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IRAQ: ONE YEAR LATER

Students cope with family in Iraq

Editor's note: This is the first in a five-part series examining issues in the war in Iraq.

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

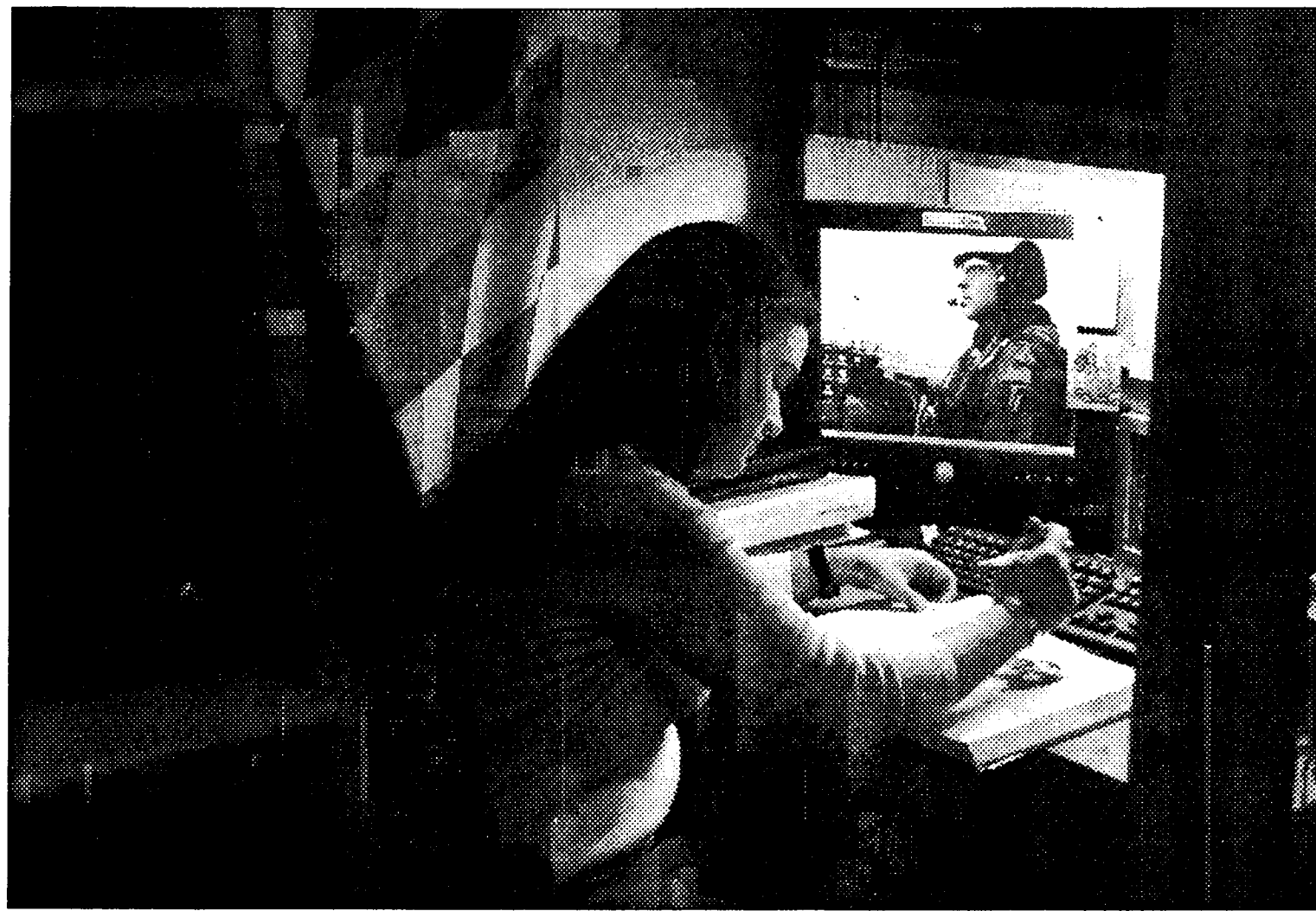
For most, the war in Iraq over the past year has been distant, only on television and in the newspapers. But for some, the fighting has hit too close to home.

Those with family members in the military who have been deployed to Iraq deal with uncertainty and frightening news reports every day, but somehow, they keep optimistic knowing that their loved ones are where they are needed.

"I think it brings more of a personal investment," said Erica Kane, a member of Notre Dame's Army ROTC, whose brother, Christopher, is a first lieutenant stationed in Baghdad. "When you watch the news or read the paper, it's not just something that is far away. It's close to home."

Christopher Kane graduated from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in the summer of 2002, after serving in the ROTC program. Now, according to Erica Kane, he is an armor officer, in command of a platoon of four tanks and 16 soldiers and has been in Iraq since May.

Sarah McMahon, also a member of Army ROTC, said



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Erica Kane's brother, Army 1st. Lt. Christopher Kane, is stationed in Baghdad. Kane, a member of Army ROTC at Notre Dame, said her faith helps her cope with her brother's absence.

that she tries to cope with her step-father, Lt. Col. David Convoy, a Notre Dame and Army ROTC graduate, being overseas by focusing on the positive aspects.

"He loves doing what he does," McMahon said. "He really believes in what the army does and what the mili-

tary does."

Convoy is working in Basra, Iraq in a civilian capacity as part of the Army Corps of Engineers.

McMahon said that when she found out her stepfather was leaving, she was upset, but remained grateful for his and others' sacrifices.

"I was worried for his safety, but glad that we're doing what we're doing and glad to be a part of what was going on," she said. "I'm definitely proud of him for volunteering and taking his responsibility well. But I'm still very scared

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Relatives deployed worldwide

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

During times of war, it's easy to concentrate only on the so-called "hot spots," the areas of the world where the fighting is occurring and American lives are being lost in seemingly rapid numbers.

But there are other places — places American soldiers live and work, away from their families and friends — that must also draw attention.

South Korea, for example, is temporarily home to many American military personnel, like sophomore Gretchen Ryan's older brother Nicholas.

1st. Lt. Nicholas Ryan graduated from the West Point Military Academy in 2002 and then spent time in Alabama attending helicopter flight school before being assigned to South Korea in December. Nicholas Ryan is in charge of distributing supplies to different units, according to his sister, and continues his pilot's training.

When the war broke out in Iraq last year, Gretchen Ryan said she was relieved knowing her brother had not completed his training and could not be shipped out.

"I knew he was still in training,

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Disability week aims to educate students

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

For senior Laura Hoffman, the efforts made during Disability Awareness Week to enlighten the campus about the realities of those with disabilities generate very personal results.

Diagnosed with optic nerve atrophy in first grade — a condition which qualifies her as legally blind and makes everyday tasks such as driving impossible — Hoffman considers the annual event to be an integral step to fostering a more open community at Notre Dame.

"One of the things that has bothered me is that disability is not often seen as an element diversity at Notre Dame," Hoffman said. "I encounter those who have never known or experienced a disability, and they tend to evaluate people with disabilities not by their ability, but by their disability. It takes students who are open to other ideas in order for changes to be made in society."

In conjunction with Marissa

Runkle, the Disability Awareness Week Coordinator at the Center for Social Concerns, Hoffman has helped put together four days of programs aimed at celebrating the value of those with disabilities and educating students about them. Best Buddies, an organization that pairs college students with adults who have developmental disabilities, is co-sponsoring the event, along with Saint Mary's, Howard Hall, the Office for Students with Disabilities and the Junior Class Council.

The week will start off with a Mass at the Basilica at 5:15 p.m. today, celebrated for students with disabilities and for those involved in volunteering with the disabled.

"This year we are trying to integrate a faith component into the week," Hoffmann said. We didn't really have one in the past, but faith is so critical to the life of a person with a disability that I suggested we have a Mass to begin the week's events."

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Grad student plans documentary

Film to examine twin cities St. Joseph, Benton Harbor at 3:26 on 3/26

By K. AARON VANOOSTERHOUT
News Writer

On March 26 at 3:26 p.m., life in the twin cities of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor, Mich., will be occurring as usual.

And that is just how Mark Cook wants it.

Cook, a graphic design graduate student at Notre Dame, is organizing and compiling what he labels a "unique documentary event" of the region 35 miles north of South Bend. He, as well as anyone else who wishes to participate, will be crossing the border to capture one minute in the life of these two towns, with photographs, videotape, audiotape and journals.

"For me, [it] is a significant time and day because it's not significant, it's a typical time and day," Cook said.

The towns, however, are anything but typical.

St. Joseph is an affluent city of about 9,000 residents, 90 percent of whom are white, and boasts of an excellent public school system as well as



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Photography students Andrew Berys and Evan DeWalt are involved in the 3/26 project.

a thriving economy. In 1994, Cook, then a freshman at nearby Andrews University, viewed firsthand the area's wealth while exploring the region. "A lot of activity" stretched before him, with "a lot of quaint shops" hugging closely together on the main street.

When he crossed the bridge

over the St. Joseph River, however, he was struck by the stark contrast with Benton Harbor.

"It just felt like I must have driven hundreds of miles to get to this other place," he said.

Benton Harbor was "totally vacant", with "a lot of major

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INSIDE COLUMN

Get serious

ROME — Rainbow "Pace" (peace) flags flooded the streets of central Rome Saturday. Italians, from old women to students to families with young children, marched for hours to demand peace and voice opposition to the Iraq War.

Teresa Fralish

Quite literally, half the city — "tens of thousands" according to The New York Times — was out in the street.

News Writer

Italians are outraged. One year after the first troops marched in Iraq, their dissent seems to have diminished little. Like Spain's José María Aznar, Italian prime minister Silvio Berlusconi backed the Iraq War despite strong public opposition.

The Iraq War — whether you supported it or not — happened. And America, whether it wanted it or not, now has a responsibility to ensure that it leaves the Iraqis with a stable political system, not a breeding ground for political unrest and terrorism. To simply pull troops out now, like many Europeans claim they want, undoubtedly represents a dangerous course. Doing so would almost certainly lead to further political collapse in the country and probably a return to the authoritarianism of the Saddam Hussein era.

That is why recent developments in Spain are so alarming. In the face of Europe's largest terrorist attack ever, the Spanish voted in a government that promises it will pull Spain's troops from Iraq and pursue markedly cooler relations with America. Spain's government seriously mishandled information in the immediate aftermath of the Madrid bombings, prompting the electorate to respond with outrage. It is hard to criticize the Spanish people as they attempt to cope with tragedy.

But their electoral response can, and will be, interpreted as a major capitulation to al-Qaeda. Terrorists will learn that they can force Western governments to acquiesce to their aims — if they kill enough people.

Clearly Bush and European leaders agree that terrorism represents a major threat to global peace — they just disagree on how to stop it.

Europeans by and large perceive President George W. Bush as a gallivanting cowboy and American foreign policy as reckless and unilateral. But in their calls for immediate troop withdrawals, Europeans sadly fail to grasp the importance of developing a stable political system in Iraq, and the commitment this requires.

However, for far too long, the current American administration — namely Bush, Donald Rumsfeld and Dick Cheney — has persisted in the myth that they can thumb their nose at European views without paying any consequences. Madrid demonstrates that they cannot.

Bush and company have failed to grasp the crucial importance of presenting a truly united front to terrorists. American diplomacy can do better than this. First, Bush, through advisers like Colin Powell, must make a real attempt to explain current policy on Iraq and terrorism to the Europeans.

After the deaths of at least 200 innocent people, European leaders will undoubtedly get serious in their attempts to fight terrorism and present a united front. It's time the Bush administration did the same.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Teresa Fralish at tfralish@nd.edu.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO IS YOUR PICK TO WIN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT?



Yan Huang
Sophomore
Stanford

"I'll go with ...
Pitt."



Mike Zodda
Senior
Alumni

"If they're not
trying to win
the Stanley
Cup, I don't
care."



Beth Franzosa
Junior
Pasquerilla
West

"Is there a
rowing
bracket?"



Sara Urben
Sophomore
Pasquerilla
West

"Stanford. Go
Cards!"



Andre Valdivia
Freshman
Carroll

"Notre Dame ...
next year!"



Garrett Jost
Freshman
O'Neill

"UAB, the
Cinderella."



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

A student competes in the Rambler Scrambler 19-hole putt-putt golf tournament Saturday night in the Stepan Center. The Scrambler is Siegfried Hall's signature event and all proceeds were donated to the ALS Foundation.

OFFBEAT

Philippine town bakes 25,000-pound cake

LA TRINIDAD, Philippines — A northern Philippine town is attempting to bake itself into the Guinness Book of Records with what it claimed was the world's biggest strawberry buttercake.

The northern town of La Trinidad, which calls itself the Philippines' strawberry capital, has been baking giant cakes for the last three years.

But Mayor Nestor Fongwan said the town has outdone itself this time with the giant dessert weighing 24,572 pounds.

At 10 pesos, equal to 18 cents, a slice in the town hall, the massive cake was expected to feed 55,000 townspeople.

About 6,614 pounds of strawberries were used in baking the cake, which measures 8.43 feet high and 8.69 feet wide.

The Guinness Book of Records doesn't have an entry for strawberry buttercakes but organizers said they would seek a new category for their massive creation.

Plant City, Fla., holds the Guinness Record for biggest strawberry shortcake.

Farmer insures 1M chickens for bird flu

HANOI, Vietnam — Craving chicken? Go ahead. If you die of bird flu, one Vietnamese farmer says he'll foot the bill.

The Thanh Binh Animal Farming and Feed Co. Ltd., will insure up to 1 million chickens over the next two months for 3 cents each to help entice wary customers to buy poultry again. Relatives of anyone who dies from bird flu after eating the company's chickens will receive \$6,400, plus medical bills.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The men's basketball team will take on St. Louis in the second round of the NIT tournament at 7 p.m. today in Fort Wayne, Ind. A shuttle bus leaves the main circle for the game at 4 p.m. and the game is being televised locally on ABC affiliate WBND.

Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 5:15 p.m. today to mark the beginning of Disability Awareness week.

Nanovic Visiting European Lecturer Alexandre Kiss will lecture on "European Integration and European Identity," at 4 p.m. in the Law School Courtroom.

The Human Rights International Film Festival will begin with a discussion and a screening of the film "Rana's Wedding" at 7 p.m. tonight in the Carroll Auditorium at Saint Mary's.

The New Directions in Russian Cinema Film Series will sponsor a screening of the film "A Friend of the Deceased," at 7:30 p.m. tonight in DeBartolo Hall room 120.

Professor Kathy Gibney will facilitate a panel discussion with students with disabilities at Reckers at 8 p.m. Tuesday. Free smoothies will be provided.

Otto Maduro will present a lecture on remembering Archbishop Oscar Romero in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium Tuesday at 8 p.m.

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

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War on terror hard to fight in court

Associated Press

BERLIN — The post-Sept. 11 war against terrorism is suffering as much in the courts as in the streets with several legal setbacks involving suspected members of al-Qaida and other groups around the world.

The biggest reversal came in Germany when a court threw out the only conviction of a Sept. 11 suspect. But other cases have been hindered, too, including against a militant Indonesian cleric and Zaccarias Moussaoui, the only alleged Sept. 11 conspirator charged in the United States.

The U.S. reluctance to let witnesses in custody testify and the sheer complexity of cross-border investigations are mostly to blame.

And the Madrid bombings that killed 202 people last week showed that while investigators struggle to build judicial cases against suspects, terrorists are still successfully plotting and carrying out attacks.

Spanish authorities had one of the chief suspects in the Madrid bombings, Jamal Zougam, on their radar since at

least 2001 as a possible al-Qaida operative, even once searching his apartment, but were unable to build a case against him. Zougam, arrested two days after the bombings, operated in at least two countries, Morocco and Spain.

The court decision in Germany to order a retrial for Mounir el Motassadeq — charged with aiding the three Hamburg, Germany-based Sept. 11 hijackers — focused attention on the limits of international cooperation.

"The threat is a very broad global Islamic front where terrorist operatives of one nationality will go to a second country to plan a terror operation then move to a third country to carry out their attacks," said Richard Evans, editor at Jane's

Terrorism and Insurgency Center in London.

"Intelligence cooperation between countries like the United States and its allies has increased enormously, but there's still a long way to go," he told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

In granting el Motassadeq a retrial last month, a German appeals court pointed to the lack of evidence from Ramzi

Binalshibh, a Yemeni in secret U.S. custody who is believed to have been the key al-Qaida contact for the Hamburg cell that included lead hijacker Mohamed Atta.

Judges ruled that the lower court, which found the Moroccan guilty in February 2003 of more than 3,000 counts of accessory to murder and belonging to a terrorist organization, failed to weigh how the United States' refusal to allow Binalshibh to testify influenced the case.

Fighting terrorism is no "wild, unregulated war," Presiding Judge Klaus Tolksdorf explained in the March 4 verdict, saying authorities' need for secrecy can't outweigh a defendant's right to a fair trial.

A German investigator in the case said the dilemma persists.

"Every country and every service has its own ideas and purposes and has to be careful with human sources and information or the politics of their country. So of course the flow of information is not one-to-one," said Manfred Murck, deputy head of the Hamburg agency that tracks extremists. "Nobody gets the full information of the other services."

U.S. authorities provided German intelligence with interrogation transcripts from Binalshibh, who was captured in Pakistan on the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States. But they came with the proviso that the information not be used in court.

Human rights film festival begins today

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary's Editor

Interested in seeing a movie with a message? The Human Rights International film festival's traveling film series will be shown at Saint Mary's starting today and running through Saturday.

"The purpose of the film festival is to help educate people about human rights and the struggles of people who are seeking to secure their rights," Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership fellow Sister Marianne Farina, one of the event's organizers, said.

The films center around issues of human rights, and the sponsors are hopeful the audience will take away a deeper understanding of the issues.

"We want the audience to see some of the key human rights issues and violations that are occurring in the world today in order to promote a greater solidarity," Farina said. "At Saint Mary's and Notre Dame, the students have a great interest to engage in peace and justice studies and advocacy, and these films are a vehicle in which to do so."

The film festival will kick off tonight at 7 p.m. in Carroll Auditorium with a presentation given by Marianne Farina

and Isis Nusair of Saint Mary's CWIL program and George Lopez of the Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for Peace Studies. Following the presentation, the film "Rana's Wedding" will be viewed.

Each of the movies will be viewed nightly in Carroll Auditorium at 7 p.m. with a discussion to follow. On Friday and Saturday, "Freedom from Fear," a workshop on Peace Building and Human Rights will take place at the Kroc Institute. All of the events are free and open to the public.

Farina said she is hopeful the film festival will make an impact on the audience members.

"Films are also a great medium with which to share experiences across cultures," Farina said. "The pictures, sounds and stories help us to have a better experience of the reality of people's situations, needs and their efforts to work for peace and justice. These are important issues that need to be seen."

Saint Mary's Program in Women's Studies, CWIL, the Intercultural Studies Program, the Justice Education Program, the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Kroc Institute are sponsoring the Human Rights Watch film festival.

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2004 Nanovic Visiting European Lecturer

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every day."

Families also cope by recognizing that soldiers do indeed have a responsibility that could be anticipated from the time of enlistment.

"... being in ROTC, you know [deployment] is always a possibility," Erica Kane said. "It's not something you're excited about, but it's something that you know might happen. You have to do whatever you're called to do."

Any military family must cope with the absence of a loved one, but also with the fear of that person not returning. According to McMahon, keeping busy helps to alleviate some of that fear.

"I try not to watch the news

or read the papers," she said. "I try not to think about the bad stuff, but try to think about the good stuff instead."

"It makes me feel better that he's technically safer," McMahon continued, referring to the fact that Convoy is overseas working technically as a civilian.

Erica Kane says that her faith and willingness to be a part of the effort is helps her cope with her brother's absence.

"I do rely on my faith and have trust in God to bring him home," she said. "This does bring me peace of mind."

"I send packages and do other things for different soldier groups and units, not just my brother's, helping any way I can."

Both McMahon and Kane say that they keep in touch with their family members

through e-mails and occasional phone calls. Christopher Kane is expected to return in early May and Convoy in June.

Both remain grateful for the sacrifices of their loved ones, which is how they get through the day-to-day worries of the war.

Erica Kane remembered a picture her brother sent home as a symbol of the sacrifice of the soldiers and of the greater good of that sacrifice.

"[Christopher] sent a picture of him and a little boy at a bus stop last fall," she recalled. "He said any time anyone asks why we're there, tell them, 'We're there so this little boy can have the freedoms that you've had since you were born.'"

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buildings boarded up" and had one of the nation's poorest public school systems and highest murder rates. Of its roughly 11,000 residents, 90 percent are black.

"It seems really odd that in America, in the year 2004, two towns so close geographically can be so different in many other respects," Cook said.

Cook had been contemplating a documentary ever since that drive 10 years ago, but finally decided to act this year for a number of reasons, the most striking being last summer's riots in Benton Harbor. Mobs of citizens fought police and razed buildings throughout the city in response to a motorcyclist's questionable death, bringing nation-wide attention to the two communities. He has petitioned residents of the two cities to participate in his project.

"I really want this to be a community taking a look at itself," he said.

Cook also said he hopes the documentary will "generate discussion about social conditions in Benton Harbor and St. Joseph."

After he gathers the recordings, Cook will then use his graphic design expertise to compile all the sights, scenes and stories into "a body of work where the viewer could be multi-present." The work will then be exhibited in local public libraries, shopping

malls and schools.

Cook's work has received attention from the area's local newspaper, the Herald-Palladium, a number of radio stations, including 94.9 the Coast and 88.1 WVPE and it will soon be featured in the South Bend Tribune.

Despite such a regional interest, however, Cook emphasized that anyone may take part, regardless of connection to the cities, "the more

diverse [the participants] the better." With this in mind, second-year photography graduate student Ally Klutenkamper and her class, among then junior graphic design major Andrew Borys, will be traveling north to take photographs.

Mark Cook
graphic design student

Borys said he was more interested in the aesthetic goals of the project rather than any

social commitment. He plans on "taking pictures from one side looking at the other," using the pictures to capture the view of residents as they look across the water.

Aesthetic ambitions aside, however, Borys remarked on the conditions that awaited him just 45 minutes away, "we get to witness how parallel two cities could be, but so different ... how one can live in such abject poverty and the other be so affluent."

"The only difference is their race and the other side of a river," he said.

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and that he would have no risk of going over there until he was done, which I knew was another six to nine months," she said. "That made it better."

"And then when he got assigned to Korea, we knew that was the one place in the entire world where he wouldn't get further shipped to Iraq. That was comforting, although Korea has problems of its own."

And there are other places; less threatening, perhaps, but equally nerve-wracking for the families of those soldiers and sailors stationed there.

Junior Patty Rose's brother Paul is a 2002 Notre Dame and Navy ROTC graduate. After graduation, Paul Rose attended nuclear power school in South Carolina for a year, and then spend time training in New York and Connecticut before being stationed in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Ensign Paul Rose now runs a nuclear reactor on the U.S.S. Buffalo, a fast-attack submarine.

"It still feels like a long way from home," Patty Rose said, "even though he's stationed in the United States, he's away, and it's weird not knowing when the next time I'll see him is."

Both girls agree having their brothers far away is hard on the

family, as is the uncertainty of not knowing exactly what is happening, but that knowing they are happy in their jobs is comforting.

"Obviously, I'm concerned about my brother as much as everybody else, but I guess I just knew that he was doing his job," Patty Rose said. "He's glad he can make a difference. That made me feel better."

Gretchen Ryan agreed. "I guess just the fact that I know he loves it and it's what he really wants to do [helps]," she said. "He does love it. That helps a lot knowing that he's happy."

Another hardship for her Nicholas Ryan, she said, is that he is married.

"He got married right when he got out of the academy," Gretchen Ryan said. "His wife was able to be with him in Alabama, but right now she's home in New Mexico."

Furthermore, being able to keep in touch with their family members seems to make the separation easier, and both are thankful for the work their brothers do.

"Cell phones are fantastic," Patty Rose said. "It's comforting to talk to him. Talking to him ... makes it seem like everything's OK, and even though he isn't over in Iraq, there is an inherent danger in everything they do."

"I worry about him, but I'm so thankful for what he does and what they all do to serve our country ... and give us the free-

doms we have," she continued.

Both Patty Rose and Gretchen Ryan have views of the war that are grounded in their concern for the troops.

"Initially I supported the war," Gretchen Ryan said, "because ... I think it was very important to take care of [Saddam Hussein]. But now that it's done with, I don't like that we still have troops over there. I think we need to let those people do it on their own."

Patty Rose expressed the importance of support for the troops.

"...whether you support the war or not, ... support the men and women because that's the most important thing," she said. "We have smart people running the country ... I trust them to make good decisions."

"We have no idea what [the soldiers] give, and we'll never be able to understand."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Taiwan court reviews election

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Taiwan's High Court ordered all ballot boxes sealed Sunday as thousands of protesters demanded a recount of President Chen Shui-bian's re-election, saying it was marred by voting irregularities and an apparent assassination attempt that wounded the incumbent.

The court said it was sealing the boxes to preserve evidence, but it did not order a recount of Saturday's vote as requested by challenger Lien Chan. The opposition also said it would seek to nullify Chen's narrow victory Saturday, arguing he unfairly received sympathy votes because of the election-eve shooting, which remained unexplained.

Chen, who campaigned on a China-bashing platform, and Vice President Annette Lu were shot and slightly wounded while riding in an open Jeep on Friday in Chen's hometown of Tainan.

Opposition left takes lead in France

PARIS — Exit polls showed the opposition left taking 40 percent of the vote in the first round of France's regional elections Sunday, with a six percentage point lead over the governing conservatives.

The extreme right, which could play the spoiler's role next Sunday's second round, took 17 percent but was not expected to win in any of France's 26 regions.

The exit polls showed candidates of President Jacques Chirac's conservatives lagging with 34 percent.

The regional elections were widely viewed as a national test of Chirac's governing right, and the estimates appeared to confirm predictions that it could be punished for France's economic and social woes.

NATIONAL NEWS

Cigarette makers face federal trial

WASHINGTON — Cigarette makers are no strangers to the courtroom, but after settling a lawsuit with states, they face Uncle Sam as the plaintiff this fall in what is shaping up as the biggest civil racketeering trial in history.

Repeated efforts to get the \$280 billion case dismissed have failed. So has an attempt by the Bush administration to negotiate a settlement.

Last week, U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler rejected the latest bid to have the case thrown out, and the government submitted a list of witnesses it intends to call. On it is a who's who of the tobacco industry.

Six years ago, 46 states settled their suit against the industry for \$206 billion, payable over 25 years. Four states settled separately for a total of \$40 billion. The states recovered costs for treating sick smokers.

Gay minister acquitted in trial

BOTHELL, Wash. — A lesbian Methodist pastor was acquitted Saturday in a church trial over her sexual orientation, and will be allowed to continue her ministry.

A jury of 13 pastors ruled in favor of the Rev. Karen Dammann, 47, who disclosed three years ago that she was in a homosexual relationship.

Church law prohibits the ordination of self-avowed, practicing homosexuals and the church's Book of Discipline declares homosexuality to be "incompatible to Christian teachings." But the church's social principles support gay rights and liberties.

LOCAL NEWS

Changes proposed to Title IX rules

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Separate classes for boys and girls could become more common in Indiana public schools and across the nation as federal rules prohibiting gender segregation are relaxed.

U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige announced proposed changes to the 30-year-old Title IX rules earlier this month. The changes are part of the No Child Left Behind legislation adopted two years ago, but are just now being made official policy.

GAZA STRIP

Hamas leader killed in Israeli strike

Associated Press

GAZA CITY — Sheik Ahmed Yassin, the founder and leader of the Hamas militant group that targeted Israelis in suicide bombings, was killed by missiles fired from Israeli helicopters as he left a mosque at daybreak Monday, witnesses said.

Tens of thousands of Gaza residents, many of them in tears, poured into the streets after Hamas announced the death of the quadriplegic Yassin over mosque loudspeakers. Masked fighters at Shifa Hospital in Gaza City, where Yassin's body was taken, shot into the air in rage. Angry mourners burned tires, sending black smoke over Gaza City.

Hamas, listed as a terrorist group by both the United States and Israel, vowed revenge against Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. The Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a militant group

allied with Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, also promised swift retaliation.

The Israeli army imposed a full closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip after Yassin's killing, dividing Gaza into three areas, preventing movement between them.

Witnesses said Israeli helicopters fired three missiles at Yassin and two bodyguards as they left the mosque, killing them instantly. He was carried around in a special car that could accommodate his wheelchair.

Four people were killed and 17 were wounded in the attack, officials said.

Yussef Haddad, 35, a taxi driver, said he saw the missiles hit Yassin and the bodyguards.

"Their bodies were shattered," he said.

Yassin was by far the most senior Palestinian militant killed in more than three years of Israeli-Palestinian fighting. Since Sept. 2000, 474 people — the

majority of them Israelis — have been killed in 112 Palestinian suicide bombings, most of them carried out by Hamas.

One Israeli official recently said Yassin was "marked for death." Sharon's government has gone after militant leaders using Israeli helicopter gunships in a controversial policy that has resulted in a number of civilian casualties in addition to the deaths of senior figures in Hamas and other groups.

The army and Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's office declined to comment.

Deputy Defense Minister Zeev Boim told Israel Radio, "I said for a long time that Yassin is a target for killing. He was not immune."

More than 150 Palestinian militants have been killed in targeted raids, according to Palestinian medical officials, though that total also includes militants killed resisting arrest.

AFGHANISTAN

Soliders shoot aviation minister

Resulting gun battle kills 100 people; Karzai sends extra troops to establish order

Associated Press

KABUL — Soldiers loyal to a local commander shot and killed Afghanistan's aviation minister Sunday in the western city of Herat, setting off a big gun battle in which as many as 100 people died in vicious factional fighting, the commander told The Associated Press.

In Kabul, President Hamid Karzai's Cabinet convened in emergency session after the killing of minister Mirwais Sadiq — a son of Herat's powerful governor — and dispatched extra troops to try to calm the city.

Presidential spokesman Khaleeq Ahmed said only that the minister had been shot in his car and circumstances were unclear.

However, a top Herat military commander, Zaher Naib Zada, told the Associated Press by telephone Sunday night that his forces had killed Sadiq in a confrontation after the minister went to Zada's home to fire him.

Afterward, Zada's forces and soliders loyal to Sadiq began fighting with machine guns, tanks and rockets for control of the city's main military barracks. Zada said between 50 and 100 soldiers were killed in the first hours of the ongoing battle.

Sadiq is the third leading figure of Karzai's government, and the second aviation minister, to be killed.

The father of the slain minister, Ismail Khan, is a former anti-Soviet commander who runs a large private army and has had firm control over Herat since the fall of the Taliban in late 2001. But there have been persistent tensions —



Afghan Civil Aviation Minister Mirwais Sadiq cuts a ribbon in accepting an Airbus-300B4 aircraft in 2002. Sadiq was assassinated Sunday in the western city of Herat, a government spokesman said. Gunmen shot Sadiq as he sat in his car in Afghanistan's main western city.

and occasional factional fighting — between his men and those loyal to rival warlords. Sadiq was widely viewed as his father's representative in Karzai's government.

State television had reported that Sadiq's father, Khan, had escaped a separate attack unhurt. The presidential spokesman and other officials, however,

said there had been no attack on Khan.

Aid workers in the city speaking by phone reported gunfire and heavy explosions and said they had been ordered to stay indoors. U.N. workers scrambled into a bunker at their headquarters.

A police officer, Fahim, reached by telephone at the main police station, gave a

different account, saying Sadiq had gone to Zada's residence to ask him about the killing of three civilians by Zada's forces two days earlier.

Karzai's defense and interior ministers were preparing to travel to Herat to try to determine the circumstances of the killing, and the battles that followed, his spokesman said.

Students in city schools improve

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Students in the largest urban public school systems showed improvement in reading and math in the first year under the federal education overhaul, according to a coalition of inner-city schools.

The study by the Council of the Great City Schools reviewed state test scores from 61 urban school districts in 37 states. It compared 2002 and 2003 test results.

The council's executive director, Michael Casserly said the gains in fourth-grade reading were especially impressive.

"It's one of the first signs that the major cities are making substantial headway at the elementary school level in teaching students to read," he said.

The report being released Monday found that 47 percent of the fourth-graders in the study scored at or above proficiency in reading — a gain of almost 5 percentage points from 2002.

For math, 51 percent of the students tested at or above proficiency, nearly 7 percentage points better than the year before.

For eighth-graders, 37 percent scored at or above proficiency in reading, about 1 percentage point higher than in 1992. In math, there was a gain of 3 percentage points, to 39 percent proficiency.

The scores covered the first year of the No Child Left Behind law, a centerpiece of President Bush's education agenda. The law requires states to test students in grades three through eight in math and reading annually, beginning in 2005.

It also calls for all children to be proficient in both subjects by 2014.

Education Secretary Rod Paige said Sunday at the council's annual conference that the law "has now begun a process of reform that will make the educational system more inclusive, fair, and just," according to his prepared remarks, as provided by the Education Department.

Casserly said the law deserves some credit for the progress, but not all of it.

City schools improving scores

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Students that tested at or above proficiency, by percent

Fourth grade

2002 2003

Reading 42% 47%

Math 44% 51%

Eighth grade

1992 2003

Reading 36% 37%

Math 36% 39%

About this study: Officials reviewed state test scores from 61 urban school districts in 37 states.

SOURCE: Council of the Great City Schools AP

The law, he said in an interview, "has been an important way of focusing our attention on reading and math performance, but people have been hard at work on these issues for the last couple of years."

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said the study shows that city schools need more help. He faulted the Bush administration for failing to provide promised money for struggling schools.

"Once again, we're seeing that the administration's shortsighted education budget is shortchanging our nation's school children. Schools across the country are doing their part to improve, but their appeals for help are falling on deaf ears in the White House," he said.

Kennedy, who was to speak at the council's conference on Monday, helped write the legislation.

"It's one of the first signs that the major cities are making substantial headway at the elementary school level in teaching students to read."

Michael Casserly
council executive director

Happy Birthday

Sarah!

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Julie, Shantha, & Van



Disability

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Tuesday will feature a student panel discussion at 8 p.m. at Reckers on "The Impact of the Disabled." There will be five student panelists, four of whom have disabilities and one of whom has a sister with cerebral palsy, who will share their experiences as students with or affected by disabilities.

"I know that I want to talk about living with what is known as a 'hidden' disability because it wasn't until my time at Notre Dame that I realized just how much having a disability that is not easily seen can be extremely difficult because people have a hard time understanding that you struggle or need help," said Hoffman, who will be one of the panelists.

Psychology professor Kathy Gibney will moderate the discussion, and it will include thoughts by coordinator of the Office for Students with Disabilities Scott Howland.

Another faith component to the week is a Theology on Tap session on Wednesday at Legends at 9:30 p.m., which will explore the question of, "Is there such thing as a wrongful life?" During this time, Gibney and professor of biological sciences Michelle Whaley will moderate a discussion exploring the medical ethics of life support, abortion based on amniocentesis results and stem cell research.

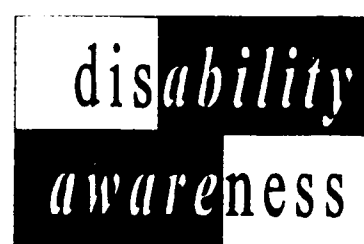
Finally, the keynote lecture of the week will take place on Thursday at 7 p.m. in 101 DeBartolo, featuring Patricia Stacey, author of the book "The Boy Loved Windows, Opening the Heart and Mind of a Child Threatened with Autism." Stacey has experi-

enced the impact of disabilities first-hand, as she taught her son how to communicate after he was diagnosed with autism that might render him unable to walk, talk, hear or see. She was interviewed by WebMD in September and wrote an article on her experiences for the "Atlantic Monthly" published in early 2003.

The program coordinators said they hope that events throughout the week will serve to make students more open to students with disabilities, and more informed about their difficulties.

"It's important to value what people with disabilities bring to both our campus and society in general," said Runkle. "That's what this week is about, valuing people's gifts and their abilities."

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Notre Dame Disability Awareness Week

March 22-26, 2004

Monday, 3/22

5:15p.m. Mass at the Basilica

Tuesday, 3/23

8p.m. at Reckers Panel Discussion by students with disabilities

Wednesday, 3/24

9:30p.m. at Legends Theology on Tap Discussion

Is there such a thing as wrongful life?

Thursday, 3/25

7p.m. at DeBartolo 101 Autism Lecture by Patricia Stacey, author of the book, *The Boy Who Loved Windows, Opening the Heart and Mind of a Child Threatened with Autism*. Free Admission.

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For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students at Notre Dame



Tuesday, March 23rd
(and every third Tuesday of the month)
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316 Coleman-Morse

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Coffee and refreshments will be served

MARKET RECAP

Stocks			
Dow Jones	10,186.60	-109.18	
Up:	1,250	Same: 190	Down: 190
Composite Volume:	1,436,803,456		

AMEX	1,252.50	+3.94
NASDAQ	1,940.47	-14.32
NYSE	6,501.53	-59.64
S&P 500	1,109.74	-12.58
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,418.51	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	4,417.70	+19.80

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-1.04	-0.26	24.63
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-2.61	-0.71	26.49
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-2.89	-0.67	22.50
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	-0.95	-0.11	11.50
APPLIED MATL (AMAT)	-3.74	-0.79	20.34

Treasury			
30-YEAR BOND	+0.51	+0.24	47.19
10-YEAR NOTE	+1.04	+0.39	37.88
5-YEAR NOTE	+1.29	+0.35	27.48
3-MONTH BILL	0.00	0.00	9.17

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl)	+0.23		37.62
GOLD (\$/Troy oz)	+9.80		412.70
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb)	+2.95		104.025

Exchange Rates			
YEN			106.9
EURO			0.8149
POUND			0.5457
CANADIAN \$			1.335

IN BRIEF

Sports retailer loses profits in 2004

PLAINFIELD, Ind. — Sports equipment and clothing retailer Galyan's Trading Co. said Thursday its profit slid 40 percent in the latest quarter, as higher expenses and inventory markdowns offset a 17 percent rise in sales.

The company, based in the Indianapolis suburb of Plainfield, reported net income of \$9.99 million, or 57 cents a share, for the fiscal fourth quarter ended Jan. 31.

That's down sharply from the prior year's \$16.7 million, or 98 cents a share.

Galyan's said it took a pretax charge of \$3.1 million, or 11 cents a share, for markdowns to improve inventory "freshness" in the outdoor and athletic equipment categories.

Stocks fluctuate with terror reports

NEW YORK — Wall Street stumbled lower Thursday as investors wrestled with mixed economic data and news that Pakistani troops had cornered a key al-Qaida leader. Tech shares were dragged down by Microsoft's antitrust problems in Europe.

Stocks tottered in and out of positive territory after Pakistani officials said forces had surrounded Osama bin Laden's top lieutenant, Ayman al-Zawahiri, and possibly wounded him in a battle near the Afghan border. But while the news temporarily checked selling momentum after two sessions of gains, it could not fully stanch the market's downward trend.

Senator files suit against Conseco

INDIANAPOLIS — Former U.S. Sen. Jake Garn has filed a class-action lawsuit accusing Conseco Inc.'s life insurance division of fraud.

The lawsuit alleges that Conseco Life Insurance Co. forced clients to pay dramatically higher premiums on certain universal life policies or surrender them for cash value to bolster its parent company's troubled finances. Conseco officials denied the allegations on Thursday and said that benefits under the policies never were guaranteed.

The class-action lawsuit, filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Indianapolis, applies to Lifetime and Lifestyle universal life policies that were sold by hundreds of independent agents in the 1980s and 1990s. A similar lawsuit was filed recently in federal court in Cleveland.

FORTUNE 500

Wal-Mart tops Fortune 500 list

Leads publically traded companies for third year with sales of nearly \$259 billion

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A tail wind of improving economic conditions blew many major companies to record revenues in 2003, but none was able to knock Wal-Mart Stores Inc. off the top of the Fortune 500 list.

With sales of almost \$259 billion — nearly a quarter of a trillion dollars — the late Sam Walton's global chain of general stores topped the list of the nation's largest publicly traded companies for the third straight year. There was some predictable shuffling among the rest of the top 10.

Fortune's annual ranking, to be published in the magazine's April 5 edition, is based on the companies' sales figures as reported in financial statements for 2003.

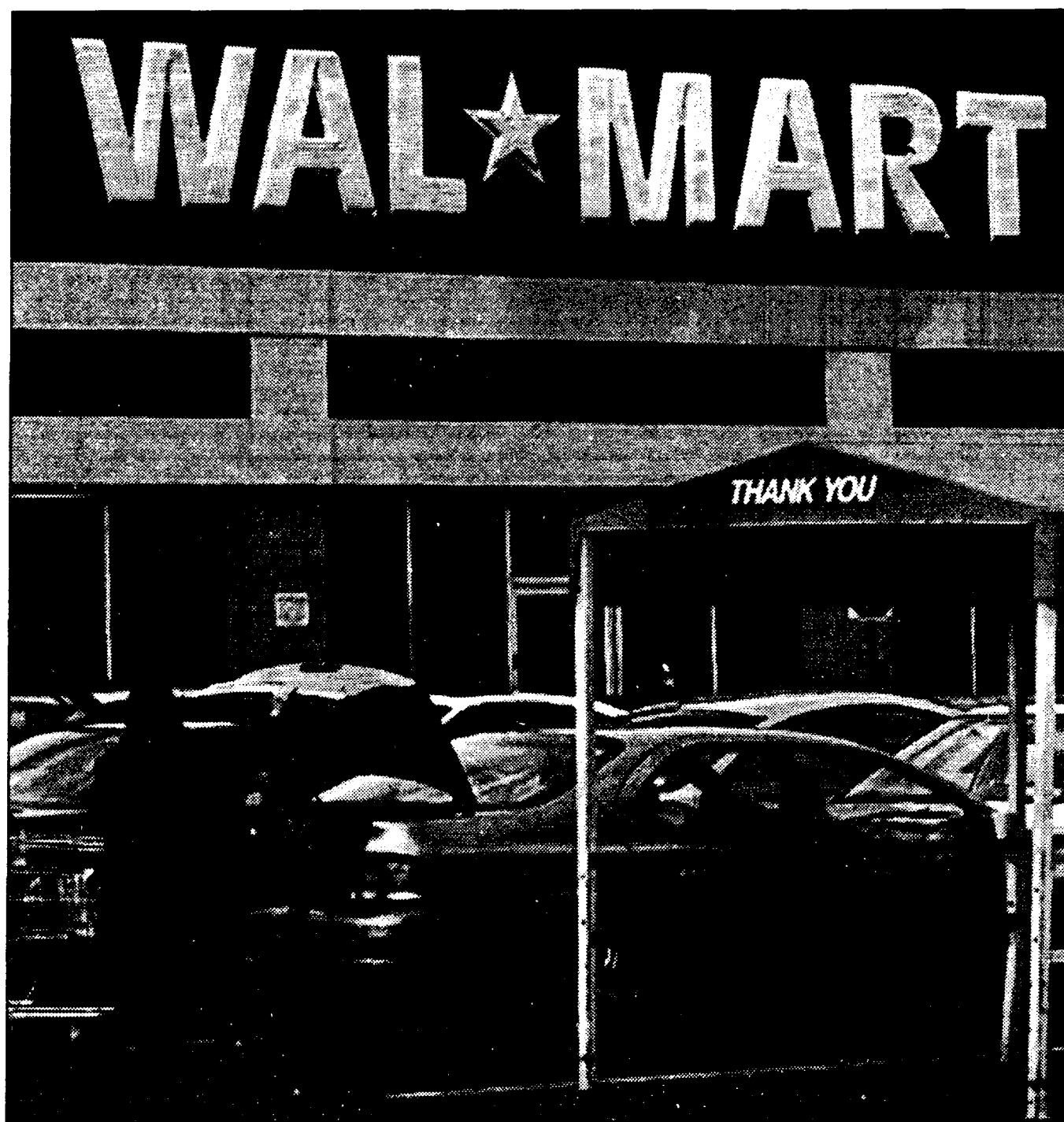
Jittery geopolitics kept the price of oil high, helping Exxon Mobil Corp. to post \$213 billion in revenue. The 17 percent jump leapfrogged the oil company past General Motors Corp. into the No. 2 spot.

In terms of profits, Exxon Mobil was first with \$21.5 billion in earnings. Wal-Mart, which has the lower profit margins of the retailing industry, had \$9.05 billion in earnings.

Carmakers GM and Ford Motor Co. came in third and fourth respectively, with revenues of \$196 billion and \$164 billion. General Electric Co., the provider of everything from jet engines to sitcoms, remained at No. 5 with revenue of \$134 billion.

Both Ford and GE held their spots from 2002.

ChevronTexaco Corp. moved up a spot to No. 6, while another refiner, ConocoPhillips, jumped five spots to No. 7. Banking powerhouse Citigroup Inc. was eighth, followed by International Business Machines Corp.



Wal-Mart Stores Inc. recorded sales of almost \$259 billion and topped the Fortune 500 list of publicly traded companies for the third straight year.

and insurer American International Group, Inc.

As a group, the 500 companies bounced back from two years of profit declines, posting combined earnings of almost \$446 billion on sales totaling \$7.5 trillion.

"Making the accomplishment even sweeter was the fact that few observers had expected it," wrote Fortune's Janice Revell.

Profits grew in 34 of the 39 industries that Fortune tracks. And only 37 of the 500 companies disappointed shareholders with negative returns, which the magazine calculated by adding the change in a company's stock price to its dividend income.

Fortune credited barely-there interest rates, fewer accounting scandals, tax cuts and increased government spending as helping to power the blue chip boom. And although the war in Iraq kept oil prices high all year, the quick end to major fighting gave companies confidence, according to Fortune.

Among the 11 debutants on the list, the most notable newcomer was Medco Health Solutions, a prescription benefits manager that was spun off from drug giant Merck & Co. Inc. last year. With revenue of \$34 billion, it premiered at No. 41, but its initial public offering helped bump its former

parent Merck to the 83rd spot from 17th last year.

The magazine noted that big pharmaceutical companies as a whole took a beating in 2003 due to expiring patents, competition from generic drugs and a backlash against expensive medicine. Schering-Plough Corp., for example, dropped to 247th on the list from 187th as revenue fell from \$10.2 billion to \$8.3 billion.

On the upside, the Federal Reserve Bank's decision to keep interest rates low boosted homebuilders. Centex Corp., Lennar Corp. and D.R. Horton Inc. all moved up considerably in the rankings.

ANTITRUST SUITS

EU meets to review Microsoft fine

Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — European Union antitrust officials gather Monday to review what could be a record-setting fine against Microsoft Corp., the final step before issuing a long-awaited decision against the U.S. software giant.

Representatives from the 15 EU governments were to consider a proposal from EU Competition Commissioner Mario Monti behind closed doors ahead of Wednesday's meeting of the European

Commission, the EU's executive body.

That's where Monti's ruling and fine — expected to run into the hundreds of millions of dollars — is expected to be adopted.

EU rules allow the Commission to fine antitrust violators as much as 10 percent of annual global revenue. The largest ever actually imposed on a single company, however, was less than 2 percent — \$568 million — against Roche Holding AG, one of several companies caught fixing the prices of bulk vitamins in 2001.

Even a fine set at 2 percent would amount to around \$700 million for a giant like Microsoft, which expects to take in nearly \$36 billion this year.

Monday's meeting comes two weeks after the same advisory panel unanimously backed Monti's draft ruling, which sources familiar with the 5-year-old case say finds Microsoft abused its Windows monopoly to unfairly gain market share in software for playing digital media and running office network servers.

Victims seek answers at Nichols state trial

Associated Press

McALESTER, Okla. — Since her two grandsons were killed in the Oklahoma City bombing, Jannie Coverdale's thoughts have been locked on the horrific event and on answering the question that has haunted her ever since: Why?

"The last nine years, I've just put my life on hold," Coverdale said.

"Almost everything I do, it has something to do with the bombing."

Coverdale hopes to find answers in bombing conspirator Terry Nichols' trial on 161 state murder charges. Opening statements are scheduled Monday.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty — something many victims' family members and survivors believe he deserves.

They are bitter about the life prison sentence Nichols was given after his 1997 federal bombing conviction. Bomber Timothy McVeigh was executed.

"In this country we execute people for committing a single murder," Coverdale said. "If Terry Nichols does not get the death penalty, we might as well abolish the death penalty in this country."

Nichols was convicted of federal conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter charges for the deaths of eight law enforcement officers in the bombing, which killed 168 people. The state charges are for the 160 other victims and one victims' fetus.

Prosecutors allege that Nichols worked with McVeigh to plan and execute the April 19, 1995, bombing that destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

Defense attorneys claim Nichols was set up by unknown coconspirators. They plan to introduce witnesses who claim they can identify others involved in the plot, including John Doe No. 2, a mystery man some claim to have seen with McVeigh on the day of the bombing.

"I will always feel that there were other people involved," Coverdale said.

Many who lost family members in the bombing feel

Nichols should be held legally accountable for the deaths of victims, who were not part of his federal trial.

"I still don't think that my wife has been vindicated or my purposes satisfied for him killing her," Roy Sells said of his wife, Lee, a legal secretary for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"Someone has to be accountable for my daughter's death," Doris Jones said of his daughter, Carrie Lenz, a Drug Enforcement Agency worker.

Others oppose the trial because of its cost and the fact that Nichols is already serving life in prison. The case already has cost the state about \$3.4 million, not including prosecution expenses and

security costs. "We think it's a waste of money, a waste of time," said Jim Denny, whose two children were injured at a day-care center in the building. "This is a black mark on our justice system."

Bud Welch, a death penalty opponent whose daughter, 23-year-old Julie Marie Welch, was killed, said the trial "has nothing to do with the healing process."

"Family members are being victimized again," he said.

The trial was moved to McAlester, about 130 miles from Oklahoma City, because of pretrial publicity.

A handful of survivors and victims' family members came for jury selection, and more are expected when testimony begins.

A fund created in 1996 to pay family members' expenses at Nichols' federal trial in Denver will pay for up to 10 people each week to attend Nichols' state trial, said Diane Leonard, whose husband, Secret Service agent Donald Leonard, was killed in the blast.

People who watched the trial's early stages expressed support for the judge's careful, methodical approach to picking a jury, which took just nine days of questioning.

"We saw what happened when you don't get a good jury with the federal trial," said Darlene Welch, an aunt of bombing victim Ashley Eckles.

"If Terry Nichols does not get the death penalty, we might as well abolish the death penalty in this country."

Jannie Coverdale
Grandmother of two boys killed in the Oklahoma City bombing

Four die in helicopter crash

Associated Press

PYOTE, Texas — A medical helicopter crashed early Sunday en route to a hospital and killed four people, including the 3-month-old patient and his mother.

A nurse was also critically injured in the crash near Pyote, said CeCe Wilmes, head of emergency services at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa, where the helicopter was based. The crash site is about 40 miles southwest of Odessa.

Gusty winds, rain and lightning were in the area at the time, although it has not been

determined if weather was a factor in the accident, said Kathleen Bartlett, a dispatcher for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Ana Lillia Urias had brought her baby across the border from Mexico to seek medical help, Wilmes said. Pedro Urias Modesto had been having trouble breathing, Wilmes said.

The baby was being taken from a hospital in Alpine in southwest Texas to University Medical Center in Lubbock, Wilmes said.

Wilmes said pilot Mickey Price was giving his flight coordinates to a dispatcher about

30 minutes after taking off when he said "Hold on a minute."

A minute later, Price did not respond to the dispatcher. The Department of Public Safety was called and officials located the downed helicopter at about 6 a.m.

Bartlett said a department report shows the helicopter turned to the southwest from its northeastern path when it flew through the Pyote area.

The hometown of Urias and her son was unclear. The other dead were identified as Price, of Dumas, and hospital paramedic Paul Lujan, of Odessa.

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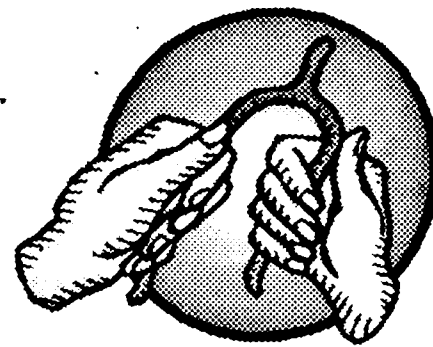
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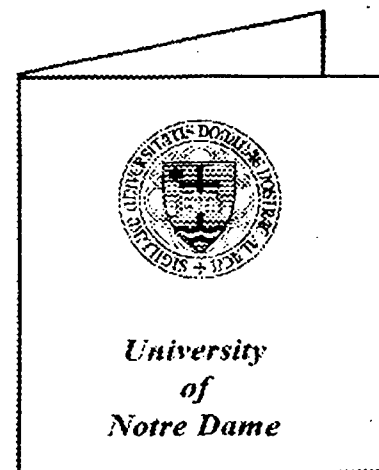
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SAUDI ARABIA

Authorities release 7 of 13 reformists

Associated Press

RIYADH — Seven of 13 Saudi reformists arrested in a crack-down on dissent that brought condemnation from Washington have been released, activists said Sunday.

One of those released, Najib al-Khunaizi, said they first had to pledge in writing not to petition for reform of the Saudi system or talk to reporters.

The professors, lawyers and writers, who were detained last week in several Saudi cities, had — in newspaper articles

and television appearances — criticized the kingdom's strict religious environment and slow pace of reform.

The Saudi government began a cautious move toward reform after the Sept. 11 attacks carried out by 19 Arab hijackers, 15 of them Saudi.

While it has encouraged debate and allowed newspapers more freedom to criticize, the arrests indicate the regime sees the reformists as a threat.

"Those guys who were detained and the ideas they represent have made a lot of

waves, sparking a lot of debate," said Ibrahim al-Mugaiteeb, head of Human Rights First, an independent group.

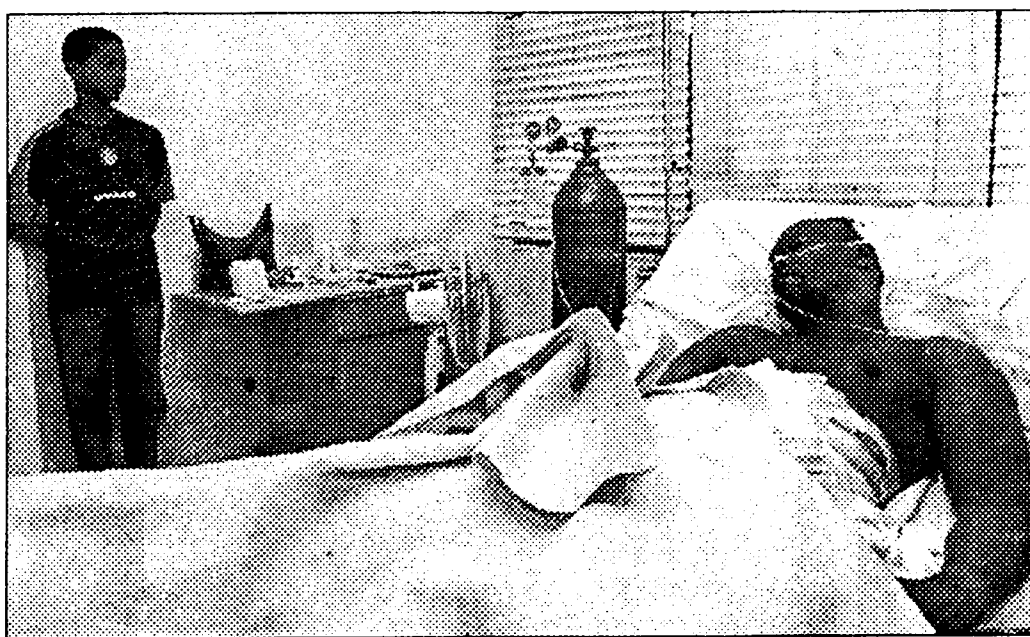
"The government was afraid the debate would not remain a debate in the papers," he added.

Some had signed a recent letter to Crown Prince Abdullah calling for a speedy introduction of political, economic and social reform, including elections of the Consultative Council, which acts as a parliament and is appointed by the king.

HAITI

U.S. Marines shoot, wound two men

Spokesman: men did not stop at checkpoint



Louis Balmir, 43, lies in a hospital bed Sunday as his son, who did not want to be identified, stands next to him after Balmir was wounded Saturday night by U.S. Marines in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE — U.S. Marines shot and wounded two men who did not stop at a checkpoint in Haiti's volatile capital, a military spokesman said Sunday.

A French Legionnaire was accidentally shot and killed by another French soldier who was cleaning his rifle. It was the first fatality for international peacekeepers in Haiti, the U.S. military said in a statement Sunday.

The soldier was wounded Saturday night in northern Gonaives, where he was working with the Third French Foreign Legion Infantry Regiment. He was flown by helicopter to a French ship off Haiti's coast, where he later died.

French forces were investigating the accident.

The latest U.S. Marine shooting occurred late Saturday in Port-au-Prince's Pont Morin residential neighborhood half an hour after a 10 p.m. curfew imposed by international peacekeepers, Maj. Richard Crusan told The Associated Press.

The Marines were on patrol

when two men in an all-terrain vehicle slowly drove past a checkpoint and ignored orders to stop, Crusan said.

Soldiers opened fire, hitting one man in the head and the other in the stomach, he said. Both were in stable condition at Canape Vert Hospital.

Marines recovered a pistol with three clips of ammunition from the vehicle. Crusan said he did not know whether the men fired on the Marines.

"It's still a little cloudy right now," he said. "We don't know if the Marines fired because the car ran the checkpoint or if the occupants fired at them."

Relatives said the men were out buying medicine.

The Marines form part of a multinational security force that arrived in Haiti after President Jean-Bertrand Aristide fled the country Feb. 29.

Aristide claims Washington forced him out. The United States insists he resigned under pressure from a rebellion led by street gangs and former military officers. Some 300 people died in the three-week uprising.

Marines say they have come under attack several times, apparently by "chimeres," or armed Aristide militants. Six Haitians were killed and one Marine was wounded in incidents before Saturday night's shooting.

At Canape Vert Hospital, angry relatives and friends accused the Marines of shooting without warning.

Sunday morning, dozens of onlookers gathered around the bullet-riddled vehicle, with three flat tires, windows blown out and seats smeared with blood. Across the street, the national telephone company's building was pocked with bullet holes.

Gerald Pierre, a 40-year-old resident who claimed to have witnessed the shooting, said the men tried to pass another car stopped at the checkpoint.

"They tried to slow down but it was too late," he said, sitting on his steps and eating pistachios from a plastic bag.

About 1,800 U.S. troops are in Haiti taking part in the multinational force deployed to restore order for a new interim government headed by Prime Minister Gerard Latortue. Some 1,000 French soldiers also are in Haiti, but they have not reported any major clashes.

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Surgery - Past, Present, and Future
Keith Lillemoe, MD

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Gregory Gramelspacher, MD

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Iraq: one year later

A war of words (and the need for words), continued

Last year I wrote to The Observer about my anxiety over the looming war between Iraq and the U.S. — personally, yes, but also from the perspective of a professor of literature. As I said there, quoting Wallace Stevens, “It is a world of words to the end of it” — a statement that evokes the possibility of apocalyptic destruction but also the possibility of spiritual and constructive creativity in our actual world. For our actual world and the actions we choose to make within it begins almost always with our words, with how we choose to describe our world.

Jacqueline Brogan

Guest Columnist

As we all know, the words with which the United States chose to describe itself and others were not words of constructive spirituality. While calling Hussein “evil” and while saying “God is on our side,” the country with the actual largest cache of weapons of massive destruction engaged in a huge media-marketing campaign labeled “Shock and Awe,” which really did shock me, but not in the way intended. And despite other rhetorical maneuvers, including the toppling of a statue, the temporary draping of the U.S. flag on the statue’s face, the pronouncement that the war is over, was justified, etc., etc., etc., ad nauseum, the war does not appear to have been justified, the war is certainly not over, but escalating, and the polarized rhetorical positions continue to escalate — again, on both sides. On my worst days, I see no possible end in sight, merely the escalation of the words between supposedly civilized countries and supposedly terrorist renegades (our perspective) which will continue to fuel actual war in increasing geographical stretches across our globe. Indeed, that is happening now with specific details (such as Madrid) that I know other of my colleagues will catalogue.

So, what can a professor of literature bring to this disturbing moment in time? Currently, I am teaching a course in Linguistics and another course in Critical Methodologies (focused on Ernest Hemingway and Alice Walker). The study of linguistics naturally forces us to see that at one point in human history, the ancestors of all the countries, religions and ethnicities involved in this crisis were literally of one family, speaking the same language on the family tree. What emerged as separate and now mutually incomprehensible languages were once mere dialectical variations. And the current privileging of what is called “White standard” English — over, let’s say, Southern English, Ebonics, Creole, etc., is merely the imposition of the language of the people economically and ethnically in power in our given region. So, too, the privileging of one language over another, one ethnic group over another, one religion over another (a salient point to remember when Judaism, Christianity and Islam each claims to be the “legitimate” heir of the same patriarch Abraham). The story of the destruction of the Tower of Babel — and the resulting splintering of people and languages into incomprehensible divisions — is indeed a real story of human history, human words, human wars. It is, finally, all entwined, including the gross destruction of the earth itself in addition to human and animal lives.

The fact that it is, finally, all entwined is a lesson we learn in this Methodology course. After examining several possible ways of approaching literature, we are currently examining what I call an “eco-ethnic-feminist approach.” Such an approach seems obvious enough when considering Walker. But what about Hemingway? We had read his famous “In Our Time” from a formalist approach, then a genre approach, then a feminist approach — all with increasingly interesting ethical ramifications. But when we applied this eco-ethnic-feminist approach last Thursday, this generically complex work opening up in amazing ways that distressingly, disturbingly, but accurately described our own times — our current situation, including war as the extreme consequence of certain structures that breed gender and ethnic inequalities and discriminations, gross abuse and indifference to animals and plants, a poisoning of the earth itself which, in turns, doubles back on ourselves (as does war).

Last year I urged our politicians and ourselves to summon creatively new ways of describing ourselves, new ways that would speak to our spiritual connectedness rather than encouraging division. In class we have struggled with words ourselves. For some, the word “feminist” evokes man-hating, a mere reversal of the “hunter vs. the hunted,” though that is far from what most feminists would ever say or do. But the word does provoke division in some cases. So we try others — when what we’re concerned with is genuine equality. Well? Civil rights advocates are what most feminists are, but of course that phrase has its own history. Humanism does too — it strictly described men during the Renaissance. How about some word of equality? Well, we’ve tried words like Socialism and Communism. And note that all these “words” become realized in our actual world. We try “Globalist,” but that smacks of a controversial economic situation and also ignores the rest of the universe (which we now have the capability of polluting with our various wastes).

We’ve finally adopted a fairly recent word in theological discourse: not Theism (which traditionally views only God, angels, and “man” [sic] as having souls; not Pantheism (which means multiple gods everywhere with different levels of powers, etc.), but pan-en-theism: God in everything. Such a message is clearly Walker’s in “The Color Purple,” when presented with its positive and creative realization. Such a message is also Hemingway’s in “In Our Time,” which ruthlessly exposes the violations against women, minorities, animals, plants, the earth — and, yes, white men as well — when words and realized political structures deny our interconnected spirituality and insist on domination through the cliché (but rhetorically masked) “Might Is Right.”

Linguistics and a needed methodology for seeing not only literature but also ourselves together suggest our own culpability in our current global crisis. Together they point to the need for real spiritual leaders everywhere — by which I do not necessarily mean Christian, Catholic, whatever. I do mean genuine spiritual leaders who can step beyond our historical differences in languages, religions and ethnocentric justifications to describe and create a future world as yet unrealized but in which we all can truly live.

On my worst days since last year’s bombings, I think this dream is impossible. But on others, usually the days I’m genuinely interacting with my students, while teaching literature, I feel the qualified but nearly explosive joy in another line by Stevens when he says, “It must be possible. Possible. Possible. Possible.” Or, as he says in another poem, the need for “the sounds of right joining.”

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A somber anniversary

One year ago, the Bush administration claimed the Iraq war was justified to stop an Iraq that possessed weapons of mass destruction and aided al-Qaeda terrorists. Today, the Bush administration claims the Iraq war was justified because it liberated the Iraqi people and has made the world safer. Now as the fog begins to clear, it is apparent that most, if not all, of these perceptions were and are misguided. On this one-year anniversary of the war, we owe it to the hundreds of dead U.S. soldiers and thousands of dead Iraqi civilians to seriously evaluate the consequences and learn the lessons of this ongoing chapter of world history.

Peter Quaranto

A Call to Action

In the march to war in the early months of 2003, the Bush administration claimed it knew that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction and had ties to al-Qaeda. These two assertions represented the foundation of the justification for war. On Dec. 4, 2002, then White House press secretary Ari Fleischer stated, “The president of the United States and the secretary of defense would not assert as plainly and bluntly as they have that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction if it was not true.” One year later, the intelligence evidence has proven these claims were untrue.

The failure of Bush’s claims to materialize raises substantial questions. Did the Bush administration intentionally mislead the American public? Would the American public have stood for military action if they had known the facts? What are the consequences for a president who misleads his people into war? No clear answers remain, but the lack of attention to these questions is appalling.

Since such intelligence epiphanies, the Bush administration and others have shifted to other arguments for war, especially the liberation of the Iraqi people. There are two problems with this approach. First, making justifications for a war in its aftermath sets a dangerous precedent and undermines any ethical approach to war that would seek to establish criteria for entering war. Second, while these arguments may possess certain truths, they fail to completely reflect the available evidence.

The most popular of these post-war justifications is that the Iraqi people have been liberated from a ruthless dictator. This is an indisputable gain, but to simply look at this gain, without evaluating the larger picture, is naive. Over the past year, thousands of Iraqi civilians have been killed, with estimates ranging from 7,000 to 10,000. The war shattered an already devastated Iraqi economy. Iraq has a third less drinking water than before the war, the sewage of Baghdad continues to flow untreated into the Tigris River and many hospitals lack sanitary and basic equipment. The country’s future remains unknown and civil war threatens as the United States plans a hasty transition of power. To simply rejoice for the liberation of the Iraqi people is to ignore the current plight of most Iraqis, who live in fear and poverty.

Yet, the costs of this war have not been borne solely by the Iraqis. The costs for the United States have been high. More than 560 U.S. troops are dead, and 2,700 are wounded. The U.S. army is extended as never before, with over 100,000 U.S. troops deployed in Iraq. These troops are facing a growing number of shootings and bombings. As for U.S. taxpayers, estimates suggest that the cost of the war has been \$107,093,500,000. It is scary to think of positive measures domestically and internationally that could be undertaken with such an immense number.

However, the question that is most pressing is this: Are we safer as a result of this war? The New York Times, in its general editorial, writes that the war has diverted scarce resources from the war on terror throughout the globe. Without doubt, the Iraq war has led to a less secure world, especially for the United States. According to the respected Pew Forum polls, support for the United States is at a record low, which provides a scary impetus for global terrorists. The United States has alienated itself from allies and the United Nations in an unprecedented way. The tragic bombings in Spain, as part of a tremendous increase in al-Qaeda attacks over the last year, suggest deterioration of global security. It is a mistake to suggest that the Iraq war and the war on terror are convergent.

On this first anniversary of the Iraq War, we should be somber. And we must act. First, the thousands of troops that remain in flux need our support as they face a country where confusion and chaos are more often the order of the day. We must be prepared to help with post-traumatic stress disorder and healing when troops return home. Second and tied to this, we must not shy away from sober scrutiny of our intelligence, this war and the situation in Iraq. We must commit ourselves to never make the same mistakes again. We must learn from the past and the present, and use these lessons, both in November when we head to the polls and throughout our lives, to win the peace and secure our world.

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Debunking terrorism myths

Al-Qaeda, Hamas and Hezbollah: three terrorist groups that are responsible for thousands of deaths, millions of dollars in damage and a psychological toll that is beyond measure. In the post-Sept. 11 world, it seems as if the names of terrorist groups appear just as often in the news as the names of nations themselves. Yet for all the coverage these groups receive, many Americans still have a very flawed view of what terrorism is all about.

Greg Parnell

Ideas, Issues
and
Ideologues

1. Terrorists are not crazy. Perhaps the most widespread falsehood about groups such as Al-Qaeda is that their members are all crazy. Many people comment, "Whoever planned to fly airplanes into the World Trade Center and Pentagon must have been completely insane, for who would honestly think that killing 2,000 civilians and antagonizing the United States military would help their cause?" And, "The individuals who actually carried out the orders are even more insane, because who would commit suicide to advance a vision that they would never experience?"

In reality, interviews with members of these organizations have shown that they are in perfect mental health. Terrorist plans are not put together on a psychotic whim to satisfy an urge for mass murder, but are constructed over a course of years by a group of intelligent leaders thoroughly weighing the costs and benefits. They might miscalculate at times, but so does every government, and every person for that matter. Bad decisions do not necessarily mean that a person is crazy.

Those who carry out the acts themselves also think carefully about what their decisions entail. They make a conscious decision to sacrifice their lives for something they believe in. The men and women who fought the hijackers and crashed the plane into the woods of

Pennsylvania died trying to protect something that they deemed to be greater than themselves. For that, we call them heroes, not lunatics. I challenge you to understand that for many, the hijackers were heroes in the same way, because they, too, were willing to die for a greater cause.

2. Terrorists are not homeless beggars who are simply brainwashed by charismatic leaders.

But why would they want to commit suicide to fight America? We think, perhaps it is because they are devastated by extreme poverty and hate Americans for their luxurious lifestyle. Perhaps they are uneducated and simply do not understand the true meaning of American democracy. Or, most likely, manipulative monsters like Osama Bin Laden seek out the most weak-willed prey and gather them in as pawns for their diabolical war.

The evidence suggests otherwise. Of the biographical data collected from the families of all Hezbollah members killed between 1982 and 1994, the fighters were on average more educated and less impoverished than the Lebanese citizens around them. Likewise, most of the Sept. 11 hijackers were from Saudi Arabia, the country boasting the most wealth and best educational system of the entire Middle East. Another study of terrorist groups from around the world showed that approximately two-thirds of the individuals associated with terrorist groups have a university degree, and well over two-thirds come from the middle or upper class of their respective society.

Most terrorists fight not because they are brainwashed, but because they believe that they are fighting for a political cause. It is true that terrorist leaders use rhetoric to convince individuals to join them. However, this is no different than President Bush using rhetoric to make Americans feel that they should support a war against terrorism or in Iraq. Both situations are grounded in a political reality that demands action, and in both cases, effective leaders use emotion to motivate people to comply.

3. Just because terrorists' tactics are extreme does not mean that their causes are not just.

Terrorism is a form of psychological warfare. It is waged when an individual or group knows that he cannot defeat his enemy using direct force. Since conventional war is futile but the status quo is intolerable as well, the terrorist instead attacks the "kinks in the knight's armor" — high-profile targets like civilians — in an attempt to destroy the stronger force's willingness to fight. Terrorism like this has existed for thousands of years, (although the targets, weapons of choice, and methods have changed) and historically, it has proven to be one of the least effective modes of effecting change.

As brutal and malicious as terrorism is, it is folly to automatically assume that a terrorist's cause is unjust. Israel has been an illegal occupier of the West Bank and Gaza Strip for almost 50 years, a situation no different than Saddam Hussein invading Kuwait or the Communists in Eastern Europe. Many years ago, the Palestinians fought back with civil disobedience: pamphlets, strikes and boycotts. Yet for decades, the Western powers have ignored the Palestinians' plea for justice. Only in recent years, a full generation after the occupation began, have Palestinians given up on a peaceful political withdrawal and have turned to more extreme measures to get the world's attention.

I condemn terrorism as much as the next person, but I feel it extremely important that before I do, I know what it is these groups want and why they are willing to die for it. Only by understanding the terrorists' goals and motivations will we be able to win the war against terror.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Prioritizing law-enforcing efforts

This letter is meant to address the St. Patrick's Day incident that occurred at the College Park apartment complex on Wednesday afternoon. We are all seniors at Notre Dame and reside in the complex. Our concerns are related to the accuracy of the coverage and the portrayal of Notre Dame students.

We have complete respect for the work of the Police Department, and understand that their presence was necessary due to the unfortunate incident. However, we feel that the actions certain officers took were unwarranted and irresponsible. The story that was reported in the newspaper, and other news networks did not attempt to uncover the full story, therefore portraying the entire incident as a raucous and unlawful crowd.

Two of our friends were arrested, without charge, and held in the backseat of a police car for two hours. Upon their release, they were told that they were "interfering with emergency crews" — even though the crews had already attended to the

injured student on the other side of the complex. Further, officers told them next time to "not make such a spectacle," when the only spectacle were the unwarranted arrests.

In truth, officers were looking to unduly exert their authority over students. Their main concern involves drinking among Notre Dame students. At one time there were over 10 police cars at the complex to break up parties; where were they (and the news coverage) when 12 apartments were broken into over the holidays? It seems that the Police Departments need to reconsider their priorities.

Patrick Malloy
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Mankind must put an end to war,
or war will put an end to mankind."

John F. Kennedy
U.S. president

Debating the ends of higher education

A friend of mine called Ben, whom I have known since we were freshmen together at university, has for some time suffered from two persistent difficulties. The first is that for the duration of his undergraduate career, Ben's life resembled nothing so much as a pornographic film from which all the sex had been removed, leaving only a succession of implausible plot contrivances.

To give an example of what I'm talking about, Ben was once invited to give motorcycling lessons to a group of 18-year-old high school girls. That (I think we can all agree on this) just isn't the sort of thing that happens in real life, or even in reputable works of fiction. But it happened to Ben and, even more implausibly, he remained chaste throughout the process.

Peter Wicks

Englishman
Abroad

The pathos of Ben's situation was that he didn't want to take advantage of any of the girls, but sometimes he wanted to want to take advantage of them. I know quite a few men like that, but none of the others had to endure anything like the succession of tantalizing situations that was Ben's life. By our final year at Oxford I kept expecting a group of female aliens bearing an uncanny resemblance to the Brazilian beach volleyball team to land their flying saucer outside Ben's dorm and refuse to leave until he agreed to help them repopulate their planet.

But this was only one of the two sources of Ben's frustration. The other was that he was a psychology student and no one except other psychology students seemed to have the slightest idea what that involved. When he told people what he studied they would almost invariably pause for a moment to consider this and then ask, "So, can you tell what I'm thinking?"

As background, I should explain that in England there is no tradition of the liberal arts degree. Most people attend university for three years and study only one subject or occasionally two closely-related subjects.

One consequence of this is that the vast majority of university-educated Englishmen end up basing their conception of psychology on the portrayal of criminal psychologists in Hollywood movies, which usually treat the subject with the same meticulous attention to detail that Hollywood has brought to the practices of computer hackers. In America, psychologists are often frustrated when they are confused with psychiatrists, just as astronomers are annoyed when they are confused with astrologers. In England, most psychologists are just happy to meet anyone who realizes they are not psychic.

Ben got no pity from me regarding the situation with the high school girls and the bikes, but I sympathized with his other frustration because philosophy has a similar public relations problem. I know that a lot of my friends can't help imagining that when I'm in my office I wear a toga and spend hours in silent contemplation, leaning forward with my chin resting on my fist, doing my best impression of a Rodin sculpture.

I once met a woman who, when I told her that I was a philosophy student, asked me if we read Deepak Chopra. Chopra, I subsequently discovered, is the author of such seminal works as "Perfect Weight: The Complete Mind/Body Program for Achieving and Maintaining Your Ideal Weight" and the indispensable "Grow Younger, Live Longer: Ten Steps to Reverse Aging." I'm not mocking the woman, who was clearly very intelligent, but there is something wrong with a college education that did not equip her to distinguish between Chopra's new-age wellness garbage and Plato's Republic.

There used to be a substantial amount of books and ideas with which you could assume that every university-educated person was familiar. Classical literature occupied a central place and a large amount of history could be assumed.

But while there is much to envy about the old curriculum, we should not mourn its loss. There was very little science, and some things had to go to make room for that. Psychology is now an important part of our quest to understand ourselves, and everyone should have at least a basic knowledge of its history and concepts. Similarly, most of what is written about the Human Genome Project is confused and misleading and everyone with a liberal education — not just biology majors — should know enough about genetics to recognize that. To give just one more example, everyone should be taught enough about statistics to realize how easy it is to lie with them.

The old curriculum needed to change, but what did not need to be abandoned was the idea of a core curriculum, which is closely tied to the idea of a common culture (a culture which does not replace, but rather is shared between many subcultures). There are some things that every educated person should know, some books that every educated person should have read. One of the ends to which higher education should be directed is equipping us to take part in the endless debate about what they are.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reacting to the "Sea of Orange"

Divorcing marriage from government

It is ironic that those who have been most eager to mislabel the effort to secure equal rights for homosexuals as a quest for "special rights" are now leading proponents of laws and constitutional amendments to preserve the special rights of married heterosexuals.

In compliance with our constitutional separation of church and state, perhaps government should get completely out of the marriage business and leave protection of the "sanctity" and "sacred, sacramental character" of marriage to religious denominations.

Of course, this would entail removing all of the special legal incidents that currently flow from marriage. Then, in compliance with our constitutional guarantees of equal protection and due process, and in the interest of avoiding the inherent inequality of

"separate but equal" and of promoting true "family values" that do not include hatred and discrimination, those incidents would attach to government-instituted "civil unions" open to both opposite-sex and same-sex couples. Depending upon the rules of their particular religious denomination, such couples still might, but need not, get married in religious ceremonies.

Thus we could disentangle government from sectarian disputes over what God wants, while following the biblical directive to "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's."

Lawrence Bradley
class of '60
March 20

Wearing of shirts is sinful

I read about the orange T-shirts that 1,600 Notre Dame community members purchased which read, "Gay? Fine by me." It is usually good to see unity over important issues. In this case, however, the people who bought the shirt have chosen the wrong course of action. If these people had the actual experience of counseling homosexuals as I have in my position as a lay pastoral associate in a local parish, they would realize that social promotion of the homosexual lifestyle is counter-productive to the true interest of homosexuals.

Is it possible that the people who bought the orange shirt have completely forgotten that the Church has always taught that homosexual activity is intrinsically wrong?

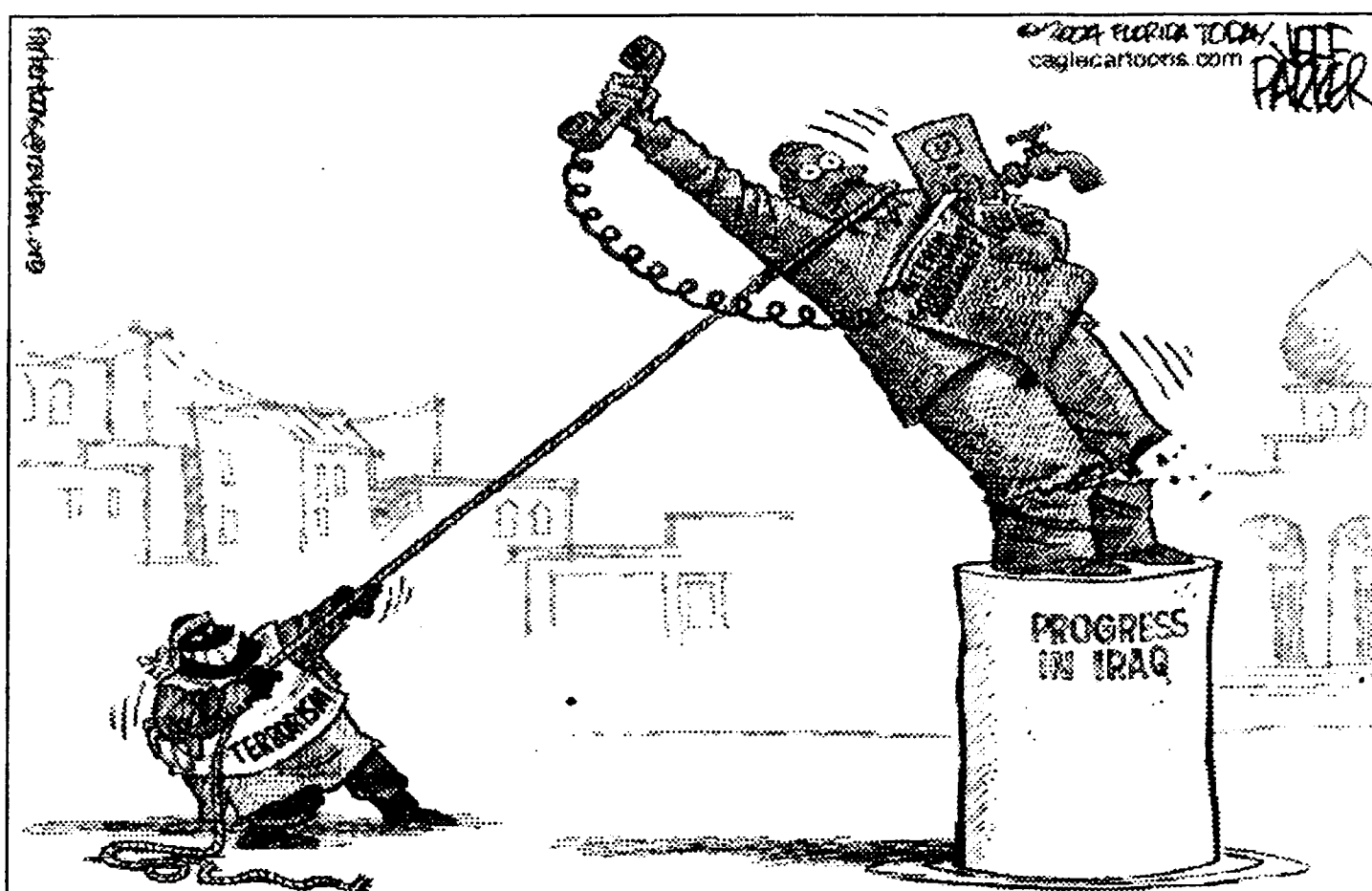
The reason I oppose the open acquiescence to homosexual behavior now are the same reasons I opposed it as a student in the late 1970s.

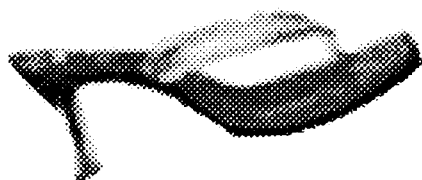
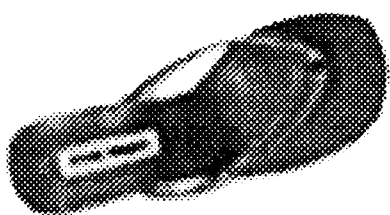
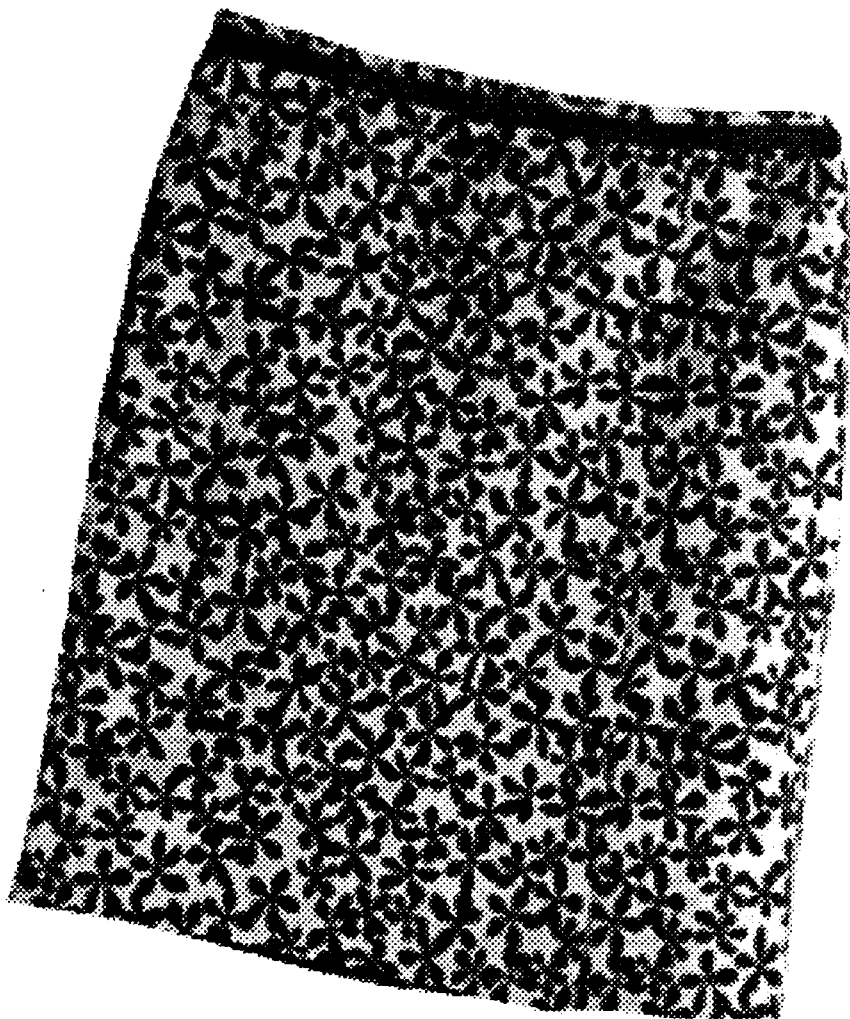
I find St. Paul's argument in Romans 1 to be conclusive on this subject. My Jerusalem Bible says, "The more they called themselves philosophers, the more stupid they grew ... that is why God has abandoned them to degrading passions: why their women have turned from natural intercourse to unnatural practices and why their menfolk have given up natural intercourse to be consumed with passion for each other." St. Paul taught that homosexual culture and behavior were a result of the rejection of God in the society. For he continues, "Since they refused to see it was rational to acknowledge God, God has left them to their own irrational ideas and to their monstrous behavior."

By choosing to wear the orange shirt, you are effectively encouraging a lifestyle which is directly opposed to the Gospel's way of life. By encouraging homosexual activity you become an accomplice to behavior that is mortally sinful. Christian people can find more beneficial ways to show friendship and truth to the homosexual members of the Notre Dame family without caving in to their demands for pseudo-tolerance.

Gus Zuehlke
class of '80
March 18

EDITORIAL CARTOON





SPRING FASH

By KATIE WANGER and
MOLLY GRIFFIN
Scene Writers

It might be snowing this week in South Bend, but April and warm weather are coming up. It's time to get to the mall, break out the credit card and invest in some new styles to show off the spring break tan.

This spring's look for women is bound to get even those who simply are not into fashion racing to the malls.

That's because the clothes are more colorful, exotic, feminine and flattering than they have been in years. The diversity of clothing items and accessories that are in style this spring is what makes being fashionable so attractive and easy. With so many different cuts for skirts and dresses available, every girl is bound to find something ultra-feminine that flatters her figure.

Skirts

For example, this spring's fashionable skirts range from extremely short to knee-length, to mid-calf-length, to even ankle length. Fringe is popular for all skirts and looks best on longer skirts. Ruffles and asymmetrical hems are two things to look for when picking out your spring skirt.

To give yourself a cute Euro-look try a multi-layered mini with legwarmers. These skirts somewhat resemble last year's short pleated shirts, but have more feminine flair to them. Of course sporty tennis-

inspired skirts, plaid kilts and other kinds of pleated skirts are still very in this spring. These pleats can be either large or tiny. Just keep in mind that for pleated and multi-layered skirts, the shorter the better.

Dresses

There's also more than one dress style favored by designers this spring. If you've always felt you were made for '20s styled clothes, it's your time to look your best in a silky flapper-inspired dresses. These are straight, drop at the waist and have asymmetrical hems. If you'd prefer to have been born in the '50s, you can sport this decade's dresses, too. They are full-skirted and fitted everywhere else — think Audrey Hepburn. Also, don't throw out your timeless halters or strapless dresses that are frilly and full of ruffles. The best length to go with for dresses is slightly above the knees.

Shoes

If you are on the shorter side and just can't stand dresses of this length, put on a pair of high strappy dress shoes to lengthen your legs. Ballet flats, high-heeled sandals, round-toed pumps and any kind of colored shoes, including sneakers, are the newest styles to put on your feet.

Colors

When it comes to choosing the right color for this spring, pink is your best bet. Any shade will do, but hot pink certainly is the hottest color on the runway. If pinks don't work with your com-

plexion, try tropical colors such as blue, yellow, orange, lime-green, teal or soft mint green. Purchasing pants, dresses, skirts and purses with either tiny or big flower prints incorporating some of these colors would be great moves. Clothing and bags with stripes and polka dots are also in style.

As for jackets, colored trenches are the number one buy and very short jackets are also very stylish.

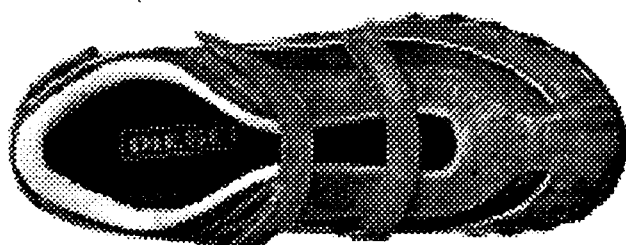
Accessories

While you may feel understandably overwhelmed by all these new accessories, tops and skirts that have been appearing in your shopping malls, don't stress. The styles of previous springs have not yet been forgotten. You can keep wearing your mules, sandals, high boots, cropped pants, Hawaiian prints and lace. Also, use all your solid tanks and tees for layering under this spring's off-the-shoulder sweaters, shirts and sweatshirts.

Bare your shoulders and bra-straps to feel as sexy as Sixteen Candles' Samantha Baker (Molly Ringwald) when she finally kisses Jake Ryan.

Once you've got an off-the-shoulder, top, a very cute skirt and some bright shoes, you might want to accessorize. Satin ribbons and flowers are the best editions to any outfit, whether worn in the hair or on clothes. Ribbons are great for accentuating waists. Colorful bracelets and hoop earrings are also items worth trying.

As for fabrics, silk, satin,



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Pintuck snap shirt, \$34.50, patchwork clutch, \$19.50, striped scarf, \$16.50 each, available from The Gap. Linen jacquard skirt, \$88.00, available from J. Crew. Women's marmalade stretch sandals, \$59.99, available from Steve Madden.

FASHIONS

chiffon and anything sheer fit, this spring's look best, since these materials are so feminine.

This spring's fashion is great because it leaves plenty of room for experimentation and provides girls with the opportunity to dress as femininely and vibrantly as they desire.

Men's fashion this spring revives some old trends, updates some more recent ones and infused clothing with some outside influences. The amalgamation of new and retro styles somehow comes together into a coherent style for this spring, even offering some fashionable leeway for dealing with inclement weather. The blending and borrowing between different elements of style makes these trends easy to follow, and difficult to mess up. You may already have some of the big items sitting in your closet.

Athletic wear

A variety of sports are being tapped as influences for this spring's fashion, including track, motocross and soccer. The key to wearing athletic pieces is to mix them up with other style elements, so as to not look like you're just an athlete suiting up for a game. Many of the pieces have a retro '70s feel to them, especially in the bright colors paired with white stripes and other details. Examples of this fashion fusion would include wearing a sporty jacket with dress pants or pairing athletic shoes with a suit.

Polo shirts

While always a fashion staple, polos are enjoying added attention this spring. Expect to see a variety of polo styles, like fitted or classic. Patterns range from brights to stripes. Brands like Ralph Lauren and Banana Republic are always classics, but this year heralds the Lacoste revival. The shirts were popular in the '80s and disappeared from the fashion radar for a while, but they are back with a vengeance this year. Polos are always popular among a variety of different age groups, but it is enjoying its new place in the fashion world because of the athletic influences tingeing most of the spring collections.

Denim

Jeans are another staple of every male's wardrobe, but the styles vary from season to season. This spring, two completely different types of denim are in style. Dark denim with a clean finish is one of the main styles, and the fact that it can be easily dressed up or down makes it an extremely versatile style. The other major look in denim this season is distressed jeans. These jeans are slightly ripped and faded to give the appearance of age. This style is less versatile than undistressed jeans, but it does add some edge to an outfit. It also goes well with athletic- or punk-inspired looks.

Shoes

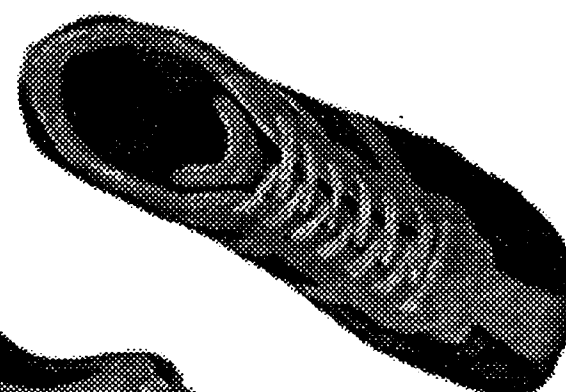
Tennis shoes are a necessity for every wardrobe, but that doesn't necessarily put

them in the ranks of high fashion. With the incorporation of athletic styles into the fashion world, tennis shoes have begun to move up the ranks of the fashion ladder. Many athletic shoe companies, like Nike and Adidas, have begun to make more fashion-friendly models. Popular styles include bright colors and some throwbacks to shoes from the '70s and '80s. Companies like Prada and Dolce & Gabbana are making shoes, revealing the trend has pervaded even the upper echelons of the fashion world.

Suits

Spring often brings new innovations to classic styles, and men's suits are a perfect canvas for such fashion re-workings. Pinstripes and other classic styles are regaining their popularity, and one of the biggest trends in men's wear this season is pairing striped or patterned shirts and ties together to create contrasting textures. Another trend in suits this season is incorporating less formal elements into dressing up. Suits are being designed to be worn with tennis shoes, and many have lower waists and wider legs so as to look less fitted and more laid back. Suits now have the freedom to be completely tailored or somewhat less fitted and formal.

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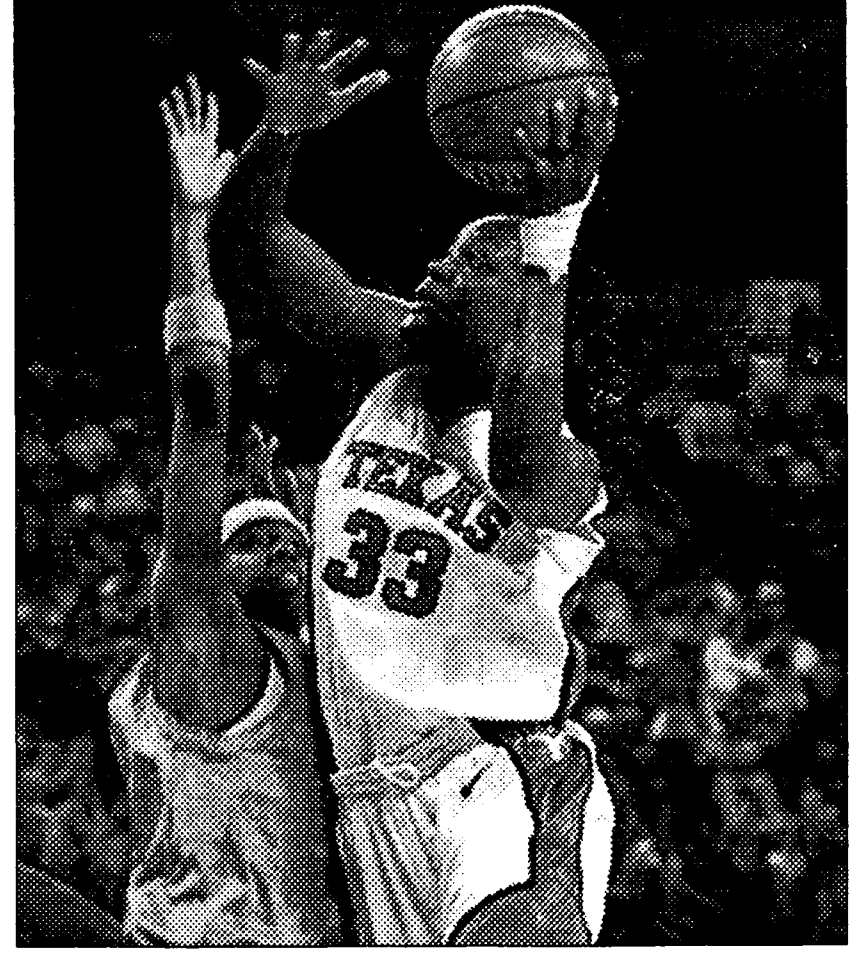
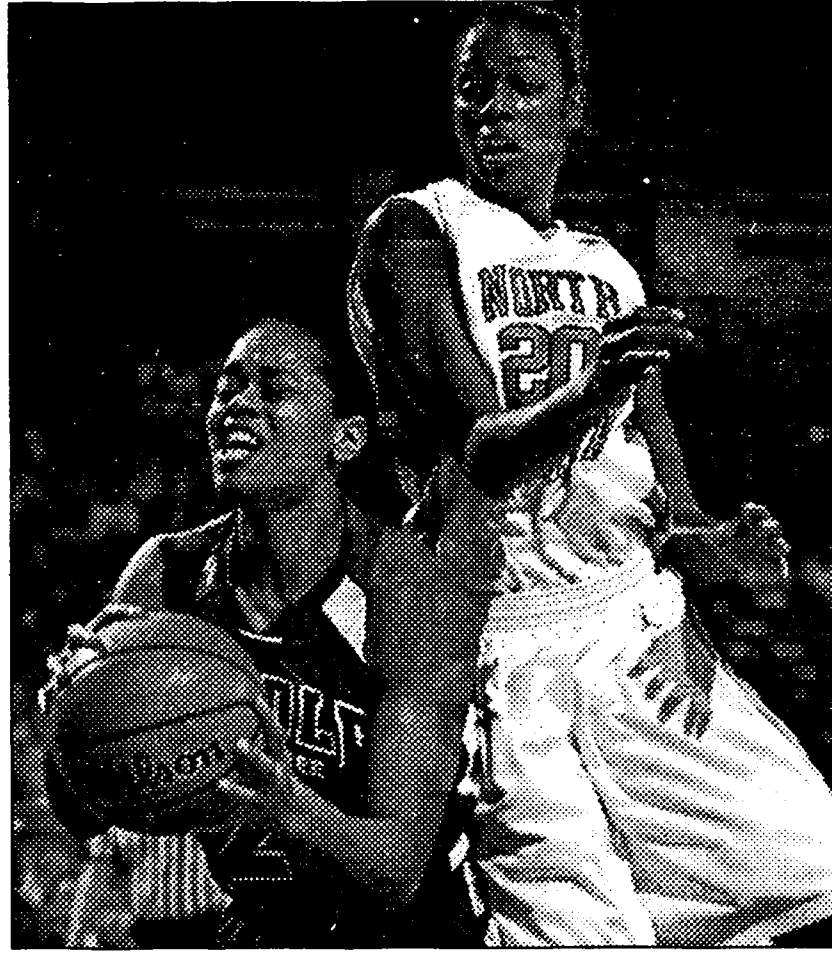
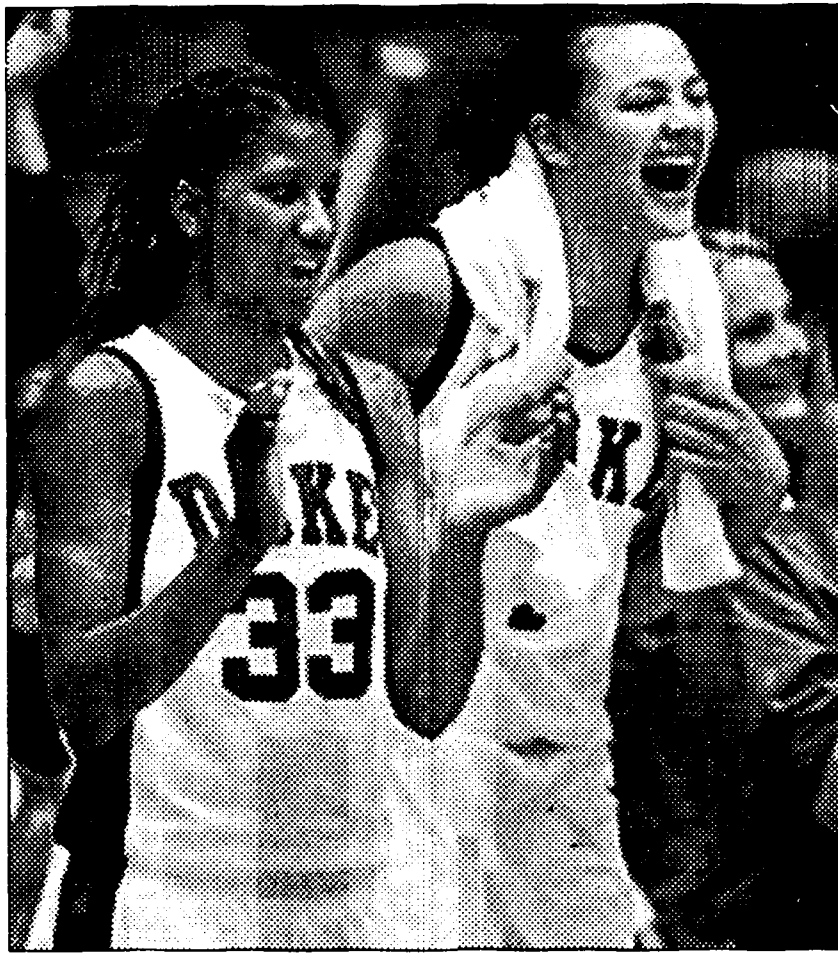


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WOMEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT

Irish to face Middle Tennessee in second round



At left, Duke players celebrate during their blow-out win over Northwestern State. Tar Heel Camille Little, center, tries to block Jenne Webb. Middle Tennessee's win eliminated North Carolina in the first round for the first time in almost twenty years. At right, Texas guard Adrienne Ross fights for a rebound against Southern.

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Patrice Holmes scored 18 points, including two free throws with 8.3 seconds left, to lead Middle Tennessee State to a 67-62 victory Sunday over No. 12 North Carolina in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

This was just the second NCAA tournament victory in nine attempts for the 13th-seeded Lady Raiders, who play Tuesday against host Notre Dame. The Irish (20-1) beat Southwest Missouri State 69-65 in overtime Sunday. North Carolina lost in the first round of the tournament for the first time since 1985.

Krystle Horton had 16 points for Middle Tennessee, Keisha McClinic had 13 points and nine rebounds and Tia Stovall added 12 points and six rebounds.

Camille Little led the fourth-seeded Tar Heels with 19 points and Bell finished with 14 points and seven rebounds.

The Lady Raiders (24-7) led 60-48 with 6:30 left, but Jessica Bell scored a pair of rebound baskets to spark a 10-0 run by the Tar Heels (24-7). Fourth-seeded North Carolina cut the lead to 60-58 when Kenya McBee hit two free throws with 3:44 left.

North Carolina had a chance to tie the score at 64, but 6-foot-6 center Candace Sutton missed from underneath. McClinic hit a free throw to give the Lady Raiders a three-point lead. Ivory Latta then missed a 17-footer for North Carolina and Bell failed on a 3-pointer as the Tar Heels

were 0-of-13 on 3-pointers.

Holmes then made the clinching foul shot for Middle Tennessee State, which was 14-of-15 from the line.

The Tar Heels outrebounded Middle Tennessee State 46-37 and outscored them inside 48-34, but they couldn't overcome their 17 turnovers. The Lady Raiders scored 20 points off North Carolina's turnovers, while North Carolina had only 10 points off of Middle Tennessee State's 14 turnovers.

After jumping to a 9-2 lead, Middle Tennessee went ahead 18-17 on a layup by Stovall with 7:59 left in the first half. The Lady Raiders led the rest of the way, including 35-26 at halftime.

No. 1 Duke 103, No. 16 Northwestern State 51

Nearly two weeks had passed since Duke's last game, and the Blue Devils had grown tired of practicing against one another.

Boy were they ready for the NCAA tournament to start.

Reserve Jessica Foley scored a career-high 18 points to lead the top-seeded Blue Devils past No. 16 seed Northwestern State in the first round of the Midwest Regional on Sunday.

Iciss Tillis had 17 points and 11 rebounds for the Blue Devils (28-3), who scored the game's first 13 points and were never challenged. Duke advanced to the second round to face ninth-seeded Marquette, which beat No. 8 seed Old Dominion 67-64.

The Blue Devils hadn't played since beating North Carolina 63-47 for the

Atlantic Coast Conference tournament championship March 8. They didn't show much rust, shooting 49 percent and taking an 55-30 edge on the boards.

In addition, Duke held Northwestern State (24-7) to 28 percent shooting, blocked nine shots and scored 22 points off 19 turnovers.

No. 1 Penn State 79, No. 16 Hampton 42

Penn State lived up to its top billing and had its way with Hampton.

The No. 1 seed in the NCAA East Regional moved on to the second round with an easy victory on Sunday.

The Lady Lions (26-5) will have to work a little harder on Tuesday night when they take on eighth-seeded Virginia Tech on its home floor, but guard Jess Strom said she and her teammates will welcome the challenge.

Virginia Tech (23-7) beat Iowa 89-76 in the early game Sunday.

"We've played a lot of tough teams from the Big Ten on their home court, so I think we'll be ready," Strom said.

Penn State's 15-1 conference record suggests she might be right.

Penn State was trying to shake off a loss to Purdue in the Big Ten tournament championship, and got started right away. The Lady Lions ran off 22 points in the first half to open a 29-6 lead.

"I think it was a combination of defense and us attacking on offense," said Kelly Mazzante, who led the Lady Lions with 18 points in 26 minutes. "We understood that this game was all

about us."

No. 1 Texas 92, No. 16 Southern 57

It has been 16 years since Texas was a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament. The Longhorns figured to have some fun with it.

Tiffany Jackson scored 21 points and the Longhorns, the top seed in the West Regional, rolled over Southern Sunday night, putting on a show for a home crowd that didn't get to see any of Texas' run to the Final Four last season.

Jamie Carey scored 18 points, and Heather Schreiber added 15 for Texas (29-4), combining for a flurry of first-half 3-pointers that buried the Jaguars early with a 55-22 halftime lead.

The Longhorns ran the nation's longest home winning streak to 35 and advanced to the second round Tuesday against the Michigan State-Arizona winner.

Rolanda Monroe and Ashley Blake each scored 16 points to lead Southern (17-13).

The Longhorns had earned their first top seed since 1988, but were coming in off a loss in the Big 12 tournament title game and struggling to find the form they showed in February when they reached No. 1 in The Associated Press rankings.

It took about 18 seconds to find it. tacy Stephens won the opening tip over Southern's 6-foot-4 center Fredrieka Lewis. Schreiber hit a 3-pointer, was fouled by Shere Cunningham, made the free throw and the rout was on.

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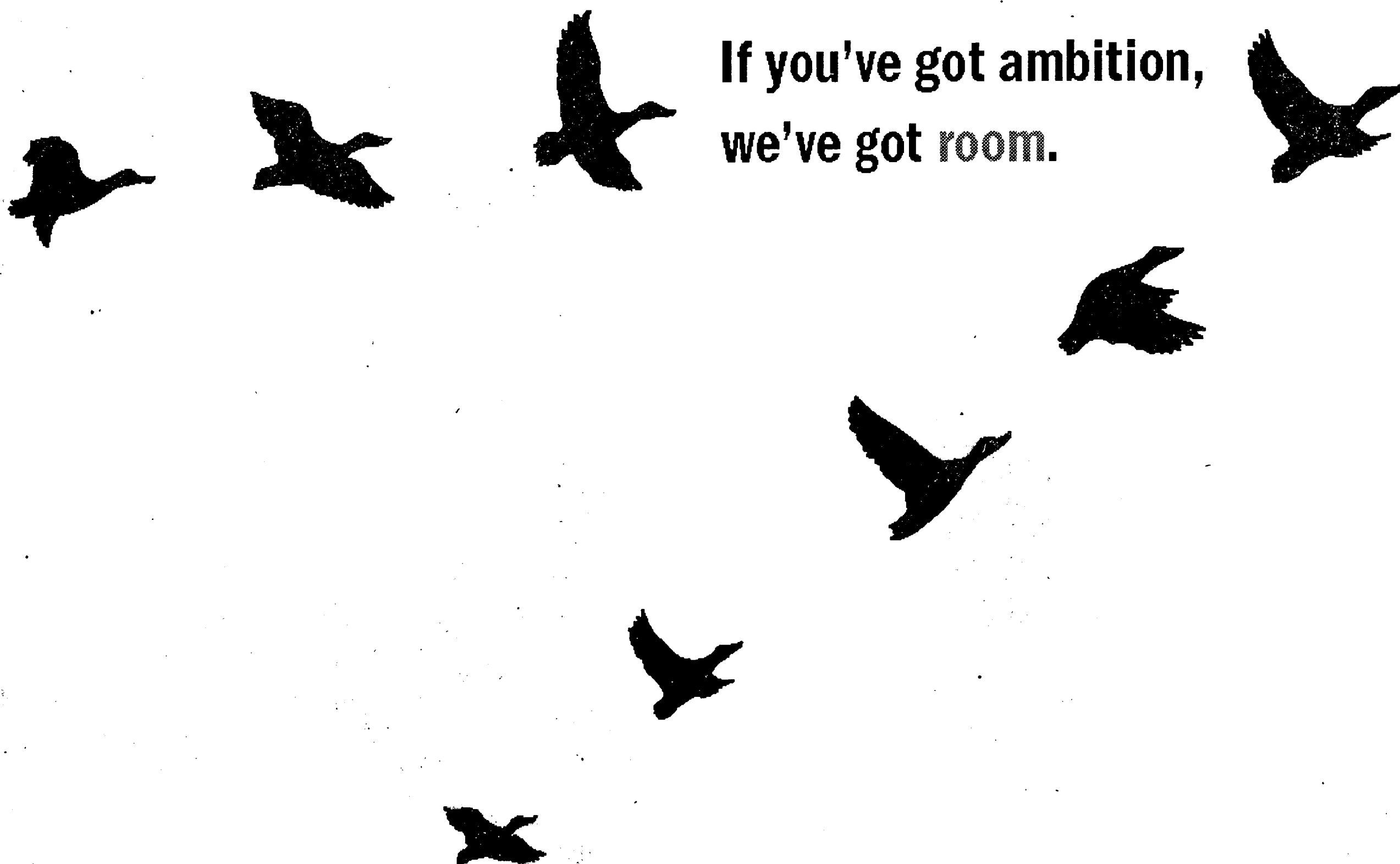
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Hundreds gather to watch Vet get demolished

Philly stadium's rabid fans, terrible turf gave it a legendary reputation

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Veterans Stadium became merely a memory Sunday when the building known for rabid fans, terrible turf and an in-house judge was reduced to a pile of rubble in just more than a minute.

Hundreds of people gathered to watch the demolition of the place where Mike Schmidt jumped into Tug McGraw's arms after the Phillies' only World Series championship and Dick Vermeil sent the Eagles to their lone Super Bowl.

It was also where a merciless crowd cheered the ambulance that carried off Dallas receiver Michael Irvin after a career-ending neck injury. Pete Rose met his future wife at the Vet when she was an Eagles cheerleader — years later, the women sued 29 NFL teams, claiming visiting players peeped on them in the dressing room.

About 3,000 pounds of explosives took down the concrete stadium, section by section in a clockwise direction as booms rang out.

"Ladies and gentlemen, you just witnessed history," Vet public-address announcer Dan Baker told the cheering crowd. One onlooker played Taps on a silver trumpet.

Greg Luzinski, a slugger on the Phillies' 1980 World Series team, and the Phillie Phanatic pushed a ceremonial red plunger as the explosions began to bring down a stadium that opened in 1971.

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Greg Luzinski
former Phillies player

A large area around the sports complex was closed off, and airspace above the stadium was restricted to a 1,500-foot elevation for a quarter-mile radius during the implosion.

Passing truckers blared air horns in salute. Dozens of bystanders tried to cross a police barricade but were pushed back by police. The detonation began after Mayor John Street's 10-second countdown.

When it was over, a large cloud of dust rose over the site, home to the Phillies and

the Eagles for more than 30 years. All that remained was a pile of concrete slabs and pillars.

Firefighters hosed down the rubble to contain the dust, which was so thick at some points that the implosion was obscured and only the thundering booms could be heard.

Workers eventually will begin breaking down the concrete pieces, which will amount to 70,000 cubic yards of material. Contractors will recycle debris on the site until July, and the spot ultimately will serve as a 5,500-space parking lot.

The Phillies plan to paint an outline of the Vet's playing field across the new lot, and place granite markers where once stood home plate, the pitching mound and bases.

New baseball-only and football-only stadiums have been built nearby. The Eagles began playing at Lincoln Financial Field last year. The Phillies played their last game at the Vet in September; their season opener in Citizens Bank Park is April 12.

Like its predecessor Connie Mack Stadium, the Vet had become outdated. Team officials, players and fans agreed the concrete-bowl design stadium — much maligned for rats, leaky ceilings and insufficient amenities — was way past its prime.

The Vet earned a reputation as a fearful place for opponents, as much for its intimidating crowds as for its rock-hard artificial turf, voted the worst surface in the NFL by its players' union.

Chicago Bears receiver Wendell Davis blew out both knees on one play on Oct. 10, 1993, a moment that became symbolic of the danger of a visit to the Vet.

In 2001, a preseason game between the Eagles and the Baltimore Ravens was canceled because of problems with the newly installed NextTurf playing surface.

The fans often caused other problems.

In a game against the San Francisco 49ers on Nov. 10, 1997, an Eagles booster shot a flare gun into some empty seats and there were more than 60 fights. The rowdy behavior prompted the city to set up "Eagles Court" at the Vet to arrest and convict unruly fans.

"In some respects, Veterans Stadium became a relic,"

Street said. "We really had to let it go."

The most riveting memory of the Vet may have come at the end of Game 6 of the 1980 World Series, when mounted police pranced their horses onto the field while snarling

German shepherds waited nearby.

It was at the Vet in 1981 where Rose passed Stan Musial for most hits in the National League.

And it was at the Vet in 1993 where the Phillies lost to

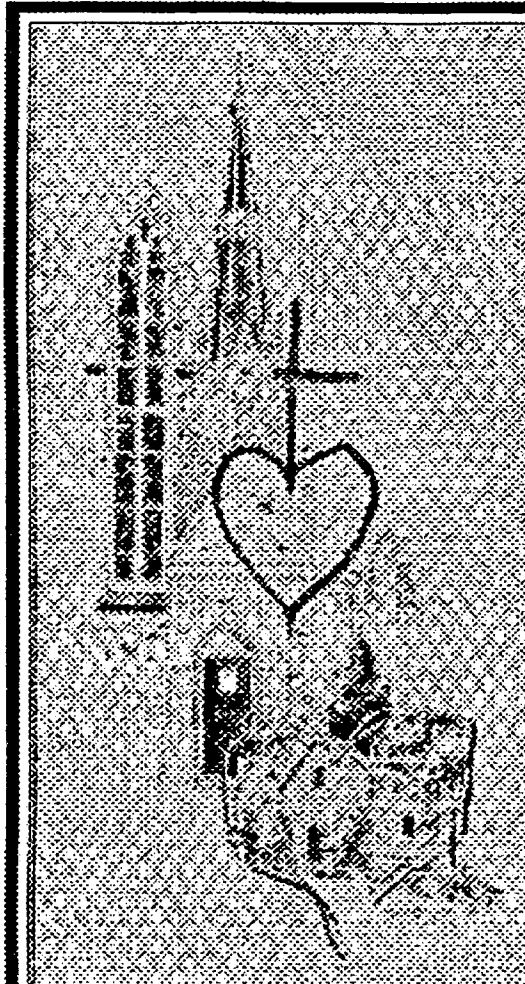
Toronto 15-14 in Game 4 of the World Series.

"It's amazing how emotional you can get about a giant slab of concrete," 20-year-old John Middleton said.

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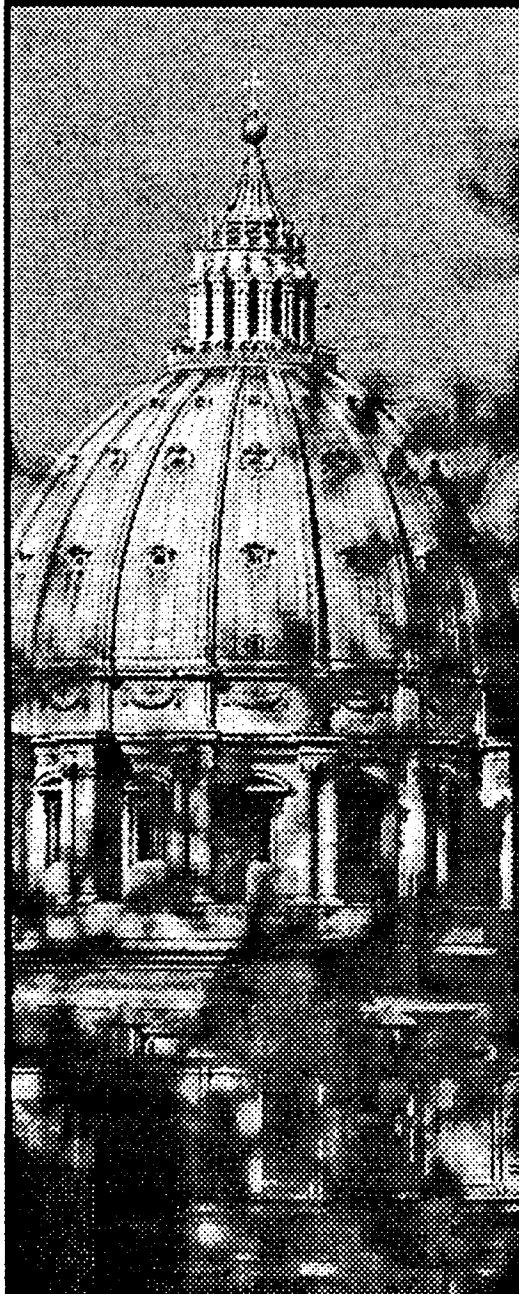
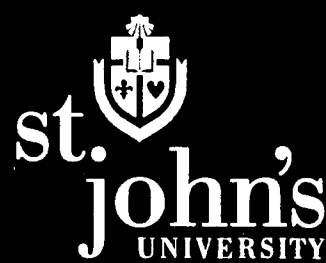
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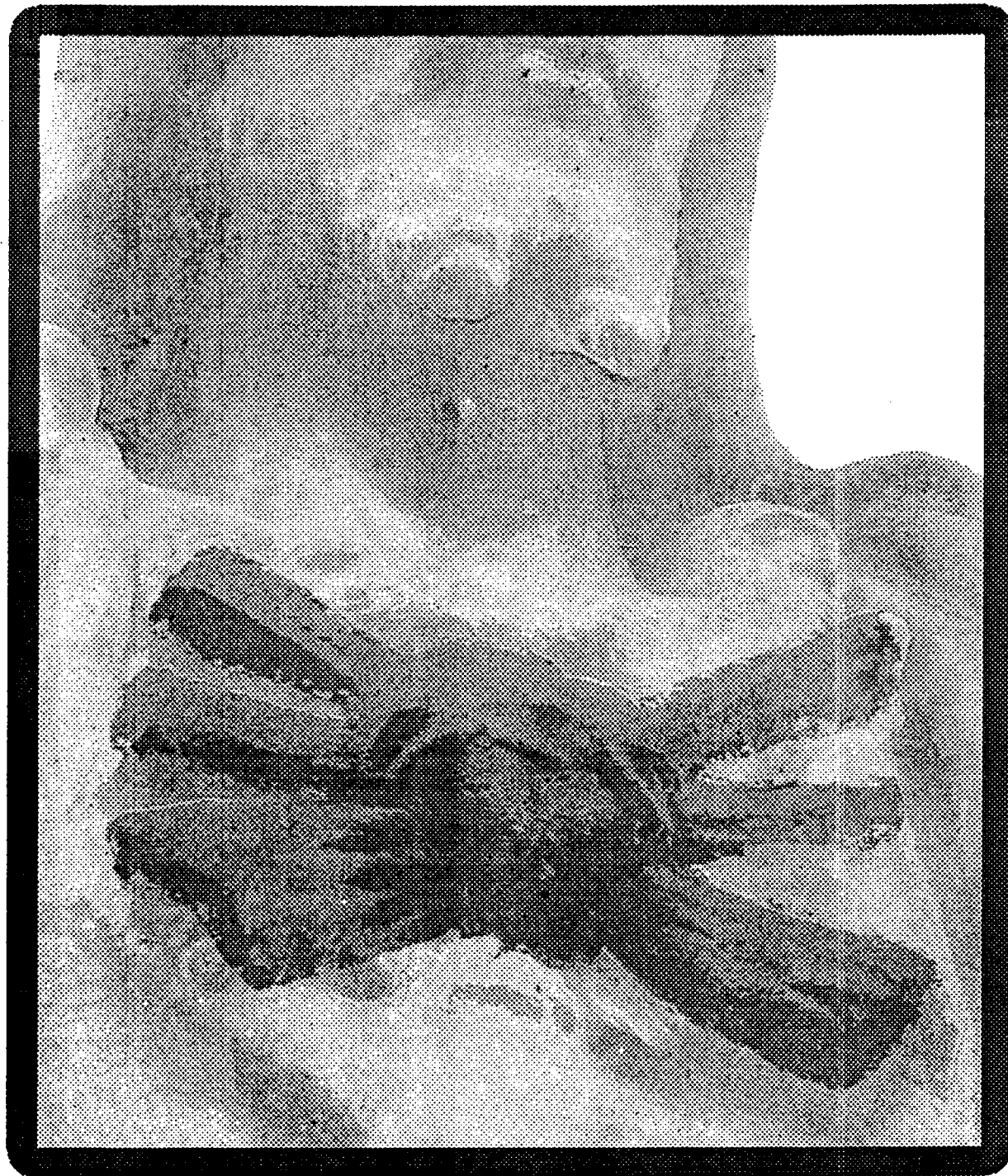
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NCAA Softball Top 25

	team	record	points
1	UCLA (20)	13-0	500
2	Arizona	16-0	471
3	California	13-0	459
4	Washington	11-2	430
5	Oklahoma	12-2-1	394
6	Georgia	9-2	383
7	Stanford	11-2	374
8	Louisiana Lafayette	11-1	347
9	Alabama	9-3	344
10	Florida State	12-1	309
11	Tennessee	13-2	295
12	Michigan	8-2	286
13	LSU	10-3	225
14	Nebraska	6-4	190
15	Fresno State	5-2	186
16	Texas	8-4	168
17	Oregon	8-4	146
18	Oregon State	14-6	145
19	Pacific	12-2	132
20	South Carolina	8-0	113
21	Arizona State	15-6	104
21	Iowa	3-2	104
23	Florida	12-2	79
24	Cal-State Fullerton	3-6	49
26	South Florida	15-2	43
	Texas A&M	8-7	43

NCAA Men's Tennis Top 30

	team	points
1	Illinois	600
2	Mississippi	586
3	Baylor	585
4	Duke	569
5	Rice	554
6	Southern California	562
7	Stanford	561
8	UCLA	547
9	Florida	534
10	VA Commonwealth	531
11	Ohio State	513
12	Harvard	509
13	Vanderbilt	491
14	LSU	490
15	TCU	488
16	Virginia	481
17	Georgia	474
18	Kentucky	468
19	North Carolina	452
20	Pepperdine	451
21	Texas A&M	436
22	Washington	428
23	California	426
24	Arkansas	418
25	Arizona	403
26	Arizona State	401
27	Tennessee-Knoxville	386
28	Texas	365
29	Mississippi State	375
30	Tulane	355

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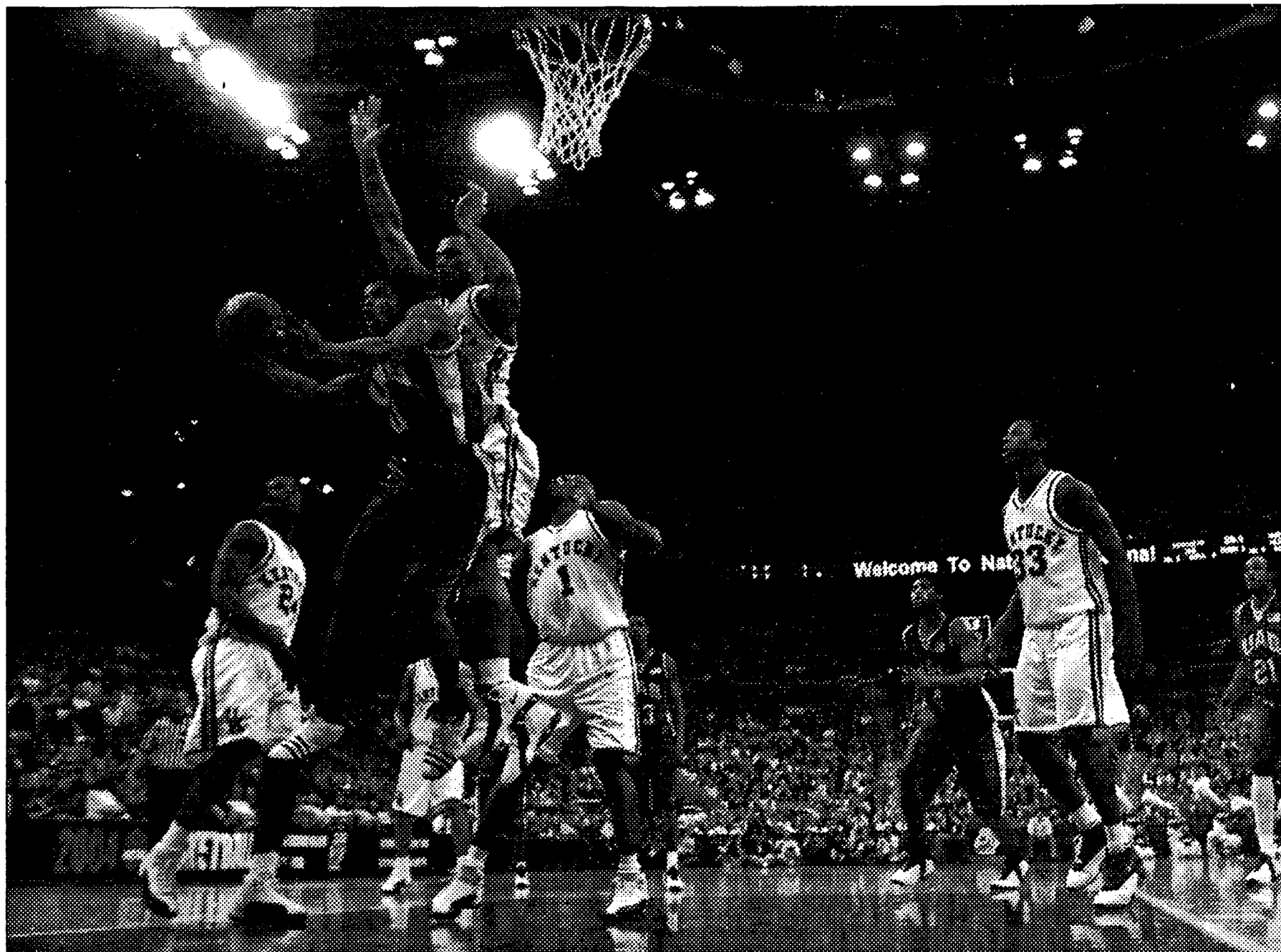
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Bulls at Pacers 7 p.m., FSN

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Cardinals at Braves 3 p.m., ESPN

MEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Alabama-Birmingham's Carldell Johnson is fouled by Chuck Hayes in the second half of their NCAA tournament second-round matchup. UAB stunned the college basketball world, defeating No. 1 seed Kentucky.

Top-seed Kentucky falls as upsets abound

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The NCAA tournament's top seed got sent back to its ol' Kentucky home.

Mo Finley made a 17-foot jumper with 12.2 seconds left and ninth-seeded Alabama-Birmingham hung on to stun the heavily favored Wildcats 76-75 Sunday in the second round of the St. Louis Regional.

Kentucky's Gerald Fitch missed a 3-pointer with 2.2 seconds left and Chuck Hayes' tip rolled off the rim just before the final horn.

The Blazers (22-9) advanced to the round of 16 for the first time since 1982 with their second big upset of Kentucky in the NCAA tournament, while the Wildcats became the second No. 1 seed to lose over the weekend. Stanford lost to Alabama on Saturday, leaving Saint Joseph's and Duke as the remaining top seeds.

UAB will play fourth-seeded Kansas in the round of 16.

UAB's win came almost exactly 23 years to the day that the Blazers beat Kentucky in the second round of the 1981 tournament — a victory the school had claimed as the turning point in its basketball program, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this season.

This one might just top it.

Xavier 89, Mississippi State 74

Lionel Chalmers listened to the experts who said Mississippi State was too

big, too fast, too strong and too good. Then he and his Xavier teammates went out and proved them wrong.

Chalmers scored a career-high 31 points and Dedrick Finn added 22 Sunday, helping the seventh-seeded Musketeers upset the Southeastern Conference regular-season champions to reach the semifinals of the Atlanta Regional.

Finn's shot from beyond midcourt put Xavier (25-10) ahead for good at the first-half buzzer, Chalmers, Anthony Myles and Romain Sato made sure the second-seeded Bulldogs never led again.

Xavier, which has won 15 of 16 games after a 10-9 start, advanced beyond the second round for the first time since 1990. The Atlantic 10 Conference tournament champs will face No. 3 seed Texas in the regional semifinals.

Pittsburgh 59, Wisconsin 55

If anybody knows how to quiet a crowd it's the Pittsburgh Panthers.

They muffled the pro-Wisconsin horde at the Bradley Center on Sunday in the second round of the East Rutherford Regional.

"We've been in hostile environments before. It's just basketball," said sophomore guard Carl Krauser, who led Pitt with 16 points.

The third-seeded Panthers (31-4) will play Oklahoma State (29-3) in the regional semifinals. The Cowboys beat Memphis 70-53 earlier

Sunday.

Pittsburgh was a bit chafed at having to play what amounted to a home game for the sixth-seeded Badgers, who only had to travel 75 miles up Interstate 94.

The Panthers needn't have fretted.

They improved to 12-3 away from home, a record that includes victories over Syracuse in front of more than 31,000 at the Carrier Dome and over Georgetown at the ear-splitting MCI Center.

"Truthfully, I was surprised. They weren't booing us as loud as playing against Syracuse or Providence," forward Chris Taft said. "That's where we get the most boos. This was nothing."

Nothing like the crazed crowds in the Big East, said Chevon Troutman, whose 14 rebounds helped hush the house.

"These people are really nice up here," he said.

Georgia Tech 57, Boston College 54

The only thing Jarrett Jack could have done better was run out the clock.

Quiet for most of the second half, Jack had a big steal and a breakaway dunk with less than six seconds left to help give Georgia Tech a victory over Boston College in the NCAA tournament Sunday.

The third-seeded Yellow Jackets advanced to the regional semifinals for the first time since 1996. They'll play 10th-seeded Nevada, fresh off upsets of Gonzaga and Michigan

State, on Friday in the St. Louis Regional.

"This is the reason I came here," said Jack, a sophomore who was one of the top prep point guards in the country. "This is the point we wanted to get the program back to."

Jack finished with eight points, six rebounds and six assists. B.J. Elder led the Yellow Jackets (25-9) with 18 points, while Anthony McHenry scored 10.

Vanderbilt 75, North Carolina State 73

With a shout to the rafters, Matt Freije roused his slumping game. He then carried Vanderbilt to victory.

Freije scored 31 points and Corey Smith's three-point play with 21.2 seconds remaining gave the sixth-seeded Commodores the win over North Carolina State in the second round of the Phoenix regional on Sunday.

Vanderbilt (23-9) plays No. 2 Connecticut in the regional semifinals on Thursday. The last time Commodores reached the round of 16 was 1993.

Vandy trailed by 11 with 4:20 remaining, but Freije scored 11 points from there to lead the comeback.

Freije's open jumper from the left baseline with 52.7 seconds left put the Commodores up 72-71, their first lead since 43-39.

Freije was 8-for-15, 4-for-8 on 3-pointers, and made all 11 of his free throws.

MEN'S LACROSSE

No. 16 Loyola hands Irish third straight loss

Slow start again dooms Irish

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Call it early season jitters.

Call it a slow start.

Regardless, the Irish have lost their third consecutive match and now find themselves at 1-3 on the season.

Early in Saturday's match against No. 16 Loyola in Baltimore, Notre Dame was in a position that was all too familiar — behind.

"We were trying to stay positive after the first quarter," Pat Walsh said. "We felt we could score if we had better possessions and at the time were only worrying about scoring one goal at a time."

Loyola's 7-1 advantage early in the game proved to be too much for Notre Dame, as they fell 13-7.

This trend of falling behind opponents early in games has continued to plague Notre Dame throughout this season.

Case in point — against North Carolina, the Irish were down 9-5 at halftime. Syracuse proved to be a closer match, with the team down 4-3 after the first quarter.

In Saturday's match, Loyola had scored three goals before mid-field Brian Hubschmann scored the Irish's first point.

Loyola then quickly responded with three more goals with only nine minutes left in the first half to take a 6-1 lead. Fortunately, the Irish were able to fight back before halftime to

make the score 8-4 on goals by All-American attack Pat Walsh, midfielder Steve Claggett and attack Matt Howell.

"We started to get the offense going at the end of the first half and we were still positive," Walsh said. "We didn't come out ready and intense at the beginning and they did, so they were able to get an early lead on us."

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Irish attack

The Irish continued the comeback in the second half with Owen Mulford scoring his first goal of the season with 5:05 left in the third quarter. However, after cutting the Loyola lead to three, Loyola scored 40 seconds later.

But by the end of the match, the Irish ran out of steam and were only able to produce two of the final six goals of the game, giving Loyola the 13-7 victory.

"Our previous two losses came from two top-10 ranked teams, so it isn't anything to be ashamed of," Walsh said. "We still have eight games ahead of us and it isn't about who is playing their best lacrosse at the beginning of the season."

Not only was it the third straight loss for the Irish, but also the third consecutive loss in ground balls, as Loyola edged out the Irish 43 to 33. D.J. Driscoll and Matt Ryan each registered four ground balls to lead the Irish.

Coming into the match, Notre Dame was ranked No. 1 in the country in converting extra-man opportunities. However, they were unable to take advantage of four opportuni-

ties. The Irish were also second in scoring offense but were held to a season low.

Despite the offensive blemishes during Saturday's loss, Steward Crowland excelled defensively, recording 12 saves.

"We haven't played 60 minutes of hard lacrosse. We have had spots of it, but not a whole game," Walsh said. "We had more talent than both teams, but that doesn't win games." Although the Irish are off to a slow start, their focus is on post-season action and learning from their mistakes rather than

dwelling on what could have been.

"We were disappointed at the end of the match but we knew what we did wrong," Walsh said.

"It is much better that we catch our problems early in the season so we can fix them."

The Irish will have a chance to prove what they have learned when they face No. 14 Hofstra Wednesday at the

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Loftus Sports Center. Hofstra is fresh off of a loss to No. 6 Princeton.

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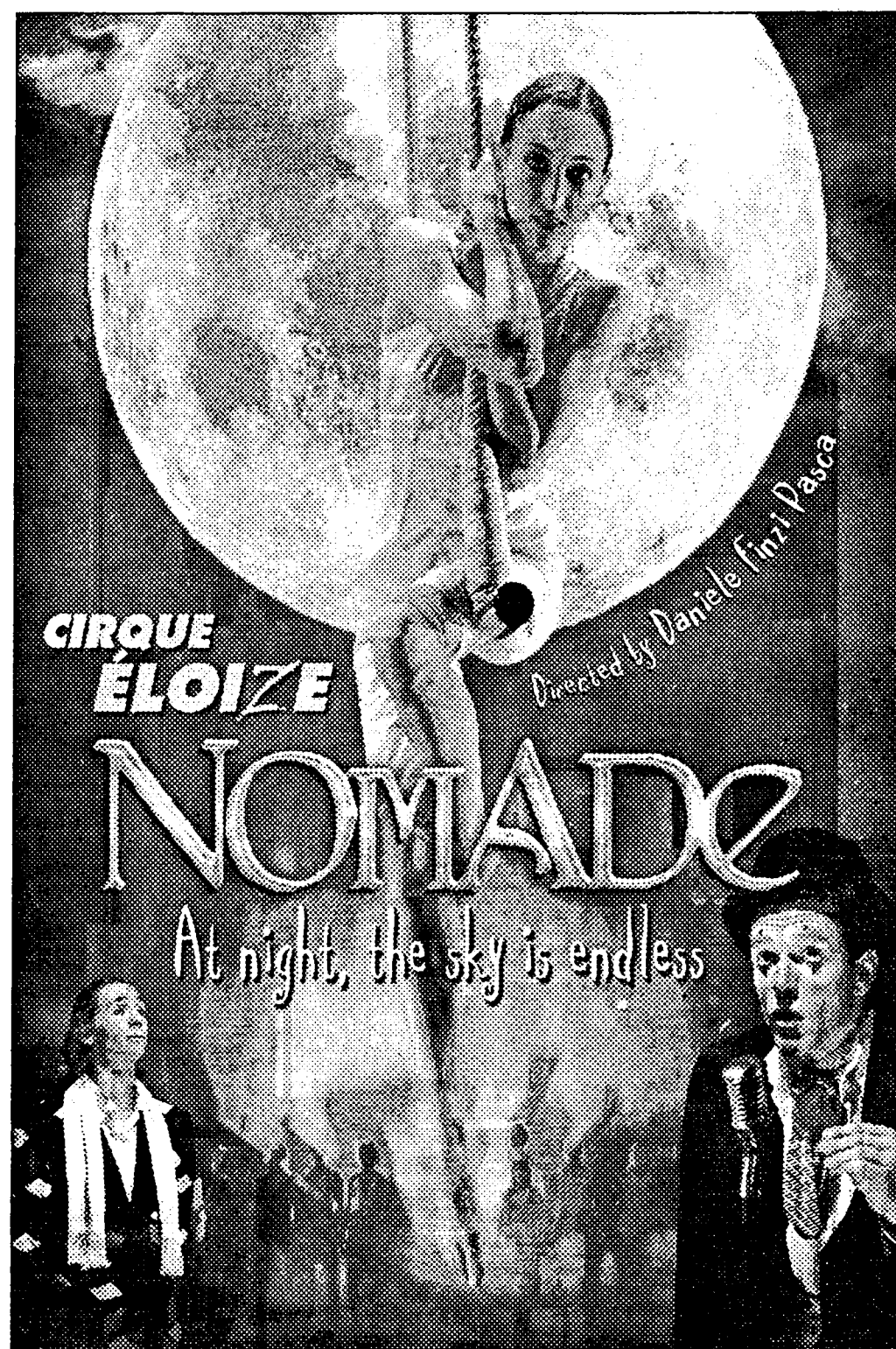
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NACDA CUP

Irish sit in 20th in latest rankings

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame stands 20th in the first set of winter sports standings released in the 2003-04 United State Sports Academy Division I Directors' Cup all-sports competition sponsored by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (formerly known as Sears Directors' Cup).

Winter competition so far has meant 52 points for Notre Dame based on a 21st-place finish in the NCAA women's indoor track and field championship.

The Irish earned 199 points in fall competition based on their 10th-place finish in the NCAA women's cross country championships (60 points), their second-round appearance in NCAA women's soccer (50 points), their third-round NCAA appearance in men's soccer (64 points) and their NCAA first-round women's volleyball appearance (25 points).

Michigan (611.5 points) leads the competition thanks to seven top-10 finishes so far in fall and winter sports while UCLA is second, followed by Stanford and BYU.

The current standings include results from NCAA fall competition in field hockey, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's soccer, women's volleyball and I-A and I-AA football, plus winter results from skiing and men's and women's indoor track and field.

Additional winter sport standings updates will be released April 1, 15 and 22.

In previous years in which the Directors' Cup competition has been held, Notre Dame has finished 11th in 1993-94, 30th in 1994-95, 11th in 1995-96, 14th in 1996-97, tied for 31st in 1997-98, 25th in 1998-99, 21st in 1999-2000, 11th in 2000-01, 13th in 2001-02 and tied for 13th in 2002-03.

Current standings:

1. Michigan 611.5
2. UCLA 436.75
3. Stanford 414.25
4. BYU 369.25
5. Florida 364.5
6. Colorado 356
7. Washington 316.5
8. Nebraska 305
9. North Carolina 302.5
10. LSU 300
11. Penn State 295.5
12. Connecticut 280.5
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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Pair set Irish records in championship

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

It was a weekend of firsts for a pair of Notre Dame athletes and Irish swimming and diving.

Competing in the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships, swimmer Katie Carroll broke two school records en route to becoming the first freshman in Irish history to garner All-American mention in two different events. Meanwhile, diver Meghan Perry-Eaton recorded the highest school placing in any event at the prestigious meet by finishing third on the 1-meter board.

"I thought they both did an outstanding job," Irish coach Bailey Weathers said. "They're both capable of what they did, but we're really excited that they beat their own expectations."

Perry-Eaton didn't waste much time Thursday in showing why she had only lost once all season on both the 1-meter and 3-meter board heading into the national meet.

The Big East Championship's Most Outstanding Diver posted the fourth-highest score (290.40) on the 1-meter board

preliminaries before improving that score by more than 13 points in the event finals to claim third place with a score of 303.90 and earn All-American recognition.

Perry-Eaton finished just 3.30 points behind first place Allison Brennan of South Carolina.

Carroll was also busy making Irish history on Thursday, picking up the first of her two All-American honorable mentions with her second school record in one day in the 200-meter individual medley. After placing 11th in preliminaries and qualifying for the consolation final with a school-record time of 2:13.43, Carroll won the eight-competitor consolation final and rewrote the record books yet again with a 2:12.28 to finish ninth.

Carroll's success continued Friday, as the Big East Championship's Most Outstanding Swimmer set her fourth Notre Dame record in as many races in the 400-meter individual medley. The freshman turned in an Irish record of 4:42.74 in finishing 13th during preliminaries, thereby once again qualifying for the consolation finals that evening.

Carroll took fifth in the consolation finals with a time of 4:42.51 to record her fourth all-time Irish mark in two days and finish

14th overall.

The finish also gave Carroll her second All-American honorable mention in as many days. She's the first freshman and just the eighth Irish swimmer to earn All-American honors in multiple events at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships.

"She made huge improvements, particularly in terms of initial placing and seeding [going into the meet]," Weathers said. "I think she probably moved up more than anyone in the meet."

Perry-Eaton competed on the 3-meter board Friday, but failed to duplicate her 1-meter performance, finishing 28th overall.

It was a similar story for Carroll on Saturday as the freshman placed 32nd in the 100-meter freestyle and consequently fell short of qualifying to swim in the event finals.

"Swimming the 200 IM well in the morning really gave her a boost, and she dropped quite a bit from morning to night [in the individual medleys]," Weathers said. "She can be as good in the freestyle as she is in her IM, she's just a little bit further along in the IMs."

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish sweep after rain delay, slow start

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

After a nail-biter in game one of their doubleheader this weekend, the Irish found their bite in game two.

Notre Dame coach Deanna Gumpf picked up her 100th and 101st victories Saturday as the Irish (19-9) swept Eastern Michigan (8-10), 2-0 and 9-1.

A late start due to a rain delay may have caused a slow start offensively for the Irish, who scored a key insurance run in the bottom of the sixth inning to get the shutout victory in game one.

Starting pitcher Heather Booth picked up the win, allowing just two hits to the Eagles while picking up nine strikeouts in a complete game shutout. Booth improved her record to 10-3 on the season.

Steffany Stenglein evened her record at 6-6, picking up a win in game two while striking out a season-high 11 batters and scattering four hits and one run.

"Heather did a great job today," Gumpf said. "She kept them off their toes. Her changeup was working, and when that's the case she can have a great game. We knew we didn't need many runs, we just needed

to get enough runs for the win."

Game one started out as a pitcher's duel between Booth and Eastern Michigan's Nikki Denman. The Irish were able to finally strike against Denman in the bottom of the fourth inning, using an error by the Eagles to help.

After Stephanie Brown and Nicole deFau were retired, Megan Ciolli put down a perfect bunt single in front of the plate. Meghan Ruthrauff followed with a hard single to left field that dribbled under the glove of the Eastern Michigan left fielder, allowing Ciolli to score from first base.

deFau began the sixth inning with a sharp single to center, and Ciolli bunted her over to second base. The Eastern Michigan third baseman made an errant throw toward first, however, and both Ciolli and deFau were able to advance.

Ruthrauff loaded the bases with a little dribbler in front of the plate, and Hartmann scored deFau from third on a fielder's choice.

Booth shut down the Eagles in order in the top of the seventh to preserve the victory.

"We really just were able to come in and keep going after it," Hartmann said. "It was a really good team win. I knew that our bats

were strong and that eventually we'd get our offense going."

That offense got going in game two, as the Irish collected a season-high 13 hits and ended the game in the sixth on the eight-run mercy rule. Lenn collected her first home run of the season with a solo shot in the second inning, and Hartmann belted a two-run home run that bounced off the top of the fence before going into the parking lot in the bottom of the sixth.

"I was just looking to try to drive the ball to the opposite field," Hartmann said. "Every now and then they throw the pitch inside, so I was just looking to keep my hands in and I was able to get it out."

Although the Irish came away with a big offensive victory in game two, the score could have been much higher, with the team leaving nine batters on base in the contest.

"I was not happy about that," Gumpf said. "I told the girls after the game that they had done everything I'd asked them to do except score more of those runners. We have to be able to get those girls in, somehow."

Notre Dame's doubleheader against Western Michigan Sunday was cancelled due to inclement weather.

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FENCING

Orlando to compete in at-large slot

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

There is good news and there is bad news.

The good news for the Notre Dame fencing team is that epeeist Amy Orlando, one of the two candidates for an at-large bid, secured her position to compete in this week's NCAA Championships. The selection committee's decision to award her a spot increases the total number of team competitors to 11, one short of the team maximum of two at each weapon. Men's epeeist Aaron Adjemian, the other fencer hoping for an at-large bid, was not selected.

The bad news is that the Irish will likely lose one of their top fencers for the tournament in foilist Derek Snyder. The junior broke his right hand Wednesday and may not compete in the NCAA Championships. Snyder broke the bone during practice after smashing it against the metal guard of an opponent's foil.

The injury is a difficult one for both the team and the individual. Fresh off an NCAA regional championship, Snyder said he had been fencing the best of his career.

"Just this year I started fencing older, more wise as far as what to do in certain situations," he said. "Everything [was] just starting to come for me."

Snyder was the only Irish foilist to defeat the highly-touted Boaz Ellis from Ohio State, doing so both at the Notre Dame dual meet in January and again for the regional championship. The possibility of having to sit out the final collegiate event of the season is a tough pill for him to swallow.

"It is pretty frustrating," he said. "One of my goals was to win NAAs one time with the team and win NAAs one time individually. I've been waiting all year for this tournament and I know that this year was my best shot so far."

Additionally, because the team did not qualify the full allotment of 12 fencers, the Irish need every position to be in top form if they have any hope of successfully defending their national title. Fellow foilist Frankie Bontempo said that losing a top fencer like Snyder is a big hurdle to overcome.

"Derek is one of the best guys we have on the entire team, any weapon," he said. "He's fenced a lot of really difficult bouts and he's won a lot of really difficult bouts. Losing him would make things a lot more difficult."

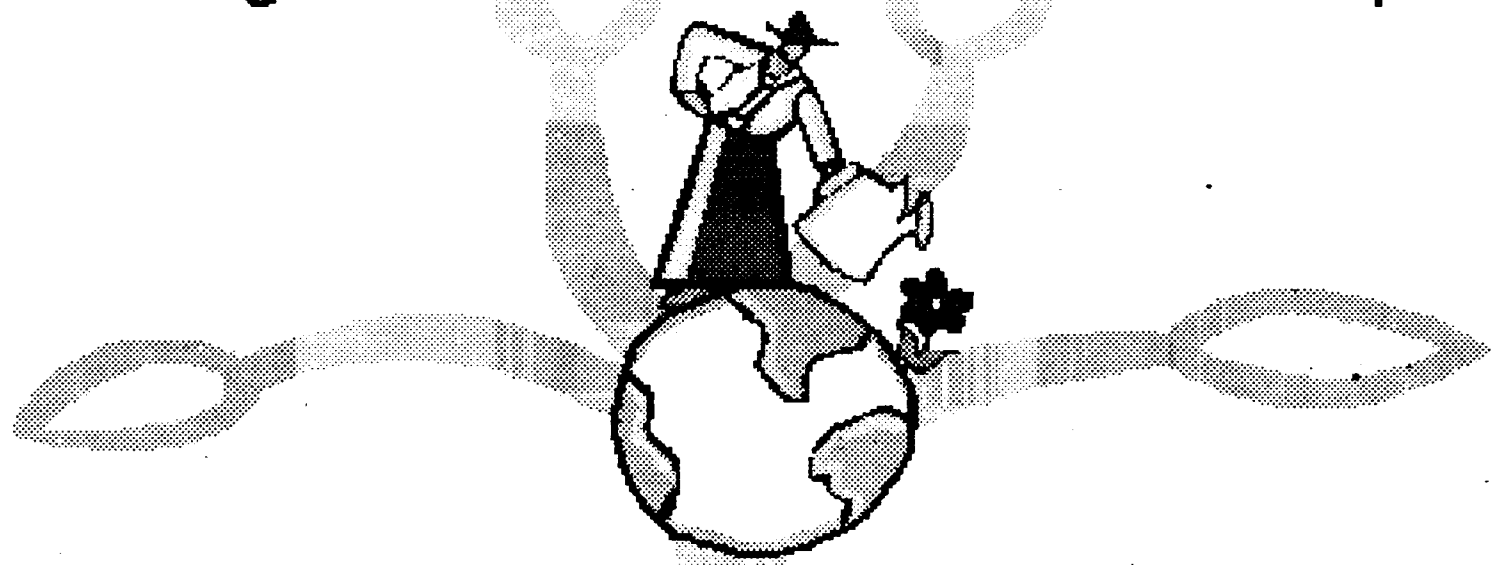
Irish coach Janusz Bednarski will still be allowed to compete his allotted 11 fencers as he will fill Snyder's spot with Bontempo, a freshman. However, for as successful as Bontempo's rookie campaign has been (44-16 record), he will have a tremendous challenge ahead of him trying to replace an experienced fencer who was arguably on the top of his game.

"Stepping in for Derek, that's a lot of pressure," Bontempo said. "But that doesn't bother me at all."

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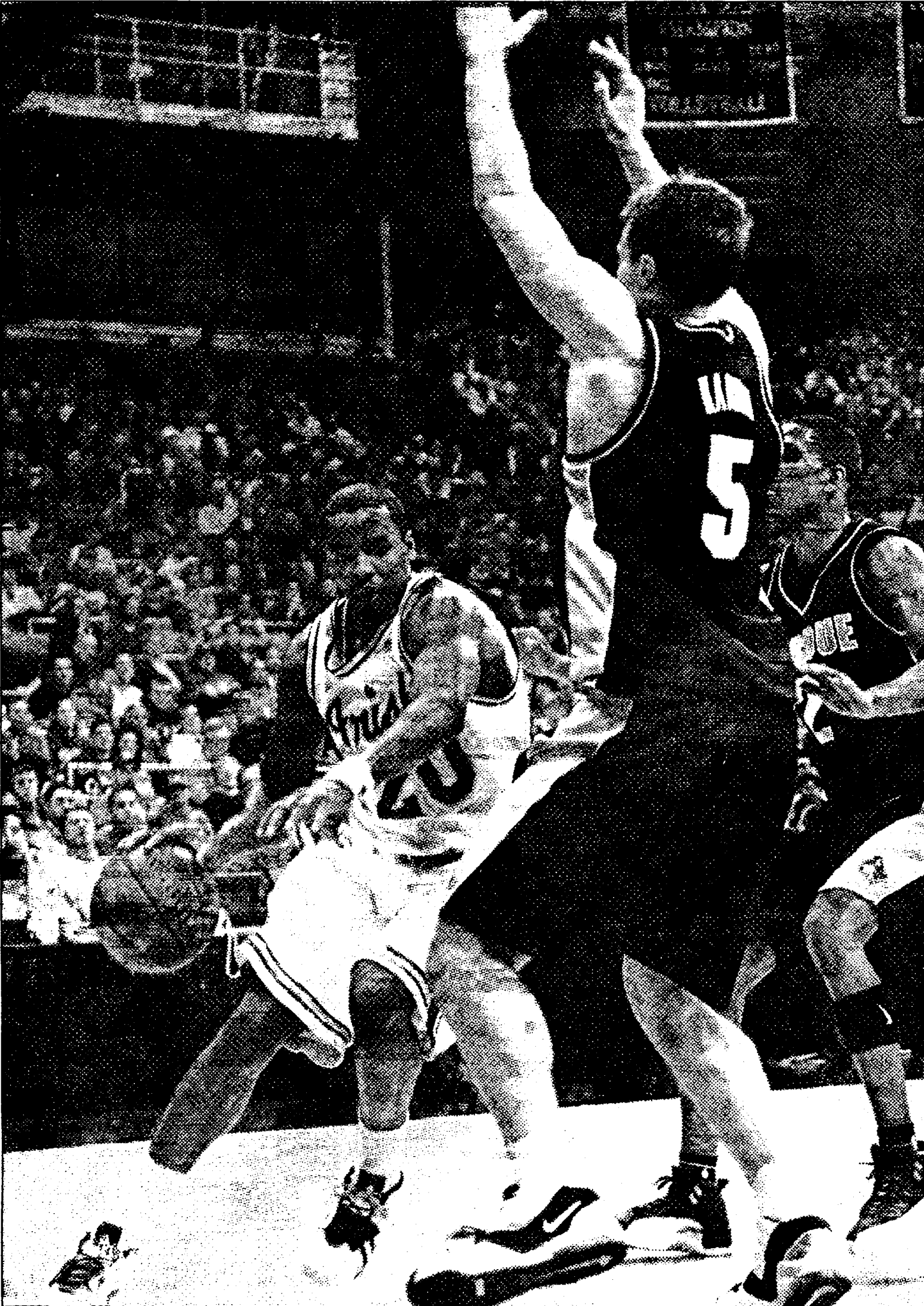
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Torrian Jones drives around his former teammate, Ivan Kartelo, during Notre Dame's first-round NIT win against Purdue Wednesday. The Irish travel to Fort Wayne to play Saint Louis tonight.

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somewhat interested in basketball the last time I checked."

How the Irish ended up in Fort Wayne shows the complex nature of scheduling NIT games. Because the Joyce Center was being used for NCAA first-round tournament action, the Irish couldn't play in South Bend. But the arena where Saint Louis eked out a thrilling 70-69 win against Iowa wasn't available, either.

Thus, the Fort Wayne Coliseum became an option — meaning the Irish will most likely be playing in front of a Joyce Center-sized, highly-partisan crowd.

"[The NIT is] flying blind a little bit because you're not sure how you're going to win," Brey said, adding, "I heard a little bit about Chicago and other options. I didn't know until after the game that Fort Wayne could be an opportunity."

The mantra for Notre Dame's postseason tournament run has centered on the idea that the Irish have to win three NIT games to play in the NIT semifinals in New York's Madison Square Garden. Minutes after Notre Dame beat Purdue 71-59 Wednesday, someone had scribbled on the locker room white board "Two steps".

"We've talked about three steps to get back to New York City," Brey said. "This is step two."

In the Billikens (19-12), the Irish will play a tough

Conference USA team that trailed Iowa by as much as 12 points midway through the second half, only to take the lead for the second time all game when Anthony Drejaj drained a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

"They were out of that game," Torrian Jones said. "I thought it was over. I stopped watching."

"That's a dangerous team. You know they don't give up."

"We're thrilled we're still playing. There's a lot of teams — in the NCAA and in the NIT — that aren't playing anymore."

Mike Brey
Irish coach

Brey compares Saint Louis to Purdue, in that both teams have a lot of seniors, play intense half-court defense and use a significant amount of screens to free their guards to make shots or drive to the basket. In the locker room after the win against Purdue, most of the Irish looked exhausted as a result of Purdue's physical style of play.

But the very nature of the NIT has helped the Irish. Instead of the NCAA

"[Saint Louis] is a dangerous team. You know they don't give up."

Torrian Jones
Irish guard

Tournament, where teams would have to play two days after their first game, the Irish had four days of rest to heal aching bodies.

"For where we are numbers-wise and some of the nicks and bruises," Brey said, "just having a couple days in between has been playing to our advantage."

"We're thrilled we're still playing," he added. "There's a lot of teams — in the NCAA and in the NIT — that aren't playing anymore. And by Monday, there's going to be a lot more."

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	COACHING	STYLE OF PLAY	POST PLAYERS	PERIMETER PLAYERS	BENCH	INTANGIBLES
NOTRE DAME	Brey's Irish typically play some of their best basketball of the season after the Big East Tournament, and the trend appears to be holding this year. The Irish coach earned his first NIT win Wednesday against Purdue.	With the emergence of Cornett in the post, the Irish have returned to an inside-outside style of play, often funneling the ball to the post before Cornett kicks the ball out to open perimeter players.	Cornette and Timmermans have been reliable all season long for the Irish. They create matchup problems with their ability to shoot 3-pointers. But when faced with physical teams, the two have trouble rebounding.	Thomas and Quinn are both playing solid basketball, and Jones continues to provide the Irish with a solid defensive stopper. While Thomas hasn't generated points lately, he has effectively distributed the ball in the Irish offense.	Part of the reason the Irish don't want to stop playing is because of how Falls and Cornett are playing. Falls has demonstrated an ability to enter games and score, while Cornett has revitalized the Irish offense.	In Fort Wayne, the Irish will be playing before a virtual home crowd. Notre Dame has typically played well away from the Joyce Center this year. Plus, the Irish are playing some of their best basketball of the year.
SAINT LOUIS	Soderberg is in his second year at the helm of Saint Louis, and he's in his first head coaching job (aside from an interim stint at Wisconsin) after being a Billiken assistant.	Brey compared the Billikens style of play to Purdue's, in that Saint Louis will run their offense based on screens and play tenacious half-court defense. Like the Irish, they're not afraid to shoot from behind the arc.	Of the team's typical starters, none are over 6-foot-9 and only Sloan averages more than eight points a game. Sloan is the team's most difficult matchup, a 6-foot-7 forward who averages 9.9 and 4.8 rebounds a game.	Bryant and Fisher are the team's sparkplugs. Both average over 11 points a game and grab roughly four rebounds a game. They also are the team's most prolific 3-point shooters, and both shoot over 39 percent from the field.	Drejaj hit a big shot for the Billikens in their win against Iowa, but Saint Louis' bench — even though they go nine deep — doesn't have a true scoring threat.	Saint Louis is coming off of an emotional win against Iowa, where they won on a buzzer-beating 3-pointer to advance to the second round. They rallied from as much as 13 down in that game to win.
ANALYSIS	Brey has much more experience in the post-season than Soderberg. While Soderberg led Wisconsin to a NCAA berth, Brey led the Irish to the Sweet 16 in his third year and knows how to deal with postseason pressure.	The Irish have had trouble with physical teams that play strong defense this season, because their style of play depends heavily on the 3-point shot to be effective. Plus, Saint Louis is a greater offensive threat than Purdue.	The Irish should be able to exploit their height advantage, depending on what defense Saint Louis plays. But Cornette and Timmermans pose too many matchup problems for the Billikens.	The Irish guards are too good for Bryant and Fisher. And it helps that they also have low-post scoring options to relieve the pressure.	Sure, Notre Dame only brings two guys off the bench on a regular basis. But those two fit into the Irish rotation seamlessly, while Saint Louis uses their bench just to give starters breathers.	The Irish have a lot in their favor. They're technically going on the road (where they've excelled all year), but get to play in front of friendly fans.

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made a run to cut the gap to 33-27 at the half. It was during this time that the Irish were held to zero field goals in a 12:11 span, including the last nine minutes of the first half.

"We were standing around shooting jumpers and we really needed to attack the basket and be more aggressive," McGraw said. "We didn't do a good job of that. I was a little frustrated with our shot selection for a while."

The Bears pulled to within two and finally tied it at 46 with 9:48 to play on a Busbey layup. But the Irish responded, and the game went back and forth until Le'Tania Severe hit a driving layup with 3:41 to play to tie the game at 55. Southwest Missouri State coach Katie Abrahamson-Henderson, in her second year with the Lady Bears, was then whistled for a technical foul, and Severe knocked down both free throws to put the Irish ahead with 3:21 remaining.

Morgan Hohenberger tied it with a jumper, and Duffy answered for Notre Dame. But with 26 seconds to play, Hohenberger hit a layup to tie the game, and Batteast was whistled for an offensive foul on the ensuing possession to send the game into overtime.

In the extra period, the Irish struck first on a Monique Hernandez jumper, and LaVere proceeded to score four straight points off Severe assists to seal the win for Notre Dame, and prevent a second straight upset in the Joyce Center.

"That's what makes the tournament so exciting," Duffy said. "The seeds don't matter at this point. Southwest Missouri State did a fantastic job with their energy and coming out ready to play."

Severe proved to be the difference down the stretch when the Irish couldn't seem to find a



Associated Press

Notre Dame's Megan Duffy defends Southwest Missouri State's Jenni Lingor in Notre Dame's overtime win against the Bears. Duffy finished with 16 points.

way to score. On the game, she scored 11 points, grabbed 7 rebounds, had five assists and three steals. She kept her cool and helped everyone else do the same.

"I thought Le'Tania Severe was player of the game," McGraw said. "I thought we really showed our poise, our maturity. We played with a lot of patience down the stretch."

However, the Irish only shot 22.2 percent in the second half, and 32.9 percent for the game, including an abysmal 4-for-23 from beyond the arc. Three point specialist Jeneka Joyce shot 1-for-10 from 3-point range.

"She had a tough night shooting the ball, but we have a lot of confidence in her and she will continue to shoot the ball," McGraw said.

However, even with poor outside shooting, the Irish were able to cash in at the line, where they made 19-of-22 free throws.

The win improved Notre Dame's home record to 14-0, despite an outstanding showing from Southwest Missouri State fans.

"It made for a great tourna-

ment atmosphere," McGraw said.

**NOTRE DAME 69,
SOUTHWEST MISSOURI 65
at the JOYCE CENTER**

NOTRE DAME (20-10)

Batteast 7-19, 3-5 17, LaVere 5-10 0-0 11, Severe 2-10 7-7 11, Duffy 4-12 6-7 16, Hernandez 3-6 0-0 6, Joyce 2-12 1-1 6, Borton 0-1 2-2 2, Gray 0-1 0-0 0, Flecky 0-0 0-0 0, Erwin 0-0 0-0 0.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI (28-4)

Lehman 1-1 0-0 3, Tierney 3-7 0-0 6, Lingor 3-10 7-8 15, Koch 5-18 2-2 15, Hohenberger 2-6 2-2 8, Cowgill 3-7 0-0 7, Busbey 5-6 0-0 10, Martin 0-2 1-2 1, Klaasen 0-1 0-0 0.

	1st	2nd	OT	Total
NOTRE DAME	33	26	10	69
SMS	27	32	6	65

3-point goals: Notre Dame 4-23 (Duffy 2-8, Joyce 1-10, LaVere 1-1, Hernandez 0-2, Batteast 0-2). Southwest Missouri State: 7-21 (Koch 3-8, Lingor 2-5, Cowgill 1-5, Lehman 1-1, Martin 0-1, Hohenberger 0-1). Fouled out: None. Rebounds: Notre Dame 46 (LaVere 13), Southwest Missouri State 40 (Koch 5). Assists: Notre Dame 18 (Severe 5) Southwest Missouri State 16 (Koch, Hohenberger 4). Total fouls: Notre Dame 17, Southwest Missouri State 18. Technical Fouls: Abrahamson-Henderson.

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just 2-of-10 shooting but made all seven of her free throws and recorded three steals and seven rebounds.

She did the little things that must be done to advance in the NCAA tournament. Things that Severe likely learned during her time on the 2001 national championship team.

She's been here before, and she knows how to win the tough games — games like the one Notre Dame played Sunday.

Severe led a Notre Dame team that had contributions from just about everyone. Guard Megan Duffy played fearlessly, especially after taking an elbow to the side of her head. She came back from that injury to play well late in the game, and made clutch free throws and a long two-pointer with 1:32 remaining.

Senior guards Jeneka Joyce and Monique Hernandez made critical shots at pressure-packed times during the second half. The often-injured Joyce managed to give the Irish 25 minutes, while Hernandez contributed six points, three rebounds, three assists and two steals.

Forward Courtney LaVere got the start and responded with 11 points and a game-high 13 rebounds, while Jacqueline Batteast had 17 points and 11 rebounds to lead all scorers.

And while all those players made significant contributions in this team win, it was Severe's poise down the stretch that made the difference.

"She really did a great job," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "She's somebody we want to have on the free throw line. We know no one is going to score on her at the end of the game because she's such a great defender. She just has that attitude and that leadership that others want to fol-

low."

After blowing a 16-point first-half lead, Notre Dame found itself down by two points with 3:41 left. But Severe calmly took the ball and made a layup to tie the game, then was fouled on Notre Dame's ensuing possession and sank two free throws to put the Irish ahead — all in just 20 seconds.

In overtime, the senior did a little of everything. She drove baseline and then found LaVere for an easy layup — twice. She had a steal with 1:50 left and Notre Dame leading by four. The Bears turnover didn't lead to any Irish points, but did allow Notre Dame to milk the clock for another 30 seconds.

And after the Bears made a 3-pointer to cut Notre Dame's lead to just two with 18 seconds remaining, they fouled Severe on the ensuing inbounds play. She calmly went to the free throw line and swished the first shot to put the Irish up 68-65. After an Irish timeout, Severe simply went back to the free throw line a few moments later and drained her second shot to nail the coffin on the Bears' upset hopes.

Sunday's game was close, but not because Notre Dame played poorly (they didn't). The Irish played well for much of the game, but Southwest Missouri State wouldn't let up. The Bears gave Notre Dame all it could handle and showed they may have deserved a higher seed.

But the Irish — led by a poised Severe — responded to the adversity and now live another day in the NCAA tournament.

Severe can exhale for a little longer — at least until Tuesday and second-round opponent Middle Tennessee State arrives.

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Hockey

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Colgate for 13th in the PairWise rankings at the time of the show. Three conference championship winners —

Harvard, Holy Cross and Niagara — received automatic bids despite not being ranked in the top 16 in the PairWise rankings.

The other three conference winners — Ohio State, Minnesota and Maine — were already ranked in the top 16

PairWise, so it basically came down to Notre Dame fighting Colorado College and Colgate for the final at-large bid.

Because of a bonus that was added this year that rewarded teams for wins over tough non-conference opponents, the Irish were able to get in over the other two schools. Notre Dame defeated then-No. 1 Boston College and then-No. 4 Wisconsin on the road and defeated then-No. 3 Maine at a neutral site.

"During the regular season, when we went into those games after playing a tough CCHA series the weekend before, you'd almost have to ask, 'What are you doing?'" Poulin said. "Well, that's

exactly what you're doing, is giving yourself a chance to win those big games.

"It's one thing to play, but you have to win those games, too. We really played very well against those teams."

As strange as it sounds, Notre Dame's fate may have come down to the championship of the Hockey East, which was played Saturday night between Massachusetts and Maine. Maine came away with the win, defeating Massachusetts 2-1 in a three-overtime thriller, with Maine goalie Jim Howard making an amazing 63 saves in the victory.

Had Massachusetts won the game, the Minutemen would

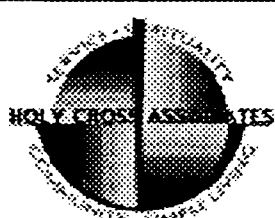
have received an automatic bid. Because Maine was going to get into the tournament regardless — either as a tournament winner or an at-large bid — that would have been one less at-large bid available to the Irish and Notre Dame would have been left out.

"I talked about the Super Six about not putting it in someone else's hands, and I think this is a great lesson for our underclassmen," Poulin said. "You want to control your fate as much as possible, but sometimes it's not always your choice. I told the guys Friday to not spend the weekend fretting about it, and not worry about things they can't control."

The Irish lost in the first round of the CCHA Super Six Thursday night, falling 6-5 in overtime to eventual champion Ohio State and placing Notre Dame firmly on the bubble. Altogether, the CCHA sent five teams to the tournament this year — Notre Dame, Ohio State, Michigan, Miami-Ohio and Michigan State.

Notre Dame will face Minnesota at the Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids, Mich. at 12 p.m. Saturday. The winner of that contest will face the winner of the game between No. 2 Minnesota-Duluth and No. 3 Michigan State.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Baylor tourney sees Irish again falter

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

If only every day were Friday.

Freshman Noriko Nakazaki and the rest of the Notre Dame women's golf team would echo that sentiment after failing to improve on the team's first day score and dropping in the standings for the second straight weekend. The Irish participated in the Baylor/Tapatio Springs Invitational in Boerne, Texas, finishing in 13th place in the 19-team field.

The Irish started off the weekend with promise, shooting a combined score of 319 and finishing Friday in 11th place. Sophomore Katie Brophy and junior Karen Lotta both shot 9-over par-81 Friday. Sophomore Sarah Bassett ended with an 86 in the first round and sophomore Lauren Gebauer — in the scoring five for the first time this season — finished with an 18-over par 90, a frustratingly high score considering she led the Irish team a week ago in St. Croix.

The real story of the day was Nakazaki, who was red hot and came off the 18th green on Friday tied for first after shooting a 1-under par 71. Unfortunately for the Irish, Nakazaki cooled off Saturday, and her

amazing first round would not carry over into Saturday. Nakazaki shot an 80, dropping well out of first place.

The team again ended with a 319 combined score on Saturday, led by Brophy's 5-over 77. Gebauer and Lotta each ended the day with an 81, and Bassett shot an 88.

On the tournament's final day, Nakazaki was again unable to recapture her Friday magic, scoring an 81 on Sunday, her worst showing of the three-day event. However, the freshman golfer still finished in a tie for 15th place with a tournament total of 232.

As a whole, the Irish team also put up their worst tournament numbers on Sunday, handing in a 323 for a 3-day total of 961, dropping them to 13th place, 65 shots out of first. Lotta led the team Sunday, tallying a 77, bringing her weekend total to 239. Gebauer shot an 82 to total 253 for the weekend, and Bassett ended Sunday with an 83 and a weekend score of 257. Brophy turned in an 85 to wrap up the weekend in a tie for 64th with a 243.

Indiana University dominated the tournament, finishing with an 896, 13 shots ahead of second place Missouri.

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BASEBALL

Salukis split a pair with Irish

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Senior Staff Writer

The Irish must be Southern Illinois' lucky charm.

No. 8 Notre Dame (13-2) split a weekend series with the Salukis (3-13) in Carbondale, Ill., as the home team upset the Irish 8-4 Saturday before Notre Dame prevailed 5-3 in a tight contest Sunday.

"[Southern Illinois is] playing good ball, and we had to play like heck to get a split down there, and I figured that we would," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "I expected to have two tough ball games down there, and Southern Illinois, unfortunately, didn't disappoint me."

In their first meeting of the season, the Irish squeaked out a 12-11, 11-inning victory over the Salukis in the Alamo City Irish Baseball Classic March 6.

The Salukis, who only batted .234 before a 22-6 explosion over Murray State Thursday, have had little trouble solving the Irish this year. They hit .275 and averaged 7.3 runs in their three games with the Irish.

"I think I've told everybody that will listen that Southern Illinois has a good team," Mainieri said. "Their record is extremely misleading. They had a murderous schedule at the beginning of the year that got them off to a winless start."

In the first game of the weekend, the Salukis continued to show they have an answer for Irish ace Chris Niesel. The same team that put up five runs on six hits in three innings against the right-hander in San Antonio again chased Niesel from Saturday's contest early, scoring six earned runs in five innings against the junior.

"Chris [Niesel] throws a lot of strikes, and when you throw the ball over the plate, the other team has a time to hit them," Mainieri said. "Once in a while, he makes some mistakes, and he gets hurt. But I'm not worried about Chris Niesel — not at all."

The Salukis jumped out to a 4-1 lead Saturday with a four-run fourth inning, highlighted by Eric Alvarez's two-run single and RBI singles from designated hitter Nick Baughman and third baseman Nathan Boldt.

Southern Illinois put two more across in the sixth on Alvarez's two-run homer, which chased Niesel from the mound in favor of freshman Derik Olvey. Alvarez finished the day 3-for-5 with five RBIs and three runs scored.

The Irish would fight back in the top of the seventh with back-to-back solo home runs from third baseman Matt Macri and designated hitter Matt Bransfield to narrow the Saluki lead to 6-3.

But Southern Illinois would put the game out of reach in the bottom of the eighth with leadoff back-to-back home runs off freshman Dan Kapala from Greg Andrews and Alvarez — his second dinger of the day.

A solo home run from shortstop Greg Lopez in the top of the ninth would be all the offense the Irish had left, falling 8-4.

Eric Haberer, who contributed a solid five-inning effort in Southern Illinois' first contest with the Irish, held Notre Dame to three runs in 6 2/3 innings pitched Saturday to earn his first win of the season.

"[Haberer] pitched well against us down in San Antonio, and they were winning down there 9-3 when he left the game," Mainieri said. "He pitched well again against us again today. We hit a lot

of balls hard, but with the bad luck we had, we were hitting them right at people.

"We couldn't really cash in on our opportunities, and we couldn't quite get over the hump again."

In the concluding game of the series Sunday, the Irish took an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first as Macri was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded to score center fielder Danny Dressman.

The Salukis came back strong, however, matching the Irish run in their half of the first and then adding another pair in the third on a two-run home run from Andrews off Irish lefty Tom Thornton, who had just entered the game that inning in relief of Grant Johnson.

The sophomore Thornton would bear down after that, however, retiring the next seven consecutive batters and holding the Salukis scoreless over the next five innings.

The Irish cut the Saluki lead to one run in the fifth with a lead-off home run from second baseman Steve Sollmann.

Notre Dame later tied the game in the seventh on an RBI single from senior Javi Sanchez and then took the 4-3 lead on a sacrifice fly from pinch hitter Chris Fournier.

The Irish added an insurance run in the ninth with a bases loaded walk from Bransfield that scored first baseman Matt Edwards.

Ryan Doherty came on in the bottom of the inning to close out the game for the Irish and yielded three walks, but avoided giving up a run as he earned his third save of the year. Thornton got the win for the Irish to improve to 3-1 on the season.

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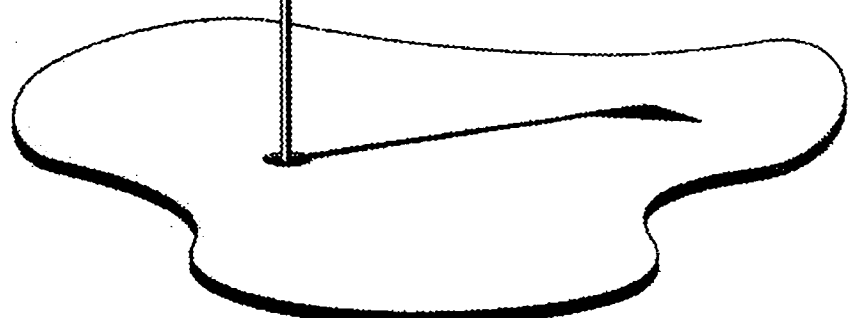
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HOCKEY



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The Irish celebrate a goal against Michigan Feb. 27, a win that helped Notre Dame secure its first-ever NCAA berth.

Can Cinderella skate?

Irish earn first-ever NCAA tournament berth, will face Minnesota Saturday

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Now Notre Dame will get to see if Cinderella can skate.

The Irish advanced to the 16-team NCAA tournament for the first time in the program's history, earning the No. 4 seed in the Grand Rapids, Mich. regional. They will face No. 1 seed and two-time defending national champion Minnesota Saturday.

"There's been so much time and energy over the years put into this program," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "Certainly there's Lefty Smith,

who I played for, and then the next head coach Ric Schafer and all the work they've put into over the years.

"There were all the great teams in the late '70s and early '80s that never achieved this and my first thought is that it goes out to all of them and all the work that they put into this program. I know this will be a proud day for both of them."

The Notre Dame hockey team watched the NCAA Selection Show at Legends Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. with an ESPN2 camera crew present to record Notre Dame's reaction. The Irish clapped

and cheered in a boisterous celebration when their name flashed across the screen.

"This is probably the best feeling I've had since I've been here," senior defenseman Brett Lebda said. "I can't even explain to you how I feel right now."

"We've got a lot of work to do, and we're anxious to get back to the rink tomorrow and start preparing for Minnesota."

Notre Dame's tournament fate came down to the wire, as the Irish were tied with Colorado College and

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Survive and advance

Fifth-seed Irish need overtime to slide into second round

By HEATHER VAN
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Sports Editor

Seconds after the Irish edged Southwest Missouri State, there was a sense of relief in the air for a team that hadn't lost at home this season and for a crowd that had just witnessed an upset in the previous tournament game.

After being up 23-9, fifth-seeded Notre Dame (20-10), did not score a field goal for a 12:11 stretch and needed overtime to defeat twelfth-seeded Southwest Missouri State, 69-65.

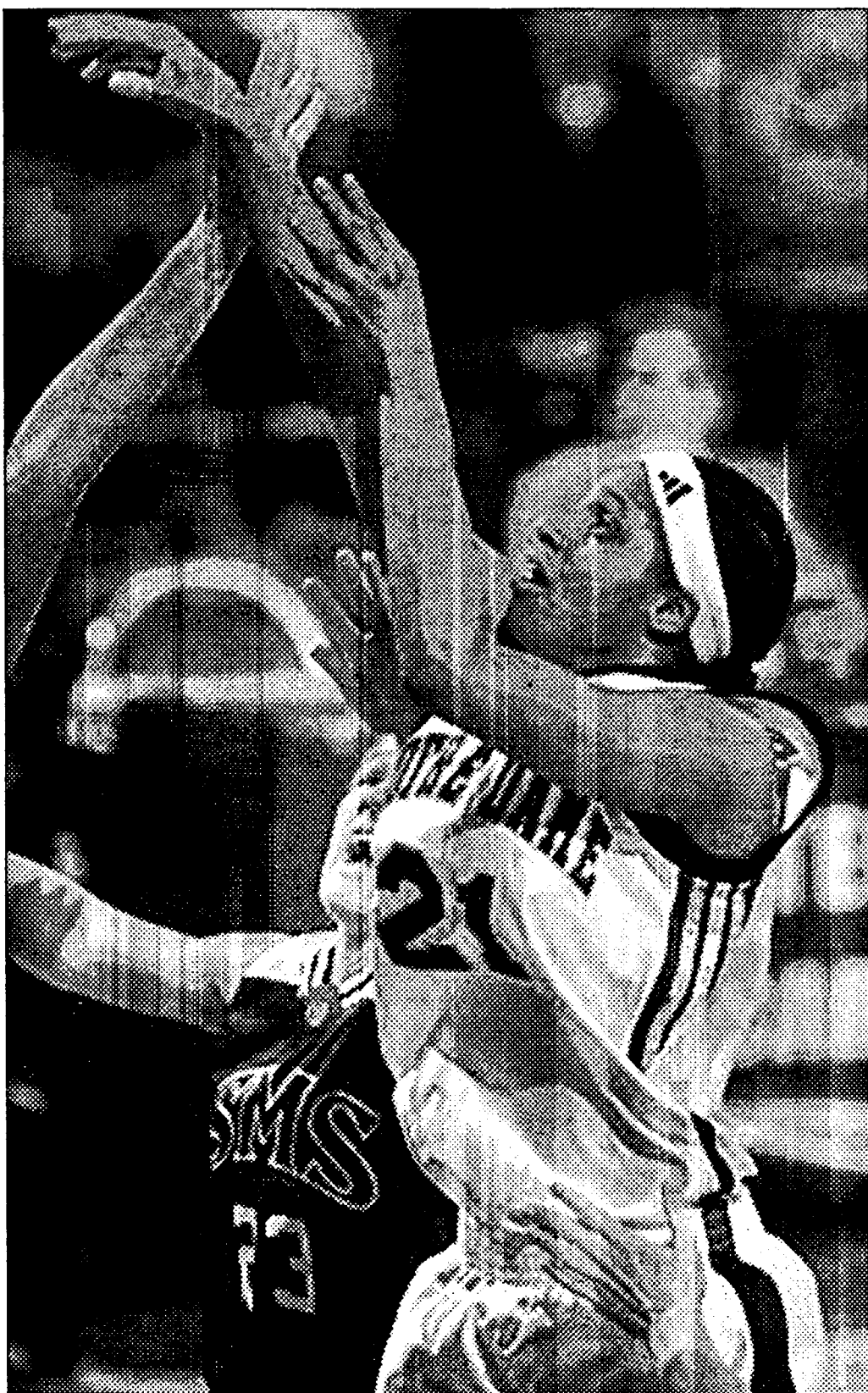
"Now we know what they mean by survive and advance," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "This was a game of survival for us. I thought SMS played an outstanding game."

Jacqueline Batteast had 17 points and 11 rebounds for the Irish, and Megan Duffy added 16 points and three assists. Meanwhile, Courtney LaVere added another double-double, pulling down a game-high 13 rebounds, including 7 on the offensive end, to go along with 11 points.

For the Lady Bears, Jenni Lingor and Kari Koch each scored 15 points, and Stephanie Busbey came off the bench to score 10 points in just 12 minutes.

But the game wasn't always as close as the final score indicated.

Notre Dame jumped out to a 23-9 lead behind eight points from Duffy, including two 3-pointers. But the Lady Bears



Associated Press

Notre Dame's Jaqueline Batteast shoots during Notre Dame's 69-65 overtime win against Southwest Missouri State Sunday.

Severe's tourney experience keys first-round win

While her teammates celebrated, senior Le'Tania Severe simply let out a sigh of relief.

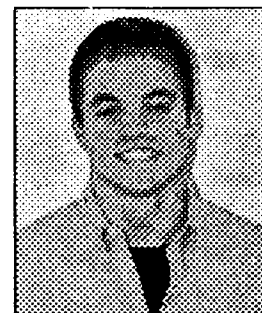
You'll have to excuse

Severe for not throwing her hands into the air as the final buzzer sounded in Notre Dame's overtime win against No. 12 seed Southwest Missouri State Sunday.

You'll have to pardon her not racing off the court with a huge smile. Or for not appearing to be overly excited after such a tough win against an underrated opponent.

You see, Severe knows a first-round victory over a pesky Southwest Missouri State team is a just small step in the NCAA tournament. Notre Dame still has plenty of work left to do.

The Irish played a gutsy game Sunday afternoon, led by Severe's hustle and relentless defense. The guard finished the game

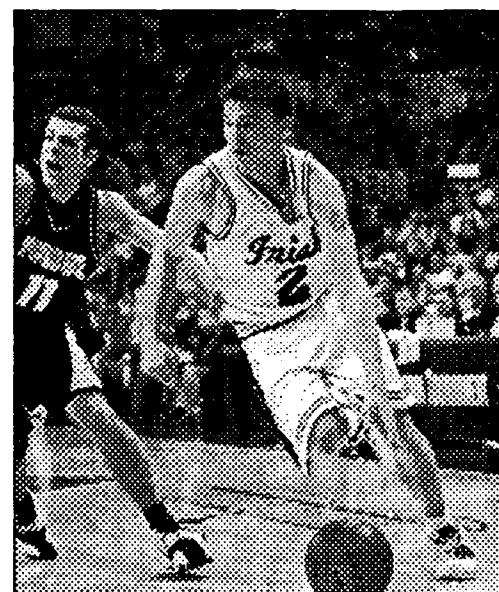


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MEN'S BASKETBALL



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Chris Quinn, shown here driving to the basket against Purdue, hopes to lead the Irish past Saint Louis tonight.

2 hour trip for round 2

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Senior Staff Writer

To say that Notre Dame's second-round NIT game tonight is being played at a neutral site stretches the definition of the word.

Because just after tournament officials announced that the Notre Dame-Saint Louis game would be played in Fort Wayne (a two-hour drive from South Bend) instead of St. Louis, tickets sold out in less than 24 hours.

"In the state, we're the only team playing," Brey said with a smile. "Nobody else is playing, and we know this state is

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

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SWIMMING

Katie Carroll and Megan Perry-Eaton earned All-American honors at the NCAA Championships this weekend.

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FENCING

While Amy Orlando qualified for the NCAA Championships, the Irish may have lost Derek Snyder for the season due to a broken hand.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Loyola 13
Notre Dame 7

The Irish fell behind early yet again as they dropped their third straight.

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Notre Dame 2
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Eastern Mich. 1

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

13th-place finish at Baylor Invite

The Irish again started strong, but faded as the weekend went on.

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