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Observer critic John Huston caught up with Saturday Night Live star Jimmy Fallon before his Saturday performance on campus.

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Grant sparks internship program

♦ University-wide project will focus on entrepreneurship

By HELENA RAYAM
News Writer

The College of Business (COB) received a \$100,000 grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation to start an internship program that gives students entrepreneurship experience.

"This is quite an honor for the University to receive the grant," said Jim Falkner, director of the Kauffman entrepreneurship internship program.

Notre Dame and 17 other schools were selected for the grant from among 82 applicants. The University will now match the \$100,000 grant, making the total funds for the program to \$200,000. The money will benefit 50 students through 25 national summer internships and another 25 in South Bend during the academic year.

"The students will learn right at the grassroots level what it takes to start a business," Falkner said.

Students receive a \$10 an hour, which includes the \$5 paid by the grant and the other \$5 matched by the employer. Graduate students may receive more compensation.

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Rock, RHYTHM AND NAZZ



Transformed into a sweltering hall of musical competition, Senior Bar rocked with punk, alternative, folk, jazz and classical melodies Friday night at NAZZ. The annual battle of the bands and solo contest entertained foot-tapping crowds into the wee hours.

Winners included Sexual Chocolate, which borrowed back-up singers from the Glee Club (above) for its rendition of Bohemian Rhapsody.

Josie Vodicka (left) finished third with her original guitar pieces.

For more NAZZ coverage, see Scene, page 16.

photos by MARY CALASH



Prospective Belles sample school at Accepted Day



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Prospective Saint Mary's students visited campus last weekend for a taste of college life.

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Saint Mary's News Editor

Saint Mary's seventh annual Accepted Student Day on Campus was the largest ever, attended by 215 students and their families.

"It's a unique day for Saint Mary's," student body president-elect Crissie Renner said. "[The students] were able to experience the Saint Mary's community firsthand."

Accepted Student Day on Campus, a tradition founded by Mary Pat Nolan, director of Admissions for the College, is a day for decided and undecided students whose applications have been accepted by the College to visit and learn about the campus.

"Today was a day for them to make the decision about where they want to go," Renner said. "Hopefully we were able to answer their questions."

The day opened with a Mass for accepted students and their

families in Angela Athletic Facility. Students then had the opportunity to visit stations in the sports center and to inquire about different departments: collegiate, academic, athletic and extra-curricular.

Representatives of Residence Life, Financial Aid, Health Services, Campus Ministry, the Ireland and Rome Programs, Center for Academic Innovation, Athletics and Student Government Association were on hand to meet with parents and students.

"It went really well," Colleen Collins said. "We had a wonderful turnout. The students I spoke to seemed very excited, motivated and enthusiastic to come to Saint Mary's."

Collins is the chairwoman of Volunteers in Support of Admission (VISA), which

staffed the event and has also been responsible for contacting prospective students.

"I loved the homey, get-to-know-you atmosphere. This day has totally cemented my decision to attend Saint Mary's."

Char Berry
prospective student

Accepted students who attended the event had a variety of reasons for applying to Saint Mary's. For many, the visit reinforced a decision to attend the College.






"I think it is a beautiful campus," said Emily Ysasi, a Wyoming, Mich., resident.

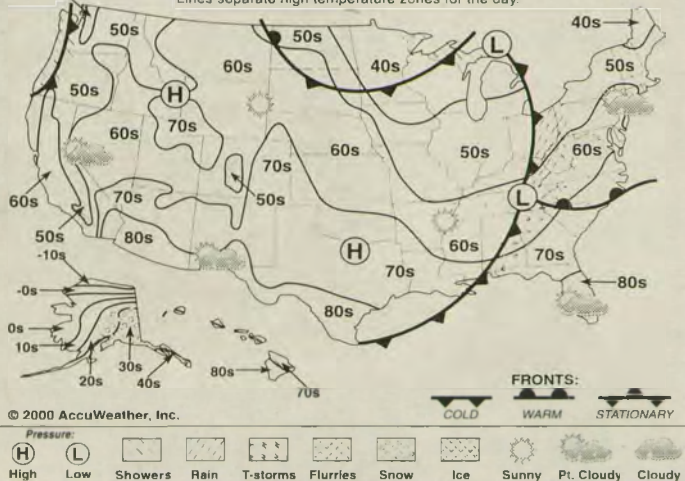
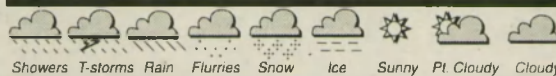
According to the Admissions office, students came from 20 states to attend Saint Mary's Accepted Students Day. Not every student who received an acceptance letter from the College was able to attend, however. Members of the Class

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Asian-American journalist, CEO speaks at AAA banquet

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

It was a celebration of heritage Sunday night at the Morris Inn as entrepreneur Jeff Yang gave the keynote address at the Asian-American Association's (AAA) annual faculty-student banquet.

Yang, a 1989 Harvard alumnus, is the CEO of A-Media, a company dedicated to the Asian-American market. He is also the founder and publisher of A-Magazine, a bimonthly publication with a North American circulation of over 200,000.

Priscilla Wong, AAA advisor, said she chose Yang to speak because he is a good role model.

"He is in pursuit of defining who he is, and he helps others get a sense of what it is to be Asian-American," Wong said. "In some ways, he is like a mentor."

Yang, however, did not always take such an active role in his community.

He said that the lack of fellow Asian-Americans in his Staten Island, N.Y., neighborhood left him somewhat estranged from his race.

That was especially true when he entered college.

"I had no sense of heritage or common identity. I wanted to be seen as just another college student," Yang said.

But Yang changed his mind when he got the opportunity to start a campus publication dealing with Asian-American issues. Yang said the work opened his eyes to the breadth of diversity both inside and outside his own community.

Yang also said he wanted to find ways to bridge gaps between these communities. That was the idea behind the founding of A-Magazine.

"I wanted to help people construct a sense of identity in a nation where color

lines are often drawn at black and white. I wanted the words 'Asian-American' to hold meaning," Yang said.

At the time Yang graduated from college, there was no public forum that spoke to or for Asian-Americans. He wanted to take the lessons of community they had learned in school and apply them to "the real world," he said.

A-Magazine began in late 1989 as a quarterly publication, fully sustained by fundraising events and staffed by

dozens of volunteers. It remained that way for over four years. But by 1994, Yang said he had to make an important decision.

"I had to ask myself if I believed in the magazine and its cause enough to devote my life to it. I had to make it a full-time effort," Yang said.

Over the past six years, A has grown to become what Yang called "a means of sharing in a common purpose and eliminating racial discrimination and injustice through understanding."

"We continue to find ways to cover the complexity of issues concerning a North American Asian-American community of 11 million people," Yang said.

Yang will advance even further in that pledge when he begins a daily news and information site on the World Wide Web. The site is scheduled for launching in May.

"This Web site, in combination with the magazine, will ensure that the values of empowerment and community will be fully addressed," Yang said.

Wong said she is glad to see Yang's company evolving to keep up with the needs of young Asian Americans.

"People are able to relate to [Yang's] messages and feel uplifted," Wong said.

Eighty people attended the event, which featured a dinner before Yang's speech and a question-and-answer segment after it.

"He is pursuit of defining who he is, and he helps others get a sense of what it is to be Asian-American."

Priscilla Wong
Asian-American Association
advisor

SMC women honor women at annual dinner ceremony

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
Associate News Editor

The Saint Mary's community gathered Sunday evening at the fourth annual "Women Honoring Women Dinner" to celebrate the contributions, hard work and dedication of female faculty and staff members nominated by students.

This College tradition is the culmination of events celebrating National Women's Month.

"This dinner is a time for the women of the College to come together and interact with the women who are inspirations to them and who have touched their lives," said Carolyn Kelley, Student Academic Council representative for Women's Studies and coordinator of events for National Women's Month at the College.

The dinner brought together students and 10 honored women. In attendance were humanistic studies professor Gail Mandell, Jean Mowbry of Campus Ministry, psychology professor Rebecca Stoddart, biology professor Nancy Nekvasil, Spanish professor Isis Quinteros and associate professor of religious studies Phyllis Kaminski.

Absent were business and economics departments' assistant Vivian Vargo, English professor Ann Loux, Justice Education program coordinator Jan Pilarski and assistant professor of nursing Annette Peacock Johnson.

In the past, a "Woman of the Year" was selected from the nominees. That distinction, however, was eliminated this year in an effort keep the dinner community-oriented, and to eliminate the competitive aspect.

"The main goal of [National Women's Month] is to remember those women who have come before us," Kelley said. "This is such a great event

because it is

important that a women's college makes an effort to celebrate Women's Month by recognizing the inspirational women on campus who serve as mentors to the younger women on campus."

Many of the women honored expressed surprise upon receiving their invitations.

"When I received the letter informing me that I was nominated, I was really surprised," Kaminski said. "That is why I think it is good women from a variety of departments and offices in the College were nominated. Naming is very important, especially when we can name our own and ourselves."

Mandell said she was pleased by the diversity of women nominated.

"I was especially pleased to be included in a group that went beyond faculty because too often we forget that a lot of the education of women at Saint Mary's goes on beyond the classroom," Mandell said. "It is nice to see students recognizing that learning is going on beyond the classroom and textbooks."

Others were honored because their nominations came from students.

"I was overwhelmed by the kindness of the students," Nekvasil said. "It's nice to have that recognition."

For Nekvasil, the nomination was a surprise because she is on leave this year and not teaching her regular classes.

"I'm still here almost every day working with my seniors, but I'm not teaching my regular classes so this is even more of a special honor for me," Nekvasil said. "I think my students are just such a special blessing."

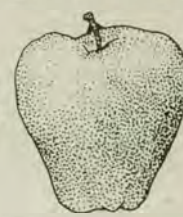
Mowbry said she is also appreciative of the students she works with, who make the nomination very special for her.

"The students are such a source of life, inspiration and hope for me," said Mowbry. "They give me far more than I can give them. They are such a renewing principle in my life."

Quinteros agreed. "I am so grateful for the student or students who nominated me," Quinteros said. "I am very pleased that this comes from the students. I also feel that I am representing all of the women in my department in receiving this award. They are all doing a good job."

Students nominated the women for a variety of reasons. The student who nominated Johnson attested to her ability to bring spirituality into her teaching.

National Nutrition Month Activities



Food Drive

Throughout March. Drop offs at the RSRC, Rock, Loftus, LaFortune, Joyce Center F/S Fitness Room, Cafe de Grasta in Grace Hall

"It's Not About Making Them Eat: Helping a Friend with an Eating Disorder" Rita Donley, University Counseling Center 3/21, 11:30-1:30, ND Room LaFortune, Register @ 1-8662

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Accepted

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of 2004 who have committed to Saint Mary's are located in 37 states and eight foreign countries.

"Your class will represent every region of the country," Nolan told future students at a presentations following the general session. "You are a very talented and very active group of women."

Nolan introduced Saint Mary's current student body president, Nancy Midden, who encouraged prospective students to make the right decision with their college choice.

"My decision to attend Saint Mary's was the best decision I ever made," Midden said. "The gift of Saint Mary's is a powerful step in the journey of your life. Saint Mary's thrives on the confidence and respectability of its student body. At Saint Mary's you can grow and learn ... on the journey of your life."

Karen Ristau, vice president and dean of faculty, also spoke to students and their families.

"The life here will make you a more interesting person," Ristau said. "I hope you all will accept our invitation to be a part of the Saint Mary's learning community."

At the conclusion of the speeches, Nolan directed students to VISA members to embark on campus tours.

A 'homey' atmosphere

Students who attended cited the personal attention they got from the College as one of the reasons they seriously consider attending the school.

"I loved the homey, get-to-know-you atmosphere," Char

Berry, said an prospective student from Coloma, Mich. "This day has totally cemented my decision to attend Saint Mary's."

Undecided students also were impressed by the College's friendly environment.

"What I really like about there is that everybody's friendly and everybody knows everybody else," Jessica Hunt, from Deer Park, N.Y., said. "I'm worried about the distance."

Parents also were impressed by the Admissions Office's efforts.

"They send you T-shirts and posters ... It's like they like you," said Carol Weiss, a parent from Wexford, Pa.

The focus of the day is to make students feel accepted not just by the Admissions Office by the College in general, said Jennifer Freeze, campus visit coordinator and assistant director of Admission.

Renner, who headed one of the tours, mentioned that the small size of each tour group was made possible by the large number of volunteer VISA tour guides.

"We had small tour groups because we had so many volunteers," Renner said. "I was able to answer all their questions. Even the tours were personalized. I think our individual stories influence their decision in the end."

Weiss agreed with Renner. "It's true," Weiss said, "the students do the recruiting."

Renner was very excited by the turnout of current and future students at the event.

"I look forward to welcoming them to the Saint Mary's community," she said. "I am so happy that people chose to get involved on this day and share their own experiences at Saint Mary's."

Intern

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The program does not include housing, but Falkiner said Career and Placement Services has information about low-cost housing in dorms of other universities.

The Kauffman internship program is open to all Notre Dame students regardless of major.

"We want every student to have the opportunity to say, 'Yes, I'm interested,' or, 'No, I'm not,'" Falkiner said.

He said the selection process is rigorous. Students must fill out an application and also provide their resume, two letters of recommendation and an essay. Selected students will be interviewed after their application is reviewed.

Falkiner said he strongly encourages women and minorities to apply for the grant.

The Kauffman program will operate through the Gigot Center, which acts as a support center for entrepreneurial ventures in COB.

The kickoff meeting for the program is Tuesday at 6 p. m. in Room 160 of the College of Business. At the meeting Career and Placement Services representatives will offer assistance for writing resumes and essays. Jim Davis, the program center director will also be available to provide information to interested students.

Applications can be obtained at the Tuesday meeting or from 234 COBA. They are due by 4 p.m. April 15.

This will not be a one-year deal, organizers hope.

"Our intention is to make this an ongoing program," Falkiner said.

Since the University has received the grant for one year, it can only apply once more and then is expected to implement the program on its own.

"If we have a demand for it, we definitely want to increase [the number of students who can receive internships]," Falkiner said. "We're committing ourselves to making our Kauffman Program the best."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fire damages Campus View apartment

A fire caused by an electrical short broke out at in the 1800 block of Irish Way, Campus View Apartments, shortly before 6:30 p.m., Friday.

The fire began when an exterior light shorted and ignited the outside of the building, fire department officials reported. The small fire caused approximately \$300 in damage. No injuries were reported.

Graduate students vote today for GSU representatives

The Graduate Student Union will hold its annual elections today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

College of Science students can vote on the first floor of LaFortune Student Center, College of Arts and Letters students can vote in the Hesburgh Library main concourse and College of Engineering students can vote in the Fitzpatrick Hall lobby.

More information is available by calling 631-6963 or sending e-mail to ecp@gsu.nd.edu.

Ghilarducci reappointed to Presidential committee

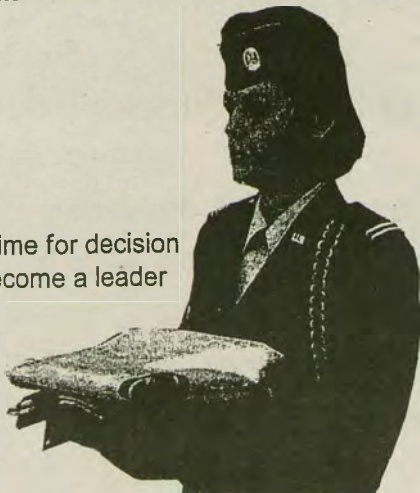
Teresa Ghilarducci, associate professor of economics and director of the Higgins Labor Research Center at the University of Notre Dame, has been reappointed to membership on the advisory committee to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) by President Bill Clinton.

The PBGC advisory committee, to which President Clinton first appointed Ghilarducci in 1995, advises the Corporation on its policies and procedures relating to the appointment of trustees in termination proceedings, the investment of monies, schedules for the liquidation of terminated pension plans and other issues.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Clinton, Assad can't make Israel-Syria peace

GENEVA

President Clinton and Syrian President Hafez Assad failed during three hours of face-to-face negotiations Sunday to nail down an agreement to restart negotiations between Israel and Syria for a landmark peace treaty. "The differences are significant and important and obviously more work needs to be done to bridge them," White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said. He characterized the meeting between Clinton and Assad — their first face-to-face summit in six years — as "very useful." But at the same time, he said, "We don't believe it would be productive" for Syrian-Israeli talks to resume at this point. "It is impossible to predict when those talks might resume," he said.

Albanians protest in U.S. sectors of Kosovo

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia

Hundreds of ethnic Albanians gathered at three separate spots near the main U.S. Army base in Kosovo on Sunday to protest the release of a suspect on murder and weapons smuggling charges. The protests over the release of Xhavit Hasani took place along Kosovo's border with Macedonia. The demonstrators objected to the release of Hasani, an ethnic Albanian from Vitina who was transferred by NATO peacekeepers to the custody of U.N. police on Saturday. Police intended to extradite him to Macedonia to face murder charges, though it is unclear whether he was actually sent to Macedonia. No injuries were reported. Ethnic Albanians in Vitina have complained that American soldiers have harassed them, beating some suspected of violence and subjecting women to inappropriate body searches.

Putin close to victory in Russia

MOSCOW

Vladimir Putin appeared headed for a narrow victory Monday in Russia's presidential election after a surprisingly strong showing by the Communists threatened to force him into a runoff vote. While Putin would almost certainly win a second round, it would have been a humbling setback for the former KGB officer, who has soared from nowhere to become the nation's most popular politician in a few months. Putin's call to strengthen the authority of the state and the security forces worried some Russians, who fear the country's democratic reforms could be rolled back. With 69 percent of the vote from Sunday's election counted by early Monday, Putin had 51.17 percent of the vote, enough to ensure outright victory and avoid a second round against the next highest vote winner. Communist chief Gennady Zyuganov was second with 30.37 percent.

Market Watch: 3/24

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VOLUME LEADERS

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MICROSOFT CORP	MSFT	-0.17	-0.1850	111.69
MCI WORLDWIDE COMM	WCOM	-0.62	-0.2675	42.67
COMPAQ COMPUTER	CPQ	-3.77	-1.1250	28.75
MULTIPLE ZONES	MZON	+93.55	+5.4375	11.25
ORACLE CORP	ORCL	+0.14	+0.1250	87.00
VIASYSTEMS INC	VG	-8.33	-1.7500	19.25
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INTEL CORP	INTC	-2.50	-3.5625	139.06
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JERUSALEM

One-upmanship marks pope trip



Palestinians put up their national flag during Pope John Paul II's visit to Jerusalem's old city Sunday. The pontiff faced political protest as he toured sites holy to Muslims, Jews and Christians.

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

Pope John Paul II has faced protests and boycotts on some of his 91 foreign trips, ranging from street demonstrations in Western Europe to a boycott by Buddhists in Sri Lanka. But it's doubtful that he's gotten an earful like this one before.

The disputes unleashed during the pontiff's six days in Israel and the Palestinian territories were nearly unprecedented for papal trips, which are often scripted down to the smallest details of protocol and speech exchanges.

There was nothing in the Holy Land this week as dramatic as what happened during John Paul's 1983 trip to Nicaragua, when the ruling leftist Sandinista movement disrupted a papal Mass. Instead, he heard a steady drone from Israelis and Palestinians staking out their rival claims.

One Muslim leader boycotted a meeting with him. Another stalked out early from an inter-religious encounter, angered by a rabbi's remarks claiming — erroneously — that the pope endorsed Israeli control over all of Jerusalem.

And from the moment the pope landed, Israeli officials lost no opportunity to remind their distinguished guest that Jerusalem, including its traditionally Arab eastern sector seized by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war, is the Jewish state's undivided capital.

Church officials insisted it was healthy. Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said John Paul saw a "photograph" of the situation. "He got a look at the reality."

Said Bishop William Murphy of Boston, who attended the stormy inter-religious meeting, with its mix of Hebrew and Arabic: "I don't speak either language and it's probably just as well. But the pope has been around. I don't believe such things faze him."

Just before the pope's plane took off for Rome, Navarro-Valls said the overall impression was that the trip was a success.

OPEC to decide fate of oil output

Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria

OPEC oil ministers were close to reaching a consensus Sunday on the need to boost output in order to rein in galloping petroleum prices and mollify the United States and other oil-importing nations.

Although the ministers refused to confirm the size or timing of any such increase, Kuwait's oil minister, Sheikh Saud Nasser al-Sabah, said OPEC is likely to raise its official production by as much as 1.7 million barrels of crude a day.

The 11 ministers from the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries will meet Monday to decide whether to extend cuts in output made in 1998 and 1999 that have propelled oil prices to their highest levels since the Persian Gulf War.

The United States is hoping for an even bigger increase in production than what appeared to be under discussion. High prices for gasoline and home heating oil have become a hot political issue in this American election year, and Washington has applied intense diplomatic pressure to try to persuade OPEC member countries to open their taps further.

OPEC ministers met privately in small groups in an effort to resolve differences ahead of Monday's semi-annual meeting.

"We are arriving to a consensus," Venezuelan Oil Minister Ali

Rodriguez told reporters at a downtown hotel. He refused to elaborate.

Al-Sabah, the Kuwaiti minister, said later that OPEC members were talking about a possible increase of 1.5 million-1.7 million barrels a day.

However, any official increase would not be as large as it may seem due to the more than 1 million "unofficial" barrels that OPEC members are currently pumping each day. This cheating on production quotas means that a daily increase of 1.7 million barrels would only add about 600,000 barrels of actual new oil to the market.

OPEC produces more than 26 million barrels of crude each day, or about 35 percent of the world's supply.

The U.S. and other oil-importing countries are hoping OPEC will raise production by 2 million-2.5 million barrels per day. Many industry analysts worry that OPEC won't produce enough to let consuming nations replenish their meager oil inventories and simultaneously meet higher seasonal needs for gasoline.

The United States has been lobbying hard for a production increase to stabilize domestic fuel prices that recently hit nine-year highs.

American motorists now pay an average of \$1.59 per gallon for unleaded gasoline, an increase of nearly 60 cents since prices bottomed out at 99.8 cents per gallon in February 1999, according to a Lundberg Survey of 10,000 U.S. gas stations released Saturday.

◆ Gulf states ready for cheaper oil, gas

Associated Press

KUWAIT

With major oil-producing countries poised to increase their outputs, the challenge to Iran and the Arab countries in the Gulf would be how to soften the blow of lower crude prices on their economies.

The 11 member states of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries are expected to agree at a meeting in Vienna, Austria, Monday to lift the production curbs they imposed last year. If they agree to raise their outputs substantially, as urged by the United States, the move would lower oil prices, which earlier this month hit a nine-year high of \$34.37 a barrel.

"The [Gulf] area is really terrified of slipping prices," Jassem al-Saadoun, an independent Kuwaiti economist told The Associated Press. "The [Gulf states] suffered bitterly when prices fell to around \$10 a barrel" in 1998.

None of the Gulf countries that rely on oil can afford another price collapse, with a consequent larger budget deficit and recession. But some states, such as Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, can bite the bullet if they have to.

Academy awards high honors to 1999 films

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

"American Beauty," a dark comedy about suburban alienation and family dysfunction, won five Academy Awards Sunday night, including for best picture, first-time director Sam Mendes and actor Kevin Spacey.

Top Awards

◆ Best Picture:

Sam Mendes,

"American Beauty"

◆ Best Actor:

Kevin Spacey,

"American Beauty"

◆ Best Actress:

Hilary Swank,

"Boys Don't Cry"

◆ Best Supporting Actor:

Michael Caine,

"The Cider House Rules"

◆ Best Supporting Actress:

Angelina Jolie,

"Girl Interrupted"

"This is the highlight of my day. I hope it is not all downhill from here," Spacey said jokingly, a racy reference to the film's opening. It was his second Oscar: He won for best supporting actor of 1995 for "The Usual Suspects."

Alan Ball picked up the Oscar for original screenplay, and Conrad L. Hall rounded out "American Beauty's" awards, for cinematography. The DreamWorks film had had a leading eight nominations.

Hilary Swank, who portrayed a woman passing as a man in "Boys Don't Cry," won as best actress. "Everyone put their heart and their soul into this movie," Swank said.

She thanked the real-life inspiration for her role, Brandon Teena, who was murdered. "His legacy lives on through our movie to remind us to always be ourselves, to follow our hearts, to not conform. I pray for the day when we not only accept our differences but we actually celebrate our diversity," Swank said.

Michael Caine, the kindly orphanage headmaster in "The Cider House Rules," won his second best supporting actor

Oscar. "Cider House" also won the adapted screenplay Oscar for John Irving, who wrote the novel.

Irving offered thanks for recognition of a film that deals with abortion, and concluded by thanking "everyone at Planned Parenthood and the National Abortion Rights League" — which got thunderous applause.

Caine, 67, who previously won as supporting actor for "Hannah and Her Sisters" in 1986, saluted his fellow nominees. "I'm basically up here, guys, to represent you as what I hope you will all be — a survivor," Caine told the star-studded Shrine Auditorium audience.

Angelina Jolie, the disruptive mental patient in "Girl, Interrupted," won for supporting actress — a generation after her father, Jon Voight, took home an Oscar. The 24-year-old Jolie thanked her father, a best actor winner for 1978's "Coming Home" and a nominee for 1969's "Midnight Cowboy," saying: "You're a great actor, but a better father."

"The Matrix," the story of a computer hacker who discovers life is a big illusion, won in all four categories in which it was nominated: film editing, sound, sound effects editing and visual effects.

Pop star Phil Collins scored the best original song award for his sentimental "You'll be in My Heart" from the animated Disney film "Tarzan." It was his first win in three nominations.

Collins thanked his three children who, he said, "really wrote this song for me."

The award followed a rousing performance of the bawdy "Blame Canada" from "South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut." Robin Williams led the chorus in a production number, even though the show's producers swore there would be none.

Best original score went to John Corigliano for "The Red Violin." The art direction trophy went to "Sleepy Hollow."

"Topsy-Turvy," a drama about the creation of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta "The Mikado," won two awards — for makeup

and costume design.

The live action short award went to "My Mother Dreams the Satan's Disciples in New York" and animated short Oscar went to "The Old Man and the Sea." Documentary honors went to the short "King Gimp" and the feature "One Day in September."

Spain's "All About My Mother" won best foreign film, prompting one of the night's humorous moments. When director Pedro Almodovar's acceptance speech began to run long and presenter Antonio Banderas pretended to pull him off the stage.

"American Beauty" topped most critics lists going into the ceremony, and was named best picture in Friday's controversial Wall Street Journal poll of 356 of the 5,607 voting Academy members.

Scientific or not, the survey was "American Beauty's" clincher for best buzz going into the Oscar show, broadcast on ABC with Billy Crystal as host.

The awards show capped one of the most bizarre Oscar seasons.

First, a large number of the ballots were delayed in the mail,

and the academy had to print new ballots. The academy also extended the voting deadline a few days to last Thursday, meaning the accountants had to work overtime on awards weekend.

Then a shipment of 55 new Oscar statuettes from the Chicago manufacturer disappeared from a loading dock at Roadway Express on March 8. Salvage man Willie Fulgear stumbled across 52 of them while rummaging through a trash container. Three Oscars remain missing.

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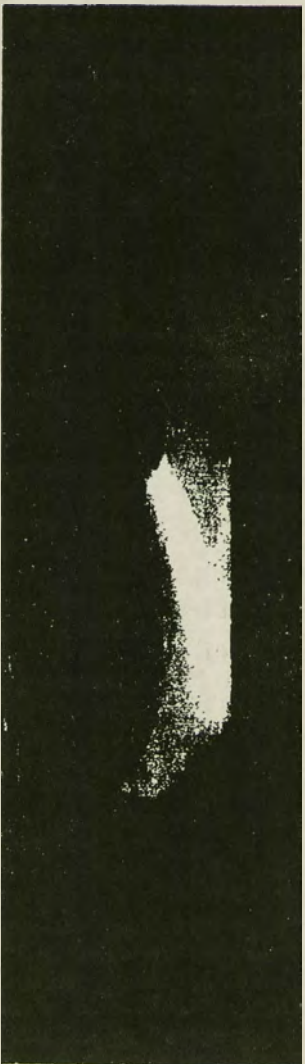
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Silicon Valley engineers design high-tech Legos

Associated Press

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. Tom Stangl looks up from his narrow cubicle and admires the dozens of colorful plastic creations he built from his collection of about a quarter-million pieces of Lego building blocks.

"As a grown man, this is good stress relief and it keeps my

imagination going," said Stangl, a 34-year-old technical support engineer for Sun-Netscape Alliance and one of thousands of techies taken with this children's toy.

The Silicon Valley's fascination with the famed Danish interlocking plastic blocks took off in the fall of 1998, when Lego launched Lego Mindstorms — a new generation of Legos that

could be manipulated using microcomputers, light and touch sensors, an infrared transmitter and CD Roms.

Computer programmers quickly hacked the Mindstorms' code and began devising ever-more complex creations: a miniature photocopier, a coin sorter and a variety of robots that can bark like dogs, climb stairs or carry the morning paper.

Programmers have figured out how to control them with everything from their CD players to Palm handheld devices.

"A lot of kids get rid of their Legos when they're teen-agers. But a friend got me back into them and I'm really having a good time," said Stangl, a member of the Bay Area Lego Users Group, which corresponds online and meets monthly for building sessions.

Lego Mindstorms Vice President Linda Dalton, who works with master builders at the company's colorful Novato, Calif., headquarters, said adult buyers boosted sales 300 percent last year.

"We thought these were going to be for kids, but what we're seeing is a huge amount of interest from the high tech community," she said.

Engineering teachers around the country are introducing the toys to their students for projects.

"There is something very exciting about making physical objects come alive," said Mitchel Resnick, an assistant professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he uses Mindstorms to teach students in his media laboratory. "In the past, you had to be a technical wizard, buying parts from Radio Shack, to build your own robot, or to add a sensor to the door of your room. Lego Mindstorms makes it possible for a much larger community of people to create their own computerized contraptions — and the sales figures demonstrate that many adults are interested."

Indeed, Lego officials in Copenhagen credit the Mindstorms line with the company's financial recovery.

Last month, Lego chief executive Kjeld Kirk Kristiansen — grandson of the company's founder — said 1999 "began in insecurity and nervousness but ended with progress and belief in the future."

The company said it lost money in 1998 for the first time since it was founded in the 1930s because of increasing competition from electronic toys and computer games.

But about 80,000 of the \$200 Mindstorms kits sold in the first three months they were on the market, and their continued success has pulled the company back into the black. The company hasn't released Lego sales figures since.

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UGANDA

Logistics stall cult death inquiry

Associated Press

RUGAZI

The investigation into the suspicious deaths of at least 490 members of a Christian doomsday sect was tangled in logistical confusion Sunday as a leading legislator speculated that sect leaders were behind the deaths.

Local police guarded a half-open grave at the sect's remote compound in southwestern Uganda, awaiting the arrival of a pathologist from the capital of Kampala and investigators from a nearby town to continue exhuming the burial pit.

But Uganda's chief pathologist never left the capital, police said.

"Logistics were a problem," police spokesman Mugenyi Assuman said by telephone from Kampala.

Meanwhile, a team of investigators standing by for the pathologist in Rukungiri, 19 miles from the compound, were never informed of the delay.

Senior Ugandan officials have quoted a 17-year-old sect member as saying the sect's two top leaders — Cleodonia Mwerinde, 40, and Joseph Kibwetere, 68 — may have fled the area March 17, when a fire in a sect church killed 330 members. Those reports are unconfirmed.

The deaths in the village of Kanungu were initially viewed

as a mass suicide. However, officials, police and villagers have speculated that the two leaders fled as the sect grew increasingly divided over the fact that the world did not end Dec. 31 as was predicted and wanted back their belongings, which they had surrendered on joining the sect.

Jim Muhezi, a leading member of parliament and a one-time head of Uganda's internal security agency, theorized Saturday that sect leaders cracked down viciously on the defiant, poisoning some, and urging the mass suicide to curb further defections.

Muhezi had also criticized the investigation into the deaths of hundreds of members of the Movement for the Restoration of the Ten Commandments.

Asked by reporters why 153 bodies in a sect compound in nearby Buhunga were exhumed and hastily reburied Friday without being identified, Muhezi replied: "Your guess is as good as mine. It's a poor investigative job."

Authorities in this East African nation say their probe has been hampered by lack of equipment, vehicles and staff.

The initial belief that the deaths at Kanungu were mass

suicide, a senseless tragedy, soon turned sinister when the crumpled bodies of what they said were six murdered men were discovered crammed in

one of the compound's latrines. Within days, 153 bodies were found in the dirt floors of a sect compound in Buhunga, some 13 miles away.

The sect had up to 1,000 members, and authorities here fear most may have become victims. Government officials are treating movement leader Kibwetere as a fugitive and the all the deaths as murder.

While they waited for experts to arrive Sunday, local authorities in Rugazi, 36 miles from Buhunga, surveyed a small sugar cane field adjoining the compound, mapping the tentative boundaries of an excavation for more bodies. At the corner of the field was the half-open grave, only an arm and hip jutting from the brown earth.

Police discovered the grave Friday, when they came to inspect the compound that until recently belonged to Dominic Kataribabo, who became a leader in the sect soon after a local bishop stripped him of his duties as Roman Catholic priest in the early 1990s.

"Your guess is as good as mine. It's a poor investigative job."

Jim Muhezi
parliament member

LEBANON

Troops battle as leaders try for peace

Associated Press

BEIRUT

Israeli troops and allied militiamen battled Lebanese guerrillas late Sunday as President Clinton met Syrian President Hafez Assad in Geneva, Lebanese security officials said.

Officials of the pro-Israeli South Lebanon Army militia said they detected guerrillas infiltrating the Israeli-occupied zone and opened fire with tank cannon and long-range artillery. Eight guerrillas were killed or wounded in the ensuing battle in Wadi Sluki, a valley north of the occupied zone, they said.

Lebanese officials said there was heavy fighting, but they could give no details.

The fighting took place as Clinton and Assad failed during three hours of face-to-face talks Sunday to nail

down an agreement to restart negotiations between Israel and Syria.

Syria is the dominant power in Lebanon and maintains some 30,000 troops in the country.

Earlier Sunday, Iranian-backed Hezbollah guerrillas fired at five positions in the Israeli-occupied zone, while Israeli shells damaged seven houses in the market town of Nabatiyeh, Lebanese officials said.

Israel has promised to withdraw from Lebanon by July.

Prime Minister Ehud Barak told his Cabinet on Sunday that a unilateral withdrawal would cost Israel \$64 million for all the additional security that would be required, an official said on condition of anonymity. A withdrawal with Syrian and Lebanese compliance would cost \$24 million, Barak said.

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L.A. prosecutor pulled off job

Associated Press

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A prosecutor who urged his superiors to file conspiracy charges against several police officers was pulled off the task force investigating corruption days later, the Daily News of Los Angeles reported Sunday.

District Attorney Gil Garcetti had denied on a radio talk show that Deputy District Attorney George Rosenstock sought approval to indict officers involved in a station-house beating.

But when faced Saturday with confidential memos obtained by the Daily News, Garcetti's spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons acknowledged Rosenstock wanted to file the first criminal charges against officers other than Rafael Perez, the central figure in the Rampart Division scandal.

Perez turned informant

after his arrest in August 1998 when he was caught stealing eight pounds of cocaine from a police evidence room.

Since then he has given investigators a litany of wrongdoing in the Rampart station's anti-gang unit, saying fellow officers repeatedly falsified evidence, framed innocent people and lied under oath to win convictions.

To date, more than two dozen officers have resigned, been fired, or been relieved of active duty, and 46 criminal convictions have been overturned. But no officers other than Perez have been indicted so far.

Police Chief Bernard Parks and others have criticized Garcetti for not moving swiftly enough to file charges against crooked officers. Garcetti, who faces a November run-off election, has said he won't jeopardize cases by filing them without

sufficient evidence.

Gibbons said top prosecutors were aware of Rosenstock's memos, but insisted Garcetti never was.

"There was no reason for them to notify [Garcetti]. It was just a memo, basically a prosecutor's assessment of what needed to be done," Gibbons said.

Gibbons said Sunday that neither she nor Garcetti would comment further on the memos. No one was at Rosenstock's office Sunday to comment.

Rosenstock's first memos about filing charges against Rampart officers are from December, according to the Daily News.

By February, he wrote that he had a solid conspiracy case against officers involved in the Feb. 26, 1998 beating of Ismael Jimenez.

Within days, Rosenstock was pulled off the task force; he now handles routine, low-profile cases.

U.S. Marines prepare for NATO war games

♦ Troop trial not meant to send political message

Associated Press

SUVA REKA, Yugoslavia

Smeared in camouflage grease paint that turned their features into swirling blobs of green, it was hard to tell the difference between Lance Cpls. Nick Downey and Jeremy Diola.

Then there were the matching fatigues decorated with medusa-like trains of burlap they'll use Monday as the sticky backing for branches, grass and leaves, creating moveable camouflage blankets that will help them blend into Kosovo's harsh, rugged terrain.

Diola, of Santa Cruz, Calif. and Downey, of Edinboro, Pa., are among the 1,100 U.S. Marines taking part in NATO war games named Exercise Dynamic Response 2000.

The three-week exercise will give the two 20-year-olds a chance to roll around in the dirt and test their professed ability to hit a target from 1,000 yards.

Marine Lt. Col. Tom Rollandini described the exercise as a sort of scouting mission to help the Marines learn the terrain, to be better prepared if called in to support the alliance.

Military officials deny that the exercise is a show of force to Milosevic's forces at a sensitive time, even though it coincides with the anniversary of the start of NATO's

78-day air campaign to stop Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's repression of Kosovo's ethnic Albanians.

The exercise also features troops from Argentina, Poland, the Netherlands and Romania.

To kick off the war games, military officials flew reporters to the NATO's Camp Casablanca, 40 miles south of the capital, Pristina, to a sort of armored open house, featuring groups of smiling Marines who stood by their weapons and explained how they worked.

Many of the Marines seemed more than slightly bemused by all the attention, fending off the questions even as they tried to explain that the Kosovo war games were just a multinational practice session.

The ethnic Albanian population, however, didn't let them forget that any member of the American military is more than welcome here.

Sgt. Jason Hopper, 22, of Memphis, Tenn. described crowds of people smiling and waving as troops were driving across the region on their way to Camp Casablanca — the only point they are likely to have contact at all with local civilians.

Though the troops aren't thinking about sending political messages, they are away of the sensitivity of the war games venue, he said.

"That really doesn't even concern us," he said. "We're just here to do an exercise. But we understand where we are."

Museum can sue for Matisse piece

Associated Press

SEATTLE

The Seattle Art Museum can sue a New York art gallery for the market value of a 1928 Henri Matisse painting that the museum had to return to its pre-World War II owners, a federal judge has ruled.

The judge had thrown out the lawsuit last year, ruling that the museum did not

have the right to sue the Knoedler & Co. gallery on behalf of the late Prentice Bloedel and his heirs. Bloedel bought Matisse's "Odalisque" from Knoedler in 1954 and gave the painting to the museum in the early 1990s.

Judge Robert Lasnik changed his mind last week after the museum showed the Bloedels' had transferred their legal claims on the painting to the museum.

Last year, the museum had

to return the painting to heirs of Paul Rosenberg, a French Jewish art dealer from whom Nazis stole the painting during World War II.

The heirs sold it for an undisclosed price to Las Vegas casino mogul Steve Wynn. The painting is estimated to be worth \$2 million.

Seattle Art Museum spokeswoman Linda Williams said a trial date likely would be set in coming weeks.



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Study: Louisville police fail to report use of force

◆ Newspaper report exposes systemic flaws

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. Police in Louisville don't always report their use of force against suspects, and the system for monitoring that use of force has serious flaws, according to a 10-month investigation by The Courier-Journal.

Arrests reports obtained by the newspaper for a story Sunday show officers routine-

ly "struggle with," "tackle," "fight," "wrestle with" or "pepper spray" people without filling out a use-of-force report. The document is intended to be an official, detailed statement to the police command on why and how force was used.

Officers are required to file the reports under certain circumstances, and commanders are then supposed to review them.

But when officers do properly report the use of force, the department performs no analysis of how, when, where, how often and against whom its officers use force, the

"I feel pretty confident with the reporting system that's in place today."

Ron Ricucci
Louisville public safety director

investigation found. As a result, top commanders lack tools necessary to discern trends, improve training or identify potential problem officers for counseling or discipline.

Although there are no legal requirements to do so, "the recording and analysis of offi-

cers' use of force is a necessary tool to control any excessive actions," Geoffrey Alpert of the University of South Carolina and Michael Smith of Virginia Commonwealth University wrote recently.

The Courier-Journal began its review last year, after the death of a black jail inmate and the shooting of an unarmed black teenager generated calls for more civilian oversight of Louisville police and fueled a community debate over police conduct.

City police arrest records, use-of-force reports and civilian complaints filed from 1996 through 1999 were examined.

Of the 848 times during the past four years police officers did report instances of force used against a suspect, only three times did commanders deem the force to be unjustified.

That means that fewer than 1 percent of the cases were disapproved, a rate that national authorities on police say is extremely low.

Studies show that the incidence of excessive force varies, but all put it well above 1 percent.

In hundreds of other instances — the newspaper found more than 600 that occurred during the last two years alone — officers said in arrest records that they used

physical force, but they did not document it on a use-of-force report.

The underreporting of force appears to happen in large part because the use-of-force policy is written too narrowly, experts say.

Both Ron Ricucci, the city's public safety director, and Doug Hamilton, who was police chief from 1990 to 1999, said that if officers don't fill out reports when they're required, it's the responsibility of first-line supervisors — sergeants and lieutenants — to demand them.

Ricucci said last week that he believes the city has "a pretty good grip on" use-of-force reporting in the wake of procedures instituted last June. The new policy requires that officers call supervisors to the scene when they use force, and that reports be written.

"I feel pretty confident with the reporting system that's in place today," Ricucci said.

But after the newspaper showed Ricucci a sampling of five arrest reports describing fights between officers and suspects — all occurring between July 4 and Oct. 14 — and the department was unable to find use-of-force reports in any of those cases, Ricucci said he was concerned.

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Castro: Elian will return to father

Associated Press

HAVANA President Fidel Castro declared Sunday that the Miami relatives of 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez had lost their battle to keep the child in the United States and that it was only a matter of time before the boy was reunited with his father in Cuba.



Castro

"The Cuban mafia has lost," an animated Castro insisted before hundreds of pro-government university students gathered to press for the child's return to his communist homeland.

U.S. District Judge K. Michael Moore's dismissal on Tuesday of the family's lawsuit seeking to block Elian's repatriation was "just and moral," Castro said.

In rejecting the request for a political asylum hearing for the child, Moore "meticulously reasoned and handed down an unobjectionable sentence from a judicial point of view," the Cuban leader said. "From a legal point of view it is invulnerable."

Castro said the boy should be

back in Cuba within three weeks, depending upon what other legal or political maneuvers the Miami relatives attempt.

"Justice will win and so will the Cuban people," student Norge Jimenez declared at the rally, held during a congress of the pro-government Federation of University Students, known as the FEU. "Elian will become a member of the FEU!" he added.

The U.S. Justice Department late Friday told Elian's relatives in Miami that they have until noon Monday to agree to a speedy appeal or the boy will be returned rapidly to his father in Cuba, according to family spokesman Armando Gutierrez.

In Washington, a federal official close to the case confirmed that the Justice Department plans to give the family's lawyers until April 3 to file the appeal.

Elian has been at the center of an international tug-of-war since late November, when he was rescued by fishermen who found him lashed to an inner-tube bobbing off the Florida coast.

Elian's mother and 10 others perished when their boat sank

during the journey from Cuba to the United States.

In Miami, Elian was turned over to his great-uncle, who is now fighting for the right to

raise him, saying he can give him a better life off the communist island. But

his father and four grandparents, backed by Castro, have demanded the child's return to his native country.

For four months, the Miami relatives have successfully blocked the child's repatriation.

In an apparent bid to increase American support for their battle to keep Elian in the United States, the Miami relatives last week allowed television journalist Diane Sawyer to spend two days with the boy.

The ABC News program "Good Morning America" plans to air the first of several reports Monday.

A Spanish-speaking child psychiatrist, with no prior connection to the case, accompanied Sawyer on the visit, the television network said.

Additional portions of Sawyer's report will likely be aired on Tuesday, and on "20/20" Wednesday, the network said.

"The Cuban mafia has lost."

Fidel Castro
Cuban president

IRAQ

U.N. liaison to Iraq leaves job post

♦ Humanitarian program boss defends criticism of sanctions

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

The outgoing head of the U.N. humanitarian program in Iraq on Sunday said his criticism of sanctions against the country was not an attempt to whitewash the regime of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

Hans Von Sponeck, who has frequently spoken out against international sanctions on Iraq, said that on Sunday he and Saddam had "a very philosophical discussion about the tragedy of his people."

"The comprehensive sanctions as practiced against Iraq have failed," Von Sponeck said.

The official Iraqi News Agency said Saddam told Von Sponeck "your stand expresses a lot about the situation."

But Von Sponeck stressed that while he and the Iraqi government had come to the same conclusion about the U.N. sanctions, it was "for

different reasons."

Iraq has tried to capitalize on his resignation, with state media describing him as an honest and courageous man who refused to bend to the United States, the main advocate of maintaining sanctions.

"I'm not a useful idiot. I'm not a person who's just following the Iraqi government line," Von Sponeck said.

His very public denunciation of international sanctions "does not mean I don't see that there are internal reasons" for the situation in Iraq, Von Sponeck said.

Von Sponeck said Saddam had welcomed him back to Iraq anytime. "The president said I don't need a visa anymore," Von Sponeck told The Associated Press.

Von Sponeck is due to leave Iraq on Wednesday because he is stepping down as chief coordinator of U.N. aid programs in Iraq. The German announced his resignation last month in protest at the devastating effects of the U.N. sanctions imposed since Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990.

Von Sponeck has also criticized the oil-for-food program, which he said does not meet the most basic needs of Iraq's 22 million people.

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Keeping up with Bob Jones

On February 2nd, Republican presidential front-runner George W. Bush made a campaign speech before students at South Carolina's Bob Jones University. Bob Jones' bylaws forbade interracial dating until they were recently repealed. However, its president stands by his claim that Catholicism is a heretical cult. Since his visit, Bush has been near-slandorously slammed as a bigot and a racist by liberal headhunters in the media. Attacks have even been made in The Observer, twice by Gary Caruso on Feb. 15 and 29 and most recently by Jim Kwiatt on March 9.



Mike Marchand

Questionable Freedoms

The attacks come off as a bit overblown. Bob Jones' racism and anti-Catholicism became public knowledge only after Bush's stop; therefore, it's a pretty safe bet that neither Bush nor whoever scheduled the stop for him knew about the university's beliefs until after the resulting brouhaha. Bush's apology afterwards to anyone who might have been offended testifies to that. Ignorance is no excuse, however.

I think of it this way: suppose Bush came to Notre Dame instead of Bob Jones. With our administration's discriminatory policies towards gays and lesbians, would we be labeling Bush a homophobe if he stumped here? Probably not, because despite the administration's attitudes, the vast majority of students aren't homophobic. Bush only explicated his views to non-racist students; he didn't condone bigoted beliefs in front of their racist administration.

I don't pretend to believe or intend to prove here that the Bob Jones stop was

anything but an act of political stupidity. However, inferring from this isolated instance that Bush is anti-Catholic or racist is at best a far-fetched stretch. The anti-Catholic charge is easily (though only partially) countered by the facts that G.W.'s brother Jeb, the governor of Florida, is a recent convert to the Church, and that Bush's constituency, the state of Texas, has millions of Hispanic Catholics.

The attack that Bush is a racist is a small part of a massive attempt by many on the left to define all Republicans as racists. Last year, Vice President and Democratic presidential front-runner Al Gore played the race card before a crowd comprised mostly of African-Americans by emphatically exclaiming that Republicans "don't want to count you in the census!" which is blatantly false.

In the Gore/Bradley debate at Harlem's Apollo Theater on February 22nd, Gore went on to state that the "real enemy" was "the right-wing extremist Confederate flag waving Republicans," a shameless attempt to dress all Republicans in white sheets and hoods.

Some critics have even gone so far as to state that by stopping at Bob Jones, Bush was actively pandering to the "racist vote" with no evidence of that. But pesky things like evidence haven't stopped liberal pundits from maligning Bush, then using that as a springboard to attack all Republicans: "Wave goodbye to that fantasy of a more inclusive Republican Party," crowed The New York Times, Bob Herbert after the Bob Jones incident.

The attacks on George W. Bush were and still are motivated by political gain and not an effort for racial or religious good feeling. The problem is, underneath the vicious swipes is a heinous bargain between the Democratic presidential contenders and a demagogue who is partially responsible for the racial tension in New York and elsewhere, the Reverend Al Sharpton.

Among Sharpton's greatest hits are a false accusation of Steven Pagnone, a white prosecuting attorney, of kidnapping and raping a black teenager in 1987 (he was found guilty of defamation and fined \$65,000, but he has yet to apologize) and helping to incite a riot in Brooklyn's Crown Heights district in 1991. All of this is in addition to a 15-year career of anti-Semitism. Sharpton was allowed the honor of asking the first question at the Harlem debate. Bradley and Gore practically pushed each other out of the way to appease Sharpton, and try to score votes from those people who support him.

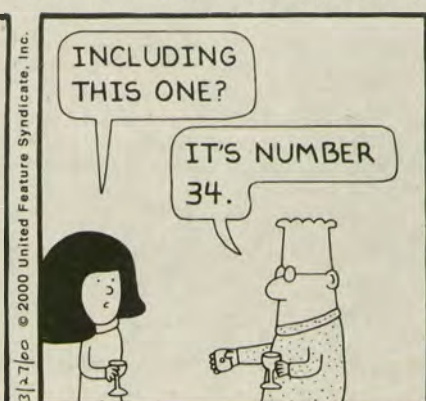
On Feb. 2, George W. Bush made the political lapse of speaking at a racist institution. This mistake was seized upon by political Rumpelstiltskins who attempted to make political hay of the situation and spin it into gold. With all evidence pointing to the fact that Bush's stop at Bob Jones was just an oversight, they attempted to paint Bush as either a racist or someone who actively courts the votes of racists.

However, 20 days later, Bill Bradley and Al Gore directly and openly pursued the support of Al Sharpton, whose public career of racism and bigotry dwarfs anyone associated with Bob Jones. But yet the prevailing message is to beware of a phantom Bush/Bob Jones alliance. What voters should truly be wary of are those people who attempt to malign George W. Bush while their own candidates are truly guilty of allying with an intolerant bigot, Al Sharpton.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"After all, what does a politician have but his credibility?"

Spiro Agnew
politician

Notre Dame is hiding the facts about sweatshops

The momentum has shifted. In December, when the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) first made an official proposal for Notre Dame to leave the Fair Labor Association (FLA) and join the Worker Rights Consortium (WRC), the FLA had 130 schools and the WRC only had two. After three months of student activism, there are now 20 schools in the WRC (including Michigan), and four have left the FLA.

Our administration's primary argument against joining the WRC is that it lacks bylaws, a budget, staffing guidelines, etc. First, this ignores the WRC's approach which is to involve universities and Third World human rights groups in deciding these specifics. Secondly, the WRC is more stable relative to the FLA than it might appear.

Aaron Kreider

*Think,
Question,
Resist*

Today, the WRC has more members than the FLA did when Notre Dame joined it. During our year-long involvement in the FLA it has failed to monitor a single factory, elect a full governing board, certify a FLA monitor or even write the procedures that monitors will follow. While the WRC is growing exponentially, since January the FLA is losing members as fast as it gains them. Joining the WRC is a very small risk for the University, and one that could greatly benefit to workers around the world. I can almost guarantee that with the backing of thousands of dedicated anti-sweatshop activists and experts, the WRC will not fail. But if it does, Notre Dame is only required to pay our membership dues on an annual basis and we can easily withdraw.

Our administration's secondary argument is that they do not want to release monitoring reports. The WRC requires their release so that the public will know what factory conditions are. Sweatshops have thrived because they have been hidden from public view and our administration wants to keep it that way. This is not because our administration is evil, but because they are reluctant to take a stance in favor of worker rights that might offend the rich donors who give as much as \$35 million (Mendozas) or \$39 million (DeBartolo) to Notre Dame. While I would argue that apparel corporations who have exploited workers in sweatshops for decades do not deserve our trust, our administration is reluctant to stand-up to these corporate abusers.

Notre Dame's sweatshop policy is contradictory. On the one hand we have agreed to the strongest right to organizing clause in the country. Notre Dame did this in recognition that the best way to end sweatshops is to empower workers, by allowing them to organize. By contrast, Notre Dame wants to use its license power to directly tell companies what standards to enforce, without consulting workers. While using our license power is necessary, Notre Dame should hand over to the workers as much power as possible. The right to organize is one step. An additional step is to require disclosure of the conditions at every factory (as required in the WRC). This will allow workers to show everyone in the world what their working conditions are. They can then try to improve them through comparisons with other factories, and by mobilizing awareness campaigns in cooperation with American anti-sweatshop activists.

However, Notre Dame opposes public disclosure of working conditions, probably because we are unwilling to openly criticize sweatshop corporations. Another step towards ending the contradiction is to join the WRC. This would empower workers because worker-rights advocate groups sit on its governing board instead of the FLA's union-bashing apparel corporations.

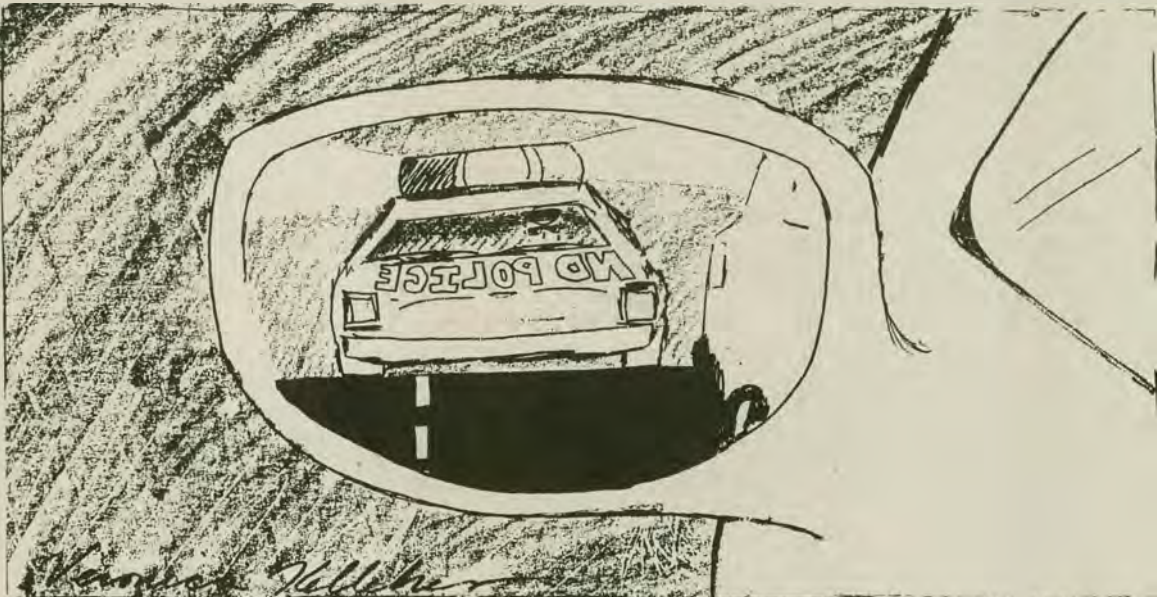
In response to Whitmore's attempt to discredit the anti-sweatshop movement and PSA, most workers would rather have anti-sweatshop activists sitting on a governing board than sweatshop corporations. Atheist and/or Marxist activists are doing far more for the workers than Christian CEOs. As a complete side note, most modern Marxists agree that Marxism has never been implemented, and just as most Catholics do not follow many teachings of the Old Testament, neither do all Marxists agree with everything Marx wrote (e.g. religion is not always the opiate of the masses). Anti-sweatshop activists include a wide range of moderates, liberals, progressives, anarchists, feminists, Marxists and many faith based organizations. The goal of the anti-sweatshop movement is to improve the conditions of workers by exposing and reforming the harsher tendencies of capitalism, not abolish it. In the future I hope to address the issue of why empowering workers fits in with Catholic Social Teaching, whereas relying on sweatshop corporations to set the rules and hiding monitoring reports from the public does not. Though I think this is self-evident based on the Catholic principles of respecting the dignity of the human person, the option for the poor and subsidiary.

I urge Father Malloy to commit Notre Dame to joining the WRC by April 1, so that we can participate in its formation and demonstrate clear moral leadership on this critical issue.

Aaron would just like to mention that he is a Mennonite. His column appears every other Monday.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



A blatant abuse of power

Lately the environment has been really nice here at Notre Dame. The weather is nice and people socialize more outside. Unfortunately, there has been an issue that has been annoying my friends and I. To put it simply, I feel that the Notre Dame Police Department has been abusing their power recently.

First of all, I just want to say that they are not a "real" police department, they are merely a security unit. I guess that they use the fact that it says police on their cars and try to show some authority that they don't necessarily have.

Just the other day my friend was driving down Edison avenue and was stopped for speeding. It turns out that it was the Notre Dame police. The officer gave him a ticket for speeding. After careful examination we discovered that it is not a ticket but a complaint to the local police department. My friend went to the local court to set up a court date and found out that Notre Dame officers, being merely security guards, can't give tickets off campus.

On another occasion, one of my other friends had his parents come over for the weekend. As a birthday present they left him a brand new car. Since my friend had a long schedule on Mondays

he decided to wait until the evening or until Tuesday to buy a parking decal and register his new car. Until he has his D2 decal he parked in the visitor's parking lot. This seems appropriate since he just got the car and had nowhere else to park. The day had not gone by and he received 2 tickets! One for parking in the visitor's lot and one for not having a parking decal. This came to a total expense of \$65!

My situation is that I keep getting parking tickets. I sometimes go run errands during the day in between classes. Since it is so hard to find a place to park in D2 I just leave my car in the visitor's lot for just an hour or two. Well until recently this was never a problem. Now I have three tickets.

If all that the security guards — not police officers — do is go around and give parking tickets or even worse go off campus to give speeding tickets then I say lower their funding, maybe they'll find better things to do with their time than to abuse their power and pick on us students.

Jeremy Beau
Sophomore
Knott Hall
March 23, 2000

Creeps aren't the only cause

This letter is directed at the comments of Mr. McDonald, who wrote a letter on Friday, March 24th concerning the meat market mentality that he believes pervades Notre Dame's campus. In the interest of honesty, I must admit that for the most part I agree with you. I don't, however, think that this phenomenon is particular to Notre Dame but is simply an integrated part of life at most colleges. It was certainly the case at my undergrad.

What perplexed me the most about your letter, however, was your apparent need to take a jab at the law school and its students — my classmates. Would your point about this campus being a meat market have been any less valid without what seems to be nothing more than a snide comment on your part? There was no special need to defame law students to elevate your position. The

simple truth is that there are over 500 students at this law school. As with any large group of people, most of them are great, but a few of them are creeps. I'm sorry that the creeps have given you the wrong impression about the rest of us at the law school, but even so, please don't point your finger at them when you discuss the meat market mentality you find at this school.

Like I said, it's college. It's a bar. The law students, even the creeps, are no more culpable for the atmosphere at Senior Bar than is anyone else who frequents the place.

Lindsay Sestile
Law student
March 24, 2000

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A modest Jimmy Fallon entertains ND crowd

By JOHN HUSTON
Scene Writer

Jimmy Fallon is a rising star. As a cast member of Saturday Night Live, he has begun to get more prominent roles since he joined the show in 1998.

As per norm with television stars, obtaining an interview was difficult — at first. His agent wasn't very good about returning phone calls but did mention the hotel where Fallon planned to stay when he visited Notre Dame for a Saturday performance at the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

A call to the front desk at about 4:30 p.m. Saturday quickly got transferred to Fallon's room where a groggy "hello?" answered. He was taking a nap, but politely said, "It's no big deal," and scheduled an interview for later.

Jimmy Fallon may indeed be a rising star, but his feet are firmly planted on the ground.

A line of people trying to get tickets began to form in the library lobby over an hour before Fallon's 8 p.m. performance. The show sold out quickly, and many were turned away.

"I feel bad for the people that couldn't get in, but hey, we're in here," Fallon said after he took the stage. "Tell them about it, I guess."

Fallon has two weeks off from SNL and is doing a college tour to brush up on his stand-up in preparation for an upcoming comedy record, that will be similar to the one Chris Rock recently released.

Fallon's tour has already taken him to University of Virginia, Michigan and Iowa —

all of which were "awesome" shows.

"I'm preparing myself for a bomb," he told The Observer after the show.

His 45-minute performance showcased many of the impersonations of celebrities and musical artists that he has perfected, many of which have been used on SNL.

His comedy career got started when in college at St. Rose, a Catholic school in Albany, NY, where he was a computer science major. He would meet a buddy in the laundry room; they'd make each other laugh and then write it down in a notebook. They asked the "powers that be" at school if they could put on a show. They did an hour-long presentation of material.

"We sold out, it was awesome," he said of the first show. The duo

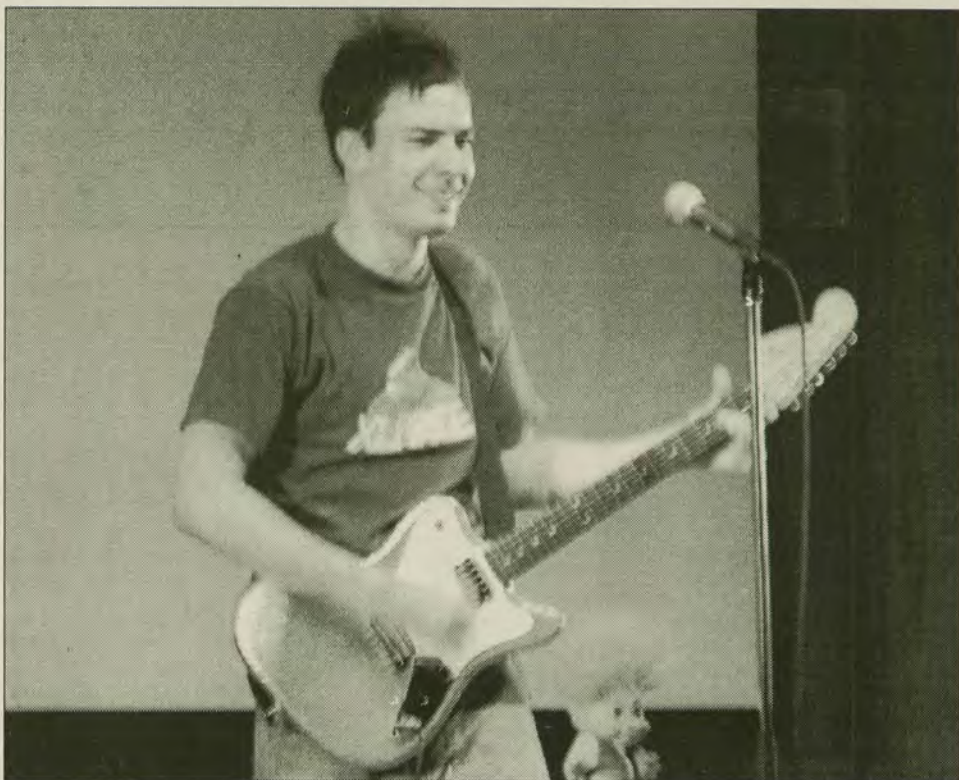
pulled in \$50 for the gig, and Fallon recalled thinking to himself, "Wow, this is amazing! Twenty-five apiece, man — beer money!"

His next performance yielded \$500, and the prices have increased ever since. He started booking himself at other New York colleges, making the drives on the weekends.

"I'm a horrible driver," he said. "My dad taught me, and he sucks. We're from Brooklyn, so there's not much need to drive."

After a stint with the improv/sketch comedy group "The Groundlings" in Los Angeles, he moved back to New York to work on Saturday Night Live in September 1998.

SNL pays well, Fallon said, but not as much as the average person would think. Still, the two-week college tour is not to pad his salary.



MARY CALASH/The Observer

Jimmy Fallon was joined by a troll, a guitar, and his phenomenal impersonations on stage as he entertained a full house at the Library Auditorium.

"This is totally for fun," he said. "This isn't for money. I never cared about money."

In fact, Fallon said that if his acting career doesn't pan out, he has something to fall back on — living with his parents.

"I could work at the post office," he said. His parents had already had him take the exam, he added. So much for that computer science degree St. Rose gave him.

Fallon's future looks pretty bright, so he won't be "going postal" any time soon. He has a role in the upcoming Cameron Crowe movie, provisionally titled "Stillwater," which is set for release in October.

Fallon's main job right now is SNL. He and his fellow cast member Horatio Sanz, who joined the cast the same season as Fallon, share an office and have already appeared in several skits together.

"He's awesome, man. He's crazy," Fallon said.

The two love the freedom of being able to come up with zany skits, and having the money of NBC behind the show to be able to build the set and provide the costumes. It's like Christmas each week.

"I mean, we could write a skit about a man who lives in this seat-cushion," Fallon said, grabbing the chair beneath him. "You can do anything you want, the whole thing is great."

Saturday night, Fallon delivered many of his dead-on impersonations for which he is most known, including Jerry Seinfeld, Adam Sandler, Gilbert Godfried, Chris Rock, Cliff Clavin, as well as music impressions of U2, Alanis Morissette, Blink-182

and the Fugees, among others.

"I was always singing into the mirror at home," he explained.

He said his first impersonation was at age two of James Cagney. "My mom has a tape of me saying, 'You dirty rat.' It's so cool," he said.

Despite being SNL's seemingly brightest star, popularity frightens the impeccably humble Fallon.

"I don't want to be too big," he said. "I don't want to blow up."

He doesn't like doing interviews. He seemed to regret having done a recent interview with Rolling Stone, because "obviously people are going to read it," he said. He doesn't even like going on the Late Show with David Letterman or Late Night with Conan O'Brien, though he loves both shows. "I get too nervous."

"Besides," he said, "I'm not a good interview, am I?"

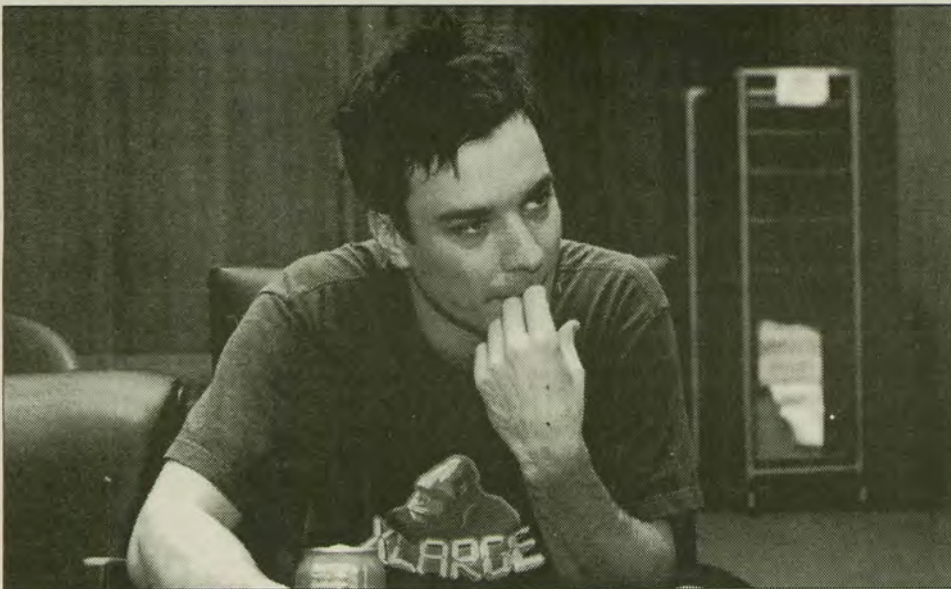
Whether or not that's true, and even though he uses "awesome" or "amazing" to describe just about everything, his good natured and positive attitude is apparent. He comes off as friendly, genuine and enthusiastic.

During his Saturday night performance, he mentioned high school. Someone in the back of the auditorium yelled, "Yeah, Saugerties!"

"You went to Saugerties?" Fallon asked. "Yeah!"

"We'll talk later, I'm kinda busy now."

Judging by the crowd's response to the show, Fallon will be busy for quite some time.



MARY CALASH/The Observer

SNL's Jimmy Fallon spoke with Scene after his performance on Friday. Stardom has not altered this well-known's modesty and ability to be down-to-earth. Jimmy relayed personal stories about his childhood and college years during the interview.

And the NAZZ winners are...

By AMANDA GRECO
Scene Editor

NAZZ, the Battle of the Bands, went off this weekend surprisingly well. Everything ran smoothly and on schedule. The turn-out was more than expected and the crowd was enthusiastic — and sweaty. So far, no injuries resulting from moshing or crowd surfing have been reported, though witnesses say there were a few overzealous concert-goers who had abrupt introductions with the Senior Bar floor.

The winners for the band category are:

First Place - Sexual Chocolate
Second Place - The Mad River Bluegrass Society
Third Place - Lazy Blue Method

The solo category had an interesting result as two contestants tied for first place. The winners are:

First Place - Justin Dunn
First Place - Christian Parilla
Third Place - Josie Vodicka

John Tabis of Sexual Chocolate said "We are very excited and honored to have been chosen as the winning band, but we felt it really could have gone to any number of the participants because there were so many great acts. We were just happy to be a part of such a fun and exciting Notre Dame tradition. Thanks to everybody for coming out and supporting all the bands."



Christian Parilla tied with Justin Dunn for first place in the solo category at the NAZZ battle of the bands this weekend. Prizes were given to the top three performers in each category, band and solo.

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Don't fear the reefer

Scene reviews two books that attempt to shed some light on this controversial plant

By BRIAN McLAUGHLIN
Scene Book Critic

Last week, literally dozens of wary, wide-eyed looks and nervous giggles were thrown my way by fellow classmates and dorm mates. No I didn't have some weird growth on my forehead, or drink mixers sticking out of my nostrils. All the strange looks were because of the two books I read last week. *Offbeat Marijuana* and *Highlights: the Illustrated History of Cannabis*. It seems that keywords such as "marijuana" and "cannabis," as well as illustrations of bongos and of course the notorious hemp leaf, still carry with them a plethora of unspoken, but vehemently negative connotations that cause many people to respond with fear or even anger. The problem is that more often than not, this response is an automatic reflex resulting from both ignorance and brainwashing. The brainwashing comes from the popular stance on marijuana in this nation, which is much like the popular stance on the devil — it is evil, evil EVIL! And of course, the ignorance I speak of stems directly from that brainwashing since we as young people are rarely given many facts about the true nature of marijuana and the plant it comes from. These two books attempt to shed some light on the subject in an effort to dispel some of the unwarranted hysteria and unfortunate lack of knowledge about marijuana and the cannabis plant.

Offbeat Marijuana, by Saul Rubin, is a comprehensive examination and investigation into all the facets of cannabis culture, including the plant's history, its many uses, its effects and its legal timeline. While claiming to approach the issue objectively, it is obvious that the book is written from a liberal, pro-marijuana standpoint, going so far as to label anti-marijuana legislation as a "government" conspiracy. Yet even though he speaks from a biased viewpoint, Saul Rubin still manages to bring up a large amount of compelling evidence to make his argument somewhat convincing.

A great deal of the book is devoted to examining the government's approach to marijuana, revealing that much government action was unfairly brutal, and took form as propaganda which ignored

and even contradicted the true facts about marijuana. These facts are examined even further in Rubin's chapter on the scientific studies of marijuana which contains a number of interesting facts such as "It is impossible to die from a marijuana overdose, it is also nearly impossible to from a true addiction to marijuana [alcohol or tobacco addiction is 10 times more likely], and besides lung damage which isn't even as severe as that incurred by cigarettes, there is virtually no other way in which pot permanently damages the human body." The book also goes on to praise the many beneficial uses of marijuana as medicine, as well as hemp, the drug-free portion of the cannabis plant which is nevertheless still illegal to grow due to the stigma held regarding marijuana.

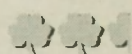
However, while *Offbeat* does a good job of making an informative study on marijuana's true nature, there are some problems with its argument. Rubin's weak writing skills often fail to prove why certain issues he discusses are relevant, and sometimes the writing is so muddled it almost seems that he contradicts himself. Also, the book is somewhat repetitive, and its partial view of the matter at hand gives the reader reason to believe that with some issues, Rubin holds back the whole truth.

Highlights, by Carol Sherman, Andrew Smith and Erik Tanner is much lighter reading and is constructed more like a coffee-table book than a true non-fiction text. The scope of the book is a much smaller-scale than *Offbeat* as it concentrates mainly on the history of the cannabis plant. However, even though this book may not discuss cannabis as completely as Rubin's book does, it certainly does a better job with the matter it discusses. *Highlights* succeeds at taking an objective stance on the issue and its discussion of historical events is much more in-depth and comprehensive than *Offbeat*'s. Yet despite its impartial orientation, even *Highlights* suggests that the general public opinion of marijuana may be unfair and that marijuana may not actually be as harmful as people believe. As suggested by the title, pictures figure in highly in this book, depicting a number of powerful images concerning marijuana's historical role. The only complaint about this book is its brevity.

While *Offbeat Marijuana* and *Highlights* would obviously seem more appealing to marijuana smokers, I would recommend it more strongly for non-smokers. For although the books offer useful information for smokers by letting them know exactly what they are putting into their bodies, the true focus of these texts is to educate people about a subject that society at large has preferred to keep under wraps. Whether you support or condemn marijuana use is your own choice, since marijuana is subject to personal taste and opinion. However, before you form your opinions, you must first learn what it truly is that you are forming opinions about.

Offbeat Marijuana

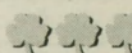
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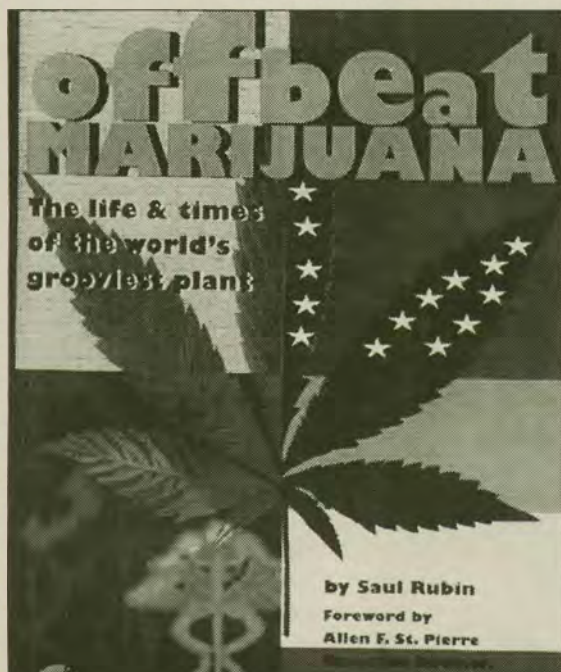


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Written by Saul Rubin, this book offers a biased yet informative perspective on marijuana.

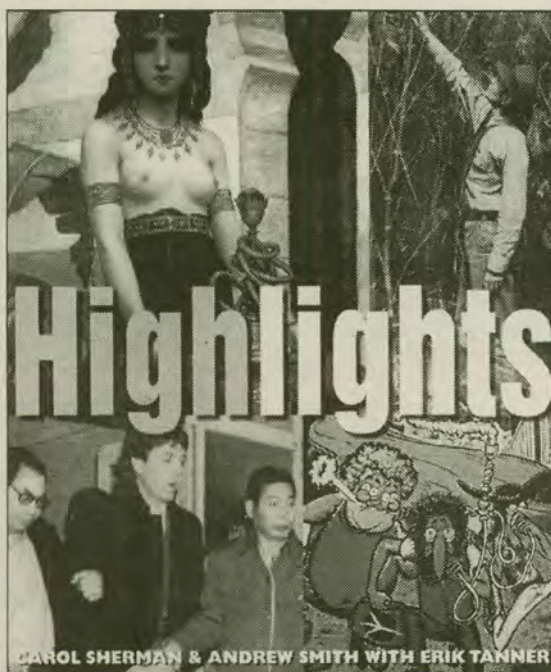


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This book provides an in-depth and illustrated history of marijuana and its legislation.

TECH COLUMN

The digital divide

The rich get richer, while the poor keep getting poorer! This is a cliché that you no doubt have heard at least once in your life, and now this division of social class has found its way into a new area of human existence — the Internet.

A great debate has erupted over the ability of everyone, rich or poor, to have access to the wonderful world of computer technology, and everything that comes with it. Currently, the magnificent minds of Silicon Valley are trying to figure out ways to bridge this gap, but are still far from eliminating it.

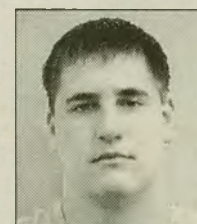
According to a study outlined in the 1998 book, *The Two Americas*, the gap is staggering. According to the research, 24 percent of people without high school diplomas and 37 percent of low-income people are interested in using the computer to obtain product information. This compares to 64 percent of college graduates and 69 percent of those earning more than \$50,000 per year. Hardly any lower-income families have a computer (seven percent), in comparison to those making between \$30,000 and \$50,000 (32 percent). Of those making over \$50,000, usage increases to 53 percent. Finally most staggering of all, households earning more than \$75,000 are ten times more likely to be surfing the World Wide Web than those making less than \$30,000 per year.

With this dispersion blocking possible equality, how can we hope to tackle this problem in America, not to mention world wide, where households in developing countries have it even worse? The quick answer is to admit defeat and give up on trying to bridge this gap, as there are more important things to worry about like starvation or homelessness, but this is a cheap way out.

The real problem that is underlying this one is the general one that most Americans face when it comes to large governmental or socio-economic problems — apathy. It is far easier to sit back and allow the government, or some other person, to deal with the problem that is really not too big to begin with. All that we have to do is allow ourselves to not be taken back by the sheer size of the problem, but rather, ask what we can do to just help out a little bit in our own cities or neighborhoods. I am sure that like me, you had your first interactions with computers in your schools or public libraries, but then eventually brought them into your own home. This is what we need to do with the lower-income families who do not have the ability to bring the computers into their own homes. We need to donate not only our old or slightly used computers to these families, but more importantly, our time. If we have the knowledge of computer use, we should share this knowledge, not use it as a way to make the gap larger. By helping the little boy or girl next door who has no computer, we learn more about ourselves and help to foster the need for knowledge in their lives.

The computer has without question changed the way we work, live and play. It has penetrated into households with a stronger thrust than that of the television. The digital divide is no doubt a problem, but with falling personal computer prices, public school programs and companies enjoying a tax break for donating computers, it is one that people are sitting up and taking notice of. The inclusion of your help in educating those who have not had the fortune of a Notre Dame education, is one more thing that will help destroy the gap that is separating the "haves and have nots." Of course, you could just finish reading this column and go on your merry way, which is fine too. You will simply add to America's biggest problem — apathy.

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



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TRACK AND FIELD

Irish open outdoor season by qualifying for NCAAs

By BRIAN BURKE
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's and women's track and field teams enjoyed plenty of success over the weekend as seven athletes met either automatic or provisional standards for the NCAA Championships.

Two of those qualifiers were at the Arizona State Invitational, where senior Marshaun West won the long jump with a leap of 25 feet 1 1/4 inches followed by freshman Tom Gilbert, who jumped 23 feet 11 3/4 inches. Senior Phil Mishka placed second in the 800 meters with a time of one minute, 48.01 seconds. Both marks were good for provisional qualifications, meaning the pair has met the minimum mark necessary to run at nationals, but could get edged if other athletes post better numbers before then.

"I think it's a really good start, a PR [personal record] by about a second," Mishka said of his time in the 800. "I wasn't as mentally prepared as I could have been. The race didn't seem fast, I was surprised when I saw [the time]."

Senior Chris Cochran also turned in a strong performance in the 400 meters, finishing fourth with a time of 47.40 seconds.

While none of the women sprinters or jumpers qualified for the NCAAs, they did show there is reason for early season optimism.

Senior Jennifer Engelhardt won the high jump with a leap of 5-foot-8 and 1/2 inches, while freshman Tameisha King's long jump of 20-1 was good for second place. King's long jump shattered Alison Heard's 1996 school record of 18' 10". She also captured fourth in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 14.23, and sophomore Liz Grow earned second in the 400 meters, running it in 55.09.

In the throws, sophomore Dore DeBartolo placed third in the hammer, breaking her own Notre Dame women's record with a throw of 181' 11".

"We ran well considering it's the first outdoor meet. Some of the performances are ahead of where we were at this time last year," assistant coach John Millar said. "Our [men's] 4x100 [relay] finished fifth but just missed the school record. It wasn't pretty with the passes, but there's potential there."

At the Stanford Invitational, the Irish distance runners had a stellar weekend with one automatic and four provisional qualifiers.

Junior Ryan Shay earned the automatic bid to the national championships by running 28:50.73 in the 10,000 meters, while sophomore Marc Striowski also qualified

provisionally in that race with a time of 29:53. In the 3,000 meter steeplechase Luke Watson posted an 8:46.98, and senior Antonio Arce ran the 5,000 meters in 14:02, both marks were good for provisional qualifying.

The only woman for the Fighting Irish to notch a provisional time at

Stanford was senior Alison Klemmer, who ran the 10,000 meters in 34:30.

"I'm pretty happy with it, the time should get me in [the NCAA Championships]," Klemmer said. "There's room for improvement. I ran much of the race alone and it's easier to run with people."

The remainder of the Irish runners competed at the Purdue Open. On Friday, Junior Crissy Kuenster placed second in the 10,000 meters, finishing in 37:56.40.

During the shorter running events on Saturday, two Irish freshman runners established themselves as key parts of the team. Ana Morales finished second in the 800 meters, running an impressive time of 2:19.98 coming out of a slow second heat. Kymia Love also placed second in the 400, finishing in 57.29 seconds.

"The race didn't seem fast. I was surprised by the time."

Phil Mishka
runner



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Junior Ryan Shay continued his distance domination, automatically qualifying for the national championships with a 10,000-meter time of 28:50.73.

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I could go for a movie right now.

No, actually I could go for some sleep.
I wonder if it's starting to get light outside yet.

Congrats, Bridget, on getting into GW.

Casino Night was a good time. Thanks, girls.

I wish there were something good on TV at 5 a.m.

It's back to the Big Apple this week. Hopefully it will be a little bit kinder this time around.

Great season to the Notre Dame women's basketball team.

Good luck in the NIT, men.

I hope your party went well guys. Any more random visitors?

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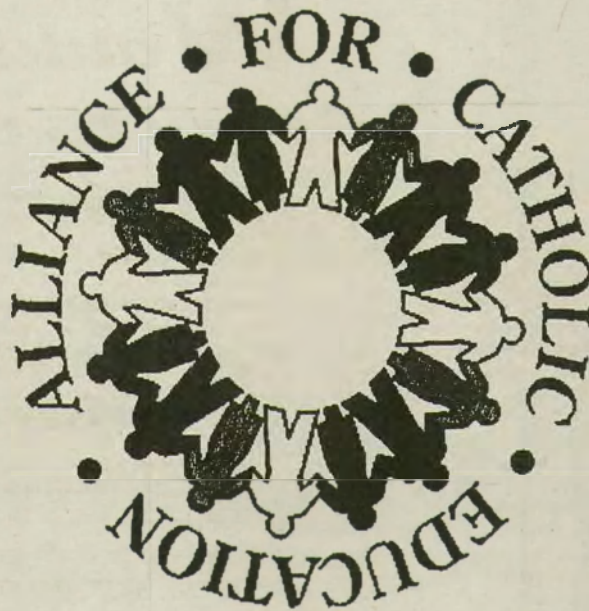
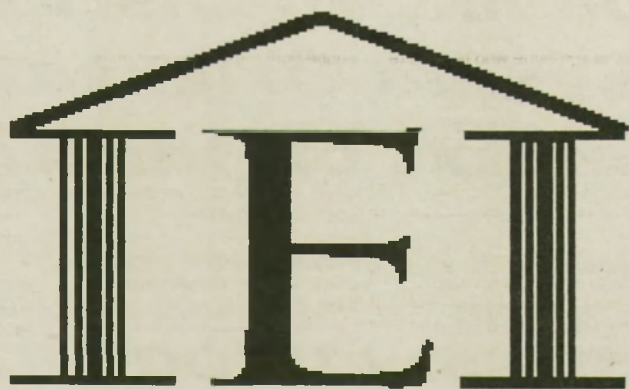
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TRACK AND FIELD

Season starts well for Belles

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's track team opened its season against the wind in Goshen this Saturday. Twelve members of the team attended the meet where the team earned 15 total team points. Coming back after spring break, the team was relatively happy with its performance.

"After spring break we were a little rusty," head coach Larry Szczechowski said. "But there were a lot of surprises. The long distance team did very well and we were very happy with that."

The long distance team boasted five top finishers in several races. The 4x400-meter relay team, composed of freshmen Bridget Horne and Megan Tenney and sophomores Erica Burket and Elisabeth Clinger finished fifth.

"Basically it was the end of the meet and we were tired," Horne said. "We would have liked to have done better but we weren't out to win. We were out for the experience."

Horne also finished fifth in the 1500-meter run. Tenney finished fifth in the 5,000 meters with teammate Katherine Zimmer coming in a close sixth. Clinger placed sixth in the 800 meters.

In addition to the contribution to the long distance team, Burket also finished second in the high jump with a jump height of 4 feet, 10 inches.

Although not a conference meet, the Belles thought this was an important meet.

"This meet really got the season going and gave us some real practice," Horne said. "For the freshmen, it was our first college meet and really showed us how meets work. It was a little nerve racking, but now we're ready for our next meet."

The Belles will participate in their first conference meet on Saturday against Hope at Hope.

WOMEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Gunter impressed by Connecticut success

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — LSU coach Sue Gunter has seen a lot in 36 years of coaching.

And when she looks toward the Lady Tigers' game against top-ranked Connecticut in the East Regional final Monday night, she sounds as much like a member of the Huskies' bandwagon as the opposing coach.

"I see absolutely no weaknesses on the team — none," Gunter said Sunday. "You almost get caught up in watching how fluid they are."

The Lady Tigers (25-6) played Tennessee twice this season, losing by 36 at home and 32 in Knoxville, Tenn. Gunter watched tape of the Huskies' 74-67 victory in Knoxville and saw "perhaps as good a performance as I have ever seen."

In LSU's first trip to the final eight in 14 seasons and only second ever, Gunter doesn't want the game to spoil the experience, no matter the outcome.

"I want the kids to go out and hammer and have a good time and enjoy what they've done," she said. "If things go well for us and we can stay in the game, hey, we're going to be there. We're not going there to make an appearance."

So, coach, how to beat the Huskies?

"I don't have an answer to that, and I don't feel bad about it at all," she said. "There's a lot of other coaches that haven't had the answer either."

Including a one-point loss to the Lady Vols on Feb. 2, Connecticut (33-1) has won by an average of 31.6 points, using a smothering defense kept fresh by waves of new players. And everyone is eyeing the same prize — the national championship.

Svetlana Abrosimova, one of two first-team All-

Americans in the Huskies starting lineup, said the memories of a fourth-round loss to North Carolina State two years ago and a third-round loss to Iowa State last year remain fresh, too.

"You're watching SportsCenter and you see the teams that advanced to the Final Four and you're not and you feel like you really deserve it because you worked really hard, but you didn't do it. You didn't make it," Abrosimova said.

The Huskies' style often is described as relentless. And Shea Ralph, the other first-team All-American, said the Lady Tigers can expect to experience it.

"I'm sure they're coming into this game thinking they're going to win," she said. "That's what we're going to prepare for. We're going to go out and play our game and not worry about what they bring to the table or any of that. We're going to go out and let them know what we're

all about."

This year, when the Huskies have been ranked No. 1 all season and are regarded as heavy favorites to add a second championship to their 1995 trophy, what they need to be about is a championship. It's clear nothing less will do.

"At the beginning of the season, everybody talks about the Final Four," coach Geno Auriemma said. "It's the holy grail. It's where everybody wants to go."

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MEN'S LACROSSE



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Senior midfielder Stedman Oakey (No. 4) couldn't get Notre Dame the victory this weekend. The Irish men's lacrosse team dropped its second straight contest.

Irish drop second game in a row

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team lost its second straight game on Sunday to Hofstra by a score of 8-7.

**Hofstra 8,
Notre Dame 7**

Irish

allowed five unanswered goals in the second quarter that put them down by four, failing to ever gain the lead. Once again the Irish failed to put together the full 60 minutes of play needed to win.

"We're just not consistently making the plays that we need to make," said head coach Kevin Corrigan. "Part of our problem in the second quarter is that we are not keeping our composure. We are playing good teams and good teams make runs at you. What you do is don't give up more than they make, you don't give them anything easy to extend the run and we are doing the total opposite."

Hofstra came out quick in this one with sophomore Joe Kostolansky scoring the first goal of the contest in the first minute of play.

The Irish picked it up in the last half of the quarter scoring three goals to go up 3-2. The Irish run was led by junior John Harvey who scored two of the three goals and ended the day with his second career hat trick.

The second quarter was a whole different story for Notre Dame as they were outplayed and outscored 5-0. Kirk Howell played well in the goal but the defense seemed tentative and the Flying Dutchmen took complete advantage by going on an unstoppable run scoring a total of six unanswered goals.

With the score 8-3 it looked as though Notre Dame might be in for a repeat performance of last week when it lost 12-2 to Loyola.

But instead of throwing in the towel the Irish came out in the second half and took control scoring four straight goals in a strong attempt to come back. Junior Steve Bishko led the Irish run with two goals, giving him a total of four on the season.

The Irish continued to play well in the fourth quarter but could not capitalize on a few scoring opportunities that could have tied it up.

"We played very well in the fourth period as well as the third but we just couldn't can our opportunities," said Corrigan. "We had four lay-ups in the fourth quarter and you can't not score on those opportunities. If we score on even three of the four of those we look better in the fourth quarter than we did in the third quarter."

The Irish had the chances in this game; they just couldn't take full advantage of their opportunities.

"We're not finishing," said junior John Harvey. "We are getting the shots but we are just not finishing."

"We're doing the things in practice that we have to do," Corrigan said. "We had a good hard week in practice last week and we got considerably better than we were a week ago and we need to do that again this week and prepare ourselves not just for Ohio State but for the rest of the season."

"There's only one way to play the game and we are starting to figure that out," Corrigan said. "Now we have to just keep working at it and get more consistent and do it for 60 minutes and not except anything less than that."

"We're just not consistently making the plays that we need to make."

**Kevin Corrigan
head lacrosse coach**

Fitzpatrick, Jurkowski earn academic honors

Special to The Observer

Senior swimmer Ray Fitzpatrick and hockey player Andy Jurkowski have been named to the GTE Academic All-District V first team for the fall/winter at-large program. Both are now eligible for national honors, which will be announced April 18.

Fitzpatrick owns a 3.685 grade-point average and is enrolled in the College of Science with a major in math. He won the 200-yard freestyle at the 2000 Big East Conference meet, while captaining the Irish to their second consecutive runner-up finish. A nine-time all-Big East selection, Fitzpatrick is a seven-time Dean's List honoree and could become the first men's swimmer to earn Academic All-America honors.

A seven-time Dean's List student, Jurkowski has a 3.86 cumulative grade-point aver-

age as a finance major in the College of Business. He is the fifth Notre Dame hockey player in the last three years to earn Academic All-District honors.

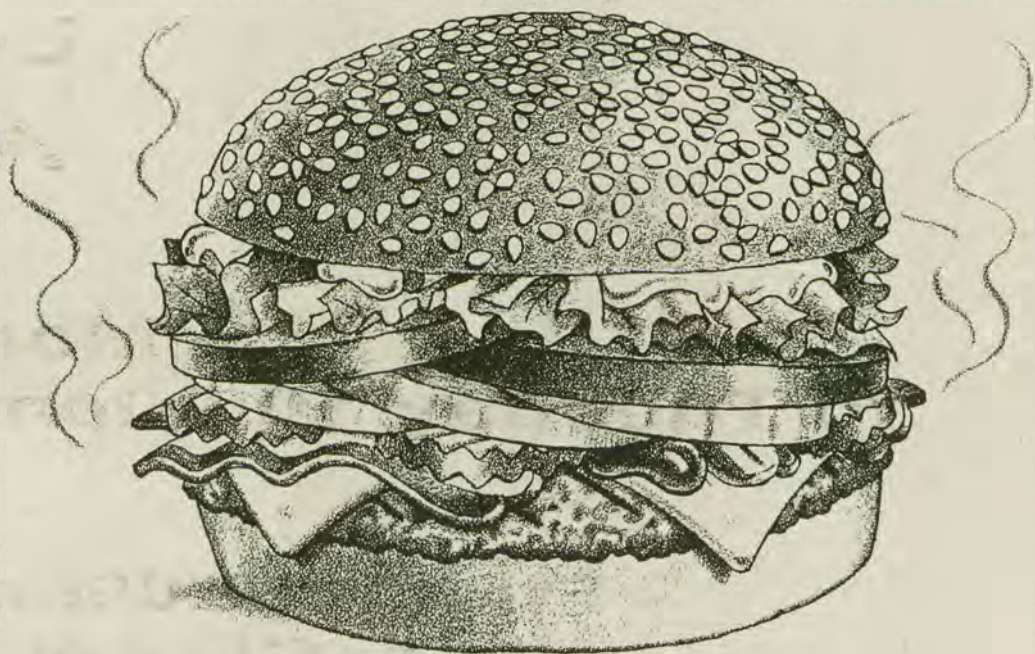
Jurkowski helped the Irish reach the 2000 Central Collegiate Hockey Association semifinals for the first time since 1982. A former walk-on who began his career in 1996-97 as a forward/defenseman, he appeared in 108 career games including a team-best 86 straight, with seven goals and 12 assists. In 1999-2000, Jurkowski was the team's ninth-leading scorer with five goals and eight assists.

Four Notre Dame student-athletes also were named to the academic all-district second team. Senior soccer player Jenny Streiffer, cross country runner Alison Klemmer and swimmer Elizabeth Barger were joined by junior hockey player Dan Carlson on the district second team.

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ROWING

Irish win two races in regatta

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame women's rowing team competed in two regattas this weekend. The first took place on Saturday against Louisville and Indiana.

Notre Dame was victorious in two of the four races it competed in, winning the varsity four and the varsity eight. The Irish also placed second in both the first novice eight and the second novice eight with times of 6:46.70 and 7:27.20, respectively.

On Sunday, Notre Dame took on Michigan State at Margaret Bricker Park in Mishawaka, Indiana.

The Irish placed first in the third novice eight with a time of 7:21.20. The Irish were edged out by the Spartans in the other five races with the closest race coming in the first novice eight as the Irish were beaten by two seconds.

The next home regatta will be Sun., April 2 against Drake.

Recycle.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Netters return to action against Jayhawks

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's tennis team will be well rested when they take to the courts this afternoon against the Kansas Jayhawks at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. The match constitutes the first in nine days for the Irish, who are eager to return to play.

"We're really excited to be back," sophomore Becky Varnum said. "Everyone is pumped up to get back out there and play."

Junior All-American Michelle Dasso will lead the Irish back into battle. Her strong play of late has allowed the Irish to climb in the national rankings, and her teammates will look for her to set the tone.

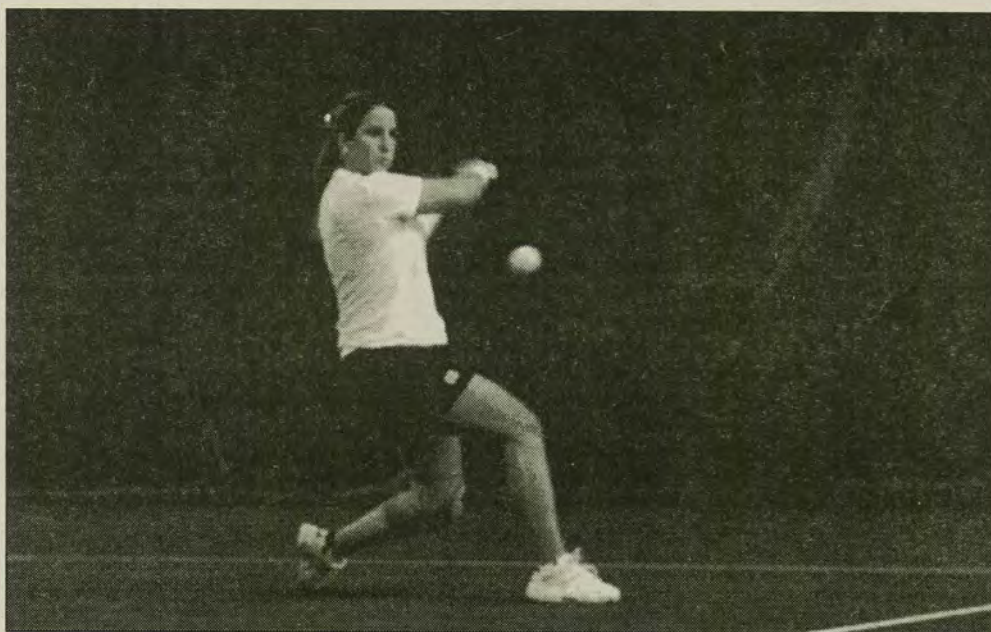
"She's been awesome as usual," Varnum said. "She'll be the key for us."

Though the Jayhawks have had their ups and down this season, the Irish women expect a struggle. Despite being just 9-5, Kansas is coming off a quality win over No. 28 South Florida in what may have been its best performance of the year.

"We expect a tough match," Dasso said. "For some reason they are always really fired up to play us. It's a match we should win, but we're going to have to play hard."

The key to the match appears to lie in the singles portion of play. The Irish boast a considerable advantage in singles competition and will be looking to exploit that edge. Notre Dame's top three players, Dasso, Varnum, and senior captain Kelly Zalinski are markedly better than Kansas' top trio of Brooke Chiller, Cheryl Mallaiah, and Monica Sekulov.

"We need to get out and play well in the singles," sophomore Lindsey Green said. "If we have a lead going into doubles we'll be in great shape."



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The Irish women's tennis team heads into battle today against the Kansas Jayhawks. The match will be Notre Dame's first in nine days.

Dasso agrees.

"We really do have an edge in singles," she said. "And it's going to be important to have that lead heading into doubles."

Both players are particularly concerned with obtaining a lead entering doubles play, because the Irish have shown weaknesses in the tandem format. Since an injury to junior Kimberly Guy several weeks ago, the Irish have been unable to find the right doubles mix.

In an effort to recapture the magic of its early season doubles play, Notre Dame will once again juggle its lineup.

Dasso and Varnum will again play No. 1 doubles, followed by Zalinski and Green at No. 2, but at No. 3 doubles, freshman Katie Cunha will be paired with sopho-

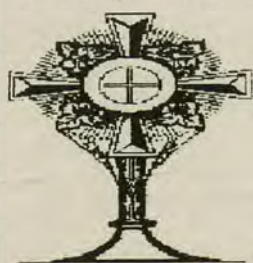
more Nina Vaughan. Cunha and Vaughan have never played together, and their inexperience could favor the Jayhawks in a close match.

Coming off their longest break of the spring, one might think that the Irish would be rusty. Dasso feels that's not at all the case.

"I think the break will help us out a lot," she said. "We had a lot of matches in a short period of time so I think we really earned it."

After being left to flounder by the Pepperdine Wave in its last match, Notre Dame will look to reprise its winning ways today as they will be refreshed when they attempt to clip the Jayhawks' wings.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Tarheels Final Four-bound after string of upsets

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas

Well, look at North Carolina now.

The supposedly misguided team that some said didn't even deserve to be in the NCAA tournament is headed to the Final Four, led by a coach who suddenly seems like a genius.

College basketball's least likely underdog capped its stunning turnaround by beating Tulsa 59-55 on Sunday in the South Regional final to advance to the national semifinals for a record-tying 15th time.

Joseph Forte, the first freshman to ever lead North Carolina in scoring, paved the way by scoring 10 of his season-high 28 points during a 14-4 second-half spurt that broke open a tie game, then sealed the victory by sinking a foul shot with 4.1 seconds left.

"It took us a while to find each other this season," said senior guard Ed Cota, who has reached his third Final Four in four years. "The teams I was on here before knew how to win. This team found it late, but we couldn't have picked a better time."

Players piled on each other at midcourt, then Forte emerged with the game ball and hurled it into the stands. Standing nearby watching it all with a big smile was coach Bill Guthridge, who is headed to Kansas for his mother's funeral Monday.

"Obviously, since we were an eighth seed, this was unexpected," said Guthridge, Dean Smith's longtime top assistant and hand-picked successor who heard critics calling for his job two weeks ago. "But I believed and the team believed and that's why we're going."

The Tar Heels (22-13) came into the tournament having lost four of six. They 7-8 since a mid-January swoon knocked them out of the poll for the first time in a decade, a dramatic drop for a team that was No. 2 in late November.

Now North Carolina is riding a

season-best four-game winning streak that includes victories over the South's top seed, Stanford, and fourth-seeded Tennessee. The Tar Heels join West champion Wisconsin as the first No. 8 seeds in the Final Four since Villanova won it all in 1985.

North Carolina will play Florida on Saturday in Indianapolis in the national semifinals. The Gators beat Oklahoma State 77-65 on Sunday in the East final in Syracuse, N.Y.

"I'm proud of the team," Guthridge said. "They've been through some tough times and they've kept me up. This is a thrill you never get tired of."

Tulsa (32-5) didn't go down easily. The tough defense that has been the Golden Hurricane's trademark kept them in it even when leading scorer David Shelton and emotional leader Eric Coley were in foul trouble, then again when they opened the second half missing eight straight shots.

Even after the Forte-led run put North Carolina up by 10, never-say-die Tulsa challenged again. Freshman Dante Swanson scored six straight points in the final two minutes to make it 57-55 with 21 seconds left.

Coley was gone after fouling Cota on the inbounds pass, and he hit one of two free throws to make it 58-55. Shelton took a wild 3-pointer with eight seconds left that would have tied it, but missed badly.

"It wasn't drawn up like that," said Shelton, whose 1-for-9 outing epitomized Tulsa's poor shooting. "But they didn't switch and I just tried to make a play because we didn't have much time."

Forte grabbed the rebound and was fouled. As the teams walked to the other end of the court, 7-footer Brendan Haywood held his massive arms straight up and waved to the crowd. Forte drew more cheers by making the game's final point.

Tulsa ended the greatest season in its history, having set a school record for wins and advancing its farthest in 12 NCAA appearances. The Golden Hurricane's previous four losses had been by a combined seven points, none by more than three.

"It's a sweet feeling because of all the goals we've met," Coley said. "But sometimes you're going to lose. It's tough as a senior, but I hope the other guys got a taste of it and will be back here next year."

Swanson hit 6-of-8 shots and led Tulsa with 15 points. Marcus Hill and Brandon Kurtz each scored 11.

North Carolina was much bigger than Tulsa, but the Golden Hurricane were a lot faster. That balance kept things close.

Tulsa played tight man-to-man defense and often had two guys defending the ball. Wide-open shots were few and far between for the Tar Heels, but with patient, good shot selection they made 44 percent.

North Carolina's defense ended up being the difference. Guthridge switched between man and zone, and was able to prevent Tulsa from getting into a rhythm. The Golden Hurricane shot a season-low 37 percent.

"They were much quicker on us, so we wanted to switch it up just to throw them off," Cota said.

Forte's big boost began with a jumper that made it 41-39. Fellow freshman Julius Peppers made two free throws with 8:41 left that put the Tar Heels up for good. Forte scored the next six points for an eight-point lead with 6:31 left.

"Once the NCAA tournament started, I was a little nervous for the first game," said Forte, who also has set North Carolina's freshman scoring record.



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North Carolina's Ed Cota (left) and Jason Capel celebrate at midcourt after their team's 59-55 win over Tulsa. The Tarheels advanced to their third Final Four in four years.

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Notre Dame senior Danielle Green (No. 12) closed out her college career Saturday, scoring 15 points in the Irish loss. The team just missed its first Elite Eight appearance since 1997.

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the Irish finished the first half with a 28-23 edge, but it wasn't enough, as the Raiders refused to die.

Irish center Ruth Riley scored a team-high 19 points, but the Raiders forced the All-American to foul out in the second half, leaving a gaping offensive hole when the Irish needed it most.

"Credit their defense," McGraw said. "They played hard they handled the pressure and I thought the difference in the game was when Ruth Riley was on the floor and when she was not on the floor — I think we're two different teams."

The silencing of Riley provided an opportunity for the Irish backcourt to step up, but it didn't.

Guards Niele Ivey and Alicia Ratay went a combined 2-for-16 from the field, scoring just nine points total.

"We obviously need [Ratay] to score and I thought she played just like a freshman tonight," McGraw said. "She didn't seem to have the confidence that she normally has."

The Irish had a chance get a lead on the Raiders with 3:31 left, when forward Ericka Haney hit a seven-foot jumper to bring the score to 57-56, but the Irish never could get on top.

Perfect execution of offense when it counted gave the Raiders a five-point lead with 23 seconds left, and the Raiders held on to advance to the Elite Eight of the tournament.

"I think at this time of year it just comes down to making plays," Sharp said. "And we were just fortunate to make enough plays in the second half to get ourselves a chance to win."

Forward Aleah Johnson paced the Raiders with 18 points, leading four Texas Tech players scoring in double-digits.

Suiting up for the last time in Irish uniforms, Notre Dame seniors Danielle Green and Julie Henderson scored 15 and 10 points respectively.

Notre Dame's loss ends a season of many successes — the Irish held the nation's longest winning streak for most of the year and continued their undefeated record at the Joyce Center while peaking at No. 5 in national polls.

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NCAA FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Debic an inspiring force for the Irish fencing squad



Freshman Ozren Debic celebrates his win over Penn State's Donald McGill at the 2000 NCAA Fencing Championships.

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By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

PALO ALTO, Calif.

The floor shook as the Penn State fencing team stomped their feet and screamed to cheer on their teammate, Gang Lu.

A few feet away the Notre Dame fencing team screamed "Oz" just as loud to inspire their teammate, Ozren Debic.

With the bout tied 4-4, the tension could not have been higher in the match between two of the top collegiate foilists in the country.

Amid the screaming and stomping, Debic turned to his fans and smiled and stuck out his tongue, seemingly oblivious to the pressure of the match. The pressure didn't affect his fencing either as the freshman from Croatia easily won the last touch and the bout against Lu, 5-4.

"I try to be relaxed," Debic said. "That is the key to fencing 23 bouts. You have to forget if you lost the bout before. That's the only way you can maintain your quality throughout the tournament."

Debic stayed relaxed through the 2000 NCAA Fencing Championships and won 20 of 23 bouts for the Irish. His record earned him a second-place finish in the round robin tournament and a spot in the four-man tournament for first place.

In the semifinals, Debic cruised through Ayo Griffin of Yale 15-8 to reach the finals

against Felix Reichling of Stanford. Reichling, the 1999 champion, had defeated Debic in the round robin tournament.

Debic stayed with Reichling early but in the end the former German national team member was too strong for the Irish freshman.

"In the bout against Felix, he was more prepared," Debic said. "He was a better fencer. He is not as good as he was before when he was on the German national team but he was still better today."

On most days, no one is better than Debic.

He won 42 bouts for the Irish and his single season winning percentage was the fifth-best ever by an Irish foilist. After the first weekend of the season when he dropped three bouts, Debic did not lose a single regular season bout and won both the Midwest Fencing Conference and the Midwest Regional titles. Once Debic adjusted to the NCAA system of fencing tournaments, he was nearly unstoppable.

"It took me a few tournaments to get used to this kind of competition," he said. "Here, all the bouts are five-touch bouts and if you lose them you lose your ranking. Your seeding can go down if you aren't being careful enough. In the World

Championships, if you practice hard and get to the point where you are really good, the 15-point bouts always show which fencer is better."

Debic enjoys the 15-touch bouts that characterize World Cup events more than the five-touch bouts that the NCAA uses in every contest except the finals and semifinals.

Nevertheless, he is still happy with his second-place finish.

"I am satisfied," he said. "It is such a risky system and the referees aren't that good. The bouts are too short so if the referee makes a bad call, it can make a very big difference. I lost

three bouts that way the first day."

In addition to adjusting to a new style of fencing, Debic also had to adjust to a new country and culture when he began his freshman year. Coming from a small town in Croatia, Debic finds the American love of big things puzzling.

"Everything has to be enormous and huge — the bigger the better," he said. "At first I thought that Notre Dame was huge but then when I went to Penn State and other colleges, I saw that Notre Dame was actually pretty small. I am glad I came here because for American standards it has an intimate atmosphere."

With the way he has won bouts for the Irish, Notre Dame is glad he came too.

"You have to forget if you lost the bout before."

Ozren Debic
Notre Dame foilist

Szelle

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year was I was able to maintain the way I liked to fence throughout the tournament. I think I started out a bit slow but later on I fenced pretty well. I was able to concentrate on the very important bouts."

Irish head coach Yves Auriol told Szelle that anything less than first would not be acceptable this year and the sophomore from Budapest, Hungary, did not let his coach down.

"I think today he wanted it," Auriol said. "He had a lot of determination. I told him he could not be second."

Although Szelle's bout against Krochmalski was very close, Szelle said he never worried about the outcome. Szelle was familiar with Krochmalski's style since he had seen the Wayne State sabreman fence many times before during the regular season.

Fencing in the same group, Szelle got an even better look at Krochmalski on Saturday and Sunday. When it came time for the championship, the freshman was more than prepared.

"We were from the same region so we know each other pretty well," Szelle said. "He hasn't beaten me in a 15-touch bout."

Szelle was actually more concerned about his semifinal opponent, Ivan Lee of St. John's, than Krochmalski. While Krochmalski was a familiar opponent, Szelle had only faced Lee once before.

Although he had beaten Lee in their previous meeting, Szelle did not know what to expect in the semifinals.

"I think this time I did a pretty good job," Szelle said about his second meeting with Lee. "I was able to stop him but he didn't fence very well. He can fence much better than this."

Szelle's championship was the crowning achievement for the Notre Dame men's sabre. Auriol has often said the Irish sabre squad was the best in the country and Szelle's championship combined with junior Andrzej Bednarski's fifth place finish merely put an exclamation point on a great season.

"It was the highlight of the weekend," sabre captain Clay Morton said. "It shows that we weren't wrong in thinking that we were the best sabre squad in the nation."

The Irish also avenged their only loss on the season, to St. John's, by winning 37 bouts to the Red Storm's 32.

Szelle regretted that Bednarski did not join him as a first team All-American. Bednarski finished the day with as many victories as Lee but finished fifth behind Lee on indicators.

"I think what Andrzej did was very nice," Szelle said. "He did a very good job. He just got very unlucky. If he could have won one more bout, he could have been in the top four. He was definitely one of the guys who deserved to be in the top four."

While Penn State won the overall team championship, the Irish sabre squad shut out the Nittany Lions in round two of the round robin tournament. Bednarski and Szelle teamed



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Sophomore fencer Gabor Szelle dominated the 2000 NCAA Fencing Championships, winning a sabre championship in just his second collegiate season.

with Krochmalski win six straight bouts and cut the Penn State overall lead to 13.

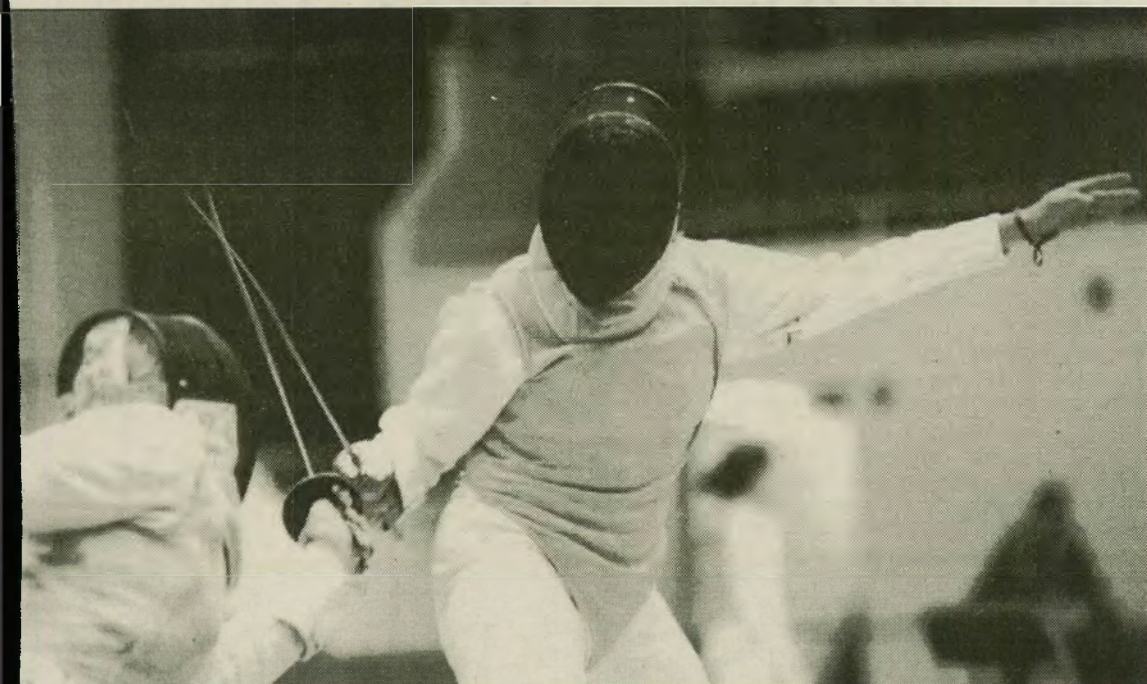
The sabre team has proven itself to be so dominant that it expects big wins over Penn State. Losses to the Nittany Lions are an embarrassment for Szelle.

"Last year it was basically the same thing," he said. "Except last year, I lost one bout to Penn State — which is pretty bad."

Although Bednarski is going abroad next year, Szelle returns for the sabre squad which also features two poten-

tial All-Americans in sophomore Andre Crompton and freshman Matt Fabricant. If NCAA rules didn't restrict schools to two fencers per weapon, both Crompton and Fabricant might have qualified for the Championships this year.

NCAA FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Senior fencer Magda Krol came out victorious in this weekend's NCAA Championships. She earned 64 career victories in four years competing in the Championships.

Krol closes out career with title

PALO ALTO, Calif.

When the green light flashed for the fifth and final time, senior Magda Krol pumped her fist in the air and screamed in triumph — just like she had 63 previous times at the NCAA Championships.

Her 5-2 victory over Elizabeth Thottam of St. John's, however, was more than just her 64th career victory at the NCAA Championships — it was her last victory.

"I didn't have anything on my mind but just go touch by touch and to win it for Notre Dame," Krol said. "I didn't even realize it was my last one of the day. I was so ready to finish my last bout with good spirit and good sportsmanship and determina-



Mike Connolly

outside looking in

tion on every touch."

Spirit. Determination. Sportsmanship.

While Penn State head coach Emmanuil Kaidanov threw hissy fits on the sidelines, demanded extra judges and weapons checks and played every other mind game with Krol, the senior never strayed from the spirit, determination and sportsmanship she learned under the Dome.

"They've have been doing that for years," Irish head coach Yves Auriol said about Penn State's antics. "We know what to expect from them."

Auriol also knows what to expect from Krol every time she takes the strip — spirit, determination and sportsmanship.

When Auriol needed a foilist for this year, he turned to Krol. Although Krol had fenced epee for three years for Notre Dame, she switched to foil because she knew that was where she could help the team most.

Krol has developed from a talented individual as a freshman when she won the national title in epee into a talented team

player as a senior.

"Fencing is sometimes a very individual sport but fencing at Notre Dame has taught her it's more than just you," Jolanta Krol said about her daughter. "It's everybody. The team is more important than you. And after she got over 'I am only in fifth place,' she thought 'but we still have a chance.' We as Notre Dame — that is what is important."

Krol drew more satisfaction from being a representative of Notre Dame than she ever did as an individual fencer. Being named an All-American for the fourth time in her career was just an after thought for Krol.

"I don't think I accomplished as much as a fencer but more as a representative of our University," she said. "I didn't realize it was four years of All-American honors. I just feel extremely proud for Notre Dame."

When Krol walked off the strip for the last time, her teammates cheered — not just for a great fencer, but for a great leader and a great person.



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Magda Krol walks off the floor after fencing her last match.

"It was really special because you work with her every day for four years and you see how much focus she has and how hard she works," sabre captain Clay Morton said. "I am glad I got to see it in person because she puts everything she has into it and she is a role model for every other member of the team."

So while Penn State flies home from Stanford with a first place trophy, Krol leaves as a champion. Her spirit, determination and sportsmanship made her a great leader and a model for Notre Dame athletes.

"I feel sorry for Magda because she deserved it the most to win a national championship," Auriol said. "She is such a great competitor. I wish I

could recruit people like Magda more often."

Krol, however, walks away with no regrets.

"I think I am leaving Notre Dame on a very good note," she said. "This is a very promising team in the next few years. These freshmen and sophomores have so much potential. If we just keep the spirit going, I think it will be very good for the team."

With Krol leaving, however, keeping the spirit going may be the biggest test the Irish will face.

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

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ond but this year, the way it went with us being so far behind and coming back, I am pleased with the guys."

After the women's competition ended Friday, the Irish were in fourth and any chance at a national title seemed nearly impossible. When the men's competition began on Saturday, the Irish forgot about the score board and just concentrated on winning bouts.

"With that big of a deficit, you can't even look at it," freshman epeeist Jan Viviani said. "Things would either happen or wouldn't happen. You can't think about it too much."

The men almost made it happen.

Viviani won 17 bouts for the Irish to finish fourth in the round robin and earn first team All-American. Ozren Debic won 20 bouts in foil and sophomore Gabor Szelle scored 20 in sabre to pick up two more first team All-American letters for the Irish. With strong contributions from second team All-American

Andrzej Bednarski who won 17 sabre bouts, freshman Forest Walton who finished 14th in foil with 14 wins and sophomore Brian Casas who won nine epee bouts, the Irish nearly caught the Nittany Lions. Penn State's lead, however, was just too great to overcome.

"The women gave us too big of a disadvantage to Penn State," Szelle said. "Twenty-six bouts was just too much. I thought we could do it but we feel a little short."

In head to head competition with Penn State, the Notre Dame men won nine of 12 matches. The Irish foil team split with Penn State while the epee team downed the Nittany Lions 3-1. In sabre, Szelle and Bednarski each went 2-0 against Penn State. Bednarski and Szelle's 37 combined wins were the most by any sabre squad. The foil and epee squads both earned second place combined finishes.

In individual competition,

Szelle won the championship in epee with a 15-12 win over Wayne State's Jakub Krochmalski. Szelle defeated Ivan Lee of St. John's 15-12 in the semifinals.

Debic fell just short of a championship in foil, losing 15-10 to Stanford's Felix Reichling. Reichling won his second straight foil title. In the semifinals, Debic defeated Yale's Ayo Griffin 15-8.

Viviani lost a tight semifinal match 7-6 in overtime to Alex Royblat of St. John's. After winning priority in overtime, Viviani knew that Royblat, the 1999 epee champion, would have to attack.

"I guess I was nervous about [overtime] since he was the one who had to do something," Viviani said. "He had to do some action and I didn't know what it was going to be. I think I just missed. I don't even think he hit me. I think he hit the floor but that is just what happens when you have a director that can't

see or hear."

In the semifinals, Viviani faced Royblat's teammate, Doran Levit. Viviani dominated the bout early on and built a large lead. Trailing by seven, Levit seemed to give up and started dancing on the strip and lowering his guard to give Viviani easy touches. Finally, Levit stepped back from Viviani and refused to even engage the freshman.

Auriol was not pleased with Levit's antics.

"I didn't like that at all," he said. "When he was dancing, that was different, but then he was just standing there are the back of the strip. But Jan stayed calm and did what he had to do."

After the director issued Levit a red card for refusing to engage Viviani, the St. John's duelist finally began fencing again. But Viviani held off Levit's attacks and won the bout 15-12 to win the bronze.

On the first two days of competition, nerves and inexperience proved to be too much for the Irish women to overcome. While senior Magda Krol finished with a 16-7 record and a fifth-place finish, no other Irish woman finished higher than

ninth. The other five Irish women were all competing in the NCAA Championships for the first time.

"I think that if I thought a little bit more and took my time, I could have done better," freshman Liza Boutsikaris said. "I was rushing everything. I was too tense and nervous."

Boutsikaris earned honorable mention All-American with a 12th place finish in foil. Krol earned second team All-American and became the fourth Irish women's fencer to earn All-American honors four times. Boutsikaris and Krol's 28 combined victories were good for fourth among women's foil squads.

In epee, Anna Carnick and Meagan Call both earned honorable mention All-American with ninth and 12th place finishes respectively. The women's epee squad combined for fifth place overall.

Freshman Natalia Mazur also took home honorable mention All-American with a 10th place finish in women's sabre. Junior Carianne McCullough won nine bouts to finish 19th. The women's sabre squad finished seventh overall.

MEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Gators devour Cowboys in 77-65 win

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y.

Florida filled the final spot in one of the most unlikely Final Fours in years, wearing down yet another higher-seeded team.

With seven sophomores and freshmen in the 10-man rotation, the fifth-seeded Gators beat third-seeded Oklahoma State and its seven seniors 77-65 Sunday in the East Regional final.

Led by 34-year-old coach Billy Donovan, the Gators will play resurgent North Carolina, which beat Tulsa 59-55 in the South Regional final, on Saturday in Indianapolis. Wisconsin, like North Carolina an eighth seed, will play Michigan State, the only No. 1 seed left, in the other semifinal.

The Gators' only other trip to the Final Four was in 1994, when most of the current players were in grade school and Donovan was about to become the youngest head coach in Division I at Marshall.

Using the same press that wore down fourth-seeded Illinois in the second round and top-seeded Duke in the regional semifinals, Florida (28-7) forced Oklahoma State (27-7) into turnovers and also wore the Cowboys down, especially point guard Doug Gottlieb, who looked exhausted in the first half from trying to constantly beat the pressure.

A 10-0 run gave the Gators a 33-18 lead with 9:39 left in the first half and they were up 43-31 at halftime.

Twice in the second half Oklahoma State, which starts four seniors but was facing its first single-digit seed in the tournament, came up with runs to make it close, but the

Gators didn't fold.

Desmond Mason and Glendon Alexander hit 3-pointers in a 9-0 run that brought the Cowboys within 50-42 with 14:12 left, but Donovan called a timeout, changed all five players, and the lead was back to 54-42 after Oklahoma State turned the ball over on three consecutive possessions.

Alexander hit another 3 to cap a 7-0 that made it 56-53 with 7:56 left, but Florida scored the next seven points. Sophomore Mike Miller scored

the last five, making two free throws, grabbing the rebound on a missed jumper by Oklahoma State then burying a 3-pointer with 6:16 left to make it 63-

53.

The closest the Cowboys got the rest of the way was eight points.

Miller led Florida with 14 points, and Udonis Haslem and Donnell Harvey added 10 each.

Fredrik Jonzen had 14 points for the Cowboys, while Alexander added 13 and Joe Adkins 12, eight in the final minute.

Miller, selected the regional's MVP, won the opening-round game over 12th-seeded Butler with a game-winning drive at the buzzer in overtime, the Gators' only close game of the four in the regional.

The most impressive was the 87-78 win over Duke in the semifinals, the school's first win ever over a top-ranked team.

"We didn't have much gas today after the Duke game, but we found a way," Donovan said.

There was no drama in the final as the Gators took control early and never let the Cowboys in it.

"We didn't have much gas today after the Duke game, but we found a way."

Billy Donovan
Florida coach

LPGA

Webb stinks after Nabisco victory

Associated Press

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif.

It was the only time Karrie Webb stunk in four days.

Webb shot a 2-under 70 Sunday for a 14-under 274 total to win the Nabisco Championship by 10 shots over defending champion Dottie Pepper, then jumped feet first into the murky water at the 18th green in the traditional winner's celebration.

"I stink right now, but I'm very happy that I do," said Webb, bundled in a thick white

robe, with her feet bare and her hair plastered to her head after the trophy presentation.

Pepper instigated the watery conclusion with a friendly shove as Webb approached her for a handshake. Webb's caddie joined her in the lake, and singer Celine Dion waded in to shake hands with both of them.

"If I can advise Karrie on anything, I'd get on some antibiotics right now," said Pepper, who said she had "green something" in her ears a month after her victory

plunge.

Pepper shot par-72 for the third straight day to finish at 4-under 284, one shot ahead of Meg Mallon.

Cathy Johnston-Forbes and Michelle Redman tied for fourth at 2-under 286. Helen Dobson and Chris Johnson tied for sixth at 1-under 287.

Aree Wonglukiet (pronounced Wahn-gloo-KEE-it), the 13-year-old Thai sensation, wound up tied for 10th at 1-over 289 after a 75 that included a two-stroke penalty on the 14th hole.

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foul with 6:44 remaining. She sat the rest of the half as the Irish clung to a 28-23 lead at halftime.

With the Irish ahead 42-38, the refs blew their whistles again on Riley, this time for pushing from behind. When she returned, with 9:51 to play, the game was tied at 46 and the once certain victory was in doubt.

Ericka Haney drove the lane for two, but was answered on the other end by an Aleah Johnson layin. Texas Tech took their first lead of the game at 50-48 on another Johnson layup. Riley scored 13 seconds later from a couple feet away to tie the game.

But while defending on the other end of the floor, Riley was called for her fourth foul, after apparently making contact on the right baseline with a driving Katrisa O'Neal.

"I don't want to comment on the officiating," Riley said of her fourth foul. "But when you're 6'5", it makes it more obvious."

Riley returned at the 6:03 mark. She continued to play aggressively on both ends of the floor, blocking one shot and scoring on the right block on a pass from lvey to cut the Texas Tech lead to 55-52.

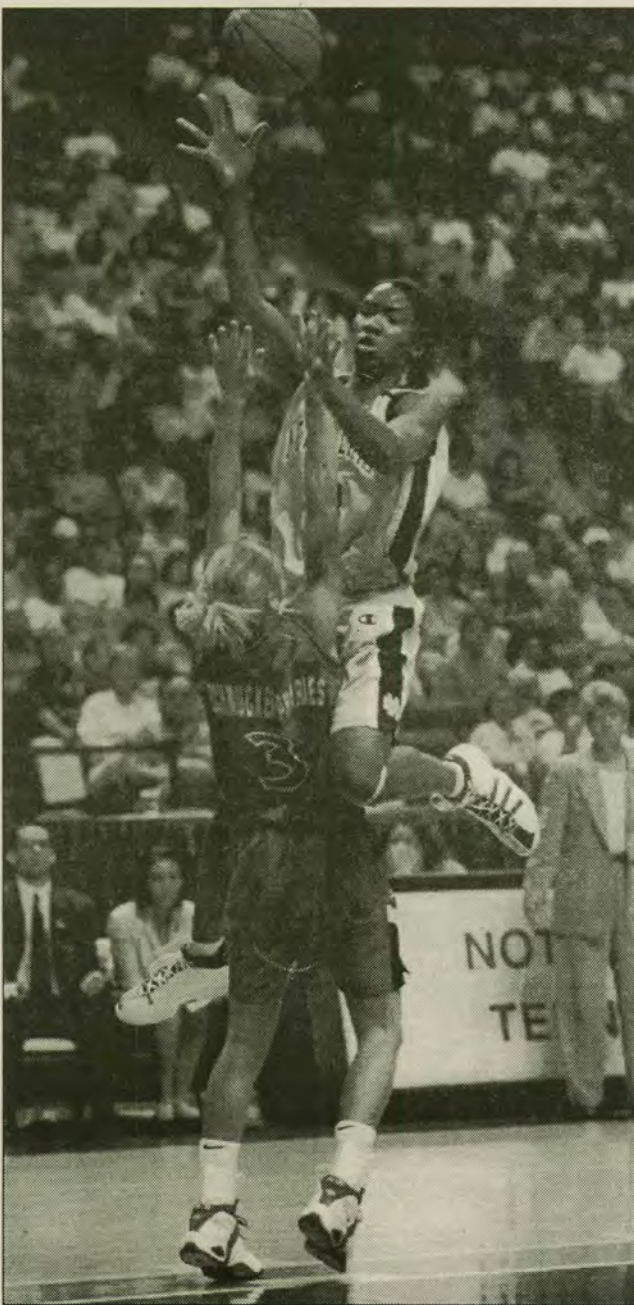
But it was also apparent that Riley was down to her last foul, as she let Pierson spin to the baseline for a scoop-in layup with 1:50 left in the game, giving the Lady Raiders a 61-58 lead. Riley rushed back on offense, took her place near the foul line and the rest was history.

"The difference in the game was when Riley was on the floor and when she was not on the floor," McGraw said. "We were two different teams."

After her departure some highly intelligent Tech fans for no apparent reason started yelling "Rudy."

Too bad reality wasn't as kind to the Irish as the movie.

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



Notre Dame's Ericka Haney goes up for a pass over one of Texas Tech's Lady Raiders.

JOB TURNER/The Observer

PRO TENNIS

Sampras overcomes upset stomach to win

Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla.

When Pete Sampras hit his best backhand of the day on the biggest point of the match, he did not raise a fist, shout with glee or otherwise celebrate.

Instead, he slowly walked to his changeover chair and threw up.

Sampras overcame an upset stomach and an upset bid by 19-year-old Swede Andreas Vinciguerra on Sunday, winning 5-7, 7-6 (3), 6-4 in the third round in the Ericsson Open.

The gutsy performance was reminiscent of Sampras' victory in the 1996 U.S. Open quarterfinals, when he threw up during a dramatic fifth-set tiebreaker against Alex Corretja.

"I'm 2-0 in those matches," Sampras said with a smile. "It's all a ploy."

Sampras vomited after cracking a crosscourt backhand for a clean winner to

break Vinciguerra's serve and take a 4-3 lead in the final set. Sampras then routinely won his final two service games, punctuating the victory with his 21st ace.

He blamed the stomach ailment not on the warm, humid afternoon but on medication for his back, which he strained earlier this month.

"It just kind of came on in the third set, and after I threw up, I felt fine," Sampras said. "I was in much worse condition when it happened at the Open."

Sampras, who won the Open that year, is seeking his first tournament title of 2000. He advanced to a fourth-round showdown of serves against Greg Rusedski, who beat Byron Black 6-1, 7-6 (4). Rusedski is 1-7 against Sampras.

American Jan-Michael Gambill upset another Swede, fifth-seeded Magnus Norman, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. No. 3 Yevgeny Kafelnikov beat Fernando Meligeni 6-4, 6-3.

"It just kind of came on in the third set, and after I threw up, I felt fine. I was in much worse condition when it happened at the Open."

Pete Sampras
tennis player

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Referees determine game by calling fouls on Riley

MEMPHIS, Tenn.

Her eyes bulged, shoulders shrugged, mouth widened and a look of disbelief gleamed from her face.

Ruth Riley was posting up on the right elbow of the foul line, getting in position during the stretch run of Saturday's Mideast regional semifinal game against Texas Tech. The ball had just been inbounded, some 70 feet from where she was standing.

Then the whistle blew. The officials decided the Irish fate, calling Riley for her 5th foul with the Lady Raiders ahead 61-58 and 1:42 remaining on the clock at the Pyramid.

"I was just posting up and I looked down and she [defender Plenette Pierson] was on the ground," Riley said. "I guess maybe I was too strong."

Pierson had her own version of the now infamous flop.

"She had pushed me down once before," Pierson said. "I wasn't going to take it this time. They called the foul and it went my way."

Just like that, Riley's (and the Irish's) season ended prematurely.

No much anticipated game against Tennessee. No Final Four in head coach Muffet McGraw's hometown of Philadelphia.

Sure, there was time left, but that final 1:42 was a mere formality. Texas Tech went on to defeat Notre Dame 69-65, denying the Irish their first Elite Eight appearance since 1997.

For all the talk about Niele Ivey's leadership, Alicia Ratay's shooting abilities and the Irish's balanced scoring

attack, it is Riley, their first team All-American center, who is the team's catalyst.

"We're two different teams with and without Ruth," McGraw said.

Never was it more apparent than in their final game of this memorable season.

Without Riley on the floor all assets of the Irish's game deteriorate.

When point guard Ivey brings the ball up the floor, she can always count on her center. Dump it into Riley and you'll get one of three things. She'll either be in good position to score from the block. Or she'll draw contact and get to the foul line where she shoots better than 80 percent. Or when double and triple-teamed, she can feed an open Ivey or Ratay on the perimeter for open jump shots.

And on defense, the Irish suffer even more when Riley is on the bench. The two-time Big East defensive Player of the Year, who ranked fourth in the nation in blocks (2.7 per game), is an unparalleled one-on-one defender.

But it's her mere presence that may cause even more concern for the opponent.

With Riley manning the middle, Notre Dame's perimeter defenders have more flexibility. They can challenge the shooter and play a little more aggressively without worrying about getting beat. If the offensive player gets a step on them, Ivey, Danielle Green, Ratay and company know Riley is behind them, eager to help her teammates. Even if she doesn't block an opponent's shot, her presence makes them think twice before driving into the lane.

On Saturday, Riley scored 19 points (on 8 of 12 shooting, 3 of 4 from the line), grabbed seven rebounds and blocked four shots in 27 minutes.

In the 13 minutes she was on the bench, the Irish were outscored 28-20.

"I didn't think there was any way we could win the game with her on the floor," Sharp said.

So the Raiders attacked Riley, switched defenses, implementing a full-court press as well as running some half-court sets.

The plan didn't work at the beginning of the game. Neither did anything else Texas Tech tried.

Notre Dame raced out to a 17-0 in the first six minutes of the game. Riley scored nine in a row in that span and the Irish looked like they were on their way to face Tennessee in a nationally televised ESPN game on Monday.

The Raiders had different ideas. They scored the next 17 points, holding the Irish scoreless for nearly 10 minutes.

"We hit the biggest drought we ever hit," McGraw said.

From that point on, the biggest lead of the game was an eight point Notre Dame margin, 40-32 with 14:56 left.

Every foul call on Riley was a cause for celebration on the Tech sidelines and for the small contingent of fans located opposite the bench, behind the press table. And for the Raiders' band, which tried to fit into the atmosphere of Memphis by sporting fake sideburns and playing a few Elvis tunes.

Riley's first foul came at 11:17 of the first half. She was immediately replaced by Henderson. Riley went back in the game a few minutes later but was whistled for her second

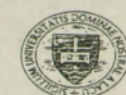
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Junior Ruth Riley (right) looks down at the ground in disappointment after fouling out of her final game of the year.

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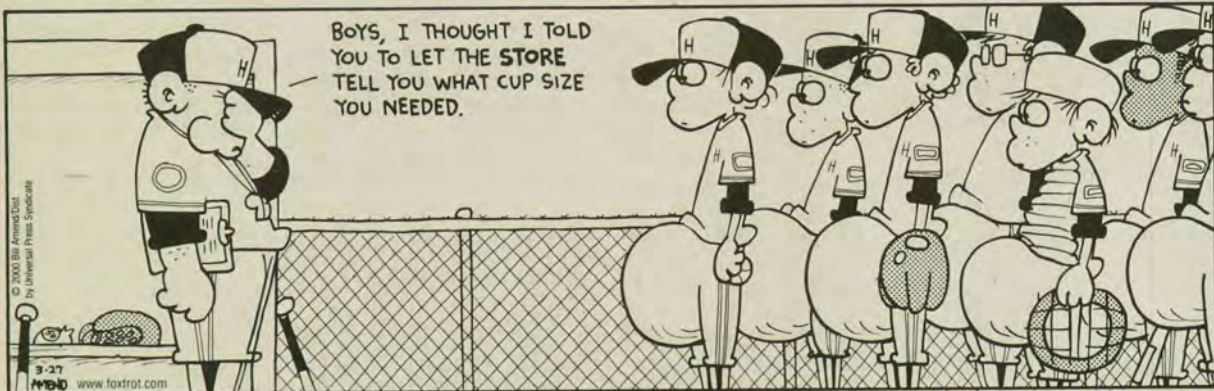
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27 Medicinal plants

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34 Makes level

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40 Ocean predator

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44 Put down forcibly

45 Kingdom in the South Seas

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49 Open-mouthed

53 Set aflame

55 One who can have you going around in circles?

60 Created

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62 Artist's prop

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2 A barber might nick it

3 Winter road hazard

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5 Delete

6 Film or play

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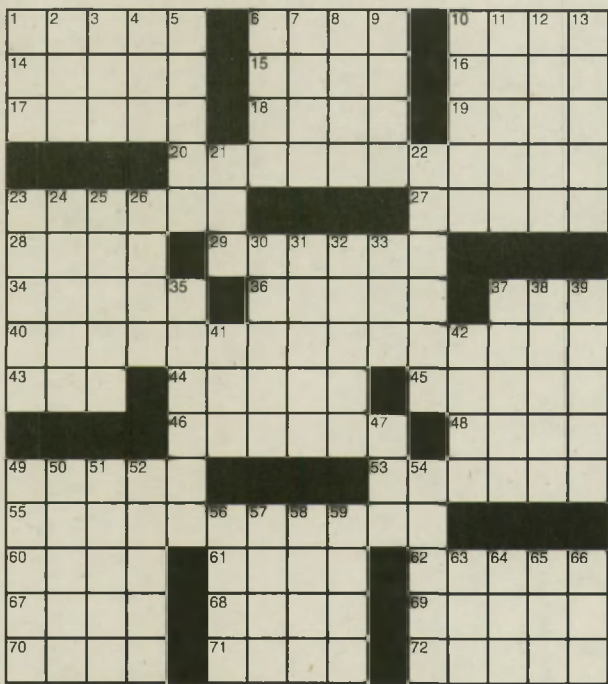
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Puzzle by Nancy Kavanaugh

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33 Finish

35 Part two

37 Vietnam's capital

38 Specialized vocabulary

39 Rollerblade, e.g.

41 What computer programs do

42 Taxi feature

47 Prevaricate

49 Allow in

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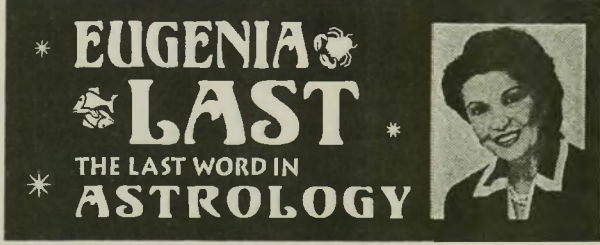
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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Deception regarding joint finances or an inheritance will cause upset, not to mention confrontations. Legal matters should be left for the time being. Don't sign agreements. ○○○

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your emotional well-being may be tested today. If your partner's attitude has been hard to handle, it is best to back off and do something on your own. ○○○

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can accomplish much if you put your head down and concentrate on your work. Don't let employers or colleagues interfere with your efforts; they may try to take the credit. ○○○○○

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Children will need help. They may not be telling you the whole truth. Delve a little deeper before you condemn the wrong person. ○○

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be creative in your work today. Social events should include some form of physical activities. Don't be afraid to ask for help. ○○○○

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Problems with someone you live with may cause confrontations. Don't let your stubbornness get in the way of solving existing issues. ○○○

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your pessimism will only counteract productivity. You need to get involved in groups that can raise your self-esteem. Problems with your lover may be difficult to patch up. ○○○

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A poor diagnosis is likely. Get a second opinion if you don't like the results given. Someone you work with may be withholding important information. ○○○○

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Shay shows up opponents
Junior track and field runner Ryan Shay performed well in the Stanford Invitational, qualifying for the 10,000-meter national championships.
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WOMEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Raiders' run puts stunning end to Irish title hopes



Junior Kelly Siemon holds fast to the basketball despite bumping and bruising from Texas Tech's defenders. The Irish ended their season with a 69-65 loss.

By KERRY SMITH
 Sports Editor

MEMPHIS, Tenn.

Every tournament has its upsets, but few are more surprising than the 69-65 win Texas Tech pulled out against Notre Dame in the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA tournament in Memphis Saturday.

**Texas Tech 69
 Notre Dame 65**

It wasn't the difference in the seedings that made Notre Dame's loss seem at first incomprehensible to Irish fans — the Irish were a No. 2 seed and the Raiders were third.

Before the game tipped off, it was billed as either team's game to win, but after the Irish scored the first 17 points of the contest and held the Raiders scoreless for the first seven minutes, things looked bleak for Raiders head coach Marsha Sharp and her squad.

But as quickly as the Irish had poured in the baskets, the 27-5 team went dry and the Raiders shot their way back into the game, running off 17 unanswered points of their own to tie the game.

"We were just trying to keep focused [when we were down by 17]," said Texas Tech center Planette Pierson. "We kept playing hard and thinking we were going to be okay — we were getting a lot of shots but they just weren't falling."

Pierson sparked the Raiders comeback with an open look at the basket on a fast break with less than 14 minutes remaining in the first half. Teammates Kietha Dickerson and Amber Tarr followed her lead and cut the Irish edge to 10 with another lay-up and a three-pointer in less than a minute, giving the Raiders the emotional edge they needed to get out of their slump.

Texas Tech helped its cause by foiling several Irish trips down the court with its stifling defensive press.

"We really felt like we needed to press a little bit early," Sharp said. "We were having so much trouble creating offense and we were looking for any way we could to make the game more up tempo to score a few easy buckets."

The Raiders also had some help to get them back in the game — the familiar ghosts in Notre Dame's closet came back to haunt the Irish. Turnovers and foul trouble debilitated the squad, allowing the Raiders to hang with the Irish before taking the lead for good with less than eight minutes remaining.

"Texas Tech didn't shoot the ball extremely well, but they seemed to when they really needed to," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw. "I thought that a number of their players stepped up and played extremely well. They just had a great balanced team effort."

Despite the Texas Tech run,

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NCAA FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Penn State sends Notre Dame home in disappointment

◆ Irish take second in national championships

By MIKE CONNOLLY
 Sports Writer

PALO ALTO, Calif.

The Irish fencing team stormed back from a big deficit during the last two days of the NCAA Fencing Championships this weekend, but their comeback fell just short Sunday and Notre Dame finished in a tie with St. John's for second place.

Trailing Penn State by 26 bouts entering the last two days of competition, the Irish rallied to close the deficit to four but could not pass the Nittany Lions. Penn State won its sixth consecutive national title and the Irish took second for the fifth straight year.

"We gave them a nice run," Irish head coach Yves Auriol said. "I guess it's not fun to be sec-

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Sabre Gabor Szelle scores a touch in his championship match this weekend. He helped the Irish to second place with his national title.

KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

◆ Sophomore Gabor Szelle stakes claim as best U.S. sabreman

By MIKE CONNOLLY
 Sports Writer

PALO ALTO, Calif.

In just his second year fencing for the Irish, Gabor Szelle had one thing left to prove — he was the best collegiate sabreman in the United States.

Now he has nothing left to prove. With a 15-12 victory over Jakub Krochmalski in the finals at the NCAA Fencing Championships, Szelle won the title that just barely eluded him as a freshman when he lost to St. John's Keeth Smart in the finals.

"I feel pretty satisfied," Szelle said. "The difference compared to last

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE



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