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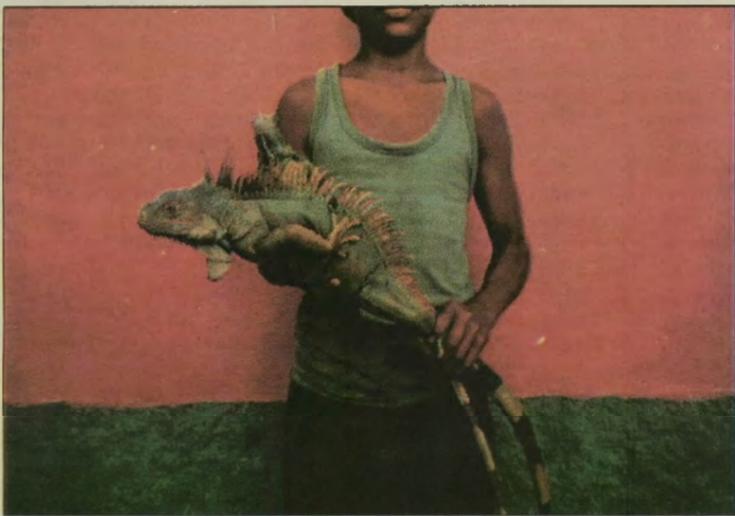
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Snite exhibit explores color of Mayan traditions



Images courtesy of the Snite Museum



Rainy season (above) and Boy with Iquanas (left) are two of the photographs by Jeffrey Becom currently on exhibit at the Snite Museum. Becom's art work reflects the importance of color in the Mayan culture.

By MARIBEL MOREY
News Writer

Few Americans would dare to paint their houses bright blue like the ocean or their church a rich red, but the Maya people use colors to represent different aspects of life.

On the Notre Dame campus, the blue and red walls of the Snite Museum

reflect the luminous, rich colors of this new exhibit, Jeffrey Becom Photographs: The Maya and Their Color Cosmos.

"It's a different world — the tropical and subtropical world is much brighter — It's a much more colorful place," said Steve Moriarty, associate art professor and associate professional specialist at the Snite. The exhibit consists of three topics: painted houses, painted churches and painted tombs.

"This is the first museum exhibit of this photographer's show," said Gina Costa, marketing and public affairs specialist. She said that students could benefit from the exhibit's immersion into the very beauty of vivid colors within a traditional indigenous Mexican society.

"Sometimes we are not aware of the very sophisticated system [the Maya people] have of symbolically using colors," Costa said. Colors are not just pigments selected from a

palette, but rather, represent death, the heavens or even sacrifice.

Becom reflects those traditions in his photography.

"[Becom's] obsession is color," said Costa, explaining that the photographer accentuates the beauty within the Mayan's poverty.

"It became clear that painted architecture — and specifically its colors — was my life's calling, whether I photograph, paint or write books about painted color customs, myths, and meaning," Becom said.

Becom uses a silver bleach process to highlight the rich colors in the architecture.

"Dye structure is a positive-to-positive process that produces prints directly from color transparencies without the need for an inter-negative," said Becom. "During the processing ... some of the dyes are bleached out to remove unwanted areas of color."

In the Mayan tradition, houses should all resemble each other to avoid envy from neighbors.

"Only in those towns where the lure of the outside world holds sway do customs loosen; and Maya might dare personalize their houses with flamboyant colors," Becom said. This does not hold true for churches, however. Before the Spanish explorers, Mayan people painted their churches in red paint "as a potent symbol of blood sacrifice and a prayer for renewal," Becom continued. Because this practice was contrary to Catholic beliefs of red as the devil and sin, the Mayan

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Restructured SafeRide starts tonight

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

After months of restructuring, the SafeRide program will be up and running once again this weekend.

In its efforts to reinstate the late-night van service, student government formed an Ad Hoc committee to work on the structural problems with the program.

"The basic problems that the Ad Hoc Committee identified were reliability of the program and accountability of the volunteers to drive," said chief of staff Matt Mamak. "The basic structural change is that the coordinator of the program is going to be paid [David Powers]. He works for both security and student government, but will be paid through security."

Other student workers will receive compensation as well.

"Also, the people driving the vans

are also going to be paid," Mamak said. "We believe that this will help to make the program much more accountable than it has been in the past."

Mamak said he hopes that SafeRide will exceed its past numbers and current expectations.

"At its peak in the past, SafeRide was giving anywhere from 50 to 100 rides per night," Mamak said. "I hope that with good publicity, accountability and reliability, we will be able to exceed these numbers."

If SafeRide proves popular, he continued, the program could be expanded after further evaluation.

"I hope that we will have to

expand into Thursday night and into more hours," Mamak said. "The O'Donoghue/Norton administration along with the coordinator will evaluate the program after the semester to determine whether or not

changes need to be made. I have full confidence that it is going to run very well. The basic goal is to serve as many students as possible."

Mamak said that, overall, he hopes most problems have been solved and that the program will run smoothly.

"I believe that we have addressed as many problems as humanly possible. The rest of the semester will give us a chance to address any further problems that arise," he said.

"I hope that we will have to expand into Thursday night and into more hours."

Matt Mamak
office of the student body president

Callahan calls on Church to rethink gender issues

By LINDSAY FRANK
News Writer

The Catholic Church needs to develop a more inclusive sexual ethic, said Sidney Callahan, professor of psychology at Mercy College, in her lecture Thursday night.

The Church should rethink how it deals with issues of gender differences, contraception and sexual orientation, Callahan said.

When discussing issues of gender, she emphasizes that one could be Christian while disagreeing with gender stereotypes of women as homemakers and men as being in the workforce.

"I became one of the first people to advocate Christian feminism," she said. "I didn't find that there was one specific location for women or for

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INSIDE COLUMN

Firing Ideological Blanks

Ah, gun control. The issue makes otherwise intelligent people sound like complete buffoons. So it's no surprise that a debate on the issue should be prominent at Notre Dame, where intelligence abounds, but common sense is as easy to find as a natural tan in Michiana.

Both extremes in the debate offer ample amusement. Radical gun lovers claim that the Second Amendment fully grants them the right to hunt rabbits with anti-tank missiles. Anti-gun pundits claim that we need to hold the availability of guns responsible, not the evil tendencies of humans.

Sadly enough, the truth is closer to your gun-loving Uncle Rufus up in Montana than the legislation-happy gun control zealots, which speaks volumes. As much as I hate to side with the guys who wear fluorescent Jeff Gordon hats, their stance is, I'm afraid, more logical.

Personally, I would be happier than a guy with a pocket full of quarters in a nickel stripper bar if banning guns would have any significant effect on gun violence and crime in general. But Prohibition and the "war" on drugs teach us valuable lessons: as long as there is a high demand for something — whether it be guns, money for sex or drugs, then your laws must reflect this.

Though comparing gun use to prostitution or substance abuse is rather "apples and oranges," it is still an important point. Whereas prostitution and recreational drug use are illegal (except in Nevada and the Mayor's office in D.C., respectively), there are legitimate uses for guns by civilians, whether they be self defense, sport or other legal and legitimate means.

There are several horrible arguments in favor of gun control — never mind the fact that more restrictions are no guarantee of less crime. We have the "It works in England" simpletons who disregard societal factors as a role in gun violence (By the way, prohibition is alive and well in Saudi Arabia).

These individuals, when studying statistics on gun-related violence, reason that by making a law to take the gun away, the crime vanishes as well, or at least decreases considerably. Won't these criminals find other means to purchase weapons? Of course they will, and they already do. Allow me to introduce the phrase "black market" to the world.

Wouldn't our efforts be better spent in handling the problems leading to the crimes or even addressing the criminal? And if they would, is it adequate to assume that because we don't know how to go about effectively stopping the criminals, we should just pass more laws in the meantime to appease the electorate and convince them we're making a difference? The answers to these questions grow more obvious by the hour.

The issue won't go away, because it provides fodder for gutless politicians to bolster their images as "caring" more about people than about an outdated Amendment they perceive as "taken out of context." (Interestingly enough, these same clowns trample the premises of the First Amendment.)

And if they ever succeed in banning guns, they will gaze cluelessly at unfaltering crime rates, pondering the failure of clueless advocates of years past.

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



Dustin Ferrell

Assistant Viewpoint Editor

THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S HISTORY

Student seeks to sell Sacred Heart

March 17, 1970

In an effort to purchase food and medicine for starving and injured people, Peter DuBois, a Notre Dame senior, circulated a petition to sell the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. He gathered 42 signatures, including one professor. "The altar alone would bring in a sizeable sum and the bricks might be able to be sold as building material and perhaps even as 'souvenirs,'" Du Bois said.

TV royal graces campus with his presence

March 22, 1996

Flanner sophomore Rich Kizer became MTV King of the Beach during spring break in Panama City, Fla. "I wasn't cocky. I wasn't too serious. I realized that I was a moron. I just like to have fun," Kizer said. The new king's roommate took credit for his crown: "In the beginning it was just raw talent, but we molded him into what he is today," he said.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Michigan students murdered in Costa Rica

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

University students from across the country travel the world each year gaining new communication skills and cultural experience. But Sunday's murder of a 19-year-old Ann Arbor woman and her friend in Costa Rica raises questions about student security abroad.

Emily Eagen, who was admitted to the University of Michigan as a non-degree student for the upcoming fall semester, and Emily Howell, a 19-year-old student at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, were found dead Monday on a highway near the tourist town of Cahuita, Costa Rica.

Eagen was a 1998 graduate of Ann Arbor Pioneer High School. "They were murdered Sunday night somewhere on the coast," Eagen's older sister Sarah said.

"We have been told they were last



seen leaving the hotel to go get beer or go to a bar. We have been told it is not a sex crime. My sister was found fully clothed. We would like to clarify that."

Authorities reported finding the girls' rented sports utility vehicle badly burned several miles away from the bodies. Howell, of Lexington, Ky., and Eagen, a former Antioch student, were found with clothing, belongings and credit cards, authorities said.

Howell was doing a photography project as part of an Antioch College curriculum that requires students to spend five semesters doing co-op work to fulfill graduation requirements.

Eagen had been visiting Howell for 15 days in Costa Rica, and her sister said she had investigated the area before traveling.

"We thought it was okay, it was a peaceful place," Sarah Eagen said. "Now we have been informed that in the past two weeks there have been five other murders in the region."

Sarah Eagen said she thinks it is wrong to send students off abroad on their own with no place to live.

"Antioch dumps you with no place to live. Hopefully due to this tragedy they will look into changing things," Sarah Eagen said. "We can't hold them responsible," she added.

Penn State team protests flag

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.

By taking a mostly Southern issue into Northern hands this past weekend, the Penn State baseball team raised awareness of the racism a century-old piece of heritage can still imply for some. In this case, the heritage was a reddish cloth with a blue "X" and white stars known as the Confederate flag. And when the team showed up to play against Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C., Saturday, more than a few in the audience noticed the red wristbands each Nittany Lion wore to protest the prejudice commonly associated with the flag. "We just wanted to make a statement on how we felt about a flag that has a lot of different meanings, of course," Penn State infielder Willie Melendez said. The flag, which flies in many areas of the South but most noticeably on South Carolina's capitol building, has been the subject of many debates during the past few years. "I think you have to live here and be from this area to understand what proponents of the flag issue are thinking," said Winthrop University sports information director Jack Frost, originally from Kentucky.

Morgan State U. shuts down paper

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

When officials at Morgan State University stopped the presses of the student newspaper, they couldn't have foreseen the reaction the administration would receive. Since the school pulled the plug on an issue of the newspaper, questions about the constitutionality of its action have reinvigorated a university press freedom debate. "It's so clear that school officials have violated the First Amendment," said Mike Hiestand, an attorney with the Student Press Law Center. "They stopped the presses without even seeing the final product." The newspaper, the Spokesman, is part of the student government system at Morgan State. The publication also receives a portion of its monetary support from student fees. The specific issue at the newspaper in question was a preview of the student government elections which did not include any sort of official endorsement, Hiestand said. "They were going to print what the editor described as fairly routine coverage of the election," Hiestand said. "They stopped short of running any sort of endorsement."

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Couple wins first Hesburgh award for work in South Africa

◆ Recipients began foundation in honor of slain daughter

By KIFLIN TURNER
News Writer

Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business named Peter and Linda Biehl as recipients for the inaugural Hesburgh Award for Business.

The Biehls established the Amy Biehl Foundation in memory of their daughter, a human rights advocate murdered by a mob that stoned and stabbed her to death in the township of Guguletu, South Africa in 1993.

"I think she would be glad to know that we have the inner-capacity to continue in her work," Peter Biehl said.

With \$500,000 in donations and \$1 million in U.S. aid, as well as the Biehls' own contributions, the foundation provides music, art, tutorials and other programs in South Africa that provide students with the preparation to pursue a higher education or to acquire marketable skills.

"We are focused on disadvantaged and marginalized communities," Mr. Biehl said. "We view businesses as a servant of mankind and believe that businesses should be committed to

social change."

The idea of changing the role of businesses to take a more responsible foothold in re-shaping society is a goal to which the Biehls remain committed.

"When we hear the word poverty, we mean marginalized South African communities are desperately impoverished — they're impoverished in terms of access to mainstream developments in South Africa," Mr. Biehl said.

The townships in South Africa are impoverished, with poor school systems and other infrastructure in bad shape.

"As a consequence, these people are impoverished in terms of potential careers and impoverished financially," Mr. Biehl said.

The official unemployment rate of South Africa is approximately 45 percent. But Mr. Biehl argued that the real unemployment rate is between 70 and 90 percent.

"When we refer to business enterprises, we refer to grassroots enterprises," said Mr. Biehl. Statistics show that between 70 to 80 percent of South Africans reside in disadvantaged settings.

"We are trying to follow in Amy's commitment to human rights. A person has a right to hope and dream," Mr. Biehl said.

The foundation maintains a

non-profit identity, meaning all proceeds are funneled back into programs such as violence prevention.

"We are trying to harness the efficient powers of businesses to meet a purely social agenda," Mr. Biehl said. "We have discovered the value of harnessing businesses to sustain preventative violence measures in the community."

Housing and infrastructure developments are critical needs in South Africa. To help solve them, the Biehls founded construction firms that provide concrete and other rare materials. They also started a construction services unit to provide an educational trust and further training for its employees.

"We have the opportunity to make the young managers an equity in this business," Mr. Biehl said.

Their employees not only help to reconstruct the community, but they also have the opportunity to acquire skills to compete in an almost non-existent workforce.

"We have learned to view business as a charity. We can organize charities that trade,"

Mr. Biehl said. "And we are then capable of giving back to our violence prevention programs without creating a taxable event to further the work in a disadvantaged community."

Lack of affordable and accessible groceries is another problem that plagues South African communities, and which the Biehls said they hope to combat.

"There's nothing more fundamental to poor people than bread," Mr. Biehl said. "Bread is very important to the masses in South Africa. We're going to

"We view businesses as a servant of mankind and believe that businesses should be committed to social change."

Peter Biehl
award recipient

bring bread to 70 to 80 percent of the community. We're going to do this by making bread accessible." In hopes of attaining this goal,

the Biehls have established bakeries that are designed to produce 10,000 loaves a day. These bakeries are now among South Africa's largest baking businesses.

The Community Baking Trust is a "satisfying way to do business," according to Mr. Biehl.

"We have concluded that grass-roots leads to a rediscovery to the new empowerment of

businesses. In work, even in its most basic levels, there is dignity," he said. "In business, the daily struggle leaves no room for temptation."

The Biehls hope that by providing the community with more educational and economic opportunities, the overall work ethic of the community will improve and strengthen the relationships of the workers toward creating a more efficient and stable community.

"Facing those who rely on you each day is good on building integrity," he said. "We find that selflessness requires self-esteem as a pre-requisite. Part of the process of creating selflessness is by first creating self-esteem. Our goal is to facilitate human improvement, restore hope and convert that hope to reality."

The ceremony marks the second installment of the Frank Cahill Lecture Series. Father Oliver Williams, a management professor, said the series, and the Hesburgh award will help provide the Notre Dame community with exemplary leaders in business.

Amy Biehl who received a Fulbright Fellowship in 1993, was working on voter registration projects was a Fulbright Fellowship recipient in 1993. She was in the process of working on voter registration projects before South Africa's first-ever all-races election in that year.

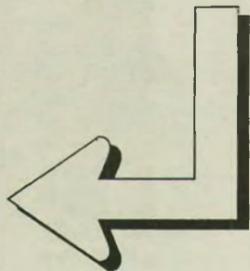
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POLICE BLOTTER

Public exposure

Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. a Notre Dame student on a bicycle near Eck Tennis Pavillion reported harassment from a man in a white jeep with a black top. The man yelled at her, then exposed himself. Notre Dame Security/Police found the suspect, positively identified him along with the vehicle and then arrested him for public indecency.

He is being held in St Joseph County jail. Rex Rakow, director of Notre Dame Security/Police, linked the suspect to similar incidents last spring and urged any other victims to contact his office.

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people were forced to paint their churches white as a sign of purity for the Europeans.

The only place where the Mayans were able to show their true artistic talents without inhibitions was at the tomb of a relative. Choosing blue and green as the most appropriate colors for the dead, the Mayan people considered death a transition rather than an ending to life.

In Mayan, every shade of blue and green is simply one word — yax — the color of the heavens and precious water," said Becom.

Becom spent two extended trips, months at a time, working on these photographs of the Mayan villages in Mexico and Central America. His wife helps him with the books that correspond to the pho-

tographs.

The colors in the photographs are amazingly captivating because of the Mayan people's reliance on color through different stages of life.

Before visiting the Mayans in Mexico and Central America, Becom photographed the radiant Mediterranean architecture of Europe. Although this is his first showing, he is well

known within his field and his work has been shown on PBS, according to Costa.

Bridging this exhibit and the last Cuban exhibit, the Snite Museum is trying to introduce

more Latin American art.

"We've been trying to do something with Latin American issues because Notre Dame does have an interest in Latin America," Moriarty said. This show brings new photographic elements to the Snite while showing the richness of a culture many consider long forgotten.

"In Mayan, every shade of blue and green is simply one word — yax — the color of the heavens and precious water."

Jeffrey Becom
photographer

Conference aims to interest girls in math and science

Special to The Observer

"Expanding Your Horizons," a career conference for 6th to 8th grade girls with an accompanying program for parents, will convene Saturday at 8 a.m. in the University of McKenna Hall, the Center for Continuing Education.

The conference aims to increase young women's interest in mathematics and science and to make them more aware of career opportunities in math- and science-related fields.

Some 200-250 girls from schools throughout northern Indiana will attend the conference. About 50-60 parents will participate in a separate program, which includes a panel discussion on "Women in Academia" and a session on "Preparing Your Daughters for College."

The conference will include interactive workshops for the young participants in animal health sciences (handling live animals), computer sciences, business and finance, engineering, human health sciences, life sciences and physical sciences (with hands-on chemistry activities). Closing the program is a demonstration with live eagles by the Raptor Chapter from Auburn, Ind.

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Ave Maria prints book of essays

Special to The Observer

"Keeping the Faith, Making a Difference" by Father Wilson Miscamble, associate professor of history at the University of Notre Dame, has been published by Ave Maria Press.

The book is comprised of 26 essays which grew out of homilies and talks given by Miscamble to students at Notre Dame, where he lives, teaches history, ministers to students and regularly presides and preaches at Mass in several of the University's residence halls.

Father Miscamble describes the collection as "a simple book about some significant matters" which addresses not only the foundational doctrines of Christianity, but also "a number of more personal issues which my student friends have raised to me in various ways at one

time or another: facing suffering, true friendship, love and sex, marriage, the challenges of Christian manhood and womanhood today and the responsibilities of parenting."

A plainspoken Australian native, Father Miscamble is a popular teacher whose homilies are as remarkable for their directness and simplicity as for their wide-ranging erudition. His sources for scriptural reflections include confessional autobiography; ancient and contemporary theology; aphorisms of Cicero, St. Thomas More and George Bernard Shaw; such films as "The Graduate," "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," and "Saving Private Ryan"; papal encyclicals, current events and book reviews and articles in scholarly and popular journals. According to one reviewer, Jonathan Lang, "his enormous

love for his faith, his students, his teaching, the church, and the priesthood is abundantly clear on each page."

Miscamble has been a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1988. Educated in the University of Queensland, from which he was graduated in 1973 and obtained a master's degree three years later, he came to Notre Dame in 1976 to pursue graduate studies in history.

He received his doctoral degree in 1980, worked for two years as a North American analyst for the Australian government and returned to Notre Dame to study for the priesthood in the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1982. After completing his theological studies he served as deacon in Sacred Heart Parish at Notre Dame and was ordained to the priesthood in 1988.

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men. I decided Freud and Romanticism were wrong and that while gender differences do exist, you can either maximize or minimize them.

In her own experience, Callahan said that friendship, marriage and childbearing experiences had demystified gender for her.

"I discovered gender and sexuality do not solely determine a person's identity. Character

is more influential," she said.

If one accepts that gender differences are minimal then there is hardly any reason why women should not be ordained, Callahan said. As these gender roles loosen, some people imagine that there is no reason to deny same sex marriages.

"I cannot agree with a ban on [female] ordination, contraception and homosexuality. I see these three issues as a tightly wrapped package supporting each other," she said. "If you agree that marriage is fruitful in non-procreative ways then you should support same sex marriages."

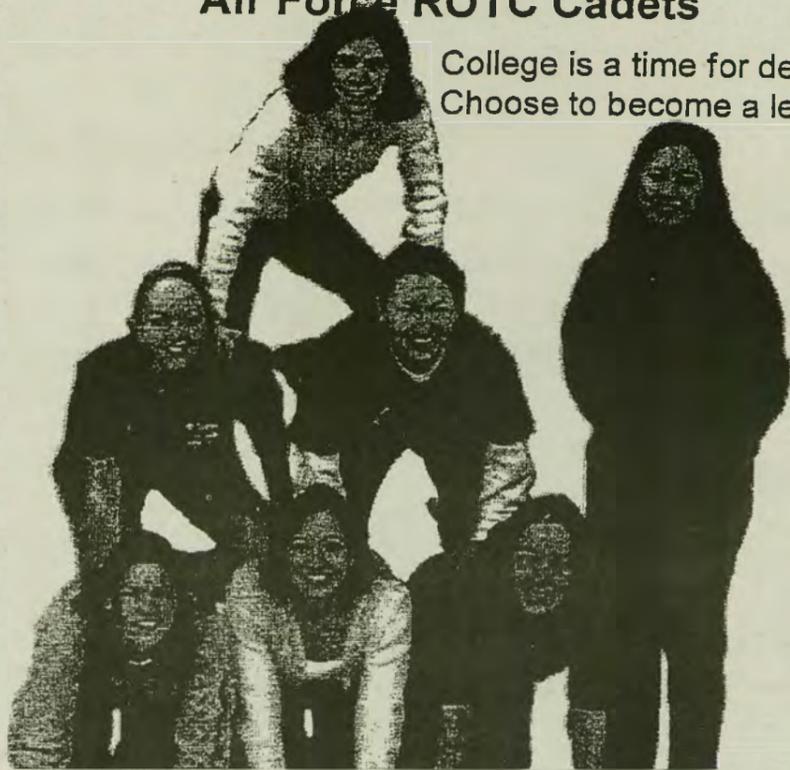
CORRECTION

An article in Thursday's Observer said that two students were arrested at Denny's Diner on Sunday, Feb. 27. There were four students arrested that night.

The Observer regrets the error.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Taiwan president leaves party post after political upset

TAIPEI

Taiwan's president resigned as leader of the ruling Nationalist Party on Friday, becoming the biggest victim of the opposition's stunning upset in Taiwan's presidential elections. Since the party's humiliating defeat in Saturday's election, protesters have demonstrated outside the Nationalists' headquarters, demanding that President Lee Teng-hui resign immediately as party chairman. Lee, who has led Taiwan for 12 years, had offered to step down in September. Then on Thursday, he told party leaders he would resign today. Vice President Lien Chan, who finished a distant third in the presidential vote, was to serve as the party's acting chairman. Although the media dubbed Lee "Mr. Democracy" because he presided over Taiwan's democratic reforms, he ruled his party like an authoritarian.

Justice department team to question Pinochet aides

SANTIAGO, Chile

A U.S. Justice Department team is in Chile to follow the questioning of top aides from former dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet's regime over a 1976 assassination in Washington, officials said Thursday. The United States had requested the interrogations in its bid to push forward the long-open investigation into the killing of Orlando Letelier, a former Cabinet member and Pinochet opponent. Letelier, also a former envoy to Washington, and an American aide, Roni Moffitt, were killed by a bomb that blew up their car in September 1976. The killing was traced to Pinochet's feared secret police. The questioning of the 42 civilian and military officials starts next week, the Supreme Court said Thursday.

Crew abandons sinking Greek cargo ship

HAMILTON, Bermuda

A Greek cargo ship with 31 crew members aboard sank in the Atlantic Ocean more than 400 miles off of Bermuda on Thursday, forcing the sailors to take to lifeboats and wait on rough seas for rescuers still hours away. The 776-foot Leader I, sent out a distress call at 1:32 p.m. EST that it was taking on water through a 45-foot gash in the starboard side of the hull, said Allison von Hagn, a U.S. Coast Guard spokeswoman in Norfolk, Virginia. The crew began abandoning ship. The Coast Guard confirmed that the ship sank northeast of Bermuda, but it has not been able to determine whether all 31 crew members made it into their lifeboats.

INDIA



Two Sikh women mourn the death of their relatives in the village of Chadisinghpooora, where unidentified gunmen shot and killed 36 Sikhs. Indian troops were called to the Kashmiri winter capital of Jammu after thousands of angry Sikhs broke curfew to protest against the massacre for the second consecutive day.

AFP Photo

Police arrest man in Sikh massacre

Associated Press

SRINAGAR

Police detained a Kashmiri man Thursday after survivors of a massacre of 40 Sikhs told police he had shown the killers the way to their village, a police official said.

The arrest came as thousands of Sikhs with iron bars, swords and sticks stormed through Jammu, the winter capital of Kashmir, to protest Monday's massacre.

Some Sikhs beat policemen on the six-mile march to Jammu and shouted "blood for blood!", demanding retaliation against Pakistan-based Muslim militants accused of Monday's slaughter. The marchers defied a curfew, and an order to shoot curfew breakers on sight.

The violence in Kashmir spilled over to New Delhi, where angry Sikh protesters torched two buses, but police there managed to contain the crowds.

The violence left more than 100 police and demonstrators injured, which added to the troubles that have dogged President Clinton's visit to India.

Police Deputy Inspector General Raja Aijaz Ali said it was unlikely that Muhammad Yaqub — picked up Thursday when he visited the Sikh village where the massacre took place — was a member of a Kashmiri separatist rebel group.

"There are lots of missing links and we will have to wait until we question him," Ali said, noting that at least two people had identified Yaqub, 21, as the man who led killers to the mainly

Sikh village of Chati Singhpura, 40 miles south of Srinagar.

Ali said Yaqub has not yet been charged in the case and will be interrogated today.

Authorities say they fear religious clashes in Kashmir.

Jammu, which is less than 20 miles from the Pakistani border, is the only Muslim majority state in Hindu-majority India.

During the 10-year separatist insurgency, more than 25,000 people have died and hundreds of thousands of Hindus have been driven from their homes. But Monday's massacre was the first time Sikhs have been targeted.

The two main Pakistan-based militant groups and Pakistan's government have denied involvement in the killings.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Critic challenges Trimble for leadership

Associated Press

BELFAST

A Protestant critic of Northern Ireland's peace settlement announced Thursday he would try to oust David Trimble from leadership of the province's largest party, the Ulster Unionists.

Ulster Unionist Martin Smyth, South Belfast member of Parliament, said he opposes involvement of the Sinn Fein Party in a Northern Ireland power-sharing government because of the party's

alliance with the outlawed Irish Republican Army.

Sinn Fein "still have not been prepared to go forth as bona fide democrats," he told the British Broadcasting Corp.

"They are hiding behind the figment of imagination that they actually cannot speak for the IRA when we all know that they are an inseparable body," Smyth said.

Smyth, 69, said he would challenge Trimble at Saturday's meeting of the Ulster Unionists' 858-member council and that he had

the backing of a "significant" number of party supporters.

It is Smyth's second attempt to win the leadership. He lost to Trimble five years ago when James Molyneaux resigned.

Trimble, a central figure in the Northern Ireland peace process, said he was "somewhat surprised and a little bit disappointed" by the challenge, but that he hoped it would "finally clear the air." He said he trusted delegates at the council would endorse a continuation of party policy.

Trimble has struggled to keep the support of party dissenters throughout negotiations that led to the 1998 peace accord and last year's establishment of a four-party Catholic-Protestant coalition administration for the province. He shared a Nobel Peace Prize that year for his efforts.

The new Cabinet — which includes Sinn Fein — was suspended Feb. 11 when Ulster Unionists threatened to resign their posts over the IRA's failure to hand over any weapons.

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Ohio sixth-grader holds classmates at gunpoint

Associated Press

LISBON, Ohio
A 12-year-old who told authorities he wanted to be with his mother in jail briefly held his sixth-grade class at gunpoint Thursday before a teacher persuaded him to give up the weapon.

No one was hurt and no charges were immediately filed against the boy, who was taken into custody.

The boy said "his biological mother was in jail and he wanted to visit her, be with her." said Anthony Krukowski, superintendent of Lisbon schools.

Police Sgt. Fred Carlisle confirmed the boy wanted to reunite with his mother. "Yes, that's what he told a teacher and one of the police officers," he said.

The boy's father told police the weapon — a loaded, 9 mm semiautomatic — had been stored on a dresser top with a fully engaged trigger lock.

Police Chief John Higgins, who would not disclose the boy's name because he is a juvenile, said the boy apparently found the key and removed the trigger lock.

About 8:45 a.m., the boy stood up in his classroom at McKinley Elementary School, pointed the gun at the floor and told his fellow students and teacher to get down, Higgins and Krukowski said.

"It seemed like forever we were sitting on the ground. It was probably a few minutes," said the teacher, Dan Kemats, 24.

A student in the hall overheard the exchange and summoned another teacher, Linda Robb, Krukowski said.

Robb stood in the doorway of the classroom and asked the boy if she could talk to him. The two walked out into the hallway and hugged, and the boy handed the gun over to Robb, police said.

The student was taken into custody by police in this city, which is about 25 miles south of Youngstown in northeastern Ohio, near the West Virginia and Pennsylvania state lines.

The Vindicator of Youngstown reported that the boy was on crossing duty with another sixth-grader, Katie Hartman, on Thursday morning. The girl said that at the end of their duty the boy told

her: "Goodbye, Katie. I won't be back."

She asked what he meant, but he didn't answer.

Sixth-graders were sent home, but the other students were kept in class because the district didn't want younger children going home without making sure their parents knew, Krukowski said.

The school, which has about 650 students from kinder-

garten through sixth grade, will be closed on Friday but will be open for student counseling.

"Naturally the students were shook up, any time you have an incident like that," Krukowski said.

Krukowski said he wasn't very familiar with the boy and was unaware of any behavior problems.

Vice President Al Gore, cam-

paigned at a Cincinnati elementary school, said the incident "once again raises the question that has confronted us so often in the past year or two or three. That is, how can we all come together to give our children better values?"

Gore said the student's access to a firearm points out the need for gun control measures such as child-safety trigger locks.



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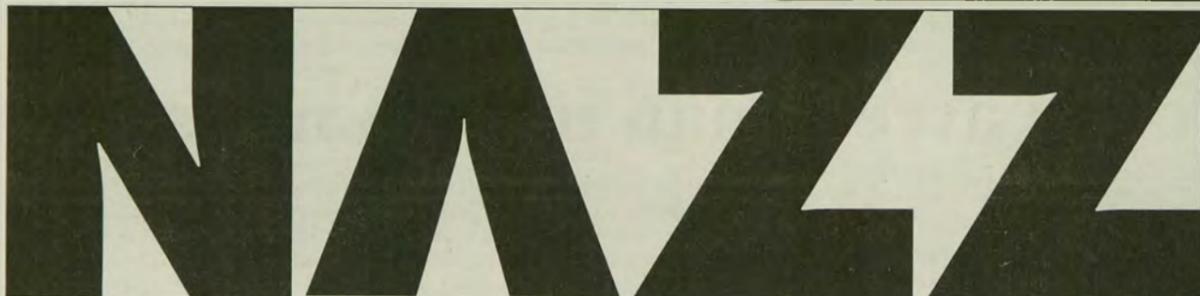
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GERMANY

Ex-slaves receive payments

◆ **Negotiators reach decision on method for distributing \$5M to victims of Nazis**

Associated Press

BERLIN

Negotiators agreed today on how to allocate the money from a \$5 billion fund to compensate Nazi-era slave and forced laborers, resolving the last major point of contention after months of negotiations.

The agreement would allocate \$4 billion for compensating slave and forced labor victims and another \$500 million to cover claims for property, bank accounts and insurance policies stolen by the Nazis as well as "humanitarian cases," said Deputy Treasury Secretary Stuart Eizenstat, the U.S. government envoy to the talks.

Estimates of how many people could benefit range from 800,000 to 2.3 million. Most are non-Jews from Eastern Europe who had been left out of previous compensation efforts because they were behind the Iron Curtain.

Under the deal, slave laborers — those who were put to

work in concentration camps and expected to die doing their jobs — would receive up to \$7,500 each. Forced laborers, who worked in factories outside camps, would get up to \$2,500 each.

"We have taken a huge step forward today," Eizenstat said. "This brings this process a substantial step closer to completion."

Another \$350 million will be used for a foundation to sponsor research and educational projects around the theme of Nazi labor, with the remainder going for administrative costs and legal fees.

All sides agreed in December on the size of the fund, to be financed half by the German government and half by industry. But negotiators had been wrangling over how to divide the money among the various groups to be covered.

Noah Flug, an Auschwitz survivor who heads an umbrella organization of Holocaust survivor groups in Israel and was one of the negotiators, said two-thirds of the people who could have been eligible for the fund had already died.

"It is better late than never," Flug, 75, said today.

Rabbi Michael Melchior, Israeli minister for diaspora affairs, said it was a fair compromise.

"What I think won out, in the end, was a settlement where there is a strong sense of morality and something that should be done," he said in Jerusalem.

Eastern European countries had been pushing to get the most money possible to cover victims of the Nazi labor practices, while German industry insisted that the foundation for future projects was an integral part of the effort. Jewish groups had wanted to make sure an appropriate amount was allocated for property claims.

Eizenstat said it was now up to the German government to enact legislation creating the foundation. He emphasized that it must conform exactly to the principles agreed to in the talks if German businesses are to get the legal relief they are seeking.

"If it does not incorporate the substance of the agreements reached here, it will not be deemed to be sufficient basis for dismissal of the lawsuits or for the U.S. to act in support of that goal," he said.

"We have taken a huge step forward today. This brings this process a substantial step closer to completion."

Stuart Eizenstat
U.S. government envoy
for negotiations

MEXICO

Gunmen attack federal agent, kill bodyguard

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY

Gunmen opened fire at a former federal agent reportedly accused of having drug ties and three others as they entered a hotel in Mexico City on Thursday. The agent's bodyguard was killed, and the agent and two others were wounded.

Cuauhtemoc Herrera Suastegui, a former official with the organized crime unit of the Mexican attorney general's office, was entering the Imperial Hotel with his bodyguard and two women when four assailants, two outside and two inside, began to shoot, officials said.

The bodyguard, whom officials identified as Sergio Alberto Chavez, died at the scene. Officials initially said that Herrera had died.

Later, Mariano Herran Salvatti, who leads the anti-

drug operations of the Mexican attorney general's office, told the Televisa network in a live interview that Herrera was alive and in stable condition at a city hospital. The two women also were hospitalized.

Six people were detained, including the hotel manager. Authorities believed a seventh person fled the scene.

Herrera, who resigned from the attorney general's office on Jan. 14, was under investigation for possible links to the powerful Juarez drug cartel, the daily newspaper La Cronica reported Monday and Thursday.

Herran Salvatti was quoted by the newspaper on Thursday as saying that Herrera had been asked to respond to the allegations this week.

Herrera was linked to the cartel by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, La Cronica reported.

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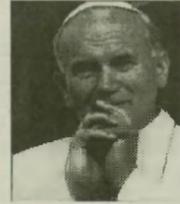
ISRAEL

Citizens await pontiff's reflections on Holocaust

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

It is a stop nearly every state visitor to Israel makes, a virtual moral requirement of any itinerary. Yet never will the symbolism be so great as when Pope John Paul II sets foot today on the soil of the Yad Vashem memorial to the Holocaust.



John Paul II

For Israelis, it should be the emotional high point of the pontiff's weeklong trip. Many are hoping he'll do something a pope has never done before: make a direct apology for the Catholic Church's public silence during the Holocaust.

Some hope he'll go even further and criticize Pope Pius XII, the wartime pontiff that many Jews accuse of doing little while the Nazis exterminated their brethren. But students of the Vatican say that is highly unlikely.

The Vatican has said Pius' diplomatic silence during World War II actually helped save thousands of Jewish lives. He is being considered for beatification, to the dismay of many in Israel.

The pope began his day, the fourth of his weeklong pilgrimage, by celebrating a 90-minute Mass for clergy at the traditional site of the Last Supper on Mount Zion just outside Jerusalem's Old City.

Toward the end of the ceremony, John Paul was left alone in the grotto-like chamber where tradition says Jesus shared his last meal with his disciples. Sitting in a gold-and-white chair before a small altar, the white-robed pope buried his face in his hands and sat motionless for a few moments.

The pope's next stop was a meeting with Israel's two chief rabbis, Meir Israel Lau and Eliyahu Bakshi-Doron, at their office in west Jerusalem, ahead of what many Israelis feel is the most important element of the trip — the visit to Yad Vashem.

The Polish-born Lau, a survivor of the Nazi concentration camp of Buchenwald, has said he had high expectations of the pope's speech at Yad Vashem, monument to six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

The rabbi said the pope's visit in itself was of great symbolic importance to the Jewish people. "I can stand before him in my home, my national home, in my holy city of Jerusalem, to look him straight in the eye and say to him: 'The vision of the Prophet Ezekiel that the dry bones will come to life is taking place before our eyes.'"

Meir Gorsky, a professor of dentistry who lives near Tel Aviv, said he was sure the pope will say something about the church's role during the Holocaust, and that "it will be great."

Gorsky will be there to hear it firsthand. The pope, a dear childhood friend of Gorsky's late father, Leon Goldberger, has made a special request that Gorsky come and meet him.

"I'm really looking forward to meeting him," Gorsky said in a telephone interview. "He is nice, gentle, friendly. And he didn't have to do this. He is really sure that he loves Jewish people."

Gorsky said his father and the pontiff, then simply Karol Wojtyla, were soccer buddies in Wadowice, Poland, each playing goalkeeper for opposing teams. Karol would often have Sabbath dinner at his Jewish friend's home, he said.

When his father visited the pope at the Vatican many years later, Gorsky said, the pope looked at the broadly built man and said, "I can see why you were a good goalkeeper." The pontiff also told Goldberger not to call him "Your Holiness" — it was too formal.

Gorsky, 54, said his father also played the piano as a youngster — and the pope sang along.

Along with Gorsky, some 20 other former friends from Wadowice are expected to reunite with the pontiff today, a

day that is as symbolically important for Israel as Wednesday was for the Palestinians.

In his only day in Jewish west Jerusalem, the pontiff

"I can stand before him ... in my holy city of Jerusalem, to look him straight in the eye and say to him: 'The vision of the Prophet Ezekiel that the dry bones will come to life is taking place before our eyes.'"

**Meir Israel Lau
 rabbi and Holocaust survivor**

will also meet President Ezer Weizman. Some, like Rabbi David Rosen of the Anti-Defamation League, see the meeting with Weizman as the most important event because it would be "a recognition of the transformation of the Catholic Church's attitude toward the Jewish people in the land of Israel."

During the last papal visit in 1964, Pope Paul VI never ventured into west Jerusalem and never publicly uttered Israel's name.

On Wednesday, the pope visited the cradle of Christianity, celebrating Mass in Bethlehem's Manger Square.

But as expected, the day was a potent mix of prayers and politics. John Paul gave a forceful speech in the presence of Yasser Arafat, during which he recognized the Palestinians' "legitimate aspirations" and their "natural right to a homeland."

The Palestinians presented him with a golden bowl of soil, to which the pontiff briefly touched his lips.

The pope's spokesman parried suggestions that he was endorsing a Palestinian state, saying such a state has not yet been proclaimed and that the Vatican would consider the issue when it happened.

Later in the day, John Paul showed sympathy with Palestinian refugees from the 1948 Mideast war, visiting the Dheisheh camp near Bethlehem.

The visit was a peaceful one, and especially satisfying for Arafat, who beamed alongside the pope as he spoke.

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Hastert names priest House chaplain

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

For the first time, a Roman Catholic priest now holds the title of House chaplain, ending a fractious selection process that embroiled the Republican Party in allegations it was biased against Catholics.

Speaker Dennis Hastert on Thursday named the Rev. Daniel Coughlin, the vicar for priests in the Chicago archdiocese, as chaplain.

Hastert and Republicans have been under fire since late last year when they announced the selection of the Rev. Charles Wright, a Presbyterian minister, for the position.

Democrats insisted that a Catholic priest, the Rev. Timothy O'Brien, was the top choice of a bipartisan selection committee. Hastert has maintained he was unaware of any ranking.

For four months, the issue raged as some Democrats and Roman Catholics fired charges of an anti-Catholic bias. GOP strategists fretted about the impact of such allegations, particularly given that Catholics make up more than 25 percent of the electorate.

In ending the controversy, Hastert accused Democrats of playing an "unseemly political game" by claiming religious bias.

"I am a patient man," said the Illinois Republican, who took office 15 months ago with a pledge to lower the level of acrimony in the House. "But even I did not easily take in stride carelessly tossed accusations of bigotry."

Coughlin's appointment seemed to quiet the brouhaha for the time being. He won bipartisan applause on the House floor, a sharp contrast to the partisan struggle that prompted Wright to withdraw Tuesday.

Coughlin, who flew to Washington on Thursday and was quickly sworn in, called his appointment "terribly unexpected."

He told reporters the United States stood for "unity mixed with diversity."

William Donohue, president of the 350,000-member Catholic

League for Religious and Civil Rights, said the group had been "dismayed by the way Republicans handled this matter" but "we have no interest in fighting this fight any longer and we commend House Speaker Dennis Hastert for bringing this chapter to an end."

Deal Hudson, editor and publisher of Crisis, a magazine of politics, culture and the Catholic church, said Hastert clearly sent a message to Catholics with the selection of Coughlin, who hails from largest Catholic diocese in the nation.

The selection helps "refute the notion that somehow Republicans are country club Protestants who cannot include Catholics within their ranks," Hudson said.

The House has never had a Catholic chaplain; the Senate had one in 1832 but he was on the job only a year.

Coughlin's duties, in addition to opening each day's session with prayer, will be to minister to House members and their families.

Wright, his nomination in limbo for months, met privately with Hastert in the Capitol on Tuesday and offered to withdraw. In a letter released by the speaker's office, he referred to the political controversy. "Let us be thankful that God is not an independent, not a Democrat and not a Republican. He is for all of us," he wrote.

In a somber speech on the House floor where he retraced the controversy and responded to critics, Hastert commented that those charging bias "don't know me or are maliciously seeking political advantage by making these accusations."

"I have never said and I never believed that there was a bias involved in the making of this selection," House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt said moments later.

Wright's nomination emerged in October from a bipartisan committee of lawmakers, but Hastert has the authority to name a chaplain himself.

Rep. Earl Pomeroy, D-N.D., offered a resolution shortly after Coughlin's nomination that would require that future chaplains be voted on by the House.

Space warranty to expire

♦ NASA's station remains unoccupied after 500 days aloft

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

NASA's space station warranty runs out this week, and the agency is no closer to finishing the project than it was when the first two pieces rocketed into orbit in 1998.

After almost 500 days aloft, the international space station has no occupants, no experiments, no firm assembly plans. Instead, it's a barren two-roomer with bad batteries, noisy equipment and poor ventilation.

Blame the Russians: They were supposed to launch a service module that would assume control of the station and provide living quarters just five months after the initial components soared, but they have been stymied by insufficient funds and malfunctioning rockets.

As a result, the all-important third component, the Zvezda service module, will not fly before July and astronauts and cosmonauts will not move in until October — at the earliest.

In the meantime, the warranty for what's in orbit is expiring. And that has space shuttle astronauts flying to the rescue next month.

The 496-day guarantee for Russian-built electronic equipment runs out Thursday, according to figures provided last year by then-station manager Frank Culbertson, an astronaut who will command a future station crew.

NASA expects the space station to keep running normally until astronauts arrive in mid-to late April with new batteries, fans, air filters, fire extin-

guishers and smoke detectors. The astronauts were supposed to wait until the service module was in place, but with the warranty expiring and batteries failing, NASA moved up the visit.

"Would you like it to fall out of the sky?" asks NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin. "I mean, we're going to go up and keep it in good repair and we'll be ready for the service module when it comes."

Space station chief Michael Hawes expects the upcoming repairs by astronauts to extend the certified lifetime of the orbiting Zarya control module to the end of this year.

Neither Hawes nor program manager Tommy Holloway is overly concerned.

The design lifetime of parts is "mostly paper analysis kind of stuff," Holloway says. "As

you know with your automobile, it may break a day after you drive it out of the showroom and it may run for 100,000 miles."

Built by Russians with U.S. funds, Zarya was launched from Kazakstan on Nov. 20, 1998. That's when the 496-day warranty began. NASA sent up a connecting chamber called Unity two weeks later.

Since then, the space station has circled Earth nearly 8,000 times. Shuttle crews have been inside twice to drop off supplies and make

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Daniel Goldin
NASA administrator

repairs. The main trouble has been the batteries. Six are on board to provide power and have been faltering one by one.

In addition, a crane attached to the outside of the station by spacewalking astronauts last spring is not locked down properly. The next shuttle crew will go out to secure it.

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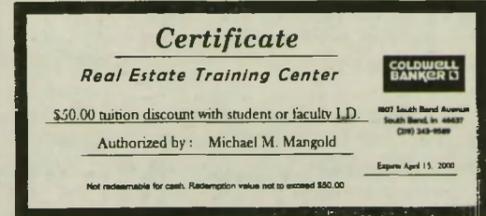
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House approves \$1.82 trillion budget, okays tax cut

◆ Party line vote ends 14 hours of debate on funding

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Despite unrest by some conservatives, Republicans drove a \$1.82 trillion budget for 2001 through the House early Friday, mapping deeper tax cuts and lower domestic spending than President Clinton wants.

Over the next five years, the measure would set aside at least \$150 billion for tax cuts and the entire \$1 trillion in projected Social Security surplus-

es for debt reduction. It would also provide up to \$40 billion to create a prescription drug benefit for Medicare recipients, though Republicans would narrow Clinton's plan to exclude higher-income senior citizens.

Final approval came on a mostly party-line 211-207 roll call shortly after midnight, nearly 14 hours after debate began. And despite ongoing dissension by Senate conservatives, it moved Republicans a step closer to their goal of adjourning Congress by early fall so GOP lawmakers can go home and defend their House and Senate majorities in the November elections.

"If you're for the reform agenda, you're going to support this budget," said House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, echoing a campaign theme of apparent GOP presidential nominee George W. Bush.

In a replay of last year's budget fight, Democrats accused Republicans of squandering surpluses from non-Social Security programs on tax breaks for the wealthy,

and doing little to buttress Social Security and Medicare.

Likening the Republican budget to a television game show, Rep. Brad Sherman, D-Calif., asked, "Who wants to risk Social Security to give huge tax breaks to multi-multi-millionaires?"

Democrats said the GOP plan embraces spending cuts so severe that Congress would never approve, and they challenged the GOP's numbers, saying the Republican plan would eat into Social Security.

Republicans denied that, with Kasich saying that to arrive at that conclusion, Democrats had to "cook numbers and make things up."

The budget, which does not need the president's signature, sets overall tax and spending targets for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

The GOP plan would match or exceed Clinton's proposals for defense, schools and veterans, and calls for tax cuts for many married couples and for health care and other expenses. But such details are advisory only, and lawmakers will shape specific programs in later bills.

Reiterating administration opposition to the GOP plan, White House budget chief Jack Lew wrote congressional leaders that it is "fundamentally

flawed and fails to provide a balanced and workable economic plan. In the past, this approach has delayed, rather than expedited, action on" subsequent budget legislation.

Most Republicans supported the proposal. But eight conservatives voted "no" on an early procedural vote because they said it lacked controls to ensure that spending remained within budget.

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Rep. John Kasich
House Budget
Committee Chairman

"It means we'll spend \$25 billion to \$30 billion more than what we say," said Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., a leader of the discontented group. "It's another wink and nod from Washington."

With the GOP's wafer-thin 11-seat House margin, their defections could jeopardize the budget's final passage. Party leaders labored throughout the day to quell the uprising, and succeeded after promising efforts to prevent spending bills from growing as they move through the Senate.

"Who wants to risk Social Security to give huge tax breaks to multi-multi-millionaires?"

Rep. Brad Sherman
D-Calif.

The conservative disaffection was mirrored in the Senate. There, Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-

N.M., has yet to even try pushing a similar plan through his panel because conservatives want to hold spending down.

At issue was the \$596.5 billion the budget would set

aside for jet fighters, road building and every other federal function but automatically paid benefits like Medicare and interest on the debt.

Of that amount, \$307 billion would be for defense, \$1 billion more than Clinton's request. Its \$289 billion for domestic programs is almost \$30 billion below the president's plan.

In early votes, the House overwhelmingly rejected five rival budgets by black, progressive and conservative Democrats, Democratic leaders and conservative Republicans. As they did when Kasich pushed the plan through his committee last week, Republicans blocked a Democratic effort to force a vote on the \$483 billion, five-year tax cut Bush has proposed.

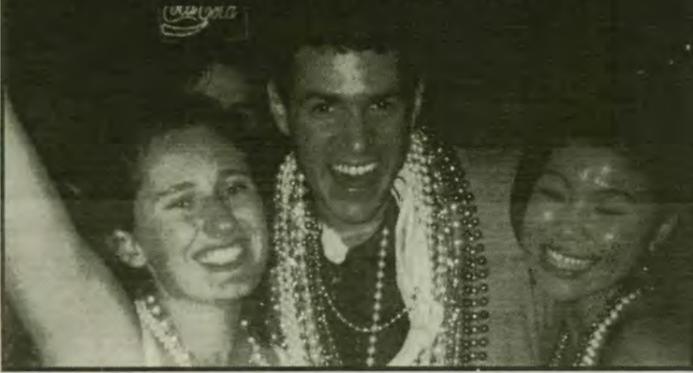
Bush's proposal and the congressional tax cut are not directly comparable because they cover different five-year periods. Nonetheless, the Bush plan would eat into Social Security surpluses as projected by Congress, and few Republicans would be comfortable voting to do that.

Clinton proposed \$99 billion in tax cuts over the next five years, nearly offset by \$96 billion in higher cigarette and some business taxes.

House conservatives won a promise from GOP leaders to pursue at least \$4 billion more in debt reduction this year.

In exchange, they dropped budget language that would have prohibited spending any of this year's projected \$27 billion surplus. In effect, that would have killed a separate \$9 billion measure financing anti-drug efforts in Colombia, U.S. troops in Kosovo, and aid to victims of Hurricane Floyd and other domestic disasters.

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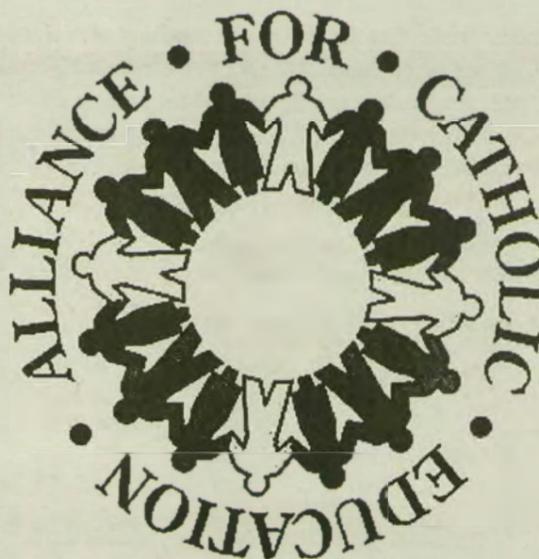
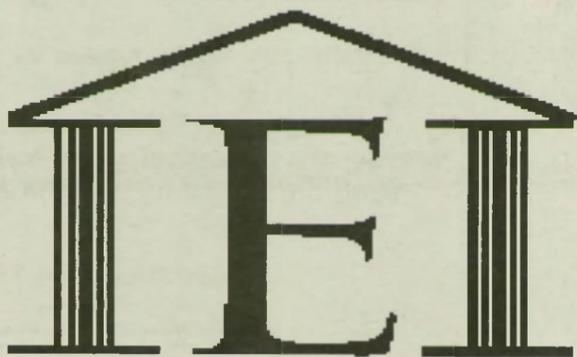
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Army replaces defective Patriot defense missiles

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Army quickly and quietly replaced hundreds of Patriot air defense weapons in the Persian Gulf and South Korea after discovering a pattern of problems with the missiles that were kept constantly on a high state of alert, officials said Thursday.

The Patriot, which gained public fame in 1991 in its com-

bat debut against Iraqi Scud missiles fired on Saudi Arabia and Israel, is a key to the defense of U.S. and allied forces in the Gulf and on the Korean Peninsula. Patriots in the Gulf and in South Korea are kept on high alert because of short warning times.

Lt. Gen. Paul Kern, a senior Army acquisitions officer, told a Pentagon news conference that the decision to replace the mis-

siles with newer ones was made about 10 days ago and the swap-out was completed Tuesday.

None of the seven foreign countries that operate U.S.-made Patriot missile batteries was told about the problem until this week, Kern said. "I don't think any of them are angry about the situation," he said. "They are concerned, probably, the same as we are, that we find solutions to the problem."

Asked why Israel, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the Netherlands, Germany, Japan and Taiwan were not told about the possible vulnerability of their Patriot missiles, Kern replied: "We did what we thought was a very fair assessment of keeping the security of our forces and or allies in check, and we think we did it the right way."

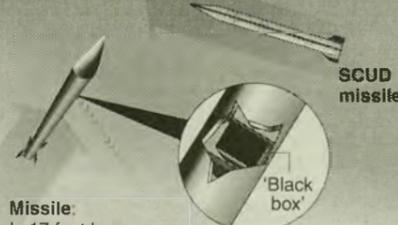
The technical problem, as described by Kern, appears related to the way in which the Patriots are used.

Testing has shown that those kept constantly on high alert — with electrical current keeping them in "hot status" ready to fire — have developed problems with a component known as the radio frequency downlink, described by Kern as a "black box" that sends signals back and forth from a ground station to guide the missile in flight.

Kern said the manufacturer, Raytheon Co., had warranted the missile to work properly while in "hot status" for a maximum of six months. The Army has kept some Patriots in that status for years, he said, while swapping 50 to 70 of them a

Star wars for missiles

The Patriot Missile system intercepts and destroys surface-to-surface missiles. Recently, hundreds had to be replaced in the Mideast and South Korea because of a potential flaw in the device that helps guide them to the target.



Missile: Is 17 feet long and weighs 2,000 pounds. Travels 3.7 times the speed of sound

The problem: A malfunction in the 'black box' that helps guide the missile to its target.

Launcher: Holds up to four missiles.



Radar: Helps guide the missile to the target.



Source: U.S. Army

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Gore, Bush battle on Social Security

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Al Gore, accustomed to the Democratic Party's upper hand on Social Security, bitterly derided George W. Bush Thursday as the Republican staked his own claim on that issue. Any school child could "go to the blackboard and demonstrate how his numbers don't add up," Gore contended.



Gore

Battling for the favor of senior citizens, who reliably vote in powerful numbers, the vice president alleged that the only way Bush could pay for his proposed tax cuts would be through massive budget deficits or Social Security cut-backs.

Bush countered that Gore was naive to think he can save the program for future retirees simply by throwing money at the Social Security Trust Fund.

"People need to ask, 'Who's the reformer in the race, who's going to bring people together and get something done and who's an obstacle to reform,'" Bush said in Orlando, Fla. "Step one is you better have a candidate for president who understands it is a problem."

When people were asked in a new poll by the Pew Research Center who would do the best job of keeping Social Security and Medicare sound, 47 percent said Gore and 36 percent said Bush.

Bush, the Texas governor, made clear his determination to change those numbers.

He started Thursday's spitting match in an interview published in The Washington Post, in which he declared he would make Social Security a centerpiece of his fall campaign. He said Gore has a "major credibility problem" on any kind of policy reform.

Bush has not offered a plan to reform Social Security for the coming baby boom retire-

ments, and he has declined to promise he'll have one before the November election. More important than specific proposals, he said, is his commitment to use his political capital as president to bring Republicans and Democrats together to make changes.

But Gore cited Bush's previous suggestions that he would consider such changes as raising the retirement age and privatizing part of the program, which Gore opposes.

Both Bush and Gore would commit the entire Social Security surplus to protecting Social Security. Gore says he would additionally pay down the national debt and use the billions of dollars in interest saved from debt reduction to shore up the Social Security Trust Fund for the next 50 years.

At Orlando's Colonial High School, Bush used a student's question about future retirement benefits to criticize Gore for contending that Social Security is not "broken" and needs only more money — not program changes.

Gore "says there's nothing wrong, it ain't broke, you don't need to fix it. Well, I happen to think it's broke and I think this country needs to elect somebody who will spend the capital to fix it," Bush said.

Gore labeled Bush's critique a personal attack and said it was not surprising because "Pat Robertson Republicans have been known for this."

In the library of the Sands Montessori Elementary School, Gore executed some confusing big-numbers math warning parents, teachers and schoolchildren that Bush's proposed tax cuts would spend the federal budget surplus and then some:

"Any of the children in this room could take out a piece of chalk and go to the blackboard and demonstrate how his numbers don't add up. One trillion plus one trillion equals two trillion and, if you have a non-Social Security surplus of one trillion, two trillion minus one trillion still leaves one trillion."

Poll: Voters find Bush 'arrogant'

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla.

Since wrapping up the GOP presidential nomination, George W. Bush has been sounding like a sore winner, making acid

remarks about Al Gore and dismissing former Republican rival John McCain. Voters are starting to tell pollsters the Texas governor is "cocky" and "arrogant."



Bush

With his Texas swagger and a look that some voters describe as a smirk, the governor's remarks on everything from the election to executions have renewed questions about whether he's ready for his prime-time presidential run.

A new Pew Research Center poll suggests Bush is being hurt by it all.

Among people who now support his Democratic rival, Vice President Al Gore, the percentage who dislike Bush because of his personality has jumped from 19 percent in October to 33 percent. The figure for Gore among Bush supporters is 22 percent, compared to 24 percent in October.

And 31 percent of all the poll's respondents chose a negative term when asked the one word that best described Bush, compared to 12 percent who thought of a negative term first a year ago.

While the majority of references to Bush were positive, the most frequently mentioned negative words were "arrogant," "dislike," "untrustworthy," "wimp," "bad" or "cocky."

The most frequently mentioned negative word for Gore was "boring," and "dull" was second, tied with "politician," undefined as to positive or negative. Next on the negative list came "dishonest" and "incompetent."

Fred Greenstein, a political science professor at Princeton University, said Bush risks being labeled "a non gravitas wise guy — that is something he has got to put some effort into working on or walking away from" if he is to win in November.

Perceived arrogance won't necessarily hurt, said Darrell West, professor of political science at Brown University, "if it leads people to view you as a strong and effective leader."

But Bill Mayer, a political science professor at Northeastern University, said that too often Bush's campaign seems to "show him off in ways that accentuate the notion that he is not very substantive ... has no great reason to appear so cocky."

In an interview published Thursday in The Washington Post, the Texas governor launched into unsolicited and repeated criticism of the vice

president. Asked directly whether Gore has the honesty and integrity to serve as president, Bush replied: "That's what I'd like to know and that's what America would like to know."

The remarks came a week after Bush got into political hot water by coming off as dismissive of McCain, his closest rival for the GOP nomination.

In an interview with The New York Times, Bush was asked whether the Arizona senator had raised his consciousness about reform.

Bush replied, "No, he didn't change my views." Bush also said he had no intention of making concessions to McCain on campaign finance reform.

"I know people on the vice president's team don't like me to remind people that this guy will say anything to get elected, but I'm going to."

George W. Bush
presidential candidate

While the governor later softened his remarks about McCain, his initial criticism mimicked remarks from his press secretary, who said when asked about negotiating a settlement with McCain, "Negotiations? Governor Bush won."

Bush didn't directly address the issue Thursday, but he touched on his approach to Gore when answering a question about Social Security.

"I know people on the vice president's team don't like me to remind people that this guy will say anything to get elected, but I'm going to," Bush said at a news conference held after he spoke to students at Colonial High School here in central Florida.

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Scientists: World's oceans are warming

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WASHINGTON

Scientists have discovered a significant, even surprising, warming of the world's oceans over the past 40 years, providing new evidence that computer models may be on target when they predict the Earth's warming.

Results of study

- ◆ Ocean temperatures have increased since the 1950s
- ◆ Some scientists believe this finding is significant in the global warming debate

The broad study of temperature data from the oceans, dating to the 1950s, shows average temperatures have increased more than expected — about half a degree Fahrenheit closer to the surface, and one-tenth of a degree even at depths of up to 10,000 feet.

The findings, reported by scientists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, also may explain a major puzzle in the global warming debate: why computer models have shown more significant warming than actual temperature data.

Global warming skeptics contend that if the computer models exaggerate warming that already has occurred, they should not be trusted to predict future warming. The models have shown higher temperatures than those found in surface and atmospheric readings. But now, the new ocean data may explain the

difference, scientists said.

In the NOAA study, scientists for the first time have quantified temperature changes in the world's three major ocean basins and at such depths.

"We've known the oceans could absorb heat, transport it to subsurface depths and isolate it from the atmosphere. Now we see evidence that this is happening," said Sydney Levitus, chief of NOAA's Ocean Climate Laboratory and principal author of the study.

Levitus and fellow scientists, who have worked on the project for seven years, examined temperature data from more than 5 million readings at various depths in the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian oceans, from 1948 to 1996.

They found the Pacific and Atlantic oceans have been warming since the mid-1950s, and the Indian Ocean since the early 1960s, according to the study published in the journal *Science* on Friday.

The greatest warming occurred from the surface to a depth of about 900 feet, where the average heat content increased by 0.56 degrees Fahrenheit. Water as far down as 10,000 feet was found to have gained on average 0.11 degrees Fahrenheit.

"This is one of the surprising things. We've found half of the warming occurred below 1,000 feet," Levitus said in an interview. "It brings the climate debate to a new level. We can no longer ignore the ocean."

The study did not pinpoint the cause of the warming trend over such a lengthy period, but said both natural and human-induced causes were likely.

Justice Department probes White House e-mails

◆ Criminal investigation begins over vice president's missing correspondence

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Justice Department announced Thursday it has opened a criminal investigation into how the White House failed to review thousands of e-mails that may have been under subpoena. Lawyers divulged most of Vice President Al Gore's messages are among the missing.

The White House failure to archive vice presidential e-mails before 1997 means that most of Gore's electronic correspondence was never reviewed to determine whether some pieces should be turned over to investigators looking at Democratic fund-raising abuses.

"It appears that much, if not all" of Gore's e-mails were not captured by the White House archive system, White House counsel Beth Nolan informed Congress in a letter.

Nolan told lawmakers they are reviewing backup tapes from the vice presidential e-mail system to see if any of the e-mails can be reconstructed.

The archive failure was "the sole result of human mistakes and entirely unintentional," Nolan said, explaining that Gore's office simply used a different e-mail system that until 1997 could not be archived by the normal White House system.

"We have found no indication that those people producing documents [under subpoena] were aware of this problem," Nolan wrote.

But the House Government Reform Committee, which is investigating the e-mails, disclosed that current White House Chief of Staff John Podesta may have known about the e-mail glitch back in the summer of 1998 in the midst of the Lewinsky scandal.

The White House acknowledges that the glitches caused White House lawyers to fail to review thousands of messages to see if they were responsive to subpoenas and should have been turned over to Congress or criminal investigators from the many Clinton-era controversies. Some of the e-mails may be lost forever, aides said.

In a court filing, the Justice Department divulged it has opened a criminal investigation into the missing e-mails, and allegations by some White House contract workers that they were threatened by presidential aides never to disclose the problems to investigators.

Education chief favors national tests

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

National tests in reading and math could ensure that schools are teaching the essentials without wresting control of education from states, Education Secretary Richard Riley said Thursday.

"This one-size-fits-all is not the American way of doing things," Riley said in an interview with The Associated Press. "Americans don't like that. They don't function well like that.

They like competitive systems."

Riley, a former Democratic governor of South Carolina, praised states' efforts to boost student achievement — including those of Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the likely GOP presidential nominee.

He also repeated President Clinton's oft-criticized proposal to test children nationally. Uniform tests in basic skills would help Americans measure how well children are prepared to compete in a global workforce, he said.

"Reading is such a basic skill," said Riley, whose eight years under Clinton makes him the nation's longest-serving education chief. "If a kid can't read by the fourth grade, somebody ought to be doing something serious."

The proposed tests — which

also could be made available to homeschoolers on the Internet — would measure how well fourth-graders can read, whether eighth-graders can solve math problems and whether 12th-graders are ready to graduate, Riley said. States and schools could use the results to improve their own standards, he said.

The Republican-led Congress has opposed Clinton's efforts to create national testing, as well as dedicating federal dollars to hire teachers, repair old school buildings and connect

classrooms to the Internet. This year, conservatives on Capitol Hill again are opposing the Clinton programs, saying they encroach on states' rights and responsibilities to educate students.

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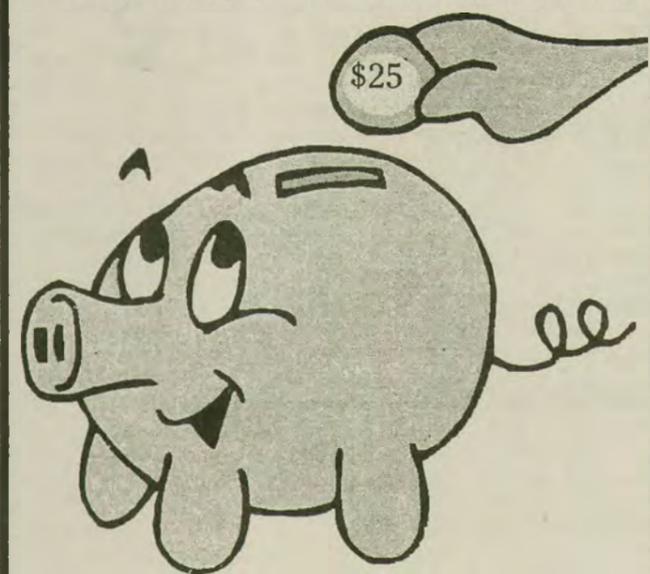
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Notre Dame should assume founding position in Workers' Rights Consortium

The conversation between top Notre Dame officials, leaders of the Progressive Student Alliance and student supporters this past Tuesday on anti-sweatshop initiatives was in many ways a model for such conversations.

Two very simple questions were not asked and no information relevant to them was provided. "What are the costs or risks to the University in accepting the conditions set by the Workers' Rights Consortium (WRC) for official participation in its originating "constitutional convention" in NYC? Why does Notre Dame consider these costs excessive?"

Fifteen months ago the University accepted an invitation to join in the founding meeting of the Fair Labor Association. It did so and is proud of the influence it has had on the formation of standards in the FLA.

Notre Dame could play a similar role in the WRC. Its reasons for declining the option to participate in the founding meeting of this new organization are hardly decisive. (1) Since the WRC is operating on a shoestring, with one staffer, and since the WRC intends to be a "bottom-up" organization whose founding members will collectively determine its goals, there is no draft charter at the present time. (2) To participate in the founding meeting, Notre Dame would have to commit a year's dues and "join" the WRC prior to the meeting.

Notre Dame's pending counter-offer to the WRC is an application to participate fully in the founding meeting on the basis of a written "good faith" promise to make a firm "up or down" decision within 30 days after the meeting. Nothing is wrong with that counter-offer.

But it is also very simple to draft an alternate offer dissolv-

ing the current impasse.

Notre Dame could offer 1) to pay immediately a full share of the costs of holding the founding meeting of the WRC or 50 percent of one year's dues, the exact amount to be negotiated, and 2) to fully support the costs of attendance at the meeting by an attorney from the Office of the General Counsel, a faculty member of the anti-sweatshop task force at Notre Dame, and two students (one chosen by the Student Body President and one chosen by the Progressive Student Alliance). In return, Notre Dame should require rights of full participation in the founding meeting. Notre Dame would also continue its offer to make a final "up or down" decision concerning membership in the WRC within 30 days of the completion of the meeting.

Why should Notre Dame consider adding membership in the WRC to its very influential role in the FLA? Take a simple look at the history of organized labor. The right to organize is for the sake of collective bargaining. You can't bargain with bosses you can get to the table. FLA has garment manufacturers in its tent. But garment manufacturers who are exploiting third world labor can't be trusted much further than Notre Dame has successfully kicked a field goal in recent memory. Meaningful negotiation to improve labor conditions can't be achieved unless the stick of public exposure of continuing abuse is readily available. That's what the WRC stands for. So should the Fighting Irish.

Ed Manier

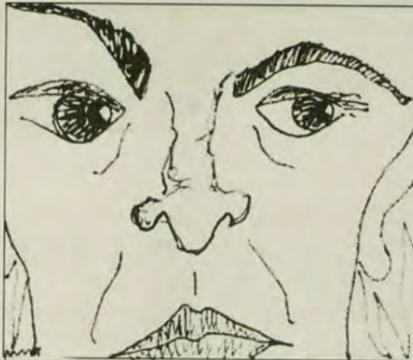
Professor, Philosophy & Reilly Center
March 23, 2000

We are all guilty of racial profiling

I have been considering ideas for a Viewpoint letter ever since I heard the verdict of the Diallo case a few weeks ago. For those that do not know, Armadou Diallo was a 22-year-old West African who had immigrated to New York and was shot last February by four plain clothes police officers as he stood in the doorway of his Bronx apartment. On Feb. 26 the officers, who fired 41 shots on the unarmed Diallo, striking him 19 times, were acquitted of all charges brought against them.

I have had a difficult time articulating the emotions that I felt as a result of the verdict, ranging from sadness to rage, into words that I hoped would promote awareness on our campus. After all, Diallo was far away in the city of New York and, as many of us here on campus often ignore the news of the world outside our microcosm, it was hard to convey a message to which people could relate. I was finally pushed to write this when I picked up The Observer just before spring break and read the headline "ND students arrested at local Denny's." This time the problem had explicitly revealed itself on a local level and was affecting members of our community. The very problem that left an innocent and unarmed 22-year-old dead in his doorway at the hands of the police landed four innocent ND students in jail. The problem is

racial profiling. We are all guilty. Guilty, at very least, of being indifferent and unaware. But more often, we are guilty, at some level or another, of the same kind of racial profiling that takes



place on a daily basis throughout this nation. Sometimes it is highly publicized, as in the Diallo case, but more often that not it goes unnoticed by the population at large. We are guilty of it when we assume that a black fellow student must be an athlete, that he/she must have a particular background, or that he/she is here only because of a race-based quota policy that displaced a more deserving white student. We have all heard or participated in these assumptions and complaints. Every sin-

gle person here deserves their spot and each has something valuable to contribute to the university as a whole, whether it is excellence in academics, athletics, or a different point of view. A large percentage of our school's population, namely that of the white American male, must come to terms with the fact that it has never and probably will never be oppressed in any way in its lifetime. Only when this is realized can we hope to alleviate the burden of the men and women who face unwarranted prejudice every day. Author James Baldwin stated the following in a letter to his nephew: "this is the crime of which I accuse my country and my countrymen, that they have destroyed and are destroying hundreds of thousands of lives and do not know it and do not want to know it." They are, in effect, trapped in a history which they do not understand; and until they understand it, they cannot be released from it." We must open our eyes, promote awareness, and release ourselves from all types of prejudice and profiling, including racial, sexual, and religious. Quite simply, as it was once stated on some bathroom graffiti, "Hey apathetic college students, think!"

Kiernan Moriarty

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Oscar Wilde
British author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Graffiti Dance is part of a larger 'meat market'

In response to the recent controversy surrounding the Graffiti Dance, let me take time to defend it. The Graffiti Dance is Notre Dame reality. It may not be pretty, it may be a meat market, but that is Notre Dame. In a very real way, it does "orient" one to ND. Ever been to a party? That's reality. I feel like every night at Senior Bar is really "free-undergrad night" for the Law School...

If we have a problem with meat markets, or with upper-classmen drooling over freshman girls, then for heaven's sake let solve the problem, not the symptom. Canning the Graffiti Dance does nothing for our current and continued subjugation of women, minorities and other "outsiders" on this campus.

Will McDonald
Knott Hall
March 22, 2000

Everybody wins, take a trophy

Last week, somebody swiped the Oscar statuettes from a loading dock. Who took them? I wondered. Perhaps a fan of Jim Carrey's, perturbed by the Academy's failure to grant him a best actor nomination, pilfered the gold-plated trophies in protest. Maybe a potential best director pinched the prizes in order to practice properly his acceptance speech. Or perhaps a desperate individual stole the trophies in a last drastic attempt to prevent one more awards show.



Joanna Mikulski

Tuesday Voice
on Friday

Awards shows certainly appear to dominate the miniature silver screen. Various channels treat viewers to the Golden Globes, the People's Choice Awards, the Emmys, the Daytime Emmys, the Grammys, the American Music Awards, the Nickelodeon Kid's Choice Awards and the list continues. Speculation about potential winners, losers, and unfashionable dressers precede each of these shows. (Beware the ill-clad actress at the Oscars, who receives Joan Rivers' scrutiny.) The hoopla concludes with an extended, commercial-interrupted presentation of trophies. At the end of the show (or at least the line of various awards shows), everyone in the entertainment industry seems to leave with some sort of honor. Entertainers receiving trophies give grand acceptance speeches and those slighted receive sympathy, attention and publicity for the slight. I wonder sometimes if the media should save itself time by broadcasting a single all-encompassing awards show in which every person remotely connected to entertainment stands around, applauds everyone else and then thanks them.

This propensity for awarding prizes extends throughout American culture. Like the majority of Notre Dame students, I received numerous trophies for my childhood and high school endeavors, particularly those in sport. At first I relished the opportunity to acquire any type of statuette. My sister Christine and I counted our trophies and compared their size and shape.

However, the trophies eventually lost luster. Coaches gave out numerous "participation" awards to less skilled athletes like myself. After one soccer tournament, all the players on my team walked away with a small, bronze sculpture of a girl soccer player despite our

last place finish. (From far away it looked like a third-place award.) By high school, I did not even want the awards distributed at tournaments and banquets, including those for actual victories or accomplishments. I threw them into a box in my closet. I gave my "participation" awards to my younger sister, Laura, to whom the trophies still looked impressive.

The coaches at these awards banquets and tournament prize presentations meant well. They hoped to alleviate the pain of the disappointment suffered by those not receiving actual awards. I remember a discussion at an end-of-the-year swim team banquet in which one mother boasted that no child would leave without a prize, as she admired the rows of miniature trophies on the table.

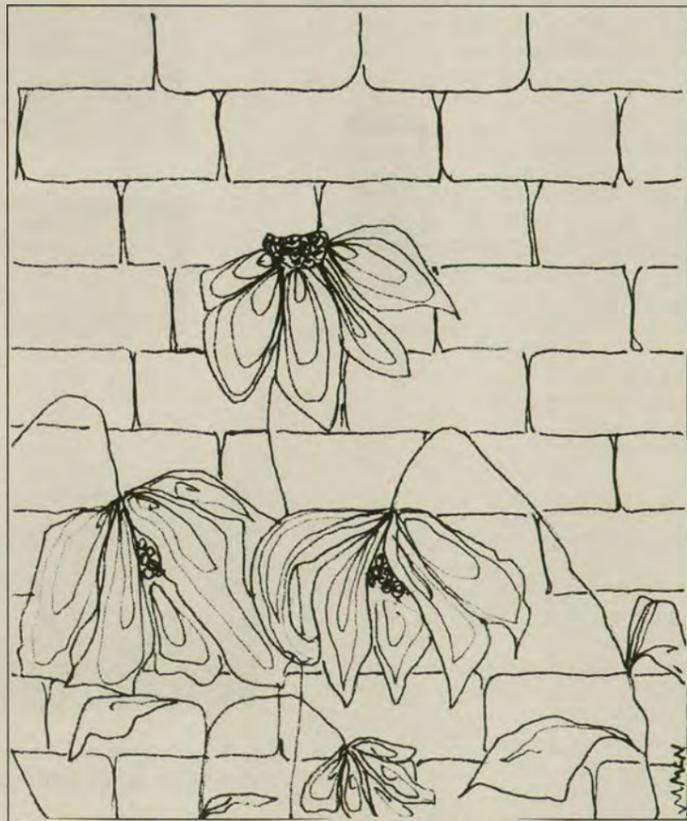
Unfortunately, the children receiving these prizes did so without the benefit of actual accomplishment. They obtained a sign of success without actual success. In American society today, as evidenced by the numerous entertainment awards shows and the "participation" awards now sitting in a box in my closet, awards and trophies signify ultimate success. However, as an increasing number of these trophies circulate throughout society, the success that they represent becomes increasingly trivial. The distinction between those who deserve an award and those who merely participated becomes increasingly blurred. The average director, actor or athlete becomes victorious. Do those coaches and bestowers of entertainment prizes truly believe mediocrity deserves honor?

Perhaps they simply want everyone to feel accomplished. In the case of the entertainment industry, the awards shows also aid their business. The awards show itself draws attention and viewers to the network broadcasting it. I wonder, could ABC or NBC receive an Emmy for their skilled, thoughtful coverage of the Grammys?

And maybe some people benefit from the participation awards. If the average person believes themselves successful, fewer people will turn to self-help gurus in their middle age. As for Notre Dame, my friend Mary Anne offers a differing theory. "Here," she says, "they make everyone feel average by making everyone fail." But then, she seemed a little bitter at the time.

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Concrete destroys campus beauty



When I was a kid visiting this campus, soaking up the Saturday morning football atmosphere and the cool fall air, there was always one particular memory of Notre Dame that stood out. The campus, full of large oak trees, famous buildings, and expansive greenery always made an impression in my head. The beauty of this campus alone could have sold me on coming here. Ever since I arrived here, it seems as though the campus is transforming from its former into a concrete jungle.

Everywhere I turn, in any direction, there is a concrete path to guide me. The concrete sidewalks have swallowed up almost all of the lawn on North and South quad. Right in front of my dorm, they decided to connect two roads with an adjoining road right through the middle of the West Quad. Did they consider tearing up some of the old sidewalks that lay there before? NO, they simply connected all of the former paths with the new road! Now the West Quad looks more like the west side of Los Angeles, bare of any grass or trees. The campus looks very grey and depressing, seemingly to reflect the moods of a lot of students. Ever since a Dutch Elm disease hit the South Quad, wiping out a number of the large trees that once created a green canopy in the spring, the Quad now resembles a bleak Chicago alley. It's a shame too, because we are definitely not lacking any beautiful buildings in that area either.

What needs to be done on campus is to end of all utilitarian improvements to the campus. What I mean is that they need to stop placing sidewalks where they are unnecessary. First of all, every diagonal and shortcut sidewalk should be eliminated. If our buildings were spaced out miles apart I could see the point in having them, but everything is relatively close enough where could have at least 40 percent less sidewalks. Besides, if people feel that the extra 20 seconds they save is worth it by cutting through on the lawn or using one of the unnecessary sidewalks, then they should invest more time in leaving earlier for their classes. I can't understand how anyone could argue with me. There is no doubt that there is an excess of sidewalks. If you consider the Debartolo/Business school quad, you would have to agree that there is definitely a lack of warmth and comfort. Besides the fact there aren't any large trees, there is again an abundance of sidewalks. I am sure that if we eliminated all of the extra concrete on campus, and convince the student body to stay off the grass for the most part, then they would comply. It seems everyone takes pride in our campus; all we need to do is bring it to everyone's attention that we are corrupting its former beauty by depriving it of its natural beauties. Other schools that have large lawns have not given in to utilitarian pathways (Duke, UVA, Dartmouth), and neither should we.

Notre Dame thrives off its campus; we should do everything in our power to keep it intact. Get rid of the sidewalks, and throw a few large trees in where necessary. If Father Sorin envisioned a concrete jungle for our campus, he would have settled 90 miles west in Chicago.

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March 22, 2000

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Anything can happen with Mr. O

This year's Oscar battle pits a 'Beauty' against a field of wanna-beasts

In "Magnolia," one of this year's Oscar-nominated films, it rains frogs. The theory is that sometimes frogs are swept up into the air during tornadoes and become caught up in the strong winds, only to fall back to earth miles from where the tornado originally struck. It happens from time to time in South America, and it's a weird phenomenon, but then again last year "Shakespeare in Love" upset "Saving Private Ryan" for Best Picture.



Jeffrey Q. Irish

Scene Movie Critic

Best Picture

When this year's nominations were announced it seemed that there was no clear-cut frontrunner in the best picture category. Most recently though, "American Beauty" has made such a sweep of other year-end film awards that it would probably degrade the award if any other film won. So far this year "American Beauty" has won three Golden Globes (best picture, best director and best screenplay), three Screen Actors Guild Awards (ensemble acting, Annette Benning and Kevin Spacey) and the Director's Guild Award (Sam Mendes). It was also chosen as best film by more than 15 newspapers, television stations and radio stations (L.A. Times, Chicago Tribune, Rolling Stone, among others).

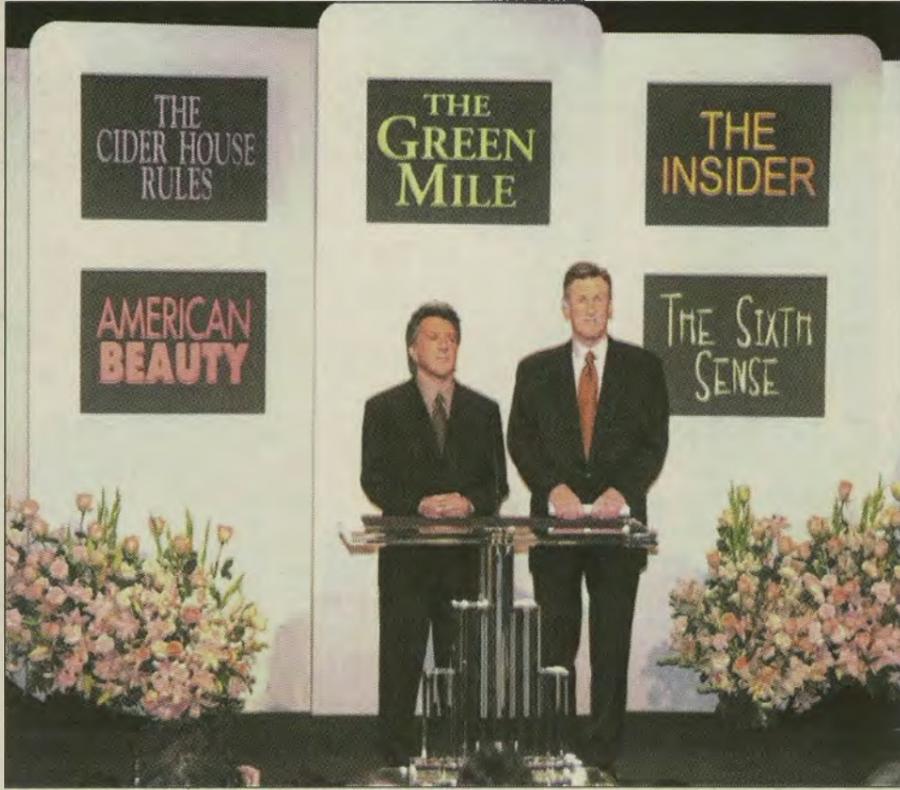
Well-known critic Roger Ebert of the Chicago Sun-Times has predicted "American Beauty" to not only win Best Picture, but for it to "sweep" the five major categories that it was nominated — best picture, best actor, best actress, best director and best original screenplay (it also received nominations in Sound, Score and Editing). In the 71-year history of the Academy Awards, only three films have accomplished this feat, the last being the thriller "Silence of the Lambs" in 1991.

The film most likely to upset "American Beauty" Sunday night is "The Cider House Rules." "The Insider," "The Green Mile" and "The Sixth Sense" were also nominated but really don't stand a chance.

"The Cider House Rules" is believed to be a strong contender, not because it is a movie worthy of winning best picture, but only because of the strong marketing program of its producer Miramax. "The Machine," as the program is called, has in recent years punched out many nominations for its films ("The Crying Game," "The English Patient," "Shakespeare in Love"). There have been so many nominations that an Web site started a rumor that there is an executive of Miramax sleeping with an executive of PriceWaterhouse Coopers (the official vote counters). But most Hollywood insiders just believe it is because of the marketing program.

If the fact that the romantic comedy "Shakespeare in Love" defeated "Saving Private Ryan" isn't enough proof of The Machine's power, "The Cider House Rules" receiving seven nominations must be. The film was not accepted very well by critics and did even worse at the box office. Many critics complained of the muddled abortion issue, which wasn't really much of a problem. It was a heart-warming story, but in a year with so many good films it is hard to believe this film deserved seven nominations.

Just a few of these other good films that



Academy Award winner Dustin Hoffman and Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences president Robert Rehme announce the best picture nominees.

were snubbed by the Academy and are deserving of an honorable mention are "Magnolia," "Being John Malkovich," "Three Kings" and "The Hurricane." Most of these films received lesser nominations in other categories.

Best Director

Sam Mendes of "American Beauty" is by far the leading candidate for winning this category. This was Mendes' first feature film after being discovered by Dreamworks executive Steven Spielberg. Mendes has already won the Director's Guild of America Award, an award that in more than 50 years has only been wrong in predicting the Oscar four times.

Other newcomer Spike Jonze (a.k.a. Adam Spiegel, heir to the Spiegel magazine fortune) is an alternative favorite for his artistic work "Being John Malkovich." Jonze was imaginative and worked on many levels, but as the miracle man in "The Princess Bride" said, "It would take a miracle." Like Jonze, Lasse Hallstrom of "Cider House Rules," M. Night Shyamalan of "The Sixth Sense" and Michael Mann of "The Insider" also stand little chance of winning. They all made great pictures out of lesser scripts, and they should remember that "it is an honor to be nominated."

Best Actor

Originally, Denzel Washington was thought to be a frontrunner for this award. He transformed a sub-par movie about a black man wrongly accused of murder into a somewhat worthwhile and interesting story. In recent weeks though, there has been numerous articles about the inaccuracy of the movie — it seems it left out a few felonies that Carter committed. This does not take away from Washington's performance, but it does hurt the perception of the film and could hurt the voting.

Kevin Spacey was the other frontrunner and it seems as though he is currently the man to beat. There is no question that Spacey's dry, sarcastic voice made "American Beauty," and he will benefit from the prognosticated sweep of "American Beauty." He has already won the Screen Actor's Guild Award, which is a correct indicator of the Oscar winner 90 percent of the time.

Best Actress

This category seems to be wide open. Annette Bening, whose husband Warren Beatty will receive a special Oscar at the awards show, seems to be a frontrunner due to the overwhelming popularity of "American Beauty" and her win at the Screen Actor's Guild Awards. But some feel her role was too small to be in the Best Actress category.

Benning is contending with Hilary Swank's gender bending role in "Boys Don't Cry" and Julianne Moore's throw-back role in "The End of the Affair."

Swank has been highly praised for her meticulous role as a distraught woman/boy, and she won nearly every award outside of the Screen Actor's Guild. Her role was tough to play and award-worthy, a far cry from her days as "The Next Karate Kid" and as Steve's girlfriend on "Beverly Hills 90210." Who would have ever dreamed that an Aaron Spelling production could churn a chance to win an Academy Award?

Julianne Moore is the darkhorse of the race. Her role as a promiscuous wife was hardly deserving of a nomination, but she also had roles in four other movies in 1999, including a large role in "Magnolia." Meryl Streep was again deservedly nominated in what seems to be an annual occurrence, this time for her role in "Music of the Heart."

Best Supporting Actor

Tom Cruise is one of those life-time achievers who seems to have an asymptotic reach for the little gold trophy. He has been nominated for best actor twice for his roles in "Born on the Fourth of July" and "Jerry Maguire," has never made a bad movie, yet he has never won an Oscar.

P.T. Anderson wrote the role of TJ Mackey with Cruise and a best supporting actor Oscar in mind. The role is both active, as we see Mackey scream about seducing women, and dramatic, as we later see him unfold when his father dies in front of his eyes. It is the perfect role to win Cruise the Oscar, and has already won him a less-than-satisfying Golden Globe.

Also on Cruise's side is that "Magnolia" was snubbed from the "Best Picture" category. But negating this fact is Michael Caine, whose "The Cider House Rules" will

probably not win best picture. He receive some sympathy votes in his search of a successor. He is the old ever nominated for best supportth at the age of 79. Like Cruise, receive some votes for his previous ("Hannah and her Sisters," "Dirty Scoundrels"), but his role was too to overtake Cruise's masterpiece.

In direct opposition to Caine's Haley Joel Osment, who is the youngest child to be nominated at of 11. He showed maturity far beyond age in last summer's surprise box smash "The Sixth Sense."

Other nominees include pretty Jude Law, who was nominated his role as the rich boy with a si kick named Matt Damon in "Talented Mr. Ripley," and Michael Clarke Duncan, who gave a stellar performance as a prisoner on death row in "The Green Mile."

Best Supporting Actress

For her part in the film "Girl, Interrupted," Angelina Jolie seems to be the consensus pick of most critics despite bad reviews and poor box-office receipts.

Catherine Keener may get some votes for "Being John Malkovich," although she owes all of her attention to Spike Jonze, who was the real hero of the film. Former "Kids" star Chloe Sevigny of "Boys Don't Cry" should also receive some attention, but not enough to win.

Best Original Screenplay

"Magnolia" is far and away the most deserving film in this category. It was original and interesting with the best dialogue of the year, and it gave the actors a chance to let it all hang out. P.T. Anderson magically wrote the combination more than nine stories into one film. It was almost three hours, but you want to know so much about the characters it doesn't seem anywhere near that long. It is a delicious treat for actors, and with the actor sector making up the largest portion of the Academy's voting population, "Magnolia" should win out.

However, it does have to upstage the giant "American Beauty," which again should benefit from the sweep factor. "American Beauty" does have the editing process working against it though. Most people probably don't know that the original screenplay ended in a trial, which if it did, would be a travesty in itself.

Best Adapted Screenplay

"The Cider House Rules" is really the only choice for winning this category. "The Machine" will be enthusiastically promoting it, and one should notice the fact that John Irving (who wrote the novel) worked for years on perfecting the screenplay. If anything, it should be a token award for not winning best picture.

The awards will be handed out this Sunday at 8 p.m. on ABC. The red carpet will be rolled and the stars will be dressed to the hilt in their designer dresses that cost more than our tuition. It should be entertaining, but don't plan on repeats of Roberto Benigni's performance from last year.

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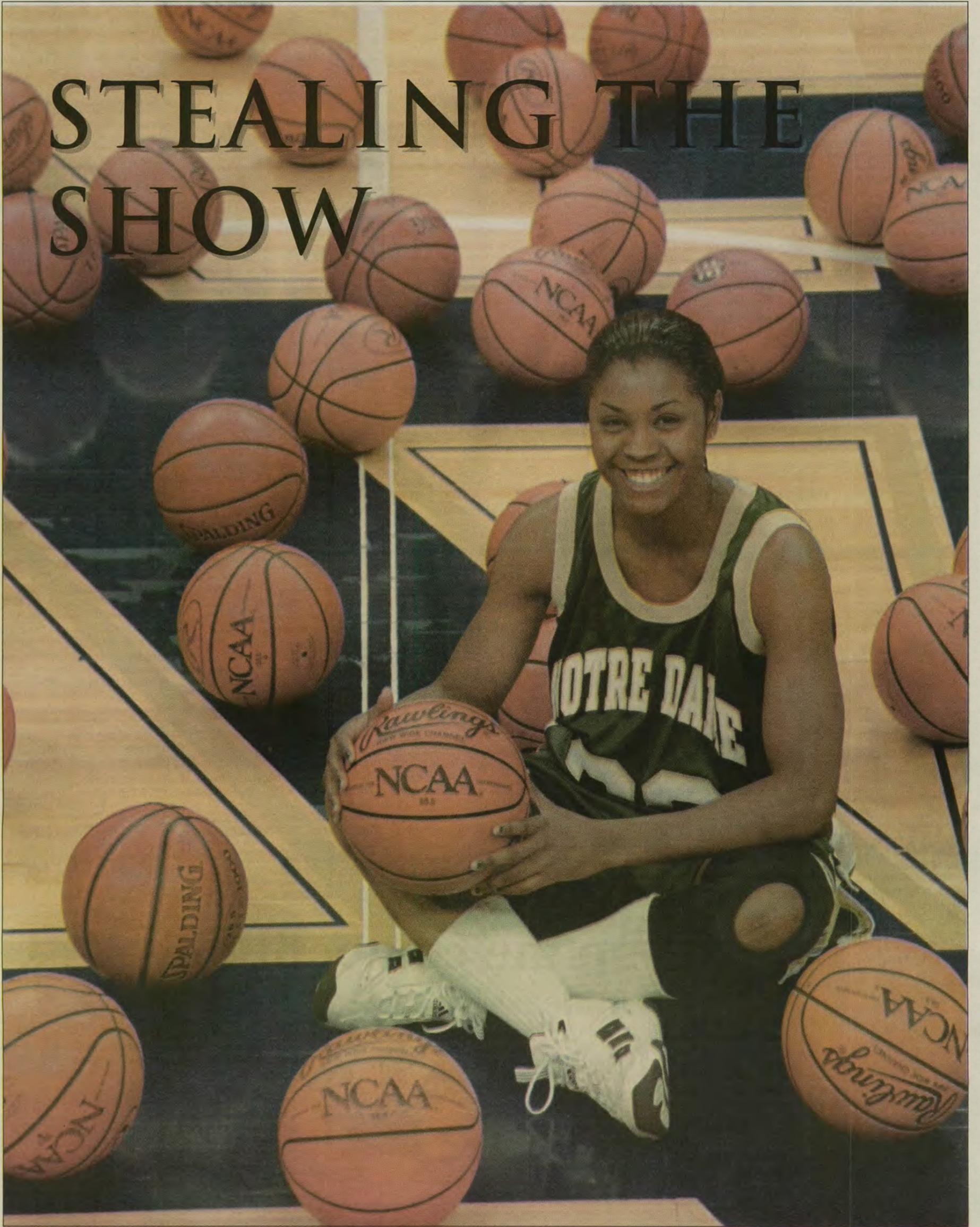


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Women's Basketball NCAA Tournament



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Senior captain Niele Ivey has overcome injury in her Irish career and is poised to lead her team in the NCAA tournament's Sweet 16. At the helm of the Irish floor game, Ivey leads the team in steals and assists on the court, but also plays a crucial role off the court as the team's emotional leader.

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Post players step up to help Riley in paint

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

Any Irish fan will tell you that Ruth Riley dominates in the paint.

From the echoing bellows of her name when she enters the game to the Baby Ruth candy bars thrown into the crowd after every blocked shot, fans relish every minute the junior All-American center plays on the court.

To add to the hype the Irish have been touted as the "Ruth Riley Show" all season long.

Riley's role in the eyes of her fans has moved from an aggressive post player to a one-woman legend in her four-year career at Notre Dame — and the legend is not far from the truth.

But as dangerous as Riley is in the paint, one player cannot win an NCAA tournament. One player cannot lift a team to the No. 6

spot in the nation. And one player cannot sustain the success the Irish have attained all season. She needs help.

Riley finds that help down low in the increasingly-potent post play of senior forward Julie Henderson and junior forward Kelley Siemon.

The trio of Riley, Henderson and Siemon on the inside serve as a sweet compliment to an effective set of Irish guards behind the arc.

George Washington head coach Joe McKeown learned that the hard way when Notre Dame handed his squad a ticket home Sunday with a 95-60 win in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

"They have a lot of weapons and some kids that probably do not get enough credit. Players like [Niele] Ivey, [Danielle] Green and Henderson played very well for them tonight," said McKeown after the focused Irish foiled his

team's upset bid. "Their role-players are high school All-Americans, so don't feel sorry for them. It may be played up to be the 'Ruth Riley show,' but they are all good players. As you watch film on them you become very impressed with players like [Kelly] Siemon. They are very talented and I do not underestimate some of their other players."

Notre Dame's post play has been a vital component to its 27-4 season record. While the guards direct the offense, the forwards and center get the job done under the basket on both offense and defense.

Riley leads the Irish in a host of categories, including scoring, field goal percentage, rebounding and blocked shots. Averaging more than 16 points and seven rebounds a game, her dominance in the paint has been unmatched in almost every game the Irish have played this year.

Irish head coach Muffet McGraw knows the value of Riley's presence on the court.

"I think [Riley] has improved tremendously and has a great work ethic. She does a great job getting position, she has been a little more physical this year, and she does a great job reading the defense," McGraw said. "She does a lot of things with her size that a lot of the teams don't know how to deal with. There is no one in the country that can do what she does."

But even legends have their weaknesses.

Riley's one glaring blemish this season has been her penchant for getting into foul trouble and landing a spot on the bench for extended periods of time. That's where Henderson and Siemon come in.

The two forwards have picked up where Riley has left off all season and have become more of a threat to opponents as the year has progressed.

"Our team has the mentality of it's us five guarding you so Ruth is not alone on defense," said Henderson after the win over George Washington. "We know [teams] are going to try and get her in foul trouble early in the game. But it is us five guarding you. We had Ruth's back all game. It was great. All the post played great so we are very happy."

Henderson's post play has come alive in the latter part of the season.

More accurate with her trade-



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Ruth Riley powers her way to the hoop in the Irish win over BC in February. The All-American averages 17 points a game.

mark hook, the senior starter has seen more playing time on the court and more payoffs at both ends of the court as a result.

Henderson, who averages more than five points a game, has more than doubled her offensive production from her previous three years of action and looks to be even more of a threat this weekend in Memphis. Henderson tallied 14 points in the Irish win over the Colonials, marking a season high and matching her career high scoring record.

Siemon has also come alive this season. The junior forward averages nearly seven points an outing and has led the Irish in scoring once, with 23 points over Providence, and in rebounding four times.

Henderson and Siemon combine to preserve continuity for the paint. McGraw recognized their effectiveness in Notre Dame's recent win.

"I am so proud of the team right now," McGraw said after

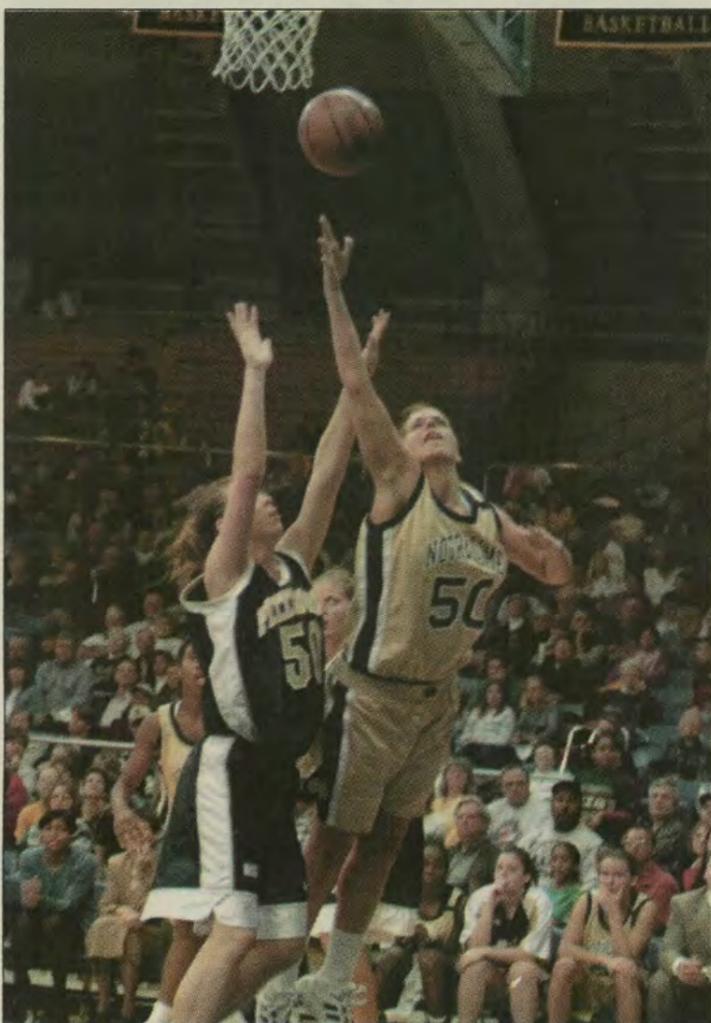
the second round win. "I thought our post game was outstanding today. I thought Julie Henderson, Kelly Siemon and Ruth Riley just played so well inside."

That inside play will be pivotal for the Irish as they head to Memphis on Saturday to take on Texas Tech in the Sweet 16 and possibly No. 2 Tennessee on Monday.

If the Irish plan to make Memphis more than just a pit stop on the road to Philadelphia, their inside game will have to be top-notch. But no one needs to tell that to Riley, Henderson and Siemon. They already know.

"We have a goal every game," Henderson said. "Our mentality is just to kill them. We don't want them coming back at all. It is do or die the whole tournament, so we are going with the kill them attitude every game."

The Irish plan to translate that aggressive mentality into aggressive post play to propel them to a spot in the NCAA's Final Four.



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Kelley Siemon lays in a basket for the Irish against Pittsburgh. Siemon brings down an average of five rebounds a game.

Sizing up the competition Mideast Bracket



The top seed in the Mideast, the Tennessee Lady Vols are hungry for their seventh national championship. Averaging 82 points per game, the Vols' strength lies in their offense production. Tamika Catchings, Semeka Randall and Michelle Snow are tough to guard in the paint. Perimeter defense has been a concern for the Vols all season, but with a 24-3 record, the team has shown it has what it takes to bring home the title.



The Notre Dame Fighting Irish pack a potent punch with strong inside and outside shooting. All-American center Ruth Riley is a force in the paint and a trio of guards, Niele Ivey, Alicia Ratay and Danielle Green, are a menace around the perimeter. The second-seeded team has struggled with turnovers all season, averaging 21.4 a game. Key inside players will need to stay out of foul trouble in order to make it to Philadelphia.



A surprise winner in the ACC, the fourth-seeded Virginia Cavaliers find their leadership in Renee Robinson. Robinson's season of success shocked many — the senior point guard more than tripled her scoring average since last year. The Cavaliers are a solid shooting team, but they have struggled on the boards all season. Lack of depth could also hurt the Cavaliers in their run for the title.



Making their 11th straight NCAA tournament appearance, the third-seeded Texas Tech Lady Raiders lost four starters and the bulk of their offense to graduation last year. The young team has proven worthy of the Sweet 16, however. With key players stepping up, the Raiders are monsters on the boards and boast the ninth-best defense in the country, allowing just 55 points a game.

Irish journey to Philadelphia makes stop in Memphis

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

It may not be the quickest route to Philadelphia, but Muffet McGraw's Irish squad has no choice — it must go straight through Tennessee on its way to the Final Four.



McGraw

And winning a pair of games in Memphis this weekend won't be an easy task for the second-seeded team in the Mideast.

Touted as the toughest bracket in the NCAA tournament, the Mideast boasts four of the top teams in the nation: Tennessee, Notre Dame, Virginia and Texas Tech.

While the Lady Vols and the Irish are the favorites, the Cavaliers and Lady Raiders are hungry for upsets.

Second-seeded Notre Dame will take the court at The Pyramid on Saturday in the fourth round of the tournament against No. 3 seed Texas Tech.

Texas Tech, a Big 12 powerhouse, will pose a formidable challenge for Notre Dame in their quest to reach the Elite Eight.

"We're just getting back to the fundamentals to get ready," said senior guard

Danielle Green. "We're focusing on basic drills, defense and rebounding."

Not only do the Raiders boast a powerful offense and stingy defense, the experienced squad has a little extra motivation coming into Saturday's game.

Two years ago, the Irish traveled to Texas and handed the Raiders an early exit from the NCAA tournament — the only home court tournament loss the squad has suffered in 14 outings — and that's something the Raiders won't soon forget.

"George Washington was out for revenge too," joked Green about Notre Dame's win over the Colonials to advance to the sweet 16 last Sunday. "Thinking about revenge just hurts them. When you play with a lot of emotion you get off your game plan."

The Raiders muscled their way to the No. 6 spot in the nation and captured the Big 12 conference title this season for the third consecutive year with a 27-4 record.

But now they are eager for a chance to avenge their 1998 tournament loss with a win over the Irish in Memphis.

Forwards Plenette Pierson and Aleah Johnson lead the Raiders' fast paced offense while Keitha Dickerson patrols the paint.

Averaging 10 rebounds and 12.3 points a game, the six-foot senior will challenge Riley and Henderson at the

post.

But Riley's distinct height advantage over Texas Tech's starting five could work in Notre Dame's favor.

The trio of Irish guards Niele Ivey, Danielle Green and Alicia Ratay, will keep the Raider defense on its toes.

Notre Dame's balanced scoring attack has proven to be a menace for opponents and has propelled the Irish to a 27-4 record.

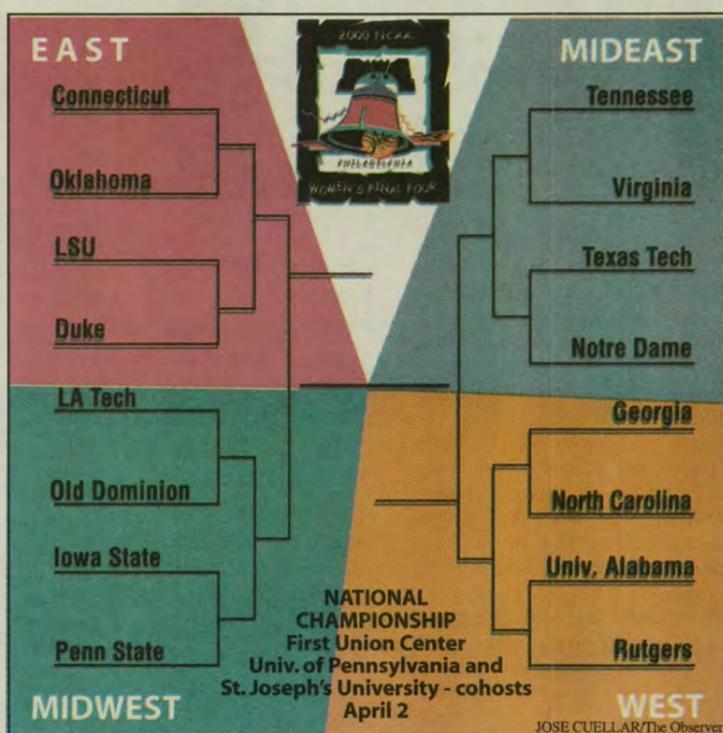
If the Irish can survive Saturday's contest, the road to the Final Four will only get tougher facing the winner of the Tennessee-Virginia game Monday.

No. 2 Tennessee, the Mideast favorite playing in familiar territory, is a tough draw for any team in the fifth round.

Vols' head coach Pat Summit has cultivated a powerful inside game and her veteran squad holds a 27-3 record on the season. Forwards Tamika Catchings, Semeka Randall and center Michelle Snow spearhead a high-scoring offense that averages more than 80 points an outing.

While the Vols' outside game is their weakest link, Tennessee lays claim to freshman point guard Kara Lawson, the leading three-point shooter in the SEC this season.

Lawson will provide a good match-up for Ratay, who has also made her mark from behind the arc.



If the Notre Dame faces Virginia, the Irish won't have much of an easier time than they would with the Vols.

The Cavaliers, who finished the regular season with a 21-7 record, are an experienced squad that has also benefited from young talent.

Senior point guard Renee Robinson directs an offense that loves to take the ball to the hoop.

Freshman center Schuye LaRue, at 6-3, leads the Cavaliers in scoring with 14 points a game.

The Cavaliers have had to

work hard defensively to get ready for post-season action. After finishing sixth in the ACC in rebounding, head coach Debbie Ryan's squad will focus crashing the boards.

But the Irish aren't thinking about the possibility of playing Monday yet.

"We can't even think about Tennessee or the next round," Green said. "We need to focus everything we have on getting past Texas Tech. That's the only thing on our minds."

And that's enough for now.



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Ivey leads Irish into battle for NCAA title

♦ **Senior point guard overcomes adversity to put Irish on top**

By TIM CASEY
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Ivey

The embrace spoke louder than any amount of words.

Less than four minutes remained in Sunday's victory over George Washington when head coach Muffet McGraw signaled for Imani Dunbar to replace Niele Ivey. With the Irish comfortably ahead 87-53, Ivey, who had scored a season-high 23 points, slapped a high-five to Dunbar and walked to the sidelines to take her place on the bench.

Before she sat down, Ivey was met near midcourt with McGraw's outstretched arms. It lasted only a few seconds but the bond between player and coach was readily apparent with that hug.

"It was an emotional moment for me," McGraw said. "I just love her. She's someone you want to hug all the time. I think we have a pretty special relationship."

The relationship has had moments to cherish, particularly this year, as the Irish won 20 straight games and posted a perfect 15-0 record at the Joyce Center.

But there have also been valleys along the way, most notably the two anterior cruciate ligaments injuries in both knees that Ivey suffered in her freshman and junior seasons.

Through it all, the achievements and setbacks, one constant has been the mutual adoration.

"I'll always remember that she [McGraw] was always there for me [during the injury periods]," Ivey said. "She said I wish you were out there and always said she had confidence in me and couldn't wait until I came back."

"She's so important to me and just so special," McGraw said.

From the moment they first saw each other, the two could sense an immediate connection. McGraw recalls a state tournament game during Ivey's senior year at Cor Jesu high school in St. Louis. With her team's season on the line, Ivey calmly sank 13 of 13 free throws as they advanced to the next round.

"Each year we target certain kids and pick out the number one kid that we've got to have," McGraw said. "She was the one just by the way she played and the things she could bring to us. We didn't have someone at that time like her."

Growing up in St. Louis, Ivey wasn't too familiar with the Irish. Like most people, she knew of the football team but didn't realize the success of the women's basketball team.

That all changed one day during the summer before her senior year in high school. Ivey remembers playing in a pickup game at the local YMCA with a group of guys when McGraw showed up to watch. NCAA rules forbade McGraw from conversing with her future point guard but the appearance left a lasting impression.

position: point guard

year: senior

awards: Irish team captain '99-'00, Third-team all-Big East team '98-'99, Notre Dame National Monogram Club MVP '99, USA Today Missouri player of the year
notables: Ivey has battled against knee-injuries in her four year career with the Irish and missed most of the 1999 post-season, but is poised to take her team all the way to Philadelphia this year.

"I knew then that Coach McGraw was serious," Ivey said.

First, though, Ivey needed to consult with her mother. After McGraw visited the Ivey home, Mrs. Ivey gave her daughter her approval.

"My mom had good vibes with her," Ivey said of the meeting. "All the other coaches who visited were standoffish. Right after every coach left, my mom was like 'No' but after coach McGraw left she nodded her head. She was very personable."

Ivey took an official visit to campus during a football weekend in the fall of 1995. On her trip, after seeing the Irish beat USC 38-10, she verbally committed. The Missouri player of the year was heading north to South Bend.

"I wanted a home away from home and I felt she would give me that," Ivey said. "I just felt this bond."

She made an immediate impact on the 96-97 Irish squad, vaulting into the backup point guard role for the first five games of the season. Then came a Nov. 23 game against Bowling Green when her rookie campaign abruptly ended.

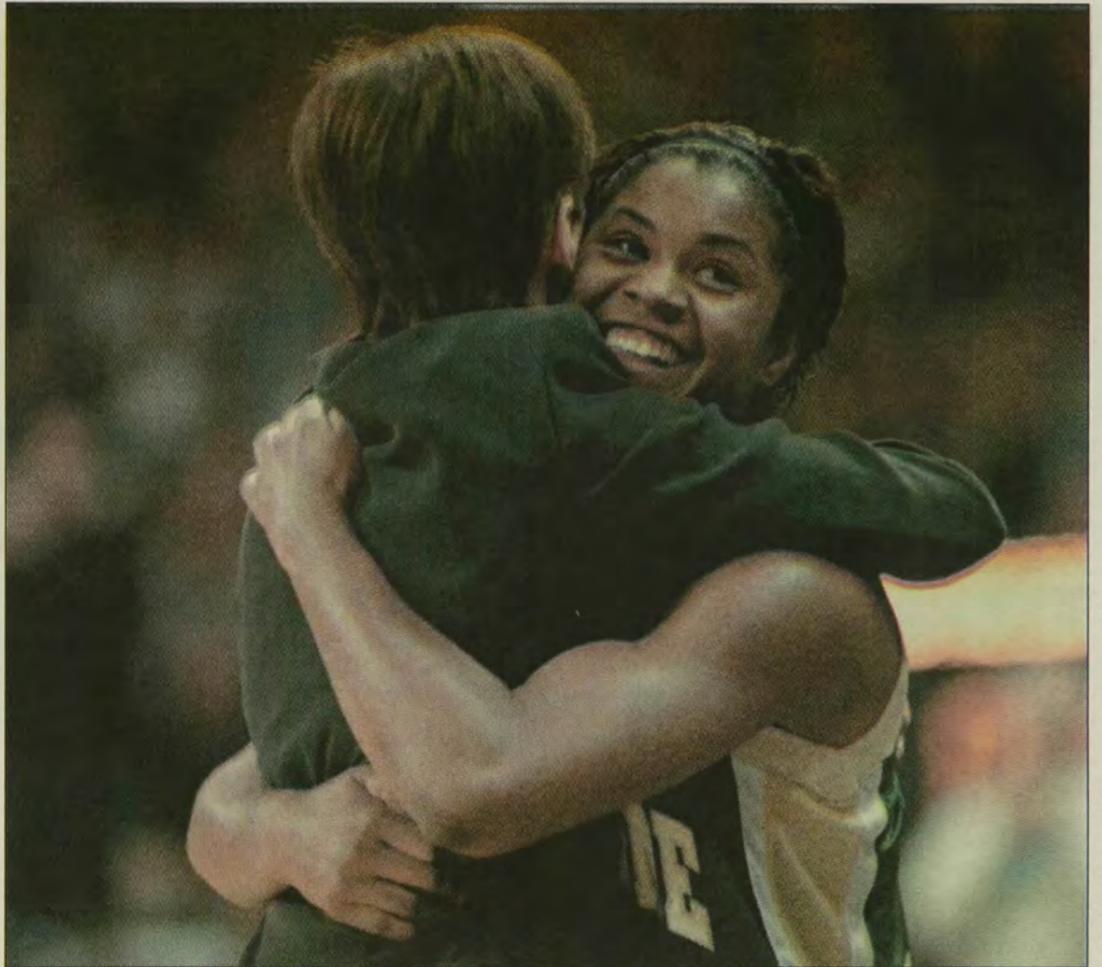
Ivey had just made a steal and went up for a lay-up when she was pushed from behind by a Bowling Green player. After the contact, her right knee collided with the floor.

"I had no clue what was going on," recalled Ivey of her ACL injury. "It never crossed my mind that it [tearing an ACL] would happen to me. When they told me I couldn't believe it."

The initial prognosis was that the injury would heal in three to six weeks. But a few days later the doctors realized its severity. Instead of returning to the team after Christmas break, the freshman was scheduled for surgery in January.

"That's something I would never wish on anyone," Ivey said, recalling her surgery. "It's very, very scary. But I had a lot of people help me."

Among these aids were her mother, high school coach and teammate, best friend, and roommate and fellow captain Julie



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Senior point guard Niele Ivey hugs Irish head coach Muffet McGraw after her final minutes on the court in the Joyce Center this season during Notre Dame's second-round NCAA win over George Washington Sunday.

Henderson.

"She was the main one that kept me going," Ivey said of Henderson. "I got to see her every day. Julie was the one that pushed me every day."

She pushed Ivey through grueling exercises, mainly focused on the quadriceps and hamstring and improving her flexibility. And when Ivey needed someone to voice her concerns or vent her frustrations at, she turned to Henderson, who was willing to listen and console her best friend.

"It was the worst," Ivey said of her rehab. "I was definitely down on myself asking do I really want to come back, do I really want to do this. I was so frustrated, hopeless and felt sorry for myself."

While her teammates were on their way to a Final Four berth, Ivey could only sit and watch and think about the future. She persevered, regained her former attitude and finally was cleared to play in September. Ivey's role as a sophomore changed from backup to starter at the most demanding position in basketball. Though she averaged 8.2 points and 3.3 rebounds per game and led the Irish to a Sweet 16 appearance, Ivey still felt the effects of her ACL injury.

"My sophomore year I would always think about my knee and going down again," Ivey recalled. "It really took me the whole year to get that out of my system. I didn't know if I would ever be as good as I was before."

Those concerns were quickly put to rest as Ivey entered last season playing the best basketball of her career. She had regained her confidence, was not concerned with the knee and became more of a leader. The team leader in assists (6.5 per game) and steals (2.6 per game),

Ivey also averaged 13.4 points for the Irish.

Notre Dame entered the Big East tournament with a 23-3 record and a No. 8 national ranking. After defeating Villanova in a quarterfinal round game behind Ivey's 19 points (on 5 of 5 shooting from the field and 6 of 6 from the line), the Irish advanced to play Rutgers. The Scarlet Knights, playing on their home court, were no match for the Irish, as they were scorched for 43 first-half points.

"I felt I was on fire and on another level," recalled Ivey of the Rutgers game. "I was very, very confident. I didn't think anyone was going to stop me that night."

With 14 minutes remaining in the game, the third-team All Big East performer was finally stopped. Not by a defender but by fate. Ivey and three Rutgers players were hustling after a loose ball. When she tried to change direction, Ivey's knee collapsed.

"I knew it right away that I did the same exact thing," Ivey recalled of her second ACL injury in three years. "I knew that pain, I knew it was over again. I had to start back from scratch."

"I felt that was the year we had a shot to get to the Final Four," McGraw said. "Without her it showed how important she was to this team. I felt it was really unfair to her."

Without their point guard, the Irish lost a second round NCAA game to LSU.

It was a premature finish for a talented team and player.

Ivey vowed to come back, to prove her critics wrong.

"I knew exactly what I needed to do," Ivey said. She stayed all of last summer working on her game. Though she was not

cleared to run until August, she honed her skills in stationary shooting and ballhandling drills.

The dedication has paid off this season as the captain is averaging over 11 points while ranking 13th in the nation in assists with 6.4 per game.

Her numbers are even better in the first two games of the NCAA tournament, averaging 18.5 points per game.

More than just an improved player, Ivey has been the emotional leader of the team as well. Her outgoing personality combined with her formal role as captain has been an asset to the team's success.

"We invite everyone over, we try to do a lot of things, try to get to know each other," said Ivey of her role as captain along with Henderson. "That's what's helped us this year. We've all gotten real close."

Notre Dame now stands at 27-4 on the season entering this weekend's game against Texas Tech. A victory over the Red Raiders would set up a possible matchup with national powerhouse Tennessee and a shot at the Final Four.

Ivey's career has come full circle. She never expected the ride to be this bumpy. But the journey is still far from finished. Ivey will return next year, after being granted a fifth year of eligibility for missing almost her entire freshman season.

Yet as Ivey knows from experience, she must focus on the present, where she has a certain goal to accomplish.

"We [Julie Henderson and I] always said that we'd do whatever in this four years to get us to that championship," Ivey said. "And now it's wide open for anyone."

up close &
personal
WITH NIELE IVEY

birthdate: September 24, 1977
hometown: St. Louis, MO
dorm: Welsh Family Hall
major: History
dimensions: 5-foot-8
I chose to attend Notre Dame

because: It was close to home and felt like home since I've been at Notre Dame
I've learned: The lessons and tests of character on and off the court have only made me stronger

and better the most influential people in my life have been: My mother, Tonya Jackson, Nahari Ivey, my brother, Gary Glasscock and Delana Ivey

Critics' Comments



Gunder Kehoe

Scene Movie Critic

I hope this year the Academy will do the unthinkable and award best picture to a film not even nominated. Expect "Fight Club" to blindsides the audience in the most shocking upset in Oscar history. There will be riots, chaos and innocent people will suffer. But justice will be served. Honestly, who really cares when the Miramax machine might buy itself another Oscar or when an overrated "Green Mile" is even included in the shuffle. "American Beauty" and "Insider" are both excellent but

the category is tainted. The winner doesn't matter, the category is lost for the year.

As far as actresses, newcomer Hilary Swank should rise above the other heavyweights. Her performance is first-rate but the real clincher is her brief stint on "Beverly Hills 90210" as Steve's girlfriend. The Academy must honor both bodies of work. Richard Farnsworth is soft-spoken and heartwarming in "The Strait Story" but unfortunately, nobody saw it. Regardless, the Academy likes older folk and Farnsworth is a gentle man in an exceptional role. He should hobble to the podium and wave proudly.



Bill Fusz

Scene Movie Critic

And the Oscar for snub of the year again goes to the Academy ...

Last year, many were angered by the Academy's perceived snub of Jim Carrey by failing to nominate him for his performance in "The Truman Show." For my part, I felt the truest snub occurred on Oscar night itself as "Shakespeare in Love" very nearly shut out "Saving Private Ryan." but this year Carrey has

truly been snubbed for his masterful performance in "Man in the Moon." It's hard to believe that the Academy, with its tradition of overcompensating, would not nominate Carrey for his depiction of Andy Kaufman, but once again they have gone beyond the call of duty in ignoring a great performance. I can only hope that they were tactless and thoughtless enough to make Carrey a presenter again this year.



Matt Nania

Movie Editor

The Academy played it safe once again with best picture selections in the traditional molds; four of which are about as exciting as watching paint dry. No, wait, even less exciting than that. There was apparently no room for anything original like "Being John Malkovich" or "Magnolia." Nor was there room for anything disturbing ("Boys Don't Cry," "The Talented Mr. Ripley"), nihilistic ("Fight Club") or controversial ("Eyes Wide Shut"). That's too bad, because my choice for best picture, "American Beauty," isn't nearly as good as any of those films.



Mike McMorrow

Scene Movie Critic

This year's nominations exemplify the Academy's cowardice for taking chances on films that don't necessarily go for conventional effect. With the notable exception of "American Beauty," the Academy gave little respect to actors' bravery, rather than taking more direct chances by nominating films not of traditional Hollywood form. The recognition of disappointing films such as "The Green Mile" as opposed to far more innovative and interesting work such as "Three Kings" or "The Talented Mr. Ripley" goes to show the need for security in the minds of Academy voters. After the lukewarm critical response to the toned-down "The Cider House Rules," one has to think that its nomination was out of elimination of riskier films that might have stirred up too much controversy for the Academy's unsteady and sensitive voting body.



Casey K. McCluskey

Scene Movie Critic

Although many people are more concerned with the lead actor roles than with the supporting actor roles, that is where the most interesting races lie. It seems as though Angelina Jolie is a shoe-in for best supporting actress, but Chloe Sevigny deserves to be neck and neck with her. All of the hype from "Boys Don't Cry" has gone to Hilary Swank, but Sevigny was just as impressive in the role. The movie really did depend on whether the audience could buy if she would fall in love with a gender-confused woman and she sold everyone.

Anyone may win for best supporting actor. Michael Caine is the sentimental favorite, Tom Cruise is the old (young) pro who has yet to receive an Oscar and took a chance on a risky role, and Haley Joel Osment is the youngest male ever to be nominated and made ghost stories believable again. All in all, Osment impressed me the most because he made me believe in ghosts once again.



V. Van Buren Giles

Scene Movie Critic

Though everyone has "American Beauty" cleaning up Oscar night in practically every category, I think the talent demonstrated by Denzel Washington in "The Hurricane" will win the evening. It seems like everyone is on the Kevin Spacey bandwagon for his superb performance as Lester Burnham, the average suburbanite who goes through an awakening. But what everyone is forgetting is that the Academy loves a fighter and a winner. Rueben Carter is definitely those two

things if anything. Oscar also likes it when actors transform themselves physically into their roles. The 40 pounds Washington had to drop in order to play Carter is only diminished by the inorbitant amount of weight Robert DeNiro had to gain and lose to become Jake La Motta in "Raging Bull." DeNiro picked up the Oscar for his performance, and I see Washington doing the same.



John Crawford

Scene Movie Critic

So is the Academy going to award Tom Cruise — who surprised many, myself included, by showing some serious acting chops with his role as the seduce-and-destroy motivational speaker in "Magnolia" — or Haley Joel Osment — the kid whose performance is critical to "The Sixth Sense" being so good? Two great performances, but hopefully they award Cruise. Sure, he plays another in a long line of cocky characters, but his work in "Magnolia" covers the emotional range

from confidence to denial to rage. His character's meltdown before the television interviewer is a roller coaster ride through the soul.



Jason Hammontree

Scene Movie Critic

The supporting actress category holds the most mystery. Catherine Keener's no-nonsense vixen in "Being John Malkovich" held the early lead. Now, Angelina Jolie, as the crazy chick in "Girl, Interrupted" is the frontrunner. But the Academy likes Woody Allen, they really like his actresses and they love giving the award to actors playing characters with a handicap. Think Daniel Day-Lewis in "My Left Foot" or the deaf Marlee Matlin in "Children of a Lesser God.") Samantha Morton's

sweet and moving portrayal of a mute girl in Allen's little-seen "Sweet and Lowdown" is the upset of the night.



Jillian Depaul

Scene Movie Critic

Living up to tradition, the toughest races of this year are in the supporting acting categories. In the supporting actress category, there is an exciting, scene-stealing performance by Angelina Jolie, whose father Jon Voight is an Oscar winner himself. These are the type of performances that usually take home the gold in supporting categories. But, if we "look closer" at her competition, we see Chloe Sevigny's gracefully understated performance as Brandon Teena's lover in "Boys Don't Cry." It is

Sevigny's portrayal of Lana Tisdell that brings this movie to the next level, turning it into an emotional powerhouse, instead of merely a vehicle for Swank's courageous gender-bending performance.



Joe Larson

Scene Movie Critic

The only two who are real frontrunners are "American Beauty" for best picture and Hilary Swank for best actress. Her performance was head and shoulders above anyone else's in this category. The race in the best actor category is close to call but Denzel Washington edges out Kevin Spacey by a hair because of the powerful character he portrayed in "The Hurricane." The supporting actor and actress categories are pretty much up for grabs. The Oscar should go to Haley Joel Osment, who was absolutely amazing in "The Sixth Sense," but the Academy may overlook him because he is so young. Angelina Jolie wins best supporting actress because her performance was the only worthwhile thing in "Girl, Interrupted." She had to carry the movie while the others were aided by the people surrounding them. As far as best director goes, all the nominees were phenomenal. But the one that truly stands out as the most original and creative film is Spike Jonze's "Being John Malkovich," he will probably be overlooked, but his work on that film was awesome.

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ND bands are back and ready to rock

Scene provides all you ever wanted to know about the campus bands and performers playing at tonight's NAZZ Battle of the Bands

By AMANDA GRECO
Scene Editor

More than 12 years in the running, the NAZZ Battle of the Bands will be hitting campus this evening to showcase the talents of various campus bands and solo performers. While the exact origins of NAZZ are unclear and though no one really knows just what "NAZZ" means, one thing is sure — this is a much anticipated event for all involved. Sponsored by the Student Union Board and organized this year by Tony Cak, campus entertainment coordinator, NAZZ will feature 13 bands and five solo performers. Descending on the Senior

NAZZ

The Battle of the Bands

- ◆ Who: All ages
- ◆ Where: Senior Bar
- ◆ When: Tonight, 8 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.
- ◆ Tix: \$2 at the door

Bar, the performances will be split between soloists and bands on separate stages. The winners of this battle will be determined by three judges for the band category and three judges for soloists. Judging criteria is based on performance, crowd response, skill and overall presentation. Of the six judges, three are representatives of The Observer, two are from WVFI and one other is a student. Prizes will be awarded to the top three performances in each section. All winners will receive various gift certificates to Woodwinds and Brasswinds music store. The evening will be led by announcer Christina Castrillo and there will be pretzels and pop provided for the audience. The first 150 people through the door will receive a free T-shirt.

In lengthy, serious interview sessions, Scene asked each of the performers a few important questions about their music and influences, focusing on ideas of artistic representation, such as what type of Spice Girl or car part they feel best represents them.



The Transoms

Wish a happy birthday to The Transoms tonight, as this year's NAZZ performance is the second anniversary of their first show together. Senior John Huston provides guitar and lead vocals, junior Sean Markey delivers his talent on bass and Ph. D candidate Ron Garcia will seduce your auditory senses with his drum skills. This group is sure to delight everyone with their all-original songs. "I try to make my songs as unique and original as possible," said John, who writes the lyrics. The Transoms can be defined as an emo band — post-hardcore, indie rock sound with emotional lyrics. They draw their style from bands like Nirvana, Braid, The Dismemberment Plan, Hazel, Kinda Like Spitting and others. The Transoms chose their name because it "allows the listener to interpret for himself or herself what the underlying themes or ethos is behind the music," John said. For those of you who don't know, a transom is the window located above doorways (seen in some of the older dorms). With this in mind, the band's motto is "We're like the Doors, but higher." Their NAZZ appearance last year was well received by the crowd, so the guys are excited for tonight, their fourth Senior Bar appearance. With the amicability of the members of this band, it is easy to see why they chose to be Huggy Spice. As John said, "We like hugging people. Free hugs to all in exchange for votes!"

The Butterfly Effect

The Butterfly Effect has been together for two-and-a-half years and has appeared twice before at NAZZ. Doug McEachern (class of '97) jams on guitar and vocals, Ph. D candidate Ron Garcia plays the bass while Vinny Carrasco (class of '96) bangs away on drums. Their music is influenced by the music they listen to, the movies they see, the books they read and "the hugs our friends give us after we play," Doug said. The only bands they listen to are the "good ones — only the best ones around really." When asked if they play covers, they replied, "No, all originals of course. We couldn't really call them our songs otherwise, now could we?" They play rock and roll music, sounding "like the way a hug from a friend you haven't seen in years until you run into them in a coffeehouse after they've had about three huge cups of coffee feels," according to Doug. Their last show will be on April 15th, as Doug is moving to Portland a week later. "He's choosing to be with his girlfriend of three-and-a-half years instead of being a rock star, if you can believe it," stated a disgruntled anonymous source. Their best NAZZ memory is of their set last year when they played for a very enthusiastic crowd. They were driven to return to NAZZ this year by "a need for acceptance that stems from some much deeper childhood issues we would prefer not to discuss in these pages," Doug said. They have elected to be the Anti Spice. Why?

"Just 'cause."

Doc Brown



Varettoni on acoustic guitar and sophomore Joe Madia on electric guitar. As for the name, it's of "questionable origin" according to valid sources. They bring a unique sound that is "a weird mix of modern rock and funk, hard rock with acoustic guitar." They are currently working on compiling an album of ten original songs to be released in a few weeks. When asked about the band's future, Bill said "We've always called it what it was. We said 'We're just gonna have fun in college.' It worked out really well." Doc Brown was a surprise hit at last year's NAZZ. Originally, they didn't make the cut, but when SUB extended the time and needed more bands, they brought Doc Brown in. Unexpectedly, they won third place. "We did it all on heart and soul; there were no gimmicks. Because of the situation going in, we lacked a lot of enthusiasm. But it turned out to be our best show. The audience erupted on the first chord and you could feel the electricity running through the band. It was worth it," Bill said. Look for Doc Brown to deliver a crowd pleasing performance. And remember Doc Brown for all your ailments. They're undeniably Healthy Spice, cause everyone needs a good dose of Doc Brown.



Sexual Chocolate

"It's a mess-around name for a mess-around band. We play to have a good time and we don't take ourselves too seriously. So why would we need a "real" name?" Thus is the rationalization behind the name "Sexual Chocolate." They started over a year ago with only a guitar, a voice and some crazy backup singers. They added a bassist and drummer to the band last spring. With senior Juan Pablo Montufar on guitar, junior Mickey McGarry on bass, sophomore Kevin O'Bryan on drums, senior John Tabis delivering lead vocals and the Pralines 'n Dick backup singers, their sound is complete. They call their style "eclectic." "If you were honest, you would call our style completely random but really funny." They said. They've been inspired by musical legends like Poison, Color Me Badd, Warrant, Bel Biv Divoe and Juvenile. They tend to play a lot of covers, though they do have a few originals. "In general we cover a lot of songs that most people feel shouldn't be covered at all. Funny songs, really bad songs, songs from 7th grade, or anything people can dance to." "NAZZ last year was incredible. The best moment was when we looked out into the crowd and everyone head-banging to AC/DC's 'You Shook Me All Night Long.'" Sexual Chocolate plans to continue to entertain the Notre Dame students at their favorite venue, AcoustiCafe, and at other campus gigs. They plan to hold a post-graduation national "Sexual Chocolate Reunion Tour" when they're in their 60s. Simply said, they are Dude Spice, "because we're calmer than you are. (Ever see the movie 'The Big Lebowski?')"



American Standard



American Standard has been together for a little over a year and has gained a lot of support in that short time. The band features the talents of senior Holly Hoffman on lead vocals, senior Chris Osos on guitar, senior Grant Ramsey on drums, senior Dan Puccini on guitar and sophomore Tom Hayes on bass. Their sound encompasses many different styles. "According to the guys in our band, our original stuff is influenced by Jewel, but it doesn't really sound anything like Jewel," band members said. Everyone in the band has their own different tastes that affect the sound they create. When the band plays covers, they "try to look for good bar songs. Rockin', partyin' tunes that a crowd can get into." American Standard has progressed from their cover-band days to now playing all originals and they recently recorded their own CD. This will be their second NAZZ show. Their favorite moment is from last year's show. "When we busted out with 'Sweet Child O'Mine' — man, that was just crotch-grabbingly great," they reminisced. They're back this year for to take advantage of the rare opportunity for campus bands to be showcased. "When NAZZ rolls around it's a big deal. It's just a great way to get all the bands together and give them a big show," the band said. The band as a whole would like to be called Red Spice cause they've got three redheads. Though Holly added, "Personally, I would like to be called Ninja Spice, because ninjas are neat-o."

D-BoNeZ



"D" is for Daly Barnes. "B" is for Brendan O'Connor. "N" is for Neil Carmichael, and "Z" is for Zach Linnert. Put 'em together and what do you get? D-BoNeZ, a fairly young freshman band that promises some great sounds. (You may have previously heard of this group under the title "Neil Carmichael's Unnamed Band.") They decided on their current name "cause we needed to have one to play NAZZ.") When he's not adding to this group's funk-blues sound, Daly displays his drum talent in the ND Jazz Band. According to Neil, Brendan is so good on bass "it's pathetic." Having had only three weeks together, the group will be presenting some covers with their own blues twist, hoping to take the campus by storm as an unexpectedly talented new band. Currently, the group is seeking a keyboard player to complete their sound before they expand to do more gigs. Rumor has it they might like to have some sort of following in the student body. It seems appropriate that this band takes the title of Unnamed Spice due to their lack of initiative in choosing a band name. As Neil said, "How do you expect me to choose a Spice Girl name when I can't even pick a band name?"

Band Line-up

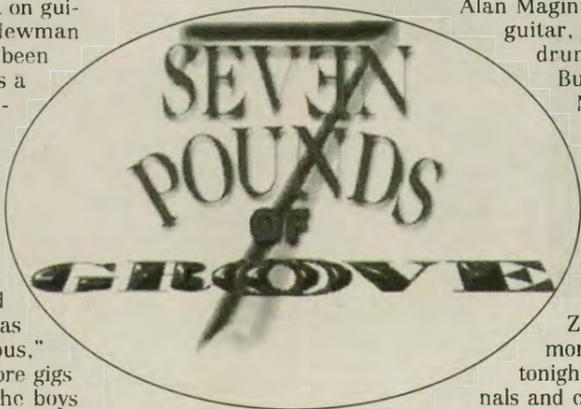
8:00 - 8:15 p.m.	Lazy Blue Method
8:25 - 8:40 p.m.	Seven Pounds of Groove
8:50 - 9:05 p.m.	Moonshine
9:15 - 9:30 p.m.	D-BoNeZ
9:40 - 10:05 p.m.	No Redeeming Qualities
10:15 - 10:30 p.m.	Alizarin Crimson
10:40 - 10:55 p.m.	Bird in Space
11:05 - 11:20 p.m.	Sexual Chocolate
11:30 - 11:45 p.m.	Doc Brown
11:55 - 12:10 a.m.	The Transoms
12:20 - 12:35 a.m.	The Butterfly Effect
12:45 - 1:00 a.m.	The Mad River Bluegrass Society
1:10 - 1:25 a.m.	American Standard

No Redeeming Qualities

No Redeeming Qualities features Nick Wymb on drums, Josh Rich on bass and vocals, Joe Grabenstetter on vocals and Jeremy Renteria on guitar. They will be joined on stage by Jay Newman playing bass tonight. The sophomores have been playing together for over a year, beginning as a cover band but now incorporating some originals as well. Their sound has been influenced by a variety of bands. Nick likes the Get Up Kids; Josh likes Deaftones, Jeremy likes Nirvana and Joe likes NIN, yet brings in a more trained sound as a Glee Club singer. While new to NAZZ, the band members thought that this would be a good opportunity to be seen. "We'd like to build some kind of following to play off-campus as well as become more recognized on-campus," Jeremy said. They would also like to play more gigs in the South Bend area and Chicago. And the boys say that they would definitely be Scary Spice, because "we're not a typical ND band so we may be seen as scary but we're really just a bunch of nice guys."

Seven Pounds of Groove

When asked what the significance was behind their unique name, all that the members of Seven Pounds of Groove had to say was "no comment." With sophomore Alan Maginn on vocals and lead guitar, junior Chris Corr on drums, sophomore Luke Burk on bass and junior Mark Miller on guitar,



this group is a self-proclaimed "jam band." "We play anything from blues standards to Radiohead and everything in between," Alan said. The bands that have influenced them include Phish, Led Zeppelin, Jimi Hendrix and more. They will wow the crowd tonight with an even mix of originals and covers. Though they went on a "mini-tour" of the Northeast over spring break, they felt they should play NAZZ because, according to Alan, "nobody knows who we are." They plan to start playing in the area bar scene soon. In some bizarre, cryptic message, the band declared themselves not unlike an '84 Toyota Camry named "Wease."



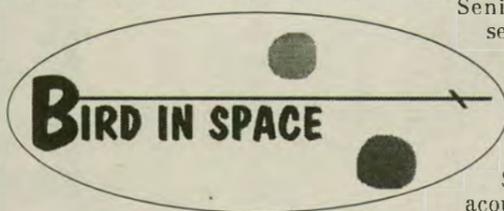
The members of Moonshine would like all to know that there is no connection between their name and alcohol. Freshman Meaghan Netherly provides lead vocals, freshman Tim Bradley comes in on guitar and vocals, sophomore Fish plays guitar and freshman Bill Taylor delivers percussion. They would like to thank their main influence, David Hasselhoff, though they have also been influenced by Ani DiFranco and music types such as ska, classic rock, punk and indie. They will present one original and some covers in their "god awful, fuzzy, catchy, pop, rock 'n roll mayhem" style. They appeared once at AcoustiCafe and would like to play there again, though they want to expand to play in "strip clubs and industrial porn theaters." The long-term goal for the band is a European tour. "We are self-proclaimed materialistic hogs," Fish said. "We're only at NAZZ for the money." Just call them Nudie Spice. "That will sell more albums than anything. It's all about the money."

The Mad River Bluegrass Society

The name alone is enough to create interest, and the sound is sure to follow suit. The Mad River Bluegrass Society, formed a few weeks ago, showcases some promising talent and unusual instruments. Sophomore Jared Marx picks away at his banjo, joined by his brother, senior Nathaniel Marx on bass, freshman Marcel Lanahan on guitar and junior Shawn Storer on mandolin. The main influence for these guys comes from the bluegrass music of the 40s. The Bluegrass Boys and Bill Monroe invented the genre long ago, and The Mad River Bluegrass Society is keeping it alive. The band will play covers with some solos and variations. Keep an ear open for some Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs as well as a cover of "Will the Circle be Unbroken?" Their music is "folky with a beat. Four string instruments get a lot of rhythm." Jared and Nathaniel have played AcoustiCafe in the past, but thought that NAZZ would "be fun and a good opportunity to bring a different genre to the scene and break things up a bit," Jared said. As for the future of this group, they say they're going to wait to see where things go. "Besides," Jared added, "I don't know what kind of market there is for bluegrass in South Bend." This altruistic group takes the title of Redneck Spice as they try to bring "a good, happy, clean-cut image of rednecks" to Notre Dame.



Bird in Space



Girls and Bob Dylan. Their performance tonight will be a split between covers and originals. They're here at NAZZ "just to have a little fun," James said. For those of you who may be wondering, they are "the gas cap. Isn't it obvious?"

Senior James Beabout, senior Mike Camilleri and senior Jeremy Sienkiewicz have been playing together for four years. Their band, Bird In Space, plays an acoustic, folk sound influenced by groups such as Indigo

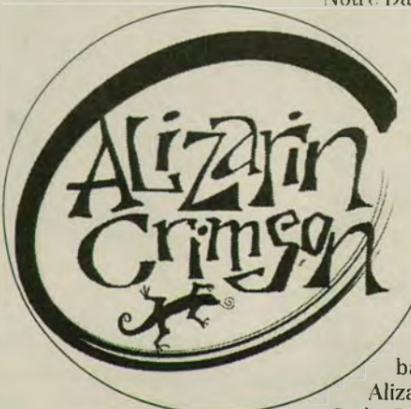
Lazy Blue Method

Getting their start three weeks ago, Lazy Blue Method takes the individual interests of each band member and incorporates them to make their band's sound. With freshman Ben Dillon on guitar and vocals, freshman Aaron Estes also on guitar and vocals, junior Tom Dolphin on drums and freshman Luis Moctezuma on bass, this group has plenty of different musical interests to draw from. "We listen to music ranging



from Santana to Red Hot Chili Peppers to Pink Floyd — and it all affects our sound," Luis said. Though the band is young, they're quick on the draw, already having two to three original songs to present, along with some covers, tonight at NAZZ. "We decided to apply for NAZZ because we all wanted a band and an audience, the opportunity for other people to hear us," Luis said. The guys want to keep playing together and to expand their gigs and play some parties. Though it's not quite certain why, the band insists they want to be the steering wheel, "because it's round."

Alizarin Crimson



No, it's not "a lizard in crimson," it's Alizarin crimson, named for a color used by TV's Bob Ross, painter of the "happy little trees." Formed two months ago, this loud grunge band has a noticeable blues influence. Comprised of senior Dom Valore on rhythm guitar, senior Mike Faloon on lead guitar, senior Chad Mikolajcik on bass, sophomore Will McGrath on drums and senior James Gomochak on vocals, this band will be making its debut at NAZZ tonight. They will be playing a mix of originals and covers, with a sound akin to that of Pearl Jam and The Smashing Pumpkins. "NAZZ is the perfect opportunity for an audience," Dom said. "We've played in our basement long enough. I think we're good enough to play live," he added. Alizarin Crimson can most easily be likened to the broken muffler of a '77 Monte Carlo, "cause it's loud."

Soloists take the stage by storm in style

Justin

Senior Justin Dunn has been playing music since he was three, when he picked up his first violin. He started singing before high school and somewhere in those high school years, he quit the violin. Left with his vocal talents, Justin decided to try the guitar freshman year here at Notre Dame to complete his songs and provide the opportunity to do more performing. Justin practiced throughout his freshman year and was playing AcoustiCafe by the end of the year. His sophomore year, Justin teamed up with his then-Notre Dame senior brother, Aaron, to record a CD and play NAZZ. Last year, Justin gave a solo performance at NAZZ. What he remembers most was when he ran over time covering "If I Had a Million Dollars" by Bare Naked Ladies. Though they pulled the plug on him, the crowd kept right on singing. This year, Justin will sing a mix of covers and originals for us, with the originals displaying his "folk-alternative" sound. His style takes some cues from Dave Matthews Band, JackoPierce and Simon and Garfunkel. An experienced NAZZer, Justin feels that the Battle of the Bands is one of the best things SUB does. "It's a good chance for people to come show their talent. It's a good, healthy environment," Justin added. Lastly, Justin wants to be Ginger Spice, and not because of her glamorous sex appeal, but because "she was wise enough to leave!"



Photo Courtesy of Justin Dunn

Vinita

Junior Vinita Ollapally will be performing solo tonight with her guitar and her "hard folk" style. Her musical influences include Ani DiFranco, Joan Osborn and Dar Williams, though she enjoys listening to anything "from Bela Fleck to Frankie Bones to Blur to Ani, Ani, Ani." She plays mostly originals but will include some covers.

When it comes to music, Vinita says "I love writing and performing music, but because I'm still pretty inexperienced I'm just trying to get a feel for how far I can go with it." This is her first NAZZ appearance. She decided to apply when a friend suggested she try it. When she appears in a car, Vinita wants to be the hula girl on the dashboard, "because she's weird and cute and every guy wants to have her."



Photo Courtesy of Vinita Ollapally

Josie

Josie Vodicka is a second year graduate student in creative writing. She's been playing guitar, singing and writing songs for about six years now. She plays almost all originals. She listens to jazz, mainly, but also anything from Alison Krauss to Zap Mama. Right now, she's a big fan of Lucinda Williams, a folksy/countryish songwriter with a pop edge. "That's the kind of stuff I like to play, the kind of acoustic music that doesn't exactly fit into a neat genre, but plays off all sorts of influences, from jazz to world or what have you," Josie said. She played at NAZZ last year and thought it was a great experience. "It's interesting to see what people are doing musically on campus. It's a good event because some of these bands/solo acts seem to come out of the woodwork and it gives everybody a chance to hear campus musicians that don't necessarily play out a lot," she said. Josie plans to continue with music when she's done at Notre Dame. As far as the car part or Spice Girl is concerned, Josie said "I would just rather not be the exhaust pipe [which is what the Spice Girls would be if they were part of an automobile]."



Photo Courtesy of Josie Vodicka

Bill

Senior Bill Varettoni, a member of Doc Brown, is no stranger to performing, though the solo performance he will be gracing us with tonight is a rare treat. "Writing personal songs has always been my catharsis, though I seldom write to perform," Bill said. NAZZ will be Bill's third solo public performance. On stage will be Bill, his acoustic guitar and original songs with a funky-rock sound. Most of his musical influence derives from Michael Hedges, who Bill declares a "phenomenal guitarist" and from music teachers over the years. Bill played NAZZ last year with Doc Brown, but says this year "I figured since I was leaving it would be nice to do something on my own." While Bill was confident in his decision to perform at NAZZ, he couldn't quite decide whether he would prefer to be Curry Spice ["it's yellow and packs a punch"] or the drive shaft of a car ["it gets stuff going"].



Photo Courtesy of Bill Varettoni

Senior Christian Parilla will be soothing our ears this evening with his jazz and blues vocals and style on the piano. Having spent 17 years playing, Christian is sure to amaze the audience. Drawing from such greats as George Gershwin, Scott Joplin, B.B. King and Glen Miller, Christian's sound ranges from rough blues to smooth swing to mellow jazz. Most impressively, Christian doesn't have anything planned for tonight. How is this impressive you ask? He will be making it up as he goes along — straight improv. Christian played at the Blues Festival two years ago and makes appearances at AcoustiCafe, and he also appeared in NAZZ last year. The most memorable moment for Christian from last year's performance was rolling a piano down the sidewalk. In the frantic search for an instrument, he was caught unprepared and winged it quite successfully. "Making a fool of myself in front of a large crowd is always a good idea," Christian said. And when it comes to cars, Christian sees himself as a shoddy muffler. "It makes a lot of noise but keeps a rhythm going anyways."



Photo Courtesy of Christian Parilla

Christian

Solo Line-up

- 8:00 p.m. Vinita Ollapally
- 9:00 p.m. Josie Vodicka
- 10:00 p.m. Bill Varettoni
- 11:00 p.m. Christian Parilla
- 12:00 p.m. Justin Dunn

Fencing

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Carnick's 7-7 record was especially surprising. The freshman from Mishawaka finished the year strong with a Midwest Conference epee championship and was expected to be a key piece in a possible Notre Dame national championship.

Notre Dame head coach Yves Auriol chalked up the bad start by the epee team to nerves and inexperience.

"They are a little bit intimidated and a little bit nervous," he said. "Epee is the kind of weapon where if you lose your focus you lose a few touches and you are in trouble."

But just when it seemed that the Irish had fenced themselves out of competition for first place on the first day, Magda Krol and Liza Boutsikaris took the strips for the women's foil competition.

Boutsikaris combined for 20 wins and just eight losses as the Irish climbed into third place — just three points behind second place St. John's and within striking distance of the leader, Penn State.

"[Third place] is great for our team," Krol said. "It's even

a higher ranking than I expected after the first day. I think that if we keep up the intensity and finish strong tomorrow, it could be very good for the men going into Saturday."

Krol's intensity carried her to second place after the first four rounds with a 12-2 record. Krol split two bouts with Stanford and defeated Susan Jennings of Columbia, who finished four in epee at the 1999 Championships. Krol's only other loss came against Kristen Dorf of Northwestern.

"I kind of lost [her intensity] when I lost the two bouts [in the second round,] she said. "But right now, I have it back. I felt [the intensity] in the third round and in the last round."

Krol and Boutsikaris finished the day on a high note for the Irish as the swept the fourth round and picked up six points.

The women will fence the last four rounds of each weapon today before the men take the strips on Saturday and Sunday. Auriol said he expected a slow start from the women but the men, who are the strength of this year's team, should make a run at the title over the weekend.

"It could have been worse," he said about being in third place after the first day. "I



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Senior foilist Magda Krol scored a touch in the NCAA finals Thursday evening. Krol placed second in her pool. The NCAA finals continue this weekend.

thought we were struggling a little bit but we are in decent position for the final days. It's another day tomorrow and then our men are the stronger squad. I guess we were expecting to be where we are now."

Mazur was surprised with

her 7-7 record but said that she would fence better today.

"A lot of the people I lost to, I can beat no problem," she said. "My mind just wasn't focused."

With four rounds of fencing over their belts, the Irish

hope to take the strip Friday a little more relaxed and a little more focused.

"We just need to be steady," Auriol said. "We have some tough matches against Penn State and Princeton [today] but we are still in the picture."

NCAA BASKETBALL

Purdue victory ends Gonzaga's Cinderella run

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Gonzaga is gone, done in by defense and rebounding, and Purdue coach Gene Keady is one victory from his first trip to the Final Four.

Purdue slowed the game to a half-court pace and pestered Gonzaga's guards into a miserable shooting night to beat the Bulldogs 75-66 on Thursday night in the West Regional semifinals.

Jaraan Cornell, whose season-long shooting slump came to an end when the NCAA tournament began, scored 18 points for the sixth-seeded Boilermakers (24-9), who play Wisconsin game in Saturday's regional final.

In Keady's 20 seasons at Purdue, the Boilermakers have been to the round of 16 five times, including the last three years. But this will be just their

second appearance in a regional final in that span. Purdue lost to Duke in the Southeast final in 1994.

Carson Cunningham added 14 points. Greg McQuay scored 11 and Brian Cardinal had 10 for Purdue. Cardinal had eight rebounds, and Cornell and McQuay grabbed seven apiece as Purdue dominated the boards 44-33, 20-13 on the offensive end.

Casey Calvary scored 20 points and Axel Dench had 14 for No. 10 seed Gonzaga (26-9). Richie Frahm scored 14 but nearly all came late in the game. He was 1-for-5 from 3-point range. Matt Santangelo, like Frahm in his final collegiate game, was 4-for-18 from the field, 1-for-7 on 3-pointers.

Gonzaga, a small Jesuit college in Spokane, Wash., captured the heart of basketball fans last season with its run to the West final, where the 'Zags

gave eventual champion Connecticut a major scare. This year, the Bulldogs were at it again, until they were shut down by the Boilermakers.

Gonzaga made several runs at Purdue.

Down 61-45 with six minutes to play, the Bulldogs scored eight in a row, the last six by Calvary, to cut it to 61-53 with 3:35 remaining. But after a timeout, Cardinal scored inside, then batted the ball to the backcourt to a teammate after Cornell's missed free throw. Mike Robinson scored on a goaltending call against Calvary, and Gonzaga's tournament magic had run out.

Wisconsin 61, LSU 48

Wisconsin is still winning ugly, with the plodding but productive Badgers beating LSU on Thursday night to make it an all Big-Ten final in the West Regional.

The Badgers (21-13) will meet Purdue (24-9) on Saturday for a spot in the Final Four. The Boilermakers beat Gonzaga 75-66 in the other semifinal.

Coupled with Michigan State's win over Syracuse in the Midwest, the Big Ten has three teams in the final eight.

Jon Bryant led Wisconsin with 16 points. Stromile Swift and Jabari Smith each scored 12 for LSU (28-6).

LSU, which used its speed and frontline duo of Swift and Smith to beat Southeast Missouri State and Texas in the first two rounds, hit a wall against a Wisconsin team that forced its deliberate, halfcourt offense and man defense on the frustrated Tigers.

The 48 points were the fewest scored by LSU this season. The previous low was 57 in a loss to Florida in January.

Wisconsin scored the final 11 points of the first half to take a

22-14 lead. LSU went scoreless over the final 5:03.

Wisconsin took twice as many shots as LSU in the first half and the Tigers had as many turnovers as points. LSU finished with 23 turnovers to Wisconsin's 9.

It got uglier in the second half.

An offensive rebound basket by Lamont Roland got LSU within 26-18, but the Badgers used a 10-0 run to take a 36-18 lead with 13:44 left. Bryant's 3-pointer got the run going and Duany Duany's 3-pointer ended it. Bryant also scored on a layup and Maurice Linton added a jumper from just inside the arc.

Wisconsin advanced despite missing 18 of its first 23 shots and shooting 38 percent. But while the Badgers were having trouble scoring in the game's first 15 minutes, LSU was having a difficult time holding onto the ball.

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MLB

Cardinals swap Bottenfield for Angels' Edmonds

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Desperate for pitching help, the Anaheim Angels finally unloaded Jim Edmonds.

The Angels acquired 18-game winner Kent Bottenfield and second baseman Adam Kennedy from the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday for the two-time Gold Glove center fielder.

Eligible for free agency after the season, Edmonds had been rumored to be on his way to Oakland, Seattle and the New York Yankees in recent months.

General manager Bill Stoneman recently said he wouldn't trade Edmonds. Then, he got an offer he couldn't refuse.

"This is something that came together very quickly," Stoneman said from the Angels' spring training headquarters in Tempe, Ariz. "When it started to become apparent that we might be able to fill two of our

needs, it was such an attractive deal that it just made a lot of sense to us, and it made sense from the Cardinals' standpoint.

Bottenfield, 31, went 18-7 with a 3.97 ERA last season, and made the NL All-Star team. He entered last year having won just 18 big-league games.

Starting pitching has been a major question-mark for the Angels, who lost ace Chuck Finley to the Cleveland Indians via free agency during the off-season. Bottenfield gives them a proven starter.

"He's a guy who found himself (last year), and had been having a good spring training this year," Stoneman said. "The reports on both of these players were outstanding."

Edmonds, 29, hit .250 with five homers and 23 RBIs in just 55 games last season after being sidelined until August while recovering from surgery on his right shoulder.

He had a breakout season with the Angels in 1995, hitting .290 with 33 homers and 107 RBIs. A left-handed hitter,

Edmonds averaged 27 homers a season from 1995-98 and won AL Gold Gloves in both 1997 and 1998.

"He was a proven commodity and a lot of teams had interest in him," first-year Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "A tal-

ent like Jimmy is not going to be replaced. Fortunately for us, I think we have enough guys that can do the job."

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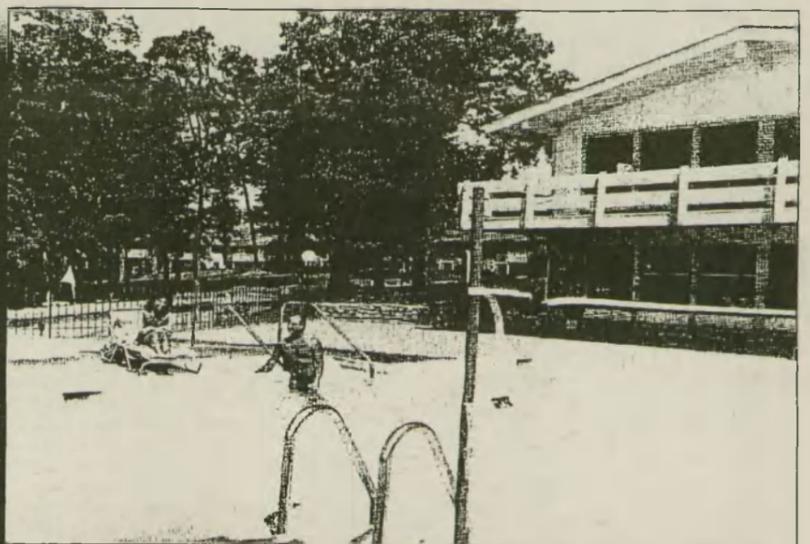
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PGA

Woods survives round one of Players Championship

Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. Tiger Woods made his first double bogey in 223 holes. Hal Sutton was the only player to break 70. Both felt a sense of relief when they finished the first round of The Players Championship.

They survived. Sutton figured out when to attack and when to take his lumps, firing a 3-under 69 in cool, blustery conditions Thursday. The score is the highest to lead the tournament in the 19 years it has been played on the TPC at Sawgrass.

Two-time U.S. Open champion Lee Janzen, no stranger to demanding conditions, was among seven players at 70. Woods, tied for the lead after 16 holes, hit into the water on the island-green 17th en route to the double bogey and a 71.

Omar Uresti was at 2 under through 16 holes when play was suspended by darkness with 21 players still on the course.

"That's what makes this a major," Sutton said. "Major championships ... you've got to be patient when conditions get difficult on a great golf course."

And like a major, there were plenty of horror stories.

Craig Stadler had a double-hit out of the rough on No. 12 that led to a triple bogey.

He made another one on the 16th when he chunked a wedge about 4 feet, then got so fed up that he swatted his ball over the green and into the water.

At least it wasn't moving, like what John Daly did in the U.S. Open last year.

"I did a few things I've never done," Stadler said.

Chris Perry had a chance to tie for the lead with an eagle putt on No. 11. Four putts later, he walked off with a bogey.

Defending champion David Duval bogeyed five of eight holes and had a 75.

"It's not that great of a score," he said. "I'm not particularly pleased. But at the same time, it's not terrible on a day like this. It's a long race."

It could be a short week for those who signed for an 80 or worse — 22 players, including Sergio Garcia (82) and Phil Mickelson (83).

"I'm very happy to get off the course," Billy Mayfair said after his 70. He was the only player to reach 4 under in the first round.

Woods, meanwhile, kept one streak alive.

He still hasn't broken 70 in 13 rounds on the Stadium

Course, although he had few complaints.

Showing the power and control that has carried him to 10 victories in his last 16 events on the PGA Tour, Woods was tied with Sutton at 3-under when he stood on the 17th tee box, staring at the swaying palms and pines as he tried to gauge the wind.

His 9-iron started right, caught a gust and splashed down about 5 feet short of land. After taking a drop and putting his next shot some 40 feet above the hole, he had to make a 10-footer for his first double bogey since the third round of the Nissan Open.

He didn't get mad. He certainly didn't get even. Woods simply added up his score and figured anything under par wasn't such a bad day.

"That's why I wasn't upset at all when the ball went in the water," he said. "I figured I'd knock it up there, make my double, play 18 and still shoot a number in the red."

Sutton's 69 was the worst score to lead The Players Championship after the first round since a 70 by seven players, including Jack Nicklaus, in 1978 when it was played across the street at Sawgrass Country Club.

The wind blew about 20 mph,

but consider two holes by Woods.

On the 535-yard 11th hole, he hit driver 348 yards and an 8-iron 190 yards to set up a two-putt birdie. On the 358-yard 12th hole, which goes the opposite direction, Woods hit driver and still had a wedge from about 100 yards to reach the green.

He birdied both, and needed them later.

"The golf course was showing its teeth out there," Sutton said. "You couldn't get through without making some bogeys."

Most players would have been happy with that considering there were 144 scores of double bogey or worse on Thursday.

Sutton might have avoided one on the fourth hole when his

tee shot barely bounced into the rough, leaving him 120 yards to the green over a pond.

He acted like it was a U.S. Open, pitching safely to the fairway to take double bogey out of the equation.

"You want to stay away from a big number if you can," he said. "That's what makes this golf course great. There's always that urge to test it."

Sutton picked his spots, hitting a 4-wood into 8 feet for an eagle on No. 2. He also had eagle attempts on the 11th and 16th, two-putting both of them, and hit a couple of 9-irons into 2 feet for routine birdies.

"This is a very penalizing course," Mickelson said. "But obviously, some guys shot under par, so it couldn't have been that unfair."



Woods

"I wasn't upset at all when the ball went in the water. I figured I'd knock it up there."

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first tournament appearance since the Johnson administration were heightened with a solid second place finish at the Treasure Coast Classic in Port St. Lucie, Florida. Led by Connell who posted a top five finish in the individual competition, Notre Dame was ever so barely nipped at the tournament's end by a very competitive Liberty team.

After so much fall success, the Irish will be forced to raise their level of play a notch, while doing the opposite to their scores if they are to rise in the national rankings.

"We didn't play against a lot of the best teams in the fall," Ratay said. "The level of competition this spring will be higher, so we'll be tested early." The Irish seem prepared to ace every one of their upcoming exams. With confidence at an all-time high, the Irish will be looking to establish themselves as a national power, and an NCAA tournament birth would be the biggest step they could take towards that goal. "It would be huge," Ratay said of a potential NCAA bid. "That's the way to get attention. When guys decide where to go out of high school, that's one of the first things they look at. They want to know whether or not you made the NAAs."

The fact that they are playing for something more than wins is what perhaps separates the Irish from their competitors. With a sudden swell in talent and the opening of a beautiful new course, the Irish feel pressure to perform well,

knowing that talent and facilities can only do so much to establish a national reputation; they know they need to win. While it may be a stretch to say that the future of the program rides on the success of this year's squad, strong play in the NAAs this spring would go a long way in helping the Irish gain the position they want so dearly.

Hoping to mimic

While the success of their male counterparts has perhaps overshadowed the Notre Dame women's golf team, it is has become increasingly evident that the ladies of the links are not to be overlooked. Like the men, the Irish women hope to help usher in the golden era of Notre Dame golf. Led by sophomore Kristin McMurtie, who posted a career best round of 73 to tie for third, the Irish finished eighth in the 20-team Snowbird Invitational.

Juniors Mary Klein and Shane Smith also played well, and will be key factors in the team's anticipated emergence as a national power, an emergence in which the Warren Golf Course will play a major role.

The Crown Jewel

With the talent in place and opportunities to win ahead, the Irish have put themselves in great position to become a national power at the perfect time. With the Warren Golf Course set to open, the Irish will gain a powerful recruiting tool. The antiquated, relatively plain, nine-hole facility that previously served as the team's home course did little to attract recruits. The new

Warren Golf Course, which purports itself to be of championship caliber should serve as a recruiting magnet. The par 71 layout designed by two-time Masters champion Ben Crenshaw promises to be one of college golf's

finest facilities. It's likely that the course's beauty will work to offset the recruiting disadvantage Notre Dame has due to its weather. Many top recruits choose to play their college golf in the south, where warm weather allows for year round play. A course as nice as Warren will go far in dissuading would be stars from venturing south, instead wooing them to Our Lady's University.

Though the Warren Course is not yet open to the public (the new target date is May 1), members of the golf team have had a chance to test their skills on the new links.

"It's a great course, not too easy, not too difficult," Ratay noted. "I think it'll be a good home advantage for us. The greens are tricky, and undulating, so local knowledge is a good thing to have."

The course will favor shot-makers, as accuracy of the tee will be required. The course's rather short layout (less than 7000 yards) puts a premium on accuracy rather than distance.

Hazards are common, as players will encounter lakes on both nines, as well as a creek that winds through the finishing holes.

"You have to be accurate," Ratay said. "You need to keep it in play."

Boasting a beautiful layout, and a clubhouse with all the necessary amenities, the Warren Golf Course should



Courtesy of Notre Dame Sports Information

Senior Jeff Connell tees off at last weekend's Treasure Coast Classic. Connell's total of 223 over the three-day tournament led the Irish.

further Notre Dame's cause and help it rise to the ranks of the nation's elite programs.

Golden Era?

Every shot will matter that much more this spring. With talent and a sparkling new facility, the Irish know that

with a good showing they can boost their national standing considerably. Wins will bring top recruits, which will bring national recognition. It would be a shame not to take advantage of the recruiting possibilities the new course will present. For Notre Dame golf, the future is now.

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MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Experience, training drive sprinter

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

Senior sprinter Chris Cochran is reaping the rewards of four years worth of hard work this season.

Cochran has racked up two Big East titles and earned All-American honors in the distance medley relay.



Cochran

"That's basically the ultimate thing to do," said Cochran of being an All-American.

Cochran ran the 400-meter leg on Notre Dame's senior-dominated distance medley relay at the Indoors National Championships. The squad captured sixth place in a time of nine minutes, 38.82 seconds, just off the school record it set earlier this year of 9:38.15. Joining Cochran on the All-American relay crew were seniors Tim Kober on the 800-meter leg and Phil Mishka at 1200-meters, along with sophomore Luke Watson running the 1600-meter leg.

"I can't say it was one of our best races, but we weren't that far off our best time," Cochran said. "Overall, we were looking to step it up a little bit more for the big meet, but in reality, it didn't happen."

Earlier in the indoor season, Cochran captured two of his three career Big East Championships. Last year, he won the 400-meter Outdoors Championship. This season, he beat out his opponents in the 60-meter dash and the 400-meter run.

Turning to his senior season, Cochran developed a sense of urgency.

"The big change in my mind is

you know it's your last year," Cochran said. "Now it's do or die right now."

Cochran's been accomplishing most of his goals for the year. The biggest aim left on his list is winning a Big East Championship as a team. As a team captain, pulling off Notre Dame's first-ever Big East Championship would be a major feat.

"He leads certainly by his actions," head track and field coach Joe Piane said. "He's a great runner. He's a many time Big East champion. He'll do anything that Coach [John] Millar of sprints asks him to."

Cochran's high school career was marred by a slew of injuries.

"He came in with a lot of talent," Piane said, "But he was injured a great deal during high school, so I think that his talent was largely untapped."

In becoming one of Notre Dame's best track athletes, Cochran devoted a great deal of time in the off-season to training and practice. He also became more in tune with how much stress his body can handle, leading him to avoid the injuries that plagued his high school career.

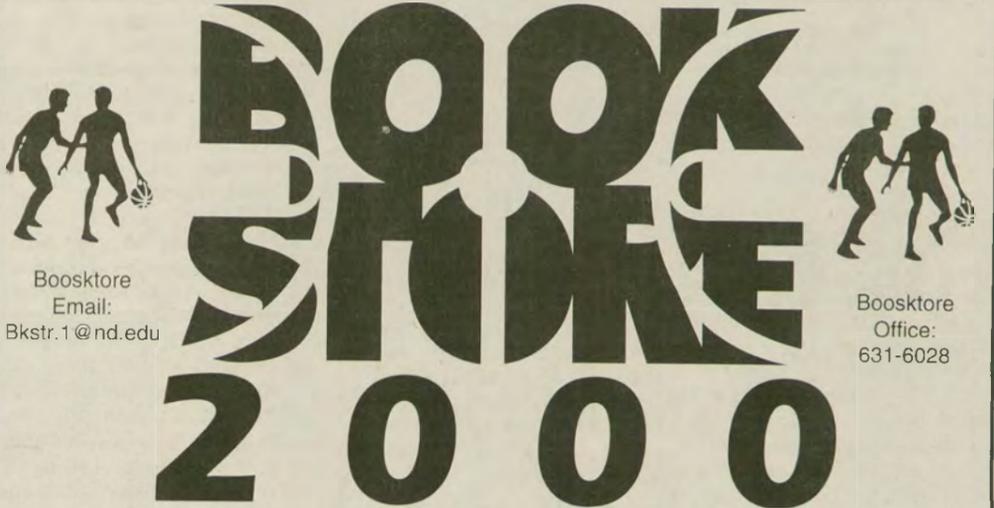
"Weights is the big thing that's led me to be healthy," Cochran said. "I think that's also led to my body being stronger, and led my body to not be as susceptible to injury."

With the added strength, Cochran had raised his expectations and lowered his times on the track. In the 200-meter dash, he is aiming to run around 21 seconds by the end of the year, while in the 400-meter run, 46 seconds is the time to beat.

"I've always been striving to be high 45s, low 46s," Cochran said.

When Cochran won the 400-meter run at February's Big East Indoors Championships, he ran a strong time of :47.76, but one that, in his mind, leaves room for improvement.

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BASEBALL

Heilman, Cavey lead Irish in Big East season opener

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Writer

Following a dominating 10-3 victory over Detroit Wednesday, the Irish baseball team begins this season's Big East play as they travel to Philadelphia to take on Villanova.

Notre Dame, whose impres-

sive 13-3 record has earned the team a No. 24 ranking by Collegiate Baseball, is coming off of its best start since the 1963 team opened the season 15-3. They will attempt to surpass that record in three games against a Villanova team that finished last season 27-26-1 and tied for seventh place in the Big East.

The Irish lead the all-time series against their conference opponent; winning eight of the 10 contests between the clubs. Last season, the Irish swept a doubleheader over the Wildcats, winning 4-0 in the first game and 10-8 in the second.

Head coach Paul Mainieri feels strong heading into the opening games of conference play.

"Our pitching has been strong all season," he said. "And during our last few games the offense has really began to perform. I couldn't be happier with our team right now."

The Irish will send their top three pitchers out against the Wildcats. For Saturday's doubleheader, junior co-captain Aaron Heilman and senior Scott Cavey take the mound for Notre Dame. Freshman right-hander Matt Laird throws the finale on Sunday afternoon. Heilman has yet to yield a run in 10.2 career innings against the Wildcats. He has silenced the Villanova bats to the tune of 13 strikeouts and no walks while collecting one win and one save.

Cavey, a senior leader fin-

ishing off a stellar career, has dominated in winning all three of his starts this season. The right-hander was forced to miss his last scheduled start in Florida after being hit by a line drive. He is, however, expected to return at full-strength on Saturday.

Laird has filled a gaping void in the Irish rotation this season. Recording a 1-0 record to go along with a 1.98 ERA, Laird has solidified the rotation behind studs Heilman and Cavey.

The offense has been powered by freshman Brian Stavisky, whose four home runs and .638 slugging percentage lead the team.

"I'm feeling really comfortable at the plate right now," Stavisky said. "The coaches have really been helping me a lot."

Sophomore center fielder Steve Stanley has been productive while batting in the second spot for the Irish. He leads the team with seven steals in eleven attempts to go along with his .407 batting average.

Villanova is led by junior second baseman Matt Longo, who was named a first team all-Big East selection last season and is rated by Baseball America as the 105th best prospect among draft-eligible college players. First baseman Rob Cafiero's .361 season and 10 home runs last season earned him a spot on the Big East all-rookie team.

Play begins at 12 noon on both Saturday and Sunday.



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Notre Dame third baseman Andrew Bushey takes a cut in Wednesday's victory over Detroit. The Irish begin Big East play this weekend against Villanova.

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Dear Mr. Murphy,

Players of your caliber are rare, especially at schools where football mediocrity often outranks basketball success. It's been a pleasure for me who had to endure the MacLeod years to watch you play and return respect to a basketball program that sorely lacked it only two years ago.

As adept as your skill is though, it's the almost childlike love for the game that you display on the court that makes you enjoyable to watch. You capture the spirit of college basketball.

I know that you've never explicitly said that you're considering leaving us for the NBA after this season, but you have commented that it's not out of the question. I sincerely hope that you rid yourself of any consideration for your teammates, your fans, your school, the thousands of Domer kids that hope to be Troy Murphy some day and for Troy Murphy. Stay for yourself. You're one of the best players in the entire country right now. You're a front-runner for next year's awards. You potentially can achieve what only three players have previously in Big East history, winning player-of-the-year two years in a row.

You can establish yourself as one of the greats in Big East history.

Aside from simply personal achievement, you appear to have so much fun playing, a joy that's a rarity in the money-driven NBA. Ask Corey Maggette if he regrets giving up a chance to be the best player at Duke and enjoying March Madness for being a bench player in Orlando and enduring a losing season.

You can't go back to college. The NBA will be around for years to come. You could cost yourself millions. The rookie salary scale increases in value as your draft position becomes higher. While this year you look to be a mid-first-round pick, next year you could be a high-lottery pick. Thus, the riches of the NBA may be greater the longer you wait.

You certainly could succeed in

the NBA. That doesn't take away the fact that you simply aren't ready. Another year of college will help you increase your size and strength, preventing opponents from brutalizing you on defense. Is it a coincidence that your worst games were against teams that had big, physical post players that could assault you each trip down the court?

Learn this lesson in college and still dominate the game or learn it in the pros and try to shake the disappointment label. Would you rather be Antawn Jamison, who has become a good player only after struggling for a year, or Tim Duncan who immediately made an impact?

Stay for your teammates. You once said that one of the reasons you came here was because you and David Graves wanted to build something together. You've begun to do that. But just as an architect doesn't abandon his design in mid-form, you shouldn't abandon your program. Don't leave your teammates on the cusp of respectability.

Stay for the selection committee that shunned us. Give them no reason to be able to do so next year. Earn some redemption.

Stay for Ryan Humphrey who waited an entire year to play with you in hopes of alleviating the triple teams you draw. Stay for the Domer basketball fans who can smell the successes that our fathers enjoyed and now want to taste it.

Stay for Notre Dame. We haven't had a basketball player

leave early for the draft since Adrian Dantly over 25 years ago. That's something that even Duke can't say anymore. We take pride in ourselves here for doing things the right way. Don't open the doors for future players to leave early.

Most importantly, stay for those kids that bounce in their chairs dreaming of being you. I can remember the despair I felt after Rocket Ismail announced he was leaving early for the draft. I urge you not to make anyone feel the same. Let the Dome continue to gleam brightly for kids, as a symbol of what should be, not what always is.

I know the risk of injury is great. Take out an insurance clause if you're too worried. Don't let fear make the decision for you. Decide what's best for Troy Murphy next year. And what's best for Troy Murphy is to stay in school.

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



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Irish sophomore forward Troy Murphy battles defenders in Wednesday night's game against BYU. Murphy may leave Notre Dame for the NBA next season.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Buckeyes drop Irish record to 3-2 with 10-9 victory

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

The Ohio State Buckeyes

handed women's lacrosse their second consecutive defeat Thursday, sliding past Notre Dame 10-9.

The Irish fall to 3-2 on the sea-

son, after starting off at 3-0 before suffering a defeat at the hands of No. 16 Syracuse University.

The Irish matched the

Buckeyes in scoring during the first half 4-4. After pulling ahead 9-7 in the second half, the Buckeyes held the Irish scoreless for the remainder of the game. The Buckeyes then scored 3 goals in a row to take the lead for good. Ohio State's Lauren Cochran scored the winning goal in the close match with just over a minute remaining in the game.

Team co-captain Lael O'Shaughnessy continued to lead her team, scoring twice in the match. With her tallies against Ohio State, O'Shaughnessy increased her season total to 12 goals and 3 assists in just five games. She finished with 50 goals and 19 assists last season, and her total of 69 points made her the team's leading scorer.

Sophomore Natalie Loftus also scored twice for the Irish, continuing her aggressive play against the Buckeyes from the 1999 season. Loftus also scored in Notre Dame's home loss to Ohio State.

Co-captain Kathryn Perrella, Tina Fedarcy, Angela Dixon, and Danielle Shearer also tallied for the Irish. Perrella, Kelly McCardell, and Anne Riley each notched an assist against Ohio State.

Dixon, Shearer, McCardell, and Riley, all freshmen, and

members of a class that is making its presence at Notre Dame known. Shearer leads the freshmen laxers with 7 goals and 5 assists.

Ohio State outshot Notre Dame 44-31, but the Irish took control of the draws, taking 14 out of 21. Irish goalie Tara Durkin made 19 saves, improving her save percentage to .612. Megan Barnett had 9 saves for the Buckeyes.

Notre Dame returns to action with an away game against Johns Hopkins on Saturday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. This will be the first ever meeting between the two teams.

The Blue Jays enter Saturday's game with a 4-2 record, after a smashing 16-6 victory against Stanford March 22.

The Johns Hopkins women's lacrosse team is led by sophomore Jamie Larrimore, who has 23 goals and 5 assists so far this season. She finished the 1999 season with 48 goals and 10 assists.

Sara Love is the starting goalie for the Blue Jays. The senior has posted a .515 save percentage and a 9.55 GAA in 308 minutes of play.

The Blue Jays are coached by Janine Tucker, who has headed the Johns Hopkins program since 1993. In her seven-year tenure as head coach, Tucker has posted 82 wins against 22 losses.



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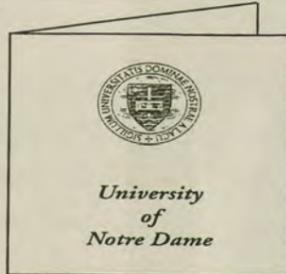
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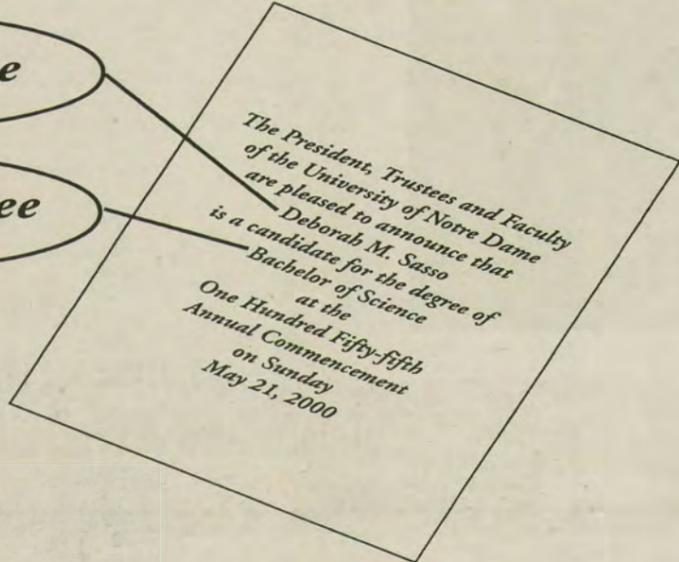
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SOFTBALL

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By RACHEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

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Irish 1

entered the game with 1-5 all-time mark against the Boilermakers with their only win coming in a split decision last year. Notre Dame, now 19-7, was victorious in game one as it shut down Purdue 8-0 in just six innings.

Scoreless going into the second inning, Notre Dame was quick to grab the lead. Sophomore Jarrah Myers started the Irish with a single before freshman Andria Bledsoe belted a single to right field. Lizzy Lemire hit a hard single to left field to drive in two runs for the Irish before scoring herself on a single by pitcher Jennifer Sharron. Junior Melanie Alkire grabbed a double to knock in three runs to end the Irish rally. The Boilermakers had a scoring opportunity in the fourth with one out and runners on second

and third, but Sharron was able to strike out two batters to quell the rally.

In the bottom of the sixth Bledsoe got on base by way of a Boilermaker error before advancing to third on a double by Lemire. With two strikes, junior Danielle Klayman singled to drive in the run and end the game early. Notre Dame was not so lucky in game two action as it fell to Purdue 2-1.

"You come out and you win big the first game and go into a second game complacent and that's what happens, you get beat," said Irish head coach Liz Miller.

The Irish grabbed an early lead as sophomore Jennifer Kriech singled before scoring on a series of sacrifices. But it was not enough to keep the Boilermakers from rallying in the second inning. Purdue racked up three hits while scoring two runs and the lead.

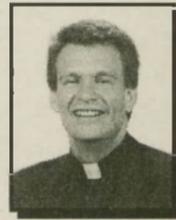
Notre Dame had another opportunity to score in the sixth, but was unable to execute. Kriech slammed a double into deep center before advancing to third, but was left stranded.

"I thought we were aggressive in the first game. I did not think we swung the bat aggressively in the second game at all," Miller said. "We just made contact; we just didn't come out and swing hard. We just thought that game two started where game one left off and it doesn't work like that."

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish going to Carolina to take on UNC, No. 5 Duke

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

When the updated rankings were released by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association this week, the Irish men's tennis team recognized the difficult task ahead of them. The numbers are not scaring

them away from the challenge. No. 23 Notre Dame heads to the East this weekend to take on No. 28 North Carolina on Saturday and No. 5 Duke on Sunday. "It's obviously a big weekend for us," Irish head coach Bob Bayliss said. "[North Carolina and Duke] are formidable opponents but it's not a challenge we

are afraid of taking on. We are excited and ready to go." The Irish hope to extinguish the recent hot streak of the North Carolina Tar Heels - a team that leaped from No. 44 to No. 28 in the recent rankings. The Tar Heels won two big matches last week, over South Carolina and Florida State, to improve to 8-2 overall and 1-0 in the ACC. Depth seems to be an asset for the Tar Heels, and the Irish will look to counter that strength by continuing their strong doubles play and by taking advantage of the opportunities for wins in the top part of the lineup. "We are playing very good doubles right now," Bayliss said. "I'd like to think that is becoming a strength for us."

Notre Dame also made a remarkable jump in the latest rankings due to a strong showing at last week's Blue-Gray National Classic in Montgomery, Alabama, where it posted big wins over Virginia and UAB. The 9-5 Irish earned a season high ranking of 23 after being slotted at No. 36 last week. The Tar Heels also

feature a strong No. 1 singles player in 47th-ranked Tripp Phillips, who recently upended Florida State's 28th-ranked Xavier Luscan. Phillips will meet Irish All-American and 10th-ranked Ryan Sachire in the top match.

After the Irish face-off against the Tar Heels they will look to continue their winning ways in Duke territory.

The Irish and Blue Devils will meet for the 14th time in a series Duke leads 9-4, but Notre Dame has won two of the last three meetings overall and two of the last three matches at Duke. The Irish posted 4-3 wins at Duke when the Blue Devils were ranked fourth in 1994 and 13th in 1998. Notre Dame also won a 4-3 match over eighth-ranked Duke at home in 1997. Duke comes into the weekend's competition after suffering a string of losses to now eighth-ranked Baylor, top ranked UCLA, and fourth ranked

Pepperdine, dropping to 9-4 on the season. The Blue Devils have not been defeated three straight times since the 1993-94 season.

With a singles squad that is

underscored by five players ranked among the top 100 in the nation, Duke is able to present an ever-changing lineup that often catches its opponent off-guard.

The Blue Devils 18th-ranked Ramsey Smith, son of United States tennis great Stan Smith, 42nd-ranked Doug Root, and 51st-ranked Andrew Pedroso have shuffled in and out of the top singles position throughout the season. The Irish

squad will most likely have all their weapons intact as they hit the road for the upcoming competition. Aaron Talarico, who has been pestered by an ankle injury, has been cleared to play after fear that his pains were a result of a stress fracture. Talarico will definitely appear with doubles partner Javier Taborga to form the No. 1 Irish duo in doubles, but Brian Farrell will be ready to fill in if Bayliss decides to pull Talarico from the singles lineup.

In the end, the rankings are meaningless and the intensity and quality of play of the Irish will be the deciding factor in determining the wins and losses.

"It's obviously a big weekend for us."

Bob Bayliss
Notre Dame tennis coach

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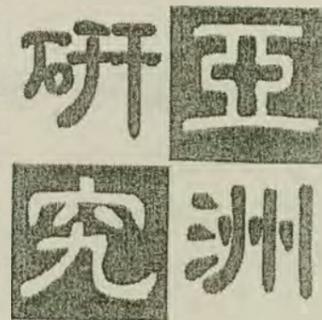
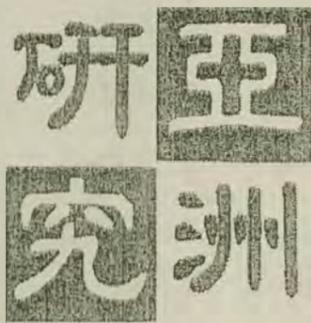
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TRACK AND FIELD

Team splits up, heads to Arizona, Stanford, Purdue

By BRIAN BURKE
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's and women's track teams will look to get the outdoor season off to a strong start this weekend with split squads traveling to the Arizona State Invitational on Friday and Saturday, and the Stanford Invitational and Purdue Invitational on Saturday.

"Some kids have a legitimate shot at [qualifying for] the NCAA's, so this gives us the opportunity to get some good early season times," head coach Joe Piane said.

The Arizona State Invitational will feature some of the top sprinters and middle distance runners for the Fighting Irish, including seniors Chris Cochran, Phil Mishka, and Marshaun West for the men.

Cochran and Mishka are part of the distance medley relay team that placed sixth at the NCAA indoor championships last week with a time of 9:38.82, Notre Dame's highest finish since 1968. Cochran, an all-conference performer, won the 400 meter race at the Big East outdoor championships last year with a time of 46.86.

Mishka finished second in the 800-meter Big East championships. His 1:48.94 in the 800

at the Mt. Sac Invitational was the team's best.

West, who also was an All-American for the Irish in the indoor long jump in 1999, will join Cochran, Tom Gilbert and Travis Davey on the 4x100 meter relay team that begins the season with high hopes.

"Our 4x100 team is looking to establish a standard. We plan on going after the [school] record this year," said West. West was the Big East's most outstanding track performer last year, winning the 200 at the Big East outdoor championships with a time of 21.16 seconds.

"I personally want to get back on track in the long jump," he said. "There's a lot of good competition [at Arizona State] and it's good we had the week off to get people healthy."

Notre Dame's super sophomore

Liz Grow will lead the women sprinters at Arizona State. Grow ran the 100, 200, and 400 meter races during last year's outdoor season, notching seven first place finishes and earning All Big East honors.

Freshman Tameisha King also figures to contribute. King comes off a first place performance in the long jump at the Alex Wilson Invitational, with a Mayo Field record of 20-1 1/2.

She is also one of the team's stronger sprinters.

Junior Ryan Shay and sophomore Luke Watson are among the top men's distance runners competing at the Stanford Invitational. Shay earned All-American honors last year with a seventh-place finish in the 10,000 meter contest at the NCAA championships.

Watson, the 1999 World

Junior Cross Country champion, ran the best time in the 3,000 meter steeplechase last year for the Irish with a time of 8:56.70.

Senior high jumper Jennifer Engelhardt will lead the women's squad that is trekking to Stanford. A two-time All American and Big East champion in the outdoor high jump in 1998 and 1999, Engelhardt became the first Notre Dame

woman to clear the 6 foot barrier last year with her 6-0 3/4 leap at the Mt. SAC Invitational.

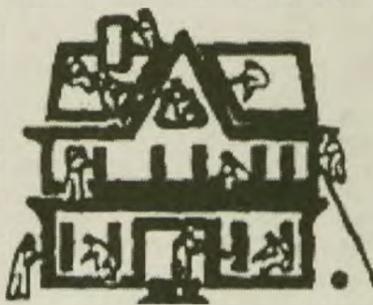
Meanwhile much of the Irish track and field squads will be starting off the season at the Purdue Invitational.

"This is an opportunity for a lot of the runners to get ready for the scoring meet we have here [at Notre Dame] next week," Piane said.

"Some kids have a legitimate shot at [qualifying for] the NCAA's, so this gives us the opportunity to get some good early season times."

Joe Piane
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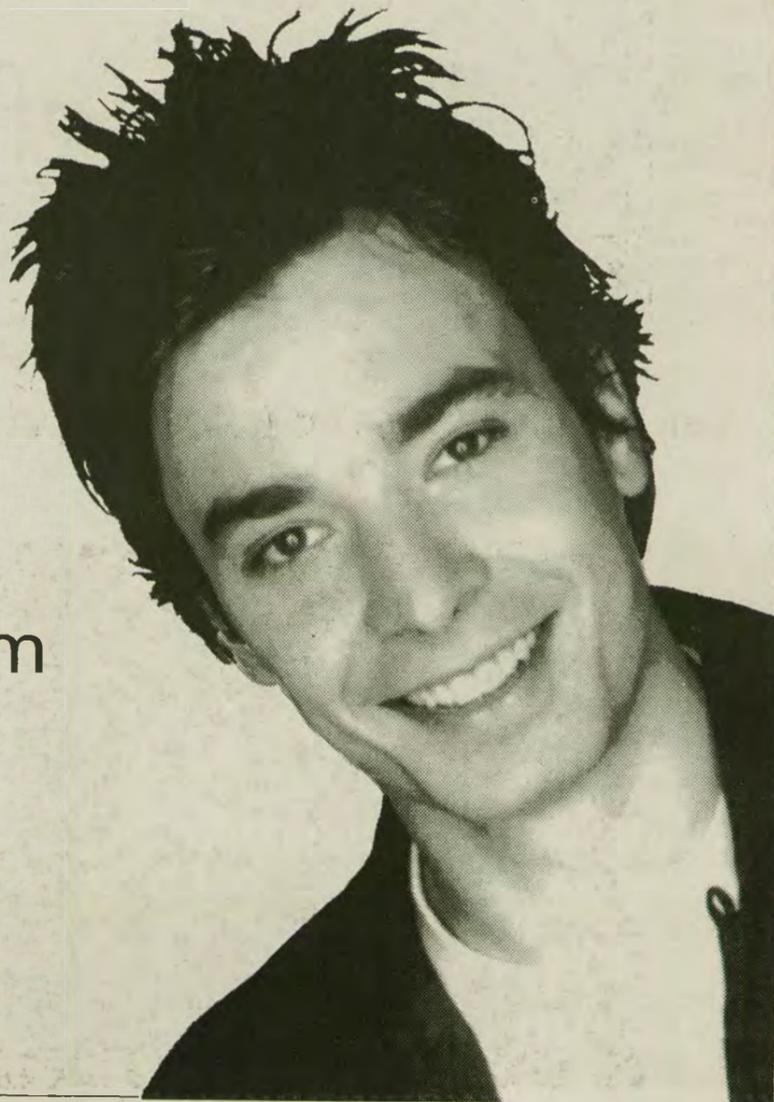
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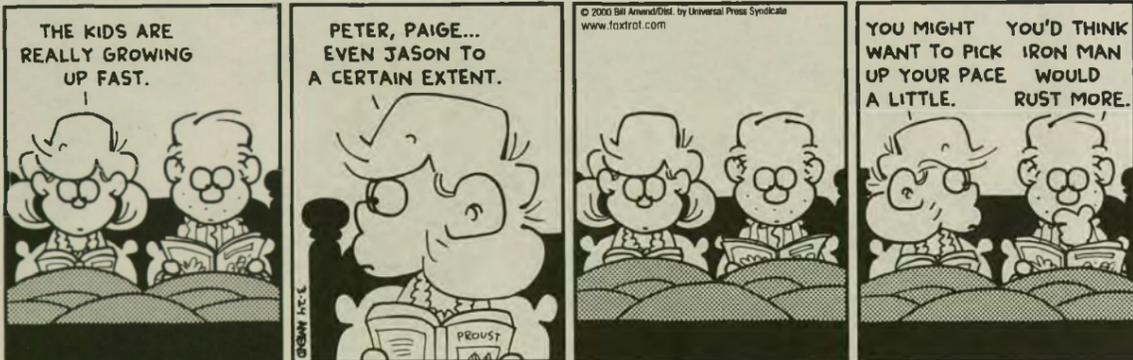
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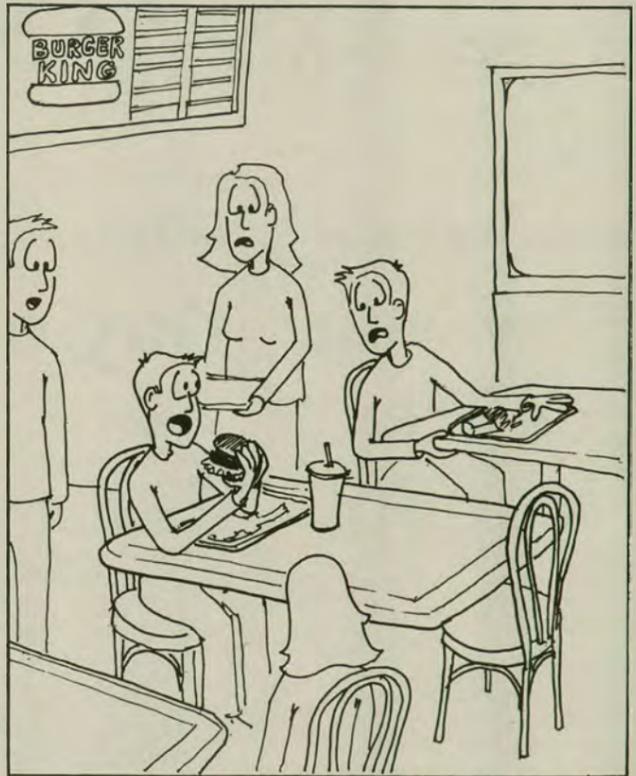
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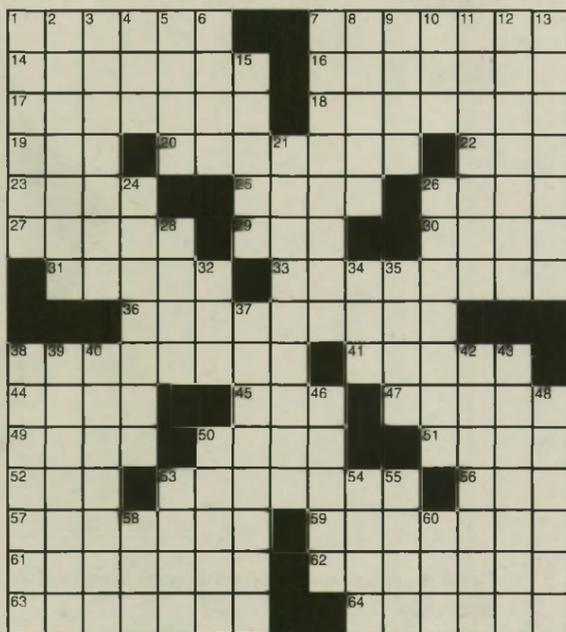


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- ACROSS**
- 1 Bahraini V.I.P.'s: Var.
 - 7 Kind of atmosphere
 - 14 They may be given test runs
 - 16 Creator of a bear market?
 - 17 Dorothy Parker had one
 - 18 Man, for one
 - 19 Go for the bronze?
 - 20 Made one
 - 22 Hair stylist's challenge
 - 23 Jim Davis's dog
 - 25 They're used to fashion models
 - 26 Dog command
 - 27 "Uh-uh!"
 - 29 They can be fertilized
 - 30 Annoyances
 - 31 Back in
 - 33 Chicago suburb
 - 36 "Homage to Sextus Propertius," e.g.
 - 38 Good ranch stock?
 - 41 Sitar accompaniment
 - 44 "Man in Revolt" author Brunner
 - 45 Women's org. since 1890
 - 47 Xenocrates' mentor
 - 49 2-Down's accessory
 - 50 Irish export
 - 51 Dying words
 - 52 It's inflatable
 - 53 Sanford and son
 - 56 Make 50-Across
 - 57 Turn off completely
 - 59 Lead statistic
 - 61 Rapprochement
 - 62 Dash
 - 63 Woman of the future?
 - 64 Did a bank job?
- DOWN**
- 1 1997 New York City mayoral candidate
 - 2 Focus of a bull session?
 - 3 Comb rubber
 - 4 East extension
 - 5 Brand name with an accent on it
 - 6 Wow
 - 7 DuPont has one
 - 8 Leporine leapers
 - 9 During
 - 10 Fringe
 - 11 Cosmopolitan competitor
 - 12 Lays away
 - 13 Like the divers' end of the pool
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 - 21 Sugar or flour purchase



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- 24 One of the Costanzas, on "Seinfeld"
 - 26 Fall apart
 - 28 Soup pasta
 - 32 Mouth: Prefix
 - 34 Bon ____
 - 35 Great deal
 - 37 Some movements
 - 38 Breaks away
 - 39 Picture
 - 40 Zinger, maybe
 - 42 Grating pattern
 - 43 Executive's burden
 - 46 Plot differently
 - 48 In the minority
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Headin' South

The Irish men's tennis team heads to North Carolina this weekend to take on the No. 5 Duke Blue Devils.

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Friday, March 24, 2000

ON THE HOT CORNER

Stay with us Troy Murphy

By BRIAN CHURNEY
Sports Writer

Don't leave Murph
Somewhere David Haugh is laughing

And somewhere anti-Irish fans shout

But there is little joy at Notre Dame

For the Irish were left out

Rather than just pick the team whose credentials were the best

They chose a team that beat Princeton, but was in the Mountain West

So Cinderella's left at home, no Invite to the Dance

But fear not, Domers, next year is another chance

Don't wallow in your sorrow. Don't shed a single tear

Just dream of Murphy, Graves, and Humphrey and what may be next year

Of course before next year begins there's a battle to be fought

Will Murphy leave and go pro — or will he stay, as he ought?

So here's a little letter, some advice I hope you'll take

About the choice fans all hope

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Churney

NCAA FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Day one finishes with women third

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

PALO ALTO, Calif. After finishing the day with a 6-8 record, freshman epeeist Meagan Call was a bit down at the 2000 NCAA Fencing Championships.

Then she found out the Irish were still in third place after the first day of competition. Her melancholy looks quickly turned into a smile.

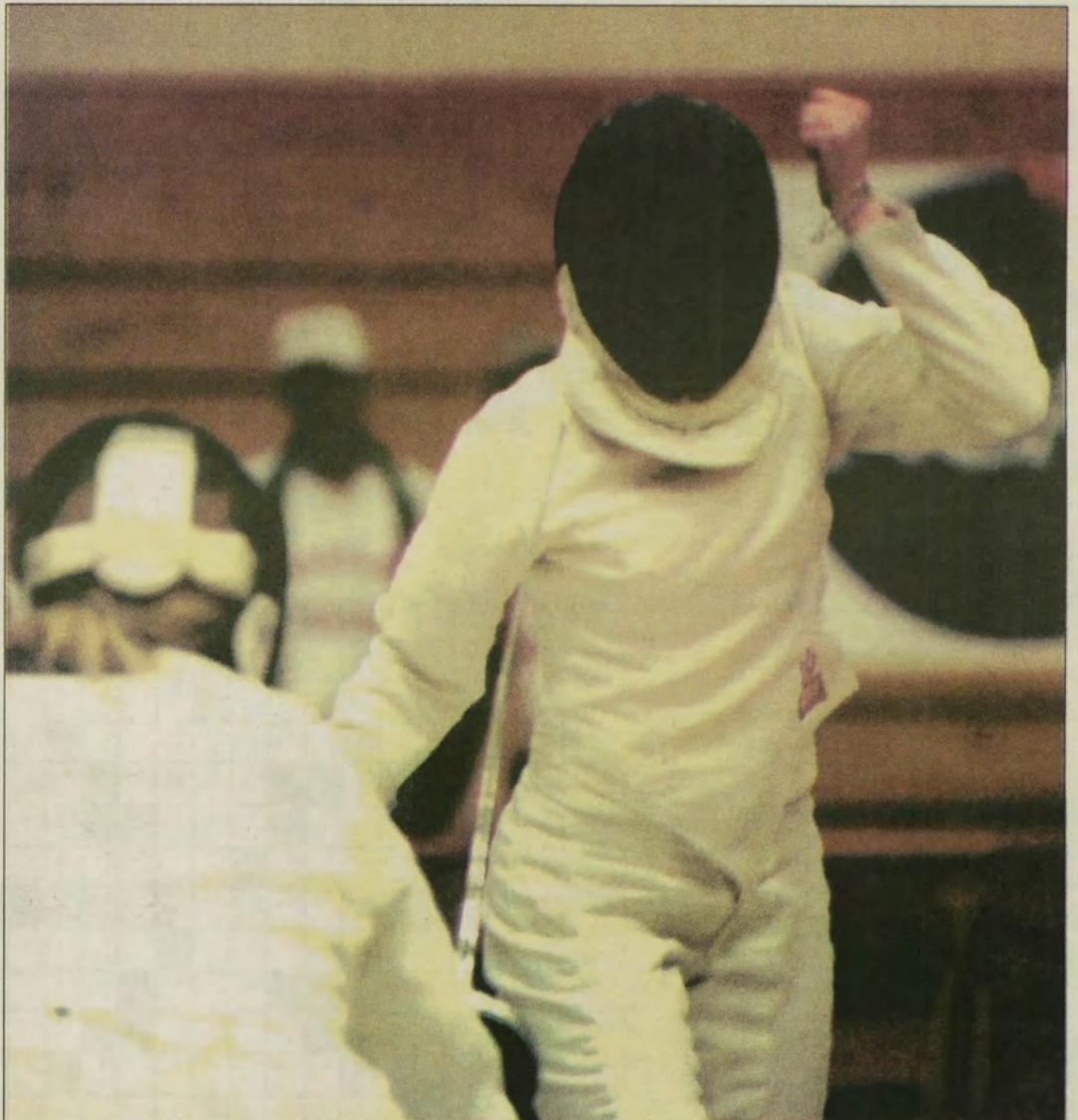
"We can definitely make a run [at first place in the last three days of competition]," she said. "Foil will kick some butt tomorrow and women's sabre will do well. Anna [Carnick] and I can will definitely step up [in epee]."

Call's change in attitude mirrored the fate of the Irish, Thursday. Featuring four freshmen and a junior qualifying for the first time, the Irish started slowly. Natalia Mazur and Carianne McCullough won just 13 bouts while Call and Carnick combined for just 13 wins as well. With just 26 points and defending national champion Penn State pulling away, the Irish languished in fourth.

"I fenced really bad," said Mazur who went 7-7 on the day. "I wasn't aggressive enough. I was kind of tired and my mind just wasn't into it."

While Mazur's, Call's and McCullough's near .500 records were disappointing,

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Freshman epeeist Anna Carnick celebrates after scoring a touch. Carnick placed 11th in her pool after 11 bouts.

GOLF

Ratay, Irish prepare to usher in 'golden age' of golf

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

Steve Ratay is well aware of the opportunity that lies before him. Every drive ripped down the center of the fairway is played with purpose. Every putt is sunk with a singular goal in mind. Every year since 1966, the Irish have been left out in the cold during the NCAA Tournament. If Notre Dame's sophomore sensation has it his way, this year will be different.

Ratay wants to help usher in the "golden age" of Notre Dame golf, and he sees no better time than the present to do so. An awesome compilation

of talent coupled with the anticipated opening of the championship caliber Warren Golf Course poses the chance for the Irish to thrust themselves into national prominence.

Falling out of nowhere

Almost out of nowhere, the Irish scored the best fall campaign in school history, posting an aggregate team score a full seven strokes lower than last year's team record total.

"Everyone contributed," noted Ratay. "We had everyone play well. We all wanted to win."

The squad that captured three first place finishes in

four fall events yielding an unprecedented national ranking is led by seniors Jeff Connell and Todd Vernon, both of whom played brilliantly during the fall. Vernon boasts the second lowest scoring average in Irish history (75.48), and his 66, scored earlier in the season, represents the best round by an Irish golfer in 37 years.

In opening the fall slate with a win in the 24-team Air Force Invitational, Notre Dame stunned the NCAA golfing community and raised expectations for the rest of the campaign.

Well aware that to gain national recognition, a team must play well under close

scrutiny, the Irish did just that. After tying for first in the Legends of Indiana Intercollegiate and winning the Louisville

Intercollegiate, Notre Dame showed that after years of futility it may indeed be on the threshold of greatness.

While the success of the team was surprising, the individual play of Ratay was even more so. Not even considered a lock to make the squad's starting five at the year's onset, Ratay grabbed the spotlight with a win in the individual competition in the Legends of Indiana Intercollegiate. That win, along with his strong play over the summer,

has him ranked 32nd among all NCAA golfers.

"I think the program has really moved up in the last 3 to 4 years," Ratay noted. "We're starting to make a name for ourselves. Winning will do that for you."

Ending the wait

After playing so well in the fall, Notre Dame returns to spring action with a NCAA birth very much in reach. Currently ranked fourth in the region, the Irish will be keeping one eye on those rankings, knowing full well that the top six qualify for the NAAs. Hopes of the squad making its

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