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Student Activities cracks down on illegal postings

By FINN PRESSLY
Assistant News Editor

The office of Student Activities recently prohibited the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) from posting advertisements on campus, raising questions about the University's policy on posted advertisements.

"We're suspended because our posters were posted at places other than University-approved bulletin boards," said PSA member Madolyn Orr. "Anyone who walks through O'Shaughnessy can see that that's ludicrous."

"Some members of the PSA posted stuff on the lampposts outside, which is illegal," said Orr. "After that, we made it a point to only post posters where there were other posters."

Despite their precautions, the PSA was suspended from posting advertisements through the end of the semester, the standard punishment levied by

Student Affairs after a second violation.

For the PSA, which has often relied on posters and flyers for advertisement, the suspension will be difficult to overcome.

"Basically, we can't advertise any of our events," said Orr.

After receiving its suspension, the PSA quickly appealed the decision.

"We appealed to Student Activities, and they said no," Orr explained. "The people you appeal to are the same people who are fighting you, so it's a circuitous system."

The PSA was also informed that it was among three other groups that were suspended, though officials at Student Activities and the Club Coordination Council refused to release

the names of the other organizations.

Joe Cassidy, director of Student Activities, said that the recent crack-down is

Groups wishing to post information must first present copies of their material to Student Activities for approval. They are issued a "pull date" stamp and are required to sign a contract stating that their group will abide by campus posting rules.

"Departments both academic and administrative are not required to have a stamp," said Cassidy, adding that they are also bound to the same requirements as student organizations.

From there, it is the responsibility of the managers of each building to report offenders to Student Activities, Cassidy explained. After their first violation, organizations are issued a warning, followed by a suspension upon their second violation.

"Some groups complain that enforcement is arbitrary, and, yeah, it is," said Cassidy. "Enforcement comes out of whoever manages the facility."

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'O'SHAUGHNESSY [HALL] IS, IN MY EYES, ACTUALLY ENHANCED ... BY THE ARRAY OF POSTERS. ONE HAS THE SENSE OF INTELLECTUAL VIBRANCY.'



MARK ROCHE
DEAN OF COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS

not the result of new initiatives nor targeted at specific organizations.

"The process has been in place for several years," said Cassidy.

■ CONSTRUCTION BEAT

Renovation closes Stepan courts



The Observer/Joe Stark

By TIM LOGAN
News Editor

The installation of two water pipes under St. Joseph's Drive will close the Stepan basketball courts until early April, affecting the opening rounds of Bookstore Basketball and closing the street for several days.

Construction, which began before spring break, is tentatively scheduled for completion April 9, according to James Lyphout, associate vice president for Business Operations. In the meantime, the Stepan courts will be home to large piles of dirt displaced by the digging. The Bookstore event begins April 4.

"We've kind of planned around it," said Brendan Poe, Bookstore Basketball commissioner. "Hopefully it'll be done early in the tournament, and we won't have to worry about

it."

Lyphout expressed hope that the annual Notre Dame sporting tradition will not be adversely affected by the construction.

"We hope that most, if not all, of Bookstore Basketball will be held on that site," he said.

While the digging should be done by April 9, several courts will need to be resurfaced. The timing of that will depend on when the asphalt plant opens. The plant cannot open until the weather warms up, which Lyphout said should happen in time for Bookstore.

"I think we'll be able to get it closed up and ready," he said. "We hope we can get it open in time."

Bookstore officials will schedule games earlier in the day and later at night at other sites in order to accommodate the

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'WE HOPE THAT MOST, IF NOT ALL, OF BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL WILL BE HELD ON THAT SITE [STEPAN].'

JAMES LYPHOUT
ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR BUSINESS OPERATIONS



The Observer/Brandon Candura

Alumni to elect new reps

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
Associate News Editor

The Notre Dame Alumni Association is urging seniors, third-year law students and graduating graduate students to vote by Wednesday in its annual membership elections, according to Chuck Lennon, executive director of the Association.

"Students are given this opportunity to take part in the election of individuals who will soon be their representatives on the alumni board," said Mary Pat Downing, editor of Alumni Publications, in a written statement to The Observer. "Six of the 18 regional seats and one of the three at-large seats are up for election to three-year terms."

"The students who received ballots are asked to vote for one candidate from each of the regions up for [election]," she continued. "Alumni throughout the country do the same, regardless of which is their region of residence."

Lennon explained the advantages of the election system.

"[We invest] a lot of time, effort and money to have a national election. Many associations have appointed members," he said. "Our University is a worldwide organization. We recruit young men and women on an international basis and we would like to be

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Crime and punishment

Tomorrow, at 12:01 a.m., the state of Illinois is scheduled to commit a heinous crime.

Tomorrow, Andrew Kokoraleis, convicted murderer, will be executed.

Since the death penalty was "reinstated" in the United States in 1977, my home state of Illinois has executed 11 men — and released 11 from Death Row.

Many of these releases have been in the headlines lately. Rolando Cruz, wrongly convicted of murdering Jeanine Nicarico in 1983, was set free. Seven DuPage County officials now face felony charges for framing Cruz.

Anthony Porter was freed when Northwestern journalism professor David Protess and his students did some sleuthing.

Kokoraleis is a much more difficult case. His attorneys filed a clemency petition last week, stating that the only evidence against Kokoraleis in the murder for which he was sent to Death Row is his own confession; a confession he later recanted, claiming police beat it out of him. Kokoraleis, however, has also been given other, lesser sentences for other murders he committed.

Most of the "first world" no longer has the Death Penalty. The "abolitionist" club includes Germany, France, Italy, Ireland, Poland, Australia, New Zealand, Columbia, Haiti, the Vatican — some 63 countries in all, with 41 more that have the penalty but either reserve it for war crimes (Canada, the United Kingdom) or haven't used it in 10 years or more.

According to Amnesty International, the six countries that performed the most executions in 1997 were China (1,876), Saudi Arabia (122), Iran (143), the United States of America (74), and Kazakhstan and Sierra Leone (35 each).

There are many arguments against the death penalty — many good ones. Some argue that it is racist — it undoubtedly is. Black men convicted of murdering whites are more likely to be sent to Death Row than others.

Others say that many of those convicted and sent to Death Row have incompetent counsel. And still others argue that the monetary costs of executing a convict far exceed the cost of keeping that convict imprisoned for life.

And some say that the chance of putting an innocent man to death is too great — Anthony Porter came within 49 hours of execution.

But the best argument against the death penalty is that human life is infinitely precious, and we have no right to destroy it. Indeed, we have a duty to protect it. No one, by any action, "forfeits" his right to life; such a decision is beyond the competence of our fallible human reason.

This University is a Catholic community with a great concern for protecting human life when the danger is abortion — almost 210 students marched in Washington, D.C., for the lives of the unborn. But when those fetuses grow up to be convicts, the campus is oddly silent. A death penalty protest last year drew only a handful of students who were willing to make the much shorter trip across campus.

When Illinois murders Kokoraleis tomorrow, when Indiana claims its next victim, when Florida's electric chair again malfunctions, when George W. Bush brags that he is tough on crime in Texas, raise your voices. Death Row inmates may be convicts, they may be murderers, but as Illinois has shown, they may not be. And if they are, they are still human.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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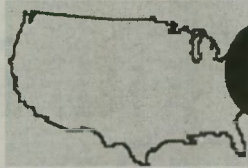
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Outside the Dome

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Study shows daily drink does not cause breast cancer

BOSTON

Women who drink one alcoholic beverage a day are at no more risk for developing breast cancer than non-drinkers, according to a study conducted by researchers at the Boston University School of Medicine.

The findings, published last month in the American Journal of Epidemiology, contradict several past studies, many of which show that a woman's risk of breast cancer increases in accordance with her level of alcohol consumption.

Previous research indicated that women who drink can increase their chance of developing breast cancer by 20 to 30 percent, according to Dr. Yuqing Zhang, head researcher in the BU study. The common idea is that alcohol increases levels of estrogen, he said.

Scientific evidence does not, however, clearly support this connection,



he said.

"Blindly saying that any alcohol will increase your risk for breast cancer is not well established. It is still controversial," he said.

Zhang and other scientists examined data from 5,000 Framingham women, collected since 1948. The women drank an average of one drink per day, while subjects in many other studies consumed two drinks each day on average, Zhang said.

Drinkers and non-drinkers in the

BU study showed the same risk for developing breast cancer, he said.

In addition to studying lighter drinkers, BU scientists used methods different from past researchers, according to Dr. Curtis Ellison, senior author of the study.

"The way we collected data was particularly important to our study," Ellison said.

Many earlier studies were case-controlled, meaning subjects who had already been diagnosed with cancer were asked to recall their drinking habits over the years, he said.

This method leaves room for error, since women being questioned may not accurately remember their past behavior, Ellison said.

The BU review, however, was a prospective study. Researchers gathered data on the women before they developed cancer, he said.

■ OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

Stadium name possibly up for sale

CORVALLIS, Ore.

Is corporate sponsorship coming soon to a stadium near you? Maybe, maybe not. In the changing world of athletics, many sports organizations and athletic programs are following an increasingly common trend: sell the naming rights of a sports venue to a corporate sponsor and reap financial benefits. "I think that marketing opportunities now days are an important part of college athletics," said Oregon State athletic director Mitch Barnhart. "What we've got at Oregon State is a financial situation that requires some unique approaches — unique approaches to how we solve them." And at other schools, that has involved naming rights. Arizona State, a fellow Pac-10 school, recently sold the naming rights for its University Activity Center to Wells Fargo bank. ASU received a \$5 million gift from the bank last July. In exchange, the 25-year-old basketball venue became the Wells Fargo Arena.

■ UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE

Students plan protests over investments

MILWAUKEE

University of Wisconsin students are planning protest demonstrations and other actions after the recent discovery that the UW Trust Fund Portfolio holds investments in a US-based company with documented cases of human rights abuses. Student activists both at UWM and at UW-Madison have targeted Board of Regents members who are ultimately responsible for approval of investment policies. The California-based company Unocal has been found to have used slave labor and has forced relocation of ethnic villagers along its oil pipeline in Burma, according to a press release issued March 1 by UW Greens, an environmental watchdog group, the UW Alliance for Democracy, Earthrights International and the UW-Madison chapter of the Free Burma Coalition. "(Unocal) is well known for union busting and toxic dumping in California," said John Peck of the UW-Madison Greens.

■ FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Regents vote against new med school

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.

Opting off the political merry-go-round, State University System chancellor Adam Herbert showed his independence Friday, recommending existing medical schools be expanded before a new one is established at Florida State University. "While some might suggest that these recommended decisions will result in winners and losers, I would urge a much more sophisticated, less cynical perspective," Herbert said. "It is my sincere belief that if the Board of Regents adopt, and the Legislature and governor support this plan, everyone associated with or impacted by its implementation is a winner." The Board of Regents' approval of that recommendation brought to a halt the yearlong debate about the need for more doctors in Florida — at least for the Regents. House Speaker John Thrasher, R-Orange Park, led the push for a medical school at FSU and vowed Friday to ask legislators to set aside \$60 million in tobacco settlement money.

■ UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY

Class teaches the art of turntablism

BERKELEY, Calif.

It is Wednesday evening and the usually-hushed corridors of University of California-Berkeley Barrows Hall are echoing the sounds of break beats, bass lines and staccato scratches. The sounds emerge from room 174 in a never-before-seen fusion of hip-hop music, turntablism and good old academia: Music 98/198, "Introductory Turntablism," is the first legitimate academic course in the history of the United States that teaches the art and techniques of "turntablism." Taught and created by UC Berkeley juniors Michah Muraoka, an American Studies major, and political science major Rodney Sino-Cruz, "Introductory Turntablism" teaches a group of approximately 30 students "how to actually spin records," a skill which Muraoka and Sino-Cruz say has never been done before on any university campus in the nation. "It's very progressive and alternative," Muraoka says.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

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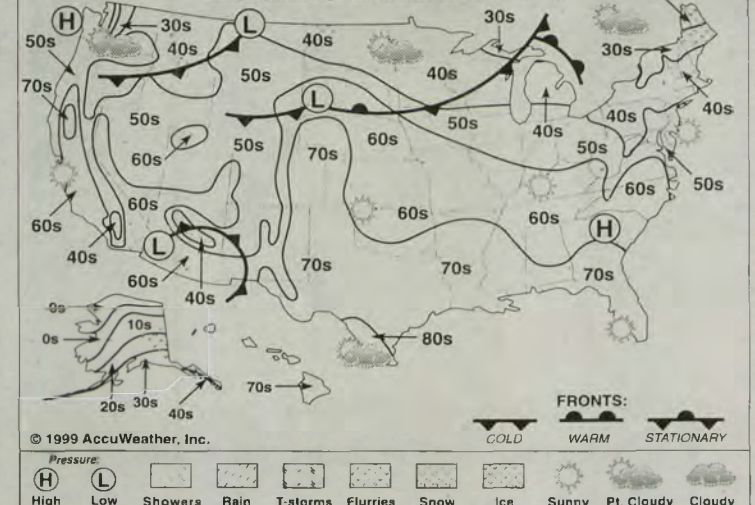
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■ MULTICULTURAL BEAT

BCAC to honor Peters' memory with artistic tribute

Special to the Observer

The Black Cultural Arts Council (BCAC) will be presenting a dramatic poetry reading of original poems and

music celebrating the life of the late Erskine Peters tonight.

"Songs For My Mother; And Other Women Like Her," an original poem by Jake Webster, will be presented as

part of the tribute to Peters, an English professor who died a year ago. Webster, a noted sculptor and writer, will also be giving his own personal remarks.

The presentation will begin with master of ceremonies Rodney Cohen, director of Urban Programming and Outreach, giving his personal reflections beginning at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall.



Erskine Peters

Special tributes by fellow associates, students and friends will follow, with readings of some of Peters' work. A photo montage of Peters will be presented while Father Clay Evans and the AARC Mass Choir will perform the recessional music, "I've Got A Testimony."

"We Give You Thanks" will be performed by Sounds of Blackness during the intermission.

Chandra Johnson, assistant to the president and the

event's mistress of ceremonies, along with Kimberly Flint-Hamilton, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Letters, will make a special presentation to April Langley, an English graduate student, on behalf of the family of Peters.

Following this will be the presentation by Webster and a presentation of "Beyond The Veil" by Daryl Coley and an original song by lyricist Diane Buchanan.

George Moss, special assistant to the vice president for Student Affairs, will provide the closing comments. Beth Clark, freshman BCAC member and Dameyon Harrison, senior BCAC secretary, will provide special acknowledgements and announcements.

Following the presentation, the BCAC will be holding a reception in the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs until 11 p.m. on the second floor of LaFortune Student Center.

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Free and open to the public; followed by a reception to which all are welcome. This lecture is the first in a compact seminar titled "Dante: Vices and the Quest for Virtue." Professor Mazzotta will present a second public lecture on March 25 at 7:30pm in 138 DeBartolo Hall: "Dante Between Bonaventure and Aquinas."

For further information contact the Devers Program in Dante Studies at (219) 631-5610.

Boeing cuts thousands of jobs setting layoff record

Associated Press

SEATTLE

Boeing Co. said Monday it will be able to cut 6,700 more jobs than expected, thanks to reduced overtime and other manufacturing efficiencies in its commercial airplane division.

The additional job cuts will mean that total job reductions by the end of the year will be at the high end of a range of 28,000 to 38,000 that the company announced earlier, Boeing said.

"They began to make a turn in the fourth quarter last year and have continued to make improvements in production," Boeing spokesman Peter Conte said. "As you get better, and more efficient, you need less people to do the job." While there will be layoffs, about half of the job cuts will come through attrition, he said.

Boeing's profits and its stock price have been severely depressed during most of the past two years, the result of

production line snarls, parts shortages and late aircraft deliveries.

The troubles began as Boeing was cranking up assembly lines to record production rates, and asking workers to perform vast amounts of overtime.

Since then sales have slackened due partly to recessions in Asia and other markets and Boeing plans to reduce its production rates over the next two years.

It announced late last year it would reduce employment from its mid-1998 peak of 238,400 down to between 185,000 to 195,000 by the end of 2000.

The Puget Sound area, where the majority of Boeing jetliners are assembled, will bear the brunt of the layoffs.

Machinists union officials say the new job cuts are uncalled for. The union, which represents Boeing production workers in Seattle and Wichita, Kan., negotiates a new contract with Boeing later this year.

Bringing It All Together

Come Join the Student Body Government '99-'00

Applications are now available in the Student Government office for 1999-2000

Office of the President Team positions

Applications are due Wednesday, March 17, 1999 by 5:00 p.m. in the Student Government office (203 LaFortune).

A list of positions available is included with the application packet.

Interviews will be Thursday, March 18, 1999 and Saturday, March 20, 1999. Please sign up for an interview when one picks up an application.

Positions will be announced on Sunday, March 21, 1999

■ CLARIFICATION

The Observer reported in the Wednesday, March 3 edition that the Graduate Student Union Council will hold a forum to discuss a resolution concerning the Board of Trustees decision not to add sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination clause. The council did pass the resolution and has planned the forum just to discuss the matter.

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represented in the same way."

The ballots contain biographies and statements from all candidates to help familiarize voters with graduates running for board membership to encourage alumni to participate in the election, explained Downing. Despite these efforts, Lennon said that younger alums are less likely to vote than their older counterparts.

"We're looking for a way to make it better. We've been tracking voters by class year for three years," he said, explaining that the Association uses color-coded ballots as one way to gauge the number of alumni in different age groups who are voting.

Lennon emphasized that graduates should vote because the elected representatives determine the policies of the Association.

"The alumni board [members are] the policy makers of the Association," he said, noting that the club coordinates alumni affairs in the areas of continuing education, community service, alumni clubs, student relations and administration.

Downing noted that University president Father Edward Malloy met with the board during each of its three annual gatherings last year to determine alumni opinions on a possible membership in the Big Ten.

According to Lennon, voting is easy and quick.

"It only takes seven checkmarks and we pay the postage," he said. "There's no reason not to read it and vote."

He also highlighted the duties of at-large board members, who must be young alumni.

"[Their] job and responsi-

bility is to represent the views of the young alums," Lennon said, noting that the University considers those who have graduated within the past ten years as recent alumni. He explained that these graduates are represented by at-large members rather than regional delegates because many are not settled in one area, but instead are moving around and may attend law, graduate or medical schools.

"We basically serve as a liaison between young alums and the Alumni Association and facilitate communication between alumni and their clubs," said Julie Epping, a 1993 alumna who is a current at-large member of the board. "We have our own committee; we share ideas and come up with ways to involve young alums."

Epping cited the committee's work on creating a Web site for recent graduates and efforts to encourage local alumni clubs to utilize e-mail to contact young alums.

Lennon said that eligible voters include students graduating in the year of the election and all alumni who made financial donations to the University during the two calendar years prior to the election; this year's voters are those who gave during 1997, he explained, because records on 1998 donations are not yet available. Approximately 10 percent of the 50,000 eligible alumni vote each year, said Lennon.

Elected members serve for three years and may only serve one term.

Epping believes that this year's graduates should be concerned about who is elected to the at-large positions because of their emphasis on the needs of young alumni.

"[Young alumni] should vote for the at-large members especially to get someone in there whom they think will represent their interests," she said.

summer.

Other parts of the project will include construction of two 24-thousand ton water chillers and added infrastructure at the water cooling plant. The only other significant disruption will likely occur during construction of the science teaching facility on Juniper Road. That will not occur for at least a year, however, Lyphout said.

One of the two new pipes being buried under St. Joseph's Drive will carry chilled water from the plant to campus, while the other will carry the used water back.

Stepan

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decreased number of courts. Poe expects that only two will be unusable and that the tournament will still run smoothly.

This construction is part of a \$28 million project to expand the volume of chilled water available to operate air conditioning units around campus. The expansion comes as a result of recent campus construction.

The new bookstore, the Rolf's Sports Recreation Center and other buildings have increased the demand for air conditioning across campus. Also, the Main Building will be air conditioned when it reopens this

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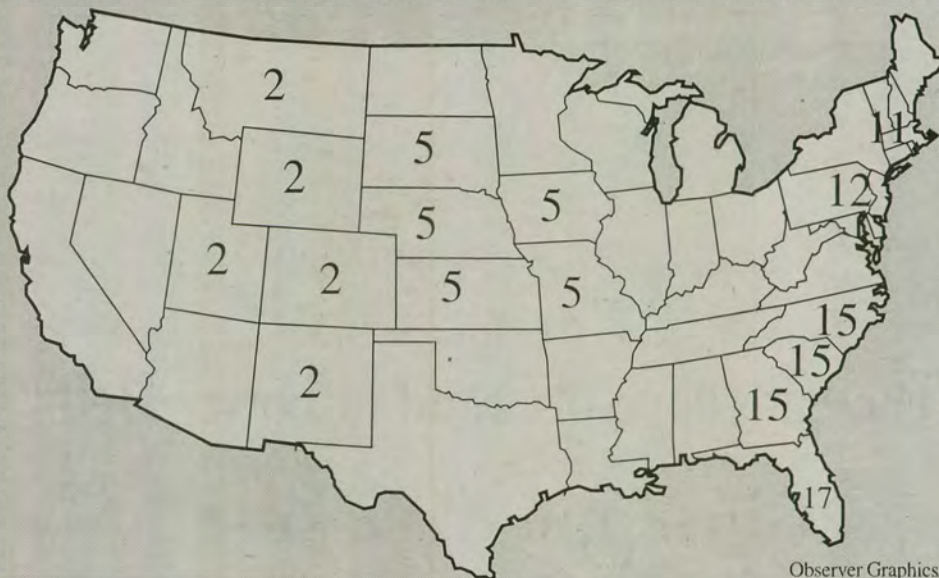
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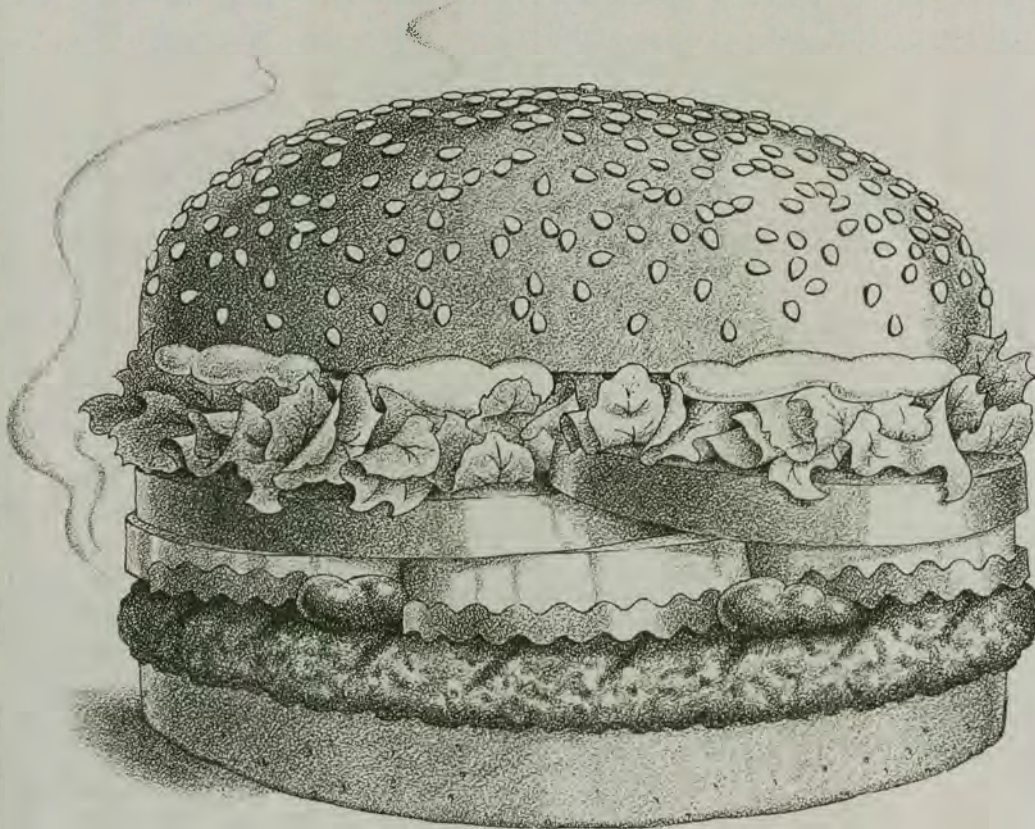
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Region 2 (CO, MT, NM, SD, UT, WY and Calgary, Alberta): Cecilia Serna '83 and John Studebaker '62
Region 5 (IA, KS, MO, NE): Bernard Dierks '59 and Paul Drey '89, '92 JD
Region 11 (ME, MA, NH, Northern CT, RI and VT): Susan Burke '87 MBA and John Gleason III '65
Region 12 (DC, DE, Eastern PA, MD, VA): Dennis Dunleavy '79 and Sean O'Brien '86
Region 15 (GA, NC, SC): Peter Campbell '56 and Thomas Crozier Jr. '58
Region 17 (FL, Puerto Rico): William Kelley Macke '70 and Carol Ann Breyer '68 MA



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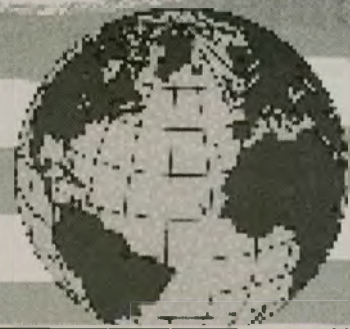


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■ WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Ballonists break distance record, continue journey

GENEVA

The Swiss-English balloonists trying to circle the world nonstop broke American millionaire Steve Fossett's distance record Monday and sped across the Pacific toward Mexico, their control center said. Bertrand Piccard of Switzerland and Brian Jones of England finally reached a jet stream southeast of Hawaii after a seemingly endless float above the Pacific and picked up speed toward Mexico, which they hope to reach Tuesday night. The center's computers showed that sometime Sunday evening, the Breitling Orbiter 3 broke the 15,203-mile distance record claimed by Fossett before he ditched near Australia last August. Their record claim must still be verified by the International Federation of Aviation. By Monday morning, Piccard and Jones had traveled 16,511 miles since leaving the Swiss Alps on March 1, according to their control center. It said if all goes well, they could be over Mauritania on the West coast of Africa by Friday, completing their world circuit.

Chinese panda pair refuse to cooperate in zoo

SAN DIEGO

She's young and frisky. He's middle-aged and lethargic. So far, there has been no love connection. San Diego Zoo scientists have been desperately trying to mate a giant panda couple in captivity, but so far the furry, black-and-white creatures have done nothing but get on each other's nerves. "For this species, the outlook is gloomy," Don Lindburg, leader of the zoo's giant panda team, said last week. On loan from their native China, 8-year-old Bai Yun and 20-year-old Shi Shi have beguiled behaviorists hoping to mate the endangered animals since they joined the zoo in September 1996. Meanwhile, the panda population worldwide continues to dwindle as development eats away at their bamboo-thick habitat. Still, San Diego officials hold out hope that Shi Shi will impregnate Bai Yun naturally, saying the couple's sexual malaise may have been caused by putting the pair together too soon in the past two mating seasons.

Scottish welcome Lewinsky

GLASGOW

Monica Lewinsky was greeted by a cheering book tour rolled into Scotland. North Glasgow College students Lisa Hutchinson and Anne-Marie McGroarty were among those who lined up early to get copies of "Monica's Story" signed. They donned Clinton masks and waved cigars. "I think she's really cool, and we know it's probably not very original, but we thought it would be funny to do it," Hutchinson said.

■ ECUADOR



AFP Photo

Ecuadorian soldiers stand by several taxis blocking one of the access roads leading to Quito, the Ecuadorian capital, on Monday. Hundreds of thousands of taxi drivers paralyzed Ecuador's major cities in protest of a nearly 200 percent increase in fuel price.

Ecuador cab drivers protest price hike

ASSOCIATED PRESS

QUITO

Angry taxi drivers blocked streets to protest gas price increases, and thousands of people lined up Monday in hopes of getting cash after banks reopened following a weeklong shutdown.

Stone-throwing taxi drivers decked their cars with "for sale due to hunger" signs and parked them across city streets, intent on forcing President Jamil Mahuad to abandon austerity measures announced last week to stave off financial collapse.

Defense Minister Gen. Jose Gallardo said authorities would use force to clear the streets if the taxi drivers did not withdraw. Police used tear gas against one barricade near the government palace, but failed to break it up.

The Ministry of Education closed schools Monday and many business opened late because workers had to detour around the taxi barricades.

"We can't live anymore. The government wants to kill us," taxi driver Francisco Delgado said.

Government officials met with leaders of the taxi protest but failed to defuse the confrontation, government spokesman Jaime Duran said.

"It's been a hard strike by the taxi drivers, but we're going to continue meeting with their leaders to reach a solution," Duran told reporters.

Mahuad, who took office seven months ago, closed banks March 8 amid widespread withdrawals as investors lost confidence in Ecuador's shaky financial system.

The nation's currency, the sucre, had lost one-quarter of its value in a week and the government has been forced to take over seven of Ecuador's 39 banks in recent months. The currency rallied Monday, rising to 9,500 sucres against the dollar — much stronger than the 12,650 sucres it closed at 10 days ago.

The austerity measures decreed by Mahuad have doubled gasoline prices and partially frozen bank accounts for one year. The president also proposed tax increases, cuts to the bloated bureaucracy and faster privatization of state enterprises.

Prices have risen sharply in street markets and supermarkets. The prices of many vegetables have doubled, and the cost of cooking oil and sugar has risen by about 40 percent.

Powerful leftist-led unions, students and Indian groups have called for street protests and bank occupations Wednesday to force Mahuad to revoke the austerity measures.

Many residents say the measures are tough but necessary. "The measures are drastic, but they should have been done years ago. The delay due to weak governments has only made the suffering worse," said Maria Alvarez, who sells video cassettes in a Quito street market.

Bankers said they feared the financial system might be affected by the withdrawals by nervous account holders.

"An incredible quantity of people have already approached the banks to consult about withdrawing money," Xavier Abarca, a trader with ABM Amro, told Dow Jones Newswires.

To protect the banks, Mahuad announced Thursday that all dollar savings accounts and half of dollar checking accounts with more than \$500 would be frozen for a year.

■ BELGIUM

EU executive commission quits

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRUSSELS

The entire European Union Executive Commission resigned Tuesday after a panel of experts issued a scathing report on cronyism and financial irregularities at the top of the executive branch.

"All the commissioners have resigned. We will prepare a statement for to explain the reasons for our resignation," EU Agriculture Commissioner Franz Fischler told reporters after an emergency session of the European Commission.

Fischler added a report, issued Monday, citing several of the 20 European Commissioners for cronyism and financial irregularities

in aid and other programs had created a climate in which the EU executive could not remain in office. "It is better than to continue in such uncertainty."

The commission is the powerful EU's body that runs the day-to-day affairs of the 15-nation trade group, drafts laws and enforces their implementation. It also represents the EU in international trade negotiations.

Shortly afterwards, European Commission President Jacques Santer also announced the mass resignations.

Santer planned to meet later Tuesday with Jose-Maria Gil Robles, the president of the European Parliament, which instigated the

fraud inquiry.

Officials said no other details would be announced until then.

The resignation of the entire EU executive branch was the first in the history of the 42-year-old European Union.

The resignation of all 20 commissioners was sparked by a 140-page report by five independent experts that detailed cronyism and financial irregularities at the top of the EU executive branch.

It cited several for lax control over aid and other programs for which they are responsible, for putting friends and relatives on their payroll and pleading ignorance when asked why they did not act sooner to stop waste and fraud.

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Posters

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Buildings such as COBA and DeBartolo are notoriously difficult for groups to post information, according to Cassidy. He explained that this stems from a lack of bulletin boards, the only legal place to post information.

Other campus facilities, however, are less apt to report groups for illegal posting.

"O'Shaughnessy [Hall] is, in my eyes, actually enhanced by the array of posters. One has the sense of intellectual vibrancy," said Mark Roche, dean of the College of Arts and Letters.

"I'm certainly of favor of a campus with multiple opportunities to advertise intellectual events. I find LaFortune to

have insufficient space for that purpose. I find DeBartolo to be similarly lacking," said Roche. "I've made a request that DeBartolo have more bulletin boards, so that it looks more of a locus of intellectual learning."

"Several concerns have been voiced about DeBartolo," said student body president Peter Cesaro. "The Student Senate addressed this issue back in the first semester. Students need to have the opportunity to put up posters. Things like that catch your eye when you're in the classroom buildings. We want to make sure students have the opportunity to advertise their functions."

Following the Senate resolution, more bulletin boards were installed in DeBartolo, signaling a trend for future expansion of advertisement space, Cesaro explained.

Gambler faces fine, prison for bribery

Associated Press

PHOENIX

A gambler who put up some of the money and helped pay a basketball player in a point-shaving scheme pleaded guilty yesterday to a charge of conspiracy to commit sports bribery, prosecutors said.

Vincent Basso of Buffalo Grove, Ill., will face a maximum prison term of five years and a possible \$250,000 fine when sentenced on May 24, the U.S. attorney for Arizona said.

Jose de Jesus Rivera also said Basso, who was indicted in January on charges of sports bribery, interstate travel in aid of racketeering and money-laundering, agreed to forfeit \$27,000 as proceeds from illegal activity.

Basso admitted he worked with Joe Gagliano in Las Vegas to arrange that Stevin "Hedake" Smith shave points as Arizona State played Southern California in February 1994, Rivera said.

Outlining Basso's role for the first time, Rivera said

Basso then helped bet \$150,000 on the game, putting up \$30,000 himself and agreeing to contribute \$11,000 to help pay Smith.

Basso did much the same thing with about the same amounts of money for a March 1994 Arizona State game with Washington, but Smith didn't protect the point spread and the gamblers lost their \$145,000 wager, Rivera said.

Benny Silman, the alleged mastermind of the original scheme, is serving a 46-month sentence for getting Smith and ASU guard Isaac Burton to shave points in certain games so the team wouldn't beat the point spread.

The other 1994 games in question were those with Oregon State on Jan. 27 and Oregon on Jan. 29.

Smith, Burton, Gagliano, a Phoenix investment adviser; Chicago trucking company executive Dominic Mangiamale and his son, Joseph, and Anthony Joseph Frank are awaiting sentencing.

L.A. to host next Democratic Convention

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

With Democrats firmly back in power in California, the Democratic National Convention is returning to Los Angeles next year for the first time since John F. Kennedy was nominated in 1960.

Civic leaders and convention boosters said Monday's announcement also was proof that the nation's second-largest city had rebounded from its much-publicized problems — such as recession, earthquakes, floods and race riots.

The choice of Los Angeles over 12 other cities that were asked to submit proposals, including Boston and Denver, reflects California's importance — with its 54 electoral votes and generous campaign donors — in choosing the next president.

"California is the big ATM for any national campaign," says Sherry Bebitch Jeffe, a political analyst with the Claremont Graduate University School of Politics and Economics.

"The Democrats will come in here like a vacuum cleaner."

The Democratic National Committee shied away from the state in recent years because it was led by Republicans, said former Colorado Gov. Roy Romer, the chairman. He also cited ballot initiatives that rolled back affirmative action programs and barred state aid to immigrants.

Romer said the party was ready to return to the state now that Democratic Gov. Gray Davis is in office, and Democrats control both houses in the Legislature and occupy most statewide elected offices.

Joe Andrew, head of the DNC's site-selection team, said California's diversity and Los Angeles' unique public-private convention bid were also key factors in the party's decision.

The Republican convention will be in Philadelphia.

"California is the ideal place to showcase the positive message and vision of the Democratic Party and our presidential nominee," Andrew said. "California represents the great diversity of this country."

The bid, which was put together by an independent host committee dubbed LA

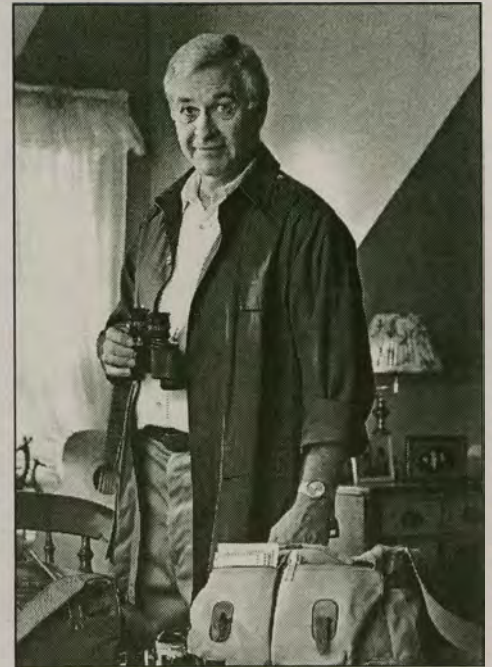
Convention 2000, proposed that private donors pick up much of the convention's \$35.3 million cost, contrary to the usual practice of having the city back the deal. Although that element supposedly was a point of contention between the two sides, Andrew praised the unique offer and touted it as a "model for political conventions."

"Unlike Republicans, the 2000 political convention will be sponsored by the private sector with the cooperation of the public sector," Andrew said. "Not the other way around."

Republican National Committee spokesman Tim Fitzpatrick criticized Andrew's remarks, saying the Philadelphia convention was part of an "unprecedented, privately funded" package.

Fitzpatrick also criticized the site, saying, "The Democrats can't seem to get away from Buddhist temples and the Hollywood elite," in an apparent reference to the Hacienda Heights temple at the center of fund-raising allegations against Vice President Al Gore.

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Rules governing the competition are available in the Art Department Office. Two copies of the submission must be delivered to the Art Department Office, 132 O'Shaughnessy Hall, by 3:00 PM, Monday, March 29, to be eligible. Prizes up to \$350 will be awarded. A student may only submit ONE entry.

Department of Art, Art History and Design

CIA appoints retired admiral to lead spy investigation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The CIA named a retired admiral on Monday to review its own damage assessment into how much nuclear weapons technology, if any, was lost to China through a suspected spy working at the Los Alamos, N.M., National Laboratory.

The appointment of retired Admiral David Jeremiah

appeared aimed at adding an air of independence to an inquiry buffeted by partisan politics. Republicans have accused the Clinton administration of acting too slowly when the potential espionage problem emerged.

CIA Director George Tenet briefed the Senate Intelligence Committee on the ongoing inquiry, and afterward the top Republican and Democrat on the committee agreed that

additional security changes need to be made at the nation's weapons laboratories.

Committee chairman Richard Shelby, R-Ala., said the administration should consider a moratorium on scientific exchanges in which foreign scientists visit the national laboratories and U.S. scientists from the labs go overseas.

"This is perhaps just the tip of an iceberg. We need security at our national labs. ... It has

been too loose, too long, and it's too important," Shelby said.

Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Nebr., the committee's vice chairman, cautioned that the espionage case in question involved not an exchange of scientists but a potential breach by a single employee. But he agreed that security at the labs must be revamped.

"It's obvious that considerably more needs to be done," Kerrey said. "This is something

that is potentially a very serious situation that has damaged the security of the United States of America considerably."

Tenet said Jeremiah will provide an independent review of the work being done now by a multiagency intelligence team. It is the second such assessment Jeremiah has been asked to do. Last year, a study led by Jeremiah identified problems that contributed to the intelligence community's failure to adequately warn of nuclear testing by India.

"Admiral Jeremiah is the perfect person to lead such a review," Tenet said. "His credentials are impeccable and his credibility is unquestioned."

Jeremiah's panel of outside experts will examine work begun in mid-February within the intelligence community about whether a Taiwanese-born scientist who worked at the Energy Department's Los Alamos laboratory provided China with technology that could be used in developing a multiwarhead nuclear weapon. China has yet to field such a weapon, but a document obtained by U.S. intelligence in 1995 indicated that China had knowledge of technology similar to the W-88, a U.S. multiwarhead nuclear weapon.

A Taiwanese-born computer scientist, Wen Ho Lee, was fired from his job at Los Alamos a week ago amid suspicions that he leaked secrets to the Chinese in the 1980s. Lee has not been charged with any crime, and Newsweek magazine said the FBI now believes it has virtually no chance of making a case against him.



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Hardcover popularity threatens survival of paperbacks

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Could the taken-for-granted paperback mystery or romance book, bought cheap at a drug-store, pulled out on the train and stuck thoughtlessly in a coat pocket, be going the way of the vinyl LP?

Sales of mass-market paperbacks — long a staple at newsstands, supermarkets and airport shops — are sliding, under pressure from discounted hardcovers and the growing appeal of more literary, more expensive trade paperbacks usually sold in bookstores.

As prices of the mass-market books have inched toward the \$8 mark, sales slipped 7.8 percent from 1996 to 1997, according to a report by Veronis, Suhler and Associates, an investment bank specializing in media companies.

"The 35-cent paperback is now \$7.99, ... which is not that far away from what a trade paperback costs," said Richard Howorth, president of the American Booksellers Association. "Mass-market publishers may be pricing themselves out of the market."

Mass-market paperbacks, many of them popular fiction, romance and mystery titles, are smaller and lighter than trade paperbacks.

Since Pocket Books sold the first modern mass-market books for a quarter just before World War II, compactness and affordability have been their primary appeal.

"Take it on a plane, take it on a train, take it to the beach," said Jim Milliot, the business and news editor at Publishers Weekly.

But for consumers shelling out more money than ever for the books, flimsy may no longer be an advantage. And with chain booksellers heavily discounting best-selling hardcovers, many readers may decide not to wait the year or so it takes for a book to come out in paperback.

Some experts even suggest that aging baby boomers want books with larger typefaces.

Adding to their troubles, mass-market paperbacks can't seem to get any respect in chain bookstores, which command a major slice of the book market, several publishing analysts said.

Unlike the smaller chain outlets that were once common in shopping malls, superstores like Barnes & Noble and Borders Books & Music focus most of their promotional muscle on new titles, often letting backlist mass-market books fend for themselves, Milliot said.

"Mass-market never gets any

flashy treatment at the superstores," he explained. "They'll never even say, 'The new [John] Grisham paperback is in.' You just have to go and find it."

Mass-market paperbacks accounted for 39 percent of all

book sales in 1993, but fell to 36 percent in 1997, according to the Book Industry Study Group, a publishing trade association.

Even so, many publishers emphasized that mass-market paperbacks were still impor-

tant.

"Despite some of the doom-sayers, hundreds of thousands of mass-market paperbacks are sold in this country every day," said Stuart Applebaum, a spokesman for Random House Inc.

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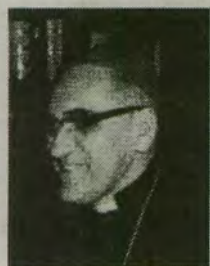


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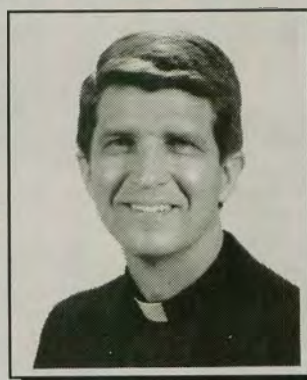
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Whitewater lawyers want Hillary's testimony played

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. Independent counsel Kenneth Starr's prosecutors said Monday they hope to play part of Hillary Rodham

Clinton's videotaped testimony to a grand jury at the trial of her former Whitewater partner, Susan McDougal.

Starr deputy W. Hickman Ewing said outside the courthouse at the end of Monday's

testimony that prosecutors want to play "perhaps 30 minutes" of the first lady's testimony, as early as Tuesday.

McDougal's lawyer, Mark Geragos, was expected to object at a hearing Tuesday

morning before the trial resumes.

In a court filing prepared by prosecutors and obtained by

The Associated Press, Starr's office suggests Clinton's testimony makes it even more vital for McDougal to cooperate with the criminal investigation.

The prosecutors' court papers say "the videotape will show that the first lady testified that she had no knowledge or information about either" a \$27,600 loan made in Bill Clinton's name or a \$5,081.82 check signed by McDougal and used to pay off part of the Clinton loan. The AP obtained the papers, which had not been filed with the court as of the close of business Monday, from a person familiar with the case.

The prosecutors say "the videotape ... will establish ... the importance of questions posed to, and answered by, the first lady and prepared for" McDougal.

The defense opened the door for prosecutors to present Clinton's testimony when Geragos questioned FBI agent Mike Patkus, who works for Starr's office.

Patkus said last Thursday

that he did not know if prosecutors had asked Clinton a series of questions about a \$27,600 loan in the name of Bill Clinton from the Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan owned by McDougal and her former husband, James McDougal.

Prosecutors allege that the Clinton loan is connected to a fraudulent \$300,000 loan made to McDougal in 1986. She is charged with contempt of court and obstruction of justice.

Ewing said prosecutors want to "clear up misimpressions" left last Thursday when Patkus testified that he wasn't sure Clinton had been questioned about the transactions.

In particular, Ewing pointed to questions put to the agent about how the Clinton loan was paid off.

The prosecutor's interest in showing Clinton's testimony from April 25, 1998, arose at the end of the day's trial testimony, when prosecutor Julie Myers, with Patkus still on the witness stand, went through the testimony the agent had given last week.

Then, Myers referred to Clinton's testimony and at that point Geragos asked for meeting with U.S. District Judge George Howard.

Clinton gave the videotaped testimony at the White House and it was played several days later to the Whitewater grand jury in Little Rock.



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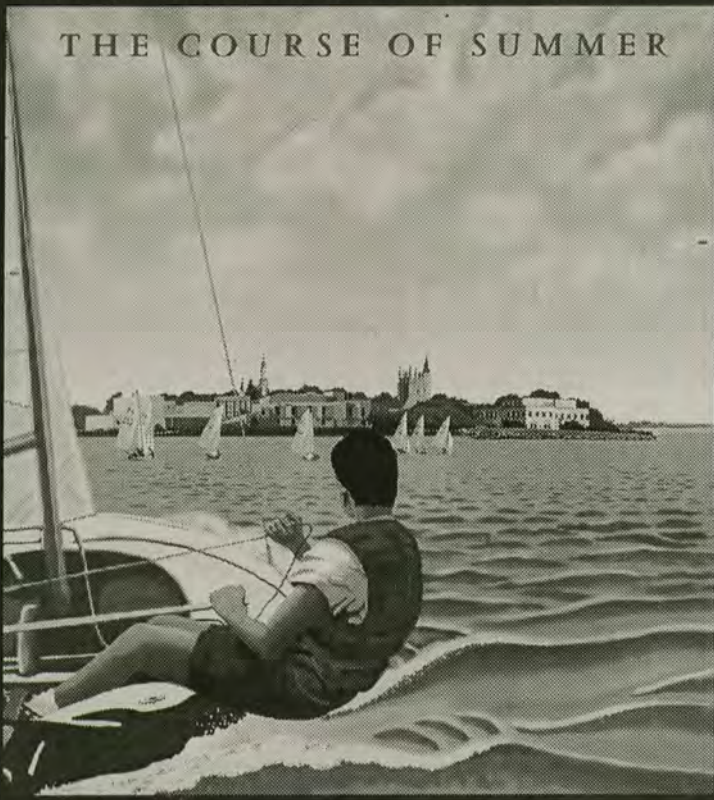
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Amtrak train derails

Associated Press

BOURBONNAIS, Ill.

An Amtrak train carrying between 200 and 400 passengers derailed after hitting a truck south of Chicago Monday night, officials said.

A witness to the accident told WBBM-AM that she could see flames inside several of the passenger cars. Firefighters were on the scene.

A nursing supervisor at

Riverside Medical Center in nearby Kankakee said seven victims had been brought to the hospital, including one person with an amputated foot and another with head injuries.

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■ CAPPY'S CORNER

Men's Fencing: Notre Dame's Most Winning Sport

Some may think that football should lay claim to the title of Notre Dame's most winning sport. Wrong. Not even close.

Notre Dame's most winning team once won 122 matches in a row. They have won more than 90 percent of their matches over the past 63 seasons. They have finished in the Top 10 of the NCAA tournament every single year since 1975. During the past 25 years, they have finished first,

Cappy Gagnon

second or third an amazing 17 times. They won national championships in 1977, 1978, 1986 and 1994. With a little luck, they will win their fifth national championship this weekend. They have had 10 National Champions in individual events. Notre Dame's most winning sport is men's fencing.

Since 1947 Irish swordsmen have had only one losing season, a 7-8 record in 1962. Since 1973, the worst record for any Notre Dame men's fencing squad was the 29-3 mark of the 1996 team! Eleven times during the past 24 years, the Stabbing Irish have been undefeated.

The sport of fencing was first seen on the campus in 1907 when Pedro de Landero enrolled in the class of 1911. De Landero practiced in the "Rec" room at Corby Hall with Jose Luis Requena and Encarlos Duque. In 1910, de Landero and Duque gave fencing exhibitions in Washington Hall and at Saint Mary's, but nothing more came of the sport at that time.

After graduation, de Landero returned to his native Mexico to put his civil engineering degree to work. He continued his fencing studies, specializing in the saber, under top fencing masters around the

world. De Landero returned to Notre Dame in 1926, as a professor of Spanish. Popular among his colleagues, the witty de Landero was elected president of the Faculty Club a few years later.

He gave another Washington Hall fencing exhibition in 1933, sparking some student interest. During the following year, de Landero judged a saber bout which followed a meeting of the Notre Dame French Club. After the bout, de Landero himself fenced student Harold May and showed that he had not lost his touche (pun intended). Thus was born the Notre Dame Fencing Club.

After compiling undefeated seasons in 1935 and 1936, de Landero saw his sport elevated to varsity status. During that time, one of the better tennis players on the campus was a tall, young, accounting student named Ned Joyce. Three decades later, the Reverend Edmund P. Joyce, as executive vice president, supervised the building of the Athletic and Convocation Center. The ACC/Joyce Center has been Notre Dame's "home court" for fencing ever since.

De Landero's teams won 75 percent of their fencing matches, ordinarily good enough to enter any school's coaching pantheon. Not for Notre Dame fencing, though. The next fencing coach was Walter Langford, also a Spanish professor (and serious Chicago Cubs fan). Langford compiled a winning percentage in excess of 81 percent. Langford's men thrust and parried their way to eight Top 10 finishes in the NCAA Tournament. Six of his bladesmen earned All-American recognition. After being named chair of the Modern and Classical Languages department, Langford turned over the team to Herb Melton. Melton had fenced saber for Langford in the early 40s. He returned to Notre Dame to attend Law School. During his four years as coach, Melton actually surpassed his mentor, leading the Irish to a winning percentage in excess of 85 percent. His 1950 team finished 9-0 and garnered sixth place in the NCAA tournament. Melton left Notre Dame in 1950 to prac-

tice law in his native Paducah, Ky. Langford again took over the program. Twelve years later, Mike DeCicco, assistant coach under Langford and star fencer in all three weapons, under Melton, became Notre Dame's fourth head fencing coach. DeCicco had returned to his alma mater to finish his doctorate and teach in the Engineering Department.

Undaunted by the gaudy winning percentages of his predecessors, DeCicco upped the ante by winning more than 93 percent of his matches (680-45). He also garnered five National Championships, coached eight individual NCAA Champions, compiled a 122-match winning streak, tutored nearly 100 All-Americans, amassed 12 undefeated seasons, and earned four National Coach of the Year awards. DeCicco also coached and assisted in numerous Olympic and World Championship events. DeCicco has always been a most gracious person. He was particularly helpful to a young, eager-but-clueless, student assistant in Sports Information, assigned to cover the fencing program in 1964.

Despite his accomplishments as a distinguished engineering professor and fencing coach, DeCicco may have made an ever greater impact in another capacity. In 1964, Father Joyce asked DeCicco to start an academic advising program for athletes. This program soon became the model for all NCAA colleges. DeCicco initiated the tutoring, class monitoring and degree progress components of the program which are still the bedrock of the Academic Services for Student-Athletes Program. DeCicco retired after the 1995 season, turning the program over to his assistant, Yves Auriol. Auriol had led the women to a winning percentage in excess of 95 percent before also taking over the men's team.

After four years at the helm, Auriol has won more than 93 percent of his matches with the men's team and a combined record for the men's and women's team greater than 94 percent. With a couple more seasons like this year's 22-1 record,

Auriol will continue the tradition of men's coaches winning a greater percentage of their matches than their predecessors — quite an accomplishment, when the bar was set so high in the beginning! This weekend, the Irish will be in Waltham, Massachusetts on the campus of Brandeis University for the NCAA tournament. Men's and women's individual scores are combined for the NCAA tournament.

Notre Dame has qualified the maximum of ten fencers. According to Brian Boulac, assistant athletic director with oversight of the fencing program, the Irish will be a strong contender, along with Stanford, Princeton, St. John's and Pennsylvania to challenge defending (and perennial) champion Penn State for the NCAA title. Penn State administered the only Irish defeat this year, 14-13, on the first weekend of competition. The Nittany Lions defeated the Irish in the NCAA's last year by the barest of margins (149-147). The Irish women fended strong, outdistancing all the women's teams. Notre Dame lost because of a sub-par performance in men's foil.

The Irish men will be led by defending National Champion and three time All-American, Luke LaValle (sabre). Luke may find his toughest competition from teammate Gabor Szelle, a freshman from Budapest, Hungary. Szelle is ranked No. 1 among sabreman in the Midwest. The women will be led by returning All-Americans Sara Walsh (first team all three years, in foil); Myriah Brown (second team all three years in foil); Nicole Mustilli (first team in epee); and Magda Krol (second team in epee). Krol was 1997 national champion.

This is the first time the NCAA tournament has been held at the Boston Celtics basketball practice facility since 1994, when the Irish Swashbucklers won.

Cappy Gagnon, '66, is the Coordinator for Stadium Personnel.

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■ DOONESBURY

GARRY TRUDEAU



■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

'There is strong shadow where there is much light.'

— Goethe

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■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Phil Donahue Responds to Board of Trustees

Kindly allow me a minute of this busy day to urge you to call upon your fellow trustees to reverse the decision to exclude sexual orientation in Notre Dame's non-discrimination clause. To do so would place Notre Dame squarely in line with the Faculty Senate, the Academic Council, our own student body and other respected Catholic Universities which have reached out to all their students, alumni and faculty. These fine schools, including Georgetown University, St. Louis University, University of San Francisco, Boston College, DePaul University, Loyola University of Chicago, St. Thomas University, Fordham Law School, St. Edwards University in Austin and others, have adopted a pledge not to discriminate against gay and lesbian members of their University family as well as those who seek employment, whether for janitorial openings or professorships. They have done so without controversy and with no change in the Catholicity of their schools.

Moreover, many of our Notre Dame Trustees preside over businesses that have placed in writing their corporate promise not to discriminate because of sexual orientation. Notre Dame should do no less.

While it is certainly true that no one at Notre Dame harbors any ill will toward homosexual people, our University must take responsibility for the environment which this action creates. If Notre Dame refuses even to allow gay students to meet, form a club, or advertise in campus publications, why should anybody respect gay people?

Putting it in a more painful way, Notre Dame cannot mourn the death of Wyoming's Matthew Shephard (who was tied to a fence and beaten to death because he was gay) and at the same time refuse to grant gay Domers access to all the rights and privileges of membership in our remarkable world-wide family.

Notre Dame's bias treatment of gays unintentionally nourishes homophobia, makes it easier for Senator Trent Lott to liken gayness to kleptomania, and opens the door to the kind of hate crimes that are now on the increase: The body of a gay man was recently discovered atop a pile of burning tires in Alabama.

St. Louis University, in writing, explains its non-discrimination clause as a commitment that is mandated by our Christian values and beliefs:

"St. Louis University prohibits discrimination based on race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, disability, or veteran status. In addition, based on our Catholic values and tradition, we are committed to protecting the dignity of each person and therefore extend our non-discrimination policy to include sexual orientation. All University policies, practices, and procedures are administered in a manner consistent with our Catholic Jesuit identity."

Please join me and the thousands of other Irish faithful who long for our Alma Mater to go on record pledging never to separate anyone from our University family. To state the obvious, we are all God's children, entitled to equal access to all the freedoms and all the joys of full participation in the life of the University of Our Lady, Notre Dame.

Phil Donahue '57
March 12, 1999

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■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Ashe Off the Mark in Affirmative Action Letter

In a letter to the Editor titled "End Affirmative Action" on Feb. 18th, Leah Ashe argues that America should do away with affirmative action because "it denies opportunities to those in the 'majority'" and "it wrongfully suggests that minorities are unable to succeed without outside assistance."

Nowhere in the letter does Ms. Ashe mention why affirmative action programs are implemented or how they were intended to be used. Instead she cites personal examples of how her father and uncle were not immediately awarded jobs and offers an example of a hypothetical situation in which she says she would prefer to have the most physically imposing (best) cop come to her aid during a mugging as reasons for ending a program that attempts to give an opportunities to groups of people who have historically been denied these opportunities.

Affirmative action programs are an outgrowth and continuation of a national effort to remedy subjugation of racial and ethnic minorities and of women. For much of this century, and as late as the late 1960s and early 1970s, Hispanic and African Americans were still segregated, for the most part, into low wage jobs. Whole industries and categories of employment were, in effect, all-white and all-male. In thousands of towns and cities police departments and fire departments remained all white and male. Thus, private and public institutions alike too often seemed impervious to the winds of change, remaining all-white or all-male long after court decisions or statutes formally ended discrimination.

As a result, both the courts and Republican and Democratic administrations turned to race- and gender-conscious remedies as a way to end entrenched discrimination. Remedies that were developed after periods of experimentation had shown that other means too often failed to correct the problems. A quick reading of employment statistics before affirmative actions will show the obvious discrimination, and even with affirmative action, minorities and women are still grossly under-represented in many employment categories. Is Ms. Ashe suggesting that we go back to the hiring procedures before affirmative action or does she really believe that those discriminatory practices no longer exists?

In the example about her father, Ms. Ashe said that in the mid-70s he was denied a position as a firefighter in Buffalo, NY, despite scoring high on an merit-based, objective employment test. He placed 36th out of thousands of applicants, but some minority who had the 300th best score out of thousands got the job. Now 300 out of 2000 is 15 percent, and she said that there were thousands of applicants which means the 300th-ranked person has an even better position. No, 300 is not better than the 36th best score, but do

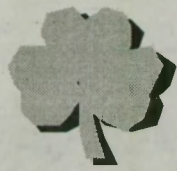
we really know how close the 36th score is to the 300th when there are thousands of applicants?

Affirmative action was intended to help qualified minorities. So, the question now becomes how we define qualified. In the case of a police officer or firefighter, we need to know whether or not that person can fulfill the duties and obligations of the position. Either you are qualified to do the job or you're not. Once those qualified applicants are found, then further criteria should be considered to distinguish them. If the history and the make-up of that force is mostly white then, yes, a minority candidate should be more strongly considered. I don't know the racial history of the police and firefighter forces in Buffalo, but I don't think I would be reaching if I said that it is disproportionately white and male. When police shoot an unarmed black man 41 times in NY and open fire on a teenage girl in California, we definitely need to ensure that these police forces open up opportunities to minorities. When black motorists are disproportionately stopped and checked on our highways, then there is something stereotypical about the thinking and policies of our current police forces. When it takes longer for police to respond to certain neighborhoods ...

I know Leah Ashe from a freshman engineering class for which I was a TA, and I remember her as being bright, energetic, prepared and curious. The class was far more rewarding to have Leah in it. I am a black American graduate student, and I don't doubt that I am here because Notre Dame made a conscious effort to admit a qualified black student into their graduate program. For this I am grateful. I am not concerned whether people think I was admitted solely on race or not, and I would much rather that people worried about how I got in than deal with the frustration of not being admitted to a place for which I am qualified. I'm not sure how many other minority TAs or professors that Ms. Ashe has had (I do know that there was not one black student out of the 50 in my classes), but if Notre Dame had admitted another white graduate student in my place, then there would be no African American graduate students in the computer science department here, and I would have never had the pleasure of being Leah's TA.

Race should not be the primary factor when considering employment or college admissions, but rather a consideration, just like test scores and extra-curricular activities.

Juacain Butler
Graduate Student
March 4, 1999



Go Irish, Celebrate

By JULIA GILLESPIE
Assistant Scene Editor

The feast day of Saint Patrick is traditionally associated with hope, joy and their offspring. Historically, "As the sturgeon or salmon swims exactly in midstream, so does St. Patrick's Day fall exactly in mid-spring."

Though the holiday of St. Patrick's Day originated as a feast day for the patron saint of Ireland, it has evolved into a holiday for people of all religions and ethnic backgrounds to unite and celebrate as one.

Students at Notre Dame look forward to this as an opportunity to share good times with friends and classmates shortly after spring break. Campus clubs organize activities to commemorate this feast day, while other students plan parties to share the spirit of the holiday.

Many students drink green beverages in recognition of St. Patrick. Fortunately, St. Patrick did not disapprove of drinking these beverages. Although he frowned on excess, he had a brewery in his own home. St. Bridget was also noted for the excellence of her beverages.

Other traditions associated with St. Patrick include the wearing of green ribbons and shamrocks.

St. Patrick's Day is observed quite differently in Ireland than in America. The Irish observe the holiday in such a way that all of the churches fill to capacity. Voices echo the countryside singing "Hail Glorious St. Patrick."

The words include, "All praise to St. Patrick/Who brought to our mountains/The gift of God's faith/The sweet light of his love!"

Irish families traditionally celebrate the holiday with the man of the household blessing his wife and children while he makes the sign of the cross with a charred stick.

Parades also commemorate the greatness of St. Patrick in Ireland just as they do in America. In fact, Irish-Americans may have been the founders of this tradition in the United States.

Some argue that the earliest St. Patrick's Day in Ireland was over 150 years ago. Men wore green, bore shamrocks and marched to the beat of a drum. The Irish-Catholic Temperance Society was well represented at the earlier parades, but their presence faded in later years.

Today, families still march together with their small children. They rejoice in their land and the history of their people. Some families march with their family crest to display their pride. Politicians of different ethnic and religious backgrounds march in St. Patrick's Day parades (think Boston) to gain civic recognition.

Other cities, such as Chicago, display their spirit on St. Patrick's Day by dyeing their rivers green.

St. Patrick's Day also recognizes the achievements of the man, St. Patrick. He allegedly sent his pastoral staff on a pilgrimage from Germany to Rome. They stopped at a house on an island in the Tyrrhenian Sea during this journey where a married couple with aged children and grandchildren resided.

Jesus supposedly blessed St. Patrick's followers with His staff and graced them with youthfulness. He then made them promise to give the staff to St. Patrick when he stopped by their residence in Rome.

At age 60, St. Patrick received this staff and the message to "go and preach in the land of the Gael." The staff is still preserved today. St. Patrick discusses the obstacles he confronted with the Irish people in his "Confessions."

At first, the clergy and educated people of

Ireland did not accept him. Bishops condemned him as an outsider and a foreigner, even though he embraced the Irish culture.

St. Patrick struggled to gain an understanding of the Irish language. Unfortunately for him, the Irish are often lauded for their literature and clever proverbs. Some Irish expressions have gained universal acceptance, such as, "The last straw broke the horse's back" and "Be nice to them on the way up — you might meet them all on the way down." Other witty proverbs include, "Never let your right hand know what your left hand is doing" and "A friend's eye is the best mirror."

St. Patrick intensely studied the various elements of the Irish language and history for the seven years that he spent as a slave in Ireland. Fortunately, the clergy eventually accepted him.

Since then, St. Patrick contributed a great deal to the Irish folklore. He is especially remembered for his miracles. Legends say that he defeated witches and transformed their dwellings into monasteries like the Rock of the Candle. Other stories say that Christ revealed the island of Purgatory to St. Patrick.

St. Patrick also had an impact on the manner in which the Irish people practiced Roman Catholicism. He distinguished it from the Christianity that other groups observed because of the cheerful nature of Celtic mythology and its dogmas.

There are clearly several facets of Irish and Roman Catholic history that account for the celebration of the feast day of St. Patrick. Please remember tomorrow — the importance of this holiday comes not only from the rich heritage of a proud people, but also from the many other Americans of different ethnic backgrounds who simply decide to enjoy this day of fun and celebration regardless of whether or not they are wearing green.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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■ Scene Cooks A Holiday Meal

Eat it! St. Patrick's Day is like any other day — people must eat to stay healthy. But since it is a special holiday, why not eat some special food? Try this recipe for Corned Beef and Cabbage Casserole:

Ingredients:

2 cups mashed potatoes
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
2 cups finely chopped cabbage
1-1/2 cups finely chopped cooked corned beef
2 cup shredded pasteurized process cheese food
1/2 cup shredded carrot
1/4 cup chopped onion
1 teaspoon caraway seed (optional)

Directions:

Mix potatoes and parsley; spoon into two-quart casserole
Mix remaining ingredients; spoon over potato mixture
Bake at 350°F for 35 to 40 minutes or until thoroughly heated.

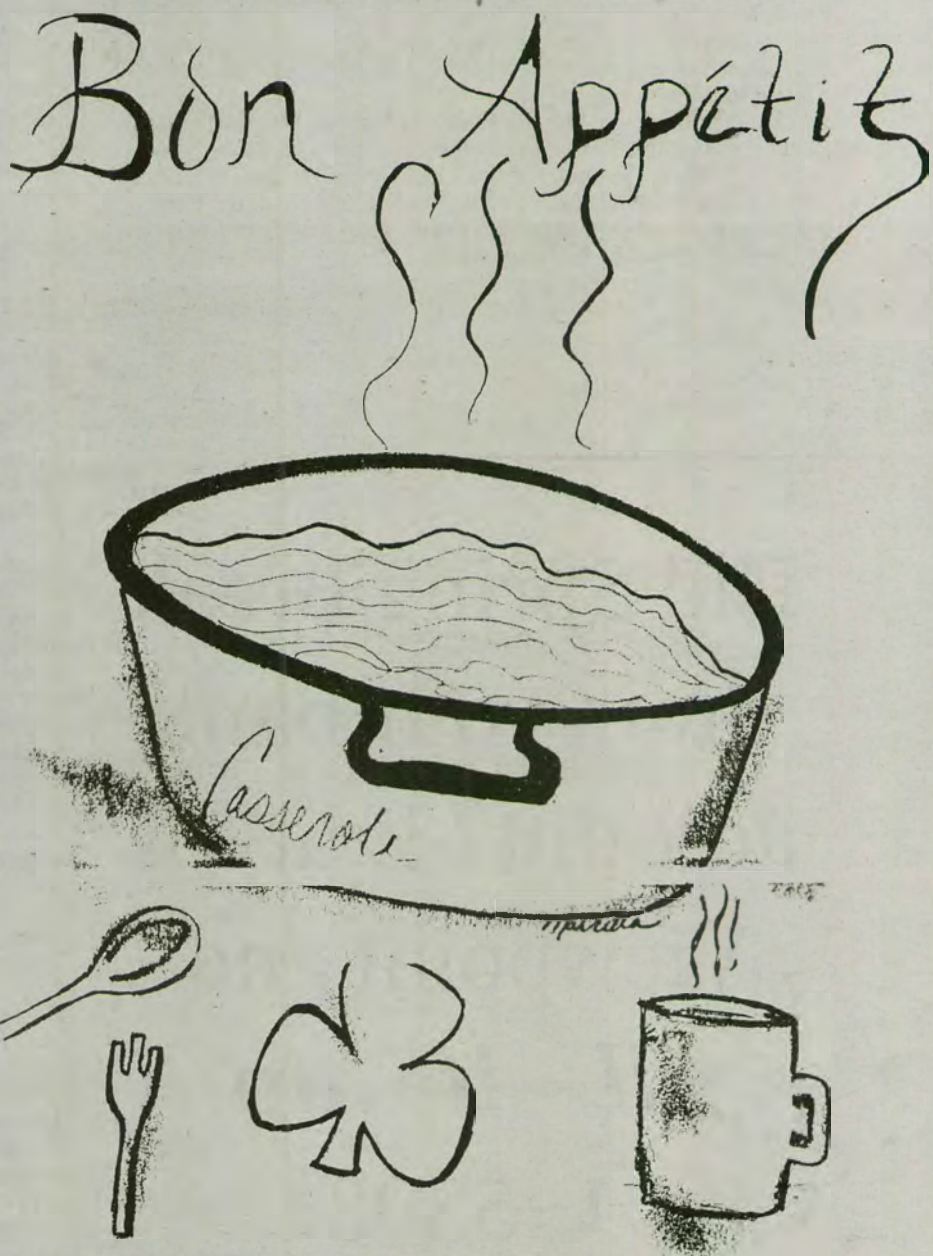
Microwave Directions:

Mix potatoes and parsley; spoon into two-quart microwavable casserole
Mix remaining ingredients; spoon over potatoes
Microwave on HIGH 8 to 12 minutes or until thoroughly heated

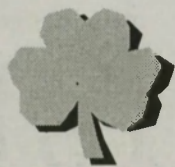
Let stand five minutes before serving. Serves six. Enjoy!

Recipe courtesy of Kraft

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day Tomorrow!



St. Patrick!!



■ Scene Through Our Eyes

A KILLER GREEN

By MICHAEL VANEGAS
Scene Editor

As a kid, St. Patrick's Day was about one thing, and one thing alone. This one thing infiltrated every facet of every March 17. Of course, this one thing is the color green.

Symbolically, the color green is envy. I guess I always envied those people who could get into the holiday so much that Christmas looked like Arbor Day (I apologize to those Arbor Day fanatics). There were the cookies, the leprechaun outfits, the parties and the shamrocks.

Okay, so maybe I didn't envy those people. Perhaps I almost despised them. Come on! It's just a little springtime holiday. Why should it be so meaningful?

Wait. I know the answer. It's the whole pinching thing. When someone is caught not wearing anything green, they are left unprotected to the great pinching punishment. To forget the green shirt on St. Patrick's Day is to ask for pain. But it's not just a physical pain. It's emotional as well.

I remember when I was in elementary school. It was a beautiful day, and my mum woke me up to get ready for school and eat breakfast. It seemed like an ordinary day. Unfortunately, I kept thinking it was an ordinary day.

So I went to school — with my black backpack, blue jeans, white basketball shoes, white socks, black hair, brown skin, brown eyes, clear fingernails, white undershirt and gray t-shirt. I walked around the playground with my usual dreary face, even though I thought it was going to be a pretty good day.

But things seemed immediately different. The playground was nothing but a sea of green little brats running around. I thought I was lost in a big bucket of green stuff. I didn't know what kind of green stuff — just that it was green and it was stuff.

I was scared. I realized why that green stuff was there. It was St. Patrick's Day.

So all of my supposed friends attacked me. I was pinched all over. I was pinched in places where one would never want to be pinched. It hurt a lot. It hurt way too much.

It didn't really kill me, as the title to this column implies. But it did affect my outlook on life. No longer do I go outside of my room or house without green on my body. In case you were curious, I even got a tattoo of a shamrock in one of those places where I shouldn't have been pinched. Isn't that cool?

So beware tomorrow. We are giving you warning now, so that you may not make a grave mistake as you dress tomorrow. Remember the green.

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■ TRACK AND FIELD

Indoor championships crown five Irish All-Americans

By KEVIN THOMPSON
Sports Writer

Last weekend when most students were soaking up the rays in Cancun, the Notre Dame men's and women's track and field squads were bearing down for the 1999 NCAA Indoor Championships in Indianapolis, Ind.

The women finished in 32nd place and the men in 33rd. The Longhorns of Texas were the toast of Indianapolis, placing first.

As a result of last weekend's

formidable performance Notre Dame boasts five track and field All-Americans. The USTCA presents the honor to the top eight United States citizens in each event.

Seniors Mike Brown and Antonio Arce were named All-Americans in the pole vault and mile events respectively. Juniors Joanna Deeter, Jennifer Engelhardt and Marshaun West were recognized for performances in the 5,000 meters, high jump and long jump.

Brown competed in his first-

ever Indoor championships. The senior finished tied for sixth overall clearing a 17-foot 10-inch bar. The jump made Brown the Notre Dame record holder in the pole vault. Brown was bested by a first place vault by Texas' Jacob Davis of 19 feet 2 1/4 inches.

Senior Antonio Arce was also making his Indoor Championship debut in Indianapolis. The cross-country star posted a time of 4:13.32, good enough for sixth place. Earlier in his heat, Arce ran to a 4:04.14 finish.

Also on the men's side, sprinting sensation West scored high marks at the Championships. West, who had qualified for both the 200 meters and the long jump, decided to concentrate on the long jump. In a satisfying display, West leaped to a seventh place finish boosting the men's standings.

For the women, Deeter put on a spectacular performance with a time of 16:10.16 in the 5,000 meters. She now holds the Notre Dame record.

Engelhardt made a return to

nationalists to post a thirteenth in the high jump with a mark of 5-feet 8-inches. In 1997, Engelhardt, as a freshman, placed ninth with a jump of 5-feet 8-inches to receive All-American honors the first time. Erin Aldrich of Texas won the event with a jump of 6-feet 3-inches.

Five All-America honorees are the most from Notre Dame since 1997. That year seven Irish indoor tracksters were honored including Allen Rossum, Jason Rexing and this year's standout Engelhardt.

■ NBA

Rodman leaves Lakers for personal reasons

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Dennis Rodman remained on an excused, paid leave of absence from the Los Angeles Lakers on Monday.

A source close to Rodman said he wasn't sure when the seven-time NBA rebounding champion would return to the team.

"I don't know. I can't address that," the source, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press on Monday night. "He has some personal things he needs to deal with. He's addressing his problems and looks forward to returning and contributing to the team."

When asked about a report that Rodman was seen gambling in Las Vegas on Sunday night, the source would only say, "He spent some time out of town. He's back in the Los Angeles area."

The Lakers confirmed Sunday that Rodman missed practice the day before, and didn't travel with the team to Sacramento for Sunday night's game against the Kings — the opener of a six-game road trip in nine days.

Meanwhile, ESPN reported Rodman was spotted playing blackjack at Caesars Palace on Sunday night.

Citing privacy regulations, Phil Cooper, vice president of public relations for Caesars Palace, said the hotel doesn't reveal customer names.

Rodman wasn't registered at the hotel early Monday afternoon. However, when the woman answering the phone at the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel was asked if Rodman was registered there, she replied, "All I'm showing is the reservation was canceled." It's known that Rodman has been a guest previously at that hotel.

"There is nothing new today," said Tom Savage, assistant director of public relations for the Lakers. "He's on an excused leave of absence and he's being paid. [The leave] is indefinite. He told us he had some personal, non-basketball issues he needed to handle."

Savage said Lakers executives Jerry West and Mitch Kupchak would not comment on the matter.

The source said the Lakers have been "real supportive," and Rodman was "very happy" with the team.

"His absence has nothing to do with what's going on with the Lakers," the source said. "There are a lot of different rumors about different problems he might be addressing. However, I think it could be hurtful to speculate on them."

"It's important he addresses them privately. He's trying to wrestle with them and go on. Dennis does love to entertain. But right now, he needs some privacy."

Lakers coach Kurt Rambis said Rodman informed him he would return to the team at some point. Rodman continues to earn his \$12,195 per-game salary.

The Lakers, 9-0 when Rodman has played and 6-7 when he hasn't, lost at Sacramento 105-101 to snap their 10-game winning streak. They return to action Tuesday night at Minnesota.

Rodman joined the Lakers last month after some three weeks of uncertainty, and is averaging 10.3 rebounds per game.

Nets can Calipari after 3-17 start

Associated Press

John Calipari was fired today as coach of the New Jersey Nets, a once-promising team that quickly became one of the NBA's worst this season.

The Nets, who traded for star guard Stephon Marbury four days ago, have lost seven straight games to fall to 3-17. Only the Los Angeles Clippers (1-19) have a worse record.

The dismissal had been expected ever since Calipari met with team owners Finn Wentworth and Lewis Katz on Sunday after a 102-76 loss in Miami. Calipari didn't accompany the team to Toronto but traveled there separately Monday and met briefly with the players.

"I haven't really dealt with what I feel," said Calipari, who also was fired as team vice president. "I wish I had the opportunity to finish the contract."

"If you're with a good group of guys, it's the best thing in the world. But if you're with a few that are bad, it can be misery," he added, without specifying the "bad" players.

Calipari, in his third season with the Nets, had two years and \$6 million remaining on his five-year, \$15 million contract. He was offered a consulting job with the team.

The Nets also fired assistant coaches Johnny Davis, Kenny Gattison and Jack Haley.

Nets assistant Don Casey will take over as interim coach, with his first game Tuesday night against the Raptors. He was the head coach of the Clippers during the 1988-89 season and has spent the last three seasons as Calipari's top assistant.

"It's tough," Casey said. "Cal brought me in from Boston, he worked very hard with high

energy and it just didn't work out."

A protege of Boston Celtics coach Rick Pitino, Calipari had been given power to change the Nets from a laughingstock into a winner, and made some progress. But the Nets never rediscovered the chemistry that made them one of the most exciting young teams in the league last season, although injuries hurt this year.

The problems began on opening night when point guard Sam Cassell severely sprained his ankle. He missed all but two games after that and the Nets' offense sputtered with Eric Murdock and later Doug Overton at the point. All-Star center Jayson Williams has played with a broken nose and a hand injury.

New Jersey made the playoffs for the first time since 1994 last season. Although the Nets were swept by title-bound Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls, they played well.

"I'm proud that this organization is now thought of as a legitimate organization that it's very close to being big-time," Calipari said. "In two and half years, look where it is. Four or five years ago no one wanted to stay here and no one wanted to come here."

"Now you've got an organization that's primed and set to have success, and if it's not with me, I'm okay with that. I don't own the team. I accept that. But I think in the end we changed the losing culture."

With Jordan's retirement, the Nets were seen as a potential successor as Eastern Conference champions. They featured an up-tempo style anchored by Keith Van Horn, Williams, shooting guard Kerry Kittles and Cassell, who was traded in the Marbury deal.

Marbury was expected to lift the sagging team. He made a strong debut Sunday with 21 points and five assists, but it was not nearly enough.

"We should look in the mirror and see what we can do," Kittles said. "This is a new start."

Newspapers reported Monday the Nets were courting former Chicago Bulls coach Phil Jackson to coach the team. Todd Musburger, Jackson's agent, has said he did not know if Jackson was leaning toward returning to coaching next season, as he has said in the past, or sooner.

Calipari, who helped turn Massachusetts into a national power as a college coach, was hired by the Nets on June 7, 1996, taking over one of the league's worst teams. The Nets had gone 30-52 the previous two seasons under Butch Beard.

In two-plus seasons as Nets coach, Calipari had a record of 72-112. After a 26-56 record in his first season, he guided the Nets to a 43-39 record last year.

"If this is the worse thing to happen to me and my family in our lifetime, I have been a very very blessed man," Calipari said. "I came in as a college coach and was given authority to turn around an organization, to build a team that we wanted on the floor. In short order we got to the playoffs and it looked like things were going to be bright, we hit a big bump in the road and could not overcome it, and I'm disappointed in that."

A low point came in his first year, when he was fined \$25,000 — the largest fine ever levied against a coach by the league — for calling reporter Dan Garcia of The Star-Ledger of Newark a "Mexican idiot" during a heated argument after a practice.

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■ MEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame laxerates Denver and Air Force

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

The men's lacrosse team had a successful spring break, as it won all three games in which it played, to improve to 3-1 on the season. The 19th-ranked Irish lived up to their high expectations in victories over Denver, Air Force and Villanova.

The Irish faced rare back-to-

back games two weekends ago at home to begin the break. They fell behind against Denver 2-0 within the first four minutes of Friday's contest, but came back to post an 8-5 lead at the half.

After halftime, the defense shined and dominated the third quarter, holding Denver scoreless for over 20 minutes. The Irish scored seven unanswered goals to begin the half and never looked back in the 17-9 victory.

The 17 goals scored was the highest total by an Irish team since 1997 when the Irish scored 20 against Ohio State.

Tom Glatzel spearheaded the Irish attack with a career-high five goals and two assists, while Todd Ulrich scored two goals along with three assists. Ulrich's twin brother David added a goal and four assists. Goalkeeper Kirk Howell made his second career start and played solid, allowing six goals to go with seven saves.

Defense was the name of the game for the Irish in Sunday's victory over Air Force. The Falcons scored their last goal of the game with 1:29 remaining in the first quarter in a 16-2 Irish win. Glatzel and David Ulrich continued their strong play with three goals and two goals, respectively. Brad Owen chipped in with three goals for the victors. For his stellar weekend performance of eight goals and two assists, Glatzel was named co-player of the week in the Great Western Lacrosse League.

Assistant coach Jim Finlay was pleased with his team's perfor-

mance.

"That was a great weekend. I don't think Air Force was as strong as usual but I think that Denver is a better team than usual. They've got a new coach and some good players," he said. "Both of them were great wins for us because I thought we got better each game."

After an intense week of practice, the team headed to Pennsylvania this past Saturday to take on Villanova. The teams were separated by a close two-goal margin at 9-7 in the fourth quarter, before the Irish stormed ahead with three goals by Chris Dusseau, Glatzel and John Fandina. As has been the case all season, Glatzel led the Irish with a hat trick. Dusseau added three goals, while David Ulrich had five assists for the second straight game. Howell made seven saves in the 14-10 victory.

Despite the victory, Finlay thought his team struggled against the Wildcats. "We felt as though we didn't play as well as we thought we could have. We still came away with a win and we're pretty happy about that," said Finlay.

The series of victories over the break showed the Irish's reliance on their younger players to contribute early in their careers. Glatzel, the Ulrich twins, defenseman Mike Adams and midfielder Steve Bishko form a strong nucleus of sophomores who will lead the Irish for the next three years. These five players combine with a solid freshman class to make the future look bright for ND lacrosse.

Finlay had nothing but praise for his group of younger players.

"In each game they get more experience and they're going to get stronger each time they go out," he said. "We knew last year when we played a lot of young guys that we were building for the future and I think that's already starting to take place."

The road doesn't get any easier for the Irish coming up, beginning with a game against top ranked Loyola (Md.) on Saturday. Coming into the season, nine of the 13 opponents on the schedule were ranked above Notre Dame. According to Finlay, instead of being scared of the schedule, the Irish have jumped at the challenge to make a name for themselves.

"That's not something we're afraid of, it's something we lick our chops at. Every game is an important game and we have the ability to knock somebody off and climb in the rankings," said Finlay. "We're going one game at a time and trying to be better than the last time we went out."

Loyola is coming off an impressive 15-5 victory over perennial powerhouse Johns Hopkins which catapulted them to the top of the national rankings. Saturday's match-up renews a big rivalry and serves as a chance to show that the Irish are national contenders.

"It's always a great rivalry with Loyola. I think the guys are fired up to play them and prove that Notre Dame is a solid Division I program," said Finlay. "We've got a lot of young guys playing right now but also a lot of young guys who can get the job done. I'm sure there'll be a great crowd there. We're very excited."

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■ WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Lady laxers are victorious in VA

By GENE BRTALIK
Sports Writer

By encouraging her team to use fundamentals, Coach Tracy Coyne was able to inspire the women's lacrosse team to two come-from-behind victories over Boston College and Richmond.

The more exciting game was the second one against the Spiders of Richmond in which the Irish (2-0) needed double overtime to pull out the victory. The team jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first half but fell behind by the score of 9-5 early in the third quarter.

The Irish responded to the adversity by slowing the game down and taking control.

Lael O'Shaughnessy's fifth goal of the game and 10th of the season put Notre Dame in front by a score of 12-11 with less than 30 seconds to play. Coach Coyne stressed that the team had to win the draw, but unfortunately Richmond won the draw, ran down the field and put it past Carrie Marshall to tie the game and force overtime.

The teams traded goals in the first overtime period and moved on to the sudden death overtime. In the second overtime, the Spiders controlled the draw and worked the ball around the offensive area until pressure by Kerry Callahan forced a Richmond player to make a bad pass that was picked up by Megan Schmitt.

Schmitt passed the ball to Marshall who started the ball down the sidelines. A Courtney Calabrese shot went wide but Callahan picked it up. As she was checked, she passed the ball to Alissa Moser who found the back of the net and gave the Irish their first overtime victory.

Three days earlier the team traveled to Fairfax, Va., and played Boston College in the season opener.

The Irish came out sluggish early into the game, falling behind by the score of 4-2. The Irish rallied though and headed into halftime with 6-6 tie.

The second half was all Irish as they outscored the Eagles 7-3. The key to the second half was that the team settled into its game and controlled the tempo.

O'Shaughnessy led the Irish with five goals, her last one putting the Irish up 10-7, while Callahan chipped in with two goals and five assists.

"This was a huge win for us," said Coyne "Once we got over our nervous tendencies we settled down and our defense came up big."

According to Coyne, a main reason for the team's success in its first two games was its participation in two preseason tournaments.

In those tournaments, teams played highly competitive mini-games. One of the perks of the William and Mary tournament is that coaches could choose

who they wanted to play against, and some of those highly competitive teams were choosing to play Notre Dame in scrimmages.

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On Wednesday the team travels to Gannon looking to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an Irish victory.

■ GOLF

Golfers enjoy spring success

Kent leads men, Cooper sets pace for women over break

By GENE BRTALIK
Sports Writer

While most students relaxed during spring break, members of the Notre Dame men's and women's golf teams drove balls down the fairways in hopes of garnering some awards for the Irish.

Last weekend, the men's team captured eighth place with a 599 in the Golden Ocala Invitational. The 18-team, 54-hole event was reduced to 36 holes after Sunday's session was rained out. Notre Dame still went on to beat Rollins College by three strokes and Ohio University by one stroke.

Leading the way for the Irish was senior Willie Kent who shot a 6-under-138 to capture first place. Kent's under-par round was the first for the Irish since teammate Jeff Connell's

last spring. Kent shot a 5-under-67 the first day, the best round by an Irish golfer since 1963.

While Kent led the way, his teammates supported him with their solid play. Co-captains Brad Hardin and Todd Vernon shot matching 153's while Connell added a 157 and Steve Ratay contributed with rounds of 77 and 81 for a 158.

Kent's win at the Golden Ocala marks his second event win this school year; he tied for first at the Iowa Intercollegiate in the fall with a 3-over-216. He joins with Pat Mohan and Chris Dayton as the only golfers to finish first into two events during the same academic year.

While Kent and his teammates tore up the course, their female counterparts were in Tampa for the 23-team

Northern Illinois Snowbird Intercollegiate last week. The team rebounded from a rough opening first day and moved up two spots to finish in 13th place with a total of 657 — four strokes behind Kent University.

Junior Beth Cooper matched her second best 36-hole score with rounds of 76 and 85 for a total of 161. She was followed by teammates Andrea Klee (162), Mary Klein (165), Danielle Villarosa (171) and Becca Schloss (179).

The team also had impressive outings from Brigid Fisher (162), Shane Smith (165) and Kristin McMurtrie (167), who all participated in the tournament as individuals.

The team appeared to still be struggling after their previous effort at the Midwest Classic where they finished 12th out of 13 teams for day one's play.

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■ HOCKEY

Notre Dame falls on home ice in CCHA quarterfinals

By TED BASSANI
Sports Writer

Throughout this past season, Notre Dame hockey had one main goal: To earn a home ice advantage for the first round of the CCHA playoffs.

To achieve that goal, the Irish needed a win in the regular season finale, as well as a Northern Michigan tie or loss. Notre Dame's 4-2 win over the Miami Red Hawks, coupled with Northern Michigan's 5-2 loss to Michigan, gave head coach Dave Poulin and his team the school's first home ice berth since 1982.

Following a season in which

the team lost just once at home, it seemed inevitable that the Irish would make their first appearance at the CCHA semifinals in Joe Louis Arena since 1982. All Notre Dame needed to advance in the playoffs was to win two out of three games against fifth-seeded Northern Michigan, a team the Irish had not lost to since the Wildcats rejoined the CCHA in 1997.

But Notre Dame's playoff dreams went up in smoke as the Wildcats managed to overcome a 1-0 series deficit by taking the final two games on Joyce Center ice.

In the first game, Notre Dame came out flying early as sopho-

more Dan Carlson's first goal in 15 games gave his team an early lead. After stealing the puck at the Notre Dame blue line, Carlson streaked down the right wing boards past an NMU defenseman and into the offensive zone. Carlson beat Wildcat goaltender Dan Ragusett one-on-one by going five-hole to give the Irish the lead just 1:19 into the contest.

After Carlson's goal, Notre Dame kept the pressure on. Following a turnover at center ice, Irish captain Brian Urlick managed to split NMU's defense at their blue line and beat Ragusett with a high backhand to give Notre Dame a 2-0

first period lead.

Eventually the Wildcats responded. NMU managed to tie the score with a first-period goal by Brad Frattaroli and a shorthanded goal by Tyson Holly at the end of the second period.

Following a tense third period, Notre Dame's leaders came through in the clutch to pull out the win for the Irish. With just over two and a half minutes to go in the game, Urlick sent a pass to sophomore Chad Chipchase for a quick one-timer from the left wing. When Chipchase's shot rebounded to the right, Ben Simon was there to score the game-winning goal.

In the waning seconds, Irish goaltender Forrest Karr preserved the win with an acrobatic pad save to rob NMU center Brad Frattaroli of a potential tying goal.

After the game one win, the Irish stood just one home win away from the CCHA semifinals, but the Irish came out with their worst effort on home ice all season.

"We weren't very good tonight at all, in every single aspect of the game," Dave Poulin said about his team's 7-1 game two loss, the worst home loss of his four-year tenure as head coach.

The game began on a sour note, as the Irish committed the first of many turnovers in the defensive zone. Just 13 seconds into the game, Wildcat sniper J.P. Vigier pounced on the loose puck in the right circle and beat Forrest Karr with a high slap shot.

The Irish entered the second period down by two goals, but things looked as if they might begin to turn around. Early in the second period, Notre Dame forced a turnover in the offensive zone, and Ben Simon converted sophomore Jay Kopischke's pass into a goal, cutting the deficit to one.

The Irish controlled the game for the next few minutes, but were unable to tie the game when Brett Henning's shot banged off the post to keep Northern ahead by a goal.

From that point on, the game unraveled before Notre Dame's eyes, as Buddy Smith's power

play goal midway through the second period turned the tide. What ensued was a four-goal onslaught and an embarrassing 7-1 defeat, forcing a third and deciding game.

"We had poor defensive zone coverage tonight," said senior Benoit Cotnoir. "Northern Michigan cycled well on us tonight and they made a lot of plays with guys getting second chances in front of the net that cost us the game."

As expected, the game three showdown began with both teams playing intense hockey in the defensive zone, and the game went scoreless through the first period.

Early in the third period, however, Northern used their distinct advantage in the faceoff circle to their advantage to open the scoring. After senior Brad Frattaroli won a draw in the Notre Dame zone, NMU defenseman Tyler Barabonoff got control of a rebound in the slot. He slid a pass to the right wing circle, which left wing Tyson Holly converted into the game's first goal.

The game entered the final period tied at one after Benoit Cotnoir scored Notre Dame's first and only power play goal of the series on a slap shot from the point.

Early on in the third, Sean Connolly and Brian Urlick each scored goals to make the score 2-2 with 14:23 to go.

Then, just as it had done in the opening minutes of game two, a defensive zone mistake by the Irish would lead to the game's deciding goal. Notre Dame's defense failed in an attempt to clear the puck around the boards. Wildcat freshman Chad Theuer found the puck behind the net. He then slid a pass in front to defenseman Tyler Barabonoff for his first goal of the season, the one that most likely will end Notre Dame's season; while Notre Dame could still score an at-large berth for the NCAA playoffs, it is very unlikely.

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■ SOFTBALL

Irish jump to fast start in break tournaments

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame softball team has survived the toughest stretch of their schedule.

After thirteen games in 10 days, the Irish come home with their best start in the last few years and look to build on their spring break performances.

"Overall I think we had a good trip," said head coach Liz Miller. "We played some excellent teams, and our offense was very good. Defensively we had some breakdowns and let games get away from us. Now we can come back and work on correcting those mistakes."

The Irish competed in two tournaments: The Hillenbrand Invitational held at the University of Arizona from March 5 to 7, and The National Invitational Softball Tournament in San Jose from the 12 to 14.

At the Hillenbrand Invitational, Notre Dame placed fourth with a 2-4 record. Both victories came against the University of Kansas. The first meeting was a 4-1 victory which gave sophomore pitcher Jennifer Sharron her fourth win.

The Irish and the Jayhawks went to ten innings in the second meeting. Freshmen short-stop Melanie Alkire hit two homeruns to give the Irish the 6-4 victory and Sharron

picked up her second win of the day.

They were unable, however, to defeat the host team. The Irish suffered two losses to second-ranked Arizona, including one in the semifinals. Their other two losses came at the hands of Texas Tech and LSU on the tourney's first day.

In San Jose, the Irish fared a little better with an overall 3-3 record. After dropping their first two games against UC-Santa Barbara and California, the Irish defeated North Carolina 2-1 Friday night.

On Saturday, Sharron and senior Angela Bessolo both fired complete-game one-hitters as the Irish defeated Northern Illinois 5-0 and North Carolina 2-0. Sharron struck-out a career high 13 batters in her victory against the Huskies.

The Irish dropped their consolation game against 20th ranked Nebraska 6-0. The loss, in which the Irish managed only six hits, moved their record to 12-10 on the season. It is their best start since the 1996 team started 14-10.

Many mistakes were a result of Notre Dame's inability to practice outside during February. Every team the Irish have faced have been practicing outside since the beginning of the season.

Coach Miller attributes most of the early season success to the

teams pitching and hitting. While Miller feels that the team gave up too many walks in the tournaments, she points to the quality of the pitchers and deep staff to be strengths for the team.

Offensively, the Irish have already doubled their home-run total from a year ago. Alkire, senior captain Kris McCleary and sophomore Lizzy Lemire have begun strong offensively. Miller

expects them to continue hitting the ball well.

The Irish will play five regional games before they begin the Big East season with an April 3 home opener against Pittsburgh.

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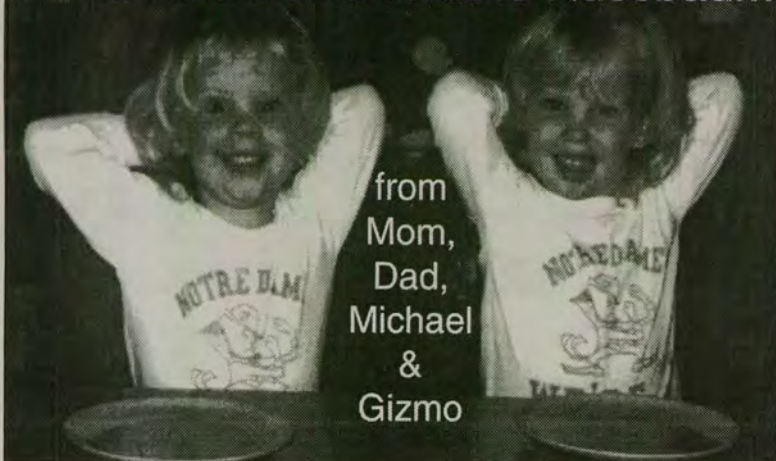
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■ BASEBALL

Irish capture 'classic' victory

By BILL HART
Associate Sports Editor

While most students spent their spring break getting away from the daily grind, members of the Notre Dame baseball team used the week to participate in the fifth annual Irish Baseball Classic, a cornerstone series of the squad's schedule.

Held in San Antonio, Texas, the tournament gave the team a chance to hone its skills before Big East competition. The Irish put the games to good use, winning four straight and taking the championship.

While Irish bats went on an offensive surge, pitching gave the team the decisive edge throughout the week.

In the opening 6-3 victory over Penn State on Wednesday, junior lefthander Tim Kalita matched a career high with 10 strikeouts in eight innings.

After both sides scored two runs each in the first, the Irish took an early lead after a one-out bunt single and stolen base by freshman centerfielder Steve Stanley. Rookie third baseman Andrew Bushey followed with a walk while a single by Alec Pozel brought Stanley home.

Notre Dame put the game away on a three-run sixth, which included a two-run double by junior leftfielder Jeff Felker and an opposite-field single by first baseman Matt Strickroth.

On Thursday, Notre Dame faced Creighton, who defeated the Irish 8-5 to claim the 1997 Classic. Aaron Heilman put on a tremendous show, tossing 11 strikeouts and posting the first

complete game of his career. But it was the offense that provided the drama, rallying for four runs in the eighth and one in the ninth to pick up the 5-4 victory.

Stanley started the offense once again in the eighth with a bunt single, followed by a single by Bushey and an attempted sacrifice bunt by Porzel down the third-base line. Creighton let the ball roll for a bases-loaded situation with no outs.

Junior shortstop Brant Ust then hit a double to center field to score two runs, followed by two successive sacrifice flies to tie the game. The Irish won it in the ninth on a single by Porzel.

Thank to Heilman's performance in the first game on Creighton, he was named tournament MVP. Four other players, Stanley, Porzel, Bushey and Kalita, joined him on the 13-player all-tournament team.

"I knew Creighton was a good team," Heilman said. "My mind-set going into the game was just to try to get the team to win and keep them close enough to rally when they did."

But the Creighton win was not the only rally of the week, as Notre Dame pulled a come-from-behind victory against St. Mary's (Texas) on Friday.

The game was scoreless through seven when the Irish scored three runs. The Rattlers tied the game with two runs in the seventh and one in the eighth, but righthander Drew Duff shut the visitors down to earn the first win of his career.

In the bottom of the inning, junior rightfielder Jeff Perconte drew a leadoff walk in the

eighth, then moved to second on a bunt by Stanley. Bushey advanced the runner with a groundout and Porzel drew a walk before Ust delivered a hit into right field, scoring Perconte.

The win led to a championship rematch Saturday against Creighton, who beat Penn State to advance to the title game. The Bluejays ran out of gas, however, falling 5-3 to give the Irish the victory.

The hosts got all the offense they needed in a three-run first inning, followed by one run in the second to put the game away. In the second, freshman Paul O'Toole hit a leadoff double to deep center field which sophomore rightfielder Ben Cooke followed by an attempted sacrifice bunt. Stanley then hit a groundout to score the eventual game-winner.

Creighton made things interesting with a one-out, bases-loaded situation in the top of the ninth. But the Bluejays were only able to get one run across before junior righthander John Corbin earned his second save of the season.

With the tournament, the Irish raise their winning streak to five games and improve their record to 9-6 on the season. The team will return to action on Saturday when they travel to Morgantown to start the Big East season with a three-game series against West Virginia.

"We've played some pretty tough games against some pretty tough teams, but we've managed to come together as a team and grow stronger. I think we're ready," Heilman said.

■ WOMEN'S TENNIS

ND serves up set of wins over break

By WES JACOBS
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's tennis team won two of three lopsided dual meets over spring break, beating Wake Forest 7-2 and Kansas 8-1, and losing to Arizona State 8-1. In the process, the Irish improved their overall record to nine wins and five losses, and upped the team's national ranking from No. 16 to No. 14.

"We feel good about the week. We had some really good wins," said All-American senior Jen Hall. "Beating Wake Forest was great, and so was Kansas, especially since we lost to them last year."

Despite the uneven complexion of the meets, a closer look would show that each of the three could have gone to either team.

Against No. 9 Wake Forest last Saturday, the score was three matches to two in favor of the Irish with one singles match left. New to the rotation was Kim Guy at No. 6 singles, and she had the pressure of maintaining the Notre Dame lead against Lea Miller before the doubles matches. After seeming poised to end the match, up five games to three in the third and final set, Guy nearly gave Miller the opportunity to tie everything up. Miller came back from 5-3 down, saved a match point at 5-4 and three more match points at 6-5 before Guy closed out the match for a 4-2 Notre Dame lead.

"Kim's match really gave us momentum. Things could have been much different going into the doubles tied at three, instead of being up 4-2," said Coach Jay Louderback.

Following her tense win, the Irish fed off the energy and swept the doubles matches, with Michelle Dasso and Hall clinching the win with an 8-3 win over Janet Bergman and Mariel Verban at No. 1 doubles. Becky Varnum and Marisa Velasco then rallied from 0-3 and 1-4 to beat Maren Haus and Caroline Ullring 8-5 at No. 2 doubles. Kelly Zalinski and Lindsey Green finished off the No. 9 Demon Deacons, beating Jackie Houston and Lea Miller at No. 3 doubles.

The last time Notre Dame beat a team ranked higher than ninth came in 1996 when the Irish edged fifth-ranked Texas 5-4.

Following the impressive win, Notre Dame traveled to sunny Arizona, where the team played in its first outdoors match of the year. The Irish struggled all day against a strong Sun Devil team. Following the frustrating 8-1 loss, players and coaches agreed that playing Arizona State indoors could have been a different story.

"Our first outdoor match is usually a tough one. Playing as good a team as Arizona

State only made it harder for us," said Louderback. "Soon, we'll have some more opportunities to play outside, to prepare us for Miami."

Miami is this year's site of the Big East Championships. If Notre Dame hopes to compete with the likes of Syracuse and Miami, the players will need to get used to the different conditions.

"Our whole team was down, and we just couldn't get in a groove. The combination of the sun and wind made it hard for us to adjust. It was really disappointing going down there for a week and not getting a win, but we'll just come back stronger," said freshman standout Varnum, who was the recipient of a 6-1, 6-1 drubbing by ASU's Kelly Giardino.

The Sun Devils won five of six singles and swept the doubles for the win. Hall won at No. 2 singles for the only point for the Irish. Hall beat Karin Palme 6-2, 6-2 at No. 2 singles for her second win of the year over Palme after also beating her at the Riviera All-American Championships in the fall.

Arizona State won four singles matches in straight sets, including an exciting win for 64th-ranked Allison Bradshaw, a 6-4, 7-6 (4) win over 11th-ranked Michelle Dasso at No. 1 singles.

The Sun Devils also won a three-set match at No. 3 singles, with Katy Propstra prevailing over Marisa Velasco. Notre Dame held leads at both Nos. 1 and 2 doubles but let both slip away in 8-6 losses in addition to an 8-2 loss at No. 3 doubles. Arizona State improves to 5-4 following the win.

Notre Dame finished the week off in style, though, coming back strong and defeating Kansas, 8 matches to 1.

The senior Hall improved to 12-2 in dual matches with a 7-6 (4), 6-4 win over Brooke Chiller at No. 2 singles. Dasso beat Kansas' 15th-ranked Kris Sell 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 at No. 1 singles. Velasco and Varnum won straight set matches at Nos. 3 and 4 singles for the Irish. Kelly Zalinski held on for a 6-3, 2-6, 7-5 win at No. 5 singles for the Irish.

Kansas' only point came when Lisa Mallaiah rallied to beat Kim Guy 4-6, 6-0, 7-5 at No. 6 singles.

The sixth-ranked doubles team of Dasso and Hall beat 33rd ranked Sell and Mallaiah 8-3 at No. 1 singles. The teams of Varnum and Velasco and Green and Zalinski also won for Notre Dame.

Next up for Notre Dame is the University of Iowa on Saturday at 11 a.m. The Hawkeyes come to South Bend playing well of late, coming off a big win over the Illini. The Irish will need to be at their best in order to put another W in the win column.



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■ FENCING

10 Irish fencers qualify for championships

By MIKE CONNOLLY

Associate Sports Editor

In the most pressure-packed meet to date, the Notre Dame fencers showed no signs of stress as they qualified the maximum 10 fencers for the NCAA Championships.

The women's team is represented by familiar faces as all four qualifiers were All-

Americans last year.

"Having the four of us fence again, knowing how we fence, is good for the team," junior epeeist Magda Krol said. "It will make up for some of the newcomers on the men's side. It is difficult for newcomers to learn the system, so our experience should make up for that."

Krol and Nicole Mustilli both continued their excellent seasons

for the Irish as they finished second and first respectively on the weekend.

Mustilli, the senior captain of the squad, led the team in victories with 73, coupled with only 11 losses. Her .869 winning percentage is fifth all-time for a single season. She finished her career with 230 career epee wins, good for that category's all-time second best.

Recently, Mustilli captured first place at both the Midwest Intercollegiate Conference Championships and the NCAA Midwest Qualifiers.

Krol, a junior, is making her third appearance at NAAs. She earned second team All-American honors as a sophomore following her freshman campaign in which she captured the epee individual championship. Krol finished second on the team in victories with 55 and currently stands in third place in career epee wins.

Kiersten Ferguson made a strong showing finishing 11th.

Myriah Brown and Sara Walsh both qualified as foilists by posting fifth and fourth place finishes respectively. Brown and Walsh have now qualified for four straight NAAs and have earned All-American honors in three previous trips.

Brown had 71 victories on the year. Her 291-career foil wins easily surpassed Mindi Kalogera's previous record of 248 to vault her into first place.

Walsh's 45 wins and single defeat on the year gave her a .978 winning percentage. She raised her career winning percentage to .970, second all-time.

Gina Couri and Nicole Paulina both closed out successful careers with ninth and eighth place finishes respectively.

Paulina captained the 1999 foil team and finished the year with 64 victories. Her 216 career wins placed her fifth in foil wins.

Senior captain Stephane Auriol and junior Charles Hayes qualified for the men's foil team. Auriol has qualified for the past two NAAs but has yet to earn

All-American honors.

Auriol's 44 wins on the year raised his career record to 154-53. He finishes his Irish career tied for ninth on all-time wins list.

Hayes had his best weekend of the year, earning second place in the foil championship but just missing the title in a loss to Wayne State's David Huynh in a fence-off.

James Gaither continued to shock the fencing world as he captured his second first-place finish in as many weeks. Gaither and freshman Brian Casas, who finished second, will represent the Irish at the NAAs.

All-American epeeist C.J. Jackson saw his excellent career come to an end as he finished fifth. Jackson closes his career with 173 wins, fifth all-time.

Luke LaValle qualified to defend his 1998 sabre title by finishing fourth at the Midwest Regionals. He will face some of his stiffest competition from teammate Gabor Szelle, who finished first at the Regionals.

LaValle finished his Irish career with 200 wins, second all-time. Szelle's 56 wins this season are the fourth-most-ever by an Irish sabreman.

The NCAA Championships will be held this weekend at Brandeis in Waltham, Mass. The Irish last won the championship in 1994 at Brandeis.

The Irish are confident that they can return to the top this year with a win over Penn State.

"We have improved since the last time we faced them," Krol said. "We have had tough dual meets and good competition that have caused us to improve."



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Junior epeeist Magda Krol (right) qualified for the NCAA Championships to be held in Waltham, Mass.

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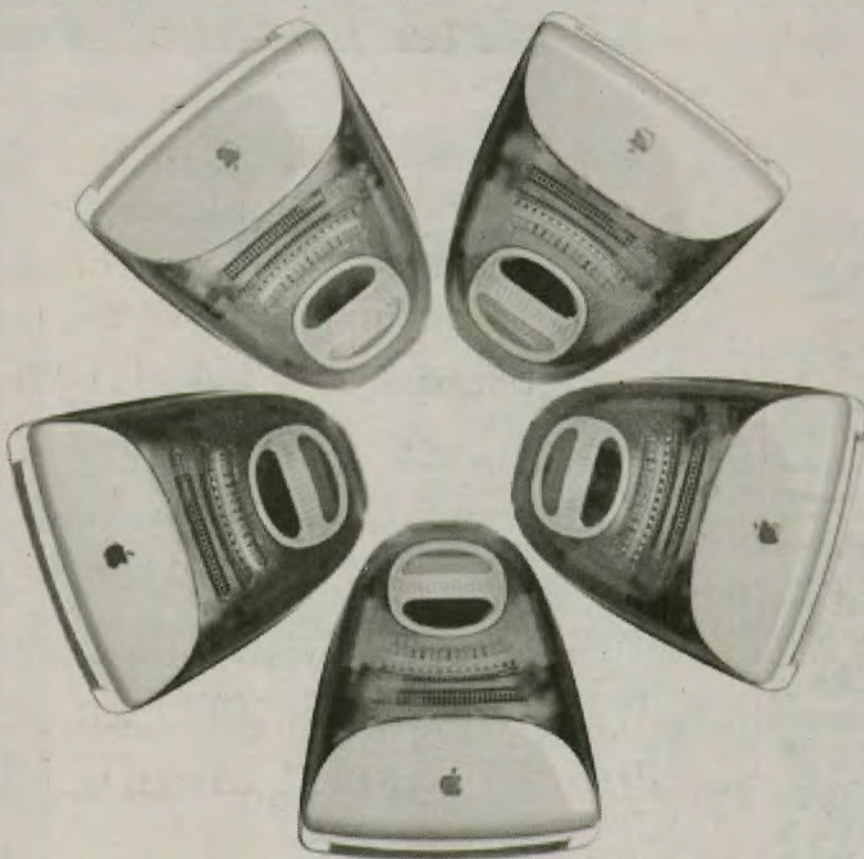
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"I can't even think about that now," Majerus said. "If somebody asked me to pick between heaven and hell, I'd choose heaven, but a job offer is the last thing I'm thinking about."

Majerus has close ties to the Midwest. He was born in Sheboygan, Wis., and coached at Marquette University and Ball State. He has averaged 26 wins per season over the last nine years.

Other names on the list are top Duke assistant Quin Snyder, Florida coach Billy Donovan and Xavier coach Skip Prosser.

Athletic director Michael Wadsworth hopes to find a coach within three weeks.

"At this time, I would hope to be able to name a successor at some point prior to the spring signing date [April 7]," Wadsworth said. "In the meantime, I do not expect to comment on any aspect of the hiring process until such time as we are prepared to announce a new head coach."

Irish players are also eager to hear the news.

"We're pretty anxious," junior Jimmy Dillon said. "I think whoever they bring in is going to be a good coach. The list that they've put out is a

very good list. I think whoever they bring in the success for him in the past will hopefully come here. Hopefully he'll adapt to us and we'll adapt to him and we can start winning some games."

Prosser has won at least 20 games in his first five seasons at Xavier and has accumulated a 118-57 record.

When the New Jersey Nets fired head coach John Calipari, another name flew into the growing ring of rumored candidates. Calipari had quite a run at UMass before being drawn to the NBA. After struggling with the Nets, he may be ready to return to college ball.

John Paxson is another name to knock around the dining hall table. Would the former Irish and Bulls star enjoy beginning his coaching career any where more than his alma mater?

After this season's Cinderella run, Southwest Missouri State's Steve Alford will probably be looking to take a dive into a bigger pool.

Along with the plethora of names there are also plenty of coaching jobs available. Saint Louis University, San Diego State, Vanderbilt, Baylor and Iowa will all be looking for new coaches next year.

Regardless of the new coach's name, he will discover that MacLeod left the Irish cupboard loaded.

Troy Murphy, David Graves and Harold Swanagan have loads of talent and Martin Ingelsby has experience at point guard. With the addition of scoring swingman Matt Carroll, who has not wavered in his decision to come to Notre Dame, and possibly another center, the new coach will have a full deck.

Regardless of who will roam the Joyce Center sidelines next year, Notre Dame basketball has come to a crossroads.

The time to make a move is now. A proven, good coach could take this team to the NCAA Tournament as early as the 2001-02 season, with a little luck next season.

Then fans will be talking about Notre Dame's run in

the NCAA Tournament, talking about what kind of seed the Irish will get in the NCAA Tournament instead of doing the math to find out if the possibility of NIT eligibility.

Notre Dame is on the verge of that.

There are plenty of options. Only time will tell if Notre Dame makes the right one.

In the meantime the anticipation and those discussions will be almost as fun as watching the Sweet 16.



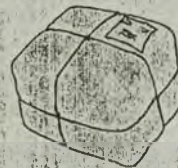
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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

1999 is not 'Sweet': Irish fall to Tigers, 74-

Observer Staff Report

The luck of the Irish finally ran out. On a two-year streak of making the Sweet 16, the highest-ranked Notre Dame team in school history was unable to match its highest-ever NCAA tournament finish — a Final Four appearance in 1997.

Monday night's 74-64 loss to the LSU Tigers in the tournament's second round ended the Irish season.

Notre Dame, 26-5 on the season, has been just 2-2 since losing starting point guard Niele Ivey in the semifinals of the Big East tournament. Seeded fifth by the NCAA committee, the Irish lost home-court advantage in the first two rounds, playing both NCAA tournament contests in Louisiana.

Coach Muffet McGraw's squad barely advanced past the first round with a 61-57 win over St. Mary's (Calif.), coming behind from a five-point deficit in the final two minutes. Often stating that this year's squad was her best, McGraw was unable to hold on to a four-point lead at 15:28 in the second half against the Tigers.

The Irish opened the second half with a 10-0 run to take the 42-38 lead. The Irish extended the lead to 59-51 minutes later on a near-perfect 85 percent shooting during the run.

But the Tigers stole Notre Dame's come-from-behind storyline this time around. Latasha Dorsey scored nine points in the game's final six and a half minutes while April Brown and Katrina Hibbert both scored three-pointers to script a 15-2 run.

Dorsey landed a career-best five treys in the game and totaled a game-high 24 points. Hibbert followed for the Tigers with 15, despite playing just 27 minutes.

Ruth Riley led Notre Dame's effort with 20 points on 8-of-10 shooting from the field. Senior Danielle Green, who has one year of eligibility left on the collegiate level, scored 19. Team captain Sheila McMillen ended her Irish career with a nine-point effort.

With a strong offense leading the way most of the season, Notre Dame committed 27 turnovers against LSU, far above its season average of just 19 a game.



Sheila McMillen and the Fighting Irish were unable to overcome the LSU Tigers in second round.

The Observer/Liz Lang

■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

MacLeod 'resigns' after eight seasons

By JOEY CAVATO JR.
Senior Sports Writer

Many Irish basketball fans have called for this announcement for quite a while, but last Tuesday the rumors turned to reality.

Men's basketball head coach John MacLeod resigned after eight seasons during which he posted a 106-124 record.

"I feel like we were able to make major contributions to the growth of Notre Dame basketball," MacLeod said.

"John always has been an exemplary representative of the University," athletic director Michael Wadsworth said. "I appreciate all that he and his staff have done for the program and I thanked him for that."

Despite the seemingly annual, end-of-the-season rumor mill that surrounded MacLeod's job stability, the players were still surprised when MacLeod informed them of his resignation by telephone.

"I was pretty shocked," Jimmy Dillon said. "It's been a rumor for so long that none of us paid any attention to it. I didn't think anything was going to happen. He called and spoke to me. It came as a pretty big surprise."

MacLeod's best season came during his first with the Irish, 1991-92. Notre Dame finished 18-15 and lost the National Invitational Tournament championship game.

In 1996-97, MacLeod landed another stellar season when he won the Big East Coach of the Year. That year the Irish went 16-14 and advanced to the quarterfinals of

the NIT.

Without a head coach, the current Irish players find themselves unsure of the direction of the program. Wadsworth did say that he wanted to hire a new coach before the spring-recruiting signing date of April 7.

"It's a step down because we're losing coach," Dillon said. "Everybody's going to be at a standstill for a while to see who's going to come in and how they're going to react to the new coach. We're just waiting patiently

to see what happens."

With three starters including the top two scorers, Troy Murphy and David Graves, the new coach will have plenty of talented players

"I think everything is in place for Notre Dame to make a positive move," MacLeod said. "I appreciate the opportunity to work here at Notre Dame and I wish the best for the young men who are part of the program."

Majerus heads list of potential new Irish coaches

By JOEY CAVATO JR.
Senior Sports Writer

Now the fun begins.

Normally during late March Notre Dame fans are forced to talk about other school's basketball teams. Now the hottest question around campus aside from "How was your break?" is "Who do you think it's going to be?"

With John MacLeod's resignation last Tuesday, new coaches' names have popped up more than people with fresh suntans.

Utah's Rick Majerus seems to be the most popular rumor.

WNDU-TV reported over the weekend that Majerus will be in town this week to discuss the employment possibility and that several weeks ago Majerus and Notre Dame officials had a "get to know you session" over the phone.

Majerus was tight-lipped after his squad's loss to Miami of Ohio on Sunday.

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'94-'95	15-12	'98-'99	14-16

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John MacLeod's parking space stands empty after he resigned following yet another losing season.

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