When Dylan heard that Guthrie, whom he'd never met, was on his deathbed in New York City, Dylan packed up, left school and headed east to make the acquaintance of his folk hero.

With only his guitar in tow, Dylan hit the



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Bob Dylan has been a hugely influential force in music throughout the decades. Often labeled as the spokesperson for his generation, Dylan's lyrics remain a timeless articulation of humanity, society, politics and emotion.

Greenwich Village folk circuit that was fast becoming popular in early 1960s. Despite his odd looks and even odder, nasal voice, Dylan gained a devoted

following, playing folk standards and original songs that boasted a style all of his own. Irregular strumming, distinctive harmonica, and words jammed and stretched into precarious phrases became Dylan's trademarks. By the age of 20 he had a record deal and

had released his self-titled debut album. Pegged as the next Guthrie in the early quaking of Vietnam and the civil

rights movement, Dylan's words and songs became the guideposts of a slightly lost and chaotic generation. Songs like "Blowin' in the Wind," "The Times They Are A-Changin'" and "It Ain't Me Babe,"



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The Early Years



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1970s



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1980s

on: Bob Dylan

Essential Dylan

Five necessary albums for any music fan

gained him popularity and fame at an incredible speed, and folk music gained a new loyal following. Soon a host of other folk artists followed the route Dylan had paved including Joan Baez, Donovan and Gordon Lightfoot. But none of them would have quite the impact or prestige that Dylan embodied.

With so much success, Dylan pressed

on. He next ventured into the realm of rock 'n' roll, which had been inhabited by the Beatles up to this point. At the 1965 Newport Folk Festival, Dylan traded his acoustic six-string for a full-bodied electric guitar. He strutted on stage in leather, plugged in his guitar and launched

into the raunchy "Maggie's Farm." Folk purists were shocked, but this electrifying event forever changed the history of rock 'n' roll. From now on rock lyrics could be forceful and political. No longer did they have to have the simplistic boy-loves-girl themes. They could have power and become a dominant cultural force.

The release of Dylan's next albums Bringing It All Back Home, Highway 61 Revisited and Blonde on Blonde, revolutionized rock 'n' roll. His songs were not typical. They lacked melody, keen instrumentation, and good singing voice. None of this mattered, however,

when it came to Dylan's lyrics. It is no small feat to be the spokesman of generation, and that is the name often attributed to Dylan by those who were alive during his popular reign.

Many successful artists today credit Dylan with developing the importance of lyrics in songwriting. Bruce Springsteen, Tom Petty, the Dave Matthews Band and Ani DiFranco are just a small sample of musicians who claim Dylan as a hero. The Rolling Stones, the Byrds and even the Beatles owe debt to Dylan.

In fact, if it weren't for him, the Beatles might never have expanded their musi-

cal reach into psychedelia. In 1964, Dylan heard the song "I Want to Hold Your Hand" on the radio. He misheard the lyrics "I can't hide, I can't hide, I can't hide," thinking the Beatles were singing, "I get high, I get high, I get high." Dylan approached the Beatles at a hotel during one of their tours and pulled out marijuana, an unfamiliar substance to the band. Without this ini-

tiation by Dylan into the world of drugs, the history of the Beatles might be a little different.

Dylan's influence didn't just remain in the 1960s either. He has continued to release albums throughout all decades including Blood on the Tracks, Desire, and more recently Time Out

of Mind and Love and Theft. He has played the role of folk artist, rock 'n' roller, cowboy, recluse and gospel singer.

In his career Dylan has release over 40 albums, and is showing no sign of slowing down despite being 63. His songs continue to make their way into unsuspecting places and his words continue to inspire and articulate feelings thought inexpressible. Dylan is the bard of the modern era, the original Mr. Bojangles — song and dance man.

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1960s



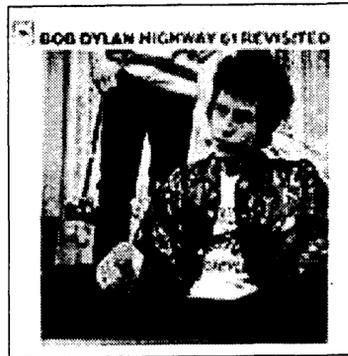
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1990s - 2000s



The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan
1963

The first of Dylan's albums to receive widespread attention, *Freewheelin'* includes songs "Blowin' in the Wind" and "Don't Think Twice, It's Alright."



Highway 61 Revisited
1965

Named after the highway running through Dylan's home state of Minnesota, this album includes "Like a Rolling Stone," "Just Like Tom Thumb's Blues" and "Desolation Row."



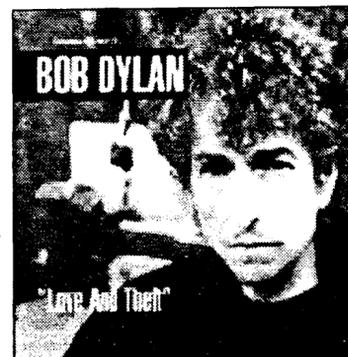
Blonde on Blonde
1966

In the words of Jack Black from the movie *High Fidelity*, don't tell anyone if you don't own this album. Key tracks include "Rainy Day Woman #12 and 35," "Visions of Johanna" and "Just Like a Woman."



Blood on the Tracks
1975

Written during the divorce process with his wife, Dylan made this album a melange of heartbreak, confusion, revenge and hope with songs like "Tangled Up in Blue" and "Shelter From the Storm."



"Love and Theft"
2001

On his most recent album, Dylan is loose and bluesy, singing with the aged voice of a man who has seen it all. Songs include "Honest With Me" and "Mississippi."

Bouts

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Dillon sophomore Tim Jaeger and senior Pedro Alves fought the night's second bout, and both fighters came out swinging. However, it was Alves who made the decisive connections. A right hook to Jaeger's head in the first round led to an eight count and in the second round, Alves picked up where he left off. Alves landed another right hook, but this time the blow would be decisive. After the eight count, Jaeger went to his corner, but the trainer could not stop his bloody nose. The referee stopped the contest at 1:06 into the second round and declared Alves the victor.

In a battle of North Quad, Stanford sophomore Michael "Soldier" Schmitt fought against Andrew McGill, a freshman from Zahm. These boxers fought with much more technical skill than the previous two and it was reflected in the closeness of the bout. Schmitt started the first round very aggressively, but McGill fought back, twice backing his opponent against the ropes in the second round. However, Schmitt adjusted and landed enough punches early in the third round to earn a split decision.

After his preliminary round victory, off-campus senior Lawrence Hofman looked to keep his winning ways alive against Alumni junior Michael Feduska. His chances got a big boost when he landed two big right hooks during the first round. Feduska found enough room to sneak in a few combinations but mostly remained on defense. However, Feduska made the bout close when he sent Hofman to a late eight-count

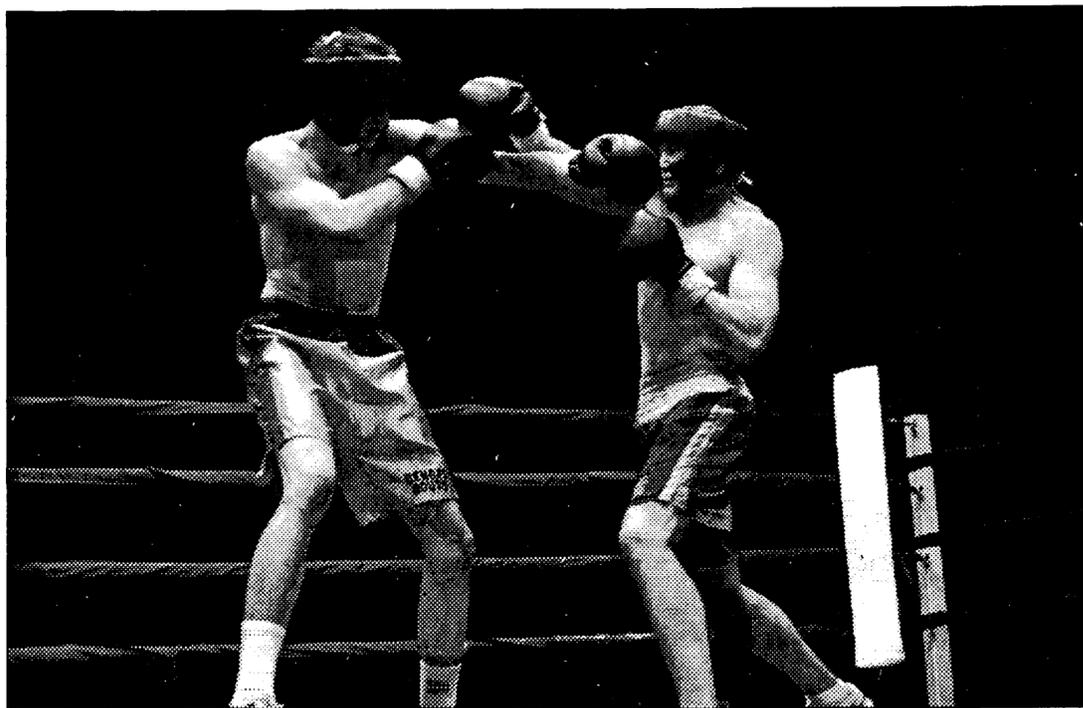
in the third round. It would not be enough for the judges who awarded Hofman a victory by split decision.

145 pounds

The title of intra-dorm supremacy was on the line when fellow Zahm residents senior Luke Dillon and freshman James Russell took to the ring. Russell landed a few jabs, even sending Dillon to his corner with a bloody nose. But in the end, Dillon proved too tough for Russell, securing a unanimous victory.

The next bout had the first significant height difference of the night when tall, lanky senior Mark Pfizenmayer took to the canvas against shorter Dillon sophomore Ed Liva. The difference did not initially bother Liva as the two exchanged blows during a close first round. Pfizenmayer, however, began to exploit his height and reach as Liva began to tire. Landing several second-round combinations, Pfizenmayer secured all the separation he would need. He kept Liva at arm's length for the rest of the third round and the judges awarded Pfizenmayer a unanimous decision.

Two evenly matched fighters clashed when off-campus senior Chip Marks met O'Neill sophomore Todd Strobel. The bout started with each boxer landing heavy punches. Strobel used a jab-hook combination while Marks countered with a sharp series of jabs. In round two, the two adopted different strategies as Marks attacked both the head and body while Strobel used his reach to strike with jabs to the head. Both fighters were visibly exhausted by the third round and Strobel whiffed on an uppercut that may have sealed a victory. But Strobel held on nonetheless and defeated Marks by split decision in the closest bout of the night.



MEGAN DAVISSON/The Observer

Mark Basola, left, blocks a punch from Sean Tucker Monday night during the quarterfinals of Bengal Bouts. Basola emerged with a split decision victory.

Off-campus senior Joe "The Iron Chef" Schmidlin hoped to cook up a win in his bout against Zahm senior Paul Robinson. Schmidlin went on attack first, but was not able to sustain it. Robinson's rally carried from the end of the first round into the second but the see-saw battle continued when Schmidlin put together a quick combination to end round two. However, Robinson would have the last word, and his jab-hook combinations were enough to earn him a victory by unanimous decision.

Keough freshman Clayton Lougee could not hit what he could not see against off-campus senior T.J. "Twinkle Toes" D'Agostino. The senior lived up to his nickname as Lougee struggled to connect against the dancing, weaving and blocking D'Agostino. Though D'Agostino's elusiveness began to wear down in the third round, he had built enough of a cushion to advance in a unanimously decided win.

150 pounds

The experience of senior David Harmon met all it could handle against freshman Jordan Runge. Runge attacked the senior right out of the gate with a combination of body shots and a big right hook. Harmon fought back in the second round and heavy blows were traded up through the third round. In a split decision, the freshman Runge prevailed.

While the previous bout was close, there was no mistake in the bout between senior Jon Pribaz and St. Edward's freshman Jon Brewis. Brewis was unable to do much as Pribaz chased him around the ring. But neither boxer was especially dominating until Pribaz uncorked a thunderous left hook that immediately toppled Brewis to the mat. The referee stopped the fight, and as a wobbly Brewis composed himself, Pribaz was declared the winner.

O'Neill freshman Brian Tyrrell and Dillon junior Galen Loughrey were the next into the ring. Neither boxer sustained an attack but Loughrey managed to connect on enough punches in the final round to secure his place in the semi-finals by a unanimous victory.

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BENGAL BOUTS 180-POUNDS — HEAVYWEIGHT

Christoforetti defeats Frisch in unanimous decision

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

To begin the 180-pound quarterfinals, Alumni junior Jim Christoforetti earned a unanimous win over Keough freshman Adam Frisch. Though Frisch delivered some key shots, Christoforetti displayed his boxing prowess with several potent hits in the third round.

In a split decision, senior Denis Sullivan edged out senior Brent Burish. Despite a slow start, Sullivan picked up the pace of the fight with a round of headshots to win.

The third fight of the division saw senior Eric Callahan triumph in a unanimous decision against graduate student Josh Noem. Callahan brushed off Noem's shots and dealt a mix of uppercuts and headshots to win.

Finally, senior Larry Rooney outlasted Siegfried junior Chris Henschen in a split decision, as Rooney landed a right hook to end the intense fight.

Light heavyweight

Senior William Zizic emerged with a win over Stanford junior Mike Abel when the match was stopped at 1:20 in the first round after Zizic administered a series of headshots, leaving Abel dazed.

Keough sophomore Bryan

Bylica followed the fight by overcoming senior Padraic McDermott in a unanimous decision. Bylica gained control of the match's tempo and McDermott couldn't come back.

Morrissey sophomore Chris Cavanaugh's match against Alumni sophomore Jeff Golen resulted in a split decision in Cavanaugh's favor after he dominated the second round.

The match between O'Neill

sophomore Johnny Griffin and Stanford freshman Eric Retter ended at 1:20 in the second round in favor of Griffin.

Heavyweight

Rounding out the quarterfinals, Zahm sophomore Nathan Schroeder defeated Knott junior Mika Tennant in a unanimous decision, using a mix of head and body shots.

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team	conference	overall
1 Connecticut	12-3	24-5
2 Pittsburgh	11-3	25-3
3 Providence	11-3	20-5
4 Syracuse	9-5	19-6
5 Seton Hall	9-6	19-8
6 Boston College	8-6	19-8
7 Rutgers	7-7	16-9
8 NOTRE DAME	7-7	14-11
9 West Virginia	6-8	14-11
10 Villanova	6-8	13-13
11 Virginia Tech	5-9	12-13
12 Georgetown	4-10	13-12
13 Miami (Fla.)	3-11	13-15
14 St. John's	1-13	6-19

Big East Women's basketball

team	conference	overall
1 Connecticut	13-2	23-3
2 NOTRE DAME	11-4	18-9
3 Villanova	11-4	21-5
4 Miami	10-5	21-5
5 Boston	10-5	20-6
6 College	10-5	19-8
7 West Virginia	9-6	17-10
8 Rutgers	9-6	20-6
9 Virginia Tech	7-8	13-13
10 Seton Hall	6-9	14-12
11 Georgetown	4-11	10-16
12 St. John's	3-12	6-19
13 Syracuse	2-13	6-19
14 Pittsburgh	0-15	4-22

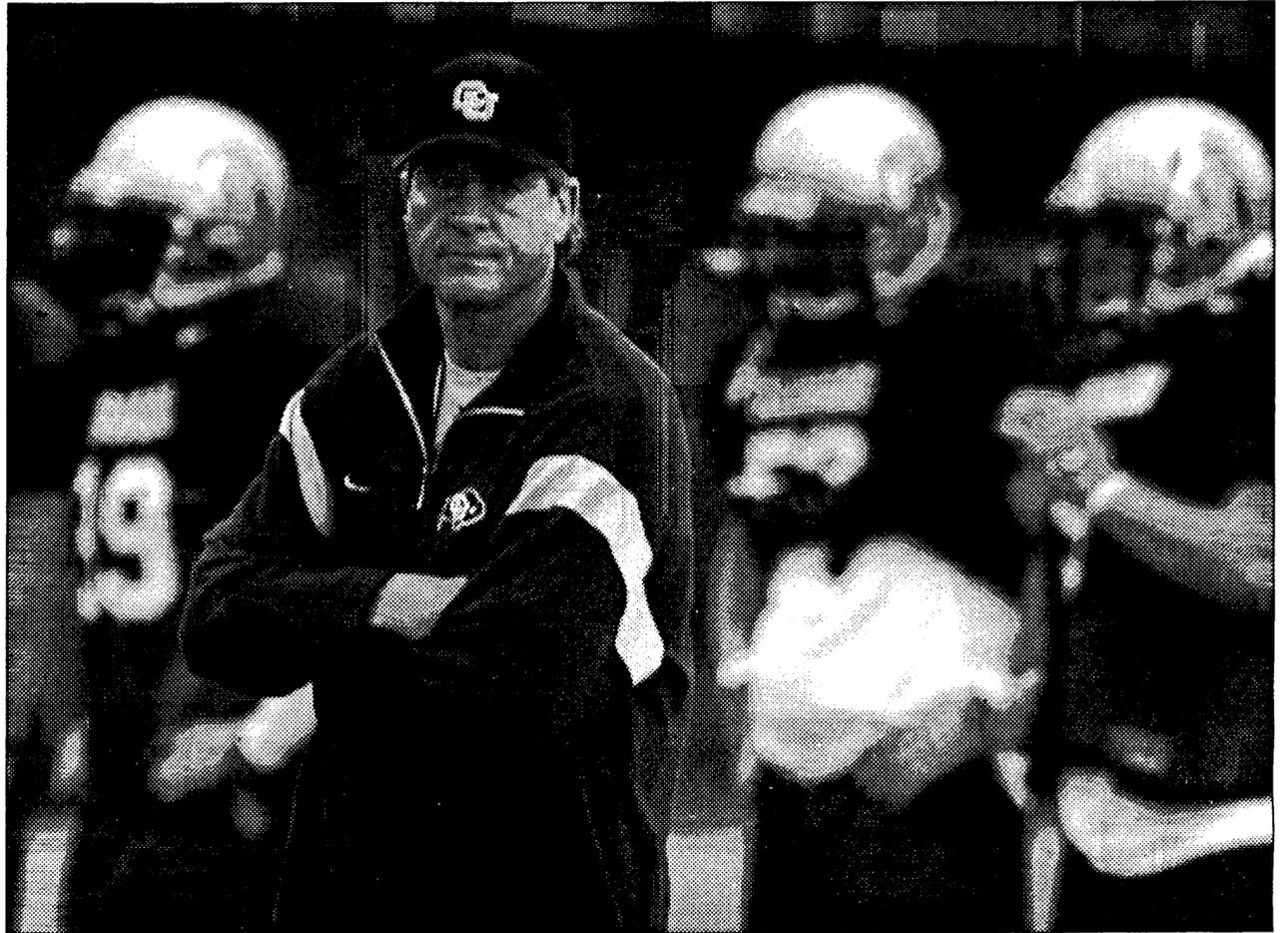
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1 Stanford	13-2	1
2 Rice	7-2	2
3 Louisiana State	9-1	3
4 Texas	15-2	6
5 South Carolina	9-0	7
6 Miami	7-3	4
7 Long Beach State	9-3	8
8 Tulane	8-1	9
9 Auburn	9-1	10
10 Arizona State	12-2	12
11 NOTRE DAME	6-0	19
12 Mississippi	6-0	18
13 Georgia Tech	6-3	5
14 Texas A&M	12-1	20
15 Wichita State	0-0	14
16 Arizona	7-5	16
17 Cal State Fullerton	8-8	13
18 Clemson	2-3	11
19 Oklahoma	8-1	NR
20 Florida Atlantic	12-1	21
21 East Carolina	12-0	NR
22 Florida	10-3	22
23 Nebraska	5-1	23
24 North Carolina State	7-0	24
25 Baylor	4-5	15

CCHA Hockey

team	conference	overall
1 Michigan	18-7-1	23-10-1
2 Miami (OH)	16-7-3	19-11-4
3 Michigan State	16-9-1	20-15-1
4 Ohio State	15-11-0	20-14-0
5 Alaska Fairbanks	14-13-1	15-16-1
6 NOTRE DAME	13-10-3	17-11-4
7 Western Michigan	12-12-3	16-15-4
8 Northern Michigan	11-13-2	16-14-4
9 Bowling Green	8-13-6	10-16-9
10 Ferris State	10-15-1	15-16-3
11 Lake Superior	6-15-5	8-17-7
12 Nebraska-Omaha	5-19-4	7-22-5

NCAA FOOTBALL



Colorado coach, Gary Barnett, has found himself in the middle of recruiting scandal where high school football players were allegedly offered women and alcohol during university visits. Reuters

House seeks hearing for recruiting scandal

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two House Democrats pressed for congressional inquiries into allegations of sexual misconduct and recruiting tactics in the Colorado football program and in college sports nationwide.

Michigan Rep. John Conyers, the senior Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, said Monday that recruiting practices at Colorado and elsewhere are "spiraling dangerously out of control." He requested that the committee conduct a hearing on the matter.

"The concept of women

as a reward for male athletes is a rampant attitude throughout both college and pro football," Conyers wrote in a letter to committee chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis. "This committee should take the opportunity amidst all this scandal to examine whether or not our laws are adequately protecting both the safety and equality of women on campus."

Likewise, Colorado Rep. Diana DeGette said Monday that she is working with leaders of the House Energy and Commerce Committee to mount an investigation into recruiting in college sports across the

country.

"I am very concerned that the recruiting problems alleged to have taken place in the University of Colorado's football program are not isolated to either CU or college football," she said. "These allegations may reflect a much wider problem."

A spokesman for Sensenbrenner, who is in Wisconsin, could not immediately say if the congressman had seen Conyers' request.

A month ago, three women filed federal lawsuits alleging they were raped by football players or recruits in 2001. The

women say the school failed to control its athletes and fostered an environment that contributed to the assaults.

In all, seven women have accused football athletes of sexual assault since 1997, though no charges have been filed.

In a deposition released last month, Boulder prosecutor Mary Keenan said she put the school "on notice" in 1998 to stop using women and alcohol to lure recruits, a practice the university denies. Reports have cited instances where escorts and strippers were used to lure recruits.

IN BRIEF

Bettis takes big pay cut to stay with Steelers

PITTSBURGH — Jerome Bettis, the sixth-leading rusher in NFL history, agreed Monday to take a significant pay cut to return to the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Bettis and the Steelers worked out a one-year contract that will pay him \$1 million, with the chance to earn an additional \$1 million in incentives.

Bettis was to have made \$3,757,000, plus a \$750,000 roster bonus, as part of the \$30 million, six-year contract he signed in 2001. That deal included a \$6 million signing bonus, but there is no signing bonus in his newest agreement.

Bettis and agent Lamont Smith spent the last several weeks trying to work out a restructured deal that would keep the 32-year-old Bettis in Pittsburgh.

"I still think I can get it done. I still think I can play this game," Bettis said.

Panthers agree to 5-year extension with Smith

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Steve Smith agreed to a five-year contract extension with the Carolina Panthers on Monday after leading the NFC champions in receiving last season.

Contract details were not disclosed, but Smith's agent Derrick Fox said the deal includes a team option for a sixth season.

He made the Pro Bowl as a return man as a rookie, but wouldn't settle for being pigeonholed in that role simply because at 5-foot-9 and 185 pounds he was considered too small to play receiver.

Smith led the Panthers last season with 88 catches and 1,110 yards receiving.

Webber's high school refuses to forfeit titles

BEVERLY HILLS, Mich. — Chris Webber's high school refused Monday to forfeit three state championship basketball titles he helped win, a day

after the Michigan High School Athletic Association ruled he should not have been allowed to play because of his relationship with a former Michigan booster.

The Sacramento Kings star violated his amateur standing and was ineligible during the time he played at Detroit Country Day, the governing body said Sunday. The association had left it up to the school to decide whether to forfeit games in which Webber played.

Country Day Headmaster Gerald Hansen said there was no trustworthy basis to support the MHSAA's claim that Webber was ineligible.

"The assertion is based upon unproven innuendo, suspicion and speculation," said Hansen.

"Because Country Day has been given no credible evidence that Mr. Webber violated his amateur status while a student here, the school felt obligated to fight to retain the championships and to protect the school's interests."

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teristically struggled for singles wins. The No. 1 matchup was closer than the score reflected, with Scott losing in a 6-4, 5-7, 6-2 match to Wurtzman, the nation's No. 2 singles player.

At No. 2 singles, D'Amico defeated Atas — ranked No. 50 in the nation — in straight sets 7-6 (7-5), 6-2. Stephen Bass beat Chris Klingemann in a No. 3 match where the Irish freshman played tough.

But things turned difficult for the Irish as Dennis Mullings defeated King in straight sets at No. 4 and Wilson came back to beat Keckley 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

The score stood tied at three as the No. 6 doubles match between Mertens and Eric Langenkamp continued well after the conclusion of the rest of the singles. Langenkamp battled back from a one-set deficit in a thrilling tiebreaker, but eventually lost in the third set. The loss clinched the match for Ohio State.

"The match against Ohio State was our best match all year," Bayliss said. "It's unfortunate when you play your best, and it's just not good enough."

The script was much the same Sunday, as the Irish took the doubles point, but lost 5-2 to Big East rival Miami.

"This was the best we played in all three doubles all year," said Bayliss. "Things are looking up there."

The D'Amico-Keckley duo beat Tim Krebs and Colin Purcell in the closest of the matches, winning 8-5. Haddock and Scott defeated Josh Hoyes and Jeremiah Fuller 8-3, and Bass and Langenkamp defeated Josh Cohen and Eric Hechtman at No. 3.

"I felt great after doubles," Bayliss said. "You have to give Miami credit, they really stepped it up a level in singles play and just took it to us."

Bass proved to be the team's most consistent singles player this weekend, taking Hoyes in straight sets with a score of 7-5, 6-2. Bass improved to 8-3 in dual matches this season, earning a 3-2 record playing up a spot at No. 3.

However, No. 2 D'Amico and No. 4 King quickly left the courts with losses, and No. 1 Scott dropped a difficult match to Cohen. Pressure then moved to Keckley at No. 5, who kept Notre Dame's hopes alive by battling into a third set against Purcell. But the Miami player prevailed, clinching the match for the Hurricanes.

Attention was again focused on Langenkamp, who won a second-set tiebreaker to take the match against Fuller into a third set. The Hurricanes were again victorious, however, with Fuller defeating Langenkamp in a third-set match tiebreaker.

"In every loss, you have to find a way to make it positive," Bayliss said. "Sometimes you have to bend a little before you toughen up — hopefully we respond to this in the right way."

The Irish have their last scheduled home match against Michigan State at 4 p.m. today at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

OHIO STATE 4, NOTRE DAME 3 at the ECK PAVILLION

SINGLES

No. 1: Jeremy Wurtzman (OSU) d. Matthew Scott (ND) 6-4, 5-7, 6-2
No. 2: Brent D'Amico (ND) d. Joey Atas (OSU) 7-6 (7-5), 6-2
No. 3: Stephen Bass (ND) d. Chris Klingemann (OSU) 5-1, 2-6, 3-

No. 4: Devin Mullings (OSU) d. Barry King (ND) 6-2, 7-5
No. 5: Ross Wilson (OSU) d. Ryan Keckley (ND) 2-6, 6-4, 6-4
No. 6: Dennis Mertens (OSU) d. Eric Langenkamp (ND) 6-4, 6-7 (4-7), 6-2

DOUBLES

No. 1: D'Amico/Keckley (ND) d. Atas/Wurtzman (OSU) 8-6
No. 2: Haddock/Scott (ND) d. #19 Scott Green/Wilson (OSU) 9-7
No. 3: Brenton Contini/Mertens (OSU) d. King/Paul Hidaka (ND) 8-2

MIAMI 5, NOTRE DAME 2 at the ECK PAVILLION

SINGLES

No. 1: Josh Cohen (UM) d. Matthew Scott (ND) 6-2, 6-3
No. 2: Eric Hechtman (UM) d. Brent D'Amico (ND) 6-3, 6-3
No. 3: Stephen Bass (ND) d. Josh Hoyes (UM) 7-5, 6-2
No. 4: Tim Krebs (UM) d. Barry King (ND) 6-2, 6-3
No. 5: Colin Purcell (UM) d. Ryan Keckley (ND) 6-4, 4-6, 6-1
No. 6: Jeremiah Fuller (UM) d. Eric Langenkamp (ND) 3-6, 7-6 (7-4), 1-0 (10-7)

DOUBLES

No. 1: D'Amico/Keckley (ND) d. Krebs/Purcell (UM) 8-5
No. 2: Haddock/Scott (ND) d. Hoyes/Fuller (UM) 8-3
No. 3: S. Bass/Langenkamp (ND) d. Cohen/Hechtman (UM) 8-4

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CLUB SPORTS

Women's hockey sweeps Michigan

Special to The Observer

Season long frustration and disappointment was swept away this weekend as the women's ice hockey club enjoyed the finest moment in the three-year history of the club. Entering this weekend, the club had only registered two league victories since the formation of the club, and faced the daunting task of playing two games with Michigan. Injuries and obstacles forged a resilient attitude and the resolve was rewarded as the Irish swept Michigan 4-3 and 3-2.

The Irish found themselves down 2-0 just eight minutes into the first period of the opener. But freshman Julia LaPointe, on assists from Tori Blainey, Emmy Venechuk and Jacky Kehler, registered a second period hat trick to tie the score at three heading into the final period. In a taut defensive third period, the Irish were disciplined in assisting goalie Becca Frigy,

who again played great in goal. With 1:45 remaining in the game, Nell Ryan found Blainey with a pin point pass and Blainey found the back of the net for the deciding goal.

The momentum carried over to Sunday as the Irish jumped out to a 1-0 first period lead on an unassisted goal by LaPointe. LaPointe scored the only goal for either team in the second period as well, assisted by Kehler and Kate Abowd. The Irish jumped out 3-0 in the third period as Kehler scored the eventual game winner, assisted by LaPointe and Holly Law.

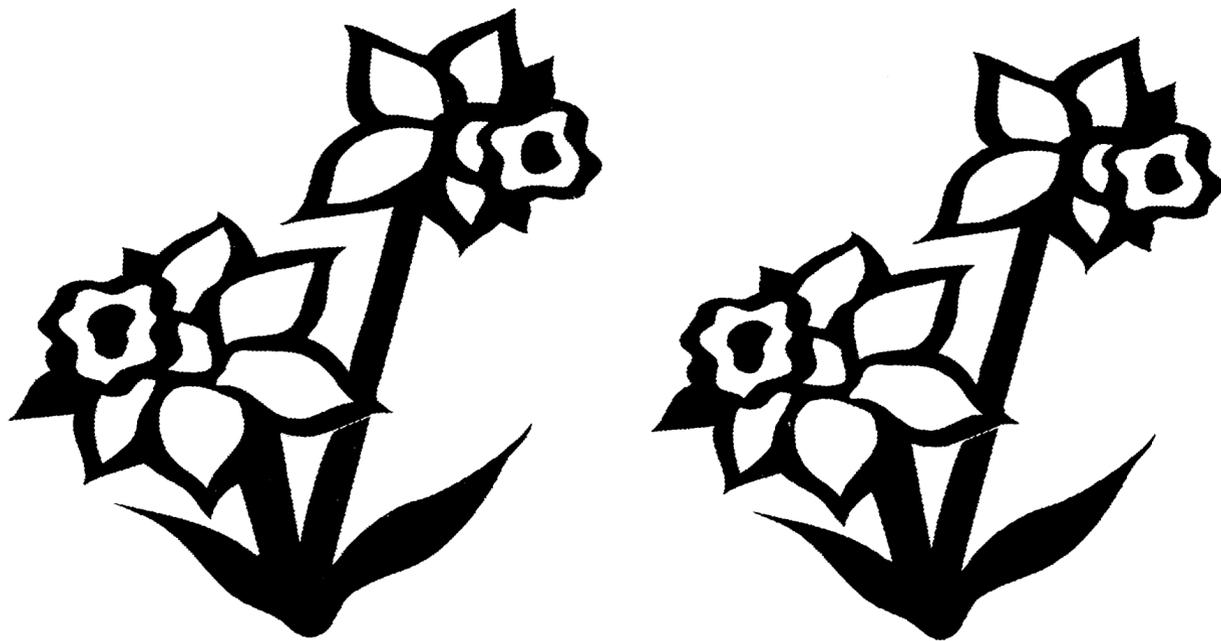
Men's volleyball

A resilient men's volleyball squad bounced back to claim the consolation title at the Hoosier-Illini Classic. After a dismal 1-4 start on Saturday, the Irish stormed back to win, five consecutive matches on Sunday and claim the Silver Bracket championship.

In Saturday's pool play, the Irish opened with losses to Indiana, 25-16, 25-20 and

Virginia Tech, 25-22, 25-19. A 25-13, 25-17 victory over South Carolina was the only opening day highlight, as the Irish followed with two close losses to Vanderbilt, 25-22 and Illinois State, 20-25, 25-17, 15-9.

But the sun rose on Sunday and so did the Irish as they wasted no time in polishing off Morehead State, 25-8, 25-10. The Irish then edged Missouri in a back and forth match, 25-22, 17-25, 16-14 and cruised to a 25-18, 25-21 win over Delaware. This set the stage for a semifinal showdown with top seeded Eckerd. Behind the impenetrable blocking of Ryan Goes and Mike Giampa, the Irish fought their way to a 25-23, 25-21 upset and a berth in the finals where they would meet Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The dynamic duo of setter Dan Zenker and outside hitter Brian Michalek set the tempo in a 14-25, 25-21, 15-13 comeback to claim the bracket championship.

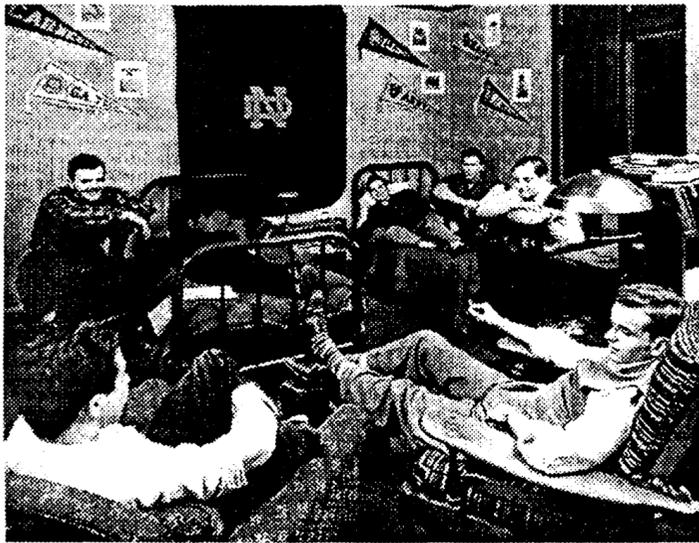


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ND Women's Tennis

Competitive Irish excel this weekend

No. 20 Notre Dame defeats Indiana 5-2 at home Sunday

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Ask coach Jay Louderback to describe the Irish, and he will be quick to emphasize their competitive spirit.

"They like to compete," Louderback said. "A competitor is someone that plays for every point. They're not afraid to take a chance. When it's a tight match, they're not afraid to be aggressive and come into the net. If they're in trouble, they play defensively to get the ball back and make their competitors work."

No. 20 Notre Dame (7-1) proved they were deserving of Sunday afternoon's description of Louderback's outlasting Indiana 5-2. They claimed the doubles point — something that has been critical this season — and four of the six singles points against the No. 26 Hoosiers.

"All of our kids played very well this meet; they were very poised, even under pressure," Louderback said. "Our two doubles teams started off a little slow, but fought their way back into it."

No. 42 Catrina Thompson and Christian Thompson delivered the first win for the Irish 8-4 versus No. 45 Karie Schlukibir and Linda Tran at the No. 1 spot. The Thompsons are 6-2 this season in doubles matches and have won three of the last four matches against ranked opponents.

At No. 3, junior Sarah Jane Connelly and sophomore Kristina Stastny clinched the doubles point after defeating Laura McGaffigan and Dora Vastag 8-6.

"We played well early on," Louderback said. "Our No. 3 doubles came through and

played well when we needed it. We've always gotten the doubles win at No. 2, but we had some trouble there this week. It was good to see the other two doubles teams step up and really come through."

The Irish also fared well in singles with wins at the Nos. 1, 3, 5 and 6. At No. 1 singles, No. 17 Salas bested No. 30 Dora Vastag 6-0, 6-2. Salas now has an 11-5 record against ranked opponents this season. At No. 6, Stastny defeated Grimm 6-3, 6-0, while Catrina Thompson secured the win for the Irish with a clinching 6-3, 6-2 defeat of Batty at No. 3. Sarah Jane Connelly rounded out the singles wins with a 7-5, 6-3 victory over Schlukibir.

Last week, Louderback predicted that the Irish would face tough matches at every position and he was right.

The last two matches were settled in match tiebreakers. Tran edged out Christian Thompson at No. 2 and Lauren Connelly suffered her first loss of the season in a 5-7, 6-4, 1-0 (10-8) decision to McGaffigan.

"This meet was a boost of confidence for us," Stastny said. "Every time we play, we grow closer and closer as a team."

**NOTRE DAME 5, INDIANA 2
at the ECK PAVILLION**

SINGLES

- No. 1: Alicia Salas (ND) d. Dora Vastag (IU) 6-0, 6-2
- No. 2: Linda Tran (IU) d. Christian Thompson (ND) 7-5, 4-6, 1-0 (10-8)
- No. 3: Catrina Thompson (ND) d. Sarah Batty (IU) 6-3, 6-2
- No. 4: Laura McGaffigan (IU) d. Lauren Connelly (ND) 5-7, 6-4, 1-0 (10-8)
- No. 5: Sarah Jane Connelly (ND) d. Karie Schlukibir (IU) 7-5, 6-3
- No. 6: Kristina Stastny (ND) d. Martina Grimm (IU) 6-3, 6-0

DOUBLES

- No. 1: Thompson/Thompson (ND) d. Schlukibir/Tran (IU) 8-4
- No. 2: Batty/Grimm (IU) d. L. Connelly/Salas (ND) 8-6
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BENGAL BOUTS 153-POUNDS — 170-POUNDS

No. 1 Duffey lands quarterfinal win

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

The 153-pound quarterfinals started with a win for senior J. Ryan Duffey. The No. 1 seed Duffey defeated Dillon sophomore Michael Dolan. St. Edward's junior Bobby Gorynski also collected a win over O'Neill senior Nathan Schomas.

The next fight resulted in a unanimous decision in favor of off-campus junior Tim Huml, who defeated off-campus senior Don Zimmer after delivering several headshots.

Dillon sophomore Joe Rehmann then faced Alumni senior Corey Harkins. Harkins took over in the second round to earn a unanimous decision.

155 pounds

O'Neill junior Nathan Lohmeyer defeated Zahm sophomore Paul Hagan in a unanimous decision. Lohmeyer delivered a battery of hits in all three rounds.

In a split decision, Keough sophomore Mark Basola was victorious over Keenan senior Sean Tucker. Basola returned with renewed energy and doled out a series of quick hits in the third round.

Junior Mike Panzica earned a split decision over Siegfried senior Ted Volz. Panzica threw a jarring shot to Volz at the end of the fight to sway the decision in his favor.

Zahm freshman Adam Burns started off strong against off-campus senior Brandon Gasser, swarming Gasser with several shots to the head during the first round. Gasser gained control of the bout in the second round and earned the win.

160 pounds

Fisher junior Colin Kerrigan received a unanimous decision over Morrissey freshman Christopher Calderone. What seemed at first to be an evenly matched fight turned into just the opposite, as Kerrigan dominated the last two rounds.

Senior Alex Roodhouse followed with a win over Siegfried freshman Nathan Dyer. The match ended at 1:05 in the second round when Roodhouse overwhelmed Dyer.

O'Neill junior Justin Alanis won his match against Alumni sophomore Charlie Gough at 1:29 in the first round after he hit him in the nose.

Senior William Phillip overpowered Sorin sophomore Patrick Flaherty to end the match at 1:07 in the second round.

170 pounds

In a unanimous decision, senior Tommy Demko won the first match of the 170-pound weight division over Keough freshman Brian Sefton, with a number of forceful headshots.

Law school grad student Matthew Smith took the upper hand during the third round to defeat Zahm senior Patrick McGarry by a split decision.

The next fight resulted in a unanimous win for senior James Ward over senior John Wahoske.

Law student Brian Nicholson and senior Matt Knust were the last to fight. Knust was slow to get up from the mat in the third round, and Nicholson claimed the win in a split decision, finishing with three right hooks.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish defeat No. 14 Stanford 16-5

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

Nearly 11 months after No. 14 Stanford handed No. 17 Notre Dame a heart-breaking 14-13 double-overtime loss at Moose Krause Stadium, the Irish roared to a 16-5 triumph over the Cardinal.

The vengeful victory concluded an undefeated weekend in California for the Irish (2-0) who squeaked by California in an overtime thriller, 12-11 Friday afternoon before crushing the Cardinal (3-2) Sunday.

"Every single aspect of our game was clicking," coach Tracy Coyne said. "Any win is a good one, but we executed our game plan perfectly and we just played really well."

Senior midfielders Abby Owen and Meredith Simon each tallied four goals as the Irish jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the contest's first 18 minutes.

"It was huge [to take an early lead]," Coyne said. "To come out and dominate early really put Stanford in a position where they were playing catch-up, and it's hard to play your best in that situation."

Heading into halftime with an 8-3 advantage, the Irish allowed a Cardinal goal before rattling off six additional goals to put the game away.

Senior attackers Lauren Fischer and Kristen Gaudreau each recorded a pair of goals and junior goalie Carol Dixon



Senior Andrea Kinnik plays defense for the Irish against Team Canada earlier this season.

made nine saves to pick up her second victory in as many career starts.

In Friday's game against California (1-2), the Irish jumped out to 5-1 and 8-2 advantages before allowing seven consecutive goals to fall behind the Golden Bears 9-8 with only 8:39 remaining in the second half.

"[The Bears] are very athletic and very fast," Coyne said. "They have a lot of determination and heart. They've been down before and rallied back, so they had the confidence that they could do it."

The Irish quickly rebounded as Owen and Simon both found the back of the net on free position shots to give Notre Dame a one-goal lead with 4:21 left. Simon's go-ahead goal was the senior's third of the game.

But the Golden Bears refused to give up. Leanne Zilioli netted the game-tying score on a free position shot with only five seconds left to knot the score at 10 and send the game to overtime.

Owen took the game into her own hands in the extra period. The middle scored both Irish goals to complete the hat trick and secure a 12-11 opening day victory for Notre Dame.

"Overall, it was just a very good trip," Coyne said.

The Irish return to action Sunday when they welcome No. 15 Cornell in their home opener before heading to Orlando, Fla., to take on No. 4 Duke and No. 8 James Madison during spring break.

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games this season. "I am thrilled [for Senior Night]," Weese said. "It's amaz-

ing to hear people yelling your name and getting support from people in arena. Every chance I get to play, I love it."

While the Irish want to win for the seniors, they also need the victory to improve their Big East standings.

A Notre Dame victory would clinch second place in the Big East conference regular season standings and give the team the No. 2 seed in next weekend's conference tournament. The Irish are tied for second with Villanova but have the tiebreaker over the Wildcats because of a head-to-head win earlier this season.

Notre Dame defeated Syracuse

64-35 on the road Jan. 21 and the Orangewomen have lost 11 straight games since that defeat. McGraw said the key to stopping the Orangewomen is shutting down Julie McBride. McBride averages 16.8 points per game this season.

"Julie McBride is one of the best players in the league," McGraw said. "She is really important to their team and we can't let her get good looks."

The Irish will open up Big East Tournament play Sunday at either 6 p.m. or 8 p.m., depending on outcomes of other games.

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The lone Irish hit and run came from Stephanie Brown's solo blast in the fifth inning. The home run interrupted a stretch in which Green had struck out 10-of-15 Notre Dame hitters. Irish pitcher Steffany Stenglein held the Bulldogs at bay in the first two innings, but surrendered seven runs on nine hits, including two home runs.

Notre Dame 5, No. 24 Cal-State Fullerton 4

Despite Friday's late loss, Notre Dame rebounded Saturday, beating No. 24 Cal-State Fullerton. With the victory, the Irish jumped into the Silver Bracket, finishing pool play at 2-1.

The eight-inning battle was highlighted by Booth's complete game victory. She struck out 11 en route to winning her fourth game of the season.

"[Booth] really stepped up," Gumpf said of her starter that surrendered only one earned run in eight innings.

After the Titans (4-8) jumped out to a 1-0 lead, the Irish responded in the third inning with a solo home run from Nicole Wicks. The homer was her first hit at Notre Dame. Stephanie Brown followed Wicks with her own solo home run putting the Irish up 2-1. Brown later scored the run that put the Irish up 4-3. But the Titans responded with a run, sending the game into extra innings.

In international softball rules, a runner can be placed

at second base to start each inning in order to speed up the game.

In the extra frame, Sara Schoonaert was put on second and then sacrificed to third by Megan Ciolli. Schoonaert then scored on a passed ball and the Irish had the lead for good.

Notre Dame 10, Princeton 1

The Irish offense finally awoke in Saturday's second game. The Tigers were blown out in six innings after Ruthrauff drove in four runs while going 2-for-3.

"I think we were very solid defensively. We hit in situations and our pitching got us the ball game," Gumpf said. "Those are things that we have to have every game, and they all happened."

Stenglein took the mound for Notre Dame, and she was effective, giving up just one run in four innings.

Nicole DeFau was 3-for-3 with a double and two singles at the plate.

Notre Dame 1, No. 14 Nebraska 0

In yet another Irish upset, Notre Dame was able to hold off the No. 14 Huskers (8-7) for the second time this season. Booth led the Irish, scattering four hits, striking out five and walking only two to pick up her second straight complete game and her third victory of the tournament.

The only Irish run was scored in the top of the first when Brown led off with a bunt single. She was forced

out at second when Schoonaert attempted a sacrifice bunt. But Schoonaert moved to second when Ciolli grounded out, and scored when a pick off throw sailed into centerfield.

"We just played really well as a whole unit, and that is something that we haven't done consistently this year," Gumpf said.

Notre Dame 2, Georgia Tech 1

In the final game of the tournament, Notre Dame came away with yet another close victory. Stenglein shut down the Yellow Jackets (15-3), allowing only a first-inning run. She also struck out eight.

"Now she knows what she is capable of doing," Gumpf said of Stenglein.

The Irish scored on solo home runs by Wicks in the third inning and by Ruthrauff in the sixth inning. It was Ruthrauff's third home run of the tournament and ninth RBI.

Overall the Irish were happy to win the Silver Bracket, as they finished with four straight wins, two of them over ranked opponents.

"You have to play the best to be the best — we played some really good teams this weekend," Gumpf said. "By no means are we there yet, as we still have a lot of work to do. We have a long way to go to be great. We're a very good team right now, but we have a lot of work to do."

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Irish coach

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MEN'S GOLF

Gustafson in hunt for championship

By ANNIE BRUSKY
Sports Writer

One-and-a-half rounds of intense competition at the Cleveland Golf Collegiate Invitational Monday allowed the Irish to see how they compare with some of the best teams in the nation.

Sophomore Scott Gustafson stands only six strokes behind the leader after shooting a career-low 68 in the second round of the tournament.

The tournament was stopped because of darkness midway through the second round with 27 golfers, including two from Notre Dame, still on the course, Mark Baldwin and Eric Deutsch. They will resume play early this morning before the third and final round begins.

Notre Dame currently stands in 15th place in the 17-team field, following its 13-over-par 297 in the first round.

The tournament, held in Westlake Village, Calif., is hosted by USC and includes eight of the top 25 collegiate teams, including No. 2 UCLA, No. 6 Arizona State, No. 8 TCU and No. 10 Texas. Tennessee is the surprising first-round leader, leading Alabama by one stroke at 279.

"We're really excited to play against some of the top teams," Gustafson said before the tournament. "It's really good to test ourselves."

Gustafson holds a 36-hole

score of 141, 1-under par. He kicked off his personal-best 3-under par round with two consecutive birdies, and finished with five birdies overall, adding to an already solid opening round. His 2-over par 73 in the morning included an eagle on the par-5 eighth hole.

Gustafson leads the Irish, and he is joined by freshman Cole Isban and sophomore Tommy Balderston.

Isban sits at 11-over, shooting 153 (74-79), while Balderston is 12-over with a 154 (73-81). Both of the Irish golfers came out strong but struggled with bogies as the day progressed.

Sophomores Balwin and Deutsch have several more holes to finish in the second round, after both recorded a 6-over par 77 in the opening circuit.

"We really have to focus and bring our best game because we know all the other teams will," Gustafson said.

After one of the most successful fall seasons in school history and a second place finish at the Rice Intercollegiate nearly a month ago, this is the first real test of the spring season for the young Irish team.

"We always have high expectations," Gustafson said. "We have the talent to compete with anybody, it's just a matter of bringing our best game."

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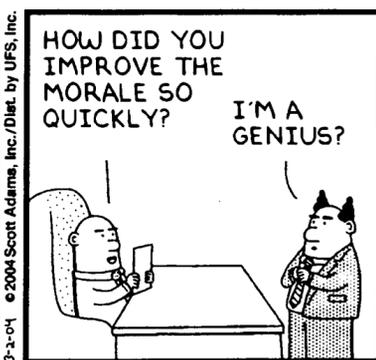
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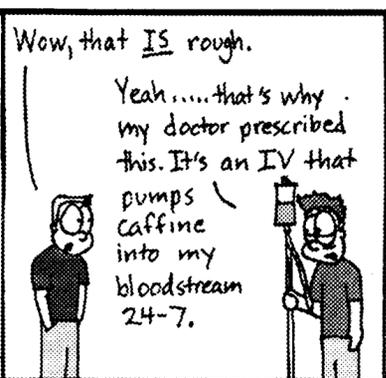
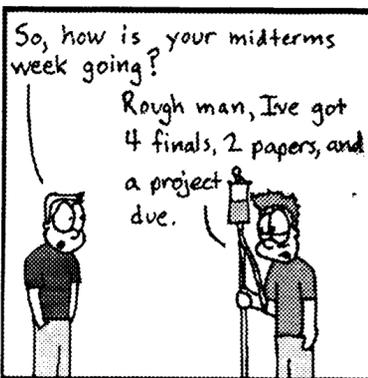
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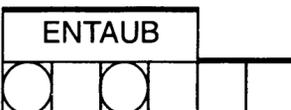
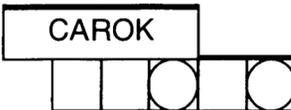
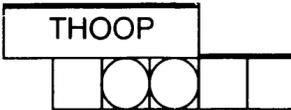
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

JUMBLE

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



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Answer: [Circled letters from puzzles] A [Circled letters from cartoon]

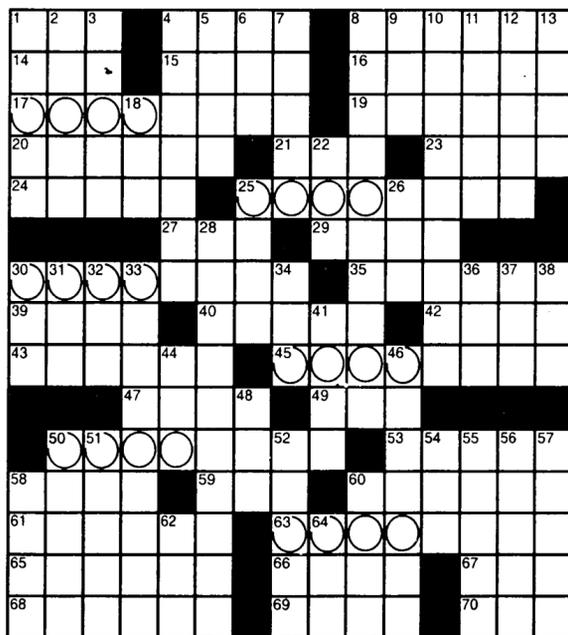
Yesterday's Jumbles: HOBBY SORRY DEFINE GROUCH Answer: When the steelworker dropped the water bottle, he was left — HIGH AND DRY

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Note: The circled letters will show a "change in the weather."

- ACROSS: 1 Punching tool, 4 Minus, 8 Purity units, 14 "Quiet down!", 15 Lie next to, 16 Supreme Egyptian god, 17 Summer weather phenomenon, 19 Dreadlocks wearers, 20 With little effort, 21 Itinerary word, 23 Nervous twitches, 24 Like an old cigar, 25 Repel, as an attack, 27 25-Down, e.g., 29 Within view, 30 Marina event, 35 Drum majors' props, 39 Basin accompanier, 40 Coeur d' Idaho, 42 Feminine suffix, 43 Arnaz and Ball's studio, 45 Eat quickly, 47 Pick up, 49 Bering, e.g.: Abbr., 50 Dark, heavy type, 53 A black key, 58 Colombian city, 59 Bruised item, maybe, 60 Automat, e.g., 61 Ersatz gold, 63 Winter weather phenomenon, 65 Launderer, at times, 66 Sheriff Taylor's son, 67 Former New York City mayor Beame, 68 Admits, with "up", 69 Not very much, 70 Part of CBS: Abbr., DOWN: 1 Hibachi residue, 2 Toast choice, 3 Tibet's capital, 4 Like the Wild West, 5 Popular site for collectors, 6 Ford Explorer, e.g.: Abbr., 7 Martin of "Roxanne", 8 Martial arts wear, 9 "I ___ Rock" (1966 hit), 10 Went back to the top, 11 Bit of silliness, 12 CD segment, 13 Get snippy with, 18 Up to, briefly, 22 Actor Holm, 25 High school subj., 26 Ovine utterance, 28 Some prom night drivers, 30 Hospital unit, 31 Have markers out, 32 Loser to D.D.E., 33 Lots and lots and lots, 46 Like most tires, 48 Baseball put-out, 50 Ballet rail, 51 "Stand and Deliver" star, 52 Après-ski drink, 54 McHenry and Sumter: Abbr., 55 Olin and Horne, 56 Sheikdom of song, 57 Pounds on an Underwood, 58 Salon creation, 60 Director Kazan, 62 Jackie Onassis' sister, 64 Make a choice



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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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EUGENIA LAST

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Happy Birthday: You'll have the best of both worlds this year. You can make career moves and enjoy the benefits that come along with them. You can do whatever you want and be successful if you put your mind to it. Your outlook and ideas will attract the kinds of people that will help you achieve your dreams. Your numbers: 2, 7, 16, 27, 34, 43

- ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can pick up some overtime today. Channel your energy and you will score points with your boss. You will not be able to depend on others. Be prepared to do things by yourself. *** TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make your arrangements carefully. Be sure to include the one you love. Insecurities will cause discord in your relationship if you aren't careful. Travel will bring excellent results. ** GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will be indecisive regarding your romantic partner. Too many choices will lead to confusion. You can expand your circle of friends if you join groups. *** CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may try to impress others by making donations that you can't afford. Opposition is likely if you decide to take an obvious course of action. Don't try to push your beliefs on others. ** LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Try not to exaggerate or promise unrealistic things. You may need to do some research. Don't take action until you are satisfied that you have all the facts. **** VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may be disheartened by your romantic partner. New potential mates are just around the corner. Be receptive to those you meet while in transit or attending educational pursuits. *** LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Relationships will develop through group activity. Beware of individuals who may want to take advantage of your good nature. You can't always get along with everyone. *** SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): New romantic encounters will develop through travel or friends. You may experience difficulties with older family members if they decide that they don't like the choices you're making. **** SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Do your own thing. Don't be concerned about the work you left behind. You should be focusing on your personal life and building a solid emotional base with that special person. **** CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your competitive nature will lead you to the winner's circle. You will enjoy sports events with friends but you should consider doing something special with the one you love. **** AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Include the whole family in your redecorating plans. They may not want to help but once they get into the swing of things they will feel the same satisfaction that you do. *** PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your social attributes with people will result in new romantic possibilities. You can get ready to celebrate your decision to take a new direction in life. Travel should be considered. ****

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Time to shine

Four Irish seniors start in their last regular season home game tonight

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Strangely enough, Senior Night should not be the final home game for four Irish seniors.

Notre Dame faces Syracuse tonight in the final regular season home game, but in the likely event the Irish make the NCAA Tournament, they will host the first two rounds at the Joyce Center. Still, for coach Muffet McGraw, tonight will be special.

"It's a really emotional night, especially with this class," McGraw said. "This has been a group that is just tremendous to work with. They've had great tremendous dedication, great work ethic, positive attitude — everything you can ask for in a player, they've got it."

Seniors Monique Hernandez, Jeneka Joyce, Le'Tania Severe and Anne Weese, along with junior Jacqueline Batteast will all start against the Orangemen. McGraw traditionally starts all her seniors on Senior Night.

Hernandez, after playing on the national championship team as a freshman, and missing most of her sophomore and junior seasons after leaving the team for personal reasons, returned to the squad this year to start in 13 games. She has been a solid defensive player and has shown scoring potential on several

occasions.

Joyce was battered through injuries throughout her career and missed all of last season because of various ailments. She has been a dangerous 3-point shooting threat during her time on the Irish and has made 43 percent of her 3-pointers this season. Joyce said Tuesday will be an emotional day.

"It will be kind of exciting and sad at the same time because I will be transitioning into other things, but this has been a part of my life for so long time," Joyce said.

Severe has started 59 games in the past two seasons after playing in every Irish game during her sophomore year. This season, Severe became the 15th player in Notre Dame women's basketball history to be named a two-time captain.

"I'm trying to not be emotional. [on Senior Night]," Severe said. "I want to finish out the season with a win and emotions can get in the way of that. ... It's been a great career."

Walk-on and fan favorite Anne Weese will get her first career start. Weese made the Irish squad last season, joining the team Jan. 7. She transferred from Seward County Community College where she helped her team to a 71-1 record in two years. She has played in nine

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Senior Le'Tania Severe dribbles against Valparaiso Nov. 15. Severe and the Irish face Syracuse tonight.

CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

MEN'S TENNIS

Irish drop two home matches

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

The locker room was quiet Sunday afternoon.

The tennis team had just dropped two close matches — one Saturday against No. 12 Ohio State and a crucial Big East conference decision to No. 33 Miami.

There wasn't much to say to the frustrated players.

"We lost two matches we really needed," Irish coach Bobby Bayless said after Sunday's loss. "We certainly really wanted to win them."

On Saturday, the Irish took the doubles point from the Buckeyes, winning at doubles for the third time this season. Although Barry King and Paul Hidaka dropped an 8-2 decision to Ohio State's Brenton Contini and Dennis Mertens at No. 3, Luis Haddock and Matthew Scott defeated the Scott Green and Ross Wilson duo at No. 2 and Brent D'Amico and Ryan Keckley clinched the point with an 8-6 win over Joey Atas and Jeremy Wurtzman at No. 1.

Ohio State's doubles teams were ranked No. 26 and No. 19, respectively.

But then the Irish uncharac-

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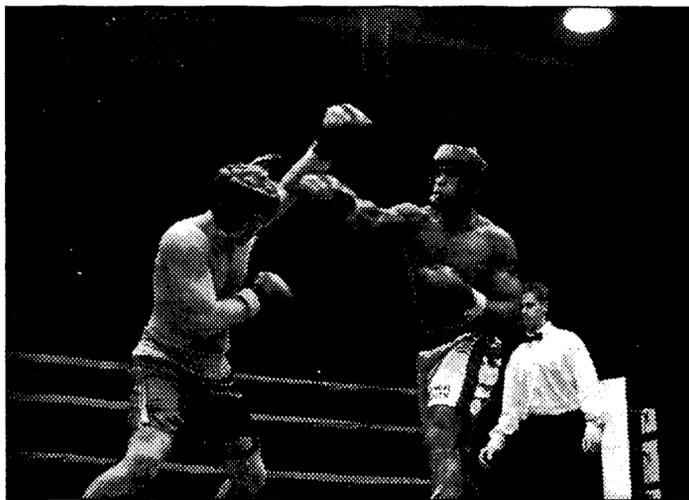
BENGAL BOUTS 140-POUNDS — 150-POUNDS

Valenzuela dominates in quarters

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

The ring lit up and the stands were filled as the 74th annual Bengal Bouts resumed for the quarterfinal round Monday night at the Joyce Center.

Boxers from the 140-pound weight class began the night when tested experience met exuberant youth. In the first bout of the evening, off-campus fifth-year senior Jon Valenzuela squared off against St. Edward's freshman George Hay. Valenzuela set the tone immediately, swinging early and often. He repeatedly backed Hay into the corners with various combinations. Hay managed to land a few defensive blows amidst the onslaught, but struggled to keep himself off the ropes. In the third round,



Johnny Griffn, right, takes a swing at Eric Retter in the quarterfinals of the Bengal Bouts Monday night.

MEGAN DAVISSON/The Observer

Valenzuela landed a vicious uppercut that sent Hay to an eight-count. The punch all but sealed Valenzuela's victory and he eventually won the bout by unanimous decision.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish knock off two ranked opponents

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

In their best performance at the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Leadoff Classic, unranked Notre Dame (10-4) knocked off two ranked teams en route to the Silver Bracket Championship.

"As a whole team, we played better," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "I think that carried us through some tough outings."

Notre Dame 2, Northwestern State 1

In the first game of pool play, the Irish escaped an early loss at the hands of the Demons (9-6). Sophomore

Meagan Ruthrauff's hit a two-run homer in the first inning, and that proved to be enough for pitcher Heather Booth. Booth was outstanding, holding the Demons to six hits in a complete game victory. The Irish needed Booth's effort, as they couldn't take advantage of every scoring chance they had after the Ruthrauff home run.

No. 6 Georgia 7, Notre Dame 1

In the nightcap, the Irish were blown out by a strong Georgia team, who was ranked No. 6 in the country heading into the tournament. Bulldog pitcher Michelle Green tossed a complete game one hitter with 11 strikeouts.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

MEN'S GOLF

Scott Gustafson is six shots behind the leader at the Cleveland Golf Collegiate Invitational after shooting a career low 68 in the second round.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame 16 Stanford 5

The Irish begin the season 2-0 after a latest victory over Stanford.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame 5 Indiana 2

Freshman Catrina Thompson leads the Irish after defeating both her doubles and singles opponents.

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CLUB SPORTS

The women's ice hockey team sweeps Michigan 4-3 and 4-2 over weekend.

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BENGAL BOUTS

No. 1 seed J. Ryan Duffey defeats Michael Dolan in a 153-pound quarterfinal match. Junior Jim Christoforetti defeats freshman Adam Frisch in the 180-pound division.

The winners of Monday's fights move on to Wednesday night's semifinals.

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