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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

## Members consider revamping graffiti dance



PETE RICHARDSON/The Observer

Brian O'Donoghue, student body president-elect, discusses the graffiti dance while current student body president Micah Murphy listens during Monday's Campus Life Council meeting. The CLC plans to consult the gender relations committee and draft a resolution.

By HELENA RAYAM  
News Writer

The Campus Life Council tackled freshman orientation concerns and passed three resolutions during Monday's meeting.

"We have to not put ourselves in the position of the upperclassmen, but the position of the freshmen," said student body secretary Luciana Reali referring to the freshman orientation events.

The CLC gender relations committee members met with representatives from the Office of Student Activities to discuss freshman orientation activities with an emphasis on the graffiti dance. Student Activities is considering changing this culminating orientation event for first-year students because of issues surrounding the presence of upperclassmen, alcohol and the discomfort of introverted students.

"When [freshmen] first come [to Notre Dame], they learn how to party in the wrong manner," said Ross Kerr, Student Union Board manager. "We learned that [Student Activities was] trying to put an end to the graffiti dance."

"The graffiti dance at least forces you to talk to the other gender, but there are some people who are afraid of that. I can see both sides," said Kerr.

"I don't like the idea that my virility is going to be measured by the number of signatures I got on a T-shirt," said Faculty Senate representative Edward Manier, expressing his opinion on how some students might feel about the dance. "You want to have as little stigmatization as possible."

CLC members discussed ways to change the structure of the dance or incorporate different activities into it so those students do not feel pressured to obtain signatures.

Kerr said that Student Activities might consider having a video dance party as an alternative to steer away from the signature element of the dance. Suggestions from CLC members included keeping the dance but not allowing students to specify preferences by markers. Another suggestion was to change the theme.

St. Edward's Hall rector Father Dave Scheidler recommended having a fiesta with Latin music, a luau or another

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## Virmontes to speak at SMC graduation

By NICOLE HADDAD  
News Writer

Helena Maria Virmontes, critically acclaimed author and professor of English at Cornell University, will deliver this year's Commencement address at Saint Mary's on May 20.

Virmontes is originally from Los Angeles and has written extensively on the experiences of Mexican-American migrant workers in this country. Her short stories and novels focus on the lives of these Chicano families through the eyes of mothers, wives and daughters.

She joined the ranks of renowned authors Tom Wolfe and Graham Greene when she won the prestigious John Dos Passos Prize for Literature in 1995. She was the first Latina to receive this award.

In addition to Viramontes, three other pioneering women will speak and receive honorary degrees at the ceremony. Bernice Johnson Reagon is an African American musician and scholar who performs with Sweet Honey in the Rock, an internationally

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## Bush, Gore close to clinching nominations

By BRIGID SWEENEY  
News Writer

After months of stump speeches and a week of especially furious campaigning, today may be a day of reckoning for the four major presidential candidates as 16 states hold primaries and caucuses.

While the race for delegates in both parties has been heated throughout, Vice President Al Gore and Texas Governor George Bush are poised to take commanding leads in their respective races and could potentially garner enough delegates today to all but win the nomination contests, according to Notre Dame government professor Peri Arnold.

Though Arizona Sen. John McCain could win nearly all of New England and other key states, including New York, Bush will likely come out victorious in the Republican race, experts predicted.

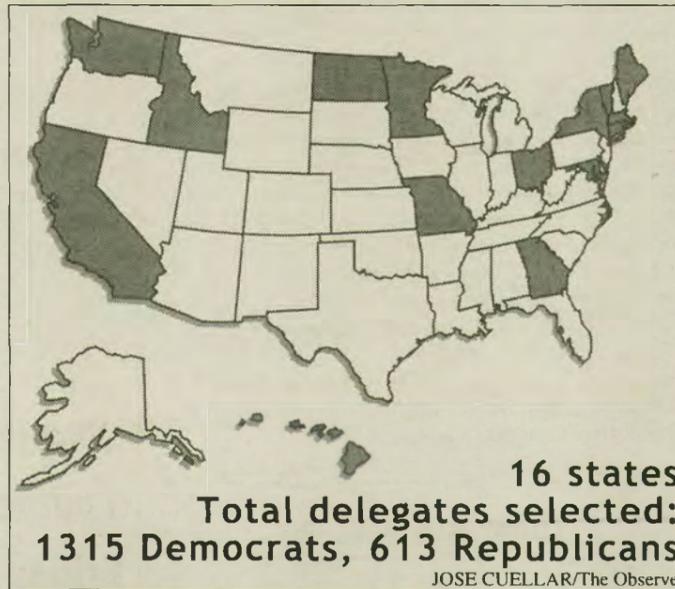
"He should emerge with somewhere in the high 600s to the low 800s in delegates," Senator Paul Coverdell (R-Ga.), a Bush supporter, told the Washington Post on Sunday. These delegates, in addition to the 340

Delegate tally

Here is the current breakdown of the presidential preferences of delegates to the Democratic and Republican national conventions, based on the latest primary and caucus results.

DEMOCRATIC	
	Total delegates
Gore	482
Bradley	57
Uncommitted	0
TOTAL	539
Needed to nominate	2,170
Total delegate votes	4,339
REPUBLICAN	
	Total delegates
Bush	170
McCain	105
Keyes	5
Uncommitted	12
TOTAL	292
Needed to nominate	1,034
Total delegate votes	2,066

Source: Compiled from AP wire reports AP



expected on March 14, place Bush close to the 1034 needed for nomination.

McCain lost to Bush on Feb. 29 in Virginia and Washington, and has been on the defensive since. Some of his problems stem from last week's attack on leaders of the religious right, which alienated potential supporters, according to Arnold.

"The attacks hurt McCain politically because 28 percent of Republicans

identify with the religious right," he said. "McCain has been very hot — he amazingly found a language of reform that gets different groups, from moderate Republicans to independents to loosely-connected Democrats, but then he got stymied in these attacks."

Arnold said McCain's reformist appeal will make the senator a threat in today's contests, though the odds

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INSIDE COLUMN

# Tomorrow we fast

Today we feast. Tomorrow we fast. That's the idea anyway, but what's the point? Bishop James Crawley, retired of this diocese and at 85 still going strong, gave an excellent homily this last Sunday on the idea of the Lenten Discipline as being focused on others and not merely on sacrificing chocolate or beer. In doing so we should increase our charity and other virtues, and conform our lives to that of Christ.



A.J. Boyd

assistant Viewpoint editor

While there is a certain value in sacrificing something you enjoy, it is only complete if you take the time or money saved and devote it to others, or make your Lenten discipline an active effort to improve the virtue in your life and your charity to others. This could mean treating security guard and waitresses as hard-working human beings, or even forgiving immature pedants who throw water bottles onto the arena floor.

Nonetheless, some of the traditional practices should be put into context and not simply taken for granted. Fasting is currently defined as a regular meal and two smaller meals with no snacking. For a college student on the Flex-14 plan, this is ridiculous - you don't get that much food on a normal day. So try simpler eating at the normal meals. Avoid ordering Papa John's or doing Fajita-Rita nights. Whatever it is, the idea is not so much to starve yourself as offering up to God a cleansing of body and soul. The idea is also to make an effort to know communion with the poor of our Christian family by being mindful of the luxury that our dining halls offer us daily.

The idea that we should abstain from meat, as we should all know, originated when meat was a regular luxury and the Roman families needed a boost in their fishing businesses. But red meat is hardly the common luxury, and no one really gets anything out of giving it up anymore. Instead, why not abstain from TV? After all, that's the staple luxury of our society today. Or throw in N64, DVD or the Internet, depending on which you depend on most. Give the time to the Knights of Columbus, Circle K or some other charitable organization. Be mindful of life without these technologies that we sometimes assume are our rights to have access to but which are in reality useless luxuries that more often distract us from our lives than add to it. And while you're at it, be charitable to guys who use phrases like "be mindful."

Lent is an opportunity for reconciliation and penance (and Mardi Gras is an opportunity to do things worth seeking penance for), but try to approach it in a new light this year. Actively seek to reconcile differences with family or friends. Try to reestablish a lost correspondence; have a reunion with separated friends; accept gracefully the annoying attention of that one friend who you always thought of as platonic but seems to have something else in mind. (Yes, I am serious about that last one.) Lent need not be a time of sackcloth and ashes, but of joyful reunion brought about by sincere repentance, whether it is between you and God or you and a friend.

In the mean time, have an exciting Mardi Gras!

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### QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"There is a student opinion that the Senate is full of sneakiness and illegitimacy, we should end this."

**David Zachary**  
Alumni Hall senator, on the Senate's decision to release the student body presidential results elections

"It was a tough time to make that call, but we shouldn't have been in that position."

**Matt Doherty**  
Men's basketball coach, on the technical foul called against the Irish after a fan threw a water bottle on the court

"We know we can make it to the finals and can compete with Connecticut."

**Danielle Green**  
Women's basketball player, on the team's view of the Big East tournament

"What I like about this sport ... is that you're giving it your all. You go out there with so much to lose ... It's very humbling."

**Tom Biolchini**  
senior, on his experiences with boxing and Bengal Bouts

### OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

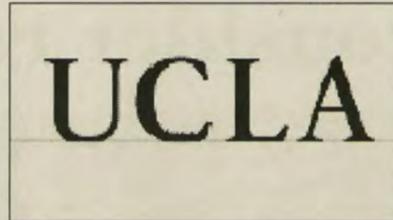
## UCLA students protest proposed same-sex marriage ban

LOS ANGELES  
Opponents of Proposition 22 held a rally Friday in a last-minute effort to get Californians to vote against Proposition 22 today.

The proposition states that "Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California." Supporters have said it is not an attempt to take away rights, but an effort to prevent the possibility that California could recognize same-sex marriages if they are allowed in other states.

"Proposition 22 was created to surgically remove gays from the community," said Pat Alford-Keating, head of the UCLA lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) mentoring program.

"It validates the discrimination of gays and tells us that our love doesn't count," she added.



The rally included a variety of speakers who all called for help to convey their message to others.

Many argued that if this proposition passes, it would not change the legal definition of marriage.

"A yes vote on 22 doesn't make anything illegal," said Megan Hall, a graduate student in microbiology and molecular genetics. "But companies are starting to use this to take away domestic partnership benefits and anti-gay bias discrimi-

nation clauses. This is a step in the wrong direction."

The speakers ranged from parents of gay children to rabbis and students. Most said that if the proposition passes, it would encourage hate crimes against the gay community and send the message that hatred against gays is acceptable.

But others argued that Proposition 22 is only meant to protect the institution of marriage.

"I don't agree that Proposition 22 breeds ignorance and intolerance of gays," said Michelle Becarra, a local resident. "I just believe in the protection of marriage between a man and woman, not a man with a man."

Other speakers urged the audience to publicize the importance of this proposition to other voters.

### Grand jury indicts New Mexico student

LAS CRUCES, N.M.

A New Mexico State University graduate student and Border Patrol agent was indicted on four counts of extortion and fraud by a Grand Jury Thursday. Leonel Baez, 22, was arrested in January for extortion and fraud for using his position as a Border Patrol agent to recover stolen property. "The Grand Jury found there was enough evidence to indict him on four charges of extortion and fraud," Jeff Lahann, assistant district attorney, said. Baez is accused of using his job status, threats and intimidation to coerce three women and their families into giving him money and jewelry he believed they stole from his girlfriend. Lahann said this case is very complicated and is related much to the state of mind Baez was in when he allegedly committed the crimes. Baez will be arraigned a week from Monday and from there the case will go to district court where he will be tried. Baez has posted part of his bond with the court and is back at work with Border Patrol. Lahann said the Border Patrol most likely has to follow certain procedures and that is why he is able to continue working.

### Clinton nominates Columbia prof

NEW YORK

Columbia Law Professor Gerard Lynch has been nominated by President Clinton to serve on the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Lynch, who teaches criminal law at Columbia, would try both civil and criminal entry-level cases in this position. Senate confirmation hearings on the appointment have not yet been scheduled. "This is a tremendously important job and a tremendously important responsibility," Lynch said. "It's an honor to be nominated." Lynch hopes to stay on at Columbia even after assuming the judgeship but did not speculate as to how large his involvement with the school would be. Nominating a professor to a district court position is somewhat unusual, Lynch said, due to the perception that academics would be better suited to the abstract legal wranglings of appellate courts. Lynch, however, likes the idea of trying cases. Lynch was a clerk to Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan after graduating from Columbia Law School and was a member of the federal commission on the Iran-Contra affair, heading up the prosecution of General Oliver North.

### LOCAL WEATHER

**5 Day South Bend Forecast**  
AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

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Wednesday	71	46
Thursday	54	31
Friday	45	30
Saturday	48	33
Sunday	49	36

Weather icons: Showers, T-storms, Rain, Flurries, Snow, Ice, Sunny, Pt. Cloudy, Cloudy

### NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, March 7.  
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FRONTS: COLD, WARM, STATIONARY

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Baltimore	72	47	Memphis	75	54	Sacramento	57	42
Boston	58	38	Milwaukee	67	47	St. Louis	68	52
Chicago	71	54	New York	60	48	Tampa	81	57
Houston	75	63	Philadelphia	58	39	Wash DC	69	58

## State dept. urges caution abroad

Special to The Observer

As the time approaches for spring break, many college students are getting ready for that much anticipated trip abroad. Most will have a safe and enjoyable adventure, but for some, the trip will become a nightmare. A number of ruined vacations are caused by one or more of the following: drugs, alcohol or disorderly behavior.

Each year, more than 2,500 American citizens are arrested abroad — about half on narcotics charges, including possession of very small amounts of illegal substances. A drug that may be legal in one country may not be legal in a neighboring nation. Some young people are victimized because they may be unaware of the laws, customs or standards of the country they are visiting.

Besides drugs, alcohol can also get U.S. citizens in trouble abroad. Students have been arrested for being intoxicated in public areas, for underage drinking and for drunk driving. Some young Americans go abroad assuming that local authorities will overlook such conduct. Many believe that they are immune from

prosecution in foreign lands because they are American citizens. The truth is that Americans are expected to obey all of the laws of the countries they visit, and those who break these laws sometimes face severe penalties.

Disorderly or reckless behavior is also to be avoided. In many countries, conduct that would not result in an arrest here in the U.S. constitutes a violation of local law. It is crucial that young Americans be aware of this risk as they are enjoying their time abroad.

Being arrested is not the only thing that can happen on a foreign vacation. Young Americans have been killed in automobile accidents, drownings and falls because of heavy drinking and drug use. Sadly, others have been raped or robbed because they have found themselves in unfamiliar locales and incapable of exercising proper judgment.

To have a safe trip, avoid risky behavior and become familiar with the basic laws and customs of the country. To obtain more information about traveling abroad, check the Department of State's web site at <http://travel.state.gov>.

## Dennis: nuns' murder shows greed

By KAREN SCHAFF  
News Writer

The story of four nuns murdered in El Salvador illustrates the greed for power, said Marie Dennis, director of the Maryknoll Office for Global concerns, in a lecture Monday.

The four women who were murdered were ordinary people whose faith changed their lives, according to Dennis.

"These women could have been anyone," said Dennis. "[It is] a testimony of transformed lives."

On December 20, 1980, nine months after the death of the Archbishop Oscar Romero, four American women were abducted, raped and killed by Salvadorian soldiers. These soldiers were trained in the United States and used guns made in the U.S., yet, nothing happened when these women — Ida, Mora, Dorothy and Jean — were killed.

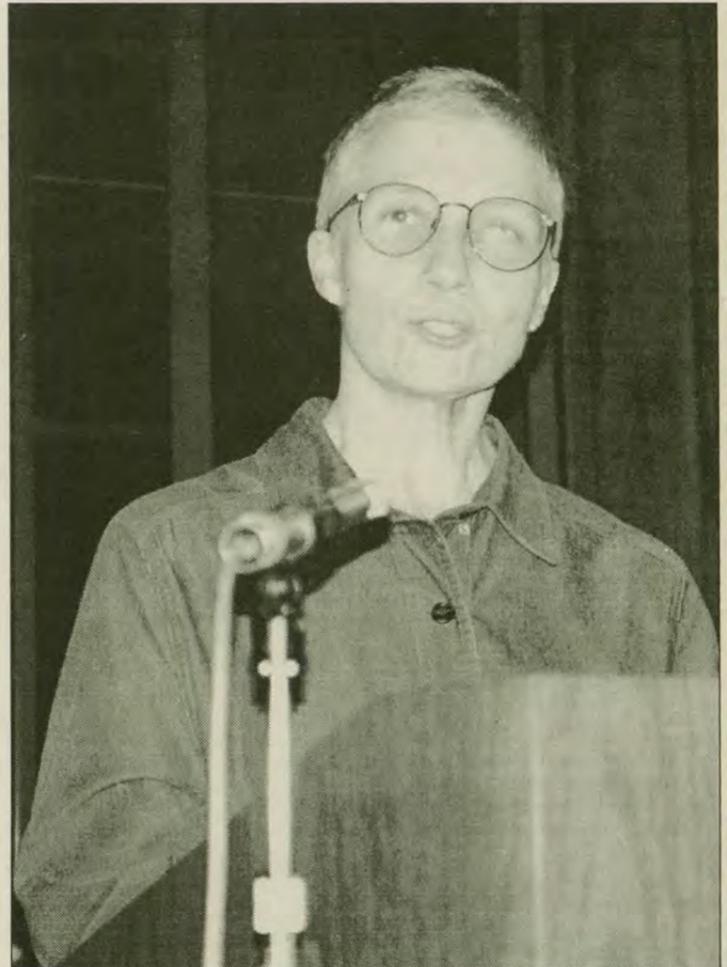
Ida started her work in Chile, where she experienced poverty and oppression for the first time, Dennis explained. Ida also learned that government officials were making threats against the Church in an attempt to discredit its members.

Romero invited Ida to go to El Salvador to continue her work with the poor. Shortly before her planned arrival, Romero died.

Ida began to wonder about the message of the gospel and the power of the people.

Ida's friend Clara, who was later killed while transporting prisoners, offered inspiration using the words of Jesus: "I am the way." It was then that these two women became completely engrossed in the poverty of the Salvadorians, said Dennis.

Mora also faced the challenges of poverty and despair,



Nellie Williams/The Observer

Mary Dennis discussed the murder of four nuns in El Salvador, during a Monday lecture.

Dennis explained. Every day she saw the death of children and the misery of the poor.

"The poor would give [their] life for some change," said Dennis.

Dorothy started her work in 1974 by visiting homes and preparing people for the sacrament. Dennis quoted Dorothy: "They must continue preaching the Lord even if it means laying down your life."

Jean was a coordinator of many of the events that led to strengthening poor communities. She distributed food and educated those who could not go elsewhere.

She was nicknamed St. Jean the Playful, even though she witnessed many deaths and "felt personally challenged to

help these people cope," said Dennis.

These women stayed in El Salvador at the price of their lives, Dennis said. They represented the hopes and fears of this community.

"It was a test of faith," she said. "It called us beyond what we are, to what we could be."

Dennis said that this was the extraordinary story of four women who help us understand God.

"Part of who we are is in their story," Dennis said.

Her three-lecture series concludes tonight with a lecture entitled "Called to Respond: The Jesuits and Co-Workers Martyred at the University of Central America" in the Stapleton Lounge at 7 p.m.

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## Survey: Freshmen have high aspirations

Special to The Observer

An annual survey of college freshmen indicates that while the academic aspirations of first-year students at Notre Dame are exceptionally high, they expect to use their knowledge as much for the common good as personal gain.

Some 92 percent of Notre Dame's freshmen report they plan to earn an advanced academic degree — including 43 percent who will pursue a master's degree, 17 percent a doctorate, 21 percent a medical, dentistry, or veterinary degree and 10 percent a law degree. By way of comparison, about 68 percent of students nationwide have similar plans.

But as much as they are determined to succeed, Notre Dame students place relatively less emphasis on financial gain than their peers. Some 62 percent say it is essential or very important to be well-off financially, 11 per-

cent less than the national average.

At the same time, Notre Dame students reported far more interest than their peers in participating in community action, influencing social values, becoming a community leader developing a meaningful philosophy of life and assisting those who are in difficulty.

Not surprisingly, such altruism also is found in Notre Dame students before and during their college years. Almost 97 percent of the University's freshmen report they volunteered in the past year, compared with 75 percent of students nationally, and 58 percent plan to continue with community service.

Notre Dame freshmen are likely underestimating their future volunteer efforts; the University's Center for Social Concerns reports that almost 80 percent of Notre Dame students actually engage in volunteer projects during their four years on campus.

Be an Engineer

# CLC

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ethnic theme, which Coalition Council representative Michael Fierro said would attract more minority students.

"[A theme is] something that draws them more than just scribbling on someone's shirt," said Scheidler.

He said that encouraging students to get numbers from students of the opposite sex misses the point that the dance is supposed to acquaint people with one another and help them adjust during the first week.

"It turns the mentality into not meeting people, but getting a date," Scheidler said.

He recalled that before the graffiti dance became an event, students used to have sockhops in the Joyce Center that put less emphasis on meeting the opposite sex.

"I met a lot of my lifelong friends at that dance," Scheidler said.

Once the freshman orientation dance changed to an outdoor luau, the dance began to take on a new form, he said. The dance also became more accessible to people other than freshman students.

Now the event has turned into a "meat market," Scheidler said.

"What happens a lot of times is that freshmen, sophomores and juniors come to the dance a little intoxicated and use it as an opportunity to meet freshman girls," said Reali, who serves on Lewis Hall's freshman orientation committee.

Reali said that some of the shy girls and international students in her dorm did not have a good experience at the dance. Fierro said that many ethnic students also feel "out of the loop" because of cultural adjustments during the first week.

"There is a meat market mentality, but no one gets rejected," said Keough Hall senator and student body president-elect Brian O'Donoghue. "You need something to force the students to get involved. There's going to be culture shock regardless."

Manier said he wanted to see

some graffiti dance adjustments.

"The idea that majority attitudes are going to be enshrined institutionally is like saying, 'We're never going to change,'" Manier said.

The CLC discussed switching the time of the graffiti dance from Saturday night, and also possibly having two smaller North and South Quad dances instead.

"Freshmen orientation is one of the only weekends when you can approach anyone and that's why we should have a campus-wide event," said student body vice president-elect Brooke Norton.

"Keep the graffiti dance, but add an alternative," said current student body president Micah Murphy.

Kerr is going to discuss the freshman orientation activities with the gender relations committee and draft a resolution.

### In other CLC news:

◆ The diversity committee drafted a resolution to make the diversity education program mandatory for transfer students.

"It's so that students don't fall through the cracks," Fierro said.

If approved, the program, which is mandatory for first-year students, will be given to all transfer students before mid-semester break each semester.

◆ Members passed another resolution to stop parking on outdoor basketball courts. Currently some parking lots are used until 5 p.m., but this rule is not always enforced. Because of the upcoming Bookstore Basketball tournament, students will be using the outdoor courts more frequently and CLC members wanted to see that courts are available to the student body.

"By getting this done early, we're avoiding a conflict that I can definitely see right away," said Brian Rigney, co-chair of the Hall President's Council.

◆ An additional resolution to have a student member on the University Committee for the First Year of Studies was also passed by the CLC.

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known women's a cappella music group. Reagon once served as director of the Smithsonian Institute's Black American culture program and as curator of the National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.

Sister Margaret Rita Brennan, who in 1953 was one of the first four women to receive a Ph.D. in Sacred Theology at the

College, will also receive an honorary degree. A lecturer and author, she has been a life-long promoter of educating women in theology.

Brigid Driscoll served for two decades as president of Marymount College in Tarrytown, N. Y. before her retirement last year. A former Trustee of Saint Mary's, her most notable accomplishment was founding Marymount's Weekend College in 1976, which provides working individuals the opportunity to earn a college degree by attending weekend classes.

# U.S. to aid flooded Mozambique

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Clinton administration plans to announce debt relief for Mozambique, which has been ravaged by catastrophic floods.

Treasury

Secretary

Lawrence

Summers

is to discuss

details of the

additional debt

relief for the

southeast

African nation

Tuesday, govern-

ment officials said

Monday, speaking

on condition of

anonymity.

Under various international

and U.S. initiatives, officials

said, some debt relief has been

provided to the country.

Specifics of the additional relief

Summers is expected to discuss

were not immediately available.

The State Department, chafing

under criticism of U.S. relief

efforts in Mozambique, rejected

allegations that the United



Summers

States responded too slowly to the humanitarian crisis caused by the widespread flooding.

Spokesman James Foley said the critics should take into account that many of the assets had to be redeployed from Europe to southern Africa — "a major undertaking."

"We've deployed them as quickly as possible," he said Monday.

But some critics believe the response should have been faster, noting that assets are still being deployed more than two weeks after the flooding reached crisis stage.

Mozambique's former first lady, Graca Machel, spoke bitterly of what many in southern Africa say were failures by the United States and other Western powers.

"It seems the world has no conscience when it comes to human life," said Machel, the wife of former South African President Nelson Mandela.

After an initial round of flooding in early February, the U.S. government concluded that regional search-and-rescue efforts would be sufficient, Foley said.

It was not until Feb. 25 that a second surge of water caused rivers to overflow, a much greater disaster than had been initially anticipated, he said.

At that point, he said, the U.S. Agency for International Development activated a 24-hour operations center and began mobilizing the disaster assistance response team.

Foley said AID contracted locally and quickly to hire three helicopters and six fixed-wing airplanes, which began flying on March 2. In recent days, he said, AID has contracted 11 civilian helicopters and small aircraft.

Also, a 14-member boat rescue operation from Metro Dade, Fla., began rescue and delivery operations Monday, and a five-member Coast Guard team of water-rescue specialists will arrive shortly.

Foley noted that President Clinton has authorized a draw-down of \$37.6 million in defense articles and services to support military humanitarian assistance efforts in the region.

The package includes six heavy lift helicopters and small boats to conduct search-and-rescue operations.

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## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

### Strikers and students raid, vandalize rector's building

MEXICO CITY

A month after police broke up a nearly yearlong strike at Latin America's largest university, more than 100 rebellious students seized the rector's building Monday, screaming at workers to get out and spraying walls with graffiti. About 150 strikers who covered their faces to hide their identities screamed at university employees to evacuate the building and forcibly removed some of the reporters and photographers who tried to cover the takeover, reported Mexican broadcast stations and the government news agency Notimex. As they herded workers out of the building in single file, the protesters chanted "political prisoners, liberty," and "de la Fuente's resignation now," a reference to recently appointed rector Juan Ramon de la Fuente.

### U. N. human rights chief will travel to Chechnya

UNITED NATIONS

The U.N. human rights chief said Monday she will use her upcoming trip to Chechnya to push for the rights of its people to seek redress from Russia, whose soldiers are accused of widespread rights abuses. Mary Robinson said she would also press for investigations for "those in uniform who on behalf of the state" are alleged to have committed atrocities, including torching homes and villages, raping women and torturing civilians. Robinson, the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, said she planned to travel to the region in the first days of April — enough time to report back to the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, which begins its six-week session in Geneva on March 20. "I have concerns but I also know it's important to be open-minded and fair, and I will assess the situation to the best of my ability," Robinson said.

### Boy recovers after piercing his heart with a pencil

HELENA, Mont.

A 12-year-old boy whose heart was pierced by a pencil as he lunged toward his bed to catch a football is recuperating after 2 1/2 harrowing hours of the pencil throbbing at every beat in his chest. "I kind of felt it go in, but it didn't hurt," Nathan King said from his home in Helena. "So I looked down. Then I started yelling for Mom. I was yelling 'Mom, Mom, Mom, I'm gonna die.'" Crying and struggling to breathe, Nathan stumbled into the kitchen with the eraser end protruding 2 to 3 inches from his chest. He collapsed in front of his mother, Lorri Earley, with the pencil throbbing like a metronome. It was Nathan's birthday, Feb. 23. Earley, a nurse, called 911 and held her son to keep him from pulling at the pencil.



AFP Photo

Children returned to Buell Elementary School Monday for the first time since the school's shooting incident a week earlier that resulted in the murder of a 6-year-old student by a fellow classmate.

## Mich. school reopens after shooting

Associated Press

MOUNT MORRIS TOWNSHIP, Mich. Greeted by teddy bears and extra security, Buell Elementary School children returned to class Monday for the first time since a first-grader was shot to death in her classroom.

Children and parents alike expressed fears at first about returning to the school where 6-year-old Kayla Rolland was killed Feb. 29, allegedly by another first-grader.

"He was afraid it was going to be him next," Lisa Davidson said of her second-grade son, Tim.

Room 6, where the shooting occurred, had been cleaned and repainted. Trauma counselors with

teddy bears were in each room to help the children, and by the lunch break, some children were skipping on the sidewalk out front.

Plainclothes and uniformed police officers were inside and outside the school. School Superintendent Ira Rutherford said officials wanted to increase security without having too strong a police presence and scaring the children.

About 335, or 79 percent, of the 424 children enrolled at Buell were in school Monday, according to Rutherford's office. Average attendance figures for other days were not immediately available.

The 6-year-old boy accused of killing Kayla wasn't at Buell, or any other school, on Monday, and offi-

cial are determining his next step, Rutherford said.

Todd Morrish said he had considered not sending his son Ryan to kindergarten Monday. But when the morning session was over, Ryan came out carrying a brown bear and a drawing he had colored of a green bear.

"He said it was fine. They played outside," Morrish said.

The U.S. and Michigan flags remained at half-staff, and a nearby evergreen tree with stuffed animals at its base was decorated with pink ribbons in memory of Kayla.

"I saw laughter. I saw lots of hugs. It was a smooth opening," said Susan Stuber, a spokeswoman for a neighboring school district.

## BRAZIL

### Brazil's colorful carnival draws crowd

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO Hundreds of thousands of revelers flooded streets in cities across the country Monday, the second day of Brazil's yearly pre-lenten celebration.

A highlight was Rio's parade, which continues non-stop until Tuesday morning. But that event wasn't without its notable sidelights.

TV actress Angela Bismarck covered herself in Brazil's national colors and nothing else, almost getting arrested for insult-

ing the country's flag.

Police said they were preparing to arrest the nude actress as she danced atop a float, but held off when she donned clothing.

"It was an homage to Brazil and its flag, which are very special now that the country is commemorating 500 years of its discovery," she said. Speaking on television, she also said that she was ready to parade again "more or less the same way".

Many of Brazil's newspapers offered evidence of the offense, carrying photographs of Bismarck's demonstration.

Public nudity has become so accepted — some of Rio's biggest public beaches have begun to go topless — that even spectators at the carnival parades have begun to strip.

Nine topless models took over a booth at Rio Sambodrome to cheer samba groups in the parade, while others wearing tiny bikinis danced on top of colorfully adorned samba schools cars.

The annual celebration is actually a hard fought competition where 14 of the best samba groups fight it out for the honor of being judged champion.

This year's carnival, which coincides with the 500th anniversary of Brazil's discovery by Portuguese navigator Pedro Alvares Cabral on April 22, 1500, has drawn an outpouring of national pride.

Some schools made the event the main feature of their allegoric cars, showing Indians in chains and others wearing native costumes.

Others depicted the saga of slaves from Africa, and some ridiculed military dictators who ruled the country between 1964 and 1985.

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# Candidates prepare for 'Super Tuesday' showdown

♦ Republicans still battling, but only an upset will keep Gore from Democratic bid

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

George W. Bush's fortunes in New England and Ohio could be early signs to foretell whether Super Tuesday voting from Maine to California will deliver him the Republican presidential nomination or force him into another round against the challenge of John McCain.

For Democrats, there is less suspense. Only a miracle of upsets, beginning from the first votes counted, can keep Al Gore from effectively sealing that nomination. And Bill Bradley doesn't really expect that, for all his talk of a Harry Truman-style reversal for his waning campaign.

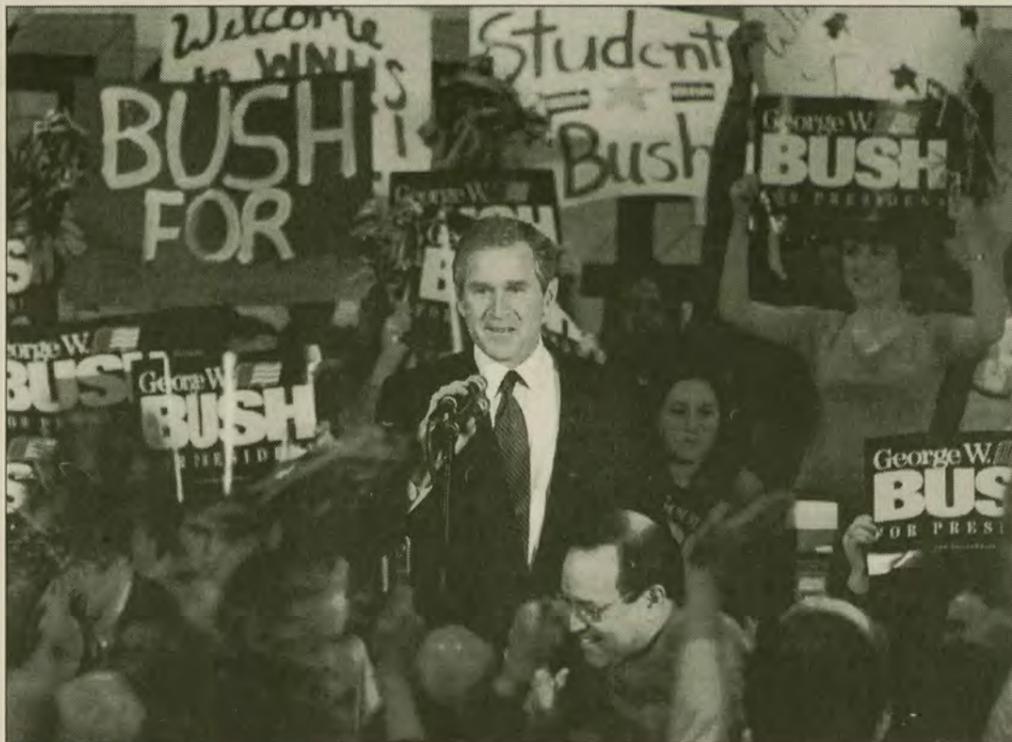
There are 11 presidential primaries, caucuses elsewhere, decisions in 16 states across the time zones, Northeast to Midwest to the West Coast. California is crucial on March 7, as it may be again on Nov. 7, when the next president is chosen.

The 162 Republican delegates that will be committed to the GOP winner there represent 16 percent of the votes needed to win the nomination. Polls rate Gov. Bush well ahead of Sen. McCain among the Republican voters who will award those delegates.

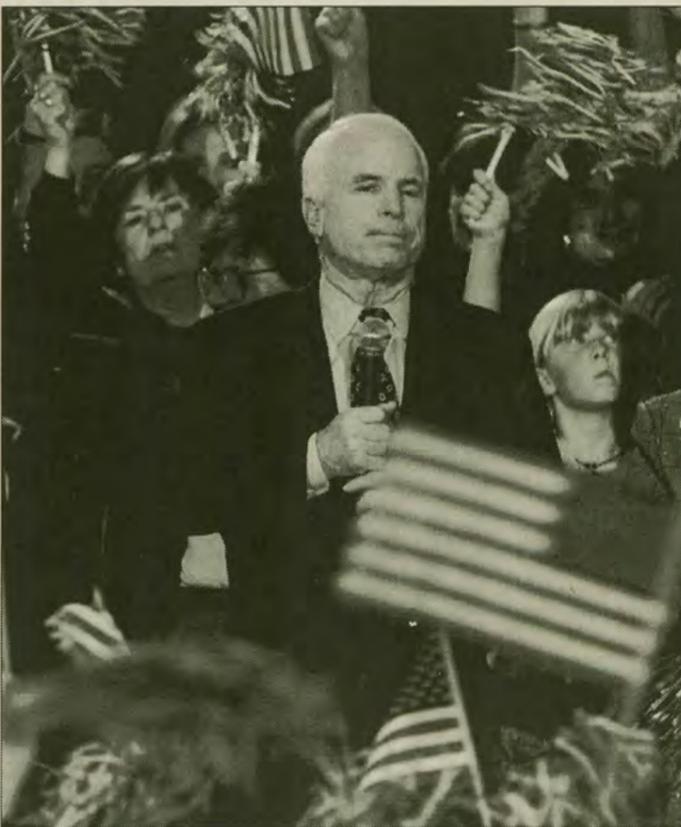
There is a separate, all-candidates preference vote, and that is closer. Winning it will be a talking point and an argument for electability there in the fall, but with no reward in nominating delegates, the contest that counts now. The positioning primaries are over; Super Tuesday is about hard numbers, not momentum or doing well or any of the other catchwords of the earlier campaign season.

"So much of this is an expectations game," McCain said. But that game is over. Bush said the attention on Wednesday morning will focus on the number of nominating votes each candidate won. Gore had 482 Democratic delegates in his column going in, Bradley 57. It will take 2,170 to win that nomination. Bush has 170 GOP delegates, McCain 105, with 1,034 needed to nominate.

Neither leader can mathematically clinch the nomination on Super Tuesday. There aren't enough delegates. But either or both could settle the



AFP photo



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Texas Gov. George W. Bush (above) and Arizona Sen. John McCain (left) campaign fiercely in the Republican primaries. Analysts say a strong showing today will nearly ensure Bush's nomination, while McCain victories would force the contest to continue.

contest by winning enough states and delegates to force his rival to quit.

Democrats assign their delegates in proportion to popular votes, by state or district, so Bradley will claim a share even in a Gore sweep of the 15 Democratic contests on Tuesday.

"I do think we have to win a couple of states," Bradley said, a forlorn assessment of the outlook for a challenger who once loomed as a real threat to

Gore. Unless the couple of states were to be upsets in California and New York, Bradley's next step is probably out of the campaign.

The Super Tuesday delegates represent about 60 percent of a nominating majority in each party.

While that is the number to watch, counting it up will go far into election night and the early morning hours on Wednesday. The California polls are open until 11 p.m.

Eastern time, and three Western caucus states begin reporting at midnight.

New York offers the second richest lode of delegate votes, 243 to be apportioned between Gore and Bradley based on their popular vote; 101 in a more complex Republican primary that will take longer to count after the polls close at 9 p.m. The Republican primary is really 31 separate contests, in each congressional district, without a statewide contest.

would take the 162 delegates by winning the votes of registered Republicans.

On the Democratic front, former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley continues to lag far behind Gore, trailing the vice president in every state.

After losing to Gore in the Iowa caucus and the New Hampshire primary, Bradley was dealt another defeat last Tuesday, when he lost Washington's non-binding primary, a contest he had chosen as a testing point for a comeback.

"Bradley simply did not run a very

effective campaign," Arnold said. "Tactically, he failed to win people over. Strategically, he made bad choices — why did he stay for Washington state's 'beauty contest' when he should have been campaigning in New York, where he once had a chance? He just doesn't get it."

Furthermore, McCain's broad appeal detracted from Bradley's campaign, according to Arnold.

"It was beyond Bradley's control," he said. "He couldn't predict that McCain's appeal would overlap with his. They both attract the moderates, those who aren't core partisans, and McCain's campaign clearly was more successful."

*"[Bradley] couldn't predict that McCain's appeal would overlap with his."*

**Peri Arnold**  
Notre Dame  
government professor

♦ Last-minute campaigning sweeps the nation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Hoping for a Super Tuesday worthy of the name, George W. Bush and Al Gore campaigned on opposite coasts Monday in parallel pursuit of the victories needed to settle their parties' nominating struggles.

"Rest is for another day," said Gore's rival, Bill Bradley. And on the eve of a virtual nationwide presidential primary with contests in all regions of the country, all sides seemed to agree on that.

Republican John McCain said he sensed a backlash developing against campaign commercials aired by Bush and "his sleazy Texas buddies" in New York and elsewhere.

The front-runners, Bush and Gore, both courted Jewish voters as they tailored their message as much to the general election as Tuesday's primaries.

"Tolerance can never be assumed, and it always must be taught," Bush said in an appearance at the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles where he also stressed his support for "a safe and secure Israel."

Gore, in New York, told a Jewish organization he would be a "good and helpful and loyal friend" to Israel if elected to the White House.

Public opinion polls had Gore ahead of Bradley virtually everywhere. Bush's position wasn't as commanding, although he led McCain in the polls in several key states, including Ohio, Maryland, Georgia, Missouri and in the winner-take-all competition for 162 California delegates. McCain's strength was in New England, and he and Bush battled fiercely in New York.

Bush and McCain girded for elections in 13 states in all, 11 primaries and two caucuses, with 613 delegates up for grabs. Democrats had contests in 15 states and the American Samoa, 11 primaries and 5 caucuses with 1,315 delegates in play.

Aides said the Bush campaign was making two million get-out-the-vote calls in nine states in the Super Tuesday lineup.

Beyond that, though, the Texas governor's high command was looking ahead. They said he will try to raise as much as \$10 million in the coming weeks for use against the Democrats.

Today's Super Tuesday contests reflect the greatest number of delegates and states decided in a single day since primaries began to play a crucial role in presidential candidate selection 48 years ago.

Democrats will choose 1315 delegates, 61 percent of the 2170 necessary for nomination. Republicans will similarly pick 59 percent of the majority needed, or 613 delegates.

Although today's results will likely seal nominations in both parties, Arnold stressed that the losers will continue to have an impact, especially on the Republican side.

"Even if Bush comes out on top, McCain's attacks on him will continue to hurt," he said. "The Democrats will recycle McCain's criticisms of Bush's corrupt fundraising, among other things. Bush has a big job ahead of him in keeping his head above water."

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remain in Bush's favor.

"I think McCain remains dangerous," Arnold said. "In California, we could see the extraordinary result of McCain winning the popular vote while Bush actually takes the primary. An embarrassed Bush would slog on to the nomination, but it would be a signal that he doesn't have the centrist votes needed to win in November."

Such a split decision in California is possible because its primary is open to all parties, but delegates are determined only by Republican votes. McCain, therefore, could hypothetically win the popular vote, with the support of independents and Democrats crossing over to vote for him, yet Bush

# Jet skids off runway in California

Associated Press

BURBANK, Calif.

A day after a jet carrying 142 people hurtled off a runway and skidded to a stop just short of a gas station, everyone was talking more about what could have happened than what did happen.

After landing at Burbank from Las Vegas, Flight 1455 slammed through a metal wall and fence Sunday evening in a cloud of smoke and stopped with its nose just 39 feet short of the gas pumps at a Chevron station on Hollywood Way.

*"We saw [the plane] was going to crash into the gas station and the gas station was going to get into a flame."*

**Abayomi Omolewu**  
Airport shuttle bus driver

The Southwest Airlines Boeing 737-300 struck a car, pinning its hood under the aircraft, but the driver and her 4-year-old daughter weren't hurt. Fifteen passengers on the plane were slightly injured.

Airport shuttle bus driver Abayomi Omolewu said he and two other drivers were waiting to be sent on a call when they saw the plane blast through the fence and wall.

"We saw it was going to crash into the gas station and the gas station was going to get into a flame," he said Monday. "That's why we were like, 'Man, is that plane going to fall on us?'"

Omolewu said he and the two other drivers ran. Omolewu turned around to grab his cell

phone, but because of the smoke, he couldn't see to dial.

As the noise subsided, Omolewu and others ran toward the plane, where they helped frightened passengers climb down off the wing and off an emergency chute.

The 54-ton jetliner still had about 1,000 gallons of fuel in its 5,311-gallon tanks. Thousands of gallons of gas were stored at the Chevron station. Although the plane leaked about 10 gallons of fuel, there was no fire.

Southwest called it the worst accident in its 29-year history.

"My feeling is they were very fortunate that it wasn't more serious than it was," said Southwest CEO Herb Kelleher. The airline, known for its bargain ticket prices, has never had a fatality.

Investigators said the cause of the crash was not yet known.

The battered plane was hoisted by cranes Monday and towed to a secure area of the airport. Cockpit data recorders were removed from the aircraft and flown to the National Transportation Safety Board's lab in Washington for analysis.

The pilot, a Southwest veteran since 1988 with more than 18,000 flying hours, will be interviewed Tuesday, said Jefferey R. Rich, the NTSB's lead investigator. The weather was clear at the time of the crash.

# Cardinal O'Connor receives Congressional Gold Medal

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Ailing Cardinal John O'Connor smiled and joked Monday as he was presented with a proclamation awarding him the Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's highest civilian honor.

"It was just nice. It was just one of those nice, almost magical moments that we are lucky enough to take part in ... it was so good to see him vigorous," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.



O'Connor

Schumer and Rep. Vito Fossella, R-N.Y., presented the framed proclamation to O'Connor at his Archdiocese residence. The medal will be presented to the cardinal in a few months once it has been minted.

"It meant a great deal to him. He was very,

very happy, very pleased about the whole thing," the cardinal's spokesman, Joe Zwilling, said after Monday's presentation of the document.

President Clinton signed the proclamation on Sunday and in a statement said, "For more than 50 years, Cardinal O'Connor has served the Catholic Church and our nation with constancy and commitment."

Clinton recalled O'Connor's early days performing parish work in his native Philadelphia, his service as a military chaplain in Korea and Vietnam and his 16 years leading the New York Archdiocese.

The medal is the highest civilian honor awarded by Congress, and both houses rushed to approve it for O'Connor, mindful of his precarious health.

O'Connor is recuperating from brain tumor surgery last year. Zwilling said the 80-year-old cardinal was "feeling better the last few days but still weak and not able to resume a regular schedule."

# Hacker alters Gallup Internet site

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

An electronic vandal altered the Internet site for the Gallup Organization, one of the nation's oldest and most respected polling companies, just before Tuesday's presidential primary elections.

Gallup said none of its poll data was compromised because its vandalized Web site, at www.gallup.com, won't be connected to internal computers that store polling results until Sept. 1. That's when

Gallup plans to make available through its Web site 65 years of data.

"We have until September 1 to guarantee that we have addressed all issues of security," said Phil Ruhlmon, Gallup's chief information officer.

Gallup results are relied upon heavily by campaigns and political journalists. The group's Web site was vandalized in an obvious way early Sunday for about six hours before it was noticed and repaired. The more serious risk was that subtle changes could have been introduced — the report of a surge by a political underdog, for example — and reported by mainstream media outlets as genuine.

"That is a risk," Ruhlmon acknowledged. "It may have existed for a longer period of time if they had changed something minor."

Instead, the unknown vandal altered part of Gallup's Web site with a claim that a prominent Internet site devoted to computer security, AntiOnline, was itself responsible. Along with some text, a headline was

changed to read "demonstration of Internet insecurity by AntiOnline."

Gallup indicated it now believes AntiOnline wasn't involved, but it acknowledged that it originally called to complain to John Vranesevich, who runs AntiOnline in Beaver, Pa.

**John Vranesevich**  
head of AntiOnline

*"To be able to put out a fake story about Microsoft merging with Apple, for example; just rumors about those kinds of stories can send stocks skyrocketing."*

"We're pretty much used to that," said Vranesevich, who was

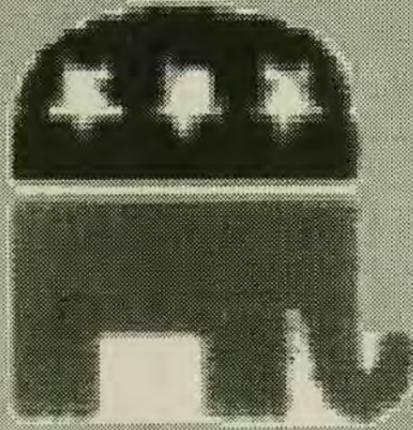
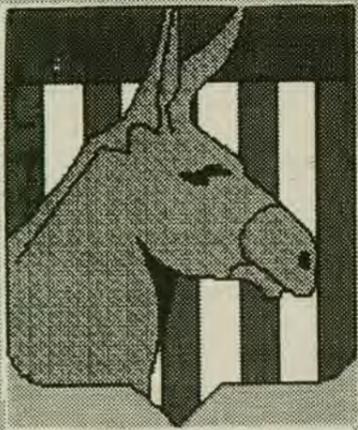
demonized by hackers last summer after he offered to help authorities trace and prosecute hackers. "When someone's hacked, there's obviously a lot of frustration there. When some of these malicious hackers put our name down as a joke or to degrade us, we'll get a call sometimes."

Vranesevich agreed that the greater threat in the attack against Gallup was the potential risk to the organization's credibility if false data published on its Web site had been reported publicly.

"To this point, we really haven't seen hackers do that," he said. "[But] to be able to put false information out, it could have serious consequences, all sorts of problems. To be able to put out a fake story about Microsoft merging with Apple, for example; just rumors about those kinds of stories can send stocks skyrocketing."

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## CZECH REPUBLIC

## Protesters hurl eggs at Albright

◆ **Students object to her message of making financial sacrifices to stop spread of nuclear weapons**

Associated Press

PRAGUE

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright urged Eastern Europeans on Monday to play a bigger role in bringing democracy to Serbia, after drawing applause and a barrage of hurled eggs with her message to a university audience that freedom requires financial sacrifice.

Albright, visiting the land of her birth, delivered a speech Monday at Tomas Masaryk University in Brno in which she referred to a pledge by Czech President Vaclav Havel on Sunday to cancel a \$30 million sale of cooling duct parts by a Czech company to Iran's Bushehr nuclear power plant.

Albright said halting the spread of nuclear weapons technology "is not without cost."

"To keep the best technology from falling into the wrong hands, American firms are required to forgo many potentially profitable contracts," Albright said, speaking in English. "But a similar responsibility rests upon the shoulders of all who pledged to defend the best interests of the Euro-Atlantic community."

After her speech, which drew enthusiastic applause, Albright left the auditorium for a nearby hall, where a crowd of well-wishers had gathered to catch a glimpse of her. Suddenly, two men shout-

ed "death to American imperialism" and began hurling eggs. Police Capt. Zdenek Lubas said two 22-year-old men described as anarchists were detained for questioning.

Albright was spattered with bits of egg, but most of them were intercepted by her bodyguards, said a U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity. Albright was rushed away quickly.

"Whoever is unable to think about the serious problems of today's civilization, including globalization, has nothing better to do than to take an egg and throw it at somebody," Havel said later.

Iran insists the Bushehr nuclear power plant is for peaceful production of electricity, but the Clinton Administration fears the Iranians are trying to develop a nuclear weapons program.

"We consider the campaign around Bushehr conducted by the Czech government and the local media a gift to the American minister Madeleine Albright linked to her visit," Sharif Khodai, the acting Iranian ambassador to Prague, told the newspaper Pravo.

Albright also met Monday afternoon in Prague, the Czech capital, with private Czech and other Eastern European organizations to discuss the challenges of bringing democracy to Serbia, Yugoslavia's dominant republic.

"The prevailing opinion was that Serbia's democratic opposition within the country and the international community should focus on elections in Serbia," said Tomas Pojar, head of the Prague-based Man in Need foundation.

Since arriving Sunday for a four-day visit, Albright has said repeatedly that former communist countries such as the Czech Republic can offer valuable lessons to Serbian opposition figures in fighting for democracy against the authoritarian government of President Slobodan Milosevic.



Albright

## CHILE

## Judge moves to try Pinochet

Associated Press

SANTIAGO

A judge asked a Chilean court Monday to strip Gen. Augusto Pinochet of his congressional immunity so the former dicta-

tor could stand trial for what has come to be known as "the caravan of death" — the killing and disappearance of 72 dissidents in the days following his 1973 coup.

The request by Judge Juan Guzman, the first ever filed against Pinochet in Chile, comes just three days after the army gave the retired general a warm welcome upon his return from house arrest in Britain — and gave rise to concerns the military might bring pressure to bear against any such trial.

"This is the beginning of justice, which we have sought for so long," said lawyer Hugo Gutierrez, who is marshaling several of the lawsuits pending here against Pinochet. The number of those suits climbed to 66 Monday as lawyers filed five more complaints alleging the wrongful death of a dozen people.

"The action by Judge Guzman means that he believes there is enough evidence to have Pinochet tried" in that case, Gutierrez added. "But since he has immunity as a member of the senate, the judge must first seek that immunity lifted."

Guzman has already indicted several other military offi-

cers, including two generals, in the same case.

The 22-member Santiago Court of Appeals would be the first to rule on Pinochet's immunity, after which either side can appeal to the Supreme Court. The process may take weeks, even months.

While even relatives and staunch Pinochet supporters admit that he, like any other Chilean, can be required to stand trial, others have expressed concern that the military — which still strongly supports their former leader — may apply pressure to abort any trial.

The military welcome for Pinochet Friday, and an army statement vowing "permanent support and solidarity" for Pinochet, were seen by many as a warning against prosecuting the former commander-in-chief.

President-elect Ricardo Lagos, a socialist who takes office on Saturday, has vowed to resist any attempt by the military to interfere.

Lawyer Fernando Barros, a close associate of the former ruler, warned that trying Pinochet would be tantamount to trying the armed forces for

their role in the coup and Pinochet's 1973-1990 military regime.

"Trying Gen. Pinochet will bring instability to the country," said Barros, a spokesman for Pinochet during most of his confinement in London. "The time has come to turn the page on this."

Pinochet, meanwhile, rested at his heavily guarded Santiago residence. He returned Friday from his 16-month detention in Britain, escaping attempts by a Spanish judge who wanted to bring him to trial on charges of torture and torture conspiracy.

The judge's request involves Chile's most prominent human rights case: the so-called "caravan of death" of October 1973, when military officers toured the country, dragging scores of dissidents from jail, executing them or making them disappear.

According to an official report, 19 of the dissidents lost to the "caravan of death" remain unaccounted for while 53 were executed. Gutierrez said the suit was filed against Pinochet because "it is clear that the caravan was sent by him and acted on his direct orders."



Pinochet



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# Court backs Indiana on Good Friday

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court wants no say, not yet anyway, in how states treat Good Friday.

The nation's highest court Monday rejected a challenge to Indiana's designation of Good Friday as a state holiday. The denial of review, which was not accompanied by any court comment, allows the state to continue giving its employees that day off, a practice begun in 1941.

The designation had been attacked as a violation of the constitutionally required separation of government and religion.

The justices similarly turned away a challenge in January to a Maryland law that requires the annual closing of all public schools on Good Friday.

Always two days before Easter, Good Friday is the Christian holiday that commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus. But some courts have ruled that designating the day as an annual holiday has a legitimate, non-religious purpose.

Indiana's law was challenged by taxpayer Russell Bridenbaugh of Bloomington. His lawyers told the court that at least 14 other states have laws making all or part of Good Friday a legal holiday.

They are California, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana,

Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

Some of those laws have been struck down after being challenged in court.

After Bridenbaugh sued in 1997, a federal magistrate threw out the case without a trial. A three-judge panel of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the dismissal last July, by a 2-1 vote.

A separate panel of that same appeals court previously had struck down the Illinois law that provided for school closings on each Good Friday.

Indiana's main purpose in designating the state holiday is to provide a long spring weekend, the appeals court panel found.

"Indiana does not celebrate the religious aspects of Good Friday; for Indiana, the holiday has absolutely no religious significance. To Indiana, Good Friday is nothing but a Friday falling in the middle of the long vacationless spring — a day which employees should take off to rejuvenate themselves," the panel said.

The dissenting judge said the state should not be allowed to choose Good Friday as the spring holiday every year. But the two-judge majority noted that the designation gives state employees a three-day weekend "during a time which typically involves travel, shopping, cooking and family gatherings."

# Jury convicts three N.Y. policemen

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Amid heightened tension between the police and the black community, three white officers were convicted Monday of a cover-up in the attack on a Haitian immigrant brutalized with a broken broomstick in a stationhouse bathroom.

The guilty verdicts in one of New York City's most notorious cases of police brutality came 10 days after four white officers were cleared in the shooting of West African immigrant Amadou Diallo, an unarmed black man who died a barrage of 41 bullets.

In Monday's verdict, former patrolman Charles Schwarz, 34, and officers Thomas Wiese, 36, and Thomas Bruder, 33, were found guilty of lying to investigators to conceal Schwarz's role in the 1997 attack on Abner Louima, who suffered severe internal injuries.

"Not only are we now getting convictions of police on misconduct, but actually for the conspiracy. This is a real blow to the blue wall of silence," said the Rev. Al Sharpton.

Louima cousin and family spokesman Samuel Nicolas said: "This is not a happy occasion for us. We are not opening champagne bottles." But he added, "Now we can start the healing process."

The officers' convictions carry up to five years in prison. No sentencing date was set.

Schwarz also could get life in prison when he is sentenced

for his 1999 conviction on charges of holding down a handcuffed Louima as fellow Officer Justin Volpe sodomized him with a broken broom handle.

In the latest trial, prosecutors sought to show that the three officers hid behind a "blue wall of silence" within the department.

"The verdict today should send a message within the police department that there is no greater betrayal of the badge than to ensnare a fellow officer in a web of lies and deceit," U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch said.

The guilty verdicts triggered an outburst from the three defendants and their supporters.

Schwarz cursed loudly as he was led from the courtroom. Wiese and Bruder, free on \$100,000 bail, wept, and Wiese cradled his mother after she collapsed in a hallway.

Bruder's lawyer, Stuart London, suggested the Diallo verdict and the protests that followed may have put pressure on the jury of six blacks, five whites and one Hispanic.

"It's hard to ignore the post-Diallo, anti-police climate that

resides in this city," London said.

Attorneys for all three men said they will appeal, and Schwarz's lawyer said he asked that Schwarz be placed on suicide watch in jail.

Louima was not in the courtroom for the verdict.

"What Abner Louima wants more than anything else is for what happened to him to never happen to anyone else's children," said Sanford Rubenstein, an attorney for the Louima family. The family is suing the city for \$155 million.

Prosecutors had accused the three officers of telling "lie after lie" to save Schwarz. They offered phone records

as evidence that showed the officers spoke many times in the weeks after the attack.

Both Volpe and Schwarz had insisted Schwarz was never even in the Brooklyn police station bathroom during the assault.

Volpe, who pleaded guilty to the attack and is serving a 30-year sentence, testified at Schwarz's trial for the first time about the attack, saying he mistakenly thought Louima had punched him during a disturbance outside a Haitian nightclub.

*"The verdict today should send a message within the police department that there is no greater betrayal of the badge than to ensnare a fellow officer in a web of lies and deceit."*

**Loretta Lynch**  
U.S. attorney

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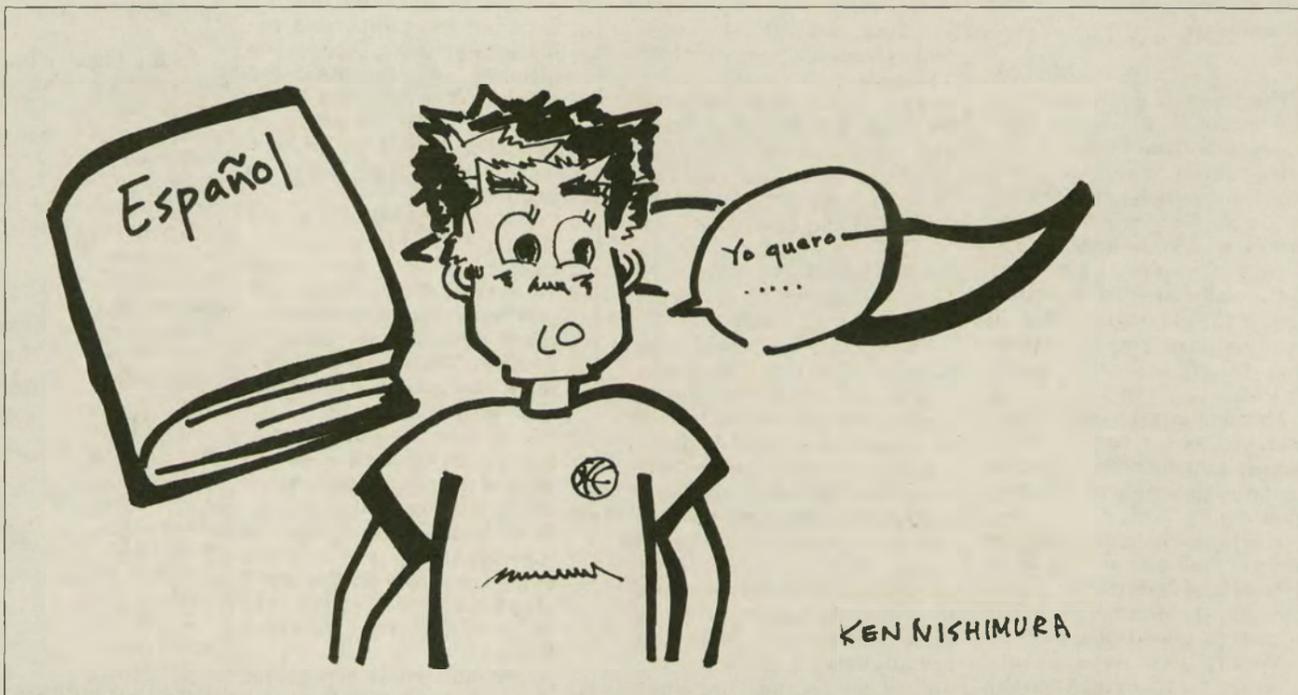
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KEN NISHIMURA

## Deep moments in required classes

I have struck up an e-mail friendship with a college freshman, to whom I often allocate certain pearls of wisdom that only a Real World-embattled graduate is capable of dispensing, such as how to magically transform a five-page paper into a seven-page one by changing the font. She is grateful for my assistance and shows it by whining a great deal about her required courses. I take this as an offense and a challenge. Nobody out-whines me where cores are concerned:

Mary Beth Ellis

*Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes*

Class: Biology. Took Place: Every frickin' day of the week. Usefulness Rating: Would sooner drink formaldehyde than have to smell it again. This course consisted largely of a man who wore the same four sweaters on a regularly rotating basis and talked at length about how cells divide. At one point he showed a film which graphically depicted mating rituals of the American honeybee. The fact that this was immensely disgusting was all anyone remembered on the midterm. A fetal pig was also dissected. No one enjoyed this except for the man in the sweater.

Class: Spanish. Took Place: Entirely too often. Usefulness Rating: Negative one million trillion gazillion stars. Spanish spoken by a learned or native tongue is lovely. Spanish spoken by hungover eighteen-year-olds at nine in the morning is not. An intense hatred of this course was easily engendered by its evil and deceptive nature.

The first week or so was dedicated to introducing oneself and constructing such marginally useful sentences as "The desk is on the floor!" Then sud-

denly, out of some deep, specially prepared hole of hell, came subject pronouns, the present tense of all verbs ending in -ar, singular forms of adjectives, the use and conjugation of the verb *ir* and one 125 vocabulary words, none of which even obliquely referred to the procurement of liquor. The explanations for correct usage and directions for homework exercises were written entirely in Spanish. And that concluded Chapter One.

Raining especial torment upon Spanish 101 was Language Lab. This was an undodgable requirement for all foreign language courses, in which students signed in for their prescribed one hour a week with a proctor, then hunched in carrels with a language tape, a Trudy the Time-Life Operator headset and a "listening skills" workbook. In theory, the student listened carefully to questions posed by the tape, then entered painstakingly constructed, accent-perfect responses in the spaces provided.

This theory applied for perhaps a grand total of four seconds of the required 27 hours of my Language Lab time. Within a week I discovered the Listening Skills answers conveniently placed in the back of the book, the amazing physical resemblance between the textbook tape and, say, a personal mix tape containing Garth Brooks and Toad the Wet Sprocket and the fact that student proctor did not in fact give a damn so as long as everyone was checked in, wearing headphones and holding some sort of writing instrument. I am pleased that Spanish 101 managed to inject joy and meaning into the life of at least one human being.

Class: The History of Western Civilization. Took place: Way the hell in the past. Usefulness Rating: Too many guillotines to tell.

The textbook for this course contained an entire section entitled "The Use of the Hand Plow," and that's all you need to know about that. Otherwise, the most pivotal event of Western Civilization took place at noon on Wed., October 4, 1995, which was the starting time for a lecture on Charlemagne — and the designated hour at which the verdict in the O.J. Simpson trial was to be announced. A mammoth battle raged between the professor, who wished to lecture, and the students, who, fully cognizant of the verdict's impact upon the nation's judicial system and American society in general, wished to get out of hearing the lecture. A truce was reached when two "reporter" students were permitted to listen to the verdict on a radio in the professor's nearby office while actual learning took place for the rest of the class. (It should be noted that everybody hated this arrangement except for the two reporter students.)

At 12:15 p.m., just as Charlemagne was conquering Saxony, a great "OOOOOHHHHHHHH!" was heard from the professor's office, immediately followed by the stomping appearance of the reporting students, who screeched, "not guilty!" before flopping angrily into their respective seats. The professor was mildly stunned and the reporting students were near tears, but the lecture continued anyway.

I will say one thing for the cores: They kept me busy between weekends.

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### DILBERT



SCOTT ADAMS

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If I ran a school, I'd give the average grade to the ones who gave men all the right answers, for being good parrots. I'd give the top grades to those who made a lot of mistakes and told me about them, and what they learned from them."

R. Buckminster  
architect, engineer and social philosopher

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 'War on drugs' is ineffective

The United States has a higher percentage of our population imprisoned than any other country in the world. The number of prisoners is expected to double over the next 20 years. We can barely build enough prisons to keep up the pace. All of this at a time when FBI statistics show the crime rate to be dropping steadily each year.

The vast majority of these prisoners are non-violent drug offenders. These non-violent prisoners are held for

long periods under mandatory sentencing laws while murderers and rapists are allowed early release in order to make room for more prisoners.

I ask you: Is drug use really such a heinous crime? Tobacco and alcohol are acknowledged to be two of the most harmful drugs, yet they are used without penalty by a large segment of the population. Most other countries regard drug addiction as a medical problem similar to alcoholism. Imagine how many people would be in prison if alcoholism or cigarette addiction were treated like other drug addictions.

The problem is this: The government, through its "War on

Drugs," has so demonized illegal drug use that it is impossible to speak about solutions other than incarceration. Yet this "war" has not been able to reduce the availability of drugs one iota. In fact, the U.S. is still the single largest consumer of illegal drugs in the world after 10 years of "war" — a "war" which has so far cost over \$50 billion of taxpayers money.

People use illegal drugs for the same reasons they use legal ones. Humans have always used drugs of one sort or another. This is a fundamental aspect of human behavior which can be traced back thousands of years in almost every culture.

The question in our time should be one of personal accountability. Obviously "driving while intoxicated" should be a crime for it endangers the lives of others. But should someone go to jail because they drink responsibly in the privacy of their own home? This analogy holds true for other forms of drug use.

The simple fact is that the "war on drugs" is a war on a large segment of the American people. It is unsustainable as no amount of legislation can modify human nature. It is a waste of our money and is destroying many more lives than it is helping.

Reverend H.W. Skipper  
Dallas, Texas  
March 4, 2000



### Holding out hope in students and alumni

Our Notre Dame Family, we address you as members of our family. Our brothers, sisters, friends; we came to this school in the pursuit of more than an education — we came in pursuit of a community in which we could all feel accepted. Hand picked by the admissions office, each one of us worked hard to get here and work harder each day to stay an integral part of this community. But we are not perfect. We make mistakes, piss off friends, get ejected from football games for doing pushups in the stands and even get thrown out of Reckers for spilling things. We are human, what can you expect?

We expected a Catholic community, a caring community, to look at the wrong of a fellow student and while not condoning it, forgive it. We are just as frustrated as anyone else is at the outcome of the Syracuse game. We are even more upset, however, with the reactions of our fellow students and alumni — the name-calling, finger pointing and threatening gestures — towards one of their own. We wonder if you would react the same if it was your roommate, your friend — you? We ponder

what words you could find to say to your parents if your fellow students wouldn't stop threatening you, just for the sake of a game?

Our expectations have not been completely disregarded, however, for we find some solace in the "class act" of the basketball team. We have discovered in them a source of inspiration, and we hope that you, our family, can do the same. We have not given up on you, in hopes that you will give back to the Notre Dame community a little of the respect it has lost in the past few days, we say to the him: Although we believe what you did lacked a bit of common sense, we still support you wholeheartedly.

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Libby Kaufman  
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March 5, 2000

### UHS is endangering students

I would like to respond to Ann Thompson's letter to the editor, published in The Observer last Friday. The author of the anonymous letter, printed last week, should be outraged at Ms. Thompson's callous critique of their reaction to the lost blood sample. No doubt, the nurse and laboratory technician did not intend to misplace the sample, but to dismiss the incident as an example of how "life isn't always perfect" is an insult not only to the person whose blood sample was lost, but to anyone who has ever experienced a problem with the University Health Services. I have spoken with countless individuals who have been the victims of misdiagnoses and poor medical treatment at the campus infirmary, and I would like to take this opportunity to share my personal experience and that of a friend who is very dear to me.

Shortly after fall break, I awoke one morning feeling intense chest pains and short breath. I decided to walk over to University Health Services for treatment. After meeting with one of the doctors, who told me I was probably suffering from inflamed lung tissue but did not say why, I was sent to have an X-ray taken of my chest cavity.

I walked into the room to find the X-ray operator seated at her desk reading a romance novel with a man who looked a great deal like Fabio on the cover. When I told her I needed an X-ray to be taken, she lifted one finger, without looking at me, and continued reading her book. I stood in the doorway for about a minute in utter agony because every time I either inhaled or exhaled I felt a terrible pain throughout my chest.

Finally, she put the book down and attended to me. Now, I could be overreacting, but when someone requires medical attention, I feel that attention should be as immediate as possible. Had there been another patient ahead of me requiring an X-ray, I would have waited without complaint. However, I think it is shameful for an employee of a hospital to put a patient on hold because she wants to finish reading about all her unfulfilled sexual fantasies. If that is the standard of excellence exhibited by UHS that Ms. Thompson hailed in her article, I think the bar needs to be raised considerably.

Unfortunately, my tale does not end on the X-ray table. About a month later I began to experience the same symptoms that had initially diminished after receiving medication from the infirmary. I told the same doctor that this was a repeat occurrence and that I thought it was something a little more serious than inflamed lung tissue. She said it was nothing and had the nurse give me shot, plus more prescriptions. Roughly 45 minutes after I received the shot, I had a violent attack of pain not only in my chest but in my neck and stomach as well. A friend dialed 911 and I was rushed to St. Joe's and stabilized.

The doctor at St. Joe's told me that my lung tissue was inflamed but since it was apparently a chronic ailment I should see a doctor for serious medical treatment over Christmas Break, which I did. I am now receiving the proper medication and have not suffered from chest pains since last fall.

This is not a single, isolated incident. There are so many students at Notre Dame with

complaints about UHS that it would probably take an entire edition of The Observer to print each one. A close friend of mine, who will remain anonymous, suffers from an incurable and potentially fatal heart disease.

She first noticed something was wrong when she experienced chest pains — different and much worse than the pains I suffered from — last February. The doctor at UHS said that she was simply suffering from stress and that a change in lifestyle was all she needed. When she asked for testing, they refused to administer any, saying it would be unnecessary.

She spent the remainder of the year in constant pain and upon her return home in May she visited a cardiologist at one of the top hospitals in the country. They were willing to perform the tests and discovered her condition. She was placed on medication that would treat but not cure the disease and could not be mixed with certain drugs used to treat other ailments. She was also told that she would need to go into a hospital for weekly check-ups while she was at school.

In December, my friend contracted pneumonia and went to the infirmary on campus for treatment. Even though she specifically informed the doctors that she was on heart medication and that they could not prescribe certain drugs for the pneumonia, they went ahead and gave her a prescription that could not be mixed with her heart medicine anyway. This means one of two things: Either they did not do a thorough enough background check on the heart medicine or the pneumonia medicine, or they ignored my friend's warning altogether. In any case, that is an unconscionable oversight.

She took the medicine for 4 days. It made the pneumonia go away but gave her severe heart problems, worse than she had ever experienced before. Her cardiologist at home immediately took her off the pneumonia medication because it was obvious that it was worsening the heart condition.

As a result of all the problems she has had with UHS, my friend goes to St. Joe's for her check-ups, which is a terrible inconvenience for her. She no longer believes that anyone at UHS has a shred of medical expertise and will only go there in the most dire of emergencies.

This is the state of health care on the campus of America's top Catholic university. Ms. Thompson called the lost blood sample "truly a RARE occurrence." Perhaps blood samples are not often misplaced, but University Health Services has made too many mistakes to be considered an adequate health care center. I do not feel that anyone who voices their disapproval of the medical attention they receive at UHS should be accused of having "an inappropriate response" to the situation.

Ms. Thompson encourages open communication so that "constructive changes" can be made, but the rest of her article indicates that a student will be castigated every time they criticize UHS. Well, I have some open communication for Ms. Thompson: The University Health Services is a pathetic representation of the medical profession and a disgrace to the University of Notre Dame. The administration needs to recognize this and do something about it.

Matt Lee  
Sophomore, Keough Hall  
March 6, 2000



## CONCERT REVIEW

# Bands at Stepan show are 'decent,' varied

*Vertical Horizon & Stroke 9 perform to an interesting mix of concert-goers*

By COREY HARTMANN  
Scene Movie Critic

From Notre Dame students to high schoolers, everyone at Stepan Center on March 1 seemed to enjoy themselves. Vertical Horizon and Stroke 9 held a concert that helped people put faces to the performers of those songs they always hear on the radio. It also gave everyone attending a chance to hear some other material from the two great bands.

The night started out strong with the local band Radford taking the stage at the Stepan Center. Radford got everyone's head bobbing but didn't have too much crowd reaction. Stroke 9 was next on stage and was probably the highlight of the evening. Hailing from San Francisco, Stroke 9 is enjoying the

popularity of their hit "Little Black Backpack" gracing the airwaves across the country.

Lead by singer Luke Esterkyn, Stroke 9 jammed for close to an hour, playing songs like "City Life," "Washin' & Wonderin'" and "Tail of the Sun." Closing with the crowd favorite "Backpack," and saying how much they enjoyed being in South Bend, Stroke 9 left and had many fans wanting more.

Talking to many people after the concert (including that nice police officer that is sending me to Res-Life) concert-goers believed that Stroke 9 did a better job than Vertical Horizon. Much of that had to do with the two styles of music that the bands played. Stroke 9 has many songs that are faster and more upbeat so the fans can dance, while Vertical Horizon has slower, more melodic songs.

Vertical Horizon soon took the stage and was happy to have the crowd vibe from Stroke 9's performance. Playing new and old material, Vertical Horizon helped show South Bend why they are becoming so popular, especially with the college-aged crowd. Having a sound similar to that of New Radicals, Vertical Horizon played songs from their new album, *Everything You Want*, and a couple of old tunes from *Running on Ice* and *Live Stages*. "Best I Ever Had," "You're A God," "We Are" and "Send It Up" were just a few of the songs from their major label debut album. "Candyman," "Angels Without Wings" and

"The Man Who Would Be Santa" were songs played from their sophomore release.

Ending with "Everything You Want," Vertical Horizon left the stage only to hear the Notre Dame student body and all the little kids there with their moms put their hands in the air and scream like we do right before every kickoff at a football game.

All around, the show was decent. Even with the security guards being so rude and not letting any fans dance or do anything. Even with the lead singer of Vertical Horizon strutting the

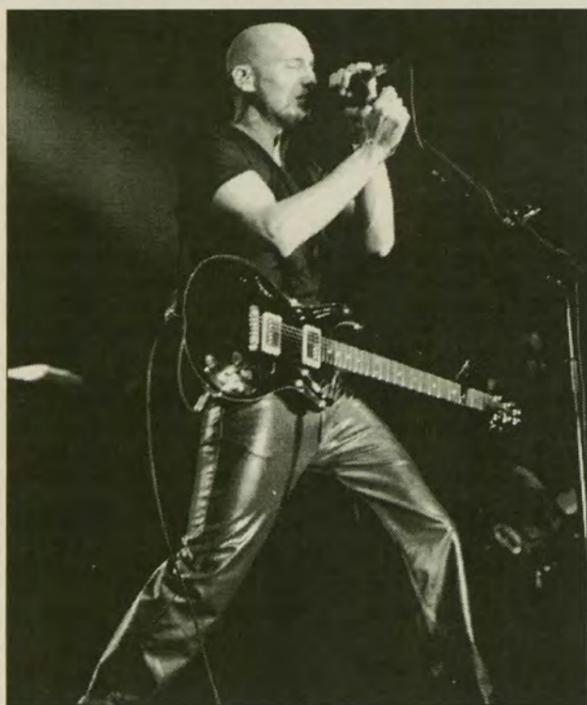
Billy Corgan haircut. Even with half of the teenagers from St. Joseph's high school at the concert. Even with those security guards trying to kick people out for folding up some chairs.



MARY CALASH/The Observer

Sponsored by the Notre Dame Student Union Board and U93, the concert at the Stepan Center featured Stroke 9, a big hit with the young girls and the definite crowd pleaser for the evening.

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MARY CALASH/The Observer

Vertical Horizon delivered a strong performance, playing music from previous releases along with their hit single.

## CONCERT REVIEW

# A shy Mr. 'Misery' delights Chicago crowd

By CHRISTOPHER McGOVERN  
Scene Music Critic

Elliott Smith's music has always been a study in contradictions. His songs are beautiful and emotional, yet the lyrics are stark and depressing. Even his happier songs usually have a sad twist to them. This trend of contradiction remained apparent throughout his performance at Chicago's Empty Bottle on Saturday, February 26.

A shy, reserved Smith took the stage around 11:00 and went straight into two new songs, "Son of Sam" and "Happiness." Though he appeared somewhat nervous — an early miscue on "Happiness" seemed to make him somewhat embarrassed — he settled into a comfortable groove around the third or fourth tune.

Despite his somewhat ill at ease manner, Smith, who earned national acclaim for his contributions to the "Good Will Hunting" soundtrack, managed to maintain a commanding stage presence. For the most part, the audience stood motionless, as if they didn't want to miss

a single note or word from their modern-day Dylan. The only damper on the evening, was the young lady in the front row who pantomimed everything from being a butterfly to taking heroin.

After the early mishap, Smith's guitar work was nothing short of brilliant, especially on two numbers from XO, "Waltz #2" and "Independence Day." This was a welcome surprise, given that Smith is primarily known for his amazing voice and songwriting abilities. He

even seemed comfortable with most of the new material, which will show up on his forthcoming *Figure 8* release in April. Two songs to especially look forward to are "LA" and "Pretty Mary K," both of which are reminiscent of his

earlier work on the Kill Rock Stars label.

Other highlights from the evening included "Say Yes," "Ballad of Big Nothing" and "St. Ides Heaven." On "Ides," he called up an old friend from the audience to help him out who, surprisingly, did a nice job. Her performance showed that most of the concert-goers were music professionals, much like Smith, rather than the casual fan.

Near the end of the night, Smith played a Big Star cover, which has become almost customary at his shows. With most of the crowd suggesting "Thirteen," he went with "Night Time," a rather desperate song on a night in which Smith seemed to be anything but. His soothing voice and heartfelt lyrics

have made him a college girl mix-tape staple, and his performance showed why. Look for his new album on April 18, as well as the new *Division Day* EP released last week.

The opening act, Chicago natives Okay Go!, pleased the crowd with their lyrical, poppy songs and colorful stage antics. This extremely witty band kicked off their set with the mid-80's hit "Don't Get Me Wrong," prompting the lead singer to proclaim them as a Pretenders cover band.

They then proceeded to rip through a set of their own eclectic originals, ranging from punk-pop to Weezer-like power chord ballads, all while the keyboardist did his best to bring the Kraftwerk robots to life.

To end their set, they did something unprecedented in the annals of rock—they covered the headlining act. They played a blistering version of Smith's own "Clementine," providing a nice contrast to the acoustic set he was about to play. Okay Go! is an enjoyable live act, and being that they play regularly in the Chicago area, would be worth the trip alone to see.

### Setlist

- ◆ Son of Sam
- ◆ Happiness
- ◆ Southern Belle
- ◆ Between the Bars
- ◆ LA
- ◆ Rose Parade
- ◆ Pretty Mary K
- ◆ Division Day
- ◆ Angeles

- ◆ Needle in the Hay
- ◆ Say Yes
- ◆ Waltz # 2
- ◆ St. Ides Heaven
- ◆ Biggest Lie
- ◆ Independence Day
- ◆ Ballad of Big Nothing
- ◆ Coming Up Roses
- ◆ Night Time
- ◆ Pitseleh
- ◆ Last Call

**MUSIC COLUMN**

## Let us say 'Ughhh — Long live rap music'

When I read Andrew Jones' article two weeks ago about music at ND dances and on the radio, I was shocked and dismayed by the inconsistency of his opinions. It seems hypocritical to criticize rap while praising the Red Hot Chili Peppers, the Dave Matthews Band and Phish. He stated that while he can occasionally listen to rap, we, as a campus, can not actually consider it music. He claimed that rap was only about ridiculous or unoriginal topics like prostitution, drugs or "ghetto life in general." Finally he stated that rap is overplayed at dances and that it turns us into mindless zombies flailing our bodies around to random beats and profanities put forth by rap icons.

Mr. Jones' solution — listen to solid musical groups like Dave Matthews Band and Phish — both of which he feels are great as dance music I suppose. Well if I can't be made to say uhhh at a party, I am glad that I am not invited. I will respond to Jones' arguments in the short amount of space that The Observer has blessed me with.

Rap music is music, plain and simple, and this is the only point on which I am not flexible. Going back to its roots in the late '70s and early '80s, rap came about as an evolution of blues and jazz. Many struggling artists lacked the

resources to buy instruments or DJ equipment so they created styles like beat box to enable them to still make music. From the laid-back grooves of Q-Tip and Mos Def to the in-your-face style of Master P and Spice 1, rap has shown a diversity and brilliance that places it alongside all other genres of music. With perfect harmony of lyrics and beats that make people want to dance and learn every word, rap has the ability to take hold of people and draw them in. Despite what Mr. Jones believes, it does not take a 15-minute guitar solo to make music good. Music is what drives people, what puts them in different moods, what makes them want to dance and celebrate. Rap is not only music, but great music to many people.

Jones next tries to point out that rap music is only about ridiculous and unoriginal topics like drugs and prostitution. Groups like Public Enemy created beats and lyrics that expressed the plight of a race that was still struggling despite efforts of the civil rights era. NWA and KRS1 gave a voice to the thousands of Americans that face police brutality while no one listens, and answers the people that think discriminations in the criminal justice system are only isolated incidents.

In the '90s, Tupac, Puff Daddy, No Limit Records, DMX, Eve, Jay-Z and many others have provided testimony of the problems and enjoyments in the lives of rappers and the people that they feel close to. Read The Source Magazine and you will find articles about rap but also about the situation in South Africa, the death penalty, Health Insurance for the underclass, and effective programs

for urban renewal.

In a year of subscribing to the Phish newsletter in high school, the most interesting thing I read about was whether or not one of the members should cut his hair. Can we honestly criticize rap for its "silly" topics while promoting Phish? Consider the numerous "serious" Phish topics. This group has a ten-minute song where they endlessly repeat the name David Bowie. Another popular song is about a weasel named Fee that just wants to be free. There's yet another song where the most intelligible statement is "a picture of nectar." Can Andrew Jones criticize the misogyny, drug culture and pulsating rhythm in rap while advocating "Give it Away" by the Red Hot Chili Peppers, a song that itself promotes

promiscuity from a band that talks about or alludes to drug culture in half of their songs? And the drug use of groups like Phish and Dave Matthews is a matter of public record. I would say that all music has its imperfections, but no one should venture to say that rap is the least cultured form of music because it doesn't tone down its lyrics.

There is the issue of rap music being overplayed as well as Jones' request to stop hearing it (he also talks about pop and 80's music but focuses mostly on rap). Jones makes a bold statement by saying that maybe we listen to rap so much because of diversity issues on campus. This is pretty much insulting and non-sensical because it ignores the

fact that many people actually like rap music. He gives no reason why the racial composition of campus would prompt us to listen to more rap. Jones speaks on our behalf by saying that although the Dave Matthews Band is overplayed, we would rather hear that at dances than rap. I, however, wholeheartedly disagree. I think Dave Matthews produces great music, but from the people I have talked to and by my own opinion, a real party would not last four songs into any "Dave" album without a large portion of people leaving the floor.

*Music is what drives people, what puts them in different moods, what makes them want to dance and celebrate.*

Furthermore, I disagree that rap is played over half the time at any party. I would say that it is pop and random stuff like the Grease megamix, which I will unite with Andrew Jones in defeating.

Finally Jones states that Phish concerts prove that people can dance to the music, but I would point out that flailing around in a pot-induced semi-slumber is no more dancing than what people supposedly do when they hear rap music.

In conclusion, I am a fan of all the groups mentioned above and feel that you accept all musicians' flaws and brilliance. One should not point out the shortcomings of a genre they do not like while ignoring the problems with their own taste.

I close with one question. How can you enjoy dancing in a large group of people if everyone is worried about stepping on someone's Birkenstocks?



Todd Callais

Scene music critic

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**WOMEN'S BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP**

# Connecticut advances to finals with 79-54 win

Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — Tamika Williams had 16 points and anchored a dominating post game as No. 1 Connecticut beat Boston College 79-54 on Monday in the semifinals of the Big East tournament.

UConn (29-1) will play Rutgers for the title Tuesday. The defending champion Huskies have won the last six tournament titles.

It was BC's first appearance in the semifinals since 1990. The No. 17 Eagles have not been to a final since 1987 when they lost to Villanova.

Williams got most of her inside feeds from Svetlana Abrosimova, who finished with a career-high 10 assists.

The Huskies outscored Boston College 50-18 in the paint using a deep and talented bench to wear down the Eagles (25-8). UConn reserves accounted for 39 points.

UConn's defense pressured BC into 16 first half turnovers, and on the offensive end, the Huskies went inside to Williams early and often.

With UConn up 6-4, the power forward scored eight of the next 14 points.

Shea Ralph and Asjha Jones combined for six in the 14-0 run to give UConn its biggest lead of the half, 20-4 with

12:48 remaining. Five straight BC turnovers kept the Eagles scoreless for nearly five minutes.

The Eagles' inside game began to heat up midway through the half, and the spark was sophomore forward Becky Gottstein, who finished with 19 points. She hit three of BC's last four field goals and the Eagles trailed 34-23 at the break, but would get no closer.

The Huskies continued the pressure in the post to start the second half got the same results. They opened with a 12-4 on five inside baskets and a pair of free throws to go up 46-27 with 13:52 left. UConn led by as much as 32 in the period.

UConn capitalized with 31 points on 25 BC turnovers.

Gottstein was playing in her third straight game since returning from a right ankle stress fracture that sidelined her for six weeks.

Before the injury she led the conference with 10 rebounds a game and was the second leading scorer on the team. She got five boards in the first half, but was held to a pair in the second.

UConn outrebounded the Eagles 39-31. Abrosimova and Kelly Schumacher had six apiece.

Alissa Murphy had 13 points for the Eagles.



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Senior guard Cal Bouchard defends Niele Ivey in a game earlier this season. Bouchard and the Eagles fell to the Huskies in Monday's semifinal of the Big East Championship.

**NBA**

## Garrity seals win for Orlando with buzzer beater

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON**

Pat Garrity made a fadeaway jumper from the top of the key as time expired to give the Orlando Magic a come-from-behind 87-85 victory over the Washington Wizards on Monday night.

Chucky Atkins scored seven straight points for the Magic to

turn an 82-78 deficit into an 85-82 lead in the final minute.

Washington rookie Richard Hamilton made a 3-point shot with 12.2 seconds left to tie the score. The Magic then called timeout and ran a play for Garrity, who got the ball at the top of the key, wheeled and threw up a jumper that went in as the buzzer sounded.

Garrity finished with only five points, shooting 2-for-6 from

the field. Atkins came off the bench to lead the Magic with 15 points. Rookie Corey Maggette added 14.

Hamilton had a career-high 25 for Washington.

Orlando has beaten Washington in 10 of their last 12 meetings and did so this time without Ron Mercer, who was not in uniform because of an ankle sprain suffered in Sunday's loss against Boston.

The Magic held a 51-38 rebounding edge, led by former Wizard Ben Wallace's 16 rebounds. Orlando had 18 offensive rebounds to just six for the Wizards.

The Magic's reserves, nicknamed "The Magnificent Seven," scored 50 of the team's 87 points.

Maggette came off the bench to lead a 14-2 second-quarter run that helped the Magic take

a 52-49 halftime lead. Hamilton got rolling in the second half, scoring 15 of his points to help the Wizards stay close.

**Notes:**  
♦ Juwan Howard played his 15,000th minute in the first quarter.

♦ The Magic now are 15-26 when Wallace wears his hair in corn rows.

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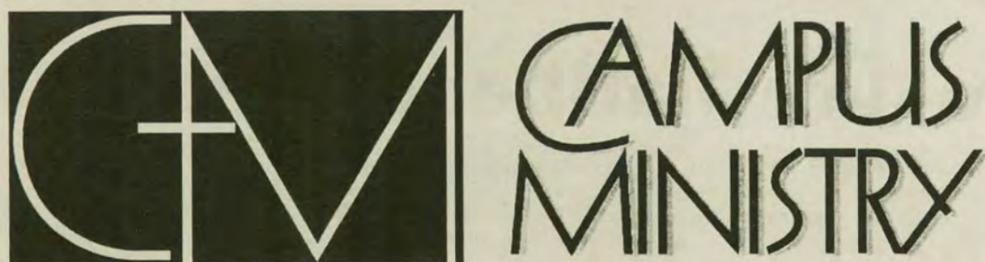
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Despite rumors to the contrary, Connolly and Chuk would have remained at the Welsh party had they been more coherent.

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**M**ardi Gras is the day before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Today, however, is traditionally known as "Shrove Tuesday", because it was the day on which "shrift" or confession was made in preparation for the great fast of the Lenten season of 40 days. Shrove Tuesday is called in French Mardi gras "Fat Tuesday," in allusion to the fat ox which is ceremoniously paraded through the streets on this day.

In Catholic countries Mardi gras is celebrated as the last day of the carnival, with feasting and merrymaking, of which, in England, the eating of pancakes alone survives as a social custom. The day had been called at one time "Pancake Tuesday."

In the U.S., the festival season preceding Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season particularly associated with New Orleans is known, of course, as Mardi Gras. The season begins New Year's day and concludes with parades, pageantry and a ball on Shrove Tuesday.

#### Frequently Asked Questions:

### Where do the traditions of Mardi Gras and Ash Wednesday originate?

By Fr. Peter Rocca, C.S.C.,  
Rector of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart

The choice of a period of forty days of penance and preparation for both the faithful as well as catechumens seeking baptism at Easter is a deliberate imitation of Jesus' fasting in the desert for forty days and forty nights. As the Sundays of Lent were never intended to be fast days, six weeks of six days fast each week (=36 days) needed the supplement of four more days. Hence the season was moved backwards to Wednesday, later known as Ash Wednesday.

It had been decided at a very early time that the special penance for those guilty of serious sin should start at the beginning of Lent. Penitents donned a penitential garment and had ashes sprinkled on them. Then came the rite of

expulsion from the church. The wearing of special penitential garment and the sprinkling with ashes as an expression of sorrow and repentance were already familiar to the Old Testament and pagan antiquity. Jesus himself refers to this practice (see Mt. 11:21). The early church was also familiar with the practice (e.g. Tertullian and St. Cyprian).

Although the institution of public penance disappeared toward the end of the first millennium, the custom of imposing ashes was restored and applied to all the faithful. Clerics and laymen had ashes sprinkled on their heads; women had a sign of the cross made with ashes on their foreheads. From antiquity and the Old Testament down to the most recent church documents, this action has been seen as a symbol of transiency, sorrow and penance.

The three traditional stages needed for a true change of heart during Lent are repentance, conversion and reconciliation, themes mentioned time and time again by Pope John Paul II as particularly appropriate during this Holy Year. The chief means to achieve such a change of heart has traditionally included prayer, fasting and almsgiving, as prescribed in the gospel reading for Ash Wednesday (Mt. 6:1-6, 6-18).

The first reading of this day from the prophet Joel (2:12-18) sounds the prophet's call for true repentance. The heart of the reading is an invitation to turn away from sin and we do this with the full knowledge that the

**The key word is "turn." This turning manifests itself in outward signs: fasting, almsgiving, prayer. But the essential turning is inward.**

mercy we ask from God will be granted since his mercy and love are everlasting.

The reading from 2 Corinthians (5:20- 6:2) speaks of the continual need we all experience for conversion and turning to the Lord. The time for the conversion is declared to be "now," for "now" is the day of salvation.

Finally, the gospel reading from Matthew declares that it is not enough that we perform the prescribed disciplines of the season. It speaks more about the motivation than about performance, about the spirit which prompts them, and not that the letter is fulfilled.

The key word for this day is "turn." The prophet Joel cries out the words of the Lord: "Even now, return to me with your whole heart." This turning manifests itself in outward signs: fasting, almsgiving, prayer. But the essential turning is inward. "Read your hearts, not your garments."

As we turn to God in fasting, prayer and service, God turns with the gift of life. At the climax of his turning, God made him who did not know sin to be sin that he might turn us to be the very holiness of God. The Son of God turned to take on our nature that we, who did not know righteousness, might live by his life.

Fasting, almsgiving and prayer are the three traditional practices of Lent which set us in our proper place before God and others. To live out this authentic relationship is, for the Christian, its own reward.

NFL

# Green, Vikings try to lure Marino to Minnesota

Associated Press

### MINNEAPOLIS

At least one team in the NFL doesn't think Dan Marino is washed up.

Dennis Green is trying to lure the league's career passing leader to Minnesota, where he would become the Vikings' eighth starter in eight seasons.



Marino

Marino turns 39 this year and has spent his entire 17-year career in Miami. He is considering an offer from the Vikings, but also considering retirement.

The Vikings feature receivers Cris Carter and Randy Moss, but they also lost Pro Bowl offensive linemen Randall McDaniel and Jeff Christy to rival Tampa Bay.

"Dan called me, and Dan said that the Vikings had offered him a contract and he was thinking about it," Carter told WPTV in West Palm Beach, Fla., on Monday.

"Before Minnesota called, I think Dan was going to retire," Carter said from his home in Boca Raton, Fla. "I think it really rekindled some interest that he had maybe four or five months ago."

Carter also said Marino was concerned about uprooting his children.

Marino was offered Minnesota's starting quarterback job last week in talks with Green, two sources close to Marino and speaking on condition of anonymity confirmed Monday.

Marino, who has never won a championship, most likely will decide by the end of the week, one of the sources said.

The offer was first reported Sunday night by ESPN and Fox Sports Net, citing unidentified sources.

"I'm just flabbergasted," Dolphins president Eddie Jones said. "I have no idea about Dan Marino and any report about him going anyplace. I know nothing about where Dan's head is at or what he plans to do."

But Jones said for the first time Monday that if Marino plays next season, the Dolphins want him.

"Danny has been told he can come back," Jones said.

Green didn't return phone calls from The Associated Press on Monday. Last week, he told

his staff not to discuss the team's quarterback situation in light of heavy criticism of his declaration that Daunte Culpepper, his top draft pick last year, would enter camp as the projected starter.

But Green told WAFN Radio in Miami he'd love it if Marino and the Vikings pursued their elusive championship rings together.

"We think this is a perfect merger of a guy who wants one more year to get it done the right way and a team that's looking for that one guy who wants one more year to get it right," Green said.

The Vikings haven't offered Jeff George a contract, even though he went 9-3 after coming off the bench last season to replace Randall Cunningham, who was demoted 5 1/2 games into his new \$28 million contract.

George's agent, Leigh Steinberg, said he assumed the Vikings would make a push for his client's return once they

freed up enough cap room. Steinberg said he was flabbergasted by the Vikings' pursuit of Marino instead.

"Do I understand what's going on in Minnesota? No," Steinberg said. "Usually when a guy goes 9-3 and takes his team to the playoffs, the team tries to extend his contract very quickly. It seemed like a marriage made in heaven."

Cunningham has refused a big pay cut and probably will be jettisoned June 1.

Marino, who has not attracted much interest from other teams, threw 12

touchdown passes and 17 interceptions in 1999, by far the worst ratio of his career. He also missed five games and most of a sixth because of a neck injury.

In the playoffs, Marino led the Dolphins to a 20-17 victory over Seattle in the first round. But the team was embarrassed 62-7 the next week against Jacksonville, when the Dolphins trailed 38-0 before Marino even completed a pass.

After the most lopsided loss in Dolphins history and the most miserable afternoon of his career, Marino said: "I've never experienced a game like this in my life. Even as a kid, I've never had a game like this."

Marino is the most prolific passer in NFL history. In 17 seasons, he has completed 4,967 passes for 61,361 yards and 420 touchdowns, all NFL records.

But injuries have taken a toll, and Marino's quarterback rat-

ing of 67.4 ranked 30th in the league.

He became a free agent last month after voiding his contract with Miami. The Dolphins then signed free agent quarterback Jay Fiedler.

The Vikings haven't had the money to do much in the free agent market. But Marino's agent, Marvin Demoff, had discussions with the team on a contract that would fit within the salary cap.

Marino, who had a mediocre 1999, could sign a deal with easily reachable incentives that would not squeeze the Vikings too much.

The Vikings, who have shaken up their roster and coaching staff this offseason, are hoping Marino won't pass up a shot at playing with Carter and Moss, who thrived last year with the equally strong-armed George.

When the Dolphins signed Fiedler to a three-year, \$3.8 million contract, it seemed clear Marino had played his last game in Miami.

*"We think this is a perfect merger of a guy who wants one more year to get it done the right way."*

**Dennis Green**  
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WOMEN'S BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP

# Husky fever alive as UConn plays for Big East title

STORRS, Conn.

It's nearly an hour before the start of the Connecticut-Boston College semifinal game of the women's Big East tournament on Monday.

Steve and Karen Wilson stand in front of the South entrance of the Gampel Pavilion, their elbows resting on a three-foot high concrete wall. The married couple, residents of nearby Chaplin, Conn., are finishing the last drags of their cigarettes before entering the arena.



Tim Casey

sports writer

Steve in his UConn hat and Karen in her blue "Connecticut basketball" sweatshirt with XXL emblazoned across the middle, are getting ready to see their beloved Huskies compete against their neighboring rivals. This is the second time they have seen Connecticut live this year, the first being a 72-71 loss to Tennessee on Feb. 2, the Huskies' only defeat of this season.

Lying on the concrete wall is a white poster with alternating blue and white letters spelling UConn. Below the UConn, in black letters, is the word "Rocks."

"I got on TV the last time I had a poster," explains Steve with a grin.

UConn Rocks: That phrase expresses the feelings of many in Husky Nation.

With their state located between New York and Boston, Connecticut professional sports fans' loyalties are divided. There are Red Sox supporters and Yankee fans. Some prefer the Patriots; others like the Jets or Giants. Both Celtics and Knicks, Bruins and Rangers fans populate the Nutmeg State.

But when it comes to college basketball, there's only one team in town.

And for good reason.

The Huskies have won the last seven Big East regular season titles and six-straight tournament championships. In the 1990s, they participated in three Final Fours and six Elite Eight appearances. The 1995 team finished the season at 35-0 en route to the national title.

Five Husky alums are currently in the WNBA, including three former national college Player of the Year recipients — Rebecca Lobo, Jennifer Rizotti and Kara Wolters.

These feats haven't gone unnoticed by

the locals.

All of the Connecticut regular season games sold out during the summer. Eighty members of the media regularly attend each home game, be it a January date with West Virginia or a nationally televised game against Tennessee.

Getting a ticket for a game is as tough as predicting the weather in South Bend during the winter. The Wilsons were lucky enough to get their tickets through Karen's brother's company. Without those connections, they would be sitting on their couch, watching the game with their three daughters.

"We watch all the games," the Wilsons said. "We were fortunate tonight [getting tickets]."

The Wilsons weren't the only Connecticut fans getting ready to enter Gampel before the warm-ups began.

As thousands entered the North entrance, they were greeted with high-fives by the team's mascot, the aptly named Husky.

Buses transported fans from cars parked miles away from the stadium.

Ticket scalpers searched for any interested buyers. There were plenty. Sellers are scarce before Husky games. It's a far cry from the Irish home games, where you can't give away enough tickets to fill the Joyce Center.

The scene is reminiscent of that an hour before an Irish home football game.

Except the crowd at Gampel is an eighth of the size of Notre Dame Stadium.

College basketball to them is what college football means to many Irish fans.

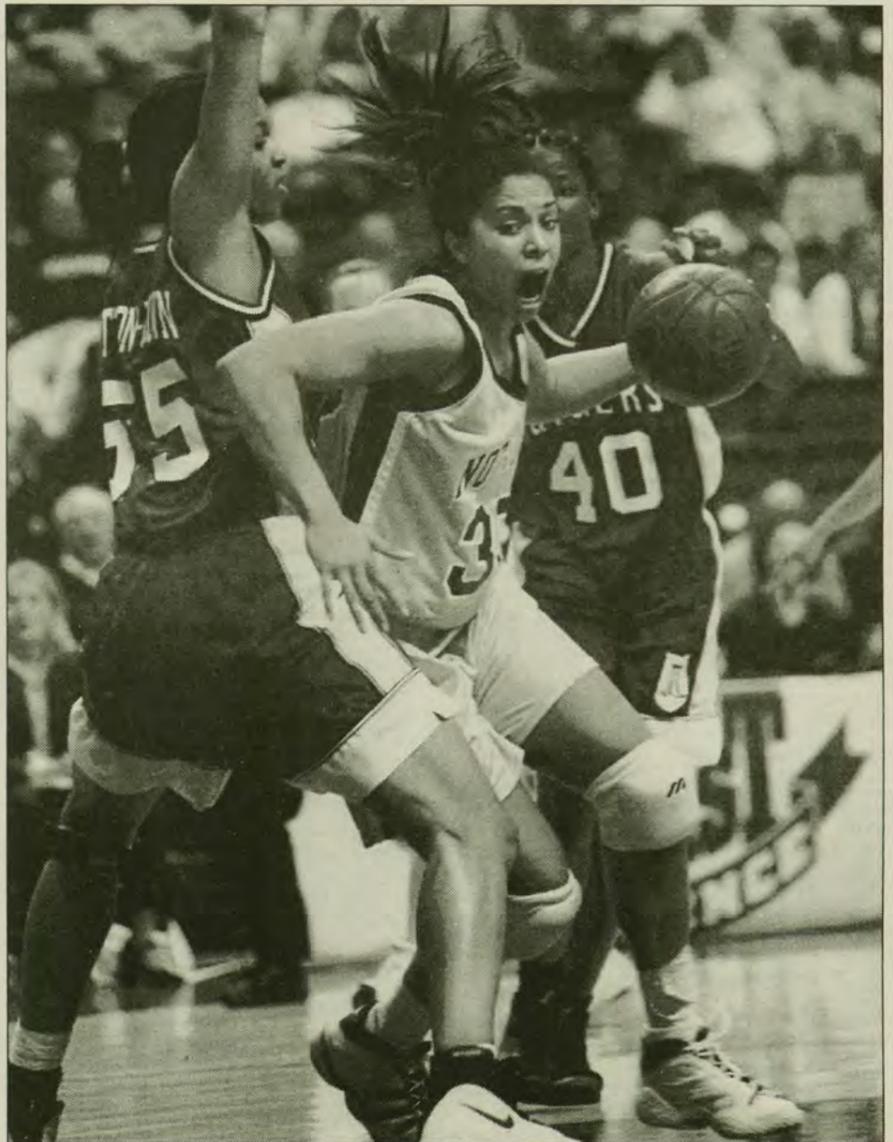
It's the biggest game in town.

And it's not limited to just the women. The men's team, the 1999 National Champions, regularly sell out all their games. The crowd still chants an ever-present "U-C-O-N-N, UConn!, UConn!, UConn!"

To witness the atmosphere of Husky Nation, take Route 195 North from Storrs, follow 84 west to 91 South and you'll be in New York City, home of Madison Square Garden, the site of this weekend's men's Big East tournament.

Once there, you'll be surrounded by a swarm of blue and white tee-shirts, hats, sweaters, sweatshirts — anything with a UConn logo. They could sell Connecticut toilet paper and these fans would be willing to pay for it.

In last year's conference championship game against St. John's, you could have sworn it was a Husky home game. Never mind that St. John's is located a few



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Julie Henderson drives on Rutgers center Tammy Sutton-Brown. The Scarlet Knights take on the Huskies in tonight's Big East final.

miles from the Garden.

Tonight, the Connecticut women face Rutgers in the tournament final.

Rutgers, eighth in the nation beat a very good Notre Dame team 81-72 in overtime on Monday night. The Scarlet Knights play an aggressive defense and feature one of the conference's top players in Shawnetta Stewart. The last time the two teams met, the Huskies squeaked out a 65-60 victory.

But this is different, this is the Big East

championship, a title the Huskies have won each of the previous six years.

And it's at home, where the Huskies have won 73 Big East games in a row.

Tune in tonight at 7:30 on ESPN2 and look for a "UConn Rocks" poster.

Steve and Karen Wilson were able to get tickets for the final.

*The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.*

## Irish

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Gilmore.

Down by eight with 14:28 left in regulation, Gilmore came off the bench and scored nine

straight Knights' points to keep her squad within a basket of the Irish, 40-38.

"When my shots started falling, I said to myself, 'It's about time,'" said Gilmore. "I've been struggling with my shooting for some time."

But as Gilmore's streak wore

off, momentum began to swing the way of the Irish. Notre Dame took advantage of Rutgers' center Tammy Sutton-Browne's absence on the court because of a fourth foul and took the ball inside to run up its lead to eight with seven minutes left to play.

But with three minutes remaining, Sutton-Browne checked back in and momentum changed again. Shutting down the Irish in the lane, the Knights dominated on offense and took the lead 61-58 with 43.3 seconds remaining.

As Irish guard Danielle Green drove down the lane with a clear shot at the hoop, Stewart sent guard Alicia Ratay to the line with an off-ball foul. The stoic freshman nailed the two free throws, cutting the deficit to one, 61-60.

The Irish fouled Stewart immediately on the in-bounds play, sending her to the line with 34 seconds remaining. The senior hit both, pushing the Knights' lead to two, 62-60. Irish center Ruth Riley came up with the rebound off Stewart's missed foul shot, giving the Irish possession of the ball.

Danielle Green tried her luck in the lane again and was fouled by Stewart. The senior

hit both free throws to tie the game.

Rutgers had one last chance to score in regulation, but a lay-up from Stewart bounced around the rim and out, sending the game into overtime.

The Knights took control on offense in overtime, leading the whole way.

"We just wanted it more tonight," said Stewart. "We out-hustled them the whole time."

Finding themselves down, the Irish were forced to foul, but the Knights were solid from the line, distancing themselves from the Irish by nine points with a minute left to play.

The Irish could not find a good shot as the Knights tightened their defense as the final seconds ticked off the clock and Rutgers advanced to the final round of the tournament.

Riley led the Irish with 20 points from the paint and Ratay chipped in 15 from the outside to pace the squad.

"Most teams have double teamed me all year," said Riley of the Knights' defense. "I was just happy to be able to score or get the ball to Julie [Henderson] or Niele [Ivey] when I could."

Stewart directed the Knights'

offense with 23 points and Sutton-Brown added 17.

The Irish struggled on the boards all night. The Knights outrebounded the Irish 39-27 and took advantage of many second and third looks on offense.

Rutgers, which avenged regular season losses to Villanova and Notre Dame in the tournament, will have a chance to make up for its loss to Connecticut earlier in the season when the Knights meet the No. 1 team tonight in the tournament finals.

"We're just trying to survive and advance," said senior Knights' guard Tasha Pointer, who had eight points Monday. "We're just taking it one game at a time."

The Irish have almost two weeks off to regroup before they begin their run for the NCAA title next week.

"I don't know [what this does to our tournament hopes]. I don't know how the NCAA thinks," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw of her team's loss. "I think we deserve a home game, but we're probably a second or third seed."

The NCAA selection committee will release the tournament seedings Sunday.



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## WOMEN'S LACROSSE

## Irish pull away from Pioneers with late surge



JEFF HSU/The Observer

Junior goalie Carrie Marshall looks to deny an opposing attack player. Marshall tallied seven saves during Sunday's game while splitting time with Massachusetts-transfer Tara Durkin.

By MIKE CONNOLLY  
Sports Writer

The Irish scored seven unanswered goals in 17 minutes as Notre Dame broke open a 5-4 first half lead into a 18-7 victory over the Denver Pioneers Sunday in Colorado.

With 20 minutes left in the first half, the Irish led by just one goal. The slow start, however, did not concern captain Lael O'Shaughnessy.

"It usually takes us a little bit to get rolling but we usually pull it out," O'Shaughnessy said. "I guess it just took us until then to get into our groove."

O'Shaughnessy scored two goals in the first half and two goals in the second half to lead the Irish in scoring. The junior from Alexandria, Va., who led the Irish in goals last year with 50, also picked up an assist.

The slow start for the Irish did not surprise O'Shaughnessy either. The Irish tended to start slow last year as well.

"We have just always had a hard time starting right off the bat," she said. "But I think we started a lot quicker [Sunday] than we usually have."

Starting three freshmen Sunday also played a factor in the slow start. Although the Irish practiced in the fall and defeated Virginia in an exhibition last weekend, the Irish are still adjusting to playing

with each other.

"It's just getting comfortable with each other," O'Shaughnessy said. "It takes a whole season to get comfortable with each other really."

The three freshmen who did start — Angela Dixon, Danielle Shearer and Kelly McCardell — all played well for the Irish.

Dixon scored three goals and added an assist. Dixon's three goals placed her third on the team in goals — behind O'Shaughnessy and sophomore Alissa Moser who each had four.

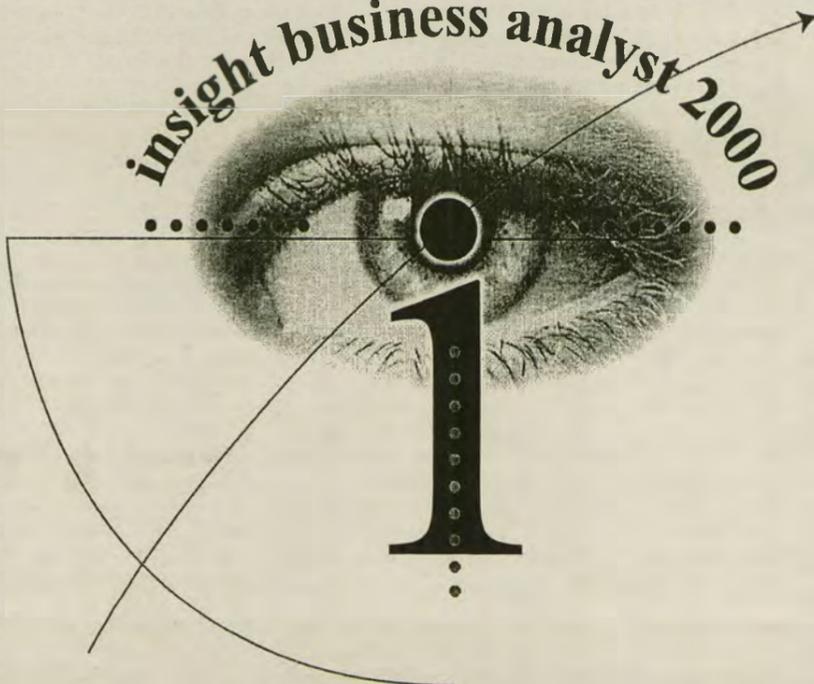
"I was really happy for her," O'Shaughnessy said about Dixon. "I was glad she stepped up for us but she still has to get her freshman nerves out of her. She played well in practice with us so I was glad that she wasn't too scared or too nervous in her first game."

Shearer tied O'Shaughnessy for the lead in points with two goals and three assists.

McCardell, who played with the U.S. under-19 national team this summer, started on an Irish defense that yielded just 23 shots and won the groundball battle, 34-23. McCardell also picked up an assist.

In her first start after transferring from the University of Massachusetts, Irish goalkeeper Tara Durkin made 10 saves while Carrie Marshall, last year's starting goalkeeper, came in and made seven saves.

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**MEN'S LACROSSE**

# Janney leads Quakers to 10-7 victory over Irish

By STEVE KEPPEL  
Sports Writer

Despite jumping out to an early 2-0 lead, the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team was upset by Pennsylvania on Saturday 10-7.

The Quakers' defense came on strong after the quick Irish opening, rendering the explosive Irish attack scoreless for 15 straight minutes.

Penn scored the next five goals, three of which were scored by last season's Ivy League leader Pete Janney. Janney led the Quakers with four goals as he terrorized the Irish defense.

After going up by two early on, Notre Dame seemed to believe that it would roll over Penn much like they did Penn State.

"We weren't prepared. They had scouted our offense and we didn't even get to look at

any tape of them," said junior Dave Ulrich. "We came out thinking we were going to blow them out."

The Quakers, with their one-on-one defense, confused the normally balanced Irish offense all day.

Penn's defense had prepared well for Notre Dame's attack and gave them trouble on defense while their underrated offense kept control of the ball for much of the afternoon.

"They had the ball the whole time, and the few times we'd get it, we would panic and try to do too much," said Ulrich, who led the Irish with three goals. "Their defense was really tough. Our guys who normally score were shut down."

The Penn defense was in control but Notre Dame's offense still had some good chances. The Irish, however, failed to capitalize, similar to the first half of the Penn State

game.

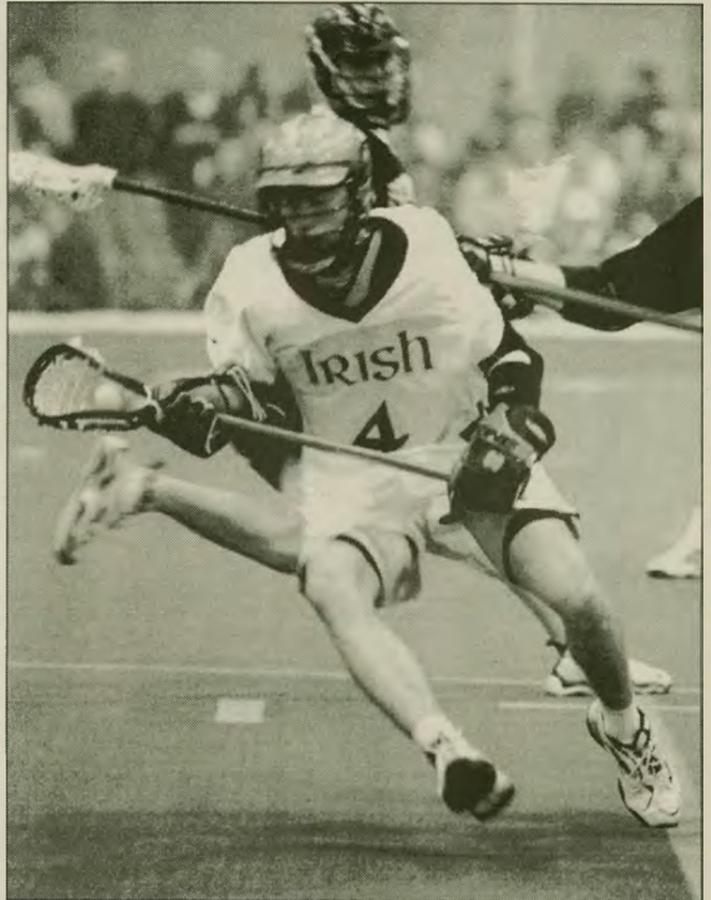
"We definitely outshot them. We just couldn't capitalize," Ulrich said. "I think we played hard but we didn't execute."

The Notre Dame defense struggled, giving up 10 goals, but goalie Kirk Howell did come up with 14 saves in another solid performance.

The loss will not hurt Notre Dame's standing in the Great Western Lacrosse League, since Penn is not in the League, but team members stressed the loss was not without consequence.

"We need to win games like this to be successful," Ulrich said. "This loss doesn't affect our league standings, but it could come back to haunt us down the road if we end up in a tie."

The Irish will travel to Colorado for two matches next weekend. They face University of Denver on Saturday and Air Force Academy on Mar. 13.



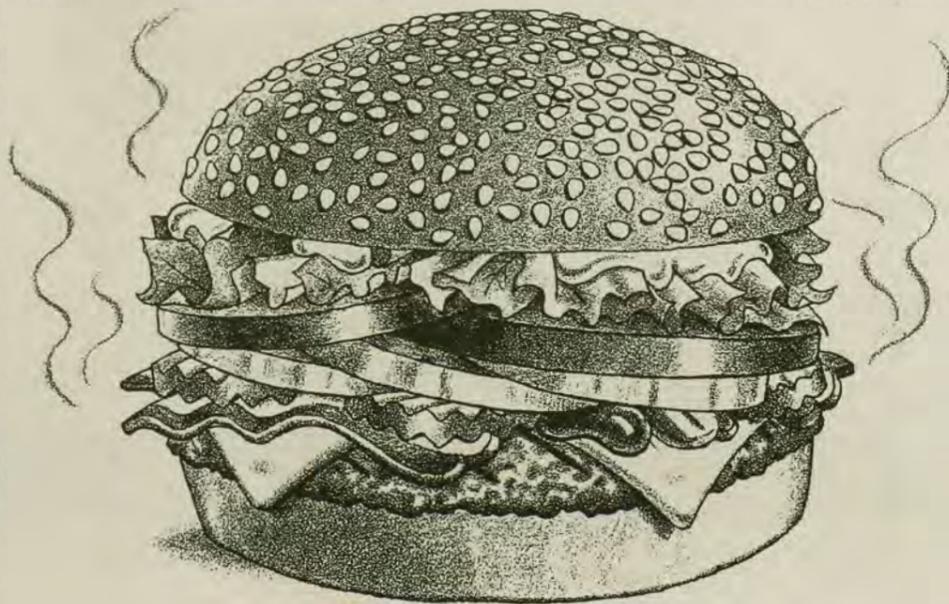
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Senior midfielder Stedman Oakey evades defenders in a game against Penn State earlier this season.

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**SOFTBALL**



Sophomore Kas Hoag gets ready to take off from first base during a game last season. The softball team claimed the title at last weekend's State Line Classic.

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# Irish shutout competition

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame softball went undefeated with four shutouts this weekend to grab the championship title at the State Line Classic in Bristol, Tenn.

Sophomore pitcher Michelle Moshel was named the tournament MVP with 14 strikeouts in 11 innings while allowing just three hits. Also joining the all-tournament team were Melanie Alkire, Jarrah Myers and Andria Bledsoe.

"I was real pleased with the performance of the team this weekend, in particular the pitching staff," head coach Liz Miller said.

The Irish, now 11-4 overall, kicked off the weekend with a 4-0 win over Tennessee. Pitcher Jennifer Sharron held the Volunteers to three hits while striking out seven.

Freshman Alexis Madrid singled and eventually scored while junior Alkire also singled to drive in Sharron in the third to give the Irish a 2-0 lead. Juniors Lizzy Lemire and Danielle Klayman both singled to drive in runs in the fourth to give the Irish a 4-0 win.

Notre Dame grabbed its second win of the day with a 1-0 victory over Virginia Tech in the eighth inning. Moshel struck out 12 while allowing just one hit to grab her first

shutout this year. Freshman Bledsoe singled in the top of the eighth to send in Myers for the win. With the tying run on third in the bottom of the inning, Moshel held on to force a foul out and a strikeout for the Notre Dame win.

"The Virginia Tech game was a pitcher's duel all the way," Miller said. "Moshel pitched a great game."

Alkire led the Irish with her career's first solo no-hitter and a two-run homerun in the Notre Dame 8-0 win over Kentucky. Myers also grabbed a two-run homer and Jennifer Krieche finished with two doubles to add to the Irish offense. Alkire allowed just three walks with four strikeouts in the 24th no-hitter in Notre Dame's history.

Notre Dame grabbed its

fourth shutout and the championship title with a 3-0 win over Virginia Tech on Sunday. Alkire, Krieche and Myers all drove in runs to aid the Irish win offensively while Sharron and Moshel combined to allow just four hits, one walk and nine strikeouts.

"We didn't give up a run the entire weekend and that's remarkable," Miller said. "Plus we had an extremely strong defense, but there's always room for improvement. We need to be able to get down bunts and hit change-ups."

Notre Dame will play again on Sunday in a double header against San Diego.

"We have a lot of games over spring break," Miller said. "This is a regrouping week for us."

**CLUB SPORTS**

# Water polo club posts 3-1 weekend

Observer Staff Report

Competing against the powers of the Big Ten brought out the best in the women's water polo team this weekend.

The club opened with a 13-2 thrashing of Minnesota in the opening round, before falling in a tight 13-10 contest to host Wisconsin. Sophomore Lauren Kuzniar tallied five goals to keep the team within striking distance for the entire game.

Notre Dame rebounded in the next round to defeat nemesis Illinois 6-4, and closed the weekend with a 5-3 victory over Northwestern. Liz Parolin was named the outstanding Irish player for the weekend.

**Figure Skating**

The figure skating club's synchronized team finished a very respectable eighth in the team nationals at Plymouth, Mich. this weekend. In its debut season, the club placed ahead of established teams such as Providence and Oswego State, and narrowly was edged out of seventh place by Princeton.

Defending champion Miami (Ohio) outdistanced the field, with Delaware and Michigan finishing second and third.

Senior Lindsay Read was the driving force behind the team's success and growth. She leaves a team that is anxious to improve its ranking at next year's nationals.

**Bowling**

Despite a marked improvement in its score, the bowling club finished 35th out of 42 teams at Ohio State's Buckeye Classic.

In what was the final tune-up for the National Championship, on Apr. 13-16 in Omaha, Neb., freshman Jason Pawlak rolled a 210 average to pace the Irish. Sophomore Dave Rigato and junior Darren Kraft approached the 200 plateau, with 198 and 193 averages, while sophomore Kevin Gertken posted a 185.

**Ultimate**

A weekend of near misses did little to dampen the spirit of the Ultimate Club at the Mardi Gras Invitational.

Placed in the "A" bracket designed for the 10 best of the 50 teams competing, the club dropped their opener to defending national champion North Carolina State, 13-7.

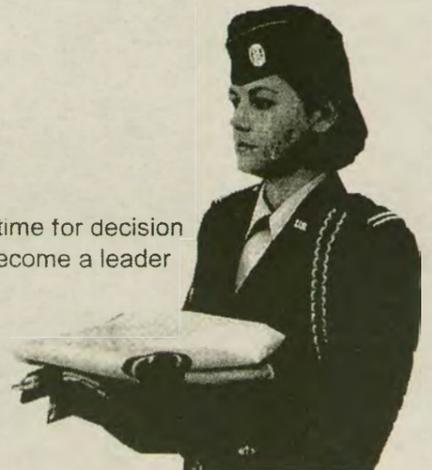
Freshman Paul Shepard's zone defense lifted the team to a 13-6 victory over Rochester in the second round.

The Irish then lost to three teams ranked among the top fifteen in the country, by a total of five points. Losses to perennial power Rice, 14-12, tournament favorite Winona State, 13-12; and host LSU, 13-11, completed the trip.

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# Tennis

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our strength, but as we practice more and more, I think we can get back to where we were."

Coming into Sunday's showdown with the No. 21 Kentucky Wildcats, the Irish were running on fumes. Having played six matches in the previous nine days, Notre Dame was exhausted but nevertheless found a way to rise to the occasion, pulling out a 7-2 win.

"I was really happy with the way we came together," Dasso said. "Everyone picked it up a notch."

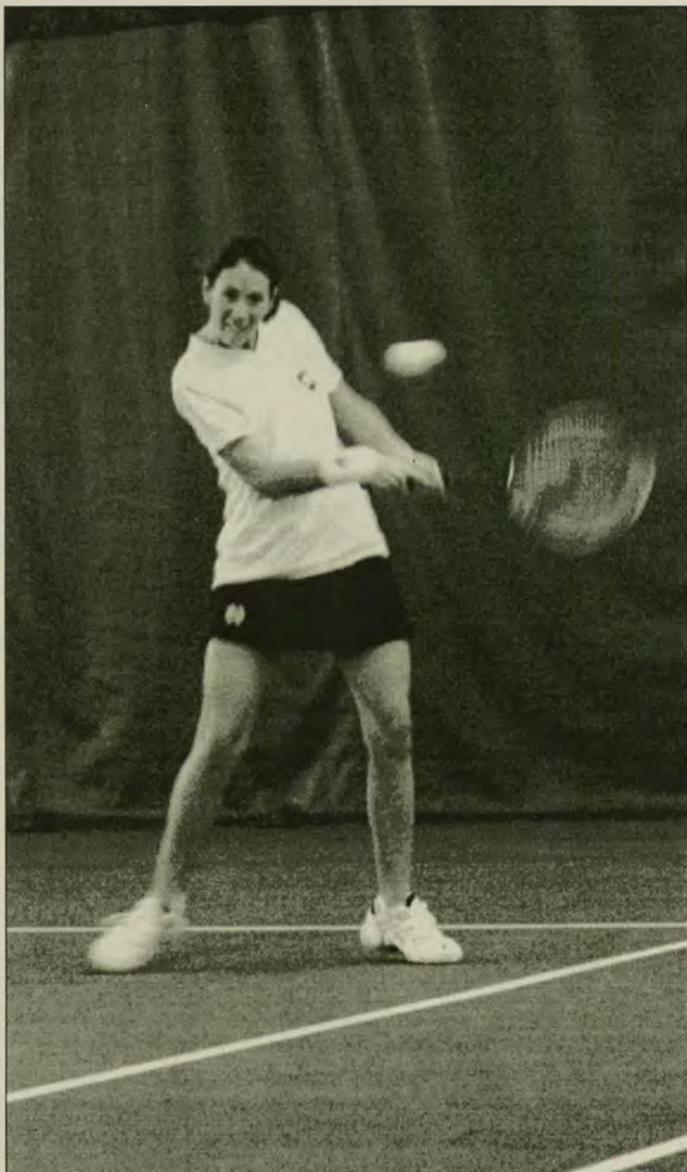
Notre Dame roared through the singles portion of the match, losing nary a set, in establishing a 6-0 lead that rendered doubles play meaningless.

"We were very tired," Louderback said. "I think emotion and guts played a big role in some of those matches. To not lose a set against Kentucky — that's impressive."

Dasso dropped just one game in drilling the Wildcats' Carolina Mayorga 6-1, 6-0. Becky Varnum, Kelly Zalinski, Nina Vaughan, Lindsey Green, and Katie Cunha all scored easy straight set wins, and the rout was on.

The Irish, however, continued their struggles in doubles, dropping two of three matches.

"Losing Kim (Guy) really does hurt," Dasso said. "But I think Katie [Cunha] can step up and play well."



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Junior All-American Michelle Dasso drills a backhand return in her 6-2, 6-2 victory over Ohio State's Kristy Dascoli at No. 1 singles Sunday.

# NBA

## Rockets' Barkley hired as TV analyst

Associated Press

Charles Barkley will start his new job as TV analyst Tuesday, even though he still wants to return to his old job before the end of the season.

Barkley has been hired by Turner Sports to work as a studio analyst on NBA broadcasts. He will make his debut Tuesday night, then will work only occasionally the rest of this season before picking up a greater workload in the next two seasons.

Barkley still hopes to return from a serious knee injury to play one more game for the Houston Rockets, their season finale against Vancouver on April 19.

"My objective is to play in the last game of the year," Barkley said Monday on a conference call to announce his hiring. "I want my last recollection of basketball to be a positive one, and I want to walk off the court under my own strength in my last game."

Barkley ruptured a knee tendon Dec. 8 in a game at Philadelphia, an injury that was expected to keep his out for the rest of the season and end his career.

But Barkley said his rehabilitation is going so well that he is looking forward to playing one more time. He said

his knee remains four to six weeks away from being strong enough to play on.

"It bothers me that I'm not going to be playing basketball anymore. There's no substitute for that," he said. "If I hadn't gotten hurt in Philadelphia, I was going to play next year because I was so mad I got hurt."

Barkley, a 16-year NBA veteran, said he chose the job at Turner Sports over a similar job at NBC Sports because he felt Turner wanted him more.

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Barkley's deal runs for two seasons after this one, coinciding with the length of Turner's broadcasting contract with the NBA.

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**BASEBALL**

# Irish post 2-1 record at Hormel Foods Classic

By NOAH AMSTADTER  
Sports Writer

Playing in its second tournament of the season, the Irish baseball team improved its season record to 4-2 as it won two of three games at last week's Hormel Foods Classic at the Metrodome in Minneapolis, Minn.



**Mainieri**

On Sunday, Notre Dame defeated a Georgia team that came into the tournament undefeated before falling to Minnesota on Friday. Notre Dame was led by junior right-hander Aaron Heilman, who finished with a career-high 12 strikeouts while only allowing one unearned run in eight innings.

"[Heilman] was basically the story of that last game," head coach Paul Mainieri said. "He totally dominated that game and we scratched for enough runs to be able to win."

The Irish went up 3-1 on a double by junior shortstop Alec Porzel before adding three insurance runs in the seventh. Those runs proved essential as the Bulldogs rallied to score three runs in the ninth off sophomore pitcher Drew Duff. Closer John Corbin came in to record the final out, earning his 10th career save.

On Saturday, the Irish lost an up and down game to a surprising Minnesota team. After Minnesota scored five runs off freshman pitcher J.P. Gagne in the first three innings, Notre Dame rallied to take a 7-6 lead before finally falling 9-7.

"I can imagine what a

thrilling experience that must have been for the boy," said Mainieri of Minnesota native Gagne. "Even though he gave up five runs and most people would say he wasn't successful, I still think he showed a lot of poise out there. I saw potential for the future, I'm not giving up on him."

Sophomore Steve Stanley went 2-for-3 with two walks and three stolen bases in the Minnesota game, adding to an impressive weekend that earned him all-tournament team honors.

"I had a good weekend. I just did whatever I could to help the team win the games," Stanley said. "For me that's just to try to get on base and produce runs, let guys drive me in."

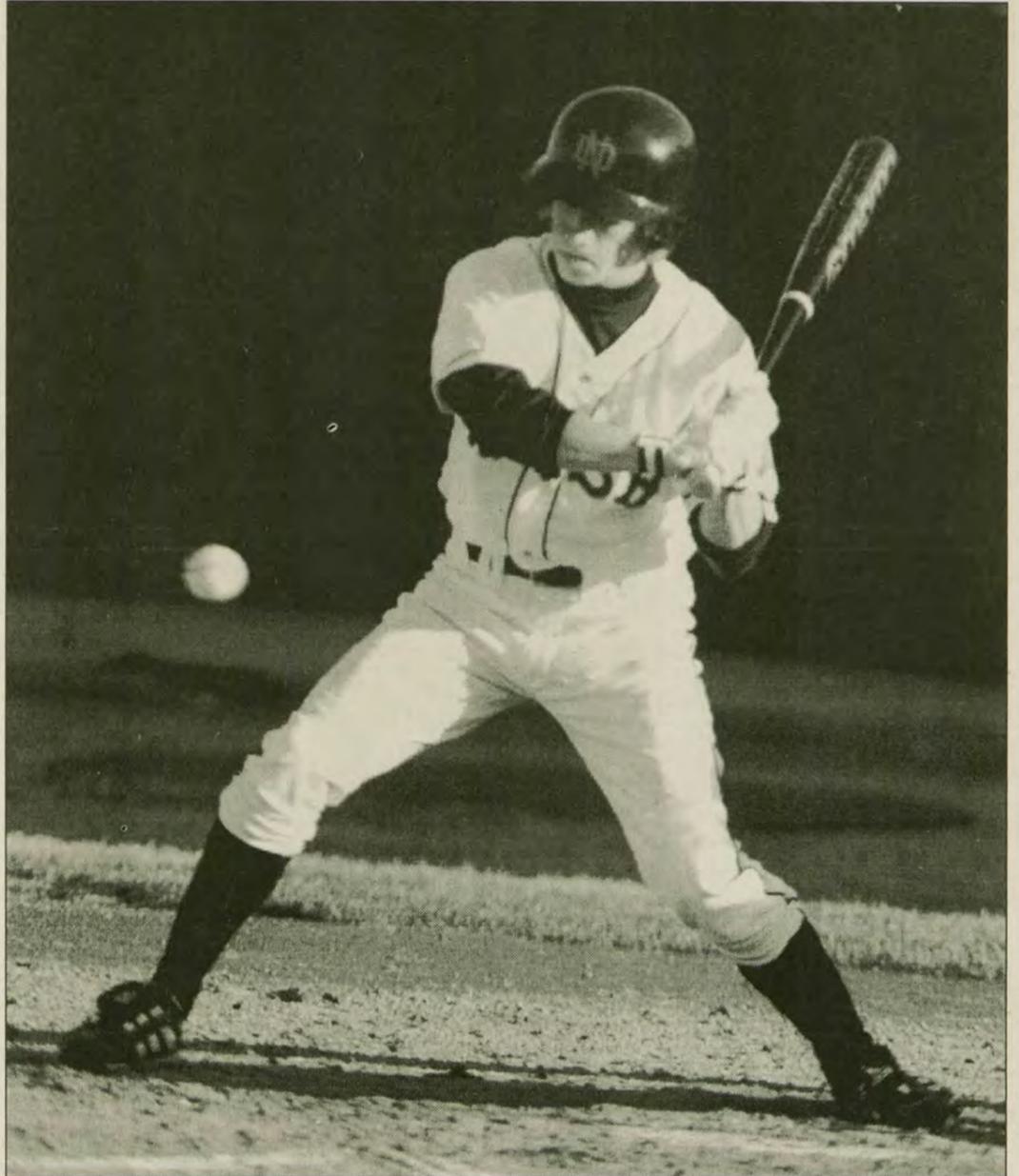
Adding injury to insult, the team lost senior captain Jeff Perconte during the Minnesota game. Diving hard for a groundball on the turf, the second baseman injured his shoulder and his status for this weekend's games is undetermined.

In the opening game of the tournament, Notre Dame received its second consecutive dominating performance by senior right-hander Scott Cavey. Cavey allowed two runs on four hits in six innings in defeating No. 24 Wake Forest, 8-5.

"The story of that game was Scott Cavey," Mainieri said. "Wake Forest has one of the top teams in the country, winning back-to-back ACC championships, and for Scott to go out there and pitch that, well, is just fantastic."

Stanley and fellow sophomore third baseman Andrew Bushey each had three hits to lead a 16-hit attack against the Deamon Deacons.

Notre Dame hosts Manchester College today at 4:30 p.m. at Eck Stadium, with sophomore Matt Buchmeier as



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Notre Dame used clutch hitting and power pitching to post a 2-1 mark at the Hormel Foods Classic at the Metrodome in Minneapolis, Minn.

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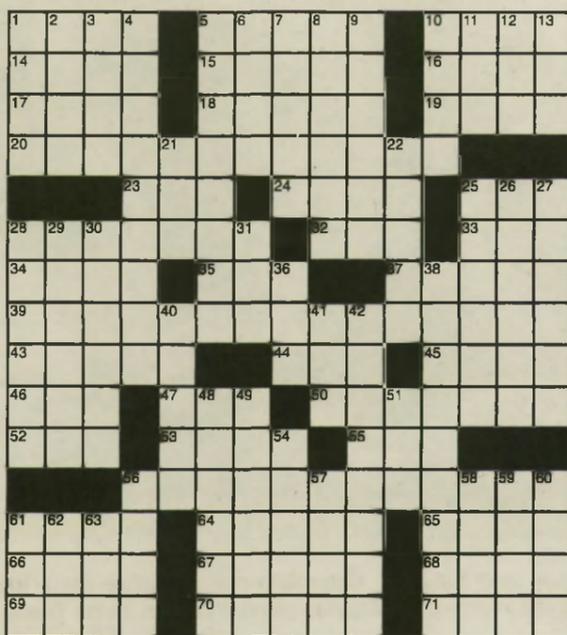


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**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Look into your rights and your legal documents. Find out exactly where you stand. If an employer is harassing you, don't be afraid to go over his or her head. ○○○○

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Drastic changes regarding your position in an organization may be upsetting. You mustn't get involved in any deals that appear to be underhanded. ○○○○

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Unpleasant situations will evolve on the home front if you have been spending too much time at work or simply neglecting your domestic responsibilities. ○○○○

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You can teach youngsters a valuable lesson if you have taken the time to win their trust. You may find that a course you signed up for is taking too much time, but you must persevere. ○○○○

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Hasty decisions leading to the signing of contracts will be a dead end or result in loss. Work on your home, or make the changes necessary to please your loved ones. ○○○○

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You may find yourself getting angry over trivial matters. Try not to put the blame on others. Keep your thoughts to yourself and put your efforts into correcting mistakes. ○○○○

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Problems at work may be alarming. Not everyone you work with will be trustworthy. Keep circumstances to yourself until you're completely sure. ○○○○

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You can get to the bottom of a problem concerning children if you take the time to talk things over. You should try to finish up some of those creative projects that you have left dangling. ○○○○

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Be prepared for any opposition that you encounter. Family members may not be happy with the amount of hours you have been spending at work. ○○○○

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You may be a little absentminded when it comes to transportation or keeping appointments. Be sure to write down everything that's important. ○○○○

**Birthday Baby:** You are charming, sensitive and intuitive. Your ability to know what will help any given situation will put you in a good position throughout your life. Your creative abilities must be developed. (Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at [astroadvice.com](http://astroadvice.com), [eugenialast.com](http://eugenialast.com), [astromate.com](http://astromate.com).)

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**Play Ball**  
 Notre Dame plays its home opener today against Manchester College at Eck Stadium. The Irish are coming off a 2-1 weekend.  
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## WOMEN'S BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP

# Rutgers rallies to knock Notre Dame out of tournament

By KERRY SMITH  
 Assistant Sports Editor

STORRS, Conn. Rutgers knows about battling back against Notre Dame.

When the two teams met in the regular season, the Scarlet Knights dug themselves a 19-point hole and fought back to gain the lead, only to lose in overtime.

But this time it was different.

With the Irish up by nine with four minutes left in regulation in Monday night's Big East semifinal tournament game, it looked as though the No. 6 team in the nation would advance to meet Connecticut in the finals.

But the Knights had a different idea — they thought of their recent overtime loss to the Irish on home turf and never looked back again. With 12-straight points by the Scarlet Knights, Rutgers tipped the scales in its favor for the first time since the opening minutes of the first half with 43 seconds left in regulation. The Irish forced overtime in the final seconds, but could not defend against an explosive Rutgers' offense, losing 81-72.

"The [regular season] loss was a heartbreaker," said Scarlet Knights' guard Shannetta Stewart. "It feels real good to beat them tonight. We really stuck together through the adversity on the court."

Having worked the rust out of their game in Sunday's quarterfinal contest against the Miami Hurricanes, the Irish stepped on the court ready to play.

But so did the Scarlet Knights.

After trailing by a point, 25-24 at halftime, the Knights knew they needed a new weapon to distance themselves from the Irish. They found it during the second half in senior guard Usha

### Big East Tournament

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KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Senior Niele Ivey and Rutgers' Usha Gilmore scramble for a loose ball in Monday's Big East Championship semifinal. Rutgers avenged its regular season loss to Notre Dame and advanced to tonight's final.

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## WOMEN'S TENNIS

# No. 15 Notre Dame routs Ohio State, Iowa

By KEVIN BERCHOU  
 Sports Writer

Like Tiger Woods on a Sunday back nine, the Notre Dame women's tennis team charged through the weekend.

After climbing to No. 15 in the national polls, the Irish women made a strong race to go even higher, as they trounced three ranked opponents in a matter of four days.

"It was a tough week," said head coach Jay Louderback. "I'm happy with the way we rallied in the end."



Dasso

Notre Dame started off well on Thursday when it traveled to Ohio State to battle the No. 33 Buckeyes. The Irish won five of six singles matches and swept the doubles, winning 8-1.

Junior All-American Michelle Dasso led the onslaught, scoring a 6-2, 6-2 No. 1 singles win over Ohio State's Kristy Dascoli.

In No. 4 singles, sophomore Nina Vaughan rallied for a 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 win that clinched an Irish victory.

With junior doubles star Kimberly Guy out due to a fractured wrist, Louderback was forced to alter his doubles pairings.

Freshman Katie Cunha, usually paired with Guy, was instead partnered with Dasso, and together they notched an easy 8-5 No. 1 doubles win.

The win put Notre Dame's season record at 9-4, while Ohio State fell to

7-3.

The Irish returned home on Saturday to do battle with the No. 36 Iowa Hawkeyes. Though the venue changed, the result remained the same.

Once again the Irish won five of the six singles matches, en route to a 6-3 win.

Dasso was at her best, as she made quick work of her opponent with a rare 6-0, 6-0 No. 1 singles win over Shera Wiegler, in match that lasted a mere 45 minutes.

"She's played tremendously of late," Louderback said. "She has improved, it seems, with every match."

Strong singles play has overshadowed

the recent problems in the doubles pairings.

Hit hard by the wrist injury that will keep Guy out through April, Notre Dame has been forced to trot out doubles teams that have little to no experience playing together. That lack of experience was particularly evident against Iowa.

Notre Dame lost both No. 1 and No. 3 doubles, something that would not likely have happened with a healthy Guy and three complete doubles pairings.

"I think we'll get better with more practice time," Louderback said. "It's

*"It was a tough week. I'm happy with the way we rallied in the end."*

Jay Louderback  
 women's tennis coach

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## SPORTS AT A GLANCE

Baseball vs. Manchester College Today, 4:30 p.m.



at No. 8 Illinois Thursday, 3 p.m.



CCHA Quarterfinals vs. Ferris State Friday-Sunday, TBA



at BYU Saturday, 3 p.m.



at Big East Tournament vs. Rutgers at New York Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.



Track at NCAA Championships Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m.



Swimming at NCAA Zone Diving Friday-Saturday, TBA



at Denver Saturday, 1 p.m.