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SUB wins pair of national awards for programming

By ERICA THESING
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The Notre Dame Student Union Board (SUB) won two awards for its programming activities from the National Association of Collegiate Activities, which recognized the Java and Jazz series as the "Outstanding Series of 1998" and the Sophomore Literary Festival as "Outstanding Program of 1998."

These awards were two of the three given in the Illiana region, which includes all colleges and universities in Illinois and Indiana.

The award for outstanding program is especially important because it falls into one of the most competitive categories, said Lizzie Brady, this year's director of programming for SUB. Brady explained that the Sophomore Literary Festival is a unique program because it runs for an entire week and includes not only professors and students, but community members as well.

"I think they saw the merits in that and all the efforts that went into it," she said.

The 32-year tradition of the Sophomore Literary Festival may have also played a role in the award, said Jocelyn Szczepaniak-Gillece, who was last year's Festival chair.

"I think a lot of it has to do with the tradition," she said. "Also, I don't really know of any other school that has a week-long literary festival. It's unique."

Szczepaniak-Gillece also pointed out the importance of the festival as a celebration of the arts on campus.

"It makes people aware that there is an art community at Notre Dame," she said. "That's important."

The Java and Jazz series began last year and

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The Observer/Manuela Hernandez

The Inn at Saint Mary's caught fire on Thursday, Feb. 11, causing damage to between 60 and 70 rooms. Initial estimates put the damage near $75,000. Nearly all repairs are complete and only four rooms are still unusable.

Repairs to Inn near completion

By RUTH SNELL
News Writer

The Inn at Saint Mary's seems to be back on track after sustaining fire damage two weeks ago.

Originally 60 to 70 rooms were out of commission, but now only four rooms remain unusable. The 60 to 70 rooms that could not be used earlier could not be used because of safety reasons rather than because of damage from the fire.

"A lot of fire control systems [and] life support systems were damaged and we didn't want to compromise the health of any of our guests," said Louis Christian, general manager of The Inn at Saint Mary's.

Four reservations had to be cancelled over Notre Dame's Junior Parents Weekend due to continued repairs on the fire-damaged rooms.

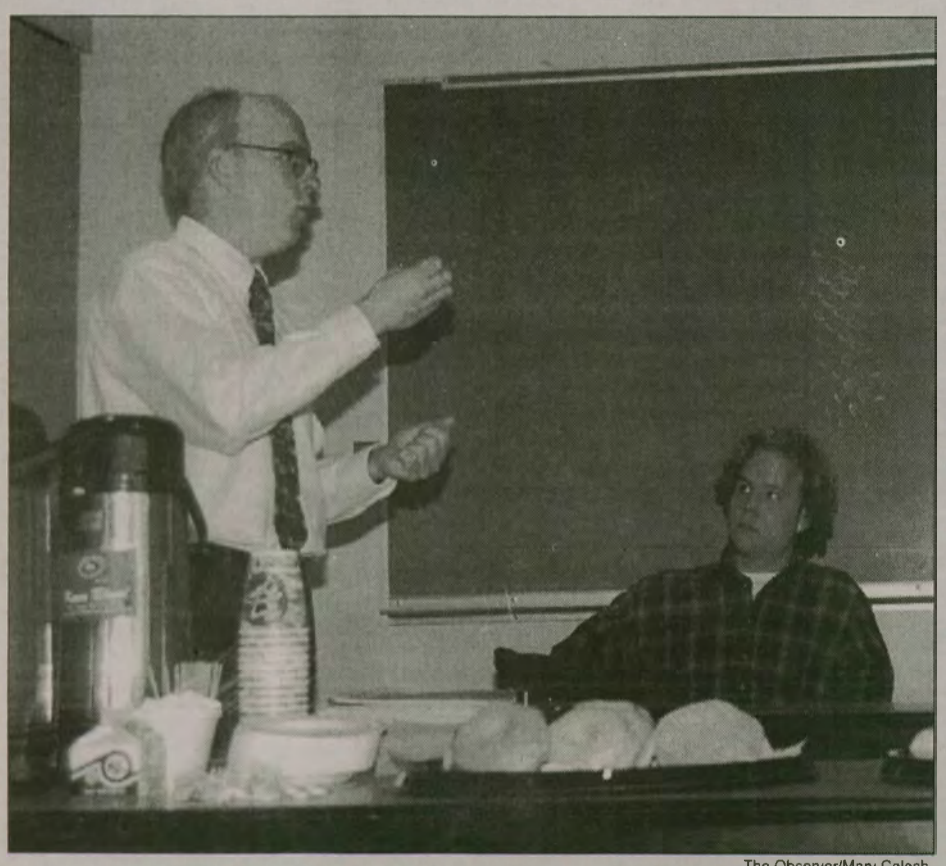
"The biggest problem was the interruption of services to our guests," said Christian, who explained that the four rooms still under repair are those in which the fire occurred. They sustained smoke, water and heat damage. "We hope to have them back on line within the week," Christian added.

All repairs should be finished in time for Saint Mary's Junior Moms Weekend.

The total amount of damage and the cost of repairs has not yet been calculated.

"We're not even trying to get an estimate yet," Christian said. "We're still calculating."

Quigley: Death penalty a 'terrible system' for all



The Observer/Mary Calash

A student listens as Loyola University of New Orleans law professor Bill Quigley (left), an associate of Sister Helen Prejean, explained some of the faults of the current death penalty system Monday.

By CHRISTINE KRALY
Assistant News Editor

The death penalty "is not 100 percent one way, and zero percent the other," said Bill Quigley yesterday in his lecture "Dead Man Walking ... and Walking ... and Walking ... and Walking."

Quigley, a law professor at Loyola University of New Orleans and director of the school's Poverty Law Center, spoke on capital punishment and his ties to Sister Helen Prejean, author of "Dead Man Walking."

Quigley highlighted the fact that the death penalty is not an easy or comfortable issue to discuss. The important thing, he noted, is to know that you don't have to be on either side of the argument.

"Don't let anyone force you into false choices," he said, stressing the fact that a false choice occurs when someone believes that he can't be unsure of his views on the argument and that he must choose sides. "Don't settle for less [than what you want or believe]."

Quigley said people should be comfortable saying that they are not sure.

"The fact that you don't know is better than [knowing wrongly]."

Quigley, who described Sister Helen Prejean as the "funniest saint I know," has been Prejean's associate and legal adviser for many years. As a long-time opponent of capital punishment, he served as a member of the legal team in the case highlighted in "Dead Man Walking."

By the time they become his clients, Quigley's defendants have already been convicted and sentenced to death. He is called on to help overturn the sentence to save the criminal's life.

"[The] system that we have is a terrible system for everybody," he said, noting that prisoners wait on Death Row for many years during appeals and families must suffer while watching their loved one's assailant live. The system doesn't work, he said, when on one side is a district attorney and a grieving family and on the other is a person fighting for life.

"You don't get to Death Row by accident. [These people commit] the most horrifying, terrible, disgusting ... crimes," he said. "The question is not whether people have earned [the death penalty], it's what happens to us [when we kill them]."

The United States has executed 500 inmates since 1976 when the death penalty was reinstated, according to Quigley. He did note that the number could have been 511, but that Illinois has freed 11 Death Row inmates in the last 12 years.

"They are freed usually because they had another trial ... or someone else con-

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Being out-dated

I love my Mom. I love her so dearly. She has done so much for me now and yet expects so very little in return. I would do almost anything for my Mom. Ah, when I think of her now — I am suddenly reminded of how much of a loser I am.

C.R. "Teo" Teodoro
Illustrations Editor

Don't get me wrong. I love my Mom, but I can't help to stop thinking of how she has more of a life than I do. Let me put it this way: there's a pretty good chance that you have no life if you are getting outdated by your mom.

Let me start at the beginning. Last year, my brother, sister, and I all left for college for the first time. I guess Mom was feeling some sort of empty-nest syndrome, but it didn't last long. Fortunately for her, I had built an Internet-ready computer over the summer so she could now get online. At first it was just the new toy of the home; my family was on it 24-7, but the novelty wore off after a couple weeks. This sets the stage for what would happen next.

Being all alone (and using what I taught her about computers and the Internet) Mom started to go into chat rooms more. She met some interesting people, one that lived in the area. After some time, my Mom decided to see one of her friends "irl" (in real life). Since there were no kids in the house, she could do whatever she wanted.

Well to make a long story short, my Mom started to go out and have fun more often. I found out last October that my Mom's new friend is now her boyfriend. Now I hear that my Mom is going over almost every other night. Bearing in mind that I haven't really gone on a date before (okay, technically I went on two dates, but they were with the same girl and it was a platonic thing), I now realized that my Mom's out-dating me, that she's cool and I'm not that cool.

Actually, I'm okay with this whole thing. I'm glad that my Mom is happy. However, during the winter break, I always had to wait up late at night for her before she returned home. Now here's the real trip about this tale.

On the night before Christmas Eve, my mom's boyfriend, Dean, approached my Mother and proposed to her. My Mom accepted. Yeah, there were some heads spinning once word of this got out. My brother was trippin' out over it though he's happy for our mom. He went outside for a smoke to clear his head about what he just heard. I myself was pretty unshaken since my life almost a soap opera already. I'm happy for her.

Still, it makes me think: once she had finally gotten all the kids out of the house, she started to go out, lose weight, have more fun, find a younger boyfriend, fix her hair up all sexy, rent out the old house, and get engaged!

The wedding is sometime in August. I still got to laugh when I think about how Mom and Dean got together. But my Mom is pretty amazing for her age. For a girl in her 40s, she can easily pass as though she were in her 30s, and with a little help from my sister's wardrobe, in her 20s.

My whole family now gets out more than I do. My sis and bro go to parties and hang out together with their crew. Now my mom is getting her groove on. And I'm usually stuck at home with nothing to do. I wonder if I'm adopted!

UPDATE FROM LAST WEEK'S INSIDE COLUMN: Aw, yeah! I now have a date.

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Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Former medical professor faces charges of rape and assult

BOSTON, Mass.

A Boston University professor and area doctor will be arraigned Wednesday on charges he raped one patient and molested three others.

Marcos Ramos, a professor in BU's School of Medicine, was indicted Feb. 12 on one count of rape and seven counts of indecent assault and battery, said James Borghesani, a spokesman for the Suffolk County district attorney's office.

The charges were made public Friday. Ramos has not been arrested.

The Boston University Medical Center said in a written statement Ramos has not taught at BU since 1997 and has not received any salary or financial support from the BU School of Medicine since 1994.

His teaching appointment expires in June and will not be renewed, the statement said.

If convicted, Ramos, 57, faces up to 20 years for rape and up to five years for each of the indecent assault and battery charges, Borghesani said.

The alleged rape took place in 1987, and the seven instances of indecent assault and battery allegedly occurred with three different victims in 1994, 1995 and 1996, he said.

All of the alleged incidents took place in Ramos' office on Harrison Avenue, which he rented from the Boston Medical Center.

Ten more women have come forward since Friday to claim they were assaulted by Ramos.

Ramos, who practices physical medicine and rehabilitation, has been licensed in Massachusetts for the past 23 years. He served as assistant chief of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at University Hospital, which was owned by BU, from 1977 to 1989.

Since 1981, he has accrued numerous complaints with the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine. Thirteen of them — not all of which were sexual in nature — have been dismissed, board spokesman Charlie Moore said.

He would not comment on the total number of complaints, saying pending complaints cannot be released to the public.

■ UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Protestors march for Kurdistan

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

Chanting "Free, free, Kurdistan" and "Stop killing Kurds," about 40 protesters marched along South State Street and through the Diag on Friday afternoon in an effort to heighten local awareness of conflicts in Turkey between Kurds and Turks. "We're protesting the kidnapping of Ocalan," protester Zozek Khailany said. The Turkish newspaper Hurriyet reported Friday that the country's Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit said a commando team captured Kurdish rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi. In Turkey's Kurdish southeast, protests over the arrest continued. Security forces on Friday fired on Kurdish demonstrators in the town of Kiziltepe, killing one and wounding five, said Aslan Yildiz, an official of the pro-Kurdish People's Democracy Party. Ecevit renewed surrender appeals Saturday to Ocalan's fighters, asking them to lay down their arms in exchange for clemency.

■ NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Students to testify in murder case

EVANSTON, Ill.

Medill Professor David Protess and five of his students were subpoenaed to testify this morning in front of a grand jury looking into a murder case they investigated. The Northwestern team helped overturn the conviction of Anthony Porter, who was released from death row Feb. 5. But prosecutors with the Cook County state's attorney's office revealed on Friday that a false videotape was used in an attempt to persuade a Milwaukee man to confess to the murders that sent Porter to prison for nearly 17 years. The group found that Porter, 44, was wrongly convicted in September 1983 of the murders of two Chicago teenagers. Porter was scheduled to be formally cleared of the murder charges Friday. Protess and seniors Shawn Armbrust, Erica LeBorgne, Tom McCann, Syandene Rhodes-Pitts and Cara Rubinsky will testify about how they obtained the information that led to Alstory Simon's confession.

■ UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Alumni association offers e-mail for life

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.

You've got mail — for life. In an effort to make it easier for graduates to keep up with friends and contacts after leaving the University of Virginia, the Alumni Association is now offering e-mail for life. Beginning this summer, graduates of the University will be able to continue to receive e-mail at their University e-mail address. The Alumni Association decided to keep the e-mail accounts of graduates active in response to suggestions from the three-year-old Young Alumni Council, Alumni Association President Wayne Cozart said. "The impetus came from other young alumni saying this would be a great thing to have," Young Alumni Council president Scott Jones said. "It would be one way alumni could still stay connected to the university." In addition to keeping their university address, alumni can inform the Alumni Association of their new Internet provider and have their e-mail forwarded to them at their new addresses.

■ NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

Two students face porn charges

RALEIGH, N.C.

Two North Carolina State students were arrested last Wednesday, in unrelated cases, for harboring and trading child pornography through their university Web sites, according to information from the State Bureau of Investigation. Jon Brock, a sophomore in computer science, was charged with two counts of second-degree sexual exploitation of a minor, while Timothy Gilrane, a senior in economics, was charged with third-degree sexual exploitation of a minor. In the two cases, which are unrelated, according to a News & Observer article, Gilrane is accused of trading illegal pictures of minors and making them available to the public through his Web site. Brock is accused of storing pictures of minors engaged in sexual acts on his hard drive. Bond is set for Brock at $20,000 and for Gilrane at $5,000. Brock can not be in the presence of a minor without adult supervision.

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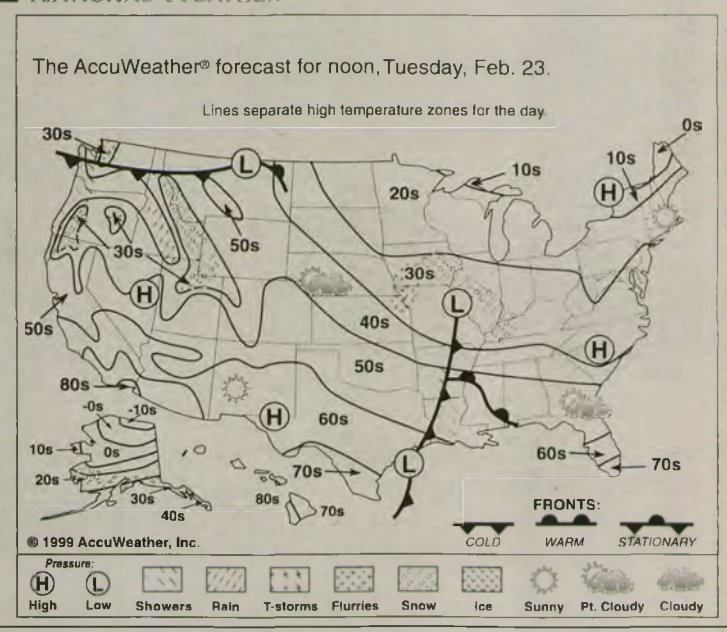

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Dietician explains means to health through diet

By ANGELA WOGATZKE
News Writer

Cindy Tansek-Carroll, a registered dietician from Memorial Hospital, provided information on how to eat nutritiously at a brown bag lunch presentation "How Healthy are You?" Monday at Saint Mary's as a part of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

She also discussed eating disorders and challenged listeners to think about what can be done to help someone who may have an eating disorder.

"You should have anywhere between 40 and 50 nutrients a day, but you should think food first, not pills or vitamins," said Tansek-Carroll.

She also addressed concerns of vegetarians about how to get enough protein in their diets.

"A portion of meat is roughly the size of your hand. Although giving up meat isn't a bad thing to do, you may want to think of the alternative sources of protein you can include in your diet," she said. "Some alternatives are eating fish once a week or eating nuts, eggs, peanut butter, yogurt and other dairy products which are rich in protein and calcium."

The audience raised questions concerning the nutritional value of food substitutes for eggs and sugar, which Tansek-Carroll called "an equally healthy substitute in most cases."

"Egg substitutes contain egg whites and food coloring, eliminating the part with the most cholesterol," she said. "Substitutes such as Nutrasweet for sugar are ideal if you are a diabetic."

Tansek-Carroll also addressed serving sizes and how many servings a day a person should eat, as well as habits such as how to eat and how often to do so.

"You should definitely stop when you are full. Parents should encourage their children to eat healthy, but not to restrict them," she said. "A good way to reinforce healthy eating habits, especially if you are eating out, would be to encourage them to eat the foods with the most nutrients first.

"Also, we shouldn't teach them [children] that desserts are forbidden, or that certain foods are 'junk,'" she continued. "These desserts and snacks are as much a part of our diets as those in the other food groups."

'NO ONE NEEDS TO 'DIET,' BUT THEY SHOULD LEARN TO EAT RIGHT AND INCORPORATE EXERCISE INTO THEIR LIVES.'

CINDY TANSEK-CARROLL
DIETICIAN, MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

In a media driven society, a variety of special diets have been introduced to us, and one that is never healthy, is a "crash diet." The worst thing a person can do for his or her health is to not eat.

"Going without food for five hours or more deprives you of those nutrients your body needs for the day, and slows your metabolism," explained Tansek-Carroll.

"While asleep, the body does most of the absorption of the vitamins and proteins it needs, and therefore, the worst thing you can do to start your day is to skip breakfast. Regularly skipping breakfast, even if you don't feel hungry, usually results in the gain of about eight pounds a year," she added.

Tansek-Carroll emphasized that attempts to deny this system often results in eating disorders.

"Fat is not a feeling. Someone with an eating disorder is most likely feeling a sense of control when they do not eat, or if they binge eat and purge," she explained.

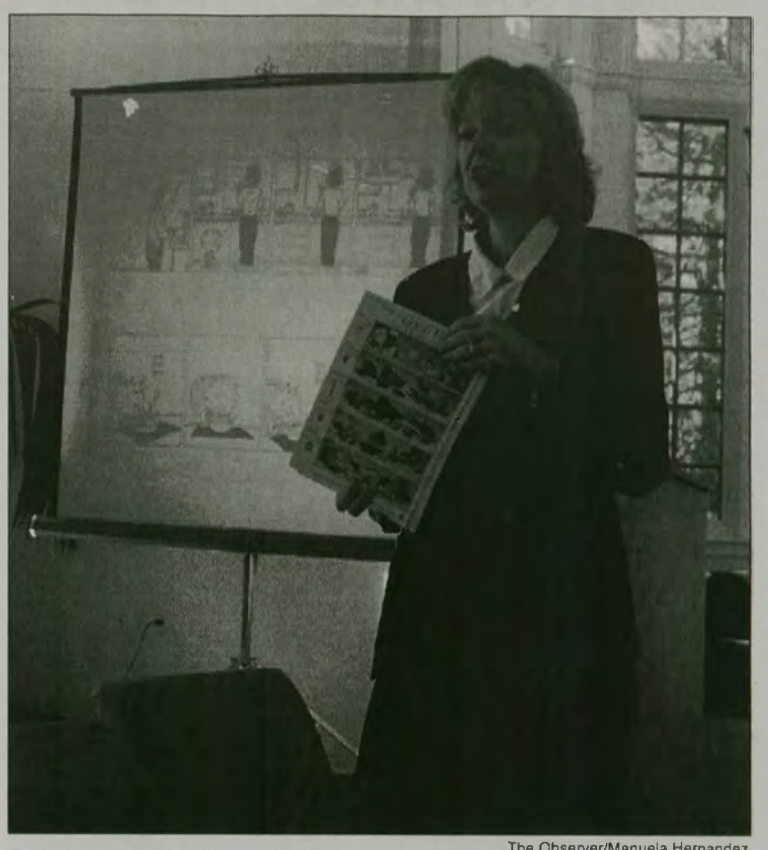
"Many with eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa and bulimia, have been through other circumstances leading up to their disorder. Some of these qualifying factors could be living in a dysfunctional family, having an obsessive-compulsive disorder, or feeling inadequate among peers," said Tansek-Carroll.

She focused on a different approach to becoming healthy.

"No one needs to 'diet,' but they should learn to eat right and incorporate exercise into their lives," she continued. "Exercising regularly, or just staying active increases your metabolism. Staying active by taking the stairs when possible, standing at work when you might be sitting stationary for a long time, and parking further away on campus, so you can walk a little extra are just a few ways you can increase your metabolism."

Eating periodically throughout the day, either in six snacks of the recommended serving sizes and food groups, or three meals and three snacks of the same manner, is also an option a person might try, especially if she finds she is hungry several times a day, explained Tansek-Carroll.

The snacks should be from the recommended portions of the five food groups (milk, meat, vegetable, fruit, and grain), but a snack from the "other" group once a day won't hurt, she said.



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Dietician Cindy Tansek-Carroll touched on eating disorders Monday in the context of a presentation on healthy eating habits.

"We also have to make sure that we are getting enough calcium — men and women are both at risk for osteoporosis — and drinking eight glasses of water a day. A lot of people are walking around who are dehydrated and don't even know it," she said.

"Products containing caffeine are best limited to a couple servings per day, but the real key to desserts, carbonated drinks, and alcohol is moderation. You really are not missing anything if you are not drinking pop, at least where your health is concerned," Tansek-Carroll commented.

Identifying behaviors that you think might be indicative of an eating disorder and referring them to help, or help to them, is crucial.

"Dealing with your health realistically and maintaining goals that are healthy and attainable, should include distinguishing between what is healthy and what is detrimental, such as the behaviors that make one develop anorexia nervosa or bulimia," said Tansek-Carroll.

"Seeking a variety in your diet and exercise, being flexible in your diet, and not punishing yourself or being ashamed of yourself for eating a certain food brings you closer to feeling good about who you are. Being comfortable with yourself, regardless of what the mirror or scale says to you is what matters the most."

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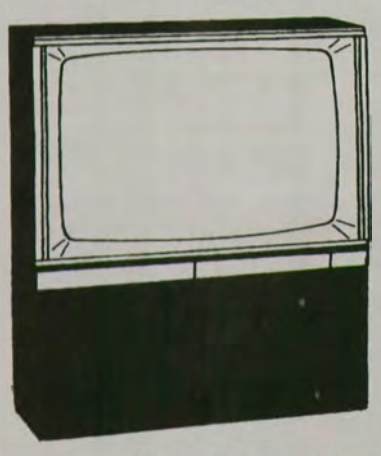

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Mr. Kristol served as chief of staff to Vice President Dan Quayle during the Bush administration, and to Secretary of Education William Bennett under President Reagan. Before coming to Washington in 1985, Mr. Kristol taught politics at the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

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SMC social work program accredited by education council

By JENNY BRADBURN
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Social Work Program has been granted initial accreditation for the baccalaureate degree in Social Work by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), according to Frances Kominkiewicz, assistant professor of social work.

This decision is of particular importance to Saint Mary's students studying in the social work department because it may reduce the time and money they have to spend on obtaining a graduate degree.

According to Kominkiewicz, the primary benefit of this accreditation is that they are now eligible for advanced standing placement when pursuing a masters degree in social work (MSW).

"The MSW is a 60-credit program and getting a bachelor's from an accredited institution can definitely shorten that process, sometimes by as much as one year," she said. Social work students are typically advised to consider advanced graduate work in the field to better their career options.

Junior Maureen Donovan said she was "ecstatic" when she learned of the decision.

"It really opened doors for my future because if not for the accreditation, I probably would have to postpone plans to attend graduate school for a few years," she said.

Accreditation also means that graduates of the program will obtain bachelors degree in social work rather than the traditional bachelors of arts degree. This professional degree will increase the number of career opportunities available to social work majors when planning their futures.

Kominkiewicz admits to spending most of Friday e-mailing past alumnae to update them on the progress of the accreditation.

"What we are trying to do now is see how retroactive this can be. Because we were in candidacy for many years, we are going to try to see that recent alumnae [have] an equal chance to benefit from this decision," she said.

Many years of work went into completing candidacy for accreditation, and the accrediting board reviewed volumes of course appendices and syllibi. Kominkiewicz said the CSWE was most persuaded to accredit the program by having a chance to meet with students during their site visit last November.

"The were just amazed with the quality of students we had here," she said. "They said we had the most empowered, intelligent women they had ever encountered."

Quigley

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fesses," he said.

Quigley stressed the need to re-examine the law and the death penalty system.

"The law is one thing and justice is another thing ... it is our [society's] job to [bridge] the gap," he said.

He also focused on the down-spiraling prison situation in the U. S.

"Prisons are [the] toilets of our society ... where we put things we don't [ever] want to see again," he said.

Leaders like Prejean make a huge difference, but unfortunately, "there are a lot more people with needs than people to help," Quigley said.

'YOU DON'T GET TO DEATH ROW BY ACCIDENT. [THESE PEOPLE COMMIT] THE MOST HORRIFYING, TERRIBLE, DISGUSTING ... CRIMES. THE QUESTION IS NOT WHETHER PEOPLE HAVE EARNED [THE DEATH PENALTY], IT'S WHAT HAPPENS TO US [WHEN WE KILL THEM].'

BILL QUIGLEY
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS LAW PROFESSOR

"The prophets in our time are controversial because they don't shut up," he added, emphasizing the popularity of prophets like Prejean. "If you're going to work with [social injustice], you're not going to be universally loved ... you can imagine the kind of things people write to her ... . [Prejean] is the most visible person in the world [concerning the death penalty]."

Quigley said that when he was 20, instead of looking towards graduate school or making money, he wanted to be a priest. After graduating from Purdue University he became a lawyer when he decided that what he really wanted to do was help people.

"You can have a family, have a car, raise children, and at the same time help other people," he said, noting that most people do not realize that "there is no profession where you can't help oppressed people. ... You can make money and be good at your profession and still help people."

Quigley last saw Prejean in January when Dobey Gillis Williams was executed in Louisiana. Part of Prejean's beauty, he said, is her ability to know that "you can have one hand in the hand of the victim, and a hand in the hand of the [criminal]."

He says Prejean, who was a finalist last year for the Nobel Peace Prize, is a "wonderful, friendly, funny person" with an "aura of [love and care] around her." She also knows that she cannot make a difference by herself.

"You cannot swim against the stream alone ... you have to do it with others," he explained.

"Her spontaneity is her genius, but her flipside is she is very disorganized," he said, stressing that if society realizes that she is "incredibly good, [but] not perfect," people will be more connected to her.

Quigley's lecture is part of the course, "American Catholic Prophets" taught by Paul Wilkes, visiting W. Harold and Martha Welsh Professor of American Studies.

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showcases campus jazz quartets or ensembles on selected Sundays. The bands perform in the LaFortune Ballroom from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and SUB provides free donuts, coffee and other breakfast foods for anyone who stops by. Brady, who was chair of Java and Jazz last year, said that it provides a relaxing place for students to spend their Sundays.

"The coffeehouse theme is really popular but Java and Jazz puts a little twist on it," she said. "A lot of people go there and just hang out with friends or get some reading done."

The series, which began under the cultural arts commission of SUB, runs about five times a year. The next Java and Jazz is scheduled for Sunday.

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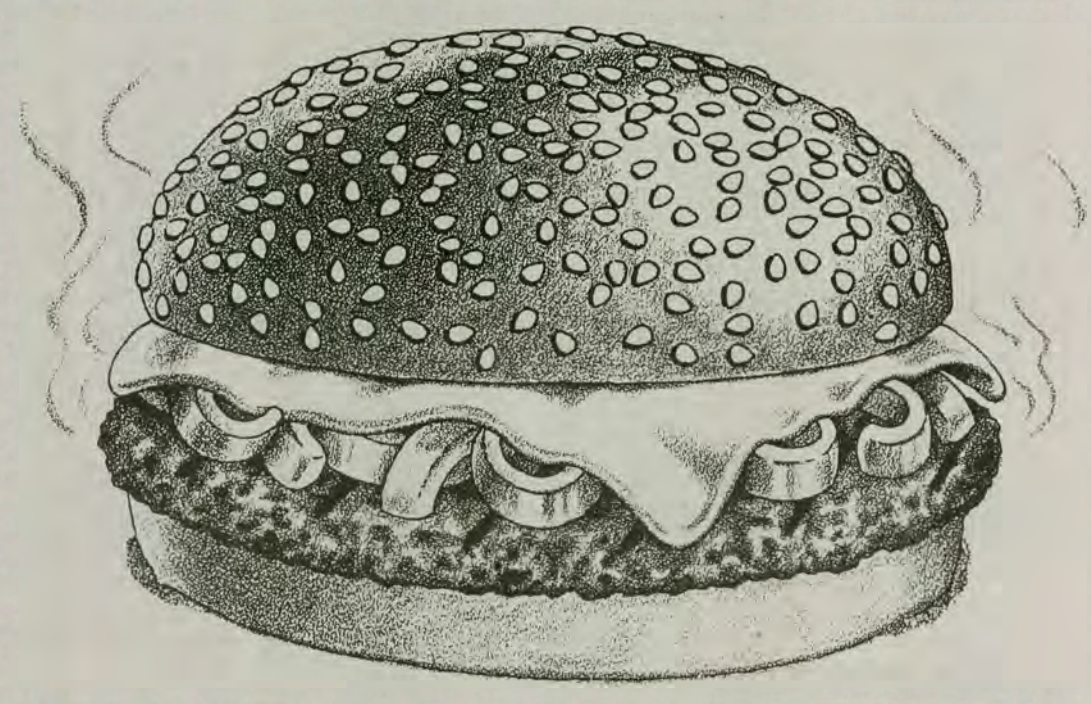

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Video games, Berlin Wall lead stamp poll

WASHINGTON

With a week of voting left, video games and the fall of the Berlin Wall are the leading candidates for postage stamps commemorating the 1980s. Votes cast through Feb. 17 put video games in first place with 133,942 ballots, followed by the Berlin Wall at 132,190, the Postal Service said Monday. The public is being asked to select 15 stamps to commemorate the decade of the 1980s. Voting continues through the end of the month. Ballots are available at post offices or on the Internet. The 1980s stamps, to be released next year, are part of the post office's extensive Celebrate the Century series, which will have a set of 15 stamps for each decade of the 1900s. Stamps for the first five decades were selected by postal officials.

Woman dies from supergerm

HONG KONG

A supergerm that has proven resistant to one of the most potent antibiotics available has killed a Hong Kong woman, officials said today, raising fears that more such germs could develop as doctors continue to misuse or overuse antibiotics. The middle-aged woman died last year at Queen Mary Hospital after becoming infected with a strain of *staphylococcus aureus* bacteria, or staph, despite two weeks of intensive antibiotics treatment, a spokeswoman from the official Hospital Authority said. Speaking on customary condition of anonymity, the spokeswoman confirmed a report published today in the South China Morning Post. The hospital declined to reveal the patient's identity. The woman, who also suffered from cancer, was one of a few known cases in the world in which staph proved resistant to vancomycin.

Transplant patient nowhere to be found

PARIS

To the dismay of his doctors, a man who last year underwent a rare hand transplant has dropped out of sight and risks losing his new limb unless he seeks urgent medical attention. "I really didn't expect something like this to happen," Dr. Jean-Michel Dubernard of the transplant team said in a telephone interview Monday. Dubernard told The Associated Press that the patient, Clint Hallam, "is a difficult man, but he's a big boy now and it's up to him to follow physiotherapy." Hallam, 48, from New Zealand, received a new forearm and hand in September after 13 hours of surgery at the Edouard Herriot Hospital in Lyon, southeastern France. He left France in January. "He said 10 days ago that his skin has turned red in parts — and that could be a sign of rejection," said Dubernard.

Market Watch: 2/22

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■ YUGOSLAVIA

AFP Photo

An ethnic Albanian refugee child waits as relatives work on their tractor during preparations to continue their flight. Many refugees are fleeing their home villages as a consequence of the attacks by the Yugoslavian army during the past two days.

Serbs resume attacks on Albanians

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PRISTINA

Serb forces battled ethnic Albanian rebels northwest of Pristina today, while Secretary of State Madeleine Albright tried to keep the Kosovo peace talks in France from collapsing.

International peace verifiers initially reported that Serb police were separating men from women and children in two ethnic Albanian villages near the fighting in what spokesman Sandy Blyth called "obviously a bad sign." Similar separations in the past preceded group slayings.

Later, however, Blyth said the assertions proved wrong.

"There is apparently no problem in either of the villages," said the spokesman for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. "The initial reports were based on what we were told by international aid workers."

Television crews reported police were blocking access to the area.

Fighting began when about 10 Serb military vehicles came under fire near Vucitrn, said Walter Ebenberger, an OSCE spokesman.

Serb forces called in reinforcements — including two tanks and an armored personnel carrier — which returned fire, Ebenberger said.

He said the fighting ebbed about two hours later, and there was no word on casualties. The ethnic Albanian-run Kosovo Information Center said the fighting started when government troops attacked three villages in the Vucitrn area.

The fighting added urgency to diplomatic efforts to save the Kosovo peace talks in France.

Albright returned to the conference site today to push the belligerents hard to make a deal with just one day left before a Tuesday deadline.

The ethnic Albanian center also said the body of a 50-year-old ethnic Albanian man and his son were found today near Kacane, about 30 miles south of Pristina near the Macedonian border.

In another sign of rising tension, two members of an international team monitoring the cease-fire in Kosovo were punched by two Serbian policemen but were not seriously hurt, the OSCE said today.

OSCE spokesman Jorgen Grunnet said the monitors were on a routine patrol late Sunday when they were confronted by two policemen. After a brief argument, the monitors were "roughed up," Grunnet said.

Grunnet said the police also harassed other OSCE personnel when they entered the country.

■ SOUTH KOREA

Political prisioner gets amnesty

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEOUL

A North Korean believed to be the world's longest-serving political prisoner was one of 1,508 people granted amnesty Monday by South Korea's president.

Woo Yong-gak, imprisoned for 41 years, was one of 17 men convicted of spying for North Korea to be freed under a sweeping amnesty that will take effect Thursday, the first anniversary of President Kim Dae-jung's inauguration.

Woo, 70, has been held in solitary confinement since being captured aboard a North Korean boat off South Korea's east coast in 1958.

The amnesty will also affect 7,304 other people convicted of various crimes who have been out of prison on parole. They will have their civil rights restored or their criminal records erased.

"The amnesty is aimed at achieving a grand national conciliation and giving one-time offenders an opportunity to take part in national efforts to revive the economy," Justice Minister Park Sang-cheon said.

Those pardoned include 2,700 people convicted of pilferage and other "minor economic crimes" and fined up to $4,100.

South Korea's battered economy was bailed out by the International Monetary Fund in late 1997. Petty crimes have since increased sharply as unemployment soared to a record 7.9 percent.

Among those pardoned were several prominent dissidents convicted of making illegal visits to North Korea, including Lim Su-kyong, a former college student. Her 1989 visit to North Korea significantly heightened tension between the two Koreas.

Excluded from the amnesty was Kim Hyun-chul, a son of former President Kim Young-sam, because his appeal of a three-year sentence for bribery and tax evasion is pending.

Since taking office nearly a year ago, Kim has released 180 political prisoners who signed an oath to obey South Korean laws, including one making it a crime to espouse communism.

But the 17 convicted spies, held for between 29 to 41 years, have refused to sign the oath, saying that would violate their freedom of conscience and endanger their families in the communist North.

This time, the government decided not to demand an oath.

The minister indicated the government may allow the 17 men to return to their families in a deal with North Korea.

"Extraordinary measures are under study," Park said.

North Korea is demanding the return of three convicted spies who had been previously released from prison under amnesty.

South Korean officials have floated the idea of a possible swap of all 20 for about 300 surviving South Korean war prisoners believed still held in North Korea since the 1950-53 Korean War.

Senate debates pay increase for military

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Senate pressed ahead Monday with politically popular legislation that would give the military a 4.8 percent across-the-board pay raise next Jan. 1, despite a plea from the Clinton administration that Congress first find the money to pay for the increases.

The bill is the first major piece of legislation considered by the Senate this year, and GOP leaders said they wanted to send an important message to men and women in the Armed Services — particularly in light of a possible new military deployment in Kosovo.

President Clinton has proposed a 4.4 percent military pay raise.

In a letter to senators as debate began on the Senate floor, defense secretary William Cohen said he was concerned that the legislation, while well-meaning, could end up "raising hopes that cannot be fulfilled."

"It could be counterproductive," Cohen wrote.

If enacted, the pay raise would be the largest for the military since 1982.

The legislation would also provide more generous retirement and GI Bill educational benefits. The administration claims the measure is $7 billion more expensive over the next five years than the $36.5 billion benefit increase package proposed by Clinton in his fiscal year 2000 budget.

Cohen cautioned that, with no clear indication of where the extra money might come from, meeting the "unfunded requirement" could mean cuts in other essential military programs.

Sen. John Warner, R-Va., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, described the defense secretary's concerns as "constructive criticism."

"Nevertheless, we're going to forge ahead," Warner said. "Even if this bill is expensive, the alternative is unacceptable."

The legislation appeared to have wide support in both parties and was expected to win Senate approval later this week. However, several Democrats echoed the administration's concerns over the pricetag.

"Little consideration seems to have been given to how we will pay for this. There could be serious consequences," said Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, the committee's senior Democrat. He said the measure could become "a promise to the troops that may or may not be possible to redeem."

Sen. Charles Robb, D-Va., a sponsor of the bill, told the Senate that while he was glad the it had taken up the bill, "My concern is that we may be moving too quickly."

Senate majority leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., has predicted the Senate would pass the "long overdue" pay raise within a few weeks. His spokesman, John Czwartacki, said the possibility that U.S. troops would soon be on their way to Kosovo provided even more impetus for fast passage of the bill.

The measure was deliberately made first on the Senate calendar after the impeachment trial of Clinton, Czwartacki said. "We're back in the mode where senators can be senators," he said.

The administration's plan calls for a 4.4 percent across-the-board military pay raise in 2000 and annual raises of 3.9 percent over the following five years. The Senate bill gives a 4.8 percent increase starting Jan. 1, then would give the military an additional raise in each succeeding year of 0.5 percentage points above the rate of inflation.

The bill would also allow military personnel to retire at 50 percent pay after 20 years service — a plan that was in effect prior to 1986. Or, they could accept a $30,000 cash bonus and remain in the current retirement system.

The legislation would also give service members the option of contributing up to 5 percent of their basic pay to a 401(k) type savings account, to which the services could, under certain circumstances, make matching contributions.

The Pentagon contends that military personnel are paid as much as 13.5 percent less than civilian personnel with comparable jobs in the private sector.

However, the independent Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, in a report on the measure, suggested this claim was somewhat misleading. "One problem is the overall private-sector workforce differs greatly from the military's workforce in terms of education, age, sex and other factors."

It cited a 1994 RAND study based on the 1992 workforce that "found that when compared to changes in pay for a subset of the civilian workforce that closely resembles the military ... there essentially no pay gap, at least in 1992."

Parents sue, call tests biased

Associated Press

PORTLAND

A group of parents sued Oregon's Board of Education on Monday, claiming new statewide tests for high school students discriminate against those with dyslexia and other learning disabilities.

The federal lawsuit claims Oregon's refusal to grant testing exceptions to the students violates the Americans with Disabilities Act, the federal law that bans discrimination against people with mental and physical disabilities.

On Monday, the plaintiffs and their children came out to denounce the tests, which high school sophomores must pass to enroll in advance classes, go on to the next grade or attend state universities.

"Students with learning disabilities have been ambushed by the Oregon State Board of Education," said attorney Sid Wolinsky, of the California-based Disability Rights Activists.

"What bureaucrats have done is tested their disabilities, not their ability."

Advocates estimate that nearly 32,000 Oregon children have learning disabilities like attention deficit disorder, which impedes a child's ability to focus, and dyslexia, a neurological disorder that impairs the ability to read and write.

The disabilities make it hard for an affected student to pass the state's Certificate of Initial Mastery tests, which cover a wide range of topics including math and writing. Wolinsky said learning disabled students are at a disadvantage because the tests are heavily weighted toward spelling and punctuation, a weak point for the dyslexic.

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Registration Deadline February 24

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Topic: "Ministry in the Church"

Registration in the Basilica Office, Earth Science Building

Attention lectors, ushers, coordinators, eucharistic ministers, servers and choir members: You are all invited to participate in this mini-retreat. Our principal speaker will be Beverly Rieger, Director of Liturgy, Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese. An optional tour of the Basilica will be led by Father Rocca following the retreat. If you plan on attending, please contact Steve Camilleri at 287-5259 or Camilleri.4@nd.edu.

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University Village Volunteers

Campus Ministry is looking for two students who are interested in doing some volunteer work at University Village, the Married Student Housing Complex on campus. Students are needed to volunteer in a "Parents' Time-Out" program that meets in the community center on Mondays from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. when the University is in session. This ministry would entail working with two mother's to plan activities for children ages 1-4 and to assist in general child supervision. Please call John or Sylvia Dillon at 631-5242 if interested.

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Cabinet secretaries in contempt

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Saying he was fed up with lies and delays, a federal judge held two Clinton Cabinet secretaries in contempt of court Monday in a dispute over $500 million in Indian trust funds. The judge said he had "never seen more egregious misconduct" by the government.

Interior secretary Bruce Babbitt and Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin must accept blame for years of bureaucratic foot dragging and "outright false statements" concerning access to documents in a lawsuit on the trust funds, U.S. district judge Royce Lamberth wrote.

Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs was supposed to turn over statements, checks and other documents on accounts held by five Indians who are the lead plaintiffs in the lawsuit against the Interior and Treasury departments. The lawsuit alleges mismanagement of 300,000 Indian accounts.

Lamberth ordered Babbitt, Rubin and assistant interior secretary Kevin Gover to pay legal fees and other expenses that resulted from delays in complying with a November 1996 order to come up with the documents.

While Cabinet heads are frequently named as defendants in civil suits against the government, Lamberth's ruling is unusual in holding top officials responsible. The money would come from the agencies, not the men themselves.

In 1978, a federal judge cited attorney general Griffin Bell for contempt for refusing to turn over FBI files to the Socialist Workers Party. And in 1984, a judge held William Ruckelshaus, then the Environmental Protection Agency administrator, in contempt in a dispute over emissions standards for nuclear facilities. The EPA was not yet a Cabinet-level agency.

The judge's harshly worded ruling took special aim at Babbitt and at Justice Department lawyers in the fight over access to documents.

"The federal government here did not just stub its toe," Lamberth wrote. "It abused the rights of the plaintiffs to obtain these trust documents, and it engaged in a shocking pattern of deception of the court."

'WHAT IS CLEAR IS THAT HE HAS TOTALLY DELEGATED HIS RESPONSIBILITY TO OTHERS AND THEY HAVE MISERABLY FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THIS COURT'S ORDERS.'

ROYCE LAMBERTH
U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

"It's the beginning of justice for victims who have been for years abused," said Eloise Cobell, a member of the Blackfeet tribe in Montana and one of the account holders suing the government. "This is money that belongs to people, the majority of them very poor people."

"We deeply regret the mistakes we made in this case," said a joint statement from the Interior, Treasury and Justice departments. The departments have apologized to Lamberth and "are committed to meeting the judge's concerns," the statement said.

The three departments also pledged to address the merits of the case. The statement said Babbitt was determined to fix the Individual Indian Money trust accounts system and the Clinton administration has obtained tens of millions of dollars and requested more than $100 million more during fiscal 2000 to do so.

Only a few documents have appeared despite repeated meetings between lawyers and the judge.

On Monday, Lamberth said a new, court-appointed administrator will ensure the government complies from now on. The judge also warned he may impose fines or other punitive damages if matters don't improve.

"The court is deeply disappointed that any litigant would fail to obey orders for production of documents, and then conceal and cover up that disobedience with outright false statements that the court then relied upon," the judge wrote. "But when that litigant is the federal government, the misconduct is even more troubling."

Lamberth noted Babbitt's recent decision to remove a key official responsible for handing over the documents, but he said the secretary did not go nearly far enough.

Babbitt's "inattention to detail and wholesale delegation of authority to individuals who have not served his — or the government's — interest, may cause him future problems with this court if the government misconduct continues," the judge wrote.

Lamberth said he regretted that Rubin became enmeshed in the "fiasco" and suffered the tarnish of a civil contempt citation as a result.

"What is clear is that he has totally delegated his responsibility to others and they have miserably failed to comply with this court's orders," Lamberth wrote.

■ SWITZERLAND

Avalanches kill five

Associated Press

EVOLENE

Five people died in weather-related accidents in western Europe over the weekend, with snowstorms and heavy rain causing avalanches and flooding in Switzerland, France, Germany and Austria. Ten others were missing.

Avalanches hit Sunday evening between the Swiss villages of Evolene and Les Hauderes, sweeping away several chalets, Swiss police said. A 23-year-old town worker and his 22-year-old girlfriend were found dead, buried in their snowplow.

"The avalanche rolled into the valley like a bulldozer and crushed everything," Valais state emergency official Charly Wuilloud told reporters.

Eight people, two of them children, were missing. Wuilloud said the chances of them being found alive were slim. The rescue operation was called off early Monday due to a high risk of further avalanches in the area, 110 miles from Geneva.

Some 200 people were evacuated from parts of the Val d'Herens and the upper part of the valley was closed off. Authorities told those who stayed in Evolene not to leave their homes.

Forecasters said the danger of more avalanches was likely to be high for several days.

Flooding and landslides were reported throughout northwest Switzerland. A Swiss man who took his canoe out alone Sunday on a tributary of the Rhine River was found drowned south of Zurich.

In Germany, one man fell out of a rubber dinghy Sunday night on the swollen Jagst River in Crailsheim, east of Stuttgart and was swept away. Another person whose car went into the same river Sunday morning near Heilbronn remained missing and was presumed dead.

Experts flooded two ponds in southwest Germany in the hopes of keeping the swollen Rhine River from rising, but melting snow and rain was expected to push it to record levels Tuesday.

French mountain police, aided by helicopters and trained dogs, rescued four hikers Monday, but were searching for two more missing in a snowstorm in the Pyrenees Mountains.

To the east, police temporarily abandoned a quest to reach three other hikers trapped for seven days at 9,000 feet in the northern French Alps.

The three male hikers, all experienced mountaineers, told rescue workers their position Sunday evening using a cellular phone.

They dug a snow cave to protect themselves, but officials said a severe snowstorm was preventing rescue workers from reaching them.

Austria's far western Vorarlberg province was cut off Monday because of avalanche warnings, the Austria Press Agency reported. Many villages were inaccessible.

In neighboring Tirol, 130 people had to be evacuated from their homes in the Kauner valley because of avalanche fears.

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Report: Iraqi missiles caused civilian damage

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

Iraqi missiles aimed at U.S. and British planes flying over the northern no-fly zone have caused some civilian damage and hampered U.N. operations, according to a U.N. report obtained Monday.

The United Nations is concerned that continued aerial confrontations could affect food deliveries in northern areas and has restricted staff movements between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. local time — the time when most incidents take place, it said.

The report by Hans von Sponeck, the U.N. humanitarian coordinator in Baghdad, provided a rare insight into the effects of the aerial confrontations in Iraq's northern and southern no-fly zones over the past two months.

Allied warplanes barred Iraqi military flights over northern and southern Iraq after the 1991 Gulf War to protect Kurdish rebel and Shiite Muslim groups.

Iraq has challenged allied forces in the "no-fly" zones almost daily since the United States and Britain launched airstrikes in mid-December, following a U.N. report that Baghdad had not fully complied with U.N. weapons inspectors. If the flights continue, Iraq has threatened to attack Turkey, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

During a council debate Monday on protecting civilians in armed conflict, Iraq's U.N. Ambassador Saeed Hasan called the no-fly zones illegal and accused Britain and the United States of shedding "crocodile tears over the Iraqi people whom they massacre every day."

He said council members had a historic opportunity to save Iraqi civilians by immediately lifting sanctions and telling Britain and the United States to stop attacks in the no-fly zones.

The British and American ambassadors retorted that allied planes were responding to Iraqi threats and attacks, arguing that the no-fly zones are justified under international law because they protect civilians from Iraqi government repression.

There have been more than 80 incidents involving American and British fighter jets in the no-fly zones in the past two months, but little independent information has been disclosed.

Von Sponeck said the report was based on information from U.N. personnel and from his own visit on Feb. 12 to the region around the city of Dohuk, which is 40 miles south of the Turkish border.

Between Feb. 2-12, the report said 33 missiles landed in a 100-square-mile area around Dohuk and at least 21 exploded.

Turkey warns Greece about Kurds

Associated Press

ANKARA

Turkey asserted Monday it has a "right to self-defense" if Greece provides support to separatist Kurds — a thinly veiled threat of military force against its neighbor and rival.

The warning came as a Turkish newspaper reported that imprisoned rebel warlord Abdullah Ocalan had told interrogators that Greece gave his fighters weapons and training, claims Greece has rejected in the past.

Ocalan, captured in Kenya a week ago, is expected to stand trial for waging a nearly 15-year insurrection in Turkey's predominantly Kurdish southeast that has claimed an estimated 37,000 lives. He could face the death penalty.

A judge is expected to bring formal charges against Ocalan on Tuesday, after the end of the seven-day period in which a suspect can be held without charges.

The hearing, expected in a state security court at the island prison where Ocalan is being held, would be closed to the press and the public.

Ocalan has not had access to an attorney, which has drawn criticism from international human rights groups. On Monday, a group of 15 lawyers — including several from Turkey's independent Human Rights Association — told the court they were prepared to represent him.

"We are members of a human rights organization and believe that everyone has the right to a defense," said one of the lawyers, Eren Keskin.

She said Ocalan's family had asked the lawyers to defend him.

The Ocalan affair has inflamed tensions between Greece and Turkey, both members of NATO but also neighboring rivals that have nearly gone to war several times over territorial disputes.

President Suleyman Demirel warned Greece on Monday that assistance to Ocalan's Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK, could trigger a military response.

"If Greece chooses to continue with its illegal actions, we retain our right to take the necessary precautions for our right to self-defense," the semi-official Anatolia news agency quoted him as saying during a visit to Manila.

The national daily Hurriyet claimed Ocalan had told interrogators that Greece provided the PKK with weapons and training at a U.N. refugee center east of Athens in Lavrion, Greece, which mostly houses Kurds.

"They even gave us arms and rockets. Greek officers gave guerrilla training and explosives training to our militants," the newspaper quoted Ocalan as saying.

It did not say how it had obtained the statements, and the account could not be independently verified.

Turkey has frequently alleged in the past that Greece provides military backing to the rebels.

There was no immediate response to the latest allegations in Greece, where Monday was a public holiday.

In response to past Turkish allegations, the Lavrion camp has been examined repeatedly by international observers, who were unable to substantiate charges that it served as a military training center for the PKK.

Greece, however, was caught red-handed sheltering Ocalan. Just prior to his arrest he was staying at the Greek ambassador's residence in Nairobi, and he had spent some days in Greece before that.

Turkey has insisted that Ocalan's trial will be fair and told outsiders not to interfere. On Monday, the European Union urged Turkey to strictly safeguard Ocalan's rights.

Ocalan complained of heart trouble when he went to Italy last fall seeking asylum, but doctors found nothing. Turkey's prime minister told reporters Monday there was a three-member team of doctors, led by a cardiologist, on the prison island.

■ SUDAN

Rebels ready to secede to end 16-year civil war

Associated Press

KHARTOUM

Sudan's president signaled Monday that he is ready to accept the secession of southern provinces if that would end the country's 16-year-old civil war.

But Omar el-Bashir stressed that his Islamic government will continue efforts to maintain the unity of the African country.

His comments, made in an interview with a Qatar television station, were reported Sunday by state-run television. A number of state-run newspapers carried excerpts.

"The possibilities of unity stand, as do the possibilities of separation," el-Bashir was quoted as saying.

"But the option of separation with peace is better than that of unity with the continuation with war," he added.

El-Bashir has said before that he is willing to give southerners a chance to vote on their future — and that the government would try to persuade them to stay as part of Sudan.

Southern rebels have been fighting since 1983 for more autonomy for the south's largely Christian and animist population from the Islamic north. More than 1.9 million people have died in the fighting and resulting famines.

Under a peace agreement signed with seven breakaway rebel factions in 1997, the government committed itself to holding a referendum in four years so southerners can vote on whether they want to remain part of Sudan or secede.

That pledge also was repeated in a new constitution adopted last June in a national referendum.

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Annan pressing U.S. to pay dues

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

With low expectations, secretary general Kofi Annan heads to Washington on Tuesday to press the United States to pay its more than $1 billion in arrears to the United Nations.

U.N. officials said Monday that Annan's trip is mostly to get to know the new Congressional leadership responsible for payment — and there is little hope that Washington will make any overtures to tackle the U.N. debt this week.

If the United States doesn't pay about $340 million by the end of 1999, it could lose its vote in the General Assembly next year — an embarrassment Washington narrowly avoided this year, diplomats said.

Annan is scheduled to meet Tuesday with Senate majority leader Trent Lott as well as other leaders.

On Wednesday, Annan has a private lunch scheduled with secretary of state Madeleine Albright in talks likely to be dominated by Iraq, Kosovo and Libya.

Congress has held up payments of U.N. debts for years to demand a reduction in the U.S. assessment and streamlining of the world organization. Annan claims he has largely come through with the demanded reforms.

Congress passed legislation last year that would have paid off much of the debt, but President Bill Clinton vetoed it because it contained what he said were unrelated anti-abortion restrictions.

Congress finally approved about $240 million in 1998, enough to keep the United States' General Assembly vote. But this year, the minimum Washington must pay to keep its vote is an estimated $340 million which will be even tougher to come up with, diplomats said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Agencies earn C+ on Y2K readiness

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Federal agencies are belatedly responding to the Year 2000 computer problem, and some of the biggest departments, including Defense and State, are still lagging behind, a House expert said Monday.

Agencies, "are finally getting around in the last year to really putting some effort into this," Rep. Stephen Horn, R-Calif., said in releasing his seventh quarterly "report card" on the status of efforts to what is known as the "Y2K" problem.

'AT LEAST WE KNOW THERE IS RECOGNITION THAT 'Y2K' IS NOT A NEW CEREAL.'

REP. CONSTANCE MORELLA R-MD.

Horn, who heads the House subcommittee on government management, information and technology, gave the 24 agencies he has followed an overall grade of "C+." That's up from the "D" grade handed down in his survey last November.

"At least we know there is recognition that 'Y2K' is not a new cereal," said Rep. Constance Morella, R-Md., who has worked to draw attention to the problem.

President Clinton has given most federal agencies until March 31 to upgrade their computers so there will not be breakdowns in basic public services on Jan. 1, 2000. Most older computers use only two digits to mark keep track of what year it is, and could confuse 2000 with the year 1900 at the turn of the century, causing malfunctions and shutdowns.

John Koskinen, head of the president's Year 2000 Council, said he was pleased by Horn's latest assessment. Horn, Koskinen said, "has complained I was overoptimistic, but when the dust gets settled we'll find that I was more right than he was, and I'm delighted with that."

Koskinen and Horn agreed that about 90 percent of federal computer systems will be ready by the March 31 deadline and Koskinen said critical transportation, defense and benefits programs will be fixed well in advance of the yearend. "I think the public should be satisfied that the risk is not coming from federal systems," he said.

Horn gave 11 agencies, including the Social Security Administration and the Veterans Affairs Department, either an "A" or "A-" for installing software that is Y2K-compliant. He praised the Energy and Justice departments for making major strides since the last report.

But he said three departments — Health and Human Services, Agriculture and Defense — were still in the "C" category and three others — State, Transportation and the Agency of International Development — got failing grades. Led by Defense, those six account for more than 50 percent of the mission-critical computer systems in the federal government.

Pentagon spokeswoman Susan Hansen said they've repaired more than 80 percent of their systems and expect to be fully ready at the end of the year. "If we don't have a system fixed we will have fully fleshed-out contingency plans. We will be able to carry out our national security responsibilities."

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■ NOT PEACE, BUT THE SWORD

The Catholic Restoration of Notre Dame

Sean Vinck

While reading the latest filth to emanate from the leftward direction of campus last week, I began to daydream ...

It was a bright day, and the campus bustled with activity. It had been a busy few days. The University of Notre Dame had experienced drastic change. It had started late one night when a new regime suddenly took hold of power in Hayes-Healy. With their mission to affect what they called "the Catholic Restoration of Notre Dame," these new administrators set to work immediately.

The next morning, conversation was abuzz with chattering about the new campus hierarchy, the conversations fed by a steady stream of rumors from offices and dorm rooms all over campus. By 11 a.m., a new edition of The Observer appeared, but it looked very strange. Instead of the usual headlines, there appeared a decree from the new administration, typed in bold, deliberate Times New Roman font on the Front Page.

The decree mandated that henceforth, any student, faculty member or employee convicted by a standard of reasonable evidence to be guilty of any deed, word or thought contrary to the salvific mission of the Roman Catholic Church would be immediately expelled or terminated. This impressive document said also that new University President-for-life Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz would have final authority on any matters concerning the Catholicity of the Institution.

Reaction was decidedly mixed. On the one hand, the Right Reason crowd was deeply enthused over the new policy. Indeed, they were spotted standing outside of the recently anathematized and shut-down Women's Resource Center, a haven of abortionist propaganda, shouting with glee, "Our God reigns! Our God reigns!" In contrast, though, the OutReach ND crowd and their minions were predictably incensed. They gathered at a special meeting in O'Shaughnessy Hall to plot strategy to deal with the new administration they immediately dubbed "right wing bigots."

The meeting was raucous indeed. All of the left wing constituencies were represented: the feminists, the peaceniks, the gender studies contingent, the "Progressive Student Alliance" and of course, a large portion of the theology department. These professors in the theology department had much to fear. The new university president, Bishop Bruskewitz, was the consummate defensor fidei. They knew he would not tolerate any deviance from orthodoxy. The professors intuitively perceived that their jobs were in great danger. That perception was correct.

Even though the professorial contingent of "theologians," "gender studies people (?)" and others were trembling with the mixed emotions of anger, fear, and confusion, it was the homosexual organization that was most visibly shaken. Since the new administration had come to power, homosexuality had been criminalized within the confines of the municipality of Notre Dame; this objective disorder was recognized as such by the University, and any form of affiliation with the "gay" movement was prohibited. This new regulation was sure to be strictly enforced by Bishop Bruskewitz and the recently deployed Indiana National Guard, who had been called out by Governor O'Bannon to assist in the Catholic Restoration. However, the new policy on sexual morality struck even farther than that! Not only had homosexuality been utterly prohibited, but fornication and all forms of sexual licentiousness had been banned with equal determination and severity.

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As the O'Shag meeting was brought to some order, a diminutive woman ascended to the front of the room to make an impassioned speech. Her eyes wet with tears of anger and hate, she screeched "we can't let these fascists take away our FREEDOMS!" Her voice reached a high pitched crescendo that was greeted with thunderous applause by the leftist malcontents littering that room in O'Shag.

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But, just as the disgruntled young woman had finished her pout, and began to return to her seat in the back of the room, the National Guardsmen, accompanied by a large contingent of Priests dressed in severe Black Cassocks busted through the door. The leftist contingent was ordered to cease and desist by the express command of the University President, acting at the behest of God and his church. Predictably, the left-wingers erupted in howls of indignation. There were nose-ringed women shrieking with sheer rage. Almost every member of the Gender Studies contingent had a purple face! Some of the hearty members of the "Progressive Student Alliance" (about six) chained themselves to the desks, in a deliberate act of defiance.

The protestations of the left-wingers presented little challenge to the Guardsmen and their priestly allies. The leftists were informed that if they failed to disperse in an orderly and peaceful fashion within five minutes, that they would be permanently expelled from the University, whether they were student, faculty or staff.

Not being the most courageous souls in the world, they subsequently complied and left in what might be described as an orderly, but disheveled fashion.

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Things quieted down after a while. Contrasting the Bruskewitz administration with the Malloy regime, though, was a study of direct opposites. In three months since the beginning of the restoration, 1/3 of the faculty had either resigned or been expelled. A good 10 percent of the student body had been forced to leave due to the stringent new alcohol and drug policy dubbed "draconian" by Elitist University Presidents from Harvard and Dartmouth. Sexuality, in the post-modern sense of the term, had been firmly suppressed. Many books in the library had been removed for their lascivious content. Mass attendance was compulsory. The chapels and churches were overflowing, and the confessional lines grew ever longer. When asked whether he felt he was limiting student's personal "freedom, liberation and expression" by his criminalization of immorality, President Bruskewitz simply laughed.

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Unfortunately, it was at that happy juncture that I awoke from my fantasizing.

The preceding was simply a musing. It is a picture of what leftists would have us believe would happen if Notre Dame were to implement Ex Corde Ecclesiae. Just as my little dream is in many ways ludicrous in its sheer conception, so is the picture of doom that leftists paint when discussing Ex Corde, an impressive and necessary plan for the future of Catholic Universities.

Sean Vinck is a sophomore PLS major. In deference to Cardinal Evans, he wishes you to know that the preceding was purely satirical, that he expects none of those things to happen and that he is a perfectly rational, sane and sensitive person. His column appears every other Tuesday.

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■ DOONESBURY — GARRY TRUDEAU

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

'A woman drove me to drink and I never even had the courtesy to thank her.'

— W.C. Fields

VIEWPOINT

■ MISERERE MEI, DEUS

The Lenten Sacrifice

A short time ago the Church began the season of Lent. Most of us Catholics celebrated the first day with the exterior sign of ashes, calling to mind our baptismal vows and the dust that is our sinfulness.

Nathaniel Hannan

We have several Lenten practices, but in this article I'd like to concentrate upon two of them: giving something up and the Christian tradition of fasting.

Giving something up for Lent is one of the most misunderstood practices of the Church. We hear oaths to give up Coke, bubble gum, fatty foods, TV and numerous other pleasures. Why do we do this to ourselves? Why do we bother with this antiquated custom when we could be enjoying life much more without it? The other practice, fasting on Fridays, seems equally pointless. Why on earth fast? What does it accomplish? It doesn't incite social change, aid in studying, sleeping, learning or anything else

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that seems beneficial. Both of these practices seem geared to drag us down and just decrease the enjoyment that we find in life.

Without a knowledge and awareness of what these practices are intended for, that is exactly what they do — drag us down and prevent our feeling good. Both of these practices have, however, a higher purpose than making our roommates cranky and our stomachs growl. Their purpose lies in a simple and easy awareness, yet one which is very often neglected — an awareness of God. The point of our self-deprivation is in a way self-improvement, but not in the sense that abstaining from chocolate will make us thinner. Rather we are improved by what we are invited to be attentive to. Fasting and giving things up are in a way meant to be a bodily version of string tied around one's finger.

Whenever we hanker for what we have given up or for that honeyed ham, we are to take that moment to raise our awareness to thoughts of God, and so help to accomplish the purpose of Lent by thinking of Him in a particular way.

Lent is associated heavily with themes of sin and repentance. By being attentive to God, we are more inclined to remember these Lenten themes and also to remember what God has done for us, the act which we will celebrate at the end of the 40 days — the crucifixion and resurrection. In our attentiveness we become more grateful for Christ's sacrifice and so participate more fully, more meaningfully in the Easter mystery. That mystery is precisely related to sin and repentance because it corrects the former and makes possible the latter.

Attentiveness to God is something that we often miss in our busy college schedules. This season invites us particularly to enter into that which we so often discard and ignore, the fulfillment of our baptism and the promise of ages. This is what fasting is for — not to bolster a political agenda, not to make others feel bad, but as a reminder to give to God what He is due: our thoughts and indeed our very selves.

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■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Special Considerations For Non-Catholics?

I am not Catholic. I chose to come to this great university to receive a good educational and life experience. Notre Dame has been very good to me and I have respect for everything that Notre Dame stands for, including the teachings of the Catholic Church. I respect the rights and practices of all Catholics and as a Christian, I agree with many of them. I feel that I have a unique perspective, as I am among the 12-percent minority on campus that does not practice Catholicism nor observe the practice of Lent. I was very disappointed to see that the dining halls on campus did not provide meat for Ash Wednesday nor on Friday and I would like the administration to think of the minority on campus and their rights.

The practice of Lent is very fascinating to me and I often ask my Catholic friends what it stands for and the significance of it. To my surprise, I rarely receive the same answer from any two people. Some say it is a personal sacrifice, others say it is giving something for Christ and for ourselves, still others are confused with the meaning entirely, yet they practice it anyway. It is as if all the Catholics on this campus are all reading from the same book, but everyone is on a different page.

The mission statement of this University says that they will not discriminate based upon "race, gender, or religion." I feel that not providing meat in the dining hall on Fridays is a direct violation of this mission statement. People will argue by saying, "You chose to go to this school, and it is a private, Catholic university," but I didn't read anywhere in the brochure that meat would not be provided and I would be ultimately forced to assimilate to the Catholic practice of Lent. Parietals were in the brochure and complaints and marches against that rule have been rightly struck down. I do not agree with that rule either but at least it was spelled out for me before I applied.

From my perspective, the administration is showing the Catholic student body that they plainly do not trust them. By not providing any meat in the dining halls, the entire process of free will and decision-making is taken out of the equation. The administration gives you no opportunity to test your faith; they are treating students like children. But I do not observe Lent, and my choice is taken, too.

Father Malloy on several occasions has stated that Notre Dame welcomes all faiths and all people, but the practice of the dining halls does not follow that statement. Many of my Catholic friends agree that I should have the right to eat meat if I want to and they are surprised that the dining halls do not offer any. This year, Burger King and the Huddle have been courteous in continuing to offer meat products on Lenten Fridays. People are telling me that I can just go there if I so desire but Burger King will cost me either cash or flex points that I would rather spend later in the semester. Why should I have to go to Burger King just to get a hamburger when the NDH normally provides hamburgers for me at no extra charge?

Many other Catholic schools including Boston College, Georgetown and the University of San Diego all provide selected meat entrees in their dining halls on Lenten Friday. They provide mostly fish or vegetable meals, but the choice is there for non-Catholics. Why doesn't Notre Dame's minority deserve the same right? I want to reiterate that I respect the season of Lent and the principle ideas of it. I don't pretend to know all about Lent but I feel if Notre Dame truly believes in its commitment to serve every student, they should offer a small section of meat entrees on Lenten Fridays. All I ask is one small corner in the dining halls, a small selection for an equally smaller selection of students. Non-Catholics can then have the choices they deserve and Catholics can see first hand what they are giving up and not have to feel like their mother put the cookie jar in the top cupboard and out of their reach.

Eric Yuva
Sophomore
February 21, 1999

■ UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

Republicans Need to Shift Scope

GRAND FORKS, N.D.

After several embarrassing years and $40 million of your money, the GOP has produced nothing but an eyesore of a chapter in American history.

They have some serious making up to do.

Kenneth Starr's efforts and those of the Republican party have accomplished three things. They have alienated the American public, embarrassed an American family, and made a mockery of a country that already has rapidly declining international popularity.

This leaves them in precarious position, especially with an election year around the corner.

Right now, polls seem to show that the public views them as the aggressors. Most of the blame for this impeachment fiasco has fallen on them, regardless of the actions of the President. People didn't care whether Clinton was right or wrong so much as they wanted to be done with this whole thing.

Granted, if the GOP had simply dropped the issue after they made it an issue, they would have looked just as bad, but the reality of public opinion is that a lot of people see the GOP as vindictive, stubborn, and just plain wrong. That needs to change very soon if they hope to be successful in the next round of elections.

The party's platform needs to move more towards the center and, as Connecticut Governor John Rowland (R) said, they need to stop listening to the religious right.

Another problem, now that their impeachment attempt has failed publicly and legally, is internal bickering. There has been a flood Republicans blaming Republicans for the party's failure and a party that is berating itself will not win elections.

"The good news is ... rich people and businesses still like us," Rowland said in The New York Times. "But that's about it."

The GOP needs to reunite and do some serious platform restructuring if they hope to win elections any time soon.

The preceding column was an editorial originally from the staff of the Dakota Student at the University of North Dakota. It has been reprinted here courtesy of the U-Wire.

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THE IRISH LOVE CONN

Student Government sponsors compute to help students find true lo

By LOUBEL CRUZ
Assistant Scene Editor

When asked about the dating scene on the Notre Dame campus, students often reply — "What dating scene?"

Many students believe finding a date for a Saturday night at Notre Dame is harder than most organic chemistry exams, and finding love is even more impossible. Meeting Mr. or Ms. Right is considered extremely difficult in a college environment with academic pressure and no co-ed residence halls.

Well, student government is trying to help the student body find that perfect somebody by sponsoring the Irish Love Connection. Beginning Thursday, students can fill out questionnaires to find their best matches on campus.

"We wanted to provide something fun and different for students," said Alicia Coronas, executive coordinator of Student Life. "We had originally hoped to have this done for Valentine's Day, but we thought it would still be worth doing it in March."

"We would never suggest that ND needed help in the social scene, but we just thought the Irish Love Connection could be just the thing to rekindle the love that seems to be frozen from the harsh winter," said Brooke Glessing, member of the Campus Unity Committee.

The Irish Love Connection is the name for a computer data match survey. Each student fills out a survey which will be available in both dining halls and LaFortune Student Center. The survey asks questions ranging from opinions about sports to kissing habits. By filling out the survey, the sponsoring company will put the answers through a "compatibility test" and send the results back.

Students can return the survey with no commitment to buy the results and can receive results sometime after spring break. For one dollar, a student can receive the list that includes the best matches from within their class, and for an additional dollar, they can buy the list of best matches from the remaining student body.

Student Government stresses the importance of the student's role in the success of this event.

"This will only work if there is a lot of student participation," said Coronas.

There is no obligation to buy the results when taking the survey. The hope is to receive as much participation as possible to have the best results possible.

"We encourage everyone to fill out a survey so that you can be paired up with the right people," said Glessing.

All of the personal answers filled in the questionnaire remain confidential and will not be released to any other students.

"All of the students' responses will be kept confidential, as a computer service does all of the matching," said Coronas.

Students should not believe they are guaranteed to find their right mate by participating in the Love Connection. The goal purpose of the event is give some fun and excitement onto campus.

"All in all, this is purely for fun," said Glessing. "But who knows? Maybe your love is right around the corner and the connection will just bring you together."

Surveys will be available beginning this Thursday, from 9 p.m. to midnight, and Friday and Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at LaFortune. They will also be available Friday during lunch hours and next Monday and Tuesday during lunch and dinner hours at both dining halls.

"Here at ND, love is always in the air, we thought that this would be a fun way to give you that extra boost in finding your match," said Glessing. "Don't be shy, there is no risk involved. We hope that by participating in the Irish Love Connection, you will have fun and perhaps meet your soul mate."

THE QUESTIONNAIRE

HERE ARE SOME SAMPLE QUESTIONS FROM THE LOVE CONNECTION SURVEY.

1. For the most part, do you consider yourself: (a) quiet, sensitive and mysterious (b) calm, cool, collected, usually in control (c) a live wire, full of fun and high spirits (d) sometimes very quiet and sometimes full of fun

2. You most like a date who? (a) laughs a lot and enjoys life (b) is quiet, sensitive and understanding (c) is intelligent and perceptive

3. Which do you believe? (a) you believe in love at first sight (b) the idea of love at first sight is silly (c) love takes time

4. Who do you feel are the happiest people? (a) those with a great deal of money (b) those who give much to others (c) those who have had many successes in their life (d) those who are very good looking

5. The best part of ND football games is: (a) watching the game (b) throwing marshmallows (c) tailgating (d) checking out the opposite sex (e) do not attend football games

6. How spicy do you like your food? (a) spicy (b) hot (c) "wow" (d) mild

7. In a group, you are: (a) often the center of attention (b) sometimes the center of attention (c) usually a spectator

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Q. My roommate thinks I drink too much. I think she's wrong, but how would I know if I did have a drinking problem?

A. Here are some signs of problem drinking. If you can truthfully answer "yes" to any of these, you may want to discuss your drinking with a professional:

1. Do you ever drive after drinking?
2. Has a medical professional suggested you may have a problem, or have you had concerns about alcohol influencing your health — including physical symptoms like increased heart rate or shakiness? Is your memory effected?
3. Do you drink to relax, escape problems, or beat loneliness?
4. Have you made up rules to control your drinking (for example, "I won't drink until the band starts playing," or "I'll drink only on Saturday nights?")
5. Do you deny the amount of alcohol you drink — either to yourself or others — or have you ever hidden your alcohol bottles from roommates, friends or family?
6. Does you drinking alter your sleeping or eating patterns? Do you have more beer in your refrigerator than food? Do you miss Sunday morning church or bagels and coffee with a friend because of your drinking?
7. Have you lost interest in activities or relationships that you used to enjoy?
8. Have you been embarrassed because of your drinking at social events?
9. Do you like to drink in your room alone more than parties?
10. After a tough time in your life, have you begun drinking more? Do you drink more during exams, midterms or other stressful times?
11. Do you like to have a drink most nights before bed?
12. Has your drinking increased since you've been in college?

What's your score? Remember, any "yes" answers mean that you're at risk for being a problem drinker.

Q. I caught my girlfriend lying about how many beers she had the other night. I saw her drink five, but she says it was only two. Could she be an alcoholic?

A. Hold on! Don't jump to any conclusions. The truth may be somewhere between your estimate and hers, or she may simply have lost track. Distorting how many drinks she had doesn't automatically mean "alcoholic." She may just be embarrassed that she drank a lot this one time.

Although a common facet of alcohol abuse is denial (a distorted view of the problem or refusal to see how significant the alcohol consumption is), your girlfriend isn't necessarily denying it. And if she is denying it, she isn't necessarily alcoholic. Do you see where you may have gotten ahead of yourself?

Take time to learn more about the warning signs of alcoholism (of which denial is one). The Office of Alcohol and Drug Education has resources to help you gather information.

Talk honestly with your girlfriend before you make assumptions. Express your concern in a non-threatening way if your clearly see signs of alcohol abuse. Your girlfriend will ultimately have to be the person to stop the drinking in her life. But the concern of people like you can be a major catalyst in her decision to courageously take the next step towards dealing with something so tough.

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Q. Is alcoholism really a medical problem?

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■ FENCING

Men finish dual-meet season 12-0, women finish 11-2

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

In its final tune-up before the Midwest Championships, the depleted Irish fencing squads both had successful weekends.

The men's team, without the services of junior foilist Charles Hayes, who remained in South Bend for the Junior Parents' Weekend, completed an undefeated record in Midwestern dual-meets by posting a 6-0 weekend.

The men finished the dual-meet season 12-0 against the Midwest and 22-1 overall. The only loss on the season came in a hard-fought match with defending national champion Penn State on the first weekend of competition, 14-13.

The women's team traveled to Lawrence University missing three key fencers. Aimee Kalogera and Magda Krol remained behind for JPW, while senior all-American Sara Walsh was out due to illness. Despite the difficult odds, the women's team still managed to win five of their six matches. The lone loss came against Northwestern, which defeated the women 17-15.

The women completed the Midwest dual-meet season with an 11-2 record and 19-4 overall. The other Midwest loss came against Ohio State at the Duke Invitational. The only other Irish defeats came at the hands of Penn State and Columbia-Barnard on the first weekend of competition.

This weekend's matches proved to be a coming out party for freshmen foilists. Steve Mautone had already established himself as a strong fencer, as he posted a 29-15 mark coming into this weekend. With the absence of Hayes, however, he would be called upon to fence even stronger.

"We have a very deep team," Mautone said. "So I didn't feel too much extra pressure. But I still wanted to do well."

Mautone answered the challenge and responded with a foil team-leading 16 victories coupled with only two defeats. He now has the most victories on the foil team with 45.

Freshman Jeremy Beau, who had previously fenced only one match in his collegiate career, posted a 14-2 record this weekend. Beau's weekend was highlighted by undefeated records against Michigan, Michigan State, Detroit Mercy and Northwestern.

Captain Stephane Auriol continued his steady play. His 14 victories on the weekend raised his season total to 44, tying his career high for wins in a season.

"It was my first start in a tournament so I was a little nervous," Beau said. "The first few teams were tough but then I calmed down. Stephane helped me out a lot."

The men's epee team struggled a bit on the weekend, falling to Lawrence 5-4. Brian Casas and senior all-American C.J. Jackson led the squad. Each registered a 12-4 record.

The loss to Lawrence has given the epee squad added inspiration for the upcoming Midwest Championships.

"Lawrence is a good squad," Jackson said. "When we see them again this weekend [at the championships], it's going to be nothing but revenge on our minds. It's payback time."

The men's sabre squad had perhaps its most dominant weekend of the season. The team went undefeated against Michigan, Michigan State, Detroit Mercy, Lawrence and Northwestern. The only challenge to the sabremen came from Wayne State which pushed the Irish before falling 6-3.

Captain Luke LaValle and Gabor Szelle posted 16-1 marks. Szelle's 56 wins on the year are tops among Irish men and his .965 winning percentage is the highest single-season winning percentage in Irish sabre history.

The sabremen's success came without one of its key members, freshman Andre Crompton. Crompton was in France for a World Cup match.

In his place, senior Steven McQuade had an extremely successful weekend. He went 15-1 and boosted his season record to 26-7.

The losses of all-Americans Krol and Walsh along with major foil contributor Kalogera had major repercussions for the women's teams.

While Wayne State, Michigan, Michigan State, Detroit Mercy and Lawrence were all dispatched with ease, 20-12, 27-5, 25-7, 31-1 and 31-1, respectively. But Northwestern proved to be too tough for the weakened Irish squad.

The foil team led by all-American Myriah Brown, captain Nicole Paulina and senior Gina Couri combined to go 67-5 on the weekend. It received a strong challenge from both Wayne State and Northwestern, however. Nevertheless, the Irish won 10-6 over both squads.

"Under the circumstances and pressure, I thought we all performed very well," Paulina said. "This weekend was a major confidence booster."

The epee team rolled over Wayne State University, Michigan, Michigan State, Detroit Mercy and Lawrence, but the loss of Krol proved to be too much when it came time to face the Wildcats of Northwestern.

Senior all-American captain Nicole Mustilli went 21-1 on the weekend and undefeated against Northwestern. The rest of the team, however, struggled against the Wildcats, winning only one match en route to a 11-5 loss.

The Irish must put the struggles and successes of the past behind them this week and focus on the Midwest Championships which will be held in the Joyce Center this weekend.

"We are just trying to get back to basics and making sure we are not rusty," Jackson said.

The Observer/Kevin Dalum

Notre Dame's men's fencing team defeated Michigan, Michigan State, Detroit Mercy, Lawrence and Northwestern this weekend to boost their overall record to 22-1.

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■ NBA

Rodman closing in on deal with Los Angeles

Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.

There were tears. There was talk of sex. There were obscenities. There was flamboyant fashion.

All the commotion came as Dennis Rodman held a news conference Monday and said he was moving closer to playing for the Los Angeles Lakers.

Rodman, the seven-time defending rebounding champion, said he expects to be in uniform Thursday or Friday. ESPN said he would practice Wednesday — even though the team will be coming off three road games in three nights — and make his debut Friday against the Los Angeles Clippers.

The latest chapter of "As The Worm Turns," along with the Lakers' subsequent 117-113 loss at Denver, made for another turbulent day. But that's nothing new to the Lakers, who three weeks ago made it clear they wanted to sign the 37-year-old tattooed forward, a member of five championship teams, including the last three with the Chicago Bulls.

Dressed conservatively — for him — except for a wide, multicolored hat and dark glasses, Rodman arrived 30 minutes late for his news conference. He was accompanied by his wife, actress Carmen Electra, agent Steve Chasman and sister Debra. But nobody was there from the Lakers.

Then came a series of bizarre and conflicting statements. And the news conference ended abruptly after some 20 minutes with a tearful Rodman being asked if he had been selfish by not announcing a decision earlier.

Rodman began by saying he wanted to sign with the Lakers, but matters were incomplete. When angrily questioned why he called the news conference if he had no announcement to make, Rodman snapped: "You don't have to be here." Shortly thereafter he said he hoped to sign Monday night.

"Hopefully, I'll be playing this week, and, hopefully, the Lakers and the people of California will accept me for who I am and what I do," he said. "If not, I'll move on."

Rodman said he had spoken with Lakers owner Jerry Buss several times and hoped to sign a two- or three-year deal with the team. He insists he is in good shape and could immediately play 30 to 35 minutes a game.

He also said he would be reliable, pointing out he played 80 of a possible 82 regular-season games for the Bulls last season.

"You can count on me, you can count on me going to practice," he said.

Rodman said the Lakers weren't a championship team now and must change their approach.

"All the guys want to be superstars," he said. "Everybody has to play a role. This team doesn't understand that right now."

The Lakers (6-5) didn't look like a championship team in their loss at Denver, which had won just once in nine previous games.

"I'm hoping that this is going to give us a boost, because we need one," guard Derek Harper said following the latest loss. "Getting him will help. We need help as a team. He is a high-energy player."

Shaquille O'Neal said Rodman will bring defense and rebounds.

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■ TRACK AND FIELD

Men place second, women take third at Big East

By KEVIN THOMPSON
Sports Writer

It's what they prepare for all season long.

All anyone talks about all season is the Big East. The Notre Dame men's and women's track and field teams did not disappoint this weekend, both turning strong performances at the 1999 Big East Indoor Championships.

The men took home second place and the women placed third at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, NY.

A deep Georgetown squad proved too much for the men, who finished 65 points behind the Hoyas.

"We felt that if we hit on all cylinders and utilized all our weapons we would come up with a strong showing," said head coach Joe Piane. "We faced a very deep and experienced team."

The women scored 100 points en route to a third-place finish. Only 19 points separated first-place Pittsburgh and the third-place Irish. It was the highest-ever finish for the Notre Dame women at the Big East Indoor Championships, a marked improvement over last year's ninth place.

Leading a spectacular day for the women was junior Joanna Deeter in the 3000 meters. Deeter smelled victory, but fell 17 hundredths of a second short to Providence's Sarah Dupre.

Junior Jennifer Engelhardt equaled her best indoor mark of 5-feet-10 inches in the high jump. The height was good enough for second place. Engelhardt looks to return to all-American form at the NCAA championships if she can turn in another solid performance next week at the Alex Wilson Invitational.

Freshmen Liz Grow and Dore DeBartolo led a talented batch of newcomers to the conference championships. Grow raced to a second-place finish in the 400 meters in 55:56. She also scored in the 200 meters with an eighth-place finish of 27:29. DeBartolo continued to impress with a strong third-place finish in the shot put.

"After a rough first day, [DeBartolo] really pulled it together," said assistant coach Scott Winsor. "As a freshman, she showed poise in her first Big East Championship."

A strong freshmen contingent has been a sparkplug for the women all season. Their influence has not gone unnoticed

"They have come in with a different attitude that has been invaluable," said assistant coach John Millar. "It has shown across the board. They do not want to lose."

Leading the men's side was Mike Brown's victory in the pole vault. Brown soared to a height of 16-feet-2 inches to capture his third-consecutive Big East title in the event. Brown is only the second Notre Dame athlete to accomplish the feat. The first was all-American Jason Rexing in the 3000 meters.

While Brown is proud of the win, he believes his best stuff deserted him. He looks for a jump over 17 feet to assure himself a spot in the NCAA Indoor Championships in two weeks.

Also on the men's side, junior Marshaun West continues to turn heads. West placed first in the 200 meters with a time of 21:42. West, who has qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 200 meters and long jump, might have a tough decision to make in two weeks. At the Championships, the long jump and 200 meter events occur at the same time. West and the Irish coaches must decide where to compete. This is an enviable dilemma for many collegiate athletes.

The Observer/Liz Lang
The men's track and field team placed second at this weekend's Big East Championships at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, NY. They finished 65 points behind conference champions, Georgetown.

"Marshaun is in an interesting situation," said Millar. "While he possesses undeniable talent in sprint events, we will weigh the options carefully. If he qualifies for both events we will sit down in the next couple of weeks and make a decision."

Other top finishers for the men include sophomore Ryan Shay with a victory in the 3000 meters and second place in the 5000. Junior Tim Kober placed third in the 800 meters with a time of 1:53.15, while senior Antonio Arce took fourth in the mile run in 4:14.43. Junior Phil Mishka ran the 1000 meters in 2:29.45 for fourth place and Joshua Heck took fourth in the pole vault with a height of 15-feet-3-inches.

The Notre Dame men's and women's track teams will be at it again next weekend at the Alex Wilson Invitational at the Meyo Track in Loftus Athletic Center. This is the last opportunity for Notre Dame athletes to qualify for the NCAA championships coming up on March 5-6.

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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

McMillen goes for Irish record

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

Senior captain Sheila McMillen will look to enter her name in the Notre Dame record book tonight when the ninth-ranked women's basketball team (20-3) closes out the regular season at home against Miami (14-11).

McMillen needs just one three pointer to surpass Beth Morgan and become the Irish leader in career three-point field goals made.

"It's a great accomplishment," said McMillen, who tied the school record on Saturday. "I know that one day I'll be able to look back and think more of this, but right now, we're all concentrating on the tournament."

McMillen's team has already locked up the third seed for the Big East tournament, but will look to close out the season with their third straight victory.

"We haven't played Miami this year, so it will be a new matchup for us," said sophomore Ruth Riley, who leads the Big East in rebounding and field goal percentage. "We're looking to finish strong and get ready for the tournament."

McMillen and freshman Ericka Haney earned Big East honors for their play last week, as the Irish defeated Syracuse and West Virginia. McMillen was named co-Big East player of the week, as she broke Morgan's single season three point record while averaging 22.5 points per game and 4.5 rebounds.

Haney garnered co-freshman of the week honors for the first time of her career, as she averaged 13 points and six boards in the two Irish victories.

"She's played really well for us," said Riley. "She's a very versatile player and gives us a different dimension. She's quick and can handle the guards, but she can also play in the post."

Miami's Kym Hope was the other Big East player of the week. She led her team to a pair of victories over Seton Hall and St. John's, while averaging 22 points and 8.5 rebounds. The senior forward scored a career-high 33 points and pulled down 10 boards in the win over St. John's en route to her ninth double-double of the season. Hope is fourth in the Big East in scoring, averaging 16.8 points per game.

"She's a really good player," said Riley. "She's very athletic and good from the outside, but also can drive. She's an all-around good player, so we have to play her straight up."

The Hurricanes have been on fire from the field in recent weeks. They have shot over 50 percent in three of their last four games. Cassaundra Wimes (13 points) and Jennifer Jordan (12 points) each scored in double figures in the victory over St. John's.

Miami has now won three straight and has moved into a three-way tie for fifth place in the conference. The Hurricanes will try to lock up that fifth seed with a victory over the Irish.

Opponents, however, have had a difficult time playing Notre Dame at the Joyce Center. The Irish are 11-1 at home on the season.

"We play well at home and it's senior night, so that should add to it," said Riley. "Last year, we lost a tight game to them in Miami, so I think we'll remember that and come out ready to play."

The Observer/Liz Lang
Ruth Riley and the Irish are looking for their third-straight victory tonight when they host Miami.

■ SOFTBALL

Irish open season with two victories

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame softball team kicked off its 1999 season with two wins over South Florida (2-0) and Georgia Tech (6-4) at the Gladstones Tournament Friday night. Notre Dame moved to 2-0 on the season and joins Tennessee as the only undefeated teams after day one of the six-team tournament.

In the first game of the night, the Irish upset sixth-ranked South Florida by a 2-0 margin.

Irish freshman Jarrah Myers, in her first collegiate at-bat, launched a home run over the fence in left-center to score and drive in the winning run in the bottom of the second inning.

Notre Dame added another run in the fifth-inning after senior Amy Laboe picked up the win for the Irish, limiting the Bulls to just four hits, with a complete game performance.

Against Georgia Tech, Notre Dame got another outstanding pitching performance out of sophomore Jennifer Sharron who struck out a career-best 10 batters in the team's 6-4 victory.

With the score 4-2 in the top of the sixth, Notre Dame's Kris McCleary walked and later scored the winning run on an RBI-single by sophomore Lizzy Lemire.

Georgia Tech made it close in the bottom of the sixth by scoring two runs and later threatened the bottom of the seventh with runners on first and second and one out.

Sharron, however, got Georgia Tech's Mikki Deal to strikeout and Ellen Styer to ground out to second to end the game at 6-4 in favor of the Irish.

The Irish face Miami of Ohio at noon and Tennessee at 8 p.m. on Saturday before concluding tournament play with a Sunday morning match against Kansas.

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■ SAINT MARY'S BASKETBALL

Belles close season with 63-53 loss to Adrian

By MOLLY MCVOY
Sports Writer

Fitting the theme of its season, the Saint Mary's basketball team lost a tough one Saturday at Adrian College, 63-53.

The Belles' average margin of loss this season has been 9.9 points, but that's not the only similarity that Saturday's game had with the Belles' overall play this season.

Once again, the Belles allowed themselves to fall behind early in the game, then staged a comeback, before falling short.

"This season has been frustrating," said sophomore forward Julie Norman. "It will prove to be an asset next season though. We've grown and bonded as a team with all the rough times."

Saint Mary's outscored Adrian in the second half, but it did not compensate for its performance in the first half.

The Belles only made 9 of 31 shots from the floor in the first half, a 29 percent shooting performance. They nearly doubled that in the second half, shooting 52 percent, but Adrian took advantage early and maintained enough control to pull it out.

The Belles went into halftime behind by 12 points (37-25), but never let the game get out of their grasp in the second half. Saint Mary's stayed with Adrian the entire half, but could not overcome its first-half play.

The problem plaguing Saint Mary's all season has been its seeming inability to play a consistent 40 minutes of basketball. Often, it seemed as if the Belles had as much, if not more, talent than their opponents who ended up recording the win. Lack of experience has been a key factor that head coach Dave Roeder has pointed to all season long.

"We can only blame our youth for so long. We need to turn it around," he said earlier this year.

It seems that the team will have to look to next year for that turn-around from their newly aquired experience. The Belles have improved this season and those improvements will hopefully appear as wins on the schedule next year.

There is a lot of talent which indicates that the Belles will be able to do just that. Norman finished the year in the top 10 league leaders in overall scoring, steals and three point shooting. Freshman Kelly Jones finished second in the league in blocked shots and in the top 10 in rebounding.

It is this talent that Saint Mary's will have depend on to turn things around next year.

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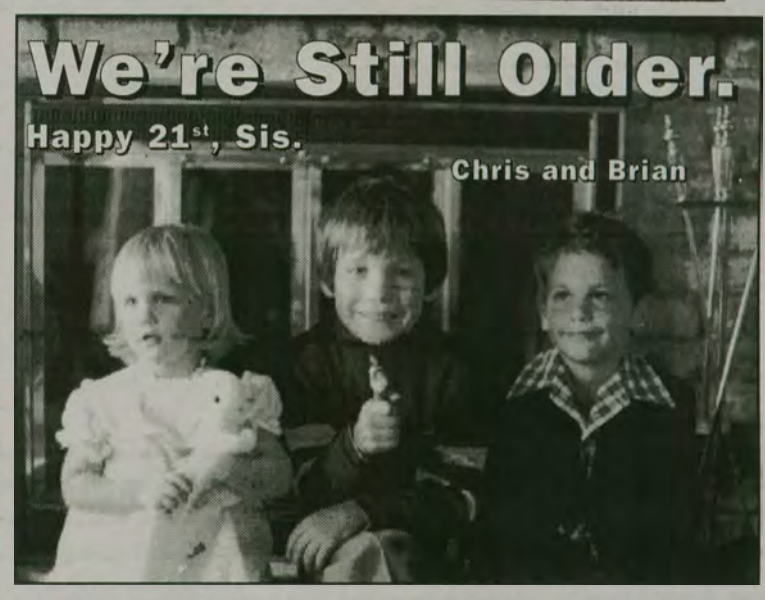

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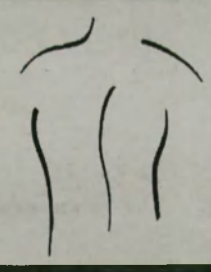

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■ MEN'S TENNIS

Irish split weekend matches

By NATHANIEL DeNICOLA
Sports Writer

There are good fortunes whose benefits are immediate and obvious.

The Notre Dame men's tennis team is praying for a blessing in disguise.

Since their promising 3-0 start, the team has suffered three heartbreaking 4-3 losses to Texas, Kentucky and Minnesota, each of which escaped the Irish by a few unfortunate bounces of the ball.

"Those are always tough losses, but better it happen now than later," head coach Bob Bayliss said.

Junior all-American Ryan Sachire expressed similar sentiments on the Irish's string of frustrating defeats.

"We are so close to being 7-1, but close isn't where we want to be," said Sachire. "Perhaps this will be good in the long run; it doesn't give us a false sense of security."

Over the weekend the 24th-ranked Irish split two matches at the Eck Tennis Pavilion, blanking 37th-ranked Northwestern, 7-0 on Saturday before falling to 23rd-ranked Minnesota in an all too familiar fashion, 4-3. In a weekend of highs and lows, the Irish maintained their .500 record by leveling Saturday's 5-4 record to 5-5 following Sunday's loss.

In the match against Northwestern, the duo of Matt Horsely and Trent Miller gave the Irish an early advantage downing Erickson/Nguyen 8-4 at No. 2 doubles. Matt Daly and Casey Smith clinched the doubles point and established a 1-0 lead by defeating Hol/Sahara 8-3 at No. 3 doubles. Notre Dame then proceeded to tear up the six singles matches, losing only one set en route to the first shutout of the season.

Andrew Laflin, who was playing for the first time since recovering from illness, proved he hadn't missed a beat by continuing his undefeated streak at No. 6 singles, winning 6-3, 6-0 over Jamie Sahara.

Third-ranked Sachire triumphed over No. 46 Doug Bohaboy 6-4, 7-5 at No. 1 singles, followed by senior captain Brian Patterson's 7-6 (5), 6-3 victory at number two. At Nos. 3-5 Daly won against Erickson, 7-5, 6-2. Warford outlasted Nguyen 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, and Smith easily handled Hol 6-1, 6-1.

Clearly the team's most dominating display, Notre Dame's shutout against Northwestern yielded two-fold benefits. First, it served as a mild form of retribution for the shutout endured by the Irish at the hands of Duke from the week before.

"We wanted to show that Duke was a fluke and prove that we can beat the good teams," said Sachire.

Second, the victory marked the realization of Bob Bayliss' much anticipated 500th career victory. Bayliss, who has spent 29 years in the business, the last 11 with Notre Dame, acknowledged the victory with the utmost humility.

"It's just one of the those things that happens when you coach long enough," said Bayliss, "though having it occur here at Notre Dame did make it a little more special."

Senior captain Warford noted this modesty, "Coach downplayed it a lot, but the whole team knew what he had accomplished."

Despite the modesty, others were lavish in bestowing praise.

"I think it's a great tribute to his dedication. It establishes him as one of the best coaches in college," said Sachire. "We were all proud that we could be a part of it."

The victory certainly places Bayliss in elite company, becoming only the 22nd coach in collegiate men's tennis history to accomplish such a feat.

For all the dramatics that Saturday provided, Sunday counteracted it with an equal amount of disappointment. Minnesota won the doubles point to gain the early 1-0 advantage, but Notre Dame rallied in the singles matches to build a 3-2 lead. The Irish were lead by the usual suspects with second-ranked Sachire defeating Tyson Parry at No. 1 singles 6-3, 6-2, Patterson beating Adam Selkrik at No. 2 singles 7-6 (3), 6-3, and Andrew Laflin continuing his command over No. 6 singles winning 7-6 (3), 6-4 over Jorge Duenas.

The Gophers, however, staged a dramatic come-from-behind victory, capped by Jon Svensson's win over Daly at No. 3 singles to finish the match, 4-3. Daly fought off two match points at 6-4 in the second set tiebreaker to force a third set which Svensson won 6-2. Though the loss may seem disappointing, especially coupled with other similar defeats earlier in the season, the veterans of the team understand the importance of a defeat.

"We will use this loss as motivation for future matches," said Sachire.

Warford echoed similar hope for the future, "It's good to get these losses now. What really matters is what happens in May [in the NCAA tournament]. That's what you've got to keep in perspective."

Notre Dame takes on Iowa this Wednesday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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The Notre Dame tennis team defeated Northwestern 7-0 on Saturday, but fell to Minnesota 4-3 on Sunday.

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BENGAL BOUTS

■ 150-Pound to 163-Pound Division

The Observer/Meg Kroener

Travis Alexander fends off a blow by Chris Uhart. Alexander went on to earn a unanimous decision last night.

Freshman Hernandez impresses

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Sports Editor

With each fight that passes, the story of the 150-pound division thickens.

Freshman Edward "El Papoose" Hernandez defeated junior John Froman in a fight that went just short of three rounds. It was a strong performance for the freshman.

On the other side of the bracket, top-seeded J.R. Mellin appeared dominant as his opening round duel with Babu Kaza ended just past the halfway mark in the first round. Mellin's aggressive style earned Kaza a standing-eight count which he never recovered from.

As the Bouts continue, freshman sensation Hernandez edges ever closer to a possible duel with defending champion Mellin. Both boxers are open to tough matches in the semis with neither getting a full fight under their belts, which is a disadvantage according to Mellin.

These two will encounter semi-final opponents in Matt "The International Man of Mystery" Lynn and Kevin "Boom Boom" Buccellato.

Lynn earned his semi-final bid through a hard fought split decision victory over John Tabis. These two went blow-for-blow, which took its toll on both boxers by the time the third round rolled in.

Buccellato also found himself in a tough fight with Steve Mehl. It was another brawl with each fighter landing as many punches as the other. Mehl got cut early, but remained determined to rally. In the end Buccellato advanced with a unanimous decision.

155-Pound Division

Senior Dave "The Rock" Murphy appeared stronger than ever in his opening-round match. The captain landed a vicious right midway through the first round which left Vince DeSapio reeling. After DeSapio received his eight seconds to recover, he appeared dazed and the referee called the fight just 1:18 seconds into the first round.

"I wanted to come out early and often," Murphy said. "The best strategy is to come real hard and take control of the fight and that is what I did."

Murphy's next opponent will be the feisty freshman Nick Rubino. He outlasted the tall and lanky reach of Robert "Forget About It" Vuolo. His counter-punching was his strength, according to Rubino.

"It was more glamourous than I thought it would be with all the lights," Rubino said about his first Bouts experience.

Junior Steve "Tone" Locher won by unanimous decision over freshman Nick "The Hunk" Fonte. Locher's ability to get inside early on and land combinations aided the junior to a semi-final appearance.

Second-seeded Tom Cronley's patient and controlled approach earned him his appearance in the semi-finals. Paul "He-Man" Mehan's quick start and burst of energy in the second round was not enough to defeat Cronley.

"I thought he was good in the ring and came out harder than I did," Cronley said. "It was good for me in a sense that I got everything out and I won't be flat next time."

160-Pound Division

Senior Mike "Lockdown" LaDuke came out swinging and caught Matt "Doctor Sin" McCullough off guard. The captain's combination stunned McCullough as he got his standing eight count to recover. Despite McCullough's determination, LaDuke advanced by unanimous decision.

Everything appeared to go according to plan in 160-pound division, until freshman Juan "El Matador" Santucci stepped in the ring.

The Argentinian appeared somewhat timid in the opening round. His opponent, second-seeded junior Jeff "The Bruisin Bohunk" Dobosh controlled the ring. He took a calm and calculated approach. Santucci rallied at the close of the first round and never looked back.

The freshman upset the favored junior in a split decision in one of the biggest upsets of the night.

Freshman Daniel Saracino advanced by unanimous decision over Ray Wicklander. Joshua Kirley advanced in what the crowd thought a somewhat controversial call over Miguel Tapia. Kirley advanced by unanimous decision, but not easily, with Tapia landing vicious rights.

163-Pound Division

In Monday night's contest, Kevin "The Jersey Meathook" Murphy saw all his dedication pay off. The law student's hooks and jabs appeared to much for Brian Conley. Murphy's powerful punches earned Conley a standing-eight count which he never really recovered from. The referee stopped the contest 1:21 seconds into the first round.

"I like to dedicate each fight," Murphy said. "This fight was mostly dedicated to my friends who have supported me throughout. I wanted to get the win, but I wanted to do something exciting for them. I wanted to get out and land some real good punches. I really just came in looking to connect and keep the pressure on him."

Following Murphy's fight, the crowd's hunger for a big time brawl was satisfied. Sean "The Erie Kid" Nowak and Shane Luzzader came out quickly. Each of boxers landed solid hits with the recipients landing on the mat. While Nowak's and Luzzader's fight was not the most controlled, it got the crowd's attention. Nowak advanced by the referee stopping the fight 1:21 seconds into the second round.

Following the pattern set by the previous fights, Billy "Sweet Pea" McMurtrie advanced to the semi-finals with the referee stopping the fight with one minute remaining in the third. Dennis Lumbao found himself on the recieving end of a continuous barrage of McMurtrie's punches.

The only fight in the division that made it a full three rounds was that of Travis Alexander. Alexander advanced by unanimous decision over senior Chris Uhart.

Bengal Bouts Quarterfinal Results

125 Lbs.
McMahon–Bye
Aramini–Bye
Overbeck–Bye
Holcomb–Bye

135 Lbs.
Seerveld defeated Kakkanathu–UN
Garry defeated Fumagalli–UN
Gallegos defeated Eberly–SP
Madden defeated Rueda–SP

145 Lbs.
Will defeated Fulton–UN
Shacklett defeated Kemps–SP
Castrogiovanni defeated Gonzalez–SP
Maguire defeated Tubay–UN

150 Lbs.
Mellin defeated Kaza–RSC
Lynn defeatedTabis–SP
Buccellato defeated Mehl–UN
Hernandez defeated Froman–RSC

155 Lbs.
Murphy defeated DeSapio–RSC
Rubino defeated Vuolo–SP
Locher defeated Fonte–UN
Cronley defeated Mehan–UN

160 Lbs.
LaDuke defeated McCullough–UN
Saracino defeated Wicklander–UN
Kirley defeated Tapia–UN
Santucci defeated Dobosh–SP

163 Lbs.
Murphy defeated Conley–RSC
Nowak defeated Luzzader–RSC
McMurtrie defeated Lumbao–RSC
Alexander defeated Uhart–UN

165 Lbs.
Biolchini defeated Bartles–UN
Kippels defeated Kurple–RSC
Polcari defeated Welsh–SP
Penn defeated Muro–RSC

170 Lbs.
Kerrigan defeated Matassa–UN
Peterson defeated Ponko–SP
Hammes defeated Nester–UN
Dehmer defeated Hovan–SP

175 Lbs.
Hobbins defeated Halloran–RSC
Sandifur defeated Wilson–RSC
Dillon defeated Czerniawski–SP
Pfeiffer defeated Bueche–UN

180 Lbs.
Thompson defeated Cullen–RSC
Kent defeated Vaisnoras–UN
Criniti defeated Allen–UN
Chen defeated Kennedy–UN

185 Lbs.
Gaffney defeated Norton–RSC
Johnson defeated Nelson–UN
Clay defeated Qualters–RSC
Romanchek defeated Christ–RSC

190 Lbs.
Butz defeated Larson–RSC
Shenk defeated Turner–SP
Velten–WO
June defeated Brennan–UN

195 Lbs.
Ryan–Bye
Luechtefeld defeated Schueller-RSC
Kent defeated Jinks–UN
Rodriquez defeated Joseph–SP

Heavy weight
Salvino defeated Donnelly–RSC
Romero defeated McLean–UN
Yatorola defeated Downes–UN
Riederer defeated Beam–RSC

Key:
UN=Unanimous decicion of judges
SP=Split; a majority of the judges selected the winner
WO=Walk Over (Opponent did not show)
RSC=Referee stopped contest

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Sean Nowak swings at Shane Luzzader in a 163-pound bout.

BENGAL BOUTS

■ 165-POUND TO 180-POUND DIVISIONS

Experienced fighters advance to Wednesday's semis

Bolchini, Kerrigan, Hobbins, Thompson victorious yesterday

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

Experience proved to be a key factor in determining the victors of Monday night's quarterfinal round of the 69th annual Bengal Bouts, although the night did not end without a few surprises.

Top seeds Tom "Polly Prissy Pants" Biolchini, Alex "The Corn Cob Kid" Kerrigan, Brian "The Highlander" Hobbins and Josh "Gaffney Who?" Thompson all relied on experience and technique to defeat their opponents and gain spots in Wednesday's semifinal match-ups.

In the 165-pound division, Biolchini met a spirited competitor in junior Doug Bartles. Bartles' aggressiveness in the opening minutes of the first round came as a surprise to the favorite.

"I didn't fight as I would have liked," said Biolchini. "I didn't expect him to be as aggressive as he was. He did a great job. It was a lesson well-learned."

Biolchini's uppercuts proved to be too much for Bartles, as the top seed advanced in a unanimous decision.

Biolchini will face junior Joe "The Kripler" Kippels, who upset No. 4 seed Kurt "The Captain" Kurple, in the semifinals. Two standing-eight counts caused Kurple trouble in the first and second rounds and Kippels was awarded the match 1:50 into the second round.

No. 2 seed Don "Juan the Destroyer" Penn was a highlight of the night, taking only 48 seconds to knock out sophomore challenger Chris "The Alabama Slamma" Muro with a strong power right.

"I didn't expect it at all," said Penn. "I was concerned when he went down. I wanted to make sure he was all right."

Penn plans to focus on his technique to get ready for the semifinal fight with Tony "The Wayne House of Pain" Polcari. Polcari won a split decision in an evenly fought match to upset No. 3 Jeff "The Stranger" Walsh.

170-Pound Division

The 170-pound division had Kerrigan in control of his bout with Chris "The Ring Master" Matassa. Kerrigan's experience and repeated landed combinations were too much for the freshman competitor to handle and the top seed advanced to the semis with a unanimous decision.

Kerrigan will face freshman Paul "Pepe Le Pew" Peterson who overpowered Bill "The Fighting Archy" Ponko in a bloody match-up that ended in a split decision.

No. 3 Brian Nestor was put on the defensive right away as No. 6 Michael "Honey" Hammes pulled an upset to gain a spot in the semifinals. Hammes threw several crosses in the second round to defeat Nestor in a unanimous decision.

Tom "The Wire" Dehmer edged out challenger Eric "Canvas Back" Hovan in a split decision. Hovan proved to be tough competition for the No. 2 seed Dehmer, who was given a standing-eight count in the first round and dropped to his knee against a controlled Hovan in the second.

In the 175-pound division, top-seed Hobbins gained a victory over No. 8 seed Michael "The Hitman" Halloran 39 seconds into the third round. Halloran suffered a blow to his left arm in the first round which affected his fighting.

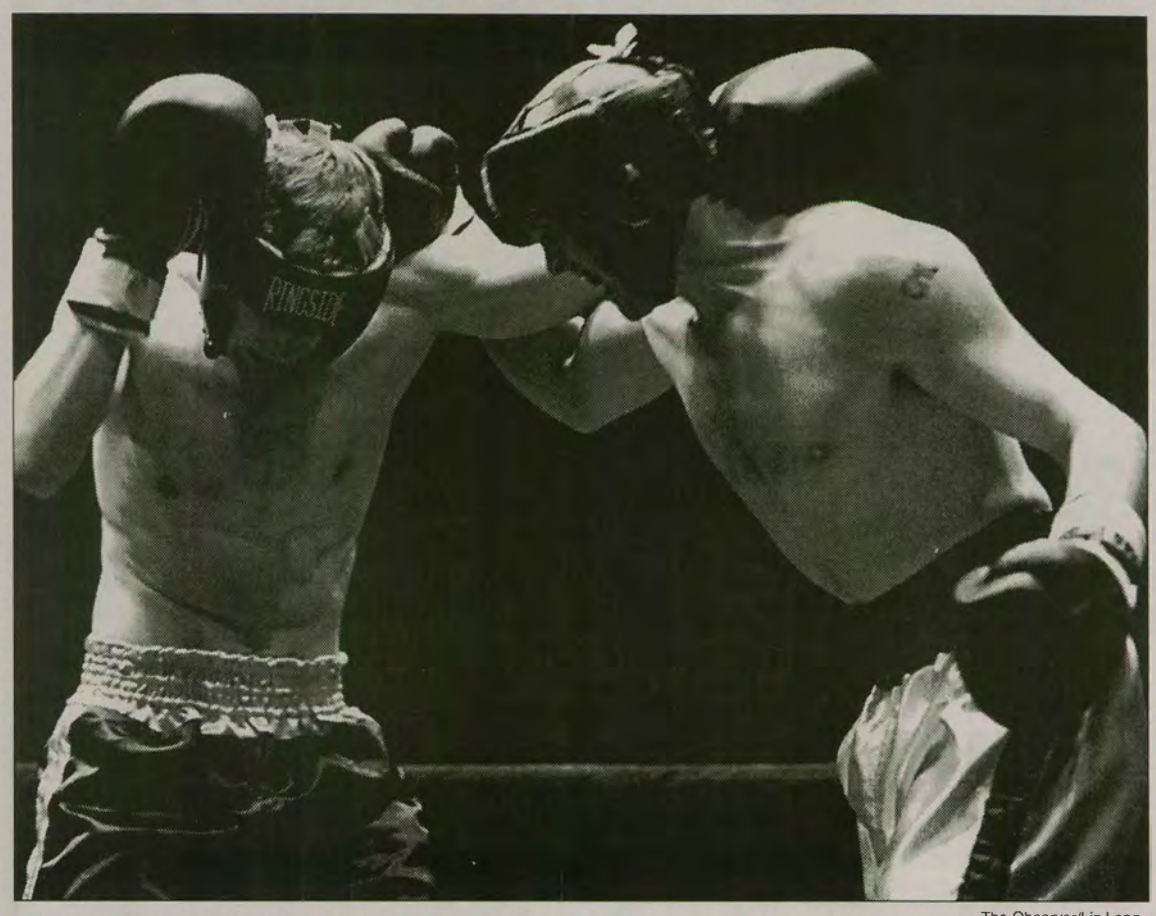
"My hat goes off to Mike," said Hobbins. "He got me to fight a lot closer than I would have liked to. It's just too bad that he was hurt early on."

Hobbins quick in-and-out technique was key in the win. Hobbins will face No. 5 Trent "Kid Kokomo" Sandifur in the semis on Wednesday. Sandifur's aggressive offense proved to be no match for No. 4 Michael "Woody" Wilson. It took only 1:01 and two standing eight-counts for Sandifur to be awarded the win.

Second-seed Steve "Angel of Death" Pfieffer controlled the ring in his match-up against junior Stephen "The Berzerkel" Beuche.

Beuche stayed tough the entire match, even after losing his contact early in the third round, but Pfieffer's strong left jabs and landed combinations proved to be too much for the No. 7 challenger.

Pfieffer is set to take on "Gentle" Ben Dillon who upset No. 3 Joe "The Polish tank" Czerniawski in a split decision.



The Observer/Liz Lang
Second seeded Steve "Angel of Death" Pfeiffer moved on with a victory over Stephen "Berzerkel" Beuche.

180-Pound Division

No. 1 seed Thompson led the 180-pound division, looking confident and in control as he handily defeated Tom "Tommy Gun" Cullen. Thompson's patient technique led to two standing-eight counts for Cullen in the first round and a knock-down in the second. The referee awarded Thompson the win 23 seconds into the second round.

Thompson will face No. 5 Willie Kent in the semis. Although he faced tough competition from Chris "The Bruisin' Lugan" Viasnoras, Kent upset the No. 4 seed in a unanimous decision.

No. 2 seed Paul "You Better Recognize Champ!" Chen showed great composure and technique, taking control of his fight against freshman Bobby "I'm Not Dead Yet" Kennedy. The inexperienced Kennedy could not compete with Chen's patient and deliberate punches. Chen won in a unanimous decision.

Chen will take on No. 3 Mark Criniti, who upset third seed Zach Allen in a unanimous decision. Evenly matched in the first round, Criniti took control of the fight in the second, knocking down Allen and finishing the match with strong technique.

Winners of Monday's quarterfinals have only a day to prepare for the semifinal matches.

Strength and endurance will continue to be a huge factor in determining the outcome of the rest of the week's bouts.

The Observer/Meg Kroener
In the 165-pound division, Chris Muro was knocked out in 48 seconds by No. 2 seed Don Penn.

The Observer/Jeff Hsu
Paul Chen earned some recognition when he defeated Bobby "I'm Not Dead Yet" Kennedy by a unanimous decision in the 180-pound division.

BENGAL BOUTS

■ 135-POUND TO 145-POUND DIVISION

Will earns unanimous decision over Fulton

By ALLISON KRILLA
Associate Sports Editor

Last night's opening rounds packed plenty of powerful punches in the 135- and 145-pound divisions, including the one from Tommy Will that sent Zach Fulton staggering in the first round.

Will, the top seed in the 145-pound division, started his quest for a crown off right with a unanimous decision victory over Fulton. Will's veteran status showed in his ability to execute the jab-right hook combination, sending Fulton to three standing-eight counts, including two in the third round.

"It felt great [to get in the ring]," Will said. "I was really anxious for the fight. [Fulton] was taller, but I was able to use a good hook and that helped."

One of the most exciting fights of the division followed Will's win. Junior Jim Shacklett earned a split decision victory over Anton Kemps that brought the crowd to life. Shacklett used a slight height advantage and a longer reach to counter the body blows landed by Kemps with jabs of his own. In the third round, Kemps mounted a furious comeback, forcing Shacklett onto the ropes, but was ultimately outlasted by the junior.

The next fight matched youth with experience, as freshman Daniel Gonzalez squared off against law student Phil Castrogiovanni. Castrogiovanni prevailed in a split decision that included two standing-eight counts on Gonzalez, one in the first round following a powerful uppercut. Gonzalez showed the most strength in the third round, although his attack proved too little, too late.

The bouts in the 145-pound division ended where they began with another unanimous decision. This time it was junior officer Mike Maguire who defeated senior Mike Tubay. Maguire and Tubay fought tentatively in the first and second rounds, but Maguire's well-placed hooks found their target more often than not. Both fighters came alive in the third round to spark a battle that otherwise lacked a barrage of punches.

135-Pound Division

But while the hard-hitting action found its way into the 145-pound division, the boxers in the 135-pound division shed more blood.

A unanimous decision victory by Martin Garry over Matt Fumagalli left the freshman with a bloody nose in a losing effort. Garry, the underdog, landed a majority of jabs in a controlled and technically sound effort. In the third round, Garry's dominance continued, although the junior did show some signs of fatigue in this year's first time in the ring.

Top-seeded David "The Prancing Pixie" Seerveld also earned a unanimous decision with a soild performance against John Kakkanathu.

"My strategy is to prance around the ring and sprinkle pixie dust over my opponent," Seerveld explained before the fight.

The Observer/Jeff Hsu
Top-seeded David Seerveld earned a unanimous decision in last night's bout with John Kakkanathu.

Apparently the plan worked for the senior, who used an effective combination and good defensive positioning to control the center of the ring, while keeping Kakkanathu on the ropes.

The final two bouts of the 135-pound division ended in split decisions, as Daniel Gallegos outlasted Matt Eberly and Charles Madden surprised second-seeded Camilo Rueda.

Gallegos came out aggressively in the first round, and fought his way off the ropes late in the round. Eberly landed a few body blows, but couldn't counter Gallegos' jabs and uppercuts. Gallegos also overcame an obstacle that may be detrimental in the coming rounds — a short reach.

Madden, a Keenan Hall junior, knocked off Rueda in the division's final fight, a back-and-forth effort that came down to Madden's aggressive style. Rueda had difficulty on the defensive side, as Madden came out swinging. The Siegfried sophomore landed a few jab-hook combinations in the first round, but got caught with his hands too low to fend off strong jabs by "The Montana Mauler."

In a night of hard-hitting action all around, some of the most powerful punches came from unexpected places.

The Observer/Jeff Hsu
In the 185-pound division, captain Brian Gaffney disposed of John Norton in the second round.

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190-Pound Division

Dave "Bell-Vegas" Butz made quick work of Freshman Joe Larson. Larson came out strong but Butz countered with some serious combos. Larson was saved by the bell in the first round as Butz delivered some heavy blows. Larson came out fast in the second round but Butz was ready to put the fight away. The fight was called shortly into the second round.

Also in the 190-Pound category, Dave "The Tank" Shenk beat Matt Turner in a split decision. Adam "Monsoon" June edged Luke "Paesano" Brennan in a unanimous decision. Mike "It Hurts More Than it Feels Good" Velten won in a walkover.

195-Pound Division

Chris "Lucky" Luechtefeld downed Zach "The Pornstar" Schueller 23 seconds into the second round. Schueller had a tough time getting things going as Luectefeld left him bloody after the first round.

In a crowd-pleaser, Alex Kent edged Kevin Jinks with a strong third round to earn the unanimous decision. The two fighters exchanged vicious combos and the outcome was in question throughout. Kent took control in the third catching Jinks off balance several times.

Jason "J-Rod" Rodriguez earned a split decision over Greg "The Salvatini" Joseph to round out the 195-Pound division. Number one seed Pete "Beat the Rap" Ryan received a bye.

Heavyweight Division

At just about midnight, the heavyweights rolled into the Joyce Center. But John "the Pitbull" Salvino rolled in like thunder. Salvino lived up to his vicious nickname, storming into the ring with an abundance of energy. The energy carried him through his first round opponent Sean "Gonna Rock You Like a Hurricane" Donnelly. One minute into first round, Salvino landed a right hook that left Donnelly stunned. The fight would not continue.

Salvino's energy and quickness should help him in the heavyweight division.

In other heavyweight action, Mike "The Bishop" Romero won a unanimous decision over Kevin "Party Ball" McLean and Greg "The Rain Man" Yatorola earned a unanimous decision over Pat "Why Am I So Crazy" Downes. Rounding out the evening's competition was Andy "Big Cat" Riederer over Jeff "The Wailin' Episcopalian" Beam in a unanimous decision.

■ BASEBALL

Notre Dame wins season opener, 8-4

Irish drop three straight to Florida International

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame baseball team started its season off this past weekend in Miami by recording one win against three losses.

All three defeats came at the expense of 23rd-ranked Florida International, who improved to a perfect 12-0 on the season.

The Irish started the season off on a high note on Friday with an 8-4 victory over James Madison. Alex Shilliday was the winning pitcher, allowing two earned runs with eight strikeouts over seven innings. The senior right-hander won for the 22nd time in his career, which places him eighth on ND's career wins list. John Corbin finished off the victory by allowing only one run.

All-American shortstop Brant Ust provided the offensive spark — which he's shown throughout his career — by going 3-for-3, including his 30th career home run.

Head coach Paul Mainieri was happy with his team's performance against James Madison.

"I thought we played a tremendous game for our first day outside," said Mainieri. "Alex Shilliday got the big outs when we needed them. He and Brant Ust provided the leadership that we will need all season. If we can play as well as we did against them on a consistent basis, we're going to have a good season."

Florida International provided a tough test in its three-game series, but there were some bright spots for the Irish, especially in the starting pitching.

In the first matchup, starter Tim Kalita allowed only two runs in the five innings he pitched, before FIU blew it open with 10 runs in the sixth inning to record a 14-1 victory. Freshman pinch hitter Ed Golom homered in his first collegiate at-bat in the seventh inning to record the only run of the game.

Mainieri had high praise for FIU's team.

"We ran into a buzzsaw there," he said. "This is probably FIU's most outstanding team in its history. They have a very solid team and their starting rotation completely handcuffed our hitters."

The middle game of the series was the closest of the three and provided a good pitching battle between Notre Dame's combo of Scott Cavey and Chris McKeown and FIU's Raul Garcia. Garcia had the upper hand in the 3-2 victory, by allowing two runs and three hits while striking out 11 Irish batters. Cavey started the game off by allowing three runs with four strikeouts before the lefty McKeown tossed four shutout innings.

The offensive struggles continued for the Irish in the finale of the weekend. FIU's David Mittauer continued the strong pitching by retiring the first 11 Notre Dame hitters, before Irish catcher Jeff Wagner reached on an infield single. Mittauer, Ramiro Mendez and Peter Kocur pitched a four hitter in FIU's 12-0 shutout victory.

Sophomore Aaron Heilman, who led the nation in ERA last year as a closer, started for only the second time in his career for the Irish. FIU had four home runs on the day, including three straight in the bottom of the seventh.

Despite the losses, coach Mainieri remains optimistic and said he understands that this is only the beginning of a long season. FIU had played nine games before this weekend and with the weather in Florida, have unlimited opportunity to work on their game, which provides a big advantage over the cold-weather teams like Notre Dame. He was pleased with his pitching staff and feels that they were competitive for most of the games.

"In our situation, I thought we had very good starting pitching performances by all of our starters," said Mainieri. "With them [FIU] being in the warm weather and having played so much already, their pitchers were in a lot better shape than ours were. I think the scores were misleading."

The Irish travel to New Orleans on Thursday to take on Missouri, New Orleans and Southern Illinois. They are ready to get out on the field, play ball and hopefully improve with each passing game.

"We're excited about getting back out there," said Mainieri. "This is a very typical start to the season for us. We go down to the South and play some teams that are more ready than we are at that time of the year. We take our lumps but we get better as time goes on. I hope we have the opportunity to meet FIU in the NCAA tournament. I really believe it will be a different story if we get a chance to meet them after we've been able to play outside for quite a long time."

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Notre Dame will travel to New Orleans on Thursday to take on Missouri, New Orleans and Southern Illinois.

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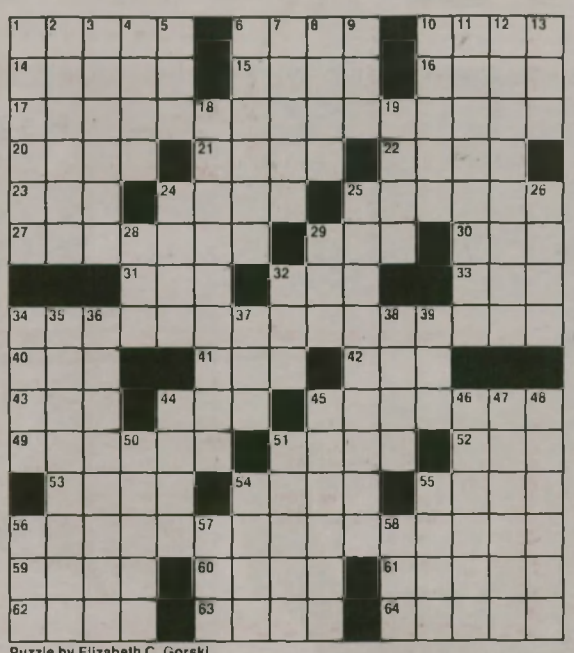
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Labor's partner, in a garage bill
6 Pro —— (proportionate)
10 Some urban air
14 Big name at video arcades
15 Dutch cheese
16 No-no: Var.
17 Homeowners may take them out
20 Uttered
21 Corn units
22 Watermelon part
23 Tee precursor
24 Author Tyler
25 Found at this place
27 Good-as-new tire
29 Put down, slangily
30 Caribbean, e.g.
31 Op ——
32 Elsie's chew
33 Bank earnings: Abbr.
34 Journalists, as a group
40 "Yo!"
41 Legal thing
42 Org. that gets members reduced motel rates
43 It's found in the ground
44 Exchange I do's
45 All thumbs
49 Made good on, as a loan
51 Jai ——
52 Baked Hawaiian dish
53 Helpful ——
54 Singer Anita
55 Amount to make do with
56 "The Pastoral," formally
59 Big oil company
60 Pastrami place
61 River to the Rhône
62 Glimpsed
63 Historical spans
64 Spanish houses

DOWN

1 Overtaker on the road
2 "Relax, soldiers!"
3 Bigot
4 Walked (on)
5 Confession in a confessional
6 Send back to a lower court
7 Like a lot
8 Sailors
9 Tsp. or tbs.
10 One step
11 Milk of ——
12 Following orders
13 Gloomy guy
18 Like alcohol that's unfit for drinking
19 Some college tests, for short
24 Prefix with dynamic
25 Treehouses and such
26 Basketball's Archibald
28 W.W. II fliers: Abbr.
29 Comment made while slapping the forehead
32 Pennies: Abbr.
34 Comic book superhero
35 "I agree!"
36 Lens
37 Sunburned
38 H. H. Munro's pen name
39 Playing marble
44 "Get —— it!"
45 Singer Morissette
46 Peaks
47 Spots for speakers
48 Spode pieces
50 Susan of "Goldengirl"
51 Writer —— Rogers St. Johns
54 Dispatcher's word
55 "Mona ——"
56 Undergrad degrees
57 Poem of praise
58 [their mistake, not mine]



Puzzle by Elizabeth C. Gorski

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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L	A	N	D	L	A	D	Y	■	J	O	W	E	T	T
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T	A	S	S	E	L	■	A	T	A	■	I	R	O	N
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YOUR HOROSCOPE — EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Peter Fonda, Diane Varsi, Helena Sukova, Marc Price, Johnny Winter, Sylvia Chase

Happy Birthday: You've got everything going for you. Now all you have to do is recognize your talents and put them into motion. Talk to those who can help you reach your goals. Favors will be granted. This is not the year to procrastinate, so get those wheels in motion and reach for the stars. The more you put forth, the greater the rewards will be. Your numbers: 14, 19, 24, 31, 37, 40

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Put your emotional problems on the back burner today. More immediate dilemmas concerning your job are at hand. You may want to discuss your direction with a close friend or relative. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will have the stamina to put in the hours it will take to complete an important job. Your loved ones may not fully understand your position if you don't explain its importance. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will not take criticism lightly. Before you jump to conclusions or retaliate, take a step back and view the situation from a more objective position. You are a little erratic today. ✪✪✪

CANCER (June 21-July 22): It's time to do some soul-searching. You are so reluctant to let go of the past that you are holding yourself back. You should be out experiencing new things and meeting new people. ✪✪✪

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't hesitate to take a position of leadership when dealing with group functions. You are the best one to delegate who does what. You will attract romantic partners easily. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't take life too seriously today. You may lose a good friend if you are stubborn and refuse to let them be who they are. You have to be understanding, not judgmental, in emotional situations. ✪✪

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Communication will be informative and help clear up confusing issues. You will have the ability to pick up knowledge rapidly, so attend seminars that will be informative. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take the time to help someone who has been less fortunate than you. Legalities will appear to be more pressing today. Try not to be forced into signing documents you are uneasy about. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your outgoing nature and self-confidence will attract both friends and lovers. Opportunities to get involved in competitive activities should spark your interest. ✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't mix business with pleasure. You will not be in the mood to please both client and lover. You will also put yourself in a position to ruin your reputation with colleagues. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make those personal changes you had in mind. The warmer season is almost here. It's time to get in shape. Love interests are blossoming and the thought of having children is stronger. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): This can be a profitable day if you concentrate on work or career changes. It is best to keep your thoughts to yourself. Someone close at hand may steal your idea. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are an original character who will attract a great deal of attention throughout your life. Your outgoing personality will enable you to reach the success you desire. You will have no trouble making your mark in the world.

■ Of Interest

Kellogg Institute for International Studies — Author, journalist and former dancer Alma Guillermoprieto will present The Samba Lecture on Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

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SPORTS

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■ FOOTBALL

Notre Dame names West new defensive backfield coach

Virginia Tech coach joins Davie's staff, replaces McMahon

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame football team welcomed another addition to its depleted coaching staff yesterday when it named Virginia Tech's Lou West to replace Tom McMahon as defensive backfield coach.

West

West has strong ties with the coaching staff here at Notre Dame. He coached with defensive coordinator Greg Mattison while both were at Western Michigan in 1984-85 and also was a graduate assistant alongside head coach Bob Davie at Arizona in 1977.

While at Virginia Tech, West coached one of the nation's finest secondaries. In 1998, the Hokies ranked fourth in the nation in scoring defense and 11th in pass efficiency defense on their way to a 9-3 record. They ended the year ranked 19th in the Associated Press poll and 23rd in the USA Today/ESPN poll.

He has coached some star players in his career, including two first-team all-Big East selections from last year, cornerback Loren Johnson and safety Pierson Prioleau. While at the University of Cincinnati (his alma mater) in 1993, he coached defensive backs Chris Hewitt and Sam Garns who were starters in the NFL in '98 with the New Orleans Saints and New York Giants, respectively.

West takes over for McMahon, who after four years at ND will become defensive coordinator for Colorado.

Taking the job did not come without thought, according to West: "It was a tough decision. The people there at Virginia Tech were very good to me. I enjoyed working with the staff. The administrative people, the fans, the boosters and the alumni all treated you well. It was tough to leave. I had some good times there as far as the program winning and getting along with people in the community."

Despite missing the atmosphere at Virginia Tech, West is excited to begin his new job and relishes the opportunity to coach at a quality University.

"I'm excited about being here," said West, a 45-year-old native of Washington, Penn. "I look forward to working with not only the football staff, but the people in the athletic department as well. I think it's a great opportunity. I think it's a goal of mine to coach at the best institutions that I can and Notre Dame is certainly one of those institutions."

Notre Dame returns a solid secondary to ease the transition for the new coach. Deke Cooper, Deveron Harper, Brock Williams and Tony Driver all saw significant minutes last year, while safety A'Jani Sanders will most likely return for a fifth year to strengthen the defensive backfield.

Freshman Clifford Jefferson, along with highly touted recruits Albert Poree and Gerome Sapp should also add to the mix and see some time. West feels that these players will form a solid nucleus to compete on the national scene next year.

"I've heard some good things about a lot of the players that are coming back. I feel that we've got some good athletes in the secondary, some guys that are hungry and want to get out and contribute," said West. "With some good leadership, they can continue to improve and hopefully get to our goal of competing for a national championship."

BENGAL BOUTS

■ 185-POUND TO HEAVYWEIGHT DIVISIONS

Romanchek advances to semi-finals

By KEVIN THOMPSON
Sports Writer

It was quick but it was painful.

At least that's the way it looked through the 185-Pound division bracket last night in the Joyce Center. The favorites advanced as only one bout went to a decision.

The first victory went to Bengal Bouts captain Brian "The Nutty Irishman" Gaffney. Gaffney disposed of John "Rambo" Norton 45 seconds into the second round. Norton attempted to take it to Gaffney from the outset but to no avail. The top-seeded Gaffney controlled throughout.

Also in the 185-Pound category, Mike "El Pescador" Romanchek ended Tim "Pretty Fly for a White Guy" Christ early. The usually-patient Romanchek took no time with Christ. The fight was called 1:08 into the first round when Romanchek landed a vicious right to Christ's head.

Tonight's results put the patient, calculating, Romanchek and the untamed Gaffney on a collision course for the finals.

These two will have to make it through Ben "Buster" Johnson and Corey "I'll make your face look like mine" Clay. Johnson took Josh Nelson to the final bell to post a unanimous decision. Clay was impressive in the opening round pummeling James Qualters. A powerful right hand left Qulaters reeling. Qualters had enough only 23 seconds into the first round.

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Junior Mike Romanchek delivers a strong left to knock down Tim Christ en route to a quarterfinal victory on Monday night.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

W	vs. Miami, Tonight, 7 p.m.	M	vs. Iowa, Wednesday, 3 p.m.
M	at St. John's, Wednesday, 8 p.m.		vs. Northern Michigan, Friday, 7 p.m.
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