



Blown away

Johnny Depp is back in a new film, "Blow," which features Depp in the role of a drug entrepreneur.

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Sense and censorship

Editors explain to readers the decision to reject the David Horowitz "Ten Reparations" advertisement.

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Speaking out

♦ Censorship, academic freedom discussed at forum

By NICOLE HADDAD
News Writer

On the heels of CARE's letter of explanation to College president Marilou Eldred regarding the decision to stage an unofficial performance of *The Vagina Monologues*, students, faculty and staff convened at Dalloway's Wednesday evening to sound off about censorship, rape and academic freedom.

The forum was the second time Saint Mary's community members had the opportunity to voice opinions about the *Monologues*, which was performed unofficially by CARE officers and several students Feb. 19 in Regina Hall. The first forum came shortly after Eldred's official decision the *Monologues* would not be sponsored by any campus group. Nearly a month after the performance, student, faculty and staff concerns are still being vocalized, with approximately 30 people attending Wednesday's forum to speak up.

Faculty members made it clear that censorship will not be tolerated — and they will not back down in light of Eldred's decision to not permit the *Monologues* performance on campus.



Ann Clark, professor of philosophy at Saint Mary's, was among a group of participants at a forum discussing issues of academic freedom and censorship at the College.

Tom Parisi, professor of psychology, said that he hopes the faculty will not let the issue die because of lack of a convincing

rationale from Eldred regarding the decision.

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STUDENT SENATE

Resolution passes to extend parietals by 1 hour

By LAURA ROMPF
Associate News Editor

The student senate took the first step towards extending parietals Wednesday night. In a resolution that will now be sent to the Campus Life Council (CLC), the student senate asked for visitation hours in dorms be extended from midnight to 1 a.m. on weeknights and moved from 10 a.m. to 9 a.m. every morning.

"This is in no way a jab at the administration," St. Edwards senator Seth Whetzel said. "We've worked hard with the Administration in hopes of getting this passed."

Whetzel said he and other members of student government have met with several rectors and Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs.

"We're clearly trying to do this the right way, the respectful way," Whetzel said.

In preparation for the resolution, the student senate conducted a survey to the student body about extending parietals. In response to the referendum, 80 percent of students were in favor of extending parietals past 12 a.m. on weeknights, 15 percent were opposed and 5 percent had no opinion.

In a second question, 78 percent of students were in favor of ending parietals before 10 a.m., 13 percent were opposed and 9 percent had no opinion. The response figures differed by a less than two percentage points between male and female dorms.

Cavanaugh senator Kristen Caponi cautioned senators about believing the resolution will actu-

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Grandin: People should focus on talents, not deficits

By SHEILA FLYNN
News Writer

Focusing on talents rather than deficits is a way to help autistic individuals find their niche in the world, said Temple Grandin, a visually autistic assistant professor of animal science at Colorado State University, in a lecture given for Disabilities Awareness Week Wednesday.

A renowned author of "Emergence: Labeled Autistic," Grandin described how her visual autism has helped her in her field of work. Grandin has designed one-third of all animal-handling facilities for slaughterhouses in the U.S.

She explained how she does not think in language, but rather in pictures; furthermore, she does not envision general pictures, but relates specific images to words. For example, when she hears "church

steeple" she sees the steeple of the church she attended when she was a child, not just a generic steeple. Grandin said her ability to visualize has helped her in her field of work.

Relating her particular experience to autistic people in general, Grandin emphasized the importance of developing their particular talents.

"Too often we have way too much emphasis on deficits and not enough emphasis on talents," she said.

Grandin added that many autistic and dyslexic people focus a great deal of attention on one area or interest, and this should be adapted to help them learn and find their own niche in the world. For example, if a child likes trains, she explained, then trains should be employed in teaching him math and art and every other subject.

"A little bit of obsession gets things done in this world," she said.

Grandin explained how emotion is underdeveloped in an autistic person's brain, while other parts may be extremely fine-tuned and high-functioning. Many autistic people must work on speech, sensory perception, and social difficulties.

"I had to learn social skills like being in a play," she said.

Grandin said she believes that this aspect of autism should be addressed by getting autistics involved in careers which are intellectually stimulating but do not expose them to threatening social situations or short-term working memory demands, such as computer programming. She pointed out the fine line between a "computer nerd" and a high-functioning autistic person, mentioning that Albert Einstein displayed many autistic qualities.

Grandin is a critically acclaimed author, designer and lecturer, who is also an advocate for the autistic.



Temple Grandin, an assistant professor at Colorado State University, spoke of the importance of developing talents rather than focusing on an individual's disability.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Olly Olly Oxen Free!!

I remember when I was in elementary school and everyone would go out for recess. I sure miss recess – it was a cool part of the day. You could forget what you were doing in class, run outside, play kickball, red rover, jump rope, dodge ball, *et cetera*. It was an awesome release of test anxiety, friend trouble, or fear of cooties. Fifteen minutes every morning and half an hour at lunch, it was great.

Angela Campos

So what happened? It seems that when we get older, we don't need breaks between classes to let go of everything and just scream. Or run. Or

Lab Tech

get away from everything that bothers us and let us be ourselves. Phys Ed is mandatory in high school and with those corny PE clothes. In college, PE is mandatory for the first year, then whatever you want to do after that for fitness is up to you. Sounds good, right?

I guess it would if I didn't keep myself so busy. There's always something else more important than going over to the Rock or hiking to Rolfs to work out. But that's missing the point. You can work out all you want, and lose weight or build up your muscles, but is that doing anything about your stress?

So when we get ready to DART, do we have a break in the day where nothing goes on? Do we try to fill it with a minor or other electives? I'm guilty as charged on several counts of chalking up my schedule. So when do we have recess?

Most of us don't have recess. We have classes, clubs, sports, student government, but we don't have recess. Okay, so maybe we do. We do have it in the fall semester (and when spring finally hits, we'll see more of it again), especially when people roam the quad throwing footballs, frisbees and baseballs or kicking soccer balls. But during those monotonously grey winter months, what's our recess? What do we do to keep ourselves sane?

We assassinate each other!

You read right. The game called "Assassins" has students sniping each other all across campus. A group gets together, with water pistols (crickets, snipers, pistols, supersoakers or any other variety), they each draw names of someone else in the group. A time is set for a fair start. Then they stalk each other around campus until only one person is left 'alive'.

I'm in a game of assassins right now. We play it 24 hours a day. So if you happen to think you're safe in Reckers at 4:30 am, guess again. Some of it edges on pure paranoia, the rest is just like getting together and playing a game of hide 'n go seek, except we seek with water guns, and instead of one it, we're all it and all targets.

It's recess. We do it when we're not in class. We take a break for a bit to stalk our victim or maim our attacker. We're tense cause we're excited, not stressed. It's our stress relief. Just watch your back, don't invite anyone inside, and always have your gun loaded.

Hey ghostbuster, keep it real. You won't find a haunt hiding in the shadows today. Unless the sun is shining, that is.

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THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S

| Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| ◆ Lecture: "Buried Secrets: Truth and Human Rights in Guatemala." 4:15 p.m., Room C-103, Hesburgh | ◆ Event: "Winter's Tale," actors for the London Stage. 7 p.m., Little Theatre Saint Mary's. | ◆ Opera: Handel's "Xerxes." 7:30 p.m., Washington Hall. | ◆ Event: Thomas Aquinas Symposium, "Aquinas on Teaching." 2:30 p.m., Sapleton Lounge, Saint Mary's |
| ◆ Lecture: "Stone Field, True Arrow," Kyoko Mori. 6:30 p.m., Carroll Auditorium, Saint Mary's | ◆ Event: "Latin Expressions," 8 p.m., O'Laughlin Auditorium, Saint Mary's | ◆ Movie: "Requiem for a Dream." 7:30 p.m., Annenburg Auditorium | ◆ Theatre: "The Diary of Anne Frank." 7:30 p.m., O'Laughlin Auditorium |

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

North Carolina runs Horowitz in opinion column

DURHAM, N.C.

The Daily Tar Heel at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has decided not to run an anti-slavery reparations advertisement that has caused a furor across the country and at Duke University.

Instead, the DTH will run ad author David Horowitz's arguments in the form of an opinion column. The Chronicle ran the ad March 19, leading to a campus protest and demands for an apology.

"We thought this was the best way," said DTH Editor Matt Dees. "If people see the ad, they're automatically going to go into an uproar. We hope this way, we'll be able to (foster) some thoughtful and sensible discussion." Dees said the news and business staffs of the paper discussed the ad at length



but that the ultimate decision came from the paper's general manager and business manager.

Horowitz's column will run Monday, alongside a column written by Dees and Black Student Movement President Tyra Moore. The editor also hopes to print a commentary written by UNC Chancellor James Moeser.

Moore, a senior, supported the DTH's decision. "I think that at many of the campuses, they were running this ad under the premise of wanting

to create dialogue on campus," she said. "The way that Matt Dees has chosen to present it is a much more effective way of creating dialogue, by giving all sides of an issue."

She added that regardless of the DTH's decision, members of the black community had been discussing ways to raise the issue campus-wide.

Dees said he initially thought Horowitz's opinion should run as an ad but that he has learned from the mistakes of The Chronicle and other newspapers. The ad, entitled "Ten Reasons Why Reparations for Slavery is a Bad Idea — And Racist Too," has provoked a debate about free speech and a campus newspaper's role in the community at many universities, including the University of California at Berkeley and Brown University.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Search for student's killer continues

CARBONDALE, Ill.

The Carbondale Police Department continues to treat the death of Southern Illinois University student Marcus Thomas as its most important unsolved case, even after a weekend that included an armed robbery that turned into a fatal car accident and the shooting of local churches. "It's still the No. 1 priority for the investigations division," said Community Resource Officer Dan Reed. "The detectives are still working the case as hard and as aggressively as they possibly can." Thomas was killed on March 17 from gunshot wounds. He was found lying on the living room floor of 315-B S. Marion St. Tenants of the apartment did not know Thomas and police do not know the exact location of the shooting or how Thomas' body ended up in a stranger's apartment. Police Chief R.T. Finney said the entire investigations division is back on the case, after being pulled off temporarily for Saturday's armed robbery at Midwest Cash, 1200 W. Main St., which led to the death of two people.

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

Montana senate veto's college tax

HELENA, Mont.

A measure that would have asked university towns to foot part of the bill for student scholarships sank in the Montana state Senate Tuesday. The Montana Opportunity Scholarships proposed by Sen. Ken Miller, R-Laurel, would have asked voters to raise property taxes statewide to provide up to \$500 per students. This amount, in turn, would have to be matched by local governments — like Missoula — before a Montana student would get the scholarship. The aid was to have been renewable for up to four years. Miller said that because university towns generate millions in economic benefits because they host schools, then they should be happy to raise the money for his scholarship plan. And university towns wouldn't need to raise taxes, Miller said, but could also create partnerships with corporations to help come up with the matching money. "They get to decide how to raise the money," Miller said. University of Montana and Montana State University student representatives said they supported Miller's bill — at least in concept.

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Debate team caps successful season, finishes 14th in nation

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame debate team completed their season with the best finish in more than 10 years at the National Parliamentary Debate Association Championship in Denver last weekend. The season-long cumulative results ended with Notre Dame as 14th in the nation, as well as securing a strong position at the national tournament.

Twelve of Notre Dame's finest debaters competed against 500 other students from 90 colleges around the country. The competition was very difficult, as each school sent its very best to battle for the national championship.

"A big tournament such as this is a dark pilgrimage," said junior Will McDonald.

"Debate nationals is an experience like no other," said Rachel Smith, junior.

Smith and her partner sophomore Chris Gallo finished the preliminary rounds with an even record of four wins and four losses, as did the team of Michelle Petersen, junior, and Clayton Swope, sophomore. Seniors Kate Huetteman and Priscilla Clements advanced to the partial-quadra-octafinal round. Juniors Mark Styczynski and Will McDonald and freshmen Kara Vey and Mary Komperda advanced to the triple-octafinal round. Notre Dame's highest placing team,

sophomores Maureen Gottlieb and Victoria Fetterman, advanced to the double-octafinal round.

The efforts of all team members resulted in Notre Dame placing seventh out of the 90 schools attending. Combined with the season-long ranking, this placing puts Notre Dame as one of a handful best in the nation.

"The two kinds of awards we received show that, as a team,

we're both deep and consistent; aside from being one of only three or four teams in the nation to achieve such honors," said Styczynski.

This is just one accomplishment of many for the debate team, who also saw the team of McDonald and Styczynski go undefeated to win a tournament at Central Missouri State University earlier this semester, as well as consistently competing in quarterfinal and semifinal rounds.

"Finishing in the top 10 at the

national tournament in Denver is just the beginning for this team. We have made ourselves known nationally, and I can only expect greater success in the future," said senior Priscilla Clements.

The team is looking to improve upon their record next season. While they lose two of the strongest leaders on the team as Clements and Huetteman graduate, they maintain a strong base. With the accomplishments of underclassmen, the debate team hopes to shine even brighter next semester.

"I don't see the national championship as being too far from our grasp next year," said Michelle Petersen, junior.

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Michelle Petersen
debate team member

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NYU scholar Molloy to deliver O'Grady lecture

Special to The Observer

Leading literary critic and author Sylvia Molloy will make two presentations at the end of March as the O'Grady Latin American Literature Lecturer at the University of Notre Dame.

Molloy will deliver a lecture titled "National Parts and Unnatural Others: A Reflection on Patrimony in Turn-of-the-Century Argentina" at 4:30 p.m. today in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. The lecture is free and open to the public and will be followed by a reception.

Molloy also will discuss her critical work on autobiography and her own writing at 4:30 p.m., Friday in Room 100-104 of McKenna Hall. Titled "Autobiography in Translation, or How to Write a Novel," the talk is intended primarily for Notre Dame faculty and students and teachers from South Bend-area schools. A reception will follow.

The Albert Schweitzer Professor of Humanities at New York University (NYU),

Molloy focuses her research on 19th- and 20th-century Spanish-American literatures, autobiography, literary theory, and Latin American and European literary relations. She also holds faculty appointments at NYU in the departments of Spanish and Portuguese languages and literatures and comparative literature.

Molloy previously taught at the State University of New York at Buffalo, Vassar College, Princeton University and Yale University. Among her books are "Signs of Borges," "Women's Writing in Latin America" and "At Face Value: Autobiographical Writing in Spanish America."

Molloy has received fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities and currently serves as president of the Modern Language Association.

Sponsored by the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures and the Hesburgh Library, the O'Grady Latin American Literature Lecture Series has been funded by a gift from 1963 Notre Dame graduate Robert O'Grady and his wife.

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Senate

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ally bring forth change.

"Don't get too hopeful. I'm pretty sure this will get voted down," Caponi said. "Students should realize that we have it so much better than some schools ... I will support this resolution and think we should go ahead and pass it, but don't get too hopeful."

Whetzel disagreed with Caponi and said he thought because he and other senators have worked closely with several administrators, he feels the resolution will have enough support to go into effect.

"We've worked our asses off to get this done. If we get all the students and faculty to vote for it in the CLC, it will pass ... We're doing our best with this archaic institution [of parietals] to try and institute change."

In other senate news:

♦ Wednesday night's meeting was the last for the current senators and senate chair and vice president Brooke Norton, who will formally take the office of student body president on April 1.

♦ The student senate approved Jeff Cussin as the 2001-2002 student business board Adworks Manager.

♦ Tim Jarotkiewicz was approved as the 2001-2002 Judicial Council president.

♦ The student senate passed an open letter requesting a women's retreat to be offered by Campus Ministry for students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross.

"Campus Ministry is happy we brought this initiative forth," Caponi said. "This is definitely going to happen."

♦ The student senate

passed an open letter requesting the creation of a peer advising program to aid

sophomores in making decisions about their future.

The advising would be specifically useful for sophomore in Arts and Letters who have sever-

al majors to decide between, said Kathleen Bufalino, Farley senator.

♦ The senate passed an open letter regarding the

development of service and experiential learning opportunities.

The senate specifically requests that more programs be offered to students where they can learn outside of the classroom through personal experience. The senate suggested the programs be created in conjunction with the Center for Social Concerns (CSC).

♦ The student senate passed a resolution which requests the University's mission statement be printed in full in DuLac.

Because DuLac makes several references to the mission statement, the senate agreed it should be included within the manual.

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Kristen Caponi
Cavanaugh Hall senator

Forum

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"If the president persists in this narrow way of thinking, the faculty have to go at it. This is not about civility, but about the freedom of process. The administration is using it as a screen for other things."

Faculty members offered the audience insight into recent faculty dialogue about the issue, raising the point that there is some faculty division. A departmental chair meeting last Friday

may have revealed this, said Marcia Rickard, associate professor of art, but called it "the best discussion in all my 23 years at Saint Mary's."

"Not all faculty agree,"

Rickard said. "but all care very deeply. The discussions will be ongoing and actions will be taken in an educational sense. It's at the early stages, but it's not going to drop here. As issues become more polarizing, we must create an environment where we can respond in a civil way."

Catherine Pittman, CARE advisor, expressed concern that the administration expected faculty to support the decision — even in her role of advisor. That expectation is different than the one held in the classroom, she said.

"I was told by the administration that I had a moral obligation to support them [in my role as advisor]," Pittman said. "In our classrooms we have academic freedom, but in the role of advisors, the administration feels there are limits in what we can define as topics of discussion."

Other faculty members discussed how to proceed with the campus dialogue in light of outside pressure on the College. Peter Smith questioned the administration's choice of allegiances between the College and the outside community.

"Instead of supporting us, they are cowed by outside pressure," Smith said. "but they are paid to stand up for us."

Ann Clark, professor of philosophy, agreed with Smith, attributing the administration's choice to listen to outside pressure to financial reasons.

"Our school is subject to outside pressure," she said. "And until we get richer, there will be pressure with the exterior public. The only thing we can decide to do is what we're going to do about it."

Community members at the forum suggested focus groups as a possible option to stimulate communication between the administration and students about censorship issues.

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Catherine Pittman
CARE advisor



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"I feel so jaded and don't know what to do," said CARE officer Emily Koelsch. "I can get an e-mail from [vice president for Student Affairs Linda Timm] and not believe a word of it. [Students at the forum are] not the only ones that have opinions. Maybe focus groups will be a way to get opinions," she said.

Some students disagreed about the effectiveness of focus groups, however, referring to negative experiences with prior College focus groups.

"I have a bad feeling about focus groups," said senior Jami Newcomb. "The no-smoking task force was organized by the administration, and yet, they rejected all our proposals last year."

Overall, students and faculty alike discussed the concern there is not enough open discussion about issues of rape and censorship on campus.

"Those of us leaders on campus should be concerned," said CARE officer Katie Poynter.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

EU approves foot-and-mouth shot:

Army butchers began slaughtering sheep in northern England on Wednesday, and Britain received the green light to vaccinate thousands of cattle against foot-and-mouth disease — but officials are still debating whether to use the last-resort measure. As Britain's top-ranking ground commander stepped into the battle to contain the livestock disease, EU veterinary experts approved the government's request for authorization to vaccinate up to 180,000 dairy cattle.

Police crack down on Hell's Angels:

Police raided homes and suspected Hell's Angels hangouts across Quebec on Wednesday, arresting more than 100 suspects in a major crack-down on alleged organized crime by biker gangs. The raids began around dawn and continued through the day. Police in Quebec had taken 118 people into custody by afternoon.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Labor department files low injuries:

Work-related repetitive strain injuries and similar muscular disorders decreased in 1999 but still accounted for more than a third of all job injuries, the labor department said Wednesday. The new data were released a week after President Bush signed a repeal of Clinton administration ergonomics rules aimed at reducing such injuries. Congress passed the repeal after a stinging legislative fight waged by business interests and labor unions.

Judges hear Utah's census plea: A federal judge said Wednesday it would be "wildly" unfair to count Utah's Mormon missionaries overseas in the 2000 Census because other Americans abroad can't be so easily counted. "Including only missionaries would not advance the cause of equal representation," said Stephen Anderson, a 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals judge.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Inmate escapes through kitchen:

An inmate escaped Wednesday from the Westville Correctional Facility by stealing a state-owned van and driving it through a prison fence. Fred Bishop, 27, was working in the kitchen area of the northern Indiana prison about 3 p.m. when he fled the building, stole a van and drove it at high speed through the fence. "He just drove it through the fence. There's a big hole in our fence," said Sharon Hawk, an administrative assistant to the prison's superintendent.

GAZA STRIP



Palestinian men inspect charred debris Wednesday in the West Bank town of Ramallah. The bombing occurred following deadly air strikes launched by Israel in retaliation for a renewed wave of bloody anti-Israel attacks.

Israelis hit Palestinian sites, killing 2

Associated Press

GAZA CITY

Israeli helicopters rocketed headquarters of Force 17, Yasser Arafat's elite guard, in Gaza and the West Bank town of Ramallah on Wednesday, retaliating for a wave of bombings, including a suicide attack that killed two Israeli teen-agers.

Red flares lit up the night sky over Ramallah, where two people were killed in the assault, and flames leaped from burning buildings and cars as firefighters tried to put out multiple blazes.

Doctors in Ramallah said

the dead included a member of Force 17 and a female civilian. Overall, more than two dozen Palestinians were injured in Ramallah and Gaza, several critically, doctors said.

The attacks on Palestinian government buildings were the first since last fall and further eroded the fabric and foundation of the peace agreements that granted the Palestinians autonomy and self-government.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has repeatedly accused Force 17 of involvement in attacks against Israeli civilians.

"The purpose is to strike

directly at those responsible for terrorism," the Israeli military said in a statement. The military said it hit the Force 17 headquarters in Ramallah, and four Force 17 targets around Gaza City and Deir al-Balah in the southern Gaza Strip — including a training camp and an arms depot.

The buildings under attack — all in areas governed by Arafat's Palestinian Authority under peace agreements — had been evacuated after the Israeli military warned the Palestinians to leave.

In Gaza City, the low-flying Israeli gunships blast-

ed a Force 17 building that had been used as a weapons arsenal and is only 100 yards from Arafat's house.

The Palestinians said the building had been empty for some time, but women and children screamed as they fled nearby buildings. The smell of gunpowder hung in the salty sea air after the attack.

Arafat was in Amman, Jordan, where Arab leaders wrapped up a two-day summit earlier Wednesday with pledges of financial aid to the cash-strapped Palestinian Authority.

Market Watch March 28

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| Dow Jones | 9,785.35 | -162.19 |
| Up: | 1,083 | |
| Same: | 195 | |
| Down: | 1,977 | |
| Composite Volume: | | N/A |
| AMEX: | 864.81 | -11.15 |
| NASDAQ: | 1,854.13 | -118.13 |
| NYSE: | 590.06 | -9.63 |
| S&P 500: | 1,153.29 | -28.88 |

TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

| COMPANY/SECURITY | %CHANGE | \$GAIN | PRICE |
|------------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO) | -13.10 | -2.37 | 15.75 |
| PALM INC (PALM) | -48.00 | -7.44 | 8.06 |
| AGERE SYSTEMS-A (AGRA) | +0.33 | +0.02 | 6.02 |
| NASDAQ 100 INDX (QQQ) | -8.21 | -3.55 | 39.70 |
| INTEL CORP (INTC) | -8.29 | -2.43 | 26.94 |

Dot-com demise lowers office rents

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO

The dot-com meltdown is flooding the San Francisco office market with vacant space and lowering average rents in the city's main business district for the first time in more than two years, according to a new real estate study.

Rents for prime downtown San Francisco office space averaged \$74.16 per square foot in the first quarter, down 7.5 percent from an average of \$80.16 per square foot in the fourth quarter, according to the Berkeley-based Rosen

Consulting Group.

It's the first quarter-to-quarter rent decline for so-called Class A space in San Francisco's financial district since the end of 1998, when landlords charged an average of \$47.75 per square foot. Despite the decline, average Class A rents for new San Francisco financial district leases remain 9 percent higher than a year ago.

San Francisco's office rents are still the highest in the country. New York's midtown Manhattan office market is the second most expensive at \$67.75 per square foot, according to Cushman & Wakefield,

a commercial real estate brokerage that supplied the data used in Rosen's report.

Internet companies accounted for 77 percent of the 3 million square feet returned to the San Francisco office market between October 2000 and February 2001, the report said.

In an unusual step, Cushman & Wakefield distanced itself from Rosen's report, which the brokerage called "premature." The firm said it planned to release a more extensive report Thursday comparing San Francisco to other cities facing an economic downturn.

Court throws out \$107 million verdict against abortion foes

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO

A federal appeals court threw out a record \$107 million verdict against anti-abortion activists Wednesday, ruling that a Web site and wanted posters branding abortion doctors "baby butchers" and criminals were protected by the First Amendment.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously said the activists could be held liable only if the material authorized or directly threatened violence.

The ruling came two years after a jury in Portland, Ore., ordered a dozen abortion foes to pay damages to Planned Parenthood and four doctors. They had sued under federal racketeering law and the 1994 federal law that makes it illegal to incite violence against abortion doctors.

The case was widely seen as a test of a recent Supreme Court ruling that said a threat must be explicit and likely to cause "imminent lawless action."

"If defendants threatened to commit violent acts, by working alone or with others, then their [works] could properly support the verdict," Circuit Judge Alex Kozinski wrote. "But if their [works] merely encouraged unrelated terrorists, then their words are protected by the First Amendment."

Planned Parenthood and the doctors were portrayed in the Old West-style wanted posters as "baby butchers," and a Web site called the "Nuremberg Files" listed the names and addresses of abortion

providers and declared them guilty of crimes against humanity.

Planned Parenthood said it would ask the court to reconsider its decision, or petition the Supreme Court to review the ruling.

"We are obviously disappointed with the panel's decision and firmly believe that it is wrong," said Maria Vullo, the group's attorney.

Don Treshman, one of the abortion foes named in the Planned Parenthood suit, said he no longer had to pay his \$8 million share of the jury's verdict.

"We were all accused of creating an umbrella of fear in the minds of abortionists that it wasn't safe for them to go to work," the 57-year-old Baltimore man said. "We now retain the free speech right to call abortion what it is: cold-blooded murder of a baby in the womb."

The anti-abortion activists said their posters and Web site were protected under the First Amendment because they were merely a list of doctors and clinics — not a threat.

"I think it's a great relief that our posters are just as protected by the First Amendment as the posters of any other movement," said Christopher Ferrara, the attorney who represented the activists.

During the trial, U.S. District Judge Robert Jones instructed the jury to consider the history of violence in the anti-abortion movement, including three doctors killed after their names appeared on the lists.

One was Dr. Barnett Slepian, who was killed by a sniper in 1998 at his home near Buffalo, N.Y. Slepian's name was crossed out on "The Nuremberg Files" Web site later that same day.

Doctors who were on the list testified that they lived in constant fear, used disguises, bodyguards and bulletproof vests, and instructed their children to crouch in the bathtub if they heard gunfire.

The defendants maintained they were political protesters collecting data on doctors in hopes of one day putting them on trial like Nazi war criminals were at Nuremberg.

After the jury's verdict, the judge called the Web site and the wanted posters "blatant and illegal communication of true threats to kill."

The man who ran the Nuremberg Web site was not a defendant in the lawsuit, but his Internet provider pulled the plug on the site after the verdict.

Among the defendants was Michael Bray of Bowie, Md., author of a book that justifies killing doctors to stop abortions. Bray went to prison from 1985 to 1989 for his role in arson attacks and bombings of seven clinics.

Another defendant was Cathy Ramey of Portland, an editor at Life Advocate magazine and author of "In Defense of Others," which defends people who refuse to condemn the killing of abortion providers.

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**Don Treshman
anti-abortion activist**

Graduate students may unionize

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

Temple University graduate teaching and research assistants voted Wednesday to unionize.

The students voted 290-16 to join the Temple University Graduate Students Association, an affiliate of the American Federation of Teachers. The Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board ruled in October that the union could be formed.

The union now intends to begin contract negotiations with the Temple administration for better pay, enhanced health care coverage and a lighter workload for its members. Most assistants make \$11,000 a year, the union said.

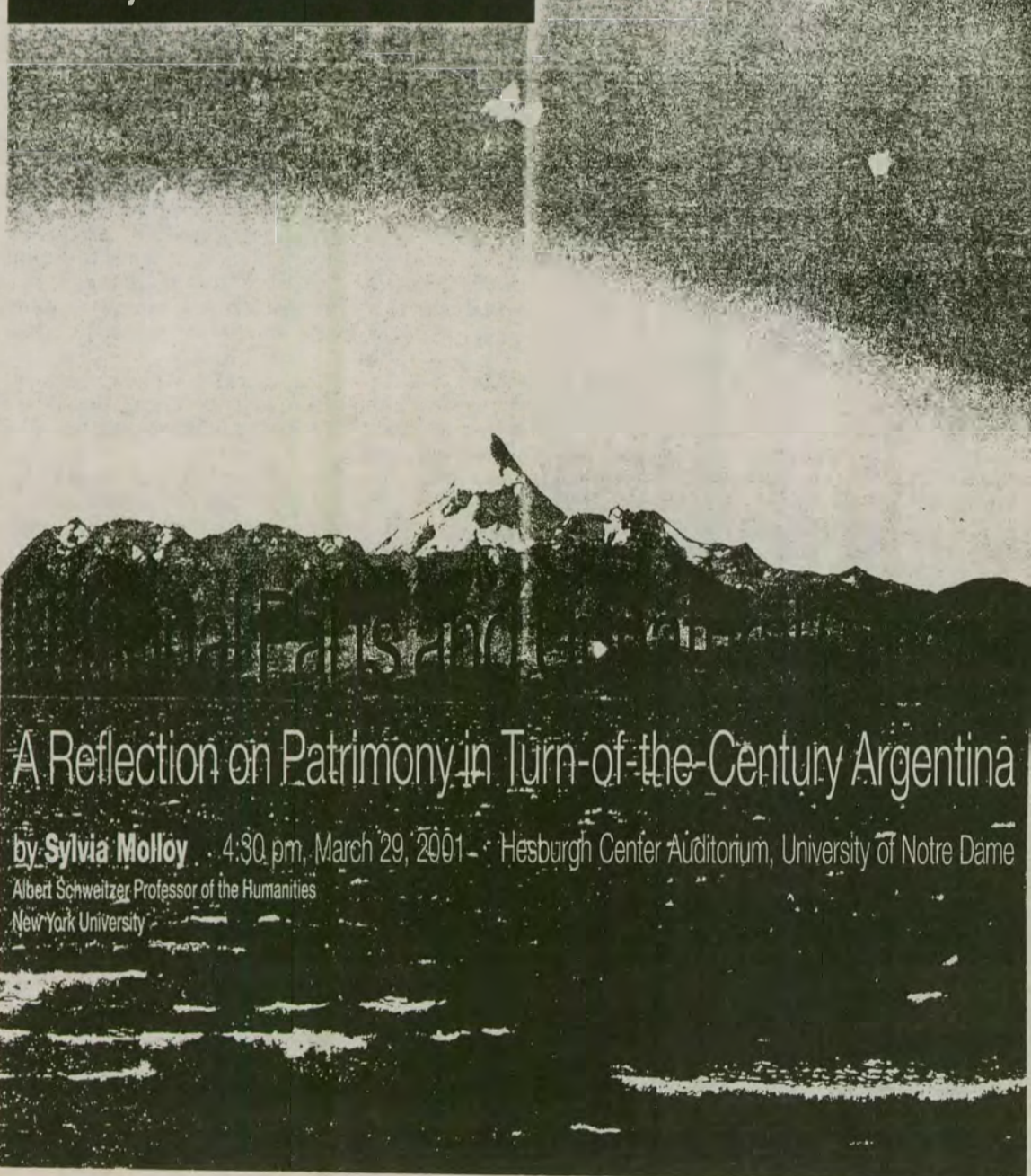
"It gives us a mandate to go to the table and negotiate a strong contract for the folks who teach and conduct research here at the university," said Rob Calahan, a union organizer and teaching assistant.

The state-supported university had said that graduate students did not have the same right as other workers to unionize because their jobs are part of their education.

The union argued that the university still benefited from the work of graduate students, and that many of the students' jobs had little to do with their fields of study.

Temple released a statement saying only that the university will follow PLRB procedures.

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House questions Olympics in China

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Unless China radically improves its human rights record, the 2008 Olympics should not be held there, the House International Relations Committee said Wednesday.

By a 27-8 vote, the committee approved a nonbinding resolution "expressing the sense of Congress that the 2008 Olympic Games should not be held in Beijing unless the Peoples Republic of China releases all political prisoners,

ratifies the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and observes internationally recognized human rights."

Rep. Tom Lantos, D-Calif., the panel's top Democrat, who has said China's "abominable human rights record violates the spirit of the games," likened the choice of Beijing to the 1936 Olympics held in Nazi Germany.

Beijing is competing with Toronto, Paris, Osaka, Japan, and Istanbul, Turkey, for the right to hold the 2008 Summer Olympics. The International

Olympic Committee will select the host July 13.

The measure's original cosponsors were Reps. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Frank Wolf, R-Va., but it later gained three dozen more supporters.

It was not immediately clear how soon the measure would be taken up by the full House.

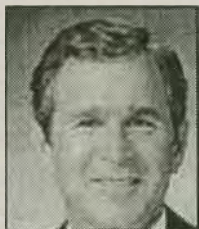
In the Senate, Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C., and Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., plan to introduce companion legislation.

Bush prefers informal interviews

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush would prefer to talk to reporters in informal settings, rather than in the formal East Room news conferences staged by many of his predecessors, the White House said Wednesday.



Bush

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Bush considers his almost daily interactions with reporters as news conferences. Outside of his daily appearances and sessions with world leaders, Bush has held only one solo news conference, a 30-minute session in the White House briefing room on Feb. 22 that was announced only an hour earlier.

"He always reserves the right to come down here on short notice," Fleischer said, referring to the briefing room. "The president continues to be accessible, and that will be his approach."

Bush has not categorically

ruled out an East Room news conference, but had not scheduled one as of Wednesday.

The president made four appearances Wednesday, all of which were open to reporters. But he deflected all questions in two of the sessions and took no questions during his meeting with high-tech leaders and when greeting King Juan Carlos of Spain.

Fleischer said Bush "doesn't think the American people really care a whit" about whether Bush speaks to the press in a formal or informal way, or which room of the White House he speaks in.

"The president prefers an informality about certain things," Fleischer said. "What's important is that people have an opportunity to ask questions. ... Not all the presidents always took questions at daily events the way the president does."

Marlin Fitzwater, former White House spokesman for Bush's father, said the younger

Bush's preferences are not out of line with those of other presidents. Plus, he said, TV networks have begun opting not to air presidential news conferences in prime time.

"So what's the use?" Fitzwater said. "He talks to the press every day. The American people see it every night on television. I'll bet you can't find 10 people in all of America who don't think the president talks to the press every day."

Former President Clinton held formal news conferences in the East Room. Bush's father held one East

Room news conference but did most of his talking with reporters in informal sessions, Fitzwater said.

Former President Reagan held 48 news conferences during his eight years in office, mostly formal East Room events aired in prime time. "But he liked them," said Fitzwater, who was also Reagan's press secretary. worked to his advantage."

"The president prefers an informality about certain things."

Ari Fleischer

White House spokesman

Rich reps offered AJC donation for help

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The head of the American Jewish Congress says representatives of Marc Rich offered a donation to the AJC if the organization would support his application for a pardon.

"It was made known to us that if we were to speak favorably of Mr. Rich, we would be the beneficiary of a gift," Phil Baum, executive director of the AJC, said Tuesday.

The organization did not write a letter supporting Rich, and he did not make a donation, Baum said.

"We said we'd be glad to accept a gift but it cannot be done with any expectation or any hope at all," he said.

Less than a week ago, the head of another major Jewish organization, Abe Foxman of the Anti-Defamation League, said he erred in writing a letter of support for Rich. The ex-fugitive financier's foundation pledged \$100,000 to the ADL months before his lawyers sought a pardon for him.

Baum said his organization was "approached by Rich representatives to do the

same thing and we declined to do so."

"There was no direct quid pro quo, but there was an understanding communicated to us," Baum said.

Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel said Wednesday that he was also asked to write a letter supporting Rich's pardon, but that there was no implied promise of a gift.

"I was approached, but I was not offered any money," the author and humanitarian activist said. He declined to write the letter.

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Calls placed Wednesday to the Rich Foundation, headquartered in Tel Aviv, and to the home of Avner Azulay, who heads the organization,

were not immediately returned.

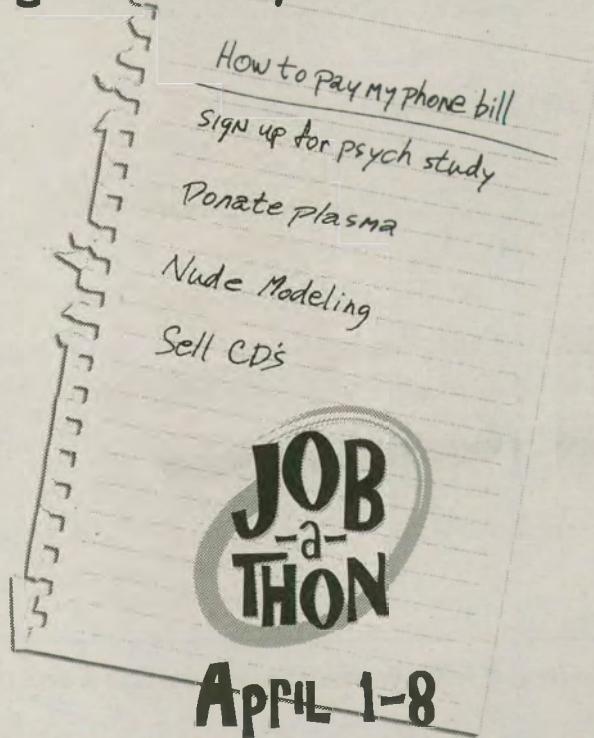
Rich was left the United States in 1983 rather than face racketeering and other criminal charges.

President Clinton pardoned Rich in the final hours of his presidency and said he made his decision in part at the urging of Jewish leaders who cited Rich's extensive philanthropy. Rich, a billionaire, has given \$100 million to charities in Israel and elsewhere.

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Silicon Valley money dries up

◆ Investment slowdown hurting tech companies

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO

In another sign of the technology industry's jarring about-face, the amount of money flowing into Silicon Valley companies from the public markets is quickly evaporating, according to new data provided to The Associated Press.

Silicon Valley firms received \$2.7 billion from the sale of stock and other securities through March 15, down from \$14.1 billion during the first three months of last year. The first quarter also figures to be down sharply from the final three months of last year, when Silicon Valley companies raised \$6.5 billion from the public markets.

The report, compiled by financial publishing company Bowne & Co. from Thomson Financial Securities data, provides a snapshot of how much faster the Silicon Valley is slowing than the rest of the nation — and even other parts of California.

Nationally, companies raised \$361 billion from the public markets through March 15, down from \$407 billion during the first three months of last year and up from \$213 billion in last year's final quarter.

In Southern California, companies raised slightly more

cash from the public markets than they did last year — \$4.8 billion through March 15, the report said.

To a degree, the severity of this year's plunge in Silicon Valley investment reflects a mania that peaked in early 2000. Until last year, the Silicon Valley had never raised more than \$1.9 billion from the public markets during the first quarter, according to the report.

The Silicon Valley's current cash drought extends beyond the public markets. The venture capitalists that showered cash on start-ups during the last few years also are tightening the spigot.

"It's really dry out there," Jim Dorrian, a general partner at Crosspoint Venture Partners, said Tuesday.

"We are teaching the CEOs at all our companies how to be thrifty right now."

In the final three months of last year, venture capitalist investment in Northern California fell 19 percent from the previous year to \$6.9 billion, according to Venture Economics, an industry research firm. Statistics for the first quarter aren't available, but virtually all venture

capitalists expect the numbers to reflect a steep decline.

The decrease in money pouring into Silicon Valley companies is bound to have a ripple effect on households and businesses throughout the region, economists said.

That's because companies that receive cash from the public markets redistribute the money by hiring more workers, buying new equipment and investing in new offices.

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Senior economist,
UCLA Business Forecasting Project

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An investment slowdown such as the one emerging in Silicon Valley frequently has a viral effect. As

more businesses conclude their customers won't have as much money to spend this year, they table their own expansion plans and hold off on raising more cash from investors.

"We probably won't see this economy bounce back any time soon," predicted Gary Schlossberg, a senior economist with Wells Fargo Capital Markets.

Nortel plans to cut additional 5000 jobs

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Shares of Nortel Networks fell 16.5 percent Wednesday after the maker of optical and wireless network equipment said it won't meet the sharply reduced profit forecasts set just a month ago, and now plans to eliminate 5,000 more jobs on top of the 10,000 already cut since the start of 2001.

The warning Tuesday by the Canadian company, echoed the increasingly dire projections

coming from Cisco Systems, the world's leading producer of network equipment for the Internet. Nortel also made the unsettling suggestion that business conditions have turned too difficult to make any forecasts for the rest of 2001.

"Given the poor visibility into the duration and breadth of the economic downturn and its impact on the overall market growth in 2001, it is not possible to provide guidance for the company's financial performance year," John Roth, president and chief executive officer said.

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Bush ends Office for Women's Initiatives

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush will not revive a special White House office on women's issues that was created under President Clinton, a spokeswoman said Wednesday.

The National Organization for Women decried the decision as "really foolish and high-handed."

White House spokeswoman Claire Buchan said the function of the old office — gathering policy and political input from women's advocacy groups and disseminating information on the administration's activities — will be handled by aides in the White House Office of Public Liaison.

"We're still working on how exactly that will be structured, but we're committed to having a strong relationship with women's groups in the Bush White House," Buchan said. "The president believes the best way to address issues important to women is through a broad variety of fronts, through his

policy initiatives, through outreach by the White House and by the agencies."

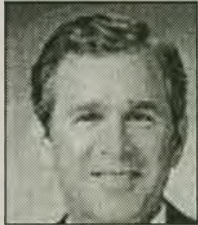
Since Bush's inauguration in January, an answering machine at the White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach has notified callers: "We will no longer be able to receive your calls."

NOW President Patricia Ireland pointed out that, to date, Bush has not reached out to women's groups — except for a meeting last week with Republican-leaning women business executives.

"We don't really think that is sufficient if he wants to have support from women in congressional elections a year and a half from now or in the presidential election in 2004," Ireland said.

The office that Clinton created in 1995 gave women activists a voice in policy deliberations, Ireland said.

"Can we talk about the budget and which domestic programs are going to be slashed, which are going to be preserved? All this discussion about outreach to the communities, about not being polarized, about (Bush) being the president of everyone — it sounds like just so much hot air when we don't have any way to even approach the White House," Ireland said.



Bush

Bush budget clears House, 222-205

♦ \$1.94 trillion budget clears first Congressional hurdle

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Republicans overwhelmed the Democrats and pushed a \$1.94 trillion budget for 2002 through the House on Wednesday, as President Bush's blueprint for tax cuts and curbed spending cleared its first major congressional hurdle.



Armey

The vote was a near party-line 222-205. Though devoid of suspense because of the GOP's thin but unified majority, Republicans hailed their victory as a triumph for their view of government.

"The choice is between two visions," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas. "A vision of bigger and bigger government, a choice between larger and larger taxes or a choice of smaller government that trusts the people."

The House roll call, though, was but a warmup for a rougher test next week in the evenly divided Senate. There, the GOP not only faces near-

lockstep Democratic opposition, but some moderate Republicans have said Bush's 10-year, \$1.6 trillion tax cut is too big and his proposed spending restraints too stingy.

Even so, Bush said the House action made Wednesday "a big day" and said the budget's centerpiece — an across-the-board cut in income tax rates — would help all Americans.

"We need to cut all rates so that there's certainty in our economy when people plan, and I'm confident we can get this done," he said before meeting with GOP congressional leaders at the White House.

Hoping to claim the economic stimulus argument as their own, House Democrats joined their Senate colleagues and said they wanted a \$60 billion tax reduction effective this year. If moved as a separate bill — instead of attached to Bush's big tax cuts, as Republicans insist — the measure could zip through Congress in a day, Democrats said.

"But they refuse to do it because they have an obses-

sion with a year-old tax plan, like a dog after a bone." House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., said at a news conference, referring to Bush's plan.

Senate Republicans have said they favor a \$60 billion tax cut for this year, but have yet to determine all the details. House GOP leaders remain undecided on the size and shape of a package meant to stimulate the economy. A final figure will be set in the final congressional budget, which House-Senate bargainers hope to complete next month.

Besides its tax reduction, the

House GOP budget envisions \$2.3 trillion in debt reduction over the coming decade, using parts of the Social Security and Medicare surpluses to overhaul

both programs, and limiting many programs to 4 percent growth next year. That would be half this year's increase.

Besides drawing Democratic fire, Bush's fiscal plans have prompted calls from some Republicans for deeper tax cuts and added spending for defense.

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Friday-Sunday, March 30-April 1

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Basilica of the Sacred Heart
RCIA Rite of Reception

Sunday, April 1, 1:30 p.m.

Zahm Hall Chapel
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Sunday, April 1, 8:00-10:00 p.m.

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10:00pm

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Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, April 2, 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday, April 1 Mass
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11:45 a.m. Rev. Peter D. Rocca, c.s.c.

Scripture Readings for this Coming Sunday

1st Reading Is 43: 16-21
2nd Reading Phil 3: 8-14
Gospel Jn 8: 1-11

Community or Merely a Collection of People?

by Fr. Bill Wack, C.S.C.

Last week I was speaking at a high school run by the Holy Cross Brothers in Cleveland. A student there asked me to help convince him to accept ND's offer and come here as a freshman in the Fall. Basically, he wanted to know what this school has over all other schools. (He has a perfect SAT score, so he can pretty much go wherever he wants).

I told him about the excellent academics and enriching extra-curricular life here. I talked about the great sports programs and the beautiful campus environs. I shared with him the vibrant faith life and dedication to service which is very evident and prevalent. But the most compelling reason for coming here, I told him, is the emphasis we place on community. In residence halls, sports teams, in clubs of all kinds, and in classes, we encourage and promote teamwork, cooperation, and Christian love.

He looked at me with a suspicious eye as if to say, "Do you really believe that?"

Well, I'd certainly like to. I would like to think that all of us – religious, faculty, students and staff – are learning how to live as a community, rather than simply as a collection of individuals. I'd love to think that our students leave here more ready to reach out to others and invite them to share in their resources and talents.

Community is not an easy thing to teach, of course; especially when much of society is pressuring us to move in the other direction. Individualism seems to hold a high value today. Even the Army has gotten into the act with their new slogan: "An Army of One". I am told that the trend on college campuses is to get away from triples or even doubles for freshmen. More and more students are demanding singles, even in their first year on campus.

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resources we need personally and not have to rely on their availability. We can put in for a single after our first year and then not worry about being bothered by others taking our space or using our things. We could ignore others' opinions and beliefs and hold tightly to our own.

The better solution, of course, is to learn how to share our goods, our space, and our beliefs with each other.

Living in community requires a great deal of patience and tolerance, forgiveness and understanding. It means anticipating others' needs while respecting their opinions. It means focusing on the good of your neighbors – even over your own wants and desires.

We learn to do this in small ways, such as: picking up trash in the halls or on the quad, opening doors for others as you enter/exit a building, inviting people to step ahead of you in line if it appears that they are in a hurry, spending time in the common areas of the dorms and inviting others into your own room.

More risky – and more rewarding – is meeting people here you wouldn't normally hang out with, like those who are of a different ethnicity or race or creed or philosophical mindset. Join a faith-sharing group or go on a retreat. Volunteer to serve others who are in need on and off campus. Get to know some of the dining hall workers, office administrators, or hall maintenance staff. Attend some of the lectures offered continually here, even those whose topics may turn you off.

It takes work to live in a community. It's a whole lot easier to do what we want, when we want. Community living, on the other hand, requires sacrifice, risk, effort. Building the Kingdom of God on earth necessitates drawing people closer together and loving our neighbor. And for us Christians, it is our hope and our goal, on earth as well as in Heaven.

I don't know if that high school senior will be here or not next Fall, but I do know that he has the opportunity – as do we all – of living in and building up a community of diverse people with a tremendous variety of gifts and ideas. It is my prayer that, as we so often sing in our chapels and on retreats, that together we will "Build the City of God".

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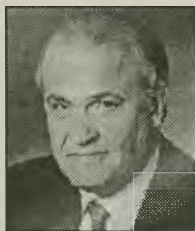
WASHINGTON

The Senate voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to raise the limits on contributions to candidates and political parties, hoping to strike a balance on campaign finance legislation one day after moving to flush millions of dollars out of the nation's political system.

The 84-16 vote on a hastily crafted compromise cleared the latest — but not the last — hurdle blocking passage of legislation pressed by Sen. John McCain and his allies to curtail the influence of big money in politics.

"Money is not evil in and of itself," said Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., shortly before the Senate agreed to increase donation limits enacted in the wake of the Watergate scandal a quarter-century ago. He said the increases would "help challengers and will help our parties do the legitimate things that parties are supposed to do."

Donors would be permitted to give \$2,000 per election to candidates of their choice and \$37,500 overall to candidates and political parties for use in direct campaign expenses. These limits would rise with inflation in the future.



Thompson

The current limits are \$1,000 and \$25,000.

The compromise called for smaller increases than Thompson originally wanted, but more than Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., proposed in an alternative that caused a legislative standoff and prompted closed-door negotiations in a meeting room a few paces off the Senate floor.

Supporters of the bill expressed elation at their handiwork at a time when Senate leaders are pressing for a final vote by Thursday night or Friday.

"I think McCain-Feingold is on its way to passage," said Feinstein, referring to the first major overhaul of the campaign finance laws since 1974. "I think we're developing something that the president can sign," added Thompson.

Sen. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin, the leading Democratic supporter of the bill, said he was giving his support reluctantly to the increases. "We have to make this move," he said, or risk the unraveling of a coalition that has been painstakingly put together in nearly two weeks of floor debate.

"It's so hard in the big states to raise money," said Feinstein. "This makes it a little easier to raise regulated, disclosed

money."

Even with the compromise, other obstacles remain, including a thorny question of whether the Supreme Court should be directed to consider the measure one provision at a time or render a verdict on its constitutionality as a whole.

Lawmakers on all sides of the bill have raised questions about the constitutionality of a variety of its provisions, and the importance of the issue was reinforced during the day when the conservative Southeastern Legal Foundation, based in Atlanta, announced plans to file suit challenging the bill if it becomes law.

In addition, Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the bill's most outspoken opponent, has not yet agreed to set a time for a vote on final passage, raising the threat, at least, that he or others might attempt to mount a late filibuster against a measure he has long opposed.

He quietly served notice last week that he might propose a rules change to extend the Senate's ethics guidelines to senators-elect.

A spokesman said Wednesday night that McConnell has no plans "at the present time" to seek a vote on his proposal.

The overall legislation would ban so-called soft money, the unlimited donations that individuals, unions and corporations make to the political parties.

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**Fred Thompson
Senator, R-Tenn.**

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shalowness and bias tarnish personal image

I am writing in order to discuss a recent event that I experienced and that I never imagined could happen at the greatest Catholic university in the United States. On a recent night, a close friend of mine and I decided to go out for a drink. After spending some time at one local establishment we headed to Club 23.

When we entered my friend saw an acquaintance, and we sat down at a table and started talking. I had met the acquaintance before but had never met his two friends.

After a short time, my roommate joined us at the table. During the course of the night the only people I talked to at the table were my friend and my roommate. Later, my friend and I decided to head home. After climbing into bed, the phone rang and the voice on the other end was my roommate. He informed me that after I left one of the people at the table (I refuse to call him a gentleman) began talking negatively about me.

Before I continue, I should give a little background on myself. I was born with a birth defect known as spina bifida and one of the side effects is walking with a limp. As soon as I had left the table, the ignorant individual began referring to me as a "gimp" and how he was glad that I had left. My roommate spoke up on my behalf, but this

insecure person continued his barrage.

Throughout my life I've had similar experiences, but I never expected it from a Notre Dame student. Please don't misunderstand me, I am not generalizing all Notre Dame students in this ignorant person's category. In fact I am positive that this person is in an infinitely small minority in his views. But I just wanted to tell this person, since I've never spoken to him before, to not judge individuals by appearances and also not to talk about people after they have left.

The first characteristic depicts a shallow personality while the second is very cowardly and neither does it reflect well on you as a person. I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank my roommate for his actions. I am glad that I've chosen to surround myself with friends like you.

Finally, I must be critical of myself otherwise I would consider myself a hypocrite. I, like the guy in this column, am also guilty of judging people by looks that night. When I first walked in and saw this person I judged him as a normal Notre Dame student that would exude positive qualities. I was wrong.

Brendan Sullivan
senior
off-campus
March 28, 2001



Banning guns leaves us vulnerable to criminals

Recently, my girlfriend and I debated moving from Florida to Chicago. One of the reasons I did not want to go was Chicago's ban on handguns, a city where criminals are often armed.

My girlfriend stands only 5 feet tall and weighs roughly 100 pounds. She is virtually defenseless against even very small men. At 5 feet, 10 inches and about 200 pounds and a weightlifting regular, I stand a little bit better chance against most men.

However, by carrying a concealed weapon, we are both protected from attack, especially against an armed attacker. That is why I am happy that Florida is a "must" carry state (which refers to the type of concealed weapon permitting).

While Brian Price, in his letter Wednesday, points out that guns allow much more damage than bats, banning them would not solve the problem of school shootings. This is a case of the toothpaste

being out of the tube, meaning there are millions of guns in existence and they cannot all be confiscated. By disarming law-abiding citizens of their handguns, the only handguns remaining would be in the hands of criminals.

For evidence of this reality, look at England where the criminals are armed and the people are not. The result is a growing problem of gun violence, not a diminishing one. Despite some of the strictest gun control in the world, British cops are armed for the first time in history.

While space limits my arguments here, I suggest that before advocating banning handguns, one read Professor John Lott's "More Guns, Less Crime."

Tom Carrasquillo
class of '96
Fort Myers, Fla.
March 28, 2001

Having a Kentucky fried spring break

Spring break. A time for fun in the sun, wild parties and eventual arrest and imprisonment in a Cancun "jail." Well, maybe your spring break wasn't that wild, but I hope you all had a great time.

Amy Schill

Dazed and Amused

However, I have a suggestion for next year's spring break (or frozen wasteland break, as it should be called here). I'm talking about a destination known for good times, great beaches and sexy singles. You guessed it. Kentucky.

All right. Maybe MTV has never been there and you might never see anyone sing the Bluegrass Gospel Boys on "Say What? Karaoke" (because the world is not right), but while Kentucky may not be the most obvious place to go and get busy, it is possible to have a good time without spending the entire week with Carson Daly.

I went to Kentucky as a part of the Appalachia Seminar (a.k.a. working for a week is not enough; you have to write a paper too, sucka!). The greatest thing about going to Appalachia is the complete lack of adult supervision provided for this University-sponsored trip. Good old Notre Dame gave us the brand spankin' new, fully loaded minivans and some vague directions telling us to go "somewhere yonder," written on a greasy Taco Bell napkin. Of course before we were entrusted with the very expensive machinery, all the drivers had to go to an extensive training meeting, where we were told, "Guys, be careful, okay?" and were then certified as professional race car drivers and, strangely enough, lifeguards. This apparent absurdity fascinated me so much that I had question the administration about it.

Me: Is this for real?

Administration: Straight up, Dawg.

Me: So what you're telling me is, we can't be in the same room with a member of the opposite sex after midnight, but you're entrusting us with brand new minivans, which I will undoubtedly either crash or in a desperate moment sell in exchange for Pop Rocks, and are letting us drive halfway across the country with absolutely no university supervision?

Administration: True dat.

Me: Sweet.

Administration: Don't have sex in the vans.

Recipients of such a rare glimpse of a duLac-free world, I'm still amazed my group didn't end up in Canada, never to be seen again.

We did end up going to Kentucky, but if there's one thing I learned from this trip, it's that college students are in no hurry to get anywhere. Having experienced many road trips with my parents, I know what it's like to get up extremely early, eating on the run and urinating in jars all in the name of "good time."

The Appalachia trip was a breath

of fresh air. The supposed eight hour drive took us roughly 56 hours. Our trip was delayed by our ability to stop every five minutes for bathroom breaks, food breaks, driver switches, 40s at 4, *et cetera*.

Thankfully, we had walkie-talkies to aid us in our inter-van communication, through which we conveyed such messages as, "Dude, I think you missed the exit," "Are we there yet?" and "Hey mutha, we just passed you. Who's yo' daddy?"

Yes, that road trip taught me about life, love and disgusting gas stations.

Oh, and Laura is definitely my daddy.

Well, 10 rest stops, 20 McDonald's and 15 listenings of Ludicrous later, we finally arrived in the Bluegrass state. As it turned out, there were several other colleges there, and they split us up to work with kids from other schools. Upon learning that we were to work with people other

than white, upper middle-class, Catholic, Republican Notre Dame students, we became very confused and nearly high-tailed it to my daddy's (my real daddy's) place in the Hamptons.

Actually, getting to know the other students was one of the best parts of my Appalachia experience (though I still don't understand why they didn't all follow Irish football).

Okay, on to the actual work we did. I was the only Notre Dame student not assigned to shingle a roof, and I think that has something to do with the fact that on my application, under "construction skills," I wrote: Falling off of roofs and dying. So I was told to work on the outside of a trailer and try not to cause trouble.

I spent the entire week working in ankle-deep Kentucky mud, which is kind of like Woodstock mud except thicker and less mind-altering. So here I am, covered in mud, with absolutely no skills and no idea what I'm doing. After countless failures at hammering, drilling, measuring and soufflé-ing, I was assigned to be "the girl who holds the box of screws and tries not to burn down Kentucky." Though the title sounds humiliating, I did get the pleasure of uttering the phrase, "Hey baby, wanna screw?" multiple, multiple times. And I only burned down the really shady parts of Kentucky.

But seriously folks, I wasn't that bad. I certainly wasn't the best worker on my team and I made some mistakes, but I finally got a handle on the whole drilling thing and I had mad fun using the electric saw (yes, they let me use power tools). So the lore of the story is ... go to Appalachia, fool. It's a lot of fun, you do important work and you just may find out who's yo' daddy.

Amy is a sophomore arts and letters major and she would like to give a mad shoutout to her Appalachia group.

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



MOVIE REVIEW

Demme's 'Blow' cracks under pressure

By JUDE SEYMOUR and MATT NANIA
Scene Movie Critics

For director Ted Demme, "Blow" represents much more than a movie "about a bunch of people smuggling drugs." He acquired the rights to the book by Bruce Porter six years ago. Demme was "completely hooked by the byline of the book. [That byline] was: how a small time boy, a high school football All-American, went on to be Pablo Escobar's right hand guy. Had about a 100 million dollars cash in two years and then lost it all. It was classic Shakespeare."

Demme decided to follow up his reading by meeting its main non-fictional protagonist: George Jung. Jung, currently serving a prison sentence until 2015, was responsible for 85 percent of the cocaine distributed in the United States in the 1970s and 80s.

Demme was surprised in his prison encounter with Jung: "[I] found him intoxicating as a human being, really funny, really smart, really sad. I was really judgmental about him when I first met him ... I could not stop thinking about him, so I figured this must be a good sign. It will be a really good challenge as a director to make a classic anti-hero and have many sides to him," Demme told his audience at a post-screening interview in Chicago.

Demme (who directed "The Ref" and "Beautiful Girls") hoped to bring to the screen a complete picture of Jung, including all that he learned through the book and from subsequent interviews with Jung in prison.

"Blow," however, resonates as a frequently distracted piece. The beginning is a dizzying array of great moments, the middle sputters like the life of Jung (Johnny Depp), and the final message is muddled by its late arrival.

"Blow" tells Jung's story, starting with his early childhood. George leaves his home in 1968 to go out into the world and "be nothing like his parents." His father, Fred, (Ray Liotta), a punching bag for his alcoholic mother (Rachel Griffiths), is a man who believes in the old proverb "money isn't everything," mainly because he doesn't have any. Young George relates money concerns with domestic troubles and runs off to make a fortune. He partners with Derek Foreal (Paul Reubens) and they begin running a large pot distribution agency.

George's progress is stifled when the cops bust him and send him to Danbury Correctional Institute. In the peniten-

tiary, George meets Diego (Jordi Molla), who acquaints him with something much bigger than pot: cocaine (or blow).

George's quest to distribute cocaine in the United States leads to an arranged encounter with Pablo Escobar (for those who don't know, Escobar was the ruthless leader of the Medellin Cocaine Cartel for two decades, and the United States' biggest drug problem). As Escobar's distributor, George makes 100 million dollars in two years. Allegiances in the drug business are not stable however, and George is soon double-crossed.

In an epiphany during the birth of his daughter, George decides to give up the business, get clean and raise his child with his fortunes. But, as George tells the audience in a voice-over, no one ever gets out that easily.

Demme wishes to make evident that, despite George's bad decisions, he was a driven man. His drive was at first the money, but the incentive became his relationship with his daughter. What disturbs him most about getting sent to jail for the last time is not the loss of money or wanting to know who snitched, but the fact that he can't pick up his daughter for the weekend.

As a storyteller, Demme does not put enough emphasis on the daughter's role, and the film's heart is lost among the drug runs and distributors. Early scenes of Jung's dope peddling could have been condensed so that the daughter scenes would feel more important. As Demme himself admitted, "The movie is called 'Blow'. What are we doing with scenes involving pot?"

In the end, Demme is left with themes that should have been eliminated to help make his message clearer. The director sets up a comparison between George's lovers, Mirtha (Penelope Cruz) and Barbara (Franka Potente), and dawdles with introductions to George's friends. All of this wears on the film, and since the important relationship doesn't start until the last half hour, the first hour and a half seems wasteful.

Despite the thematic choices, Demme excels with his casting decisions. Depp, bad Boston accent aside, makes an engaging character out of George. Demme applauded Depp's ability to become "a master of disguise. [The movie needs] an actor that will dummy themselves up for the role of George Jung. [It] didn't need a movie star." In addition, Reubens excels in his first big dramatic role, capturing the humorous aspect of his character while being in close touch with his human, emotional side.

"Blow"



out of five shamrocks

Director: Ted Demme
Starring: Johnny Depp, Penelope Cruz, Ray Liotta, Franka Potente, Rachel Griffiths, Jordi Molla and Paul Reubens



Photo courtesy of New Line Cinema

In "Blow," Johnny Depp portrays real-life drug entrepreneur George Jung.

"Blow" is an engaging, well-made film in many respects. Unfortunately, the less important themes strangle the film's message.

After six years working on the project, Demme had enough George Jung material for two feature films. In retrospect, scenes from the beginning that do not deal with "blow" or the daughter should have been eliminated so that the film's message would be clearer. "Blow," in trying to make two films in one time period, ends up being half of a great film.

"Blow" opens nationally on Friday, April 6.

MOVIE REVIEW

Top notch cast can't mend 'Heartbreakers'

By JUDE SEYMOUR
Scene Movie Critic

The male stereotype that propagates in books, movies and Ani DiFranco music is that a man is not monogamous, thinks only of himself and should therefore be punished by empowering women.

"Heartbreakers" plays as a con movie where the targets are men who think only with what is in their pants. So the women seduce, deny, destroy and then empty their victim's bank accounts.

The plot centers on Max (Sigourney Weaver), who as a teen was impregnated and then left by a heartless man. In order to exact revenge, Max decided to raise her

daughter, Page (Jennifer Love Hewitt), to believe in the ideal that all men are destined to break hearts, so it is imperative for women to take the initiative. Their motive becomes the annihilation of the male heart and the subsequent draining of their bank accounts.

The movie's pivotal flaw, though, is that it does not really want to be heartless at all. Instead, it wants to display Page's evolution as she forms her own perspective on life. Perhaps not all men are looking to break women's hearts, and genuine love may exist. "Heartbreakers" addresses this dramatic problem with a comedic approach.

Unfortunately, that approach does not fit well with the supposed heartless intent. In addition, several scenes oddly repeat themselves and dull the laughs.

The two hours spent watching "Heartbreakers" feels about twenty minutes too long. The great comedic bits, especially those involving Ray Liotta and Jason Lee, become the sacrificial lamb to the movie's other vapid moments.

Max's character becomes especially

troubling. After executing her con woman-scheme 13 times, Max seems unable to come to grips with the true nature of men even after Page finds true love; the movie

never explains how Max could continue to con knowing that her prior assumptions are false.

It would have been a different and more interesting movie to view the effects on Max's psyche after Page's attainment of true companionship. If every subsequent vic-tim is a chance at true love, how can Max continue her heartless cru-

sade against men?

"Heartbreakers" portrays its male characters as one-dimensional and underdeveloped, which leads to numerous questions about their actions. Jack's (Lee) motives for forgoing Page, for example, are never explored (which complements his unexplained reasoning for loving her in the first place).

Ultimately, the women's conquest of these stereotypical males does not leave the audience impressed; rather, the viewer is bored by the defeat of a male cliché few believe in the first place.

"Heartbreakers"



out of five shamrocks

Director: David Mirkin
Starring: Sigourney Weaver, Jennifer Love Hewitt, Ray Liotta, Gene Hackman and Jason Lee



Photo courtesy of MGM Studios

Jason Lee, Sigourney Weaver, Jennifer Love Hewitt and Ray Liotta star in the male-female relationships comedy, "Heartbreakers."

MOVIE REVIEW

'15 Minutes' isn't worth the time

By **CHRIS BANNISTER**
Scene Movie Critic

It would be frustrating to describe "15 Minutes" in one word, because it is not simply mediocre. Many mediocre films can produce some amount of satisfaction. However, "15 Minutes" teases the audience with shots of something better than the average film and then plunges dramatically into failure.



Photo courtesy of New Line Cinema

In the failed action thriller "15 Minutes," Robert DeNiro and Ed Burns have to stop a couple of killers.

The film's plot is simplistic from the beginning. The story follows an arson investigator (Edward Burns) and a veteran police officer (Robert De Niro) as they attempt to track down two criminals who are on a murder spree around New York City.

However, this blasé concept is made somewhat interesting because one of the criminals, a cinema aficionado, is filming the crime spree with a home video camera. This provides the chance for the movie to create an intriguing, self-reflexive work. In fact, some of the early shots in the film that use footage from the home video camera are visually interesting and provide the groundwork for what might be an excellent film.

Instead, "15 Minutes" resolves its initial questions with perfunctory answers and turns its attention to being a run-of-the-mill action movie, thus blotting out any redeeming qualities it might have had.

Despite the presence of Burns and De Niro, who seem to be a powerful leading duo, all of the acting in the film is less than remarkable. Burns does an average job with his character in the film, and since his arsonist character is not much to begin with, the performance leaves much to be desired. Yet, it is understandable that Burns' character is underdeveloped. The film seems to want to provide a showcase for De Niro's talent and give the actor a character with depth and range; however, an evident lack of writing skill leads to the supposed many layers of DeNiro's character simply disappearing into a collection of choppy, extraneous details that are never explored in any depth.

However, the parade of banal characters does not stop

with the leads. The television personality (Kelsey Grammer, TV's "Frasier") who purchases the video footage from the killers is gratingly annoying. Grammer has played Frasier Crane for so many years that he seems unable to produce anything significant outside that persona. His character in the film is just a vulgar version of his sitcom personality, and the charade is wholly ineffective.

Perhaps the most ineffective characters, though, are the film's villains. Like every action movie, they are of course foreigners from Russia who walk around speaking with heavy accents. It is as if no one reminded the filmmakers that the Cold War is over. Of course, the film could have infused something new into these villains and redefined generic characters; however, if the film does anything, it retreats and relies heavily on two obligatory "bad guy" performances.

As if the characters did not do enough injustice to whatever redeeming parts the film had, the ending is so trite that it is almost painful to watch. Refer to any "Die Hard," "Lethal Weapon" or Arnold Schwarzenegger movie to guess how it all ends.

Finally, while "15 Minutes" outdoes itself in its race towards mediocrity, it shifts tone for a horrendous final humor sequence. The scene is so out of place that it provides a crowning, solidifying touch on the idea that the film can have no knowledge of its purpose and waste itself away in convention.

"15 Minutes" is average at best, but it is made worse by the fact that it leaves the viewer feeling cheated.

"15 Minutes"



out of five shamrocks

Director: John Herzfeld
Starring: Robert DeNiro, Edward Burns and Kelsey Grammer

MOVIE REVIEW

Melodramatic plot elements invade 'Gates'

By **MARIO BIRD**
Scene Movie Critic

With a strong cast featuring multiple Academy Award nominees, wartime special effects rivaling the monumental "Saving Private Ryan," and a propaganda campaign approaching the Soviet version within its story, "Enemy at the Gates" was positioned to be the first blockbuster hit of 2001. Unfortunately, the above qualities do not a movie make, as writer-director Jean-Jacques Annaud ("Seven Years in Tibet") effort through his latest cinematic effort.

Joseph Fiennes ("Shakespeare in Love"), one of the actors who helped usurp "Saving Private Ryan's" rightful place as Best Picture of 1998, stars as Russian propaganda officer Danilov in an enigmatic performance. His fate becomes inextricably entwined with the sharpshooting GI Vassily, played by Jude Law (Supporting Actor nominee, "The Talented Mr. Ripley"), when he watches Vassily kill five German officers during the initial melee of the battle for Stalingrad.

Recognizing the heroic potential of a working class hero such as Vassily, Danilov launches a nationwide campaign to immortalize the sniper that single-handedly resurrects the Russian fighting spirit.

Things are even further skewed when Annaud introduces the inevitable love triangle between Danilov, Vassily and the militant-yet-beautiful Tania, rendered by Rachel Weisz ("The Mummy"). Two-time Supporting Actor nominee Ed Harris

("The Truman Show," "Apollo 13") appears as the Nazi sniper counterpart to Vassily, and the majority of the plot is driven by the multiple standoffs between the two.

Similar to "Saving Private Ryan," the first 20 minutes of "Enemy at the Gates" are rife with explosions, death and the horrible shock each soldier faces when approaching front lines for the first time. However, the Soviet defense of Stalingrad was much different than the Allied invasion of Normandy. The chilling command bawled out by a weary officer as soldiers disembark in pairs, "The first man takes a gun, the second man takes it when the first man is killed," frighteningly captures the utter poverty and disorganization Russian forces brought against the Nazi blitzkrieg. Men are ordered to charge against a well-trenched German line while being mowed down by enemy machine guns, and then face "friendly" fire as they are forced to retreat. Annaud captures the emotion and ruinous landscape of this hair-raising scene in a realistic and artistic manner.

Regrettably, this realism is replaced with shoddy romanticism for the remainder of the film. For starters, the two underlying obstacles Nazi forces faced in Stalingrad were the blistering cold and supply shortages. Nowhere are these two effects evident. Fiennes is the only actor who appears to be subject to starvation, due mainly to his naturally gaunt disposition.

Annaud apparently justifies this loss of realism by inflating the quasi-relationships between Fiennes, Law and Weisz. But the script for such interac-



Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures

Joseph Fiennes (left) and Jude Law face the Nazi blitzkrieg in Jean-Jacques Annaud epic World War II film "Enemy at the Gates."

tion reeks of pulp romance novels. More than one character is presumed dead, only to miraculously appear after an appropriate interval of suspense. And the vengeful motives that propel Weisz to the front lines as a sniper are incongruous with her otherwise sensitive character.

The only deviation Annaud makes from this starry-eyed setting is the requisite sex scene between Law and Weisz. This is not a stereotypical Hollywood copulation. Instead of being marked by sensuous foreplay, appropriate lighting and aspects of mise-en-scene that idealize sex, Annaud frames this grotesque liaison with all the realism the relationship between

Law and Weisz lacked. Although nudity is admittedly kept to a minimum, the extremely suggestive nature of the scene is disconcerting in its simplicity, and perhaps recollects Annaud's directorial work in "Quest for Fire," which featured graphic intercourse between caveman and cavewoman.

There are some redeeming aspects of "Enemy at the Gates:" Fiennes' character is ultimately disillusioned with the Soviet regime he served so diligently, and the scale of Annaud's vision is reflected in the cinematography. However, the hackneyed plot and wasted use of a potentially intriguing historical landscape make "Enemy at the Gates" an enemy only unto itself.

"Enemy at the Gates"



out of five shamrocks

Director: Jean-Jacques Annaud
Starring: Jude Law, Joseph Fiennes, Rachel Weisz and Ed Harris

NBA

McGrady turns in Magical performance in 96-95 win

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

Tracy McGrady thought he would have a lot more company on his winning drive to the hoop.

McGrady, who matched a career-high with 44 points, took an inbounds pass at half-court, drove and banked a shot high off the glass with 2.7 seconds as the Orlando Magic held off a frenzied comeback by Philadelphia and beat the 76ers 96-95 Wednesday night.

"I had a good running start and definitely had my man beat," said McGrady, who shot 18-for-35 from the field. "It was a shot I had to make. After I got by my man, I thought somebody would be there to meet me. I got it up high on the backboard because I thought someone would be coming."

Philadelphia coach Larry Brown wasn't shocked by McGrady's play, even though the Sixers didn't look ready for it.

"Tracy made a great play but I could kick myself because I kind of figured he would penetrate," Brown said.

A desperation heave by Allen Iverson fell short for Philadelphia, which lost for the sixth time in seven games. Iverson, battling bronchitis, finished with 37 points and 10 turnovers. His 3-point play with 7.6 seconds remaining gave the Sixers a 95-94 lead.

Darrell Armstrong had 14 points and Mike Miller added 13 points for the Magic, who forced the Sixers into a season-high 27 turnovers and won their second straight.

Eric Snow scored 10 of his 14 points in the fourth quarter and added 10 assists. Jumaine Jones had 13 points and Tyrone Hill finished with 17 rebounds for Philadelphia, which out rebounded Orlando 56-40. Matt Geiger had 11 points and eight rebounds.

Orlando led by as many as 12 points in the fourth quarter and was ahead 90-79 with 3:47 left. The 76ers went on a 13-4 run, closing within two points at 94-92 when Snow, who scored eight points in the outburst, hit a pair of free throws with 1:07 remaining.

"We tried to give it away at the end but couldn't do it,"

Magic coach Doc Rivers said.

The Magic scored 24 of the last 30 points in the third period and outscored the Sixers 30-10, opening up a 73-63 lead by the end of the quarter. McGrady had 11 points in the outburst, which came in the final eight minutes of the quarter.

"The third quarter was a disaster," Brown said.

Mavericks 94, Trail Blazers 84

Juwan Howard scored 24 points and Michael Finley added 23 as the Dallas Mavericks set a franchise record with their 21st road victory by defeating the Portland Trail Blazers.

Dirk Nowitzki added 19 points and 14 rebounds, and hit consecutive 3-pointers during a 10-0 run early in the fourth quarter that put the game away.

Arvydas Sabonis scored 19 points and Scottie Pippen had 10 assists for the Blazers, who had won three in a row but fell into a tie for fifth place in the Western Conference playoff race with the Mavericks at 46-25.

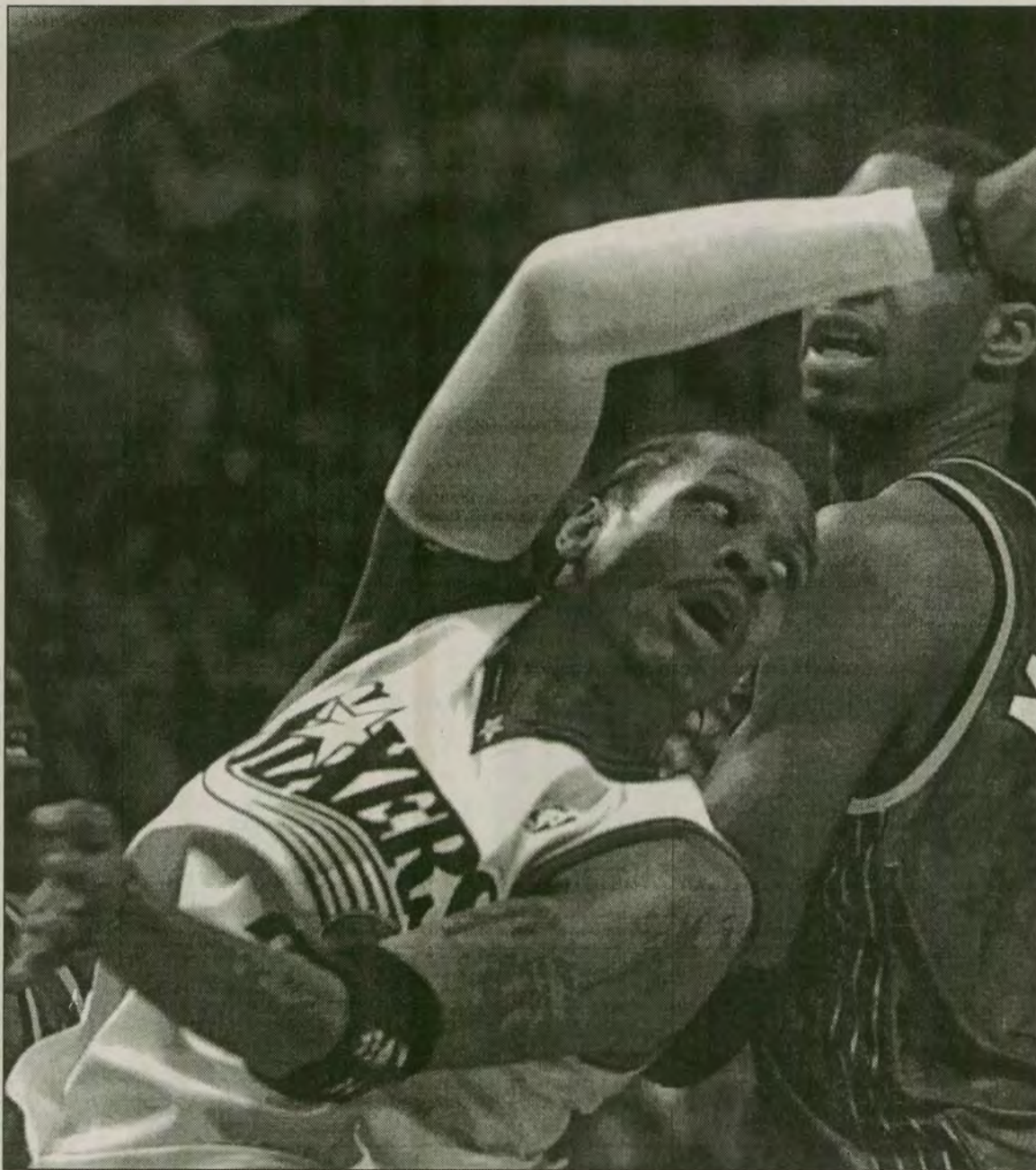
The only low moment for the Mavs came when Howard landed awkwardly on his left hand while going for a loose ball with 52.7 seconds left, apparently dislocating his left ring finger.

Dallas, guaranteed of a winning road record for the first time in the team's 21-year history, had won 20 road games three times, most recently in 1987-88.

The Mavs, who have won three straight and nine of 11, also broke a 10-game losing streak in Portland. They improved to 2-0 on a brutal road trip that began in Utah and still includes the Los Angeles Lakers, Sacramento and Houston.

A 3-point play by Sabonis to open the fourth quarter pulled the Blazers within 67-66. But Nowitzki's 3-pointers, followed by a fastbreak layup from Steve Nash, pushed the lead to 77-66.

The teams split the season series at 2-2 with another rough game. They had combined for 18 technicals in the previous three games — 14 on the Blazers — but the only one issued Wednesday night was



76ers guard Allen Iverson battles with Magic forward Tracy McGrady during Orlando's win. Iverson finished with 37 points and 10 rebounds, while McGrady led all scorers with a career-high 44 points.

against Dallas coach Don Nelson with 4:13 left.

Nowitzki set the tone for a sloppy night by committing three turnovers in the first five minutes. Dallas finished with 17 turnovers, to Portland's 15. The Blazers also made just 19 of 31 free throws.

SuperSonics 94, Timberwolves 93

Ruben Patterson sank two free throws and soared from the side to block Kevin Garnett's shot in the last 32 seconds as the Seattle SuperSonics beat the Minnesota Timberwolves.

The victory snapped Minnesota's four-game winning streak and kept Seattle's slim playoff hopes alive.

Patterson finished with 19 points and Patrick Ewing scored a season-high 19 to go with 10 rebounds.

Garnett finished with 21 for Minnesota, but he was held to four in the final quarter under Ewing's guard.

The Sonics (40-34) have now won nine of their last 10 games. With eight games left to play, they are four games behind the Timberwolves (42-29) for the eighth and final Western Conference playoff spot.

Gary Payton led Seattle with 23 points, in addition to 11 assists. Wally Szczerbiak had 20 for Minnesota, and Terrell Brandon added 16 points and 12 assists.

Ewing and Patterson ignited the Sonics in the final minutes, after they were down by seven in the third and then trailed in the final period.

Ewing dunked a Desmond Mason miss and then blocked Laphonso Ellis' shot to set up a fast break dunk by Mason that pulled the Sonics within two. On the next possession, Mason tied the game at 84 with a 20-foot jumper with just under five minutes left.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Ingelsby hopes to shoot lights out in 3-point contest

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame senior point guard Martin Ingelsby is one of eight participants in the 13th Annual Three-Point Shooting Contest presented by National Car Rental at Concordia University-St. Paul's Gangelhoff in

Minneapolis, Minn. The event is part of the NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Final Four and will be held today. The contest will air on a two-hour ESPN telecast on Saturday from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Also scheduled to take place that evening is the women's 3-point shooting and men's slam

dunk contests. Along with Ingelsby, the seven other competitors in the men's 3-point shooting event include: Joe Crispin (Penn State), Shaun Fein (Georgia Tech), Keith Friel (Virginia), Tony Harris (Tennessee), Ryan Mendez (Stanford), Dean Olver (Iowa) and Quincy Wadley (Temple).

Ingelsby started all 30 games for the Irish who finished with a 20-10 overall record and won the Big East West Division title after finishing its conference slate with an 11-5 mark, the most conference wins since joining the league in 1995-96. They also advanced to the second round

of the NCAA Tournament. The senior point guard averaged 8.2 points, 2.8 rebounds and 6.4 assists during the 2000-01 campaign. Ingelsby shot 45.6 percent from the field and 46.4 percent from 3-point range. He finished third among all Irish players in 3-point field goals made.



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Senior point guard Martin Ingelsby (above) is one of eight competitors in this year's Final Four 3-point contest.

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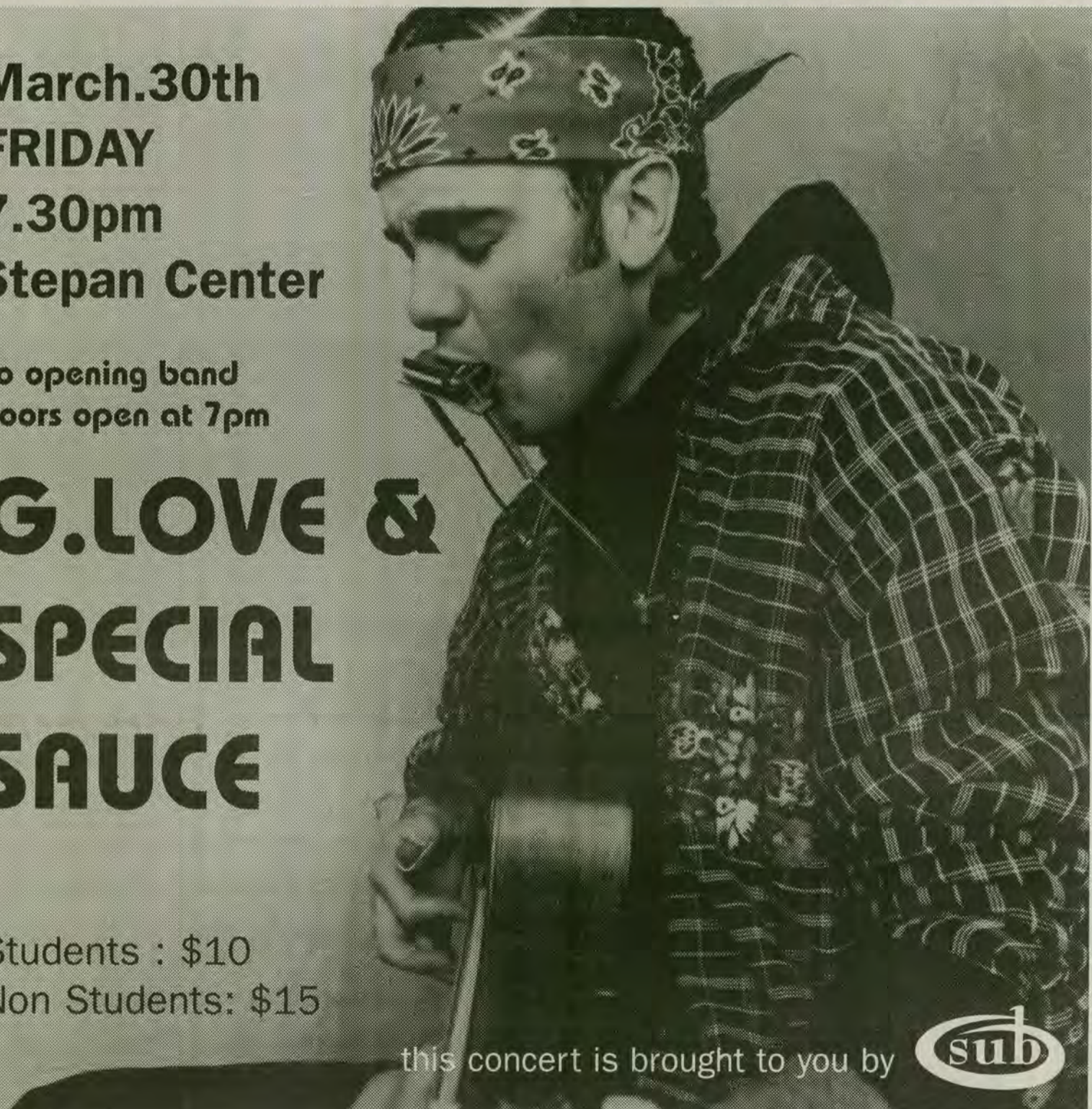
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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Irish recruit Thomas on losing end of East-West game

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. Eddy Curry had 28 points and David Lee had 21 as the West rallied from a 15-point deficit to beat the East 131-125 in the McDonald's All-America high school game Wednesday night.

The East led 75-60 at halftime after making 31-of-63 shots, but the West went on a 20-6 run late in the third quarter. The West took its first lead at 96-94 on a dunk by Curry with a minute left in the third.

Curry, who has committed to DePaul but is still considering a

jump to the NBA, was 12-for-21 from the field. He also had eight rebounds and four blocks.

Memphis recruit Dejuan Wagner, who became the first son of a former McDonald's All-American to play in the game, led the East with 25 points. His father, former NBA player Milt Wagner, played in the 1981 game with Michael Jordan.

The first quarter featured sounds rarely heard at all-star games — groans.

The highlight reel dunks and no-look passes typical of the McDonald's game were replaced

by both teams setting up in half-court offenses.

The East's Rashaad Carruth actually called out a play on the first possession of the game and one fan asked if the players were allowed to dunk late in the first quarter.

The teams combined to miss eight straight shots to open the game and the first point didn't come until 1:30 in, when Curry hit a free throw.

The first dunk didn't come until the West's Josh Childress broke free underneath with 15 seconds left in the first quarter,

but teammate Kelvin Torbert followed with a rebound slam at the buzzer and the pace picked up from there.

Torbert, who's headed to Michigan State, had 21 points.

The game featured 24 of the top high school seniors in the country chosen by a seven-member selection committee and an advisory panel of scouts and media members.

Three players — Ousmane Cisse, DeSagana Diop and Wayne Simien — were hurt and didn't play. Tyson Chandler, who is considering a jump to the NBA, did not make the trip.

North Carolina recruit Jawad Williams had a tough first game at Cameron Indoor Stadium. He was booed loudly by the Duke fans during introductions, then took an inadvertent elbow and broke his nose midway through the third period.

Williams, who finished with 11 points, had one of the best dunks of the night, taking a rebound with one hand and windmilling it down just before he was hurt.

Future Florida teammates Lee, James White and Kwame Brown combined for 57 points. White had 19 and Brown 17 for the East. Lee was 9-for-13 and had 13 rebounds.

Julius Hodge, who will attend North Carolina State, had 17 points for the East.

Chris Thomas, who will play for Notre Dame this fall, played most of the first half for the East. The point guard hit several long jump shots and distributed the ball well.

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Thursday, March 29

4:00 p.m. Men's Tennis vs. Illinois, Eck Tennis Pavilion, Matches begin at 4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Romance Language Department's Italian Coffee Hour, Decio 131

5:00 p.m. Senior Recital with Catherine Danner and Sheree Wesenberg, Hesburgh Library

7:30 p.m. Belinda Womack, lead singer with Jazz/Gospel Band "Kool Reflektions" - Coleman-Morse Lounge

7:30 p.m. Freshmen Class Rosary, Grotto

8:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Open Rec Lacrosse, Court 1, RSRC

8:30 p.m.-Midnight ND Express Billiards games open, LaFortune Student Center

9:00 p.m. Acoustic Café, LaFortune Student Center Huddle

10:00 p.m. - Midnight Stepan Center: Open Play Basketball and Volleyball

10:30 p.m. Movie, "Vertical Limit", DeBartolo 101* and "Remember the Titans", DeBartolo 155*

*Denotes admission charge for ND/SMC students
Programs are subject to change without notice.

Friday, March 30

4:00 p.m. Women's Tennis vs. Iowa, Eck Tennis Pavilion, Matches begin at 4:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Keynote Address for the Missing Peace, "Stepping Outside the Box: Paving One's Own Path as an Independent Writer on Human Rights", Hesburgh Center

7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Open Rec Badminton, Court 2, RSRC

7:30 p.m. G. Love with Special Sauce, Stepan Center*

7:30 p.m. Latin Expressions - Performances by students, O'Laughlin Auditorium SMC*

7:30 p.m. Notre Dame Opera: Handel's Xerxes, Washington Hall*

7:30 p.m. Cinema at the Snite, "Requiem For a Dream", Snite Museum*

8:00 p.m. Movie, "Vertical Limit", DeBartolo 101* & "Remember the Titans", DeBartolo 155*

8:00 p.m. McGlinn Casino Night, McGlinn Hall*

8:07 p.m. 807 Friday Night Mass, Chapel of Notre Dame Our Mother, Coleman-Morse Center

8:30 p.m.-Midnight ND Express Billiards games open, LaFortune Student Center

9:00 p.m. Women's Basketball game watch, LaFortune Student Center

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10:30 p.m. Movie, "Vertical Limit", DeBartolo 101* & "Remember the Titans", DeBartolo 155*

10:30 p.m. John Rush in Concert, Student Center Ballroom

11:30 p.m. Flipside Virgin Island dance, Student Center Ballroom

Saturday, March 31

5:30 p.m. Lecture, "Do You Want to Kill the Ref? Do You Hate Your Room-mate? Adventures in Everyday Peacemaking from the Campus Frontlines", Hesburgh Center

6:30 p.m. Sophomore Class Ball, Century Center*

6:30 p.m. Hawaii Club Luau - Hawaiian Food & Entertainment, LaFortune Student Center Ballroom*

7:30 p.m. Notre Dame Opera: Handel's Xerxes, Washington Hall*

7:30 p.m. Cinema at the Snite, "Requiem For a Dream", Snite Museum*

7:45 p.m. "Picture Perfect", Spring Fashion Show, Bendix Theatre, Century Center

8:00 p.m. ND Express Co-ed Billiards Tournament

8:00 p.m. Movie, "Vertical Limit", DeBartolo 101* and "Remember the Titans", DeBartolo 155*

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9:00 p.m. Class of 2004 All Ages Dance: "Glow with the Flow", Alumni Senior Club

9:30 p.m. Cinema at the Snite, "Requiem For a Dream", Snite Museum*

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL FINAL FOUR

Stiles, Ivey highlight hometown heroes in St. Louis

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Four rounds filled with surprise, suspense and yes, even a bit of the expected has come down to this: a women's Final Four with the champions from the last two years and a dash of local flavor.

Connecticut has survived injuries to its top two players to stay in the hunt for a second consecutive championship. Purdue, the 1999 champion, has overcome change and heartbreak to earn its trip to St. Louis.

Southwest Missouri State, just 3 1/2 hours down Interstate 44 in Springfield, is ready to unleash Jackie Stiles and its horde of well-traveled fans on the city by the Arch. Notre Dame brings the nation's most dominating center, along with St. Louis native Niele Ivey.

"I know my phone is ringing off the hook with people wanting tickets," Ivey said.

They'll all be on the court at the Savvis Center for the national semifinals Friday night — Southwest Missouri State against Purdue, and Connecticut meeting Big East rival Notre Dame for the third time this season.

The winners meet Sunday night to determine the 20th NCAA champion in women's hoops.

"The Final Four is every girl's dream," Purdue's Kelly Komara said. "When you're out there working your butt off every day, this is what you live for."

With almost everyone back from last year's team, Connecticut (32-2) seemed a lock for a second straight title

and third overall. Coach Geno Auriemma even guaranteed it.

But a 92-76 loss at Notre Dame on Jan. 15 made the Huskies appear human and things looked even shakier when All-Americans Svetlana Abrosimova and Shea Ralph were lost with season-ending injuries.

Shaky? Forget it. Connecticut hasn't had a game closer than 14 points in the tournament and thumped Louisiana Tech 67-48 in the East Regional final.

Freshman Diana Taurasi has emerged as flashy and fearless go-to player, while point guard Sue Bird remains as steady and effective as ever.

"Svet and Shea are such strong personalities that it was hard for someone to come forward," Auriemma said. "But when something in the huddle needed said, it was Sue. When the right thing needed to be said, Sue said it."

With center Ruth Riley leading the way, Notre Dame (32-2) looked like a national championship contender when it won its first 23 games, including that victory over Connecticut. Nothing has changed.

The two losses were by a total of three points — 54-53 at Rutgers and 78-76 at Connecticut in the Big East championship game — and Riley has been sensational in the tournament.

Notre Dame made its first Final Four trip in 1997 and lost to Tennessee in the semifinals. Coach Muffet McGraw senses a different attitude this time.

"Last time we went, we took over a thousand pictures," McGraw said. "Now, this team is focused."

After playing two games in New Jersey and two more in Spokane, Wash., Southwest Missouri State (29-5) gets to finish the season in the neighborhood. Look for the Lady Bears' maroon-clad fans to show up in droves looking for tickets to the sold-out event.

"Tickets are going to be a nightmare for our administration," coach Cheryl Burnett said. "What a great thing."

Stiles, often heard about but rarely seen by a national audience, finally gets to show what she's been up to these last four years. The NCAA career and single-season scoring leader, Stiles has averaged 35 points in the last three games after being slowed by a mild concussion in the first round.

"St. Louis — you can't script it any better than this," Stiles said. "I can't even describe it."

A strong freshman class at Purdue (30-6) has complemented veterans Katie Douglas, Camille Cooper and Komara, all members of the 1999 championship team. That trio has endured a lot since then, starting with a change in coaches, with Kristy Curry taking over for Carolyn Peck.

Four months after the title, team member Tiffany Young died in a traffic accident. Douglas, whose father had died in 1997, then lost her mother to breast cancer. Backup center Mary Jo Noon blew out a knee at midseason and starting point guard Erika Valek did the same in the regional semifinals.

"I can't put into words what this team has been through," Curry said. "To lose Tiffany, to see what Katie's been through, we've been through so much. I think that makes it even more special."



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Irish senior Niele Ivey (33) heads for home in this weekend's Final Four, with Notre Dame taking on Connecticut Friday night.

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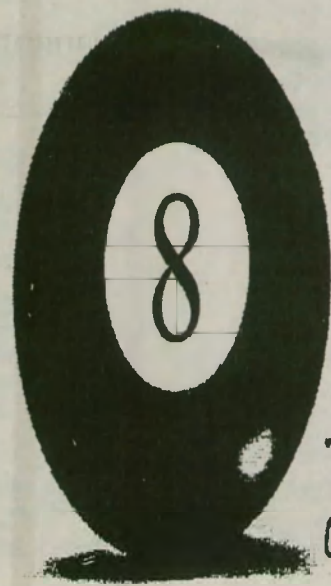
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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

College coaches climb on, off carousel of changes

Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa
Iowa coach Steve Alford has reached a tentative agreement on a five-year, \$4.5 million contract extension that would keep him with the school through 2009.

The \$900,000 annual salary doesn't include incentives, Iowa athletic director Bob Bowsby said Wednesday.

"I appreciate very much the commitment that Mr. Bowsby and the University of Iowa have

presented," Alford said. "I couldn't be more pleased with all phases of our program."

This season, Alford's second at the school, Iowa went 24-12, won the Big Ten tournament, and reached the second round of the NCAA tournament. The team went 14-16 in his first year.

Before heading to Iowa in 1999, Alford went 78-48 in four seasons at Southwest Missouri State.

As a player, he helped Indiana win the 1987 NCAA championship.

Pecora becomes Hofstra coach

Tom Pecora is Hofstra's new basketball coach, promoted Wednesday after seven years as an assistant to Jay Wright.

Pecora has never been a head coach in Division I, but went 62-24 from 1989-92 at SUNY-Farmingdale, a junior college program.

He's been an assistant at five schools, including UNLV under Rollie Massimino in 1992-93.

"This is my dream job," Pecora, a Queens Village native, said. "Even though I spent time

out at UNLV and Loyola-Marymount, my body has always been on east coast time."

Wright left to coach Villanova after taking Hofstra to the last two NCAA Tournaments and going 122-85 in seven seasons.

Pecora is known as a top-notch recruiter, and he said that his pitch to potential recruits won't change.

"We've graduated every one of the kids we recruited here — all 31," Pecora said. "When we talk to a potential recruit, we tell them that we expect them to hold up their academic standards. We've had some kids tell us frankly that Hofstra's not for them."

Friars extend Welsh's contract

Tim Welsh, who coached Providence to a 21-10 record this year and a spot in the NCAA Tournament, reached a preliminary seven-year agreement Wednesday to stay with the Friars.

"The essence of the agreement is done," athletic director John Marinatto said. "Tim is happy, and he's committed."

Marinatto would not disclose Welsh's base salary but said he received a raise. He had four years left on a contract that paid him an annual base salary of \$375,000.

Welsh will sign the agreement when he returns from this weekend's Final Four in Minneapolis.

"I agree with the mission of the college and I enjoy living in Rhode Island," he said.

Rutgers had asked Providence for permission to talk to the coach, and Tennessee and UNLV also inquired, Marinatto said.

The 40-year-old Welsh has a 48-43 record in three years at Providence.

Kanaskie to stay at Drake

Drake's Kurt Kanaskie, the runner-up for Missouri Valley Coach of the Year honors this season, on Wednesday had his contract extended through the 2005-06 season.

Picked to finish last in the MVC, Drake, despite playing its last 14 games with just seven scholarship players, finished with an 8-10 record, their most

conference victories since the 1995-96 campaign.

The Bulldogs finished 12-16 overall and lost to Northern Iowa in the opening round of the MVC Tournament. They were led by guard Luke McDonald, the conference's Freshman of the year.

Kanaskie owns a 38-101 record in five seasons at the helm of the Bulldogs. He is the only coach in Drake history to improve the school's victory total in four consecutive years: two, three, 10, 11 and 12.

MacDonald stays with Canisius

Mike MacDonald, considered a coaching candidate at St. Bonaventure, signed a four-year contract extension Wednesday to remain with Canisius.

MacDonald, 58-57 in four years with the Golden Griffins, had one year left on his five-year deal. He is coming off a 20-11 season, falling one win short of reaching the NCAA Tournament when seventh-seeded Canisius lost the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference championship final to Iona.

The 20-win season was only the sixth in the 97-year-old program's history and follows a year after the team went 10-20.

The contract extension comes two days after Jim Baron left St. Bonaventure to coach Rhode Island. MacDonald, a Bonnies grad, was thought to be among the front-runners for the job.

"Mike is a very special person in the department and we are thrilled that he will continue to lead our basketball program in the upcoming years," Canisius athletic director Tim Dillon said.

MacDonald began his coaching career at Canisius as a graduate assistant coach in 1988.

"The commitment they have made to me makes me very honored to be the coach here," MacDonald said. "I'm excited about the possibilities of the future of the program."

Ryan may return to Badgers

Bo Ryan might get the job he wanted all along — nine years after he first applied.

Ryan, who two years ago stepped up to Division I with Wisconsin-Milwaukee, could be hired as Brad Soderberg's replacement at Wisconsin as early as Thursday.

Ryan can officially be offered the job after the Wisconsin Athletic Board's personnel committee meets at 9 a.m. The school scheduled a news conference for 9:45 a.m. at the Kohl Center.

The 53-year-old Ryan is a former Badgers assistant who wanted the head coaching job in 1992 but was beaten out by Stu Jackson.

He met Tuesday night with athletic director Pat Richter, chancellor John Wiley and athletic board chairman David McDonald, spokesman Steve Malchow said.

"Our people were very impressed with Bo Ryan, but to my knowledge, the job has not been offered yet," Malchow said Wednesday.

Ryan, who didn't return a message left at his office Wednesday, probably will attend the committee meeting, Malchow said.

Ryan would replace Soderberg, who wasn't retained after going 16-10 in place of Dick Bennett, who retired in November because of burnout.



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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Coaches speak out in defense of NIT

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Neither Alabama coach Mark Gottfried nor Tulsa coach Buzz Peterson wants to make a return trip to the NIT.

But they both hope the opportunity is there if they need it.

The status of the nation's oldest college basketball tournament is in jeopardy as the NCAA is considering legislation next month that could lead to the elimination of the preseason tournament that finances the NIT.

"I love the NIT," said Peterson, whose team plays Alabama (25-10) in Thursday night's championship game. "I can't tell you how fulfilling this has been as a coach, a staff and players. It made our season. Take this away and it would be cheating the kids. It really would be."

The conference commissioners voted in September to eliminate the exemption that allows events like the Preseason NIT, Maui Invitational and Great Alaska Shootout to count only as one game on a school's 28-game schedule regardless of how many a team actually plays.

That would effectively eliminate the tournaments as most teams would be unwilling to commit to three or four games.

Without the revenue from the preseason event, NIT officials said they would have a hard time putting together the post-season event, which has struggled to generate much interest.

Tuesday night's semifinals, featuring no teams from the Northeast, drew only 6,597 fans. But the coaches don't feel that moving the event to a smaller, more accessible city would be good for the NIT.

"If the NIT moved around, it would certainly lose its luster," Gottfried said. "It has a lot of history and tradition. It's a chance to come to New York. It's a great experience for the teams and a positive for college basketball. By being here we've gotten the exposure of playing on national TV and the experi-

ence of being in New York City."

The NIT has provided a boost for both the Crimson Tide and Golden Hurricane (25-11), who fell short of their aspirations of making the NCAA tournament.

Tulsa, regional finalists last season, lost the WAC championship game at home to Hawaii to miss out on the NCAAs.

Alabama, which was ranked in the Top 25 for 14 consecutive weeks, lost five of six games to end the season and had to settle for the NIT.

"The NIT experience has been a real positive for our team," Gottfried said. "Our young guys have taken a situation that could have been tough and turned it into a very positive experience."

That's especially so for young teams like Alabama and Tulsa. Seven of the top nine players on the Golden Hurricane are freshmen or sophomores.

The Crimson Tide start five sophomores and their top reserve, Gerald Wallace, is a freshman.

"It would be a great step forward for us," said Erwin Dudley, who had 20 points and 16 rebounds in Alabama's 74-63 semifinal win over Detroit. "We didn't make it to the NCAA, but hey, if we are still playing, we can win this right here and that will be a great start for us."

Tulsa broke out to a 20-point lead in its semifinal win against Memphis, before holding on 72-64. That's been the formula during the NIT for the Golden Hurricane, who nearly blew 18-point leads earlier in the tournament to Minnesota and Mississippi State.

"Last night's game was a typical game for Tulsa," Peterson said. "We build a big lead and let teams back into the game. If anybody has a solution, let me know. I'll pay for advice."

Alabama has two players nursing injuries. Travis Stinnett sprained his left ankle Tuesday night and expects to play in the final.

Terrance Meade bruised his hip bone and is questionable.

Detroit (25-11) plays Memphis (20-15) in Thursday's consolation game.

Amaker leaves Hall for Michigan

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Four months ago, Seton Hall was on top of the college basketball world. A stellar recruiting class imported by Coach Tommy Amaker had elevated the program into a preseason top-10 ranking, and the future looked limitless for the small school in South Orange, N.J.



Amaker

Now the Pirates are in shambles. Their season degenerated into infighting among players, their record crashed to 16-15, and yesterday the school announced that Amaker was leaving to become coach of Michigan. He is scheduled to be introduced at Ann Arbor in a news conference today.

Amaker's move leaves both Big East programs in New Jersey without a coach, and highlights a week of chaos among college basketball teams in the New York City region. Rutgers was already searching for a coach and learned yesterday that it would not get the chance to interview Tim Welsh, who agreed to a seven-year contract extension with Providence, another Big East school. And Rutgers was turned down by Phil Martelli of St. Joseph's.

St. John's Coach Mike Jarvis has repeatedly said he would not take another college job, but he was in danger of losing his best player. The freshman point

guard Omar Cook is contemplating entering the National Basketball Association draft.

Things could get worse at Seton Hall, where Amaker, 36, spent four seasons while compiling a 68-55 record. The star freshman forward Eddie Griffin was already considering a jump to the NBA, and had said Amaker's potential departure would be a factor in his decision. The sophomore center Samuel Dalembert could follow him out the door. Other players had said they might consider leaving if Amaker were no longer the coach.

Amaker, who had resisted commenting on persistent reports that he would take the Michigan job, spoke by phone on Monday with Michigan Athletic Director Bill Martin. They agreed to meet Tuesday at Philadelphia International Airport. Amaker was in Philadelphia to attend the funeral of Marvin Powell, Griffin's brother.

"He was struggling what to do with it," a person close to Seton Hall said yesterday of Amaker and the Michigan job. "He didn't make up his mind until last night."

Yesterday morning, Amaker met with Pirates players to tell them of his plans, said Coach Bob Hurley Sr. of St. Anthony High School in Jersey City. But Amaker remained secluded in his office the rest of the day as a group of reporters waited outside, a spokeswoman said. Amaker did not make a statement or acknowledge his departure, and neither had Michigan as of early last night.

Reached at his home, Martin confirmed Tuesday's meeting, but would not say whether Amaker was made an offer.

"Nobody has signed a contract," Martin said.

But Seton Hall said in a statement that Amaker took the Michigan job, and that it had begun a search for a new coach.

"We appreciate all that Tommy has done to position our basketball program among the best in the nation," Seton Hall Athletic Director Jeff Fogelson said in the statement. "I've met with the team and have emphasized the university's commitment to them and to our basketball program."

Amaker will replace Brian Ellerbe, who was fired two weeks ago after four years at Michigan. Amaker will earn \$700,000 annually in a five-year deal, according to ESPN.

Fred Hill, an assistant to Amaker, who this week was interviewed for the Rutgers job, will probably get consideration to succeed Amaker. Fogelson hired Coach Skip Prosser of Xavier when Fogelson served as the athletic director there, and could pursue him for Seton Hall. Prosser guided Xavier into the NCAA tournament this season, and is constantly considered for jobs at larger schools.

Meanwhile, after watching its top candidate, Jay Wright, the Hofstra coach, sign with Villanova on Tuesday, Rutgers learned that Welsh had agreed to stay at Providence.

Welsh said Providence presented a commitment to support the program. "I love it here," he said.

Rutgers, which fired Coach Kevin Bannon last week, then called St. Joseph's and received permission to speak with Martelli, who quickly said he wasn't interested.

Rutgers, and now Seton Hall, must start over.

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NBA

Nets' Marbury will miss rest of season

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. All-Star guard Stephon Marbury will miss the remainder of the New Jersey Nets' injury-plagued season with a ruptured tendon in his left pinkie.

Marbury is scheduled to undergo surgery in New York City on Thursday. He sustained the injury in mid-January, but kept playing.

"It was getting to the point where the pain was unbearable because I have been getting hit on it so much," Marbury said before the Nets' game with the Denver Nuggets on Wednesday night. "It's tough to play with a pinkie that is curled up."

Marbury said he would have continued to play if the Nets had been in the playoff hunt.

The decision to sit Marbury

comes less than a week after Kenyon Martin, the first pick in last year's NBA Draft, broke his right leg for the second time in a year.

Marbury averaged 23.9 points and 7.6 assists in 67 games. He scored a career-high 50 points against the Los Angeles Lakers on Feb. 13, and he had his first career triple-double on Jan. 20, when he had 33 points, 12 assists and 11 rebounds against Chicago.

Nets coach Byron Scott said Marbury had a great season, his best in five years in the NBA.

"He's 24 years old and he's already one of the best point guards in the league," Scott said. "He has some things he has to work on on the defensive end, but I think in the next couple of years it won't be a question of who's the best point guard. There's questions now. People say

[Gary] Payton, [Jason] Kidd. In the next couple of years there won't be any question."

Marbury is the only player in the league to rank in the top 10 in both scoring and assists. The All-Star appearance was his first.

The Nets have been decimated by injuries this season.

Guard Kerry Kittles has missed the entire year after undergoing knee surgery. Forward Keith Van Horn also had a hairline fracture of his fibula in training camp and missed 32 games.

Forward-center Jamie Feick has missed more than 60 games with an Achilles' tendon injury. Forward-guard Kendall Gill has missed more than 40 with tendinitis in his knee, and center Jim McIlvaine has missed more than 35 with back and calf injuries.

The Nets will lose more

than 340 manpower games to injury this season.

"I wish things could have gone a different way this year," said Marbury, who missed the final eight games of last season with tendinitis in his left knee. "Everything happens for a reason."

When asked what the reason was, Marbury said, "I don't know. I hope to make us stronger."

The Nets signed forward Mark Strickland to a 10-day contract Wednesday. The six-year veteran played 46 games this season for Denver, the team New Jersey played Wednesday.

"Everybody I have been seeing in the city, I went to the store to get some sneakers, told me that gym is jinxed," Strickland said of joining the Nets. "I'm just here to play, have a little fun, and we get some Ws out of these last few games."

Baseball

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recorded 14 hits, with every starter getting at least one.

The team left many runners on base in the early innings and made uncharacteristic judgement errors on the basepaths. Despite these flaws, head coach Paul Mainieri was pleased with the offensive outcome.

"I think our hitters broke out tonight," he said. "This is definitely a win we can build upon."

For a while, it appeared that any lead would be safe behind Notre Dame's starting pitching. After allowing a lead-off double in the first inning, Ogilvie settled down and pitched five innings of flawless baseball.

His most significant jam came in the sixth inning, when Toledo had runners on second and third base with only one out and a three-run Irish lead. With the prospect of a comeback looming, Ogilvie caught Phil Pilewski looking at a third strike and induced Jay Juras to ground meekly back to the mound.

"Peter definitely made some clutch pitches. I thought he was outstanding tonight," said Mainieri.

After pitching seven innings of scoreless baseball, Ogilvie gave way to relievers Brandon Villoria and Matt Blair who locked up the game, allowing only a meaningless run in the eighth inning.

Once again, the players had nothing but praise for the team's defensive effort.

"Pitching and defense have been our strongest aspects as a team all year," said Stavisky. "They played really well again tonight."

The win improves Notre Dame's record to 17-4-1 on the season. Toledo falls to 11-10. The next test for the Irish comes today at Eck field when they play Hillsdale College.

The game was added to the schedule after weather concerns caused the cancellation of Tuesday's matchup against Western Michigan. The first pitch is scheduled for 5:05 p.m.

TENNIS

Players may become witnesses in stalking trial

Associated Press

MIAMI Tennis stars Venus Williams and Lindsay Davenport might be called to testify next week at the trial of a man charged with stalking Martina

Hingis.

The lawyer for Dubravko Rajcevic said Wednesday he wants the players to support his contention that Hingis is not emotionally distressed, as the prosecution claims, by his client's professed love for the 20-year-old Swiss star.

Hingis, the No. 1 female tennis player in the world, will be a prosecution witness and is expected to testify Monday.

Four men and two women were chosen for the jury Wednesday, and opening statements were set for Friday.

Rajcevic, a 46-year-old Australian who was born in Croatia, is charged with one count of stalking and three counts of trespassing at the 2000 Ericsson Open on Key Biscayne near Miami. Each count carries a possible one-year sentence.

Rajcevic frequently interrupted his lawyer in court before jury selection began Wednesday.

"You're going to have to control that impulse when you're in front of the jury," Judge Kevin Emas said.

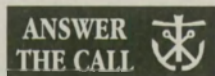
Rajcevic has been in jail for a year, unable to post \$2 million bond and unwilling to promise to stay away from his avowed love interest in exchange for his freedom.

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SOFTBALL

Irish sweep doubleheader, look ahead to Western Michigan

By ANTHONY BISHOP
Sports Writer

The blustery South Bend afternoon didn't bother the Irish pitching staff, as it only gave up three hits in Notre Dame's two-game sweep of Valparaiso. The Irish easily defeated the Crusaders 6-0 and 4-0 to move to 20-3 on the season.



Myers

In the first game, senior Jen Sharron pitched a complete game, allowing only two hits and no runs in seven innings. Sharron felt she played "great, but there is always room for improvement. My pitches all seemed to work well and [catcher] Jarrah Myers and I were in sync."

The game started out fast as Sharron struck out two of the

first three batters. She finished the game to move to 11-2 overall with a 1.80 ERA. In the bottom of the first, a line-drive double by Myers into right-center field scored in two runners give the Irish a 2-0 lead.

Notre Dame's bats became quieter as the game progressed as the Irish stranded base runners innning after inning. But Sharron kept the Irish ahead with dominating pitching. She struck out a total of 14 batters in the game, a new personal best.

The Irish came alive again in the fifth inning. A Danielle Klayman single, followed by a double by Jenny Kriech, put both runners in scoring position.

Melanie Alkire singled, bringing in Klayman. On the first pitch Myers faced, she belted the ball 240 feet into leftfield, sailing well over the wall. It was Myers fourth home run of the season and her 22nd RBI.

In the second game, freshman Kristin Schmidt echoed Sharron's strong pitching per-

formance by striking out 11 and allowing only one hit. Schmidt moved to 9-1 on the season with a 0.88 ERA. Sharron closed out the game with two strikeouts and never gave up a hit.

Alkire knocked in Alexis Madrid in the first inning with a double and then a hit by Lizzy Lemire moved Alkire around the bases to again start the Irish with a 2-0 lead. Andria Bledsoe walked in the second inning and then stole second. She moved to third on

a ground ball and scored on a wild pitch by the Crusaders.

Alkire later reached base and stole second to be knocked in on a Lemire single.

"The pitchers threw great," said head coach Liz Miller. "It was a strong performance. The offense is a little up and down and is relying on streaks right now. We need to become a bit more aggressive."

With the win, the Irish jumped up to No. 11 in the latest national poll released.

The Irish next turn their

focus to today's rescheduled doubleheader against Western Michigan. The game was postponed due to unplayable weather conditions.


Western Michigan will enter Tuesday's games with a 6-11 record, including a 1-3 mark in the MAC Conference this will be the 12th and 13th meeting in the series, with the Irish holding a 7-4 advantage over the Broncos.

Last year, Notre Dame posted a 6-1 victory, as the Irish pounded out 13 hits.



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Irish pitcher Jessica Sharron hurls a pitch during Notre Dame's 4-0 victory over Valparaiso Wednesday night. Sharron didn't give up a hit and recorded two strikeouts.



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O'Toole

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"When [Paul] was in high school, he played the infield and the outfield — he is a very talented athlete," said Mainieri. "Right now, he is one of the biggest base-stealing threats on our team because he runs so well."

But once O'Toole puts the mask on and crouches down behind the plate, he becomes everything the prototypical catcher is supposed to be. He is a smart, solid defender

with the confidence and fire to be a leader on the field.

"He's a fiery guy," says Mainieri. "And there's no one who has more spirit than Paul. He

really goes after it on the field because he holds so much enthusiasm for the game. He plays it at full-tilt all the time."

It only seems natural that the tough-minded junior would have to be this way. In just his first year at Notre Dame, O'Toole demonstrated exactly what he could do as an all-around player when he was thrust right into a full-time job at catcher.

He caught 90 percent of the innings that year while still batting .318 and leading the team in runs scored. At the plate, he showed his power with a .552 slugging percentage. On the bases he showed speed with 12 steals in seventeen attempts. Behind the plate, he showed dependability,

recording 410 outs while committing only thirteen errors — a .972 fielding percentage.

But most importantly, he demonstrated the leadership abilities that make a catcher "the quarterback" of the baseball diamond.

"When I first came in, I felt I had to gain the respect of the upperclassmen," said O'Toole. "But I think throughout the course of the year, just by working hard and by showing that I only cared about winning as a team, I really gained their respect."

O'Toole spent this past summer playing in the Cape Cod League, the nation's premier wooden bat league for college players, along with teammates Steve Stanley and

Brian Stavisky. Through this league, O'Toole made a bit of a name for himself in professional circles by displaying great power and hitting ability, and by being named to the league all-star team along with Stanley and Stavisky. The modest O'Toole, however, does not like to look to the future too often.

"I try not to think about it too much because I wouldn't want it to affect what I'm doing now," he says. "If you start thinking about what you could be doing, you could begin to change what you have been doing, and you'll just mess yourself up. I just want to go out there right now every day and keep doing what I've been doing these past few years."

"It's kind of intriguing for people to see a left-handed hitting catcher who can run fairly well because it hasn't been that common in baseball."

Paul O'Toole
Irish catcher

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Erikson, Pruzinsky receive honors



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Senior forward Meotis Erikson shoots the ball during a game earlier this season. Erickson, along with sophomore Vanessa Pruzinsky are eligible to be named Academic All-Americans.

Associated Press

Two members of the 2000 Notre Dame women's soccer team, senior forward Meotis Erikson and sophomore defender Vanessa Pruzinsky,

have been named to the 10-member Verizon/CoSIDA Women's Academic All-District Five At-Large Team for fall and winter sports, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Both players now advance to the Academic All-America ballot for women's fall and winter at-large sports, with that team to be announced on April 19.

Pruzinsky has posted a 4.0 grade-point average in each of her three semesters at Notre Dame while pursuing a degree in chemical engineering. She earned second team all-Big East conference and second team all-region honors after helping the 2000 Irish squad lead the nation with an 0.39 season goals-against average (10 total goals allowed, 16 shutouts). A starter in all 51 games of her Notre Dame career, Pruzinsky helped the Irish hold their 2000 opponents to an average of three

shots on goal per game with the team trailing just twice all season for a total of 35 minutes.

Erikson, who owns a 3.57 cumulative grade-point average as a film, television and theatre major, also earned second team all-Big East conference and second team all-region honors after ranking as Notre Dame's second-leading scorer in the 2000 season (13 goals-13 assists), behind national player of the year Anne Makinen. Erikson tied the Notre Dame record for career games played (101) and ranks seventh on the Irish career scoring list with 164 points (59G-46A), including points in 10 of her final 12 games. She helped Notre Dame compile an 88-9-4 record (.891) from 1997-2000 and scored the overtime game-winner vs. Santa Clara in the 2000 NCAA quarterfinals before being named to the NCAA all-tournament team.

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The 2001 summer session will begin on Monday, June 18 (enrollment), and end on Wednesday, August 1 (final exams). Some courses — primarily in science and languages — will begin and end before or after these dates. The Summer Session Bulletin contains complete schedule information. The Bulletin is available at the Summer Session Office (510 Main Bldg.) beginning on Thursday, February 22. Information on summer courses, as it appears in the Bulletin, is also available at the Summer Session Web site (www.nd.edu/~summsess).

Notre Dame continuing students — undergraduate and graduate students in residence during the spring semester of 2001 who are eligible to return in the fall — must use DART (1) to register for summer courses and (2) to add or drop courses through Friday, June 22. The DART PIN (personal identification number) for summer is available on IrishLink for all continuing students. Instructions for course registration (selection) are available at www.nd.edu/~ndreg/dartbook.html. Course call numbers are published in the Bulletin and at the Summer Session Web site.

DART will be available for summer registration from March 21 to June 22. Students may register or make schedule changes whenever they choose during this period; no appointment times are necessary.

Students may register for summer session courses at any time up to the first day of the course. Students who decide to register after DART closes on Friday, June 22, must complete the standard summer session application/course selection form.

Air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned housing and (optional) summer meal plans will be available. Forms for these services may be obtained at the Summer Session Office at any time during the spring semester.

Tuition for the summer session of 2001 will be \$243 per credit hour plus a \$40 general fee.

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Belles' Hildebrandt resigns from positions

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

Assistant athletic director and head swim coach Gretchen Hildebrandt will vacate her positions in the athletic department at the end of this semester to attend school and focus on triathlon competition. Hildebrandt announced last week.

Hildebrandt was accepted to the University of Westchester in Philadelphia Tuesday, where she hopes to earn her masters degree in exercise and sports physiology. Hildebrandt, who also holds an undergraduate degree in elementary education, will focus her master's thesis on sports psychology.

"As hard as it is for me to see her move on, I'm excited," athletic director Lynn Kachmarik said. "She's just coming into her own as an athlete."

After receiving her master's degree, she plans to look at several options — such as returning to college athletics, coaching or following more administrative lines.

"[The masters] opens up a lot more doors," Hildebrandt said. "I'm thinking about going into a more corporate kind of athletics, possibly working for Sports Illustrated."

However, education isn't the only thing Hildebrandt will be furthering. She plans on training full time as a triathlete. Hildebrandt, who competed for the United States last year in Perth, Australia, is looking to expand the scope of her competition.

"It will give me an idea of where I can go with triathlon," she said. "Last year I wanted to do it for fun. This year working under a coach it's become a lot more serious. Ultimately, I want to go professional. At my age I can afford to explore this and see where it takes me."

Hildebrandt came to Saint Mary's in the fall of 1999. During her time at Saint Mary's as the assistant athletic director, one of Hildebrandt's main responsibilities was intramural sports and club sports.

Since 1999, participation in club sports has almost tripled, Midnight Madness — the intramural championships — was instituted, and Saint Mary's introduced new club sports, such as the triathlon club.

"[Hildebrandt] has moved this program forward so that we can attract really qualified people [to fill her position]," Kachmarik said.

Hildebrandt also led the swim team to a sixth-place finish in the MIAA this season.

Upon her arrival and Saint Mary's, Hildebrandt was reunited with Kachmarik, who had served as her swimming coach at Bucknell University during Hildebrandt's undergraduate years.

"It was an instantaneous colleague relationship," Kachmarik said. "I've been inspired working with her not only professionally but personally as well. But I know that people move on."

The athletic department has already begun to accept applications to fill the spot Hildebrandt will be leaving. The new assistant athletic director will also be serving as the swim coach and handling intramurals, according to Kachmarik. The application deadline closes in the middle of next week.

After interviewing the top 10 applicants, "We want to bring the top three candidates to campus," Kachmarik said. "Not only do the athletes need to meet the candidates, these candidates need to meet the athletes so they can be excited about being a part of this program."

Kachmarik is looking for an applicant who already has successful collegiate experience. She expects to name a new assistant athletic director by mid-April.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Saint Mary's upsets Division I foe

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

By 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, fans outside of Angela Athletic facility were huddled together to keep warm as the temperature kept dropping. But the fans couldn't get any closer than the tennis match between Saint Mary's and Division I foe Valparaiso.

Ultimately, it was depth that brought the Belles to a 5-4 victory. Although Valparaiso claimed No. 1 and No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles, the Belles hung onto Nos. 4-6 singles and No. 2 and No. 3 doubles to claim the victory.

"Our depth [was our greatest asset]," head coach Dee Stevenson said. "We knew they had good players up top, but we had more depth down the line."

Freshman Kris Spriggle's match would serve as a good analogy for this nail-biter between Saint Mary's and Valparaiso. Spriggle faced off against Sarah Engelbert in No. 5 singles and played for over two hours.

Spriggle claimed a straightforward 6-3 victory in the first set. Then Engelbert stepped up the

play and it was a trial to the end.

"She started playing more consistently and pushing me to my limit," Spriggle said. "I had to regroup."

After Spriggle dropped the second set 3-6, she was playing on shaky ground and shaky footing. During the match, two blisters had opened on Spriggle's foot, leaving her feet feeling a little tender.

"[The blisters] started to affect me when I got down on myself," Spriggle said. "If I forgot them then I could go on playing."

With twilight falling, a back and forth third set resulted in a 6-6 tie

that called for a tiebreaker. Spriggle claimed the tiebreaker 8-6 to clinch her match and a Saint Mary's victory.

"I kept telling myself that I could win the set and I wanted to win it and my team needed me," Spriggle said. Her team certainly did. Annie Knish and Natalie Cook faced off against the worst competition

Valparaiso could throw at them — Kate Kollarova and Mara Sonking — in No. 1 and No. 2 singles. Both women dropped their matches 0-2, 6-0,

0-6 and 1-6, 2-6 respectively.

"[Kollarova] was really consistent and made some good angle shots," Knish said. "She didn't make any mistakes at all."

Coming into the match, Knish was expecting tough competition. Kollarova, who hails from the Czech Republic, has sported an impressive record her freshman season.

"I knew a little background about her; she has an impressive record," Knish said. "I went into the match thinking that I had nothing to lose."

Knish and Cook faced off against Kollarova and Sonkin again in No. 1 doubles and won a good game before dropping the match 8-1.

Freshman Jeanie Knish also had a close call. She fought back from a 1-4 deficit to win her first set in No. 3 singles 7-5. However, she dropped her next two matches to Patricia Arakaki 2-6, 2-6.

But Knish teamed up with Kaitlin Cutler, who won her No. 4 singles match easily 6-0, 6-0, to defeat Arakaki in No. 2 doubles. They won the match 8-3. Sophomore Elisa Ryan claimed No. 6 singles 6-2, 6-0, and then teamed up with Trisha Jones to win No. 3 doubles 8-5.

"I would say our doubles pulled it out," Stevenson said. "We have good doubles teams."

The Belles will play a doubleheader this weekend against Adrian College at 9 a.m. and Aquinas College at 4 p.m.

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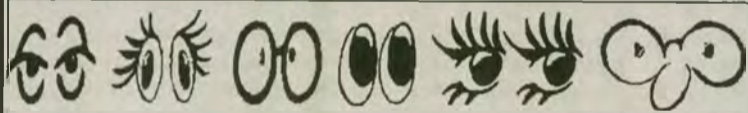
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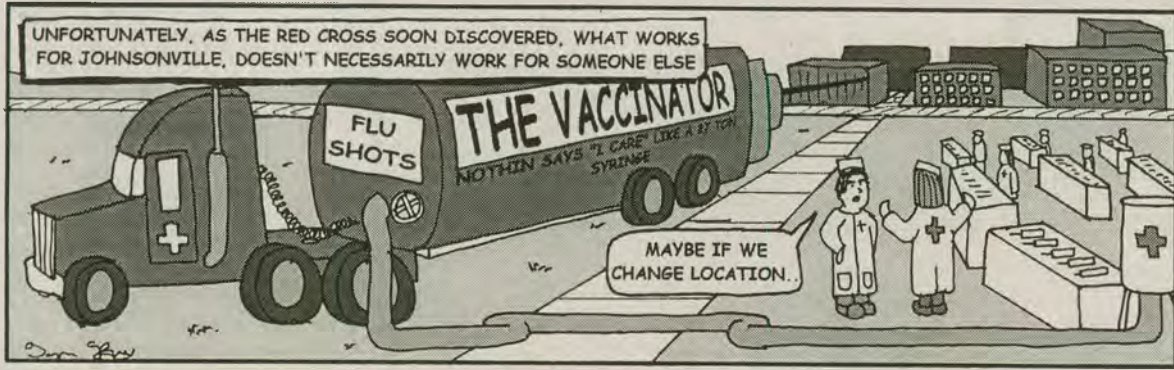
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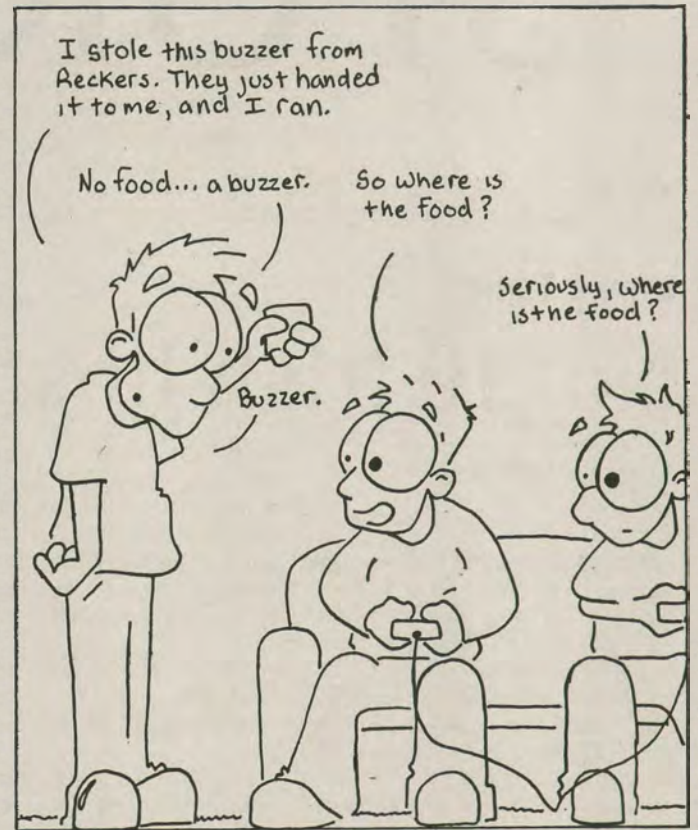
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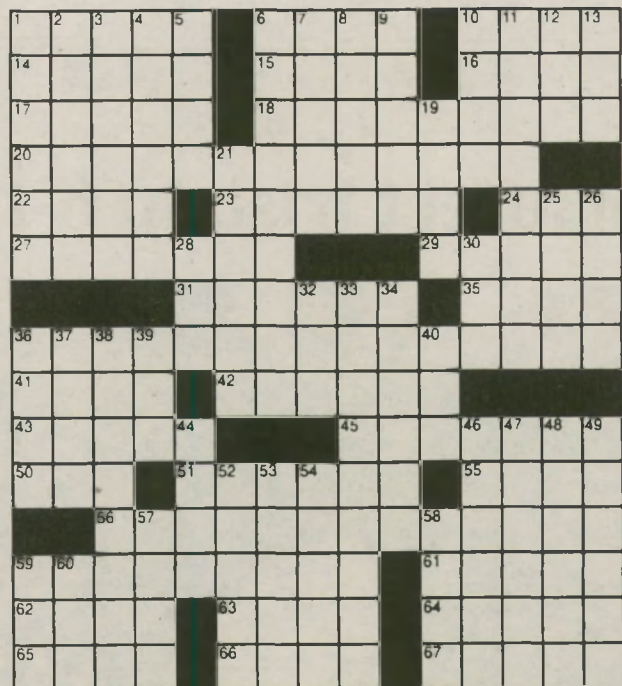
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 - 6 Tout's tabulation
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 - 14 Mother of Perseus
 - 15 Lug
 - 16 Animal house?
 - 17 Producer of Eazy-E and Eminem
 - 18 Item used in basement waterproofing
 - 20 Sonja Henie's debut film, 1936
 - 22 Methodical
 - 23 Commencement dangle
 - 24 Bully
 - 27 Geographical connectors
 - 29 Truth, old-style
 - 31 Inability to speak
 - 35 Pro ____
 - 36 1971 James Taylor/Warren Oates cult film
 - 41 Perfect
 - 42 Politically incorrect coat
 - 43 Adjust, as a brooch
 - 45 They may have shorts
 - 50 24-time Ryder Cup winner
 - 51 Kind of soup
 - 55 When tripled, an old war cry
 - 56 1932 Bette Davis melodrama
 - 59 "The Thin Man" producer Hunt
 - 61 Hi from Ho
 - 62 Nautical nose

- DOWN**
- 1 Annexes
 - 2 Relative of cerise
 - 3 Take to one's heart
 - 4 Airport near Tokyo
 - 5 New driver, maybe
 - 6 Rembrandt, for one
 - 7 Socialite Duke
 - 8 Some exhaust systems
 - 9 Subway station sight
 - 10 Kind of flute
 - 11 Shower apparel
 - 12 Diminutive, in Dogpatch
 - 13 It's fine for a refinery
 - 19 Guitarist Lofgren
 - 21 Harmonize
 - 25 Sgt. Snorkel's dog
 - 26 Larrup
 - 28 Ogden Nash's "____ Stranger Here Myself"
 - 30 Mork's planet
 - 63 Senate accusation
 - 64 TV or radio station
 - 65 Cheerleaders' practice
 - 66 Split in the cold, perhaps
 - 67 Marble-producing Italian city



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- 32 ThinkPad producer
- 33 Cutting repeatedly
- 34 Malacañang Palace locale
- 36 By way of, briefly
- 37 Troubles
- 38 Like a beat cop
- 39 Haole's souvenir
- 40 The 900's, e.g., Abbr.
- 44 Benchmark
- 46 List ender
- 47 Drives (along)
- 48 Parts of feet
- 49 Most of Mauritania
- 52 Mediterranean ship
- 53 Canines
- 54 Cardiological concern
- 57 Ginsberg poem
- 58 Word with yes, no or thank you
- 59 Good looker?
- 60 Half of sei

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THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2001

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Karl Malden, Marcel Marceau, William Shatner, Lena Olin, Bob Costas, Matthew Modine, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Reese Witherspoon

Happy Birthday: Don't let things bother you this year, or you won't reach your goals. Put your feelings aside and focus on what you can do to make your life better. The rewards may not always be what you want, but if it will help your situation, you must move ahead. The rewards will be satisfying and probably lead you in a far more positive direction. Your numbers: 9, 14, 18, 22, 37, 45

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Opportunities to show your worth will lead to sudden advancement. Your intuition will lead you in the right direction. Don't be afraid to start something new. You'll be surprisingly good at it. ○○○

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your health will suffer if you are eat and drink excessively. Don't overreact to changes at work. Your reluctance to accept them will be viewed harshly. ○○○

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't stretch the truth. You may get blamed for something you didn't do. Social events will lead to romantic connections but if you're already involved don't even consider the offer. ○○○

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't become involved in the personal affairs of others. You'll be blamed for taking sides or interfering. You'll be interested in foreign cultures. Attend cultural events and experience the differences. ○○○○

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You're too generous with your friends. Don't overextend yourself unless you're prepared to suffer the con-

sequences. Financial problems will lead to a poor credit rating and a loss of respect. ○○○

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Handle your personal partner with kid gloves. Don't neglect his or her needs. You may receive an invitation meant just for you. Think twice before you accept. ○○

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put a little pizzazz into your work. Your extra efforts will be appreciated. You need to spend some time getting back into shape. Shopping will be tempting, but you'll have to stick to a set budget. ○○○

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Pleasure trips and involvement with organizations will promote romance. Your ability to find solutions to benefit all involved will aid you in getting the approval you require. ○○○○○

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone you live with is curtailing your freedom. Don't let him or her talk you into doing things you don't have time for. Lay down some ground rules before the situation escalates. ○○

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A sudden infatuation will bloom into a passionate love affair. Get together with friends or relatives, and you will find out valuable information about someone from your past. ○○○○

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Financial gains can be made through money that you haven't worked for. Winnings, insurance, dividends or investments may pay off. Be careful: easy come, easy go. ○○○

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Romantic encounters will develop through group activity. Don't overreact to someone's advances. Use your genuine warmth and compassion to win hearts. ○○○○

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SUBWAY

NOTRE DAME BASEBALL

Saturday vs. Seton Hall (2) 12 pm
Sunday vs. Seton Hall 12 pm

NOTRE DAME SOFTBALL

Today vs. Western Michigan 3:30pm
Saturday vs. St. John's (2) 11 am
Sunday vs. Seton Hall (2) 11 am

Notre Dame Tennis

Men - Today vs. Illinois 3 pm
Women - Friday vs. Iowa 4 pm
Sunday vs. William & Mary 11 am

SPORTS

Blowing away Valpo
The Irish softball team overcame windy conditions to beat Valparaiso Wednesday. At 20-3, the No. 11 Irish are off to their best start in school history.
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MEN'S TENNIS

No. 10 Irish host No. 17 Illini in regional rivalry

By KATIE HUGHES
 Sports Writer

Top-10 adrenaline will be emanating from the Eck Tennis Pavilion today as the Irish take on regional rivals Illinois in a pivotal midseason match.

"Motivation is at an all-time high," said assistant coach Billy Pate. "Illinois is known to be really aggressive. They're in your face, they're yelling and screaming. We've got to meet that challenge and be able to have poise and composure, and just focus on the task at hand."

A win for the Irish would mean redemption for two close losses to the Illini last season.

After claiming the Blue Grey

title last week by defeating Tulane, Rice, Auburn, and Fresno State, the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's computer-generated rankings put Notre Dame at No. 10, while Illinois comes into the match ranked No. 17.

"We're pleased to be in the top 10, but it's really more important at the end of the season," said Pate.

Illinois crowd support has always been an obstacle for the Irish, and a horde of orange and blue supporters would not be unexpected on Thursday. "We would really like to prioritize crowd support at matches," Pate said. "There is the perception that college tennis is country club-ish, and white shirts, but it's

more like the rock and roll, pump your fist, in your face type atmosphere. Once they get here, people will realize that you really can be loud and go nuts, and it really makes a difference."

To win against the Fighting Illini, the Irish will have to focus first on consistency in doubles. Notre Dame's No. 1 doubles team of juniors Javier Taborga and Aaron Talarico, ranked in the top 20, will set the tone for the match.

"They both have different styles, but you don't want to have two identical personalities in dou-

bles," said Pate. "Javier is like the passionate Latin, and Aaron is more of the laid back California guy. I think we have a pretty good balance there."

"Motivation is at an all-time high."

Billy Pate
 Irish assistant coach

Juniors Casey Smith and Taborga, both ranked in the top 100 singles players in the nation, will lead the 62-18 singles lineup. Smith has biggest challenge of the meet — he has to play Illinois All-American Graydon Oliver.

Sophomore Brian Farrell, who leads the Irish with a 12-2 singles record, freshman Luis Haddock-Morales and Talarico will also be key in Irish singles competition.

Pate expected that either senior Matt Daly, who has been plagued by an injury for much of the season, or 10-1 freshman sensation Matthew Scott will play No. 6 singles.

Another win would stretch Notre Dame's winning streak to 11 games. If the Irish maintain a top 16 ranking, by the end of the season, they would be eligible to host a regional match.

"We've got the bus going," said head coach Bobby Bayliss. "Now we just have to keep it moving down the hill."

The match will be played inside at the Eck Tennis Pavilion at 3 p.m. To attract fans, the athletic department is sponsoring prize drawings for those who attend today's match.

BASEBALL

Cold weather does not affect Irish in 6-1 win over Toledo

By COLIN BOYLAN
 Sports Writer

The scattered groups of fans at the Eck Baseball Stadium Wednesday night wore heavy winter coats and mittens as a testament to the chilly March weather. So what the heck was right fielder Brian Stavisky doing wearing short sleeves?

"I just came out to take batting practice this afternoon and I was so pumped up — I didn't really feel cold," Stavisky said.

Weather notwithstanding, Stavisky was red-hot at the plate and his three hits sparked a solid offensive outburst that propelled the Irish to a 6-1 victory over Toledo last night. Earning the win was starter Pete Ogilvie, who improved his record to 2-0 on the year.

Notre Dame took control of the game early, loading the bases in the first inning. A walk by catcher Paul O'Toole brought designated hitter John Heintz home and gave the Irish a lead they would never relinquish.

In the fourth inning, Notre Dame expanded their lead when Andrew Bushey scored on a wild pitch and Steve Sollman came home on Steve Stanley's sacrifice fly.

The lead was pushed to 6-0 on sixth inning RBI's by Heintz and Stavisky, and another sacrifice fly by Stanley in seventh. However, the cushion wasn't as large as it could have been. Notre Dame hitters



Irish catcher Paul O'Toole heads toward first base during a game earlier this season. O'Toole has been a crucial part of Notre Dame's offensive success.

◆ O'Toole defies common expectations about catchers

By CHRIS FEDERICO
 Sports Writer

Paul O'Toole isn't your average player.

In a sport that often characterizes catchers as unproductive offensive contributors, O'Toole breaks the mold.

In fact, the junior backstop is one of the real driving forces of the Irish, especially on the offensive side of production. Having played in just about every game since the start of his freshman season, O'Toole has shown very impressive offensive skills, batting for a .301 career average.

In his first three years, he has often looked more like a speedy utility player than a catcher. His career .382 on-base percentage and 33 stolen bases are numbers that are expected of a leadoff hitter. With just four more stolen bases, O'Toole can move into the top 10 list at Notre Dame for stolen bases — and he would be the only catcher on that list.

"I think it's great that I don't fit the regular mold of a catcher," O'Toole proudly claims. "It's kind of intriguing for people to see a left-handed hitting catcher who can run fairly well, because it hasn't been that common in baseball."

Notre Dame baseball coach Paul Mainieri likes the fact that O'Toole is not like just any other catcher.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE



vs. Illinois
 Today, 3 p.m.



Softball
 vs. Western Michigan
 Today, 3:30 p.m.



Final Four
 vs. Connecticut
 Friday, 9 p.m.



Baseball
 vs. Hillsdale
 Today, 4 p.m.



vs. Iowa
 Friday, 3 p.m.



Men's Lacrosse
 at Ohio State
 Saturday, 1 p.m.



Track and Field
 at Arizona State
 at Stanford
 at Purdue
 Saturday