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College Park busted for third year

Police stop St. Patrick's Day party

By KATE ANTONACCI
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Associate News Editors

For the third straight year, local police agencies busted a large student St. Patrick's Day party at the College Park apartment complex Thursday.

The Indiana State Excise Police issued citations to four students at the 18027 Bulla Road apartment complex, district 1 excise Lt. Greg Deitchley said.

One male was cited for both minor in consumption and for presenting an officer with a false identification, Deitchley said.

Three other individuals were cited for minor in consumption, but no custodial arrests were made, Deitchley said.

The excise police arrived at College Park in six unmarked vehicles and entered the complex at approximately 6:30 p.m.

About 60 to 75 students were detained in one of the apartment units until each student presented a legal identification with proof of age to an officer. Several breathalyzer tests were also conducted.

The St. Joseph County Police, though not giving out citations for minor in consumption, waited outside the unit for crowd control purposes, several on-site officers said.

St. Joseph County Police said apartment 18027 was the largest, loudest and most crowded unit. Deitchley said the excise police decided to enter 18027 as opposed to other College Park units after establishing probable cause to break up the party.

"We do a series of things to establish probable cause," said Deitchley. "Once we got there, we verified we had probable cause."

Deitchley said the Indiana State Excise Police was not called in by the

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Above, students attending the party at 18027 College Park flood the balcony. At right, police officers aid in checking student IDs.

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Laetare winner named

Murray to be honored for milestone surgery

By KATE ANTONACCI
Associate News Editor

Dr. Joseph E. Murray, the first surgeon to perform a successful organ transplant 51 years ago, has been chosen to receive the University's 2005 Laetare Medal.

"Human lives and hopes have been wonderfully invigorated by Joseph Murray's 1954 medical triumph,"



Murray

University President Father Edward Malloy said in a press release. "The genius, erudition and skill he brought to bear in the surgical arena are all gifts from God which this good doctor has made gifts to humankind."

The University selected Murray for his deep Catholic faith and his many contributions to science. He successfully transplanted a donated kidney from one brother to another on Dec. 23, 1954. In 1962, Murray performed the first successful kidney transplant using a kidney from a donor unrelated to the patient. For the developments made in lifesaving organ and tissue transplant techniques, he won the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine in 1990.

"Dr. Murray's vision of medicine as a means to serve others, and his deep faith in God made him an excellent candidate. His faith is what provides the context for his work and has shaped his life," said Father Peter Jarret, counselor to the President.

The award is meant to recognize the contributions of men and women whose faith energizes their work, Jarret said.

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Symposium to debate women in battles

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

In this time of world conflict, conscientious Saint Mary's students may wonder what their roles as women in a troubled society should be. To help answer this question,

the Saint Mary's women's studies program is hosting a week-long symposium entitled "Women, War, and Peace: Feminist Interventions in a Time of Conflict" in conjunction with Women's History Month.

The third annual women's symposium, which will run

through next Wednesday, features several women's studies scholars and feminist artists and is focused on the role of women in situations of armed conflict.

"It seemed like an appropriate theme given what is going on in the world," women's studies department chair

Astrid Henry said. "We thought it was a very timely and important subject."

The week of events officially began Tuesday with a lecture given by Cynthia Enloe, a feminist author and professor at Clark University. Enloe dis-

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Students snap up internships as semester ticks down

Summer spots seen as vital for careers

By KATIE LAIRD
News Writer

As the semester begins to wind down and summer approaches, many students are searching for internship

opportunities and using the various resources the Career Center has to offer.

Susanne Thorup, manager of internship development at the Career Center, works closely with students from all colleges to help them find internships that best suit them.

"[Internships] provide good exposure in a field to see if it's really what you want to do," she said.

In addition to resume writing tips, practice interviews and internship workshops, the Career Center has many online resources to make applying for internships accessible to students. Two popular resources are Go Irish and Nacelink Global, which provide listings of internships by city, major, company and various other factors.

Caitlin Leiva, a junior

accounting major, is currently studying abroad with the London Program. Leiva learned in fall that she had received a summer internship with the accounting firm Ernst & Young in San Francisco.

"I think it will be a good chance for me to see if accounting really is the thing for me," Leiva said. "I am excited about the chance to get some real world experience

and hopefully make some good connections in the process."

Leiva said she used resources at the Career Center to help her write a resume and searched Go Irish to help her find the Ernst & Young position.

"Overall, [the Career Center] is useful for fine tuning things and getting the ball rolling, but

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INSIDE COLUMN

A universal accessory

Up until last week, I think I was the last person in America not to own a cell phone.

What once was reserved for doctors on call or lawyers appearing in court has now become a universal accessory.

Megan O'Neil

Saint Mary's Editor

Even elementary school children have them now. When I was 12 the big thing was pleading with your parents until they folded and let you get your ears pierced. My little sister, a sixth grader, is working on getting herself a new Nokia.

My aversion to cell phones stemmed first from my remarkable pension for losing things. Rare is the day that I walk out the door with everything I need, and I regularly forget things behind in classrooms, the dining hall, my car, you name it. Why should I add a mobile to my already overstuffed shoulder bag?

But more significantly, people with cell phones are annoying, and sometimes even dangerous.

Take my experience in the parking lot Wednesday as an example. I was pulling into Angela at Saint Mary's when a girl whipped around the corner and nearly hit me. Needless to say, she had a cell phone plastered to her ear.

Or how about when you are hanging out with a friend or acquaintance and they receive a call? Nothing makes you feel less welcome than standing awkwardly by while they chat away for 20 minutes.

My dad, a professor in California, says he has watched the cell phone become a type of security blanket. Now, when students gather outside his room before class they don't compare homework or socialize. They stand off by themselves and grip their cells.

All this, and I haven't even touched on the issue of drunk dialing yet.

Why then, if the evils of the cell phone are so apparent to me, did I make a visit to a Verizon mobile store during spring break?

My fall had to do mostly with my new job at The Observer. I am rarely in my dorm room during the day and colleagues have to be able to get ahold of me.

Furthermore, giving your cell-phone number to a new acquaintance of the opposite sex is much more comfortable than giving him your room or home number. Indeed, the home number is a great test of his interest — the guy must really like you if he is willing to brave talking to your mom — yet it undoubtedly reduces the number of dates your are going to get. Who wants to risk that?

Lastly, it is a matter of convenience. If you are at Target and forget what brand of — oh, excuse me. My cell phone is ringing.

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

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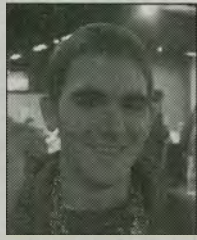
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WAS THE BEST THING ABOUT ST. PATRICK'S DAY?



Lara Canham
freshman Pangborn

"My glow-in-the-dark green ring."



Nick Albares
freshman Alumni

"Losing my prospect."



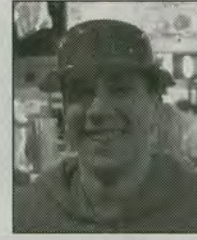
Katie Zackel
junior Badin

"Watching friends hit on Hooters waitresses."



Katie Lancos
junior Badin

"Making green eggs and green pancakes."



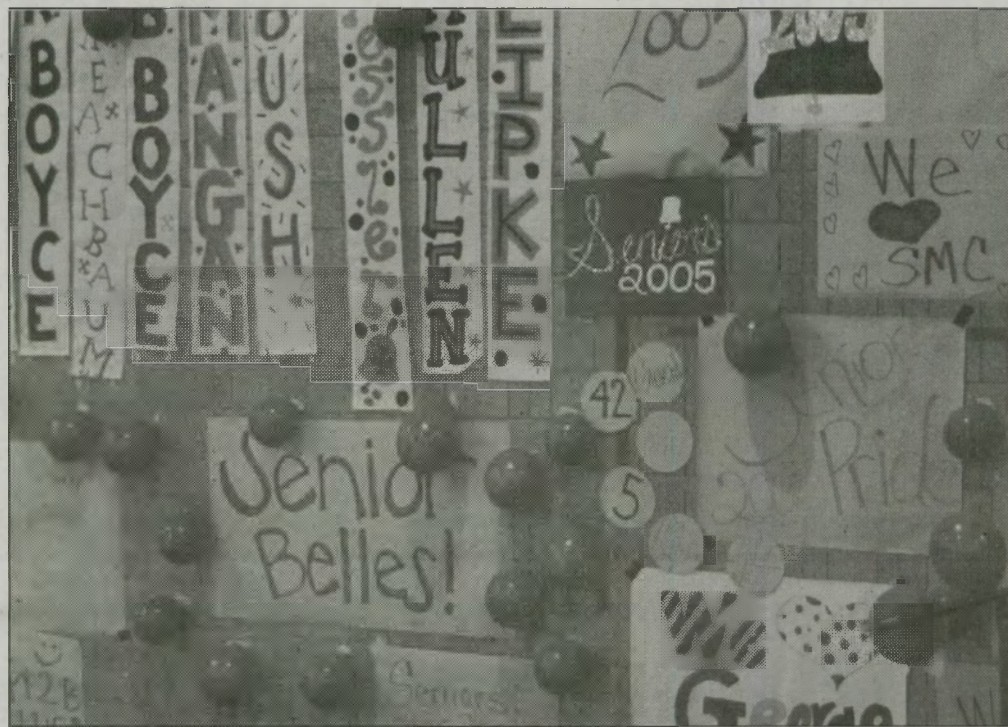
Derrick Testa
freshman Alumni

"Forgetting that I have any classes tomorrow."



Erica Wells
freshman Pangborn

"I don't have anything appropriate to tell you."



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Saint Mary's class of 2005 signs hang in Angela Athletic Facility for tonight's Midnight Madness celebration. Each class decorated a section in its designated color — red, purple, orange, or blue — and will cheer on classmates tonight during the intramural finals before playing games and attempting to win prizes.

OFFBEAT

Police charge man for flashing with banana

GREENWICH, Conn. — A former Stamford police officer has been charged with lewd conduct involving a toy banana. Arthur Bertana, 62, who had been on probation for lewd conduct more than four years ago, was arrested Saturday after police said he placed a toy banana in his pants and flashed people.

Bertana would allegedly greet passersby on the busy street while trying to draw attention, Petrone said. At times, he placed a bag in front of his pants, then moved it and show the bulge, he said.

"It was a yellow, plush, child's toy banana," Petrone said. "It had a smiley face on it."

Man climbs water tower for 'tranquility'

SEELYVILLE, Ind. — Police officers arrested a man who said he climbed atop the town's water tower in search of "tranquility." Town Marshal Derek Cerny said police were called Wednesday night about a person climbing the tower, which is at least 200 feet high.

"When I arrived, I saw the subject climbing over the top portion, the very top, of

the water tower," Cerny said.

The climber, Shane Kirmse, 36, of Seelyville, had gone over a barbed wire fence to get to the tower in the town about five miles east of Terre Haute and at one point was leaning against the blinking red light at its peak, Cerny said.

Kirmse told the Tribune-Star of Terre Haute that he climbed the tower "to get away from everyday life and people. It was my tranquility place." He also did it "for the woman I love."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The conference "Building Peace Through Interreligious Encounters" will take place from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. today in C-103 in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. The conference is sponsored by the Kroc Institute's Program in Religion, Conflict and Peacebuilding.

Pianists Emanuel Ax and Yefim Bronfman will perform a dual recital tonight from 8 p.m. to 10 in the Leighton Concert Hall at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets can be purchased at the box office for \$48, \$38 for faculty and staff, \$36 for seniors and \$15 for students.

The class of 2006 will host "The Emerald Ball" tonight from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at The Riverside Terrace. The formal event will include dancing, food and a cash bar.

Saint Mary's will host Midnight Madness tonight from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. in the Angela Athletic Facility. The event will include intramural finals, games and raffles.

Zahm and Cavanaugh Halls will jointly sponsor a Winter Carnival on North Quad Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4. The event is open to all students and faculty.

The band Stroke 9, famed for the 1999 hit "Little Black Backpack," will play at Legends at 10 p.m. Saturday.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

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Club hosts InFocus conference

Asian-American Association's event to focus on generation gap

By STEVE KERINS
News Writer

Today and tomorrow, the Notre Dame Asian-American Association (AAA) will explore bridging the gap between generations in workshops and presentations at their fourth annual InFocus conference.

"[The conference's format] is kind of similar every year," AAA member Eddie Yu said. "But every year it's a different theme. This year [the theme, "Generations: Bridging the Gap"] deals with family perspectives within the culture itself, with our parents ... I feel like a lot of it's about understanding parents and progeny."

The conference will open tonight at 7 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom with a presentation by keynote speaker Frank Wu, Dean of Wayne State University Law School. Wu will address issues of cross-cultural awareness, including injustices arising from racial inequality. A screening of the film ABCD will follow the lecture.

Saturday's events will be held in the Coleman-Morse Center. University President

Father Edward Malloy is scheduled to deliver an opening speech at 10 a.m., and his introductory remarks will be followed by a series of workshops. This year's workshops and presentations include "Core Family: Parents and Progeny," "Cross-Cultural Awareness: Sessions with Frank Wu," "The Notre Dame Family: Perspectives of

"Growing up, I kind of had American culture, and at the same time I had my parents' Korean culture."

Eddie Yu
AAA member

Asian Alumni," "Interracial Dating: Understanding the Viewpoints" and "Changing Dynamics: The Asian-American Experience." The "Changing Dynamics" workshop, facilitated by

Daren Mooko, will examine the effects of American cultural influence on Asian-Americans.

Yu cited the need for workshops to address specific issues facing Asian-Americans today, specifically issues relating to this year's trans-generational theme.

"Growing up, I kind of had American culture, and at the

same time I had my parents' Korean culture," he said. "[At times] it was kind of tough communicating."

Applicability to a broad range of Asian cultures is also among the conference's goals. Yu said the events feature speakers from a variety of backgrounds, and that the publicity posters for the conference feature scenes from many cultures as well.

"I feel that it's valid to all the cultures," he said. "I don't think it favors any one of them ... it kind of encompasses all of them."

Registration for the conference is \$7, and lunch, activities and the InFocus Banquet at 6:30 p.m. in the Mendoza Atrium are all included. The conference will conclude with the banquet, featuring a talk by professor Bradley Malkovsky of the Notre Dame Theology Department and his wife Mariam. Saturday's events draw to a close with Bhangra Bash, a celebration featuring Indian food and music at 10 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

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Jenkins appoints alum as executive assistant

Special to the Observer

Frances Shavers, a 1990 Notre Dame graduate who previously served in the Notre Dame athletic department and Alumni Association, will return to the University to serve as executive assistant to President-elect Father John Jenkins.

Currently manager of the Community Education Academy at the University of Southern California, Shavers will begin her new duties at Notre Dame on April 27.

"Frances is an extraordinarily talented individual with equally impressive interpersonal skills," Jenkins said. "She has a deep understanding of and appreciation for Notre Dame, and I could not be any more pleased that she has accepted our invitation to return to her alma mater and serve on my administrative team."

After earning her bachelor's degree in sociology, Shavers worked for two years with the Aetna Life and Casualty Co. in Dallas and Buffalo, N.Y. She returned to Notre Dame in January 1992 to serve as director of alumni clubs and

student programs in the University's Alumni Association. Her responsibilities included supervision of the activities and programs of the University's student-alumni group and serving as liaison between Notre Dame and its network of more than 100 alumni clubs nationwide.

Shavers was appointed the first coordinator of the Notre Dame athletic department's Life Skills Program in 1996. Under her direction, the program created academic, personal and career support programming for the more than 700 Irish student-athletes, and has since been recognized as a model within intercollegiate athletics.

At USC, Shavers was responsible for overseeing a collaboration of the university's major educational outreach initiatives. She facilitated communication among various programs, developed programming that integrated services and managed the academy's strategic planning process.

Shavers began work on her master's and doctoral degrees in 1998 in the Graduate School of Education at Harvard University. She earned her master's a year later in administration, planning and social policy and completed her doctorate last year in the same field with a concentration in higher education.



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A line of excise cars led by a St. Joseph County Sheriff car pulls into the parking lot at the College Park apartment complex at approximately 6:30 p.m. Thursday evening.

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St. Joseph County Police Department, but was patrolling the north South Bend area as a precautionary measure due to past St. Patrick's Day incidents.

"We had cars up in that area around Turtle Creek, College Park and also Lafayette Square," Deitchley said. "We had extra people out because of activities of the past two St. Patrick's Days."

Last year, St. Joseph County Police arrested six students at College Park and one was taken to St. Joseph Regional Medical Center after falling from a balcony. The previous year, a student also fell from a balcony at a larger party, though no arrests were made.

Officers from the Mishawaka Police Department and Roseland Police Department were also at scene this year, but did not enter the College Park complex.

Patti Russwurm, property manager of College Park, said no extra security was brought to the complex for St. Patrick's Day despite the history of busts and accidents.

"I just sent out an email

reminding the residents to be safe and [that] there are no more than eight people allowed on the balconies or patios, reminding them they are responsible for their guests as well as themselves," Russwurm said.

Senior Mark DeSplinter, 22, lives in apartment 18027, unit C. He said he was not home when the party began around noon, but he returned from Bengal Bouts practice at 6 p.m.

DeSplinter said he was frustrated that he was not allowed back in the apartment until the police were finished at 7:30 p.m.

"Basically, this is the most efficient thing I've ever seen. They won't let me back in my room," DeSplinter said. "They have at least seven cops inside scanning every ID. They said it is due to the large amount of people inside."

St. Joseph County Police Department was at College Park not to deal with alcohol-related issues, but to follow up on calls about traffic along Bulla Road and Route 23, according to Sgt.

John Kuhny.

"We're out here due to excessive traffic complaints," Kuhny said. "Basically what's going on in there [College Park complex] is no concern of mine."

By 6 p.m., Kuhny said St. Joseph County officers issued two citations for public indecency, particularly public urination. He also said St. Joseph County Police issued citations for cars parked illegally on the side of the road. Issued tickets ranged from \$50 to \$100, Kuhny said.

Jaimee Thirion, spokesperson for St. Joseph County Police, said that officers are just trying to make sure students are safe.

"We know there are festivities," Thirion said. "There is nothing major going on — we're out patrolling."

Notre Dame Security/Police did not handle any off-campus events, said NDSP assistant director Chuck Hurley.

"We know that St. Joe County Police was out at College Park, but I don't know if any arrests were made," Hurley said. "On campus, one intoxicated student was turned over to hall staff, but that is all."

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Pulitzer Prize winner passes away at home

Associated Press

PRINCETON, N.J. — Diplomat and Pulitzer Prize-winning historian George F. Kennan, who gave the name "containment" to postwar foreign policy in a famous but anonymous article, died Thursday night at his Princeton home, his son-in-law said.

Kennan was 101.

"He was a giant. Many people have called him the most important foreign service officer of the past half-century," said son-in-law Kevin Delany of Washington, D.C. "He was a very thoughtful man with an elegant writing style."

Identified only as "X," Kennan laid out the general lines of the containment policy in the journal "Foreign Affairs" in 1947, when he was chief of the State Department's policy planning staff. The article also predicted the collapse of Soviet Communism decades later.

"It is clear that the main element of any United States policy toward the Soviet Union must be that of a long-term, patient but firm and vigilant containment of Russian expansive tendencies," Kennan wrote.

When the Communist Party was finally driven from power in the Soviet Union after the failed hardline coup in August 1991, Kennan called it "a turning point of the most momentous historical significance."

In his 1947 article, Kennan disagreed with the emphasis on military containment embodied in the "Truman doctrine." That policy, announced three months before publication of Kennan's article, committed U.S. aid in support of "free people who are resisting attempted subjugation by armed minorities or by outside pressure."

Kennan thought a Soviet Union exhausted by war posed no military threat to the United States or its allies, but

was a strong ideological and political rival. In later years, he came to believe that the arms race, waged on the U.S. side in the name of containment, had become the greatest threat to both the United States and the Soviet Union.

Despite the "X" article and his work in formulating the Marshall Plan, Kennan lost influence rapidly after Dean Acheson was appointed secretary of state in 1949. After a difference of opinion on Germany — Kennan favored reunification, his superiors did not — he took a leave of absence in 1950 to work at the Institute of Advanced Studies in Princeton.

He was appointed ambassador to Moscow in May 1952 but was declared "persona non grata" within a year. He resigned from the foreign service in 1953 because of differences with the new secretary, John Foster Dulles.

During his years out of the foreign service, Kennan won the Pulitzer Prize for history and a National Book Award for "Russia Leaves the War," published in 1956.

He again won the Pulitzer Prize in 1967 for "Memoirs, 1925-1950." A second volume, taking his reminiscences up to 1963, appeared in 1972. Among his other books was "Sketches from a Life," published in 1989.

Kennan returned to the foreign service in the Kennedy administration, serving as ambassador to Yugoslavia from 1961-63. In 1967, he was assigned to meet Svetlana Alliluyeva, the daughter of Josef Stalin, in Switzerland and helped persuade her to come to the United States.

In the 1960s, Kennan opposed American involvement in Vietnam, arguing that the United States had no vital interest at stake. In Kennan's view, Washington had only five areas of vital interest: the Soviet Union, Britain, Germany, Japan and the United States itself.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. pursues North Korean talks

SHANGHAI, China — Envoys from the United States, China, Japan and South Korea discussed Thursday how to restart formal talks on ending North Korea's nuclear weapons program, officials said, but there was no indication that a Pyongyang representative attended.

A North Korean official visiting South Africa blamed the United States for a breakdown in the talks and reiterated the government's anger at being branded an outpost of tyranny.

Yang Hyong Sop, vice president of North Korea's parliament, said it was now up to the United States to create "appropriate conditions" for dialogue, the South African Press Association reported. "Figuratively speaking, the ball is in the U.S. court," he was quoted as saying after talks Thursday with South Africa's Deputy President Jacob Zuma.

Islamic militants declare ceasefire

SIXTH OF OCTOBER CITY, Egypt — Palestinian militants declared a halt to attacks on Israel for the rest of this year, their longest cease-fire promise ever and a victory for Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas. But they warned Thursday the truce would collapse if Israel does not hold its own fire and release Palestinian prisoners.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon described the announcement as a "positive first step," though he insisted that for greater progress to take place "terrorist organizations cannot continue to exist as armed groups." A top aide to Sharon, Ranaan Gissin, said Israel would continue to refrain from military action so long as Palestinians do not attack Israelis.

NATIONAL NEWS

Rapper Lil' Kim convicted of perjury

NEW YORK — Rap diva Lil' Kim was convicted Thursday of lying to a federal grand jury to protect friends who were involved in a shootout outside a radio station.

Lil' Kim and her assistant were both convicted of perjury and conspiracy but acquitted of obstruction of justice. Kim faces up to 20 years in prison — five years each for three perjury counts and one count of conspiracy — at her June 24 sentencing.

The former sidekick and mistress of the late Notorious B.I.G., known for her revealing outfits and raunchy raps, testified that she didn't notice two close friends at the scene of the 2001 gun battle — her manager, Damion Butler, and Suif "Gutta" Jackson. Both men have since pleaded guilty to gun charges.

New Jersey prisoner van hijacked

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, N.J. — A gunman carjacked a van from a roadside prison work detail Thursday, leading authorities on a high-speed, 50-mile chase in which he struck at least three other vehicles before flipping over, police said.

The suspect then climbed out of the van, walked up an embankment and surrendered to police who had gathered around the vehicle with guns drawn.

The man was undergoing a psychiatric evaluation Thursday and was to be charged with eluding police and theft of a vehicle, according to State Police Lt. David Jillson.

LOCAL NEWS

Indiana pushes to legalize gambling

INDIANAPOLIS — Senate Republicans have discussed at least two gambling proposals that could reap hundreds of millions of dollars for the state, including legalizing and taxing video gambling machines now operating unlawfully in hundreds of bars, social clubs and truck stops.

Senate Republicans also are privately considering a proposal that would bring the state \$75 million a year by taking it away from six of the state's seven counties with casinos. Senate Appropriations Chairman Robert Meeks, R-LaGrange, confirmed Thursday. Consideration of that plan was first reported Wednesday by The Courier-Journal of Louisville, Ky.

Letterman ransom plot exposed

Man charged with planning to kidnap the talk show host's son and his nanny

Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — Authorities on Thursday charged a man in what they say was a plot to kidnap David Letterman's toddler son and nanny from the talk-show host's Montana home.

Kelly A. Frank, 43, was being held on a felony charge of solicitation, among others.

Montana Department of Corrections spokeswoman Sally Hilander said the plot was uncovered when someone whom Frank had approached about the plan informed local police.

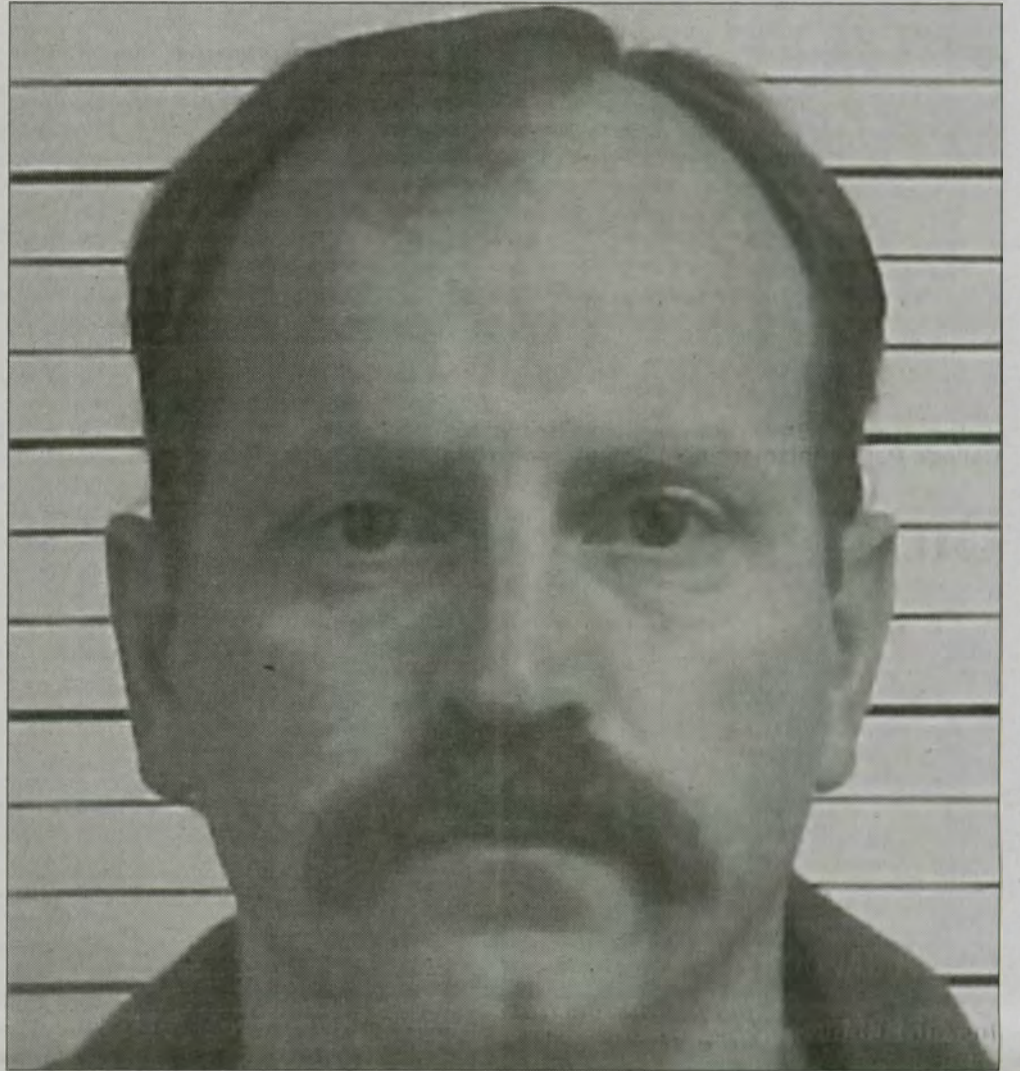
Steven Rubenstein, a spokesman for Letterman's production company World Wide Pants, said he could not immediately comment or say whether Letterman or his family was in Montana at the time of Frank's arrest.

The comedian who hosts CBS' "Late Show" taped three programs earlier this week, but is not on the air Thursday and Friday because of the network's coverage of the men's college basketball tournament.

Mike Ferriter of the state Department of Corrections said Frank had been working as a painter at Letterman's ranch west of Choteau in north-central Montana and apparently confided in an acquaintance earlier this month of his plan to kidnap Letterman's son and nanny and hold them for \$5 million ransom.

According to the affidavit filed by Teton County Attorney Joe Coble, Frank had talked in detail with the acquaintance about his kidnapping plan.

He told the man that he knew Letterman and his family would be visiting their Montana home soon, and that Frank had a key to the house, knew where the baby slept and intended to



Authorities charged Frank in what they say was a plot to kidnap David Letterman's son and nanny from the talk-show host's ranch on Montana's Rocky Mountain Front.

kidnap the nanny "so that she could take care of the child."

The acquaintance contacted authorities on Sunday, according to the affidavit. Sheriff George Anderson told the weekly Choteau Acantha newspaper that Frank was arrested the following morning at another area ranch where he was working. Anderson did not return phone calls to The Associated Press seeking comment.

In addition to the solicitation charge, Frank also is charged with felony theft for allegedly overcharging

Letterman for painting, and a misdemeanor charge of obstruction for lying to an investigator who first contacted him about the alleged plot.

He's jailed in neighboring Pondera County on \$600,000 bail.

Letterman's girlfriend, Regina Lasko, gave birth to their son on Nov. 3, 2003. Letterman, who grew up in Indianapolis and graduated from Ball State University, said that the boy, his first child, was named after his late father, Harry Joseph Letterman.

He bought the 2,700-acre

Montana spread in 1999.

Letterman's ranch is along the edge of the rugged Rocky Mountain Front, an area known for its pristine wildlife habitats and home to wolves, eagles and grizzly bears. In September 2003, a black bear broke into Letterman's home twice, then was captured and relocated after returning a third time.

For years, Letterman was famously targeted by a stalker, who called herself "Mrs. David Letterman" and broke into his Connecticut house at least seven times.

IRAQ

No major troop reduction until 2006

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Any permanent reduction in the number of U.S. troops in Iraq isn't likely until sometime between 2006 and 2008, a top Army general said Thursday.

For there to be any drawdown, Iraq security forces must continue to improve their ability to fight the insurgency themselves, Gen. Richard A. Cody, Army vice chief of staff, told reporters.

The military is planning a staggered rotation of soldiers and large units that will be in Iraq between 2006 and early 2008, Cody said. That planning is expected to include the possibility of a significant reduction in U.S. forces.

He said he could not be more specific in numbers or timeframe, nor did he

say how a reduction would be achieved. Sending fewer or smaller units to Iraq is one possibility; shortening the time each unit spends in Iraq is another.

The military has not selected which units will serve in Iraq during that rotation. They would replace the Army's 4th Infantry and 101st Airborne divisions, which are slated to go to Iraq in the coming rotation.

The insurgency has forced the United States to keep a semi-permanent force of 138,000 troops, or 17 brigades, in Iraq since the U.S.-led invasion two years ago. They are primarily Army soldiers and Marines, members of units who stay in Iraq for a year before going home.

About 150,000 U.S. troops are in Iraq now because 12,000 extra were sent for security during the Jan. 30

elections. The additional forces are scheduled to leave within two weeks.

Another 22,700 allied, non-Iraqi troops are also in the country, a number that has been dropping as more countries have pulled out forces. Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi indicated this week that Italy may begin reducing its 3,000-strong contingent later this year amid anger over the recent, accidental killing of an Italian intelligence officer by U.S. troops.

The Pentagon says any reductions in foreign allied troops will be made up by Iraqi security forces, which have meanwhile grown to more than 140,000 soldiers and police who have received training and equipment. The quality and capabilities of these forces vary widely, and it is unclear whether all the police are actually on the job.

Summer

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all of the logistics are still up to you," she said.

The Career Center hosts several fairs throughout the year in order to help students meet potential employers. In January, the Winter Career Fair boasted 140 employers. Over 2,000 students attended.

Thorup said hundreds of phone and on-site interviews took place throughout the year, but roughly 150 students — a very high figure — were actually granted on-campus interviews for internship positions as a result of the fair.

"Typically employers don't come to campus for internships," she said.

Junior Katherine Exline found summer employment at the Winter Career Fair.

Exline, a psychology and pre-professional student, was granted a job as a counselor at Camp Sweeney, a stay-over summer camp for children with diabetes. She first heard about the camp in an e-mail, and attended the career fair, where camp representatives interviewed her on the spot.

"It'll be a good opportunity for me because it brings together medicine and children which are two fields I am interested in," Exline said.

Students are starting career exploration much earlier, Thorup said. Many sophomores attended the career fair and are hoping to obtain internship positions this summer.

For unpaid internships in

Indiana, the Indiana Careers Consortium provides a \$3,000 stipend to students.

"It's opened a lot of possibilities for students," Thorup said. Some students have found employment and internship opportunities without using the Career Center's databases.

Megan Hagerty, a junior biology major, said she acquired a summer internship through her experience on campus as a Teach for America (TFA) Representative. She will spend the summer in Texas as the Operation Coordinator for Houston Summer Institute, performing office jobs in schools where TFA teachers will be teaching kids. Hagerty hopes to get accepted into the two-year low-housing teaching program after graduation.

"I hope to gain experience through this internship," she said. "It will provide me with a good insight into the training I will receive as a TFA teacher." As application deadlines draw near, Thorup said students still have time to apply for internships. More opportunities will be available to students in the upcoming weeks, including the Non-Profit Career Fair on March 22 and the Chicago Career Connection on April 4.

Thorup also said that whether students reply to a Career Center posting online, use network connections with alumni or relatives or contact an employer directly, the best advice she has for students is "don't be afraid to be aggressive."

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Fla. court fights for woman's life

Family, Senate battle over feeding tube

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Last-ditch efforts to block the removal of Terri Schiavo's feeding tube foundered Thursday as courts rebuffed her parents' appeals and lawmakers failed to agree on legislation to intervene in the contentious battle to keep the severely brain-damaged woman alive.

Under court order, the feeding tube was set to be removed at 1 p.m. Friday, in what could be the final act in the long-running right-to-die drama.

The Florida House passed a bill 78-37 to block the withholding of food and water from patients in a persistent vegetative state who did not leave specific instructions regarding their care. But hours later, the Senate defeated a different measure 21-16, and one of the nine Republicans voting against indicated that any further votes would be futile.

"As far as we're concerned we don't want anything to change the existing law," said Sen. Jim King.

The U.S. House and Senate passed competing bills but it was unclear whether a compromise could be reached. State courts and the U.S. Supreme Court, meanwhile, rejected attempts by Schiavo's parents and the state to postpone the removal of her feed-

ing tube.

"Everything is a longshot," said David Gibbs, attorney for Schiavo's parents, Bob and Mary Schindler.

Gibbs said late Thursday that he would ask a federal judge in a habeas corpus filing Friday in Tampa to block the removal and review the actions of state courts. Such appeals are most commonly used in death penalty cases when legal appeals have been exhausted; they require the government to justify its actions.

"We are going to ask him to issue a stay because in this case, state action would be used to end the life of an innocent, disabled woman," Gibbs said.

The Florida attorney general's office usually defends the state against habeas filings. A call to the office late Thursday seeking comment was not immediately returned.

Schiavo suffered severe brain damage in 1990 when her heart stopped because of a chemical imbalance, and court-appointed doctors say she is in a persistent vegetative state. Her husband, Michael Schiavo, says she told him she would not want to be kept alive artificially. Her parents dispute that, and say she could get better.

"It would be such a horrible tragedy for Terri to have this delayed again," said George Felos, attorney for Michael Schiavo. "Either Terri's rights and wishes are going to be carried out tomorrow at 1 p.m. or there is going to be another

unconstitutional intervention." Doctors have said it could take a week or two for Schiavo to die once the tube that delivers water and nutrients is removed.

Republican Gov. Jeb Bush has strongly urged the Legislature to pass a bill that would save Schiavo, as it did in 2003. That law allowed Bush to order doctors to restore Schiavo's feeding tube six days after it had been removed. But that law was later declared unconstitutional by the Florida Supreme Court.

Bush acknowledged Thursday that state legislation to intervene was halted.

"The bill is certainly not dead, but it does appear that they're having some difficulty," he said. "I'm just disappointed, but that's their decision."

The state Senate could consider the House version of the bill on Friday, but the bill's sponsor in the upper chamber, Republican Sen. Daniel Webster, suggested there was so little support that he might withdraw it.

"I can count votes," Webster said.

In Washington, both the U.S. House and Senate passed bills to move the case to federal court, but the effort stalled over differences between House Republicans and members of both parties in the Senate over how sweeping it should be. Schiavo's parents and brother spent the day in the Capitol lobbying lawmakers to pass some kind of legislation.

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NASDAQ	2,016.42	+0.67
NYSE	7,284.31	+19.84
S&P 500	1,190.21	+2.14
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,886.84	+7.30
FTSE 100(London)	4,992.10	-15.50

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NASDAQ 100 TR SER I (QQQQ)	+0.26	+0.09	36.71
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IN BRIEF

FAA predicts increased travel

WASHINGTON — More than 1 billion people a year will be boarding planes in the United States within a decade, nearly half again as many as those now using an aviation system showing signs of being overburdened.

The Federal Aviation Administration, which released the forecast Thursday, faces spending cuts for runways, air traffic control equipment and buildings. But the agency's administrator, Marion Blakey, said she was confident there would be enough money to accommodate the dramatic growth in air traffic.

"We are redesigning airspace, deploying new software that will help increase capacity, and putting new procedures in place," Blakey said. "We will be ready."

Lawmakers and aviation advocates were not so sure.

Building is not keeping up with the increase in passengers, said David Stempler, president of the Air Travelers Association. "That just spells congestion and delays for passengers."

Already, flights have been limited at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport because too many planes were trying to take off and land, causing delays throughout the country. The FAA negotiated an agreement with airlines to cut 37 daily flights and limit the number of domestic arrivals to 88 an hour between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Internet tobacco sales stopped

ALBANY, N.Y. — Major credit card companies will refuse to participate in Internet sales of cigarettes nationwide under a government agreement made Thursday.

The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the companies and state attorneys general agreed to work together to prevent the long unchecked use of credit cards to buy cigarettes over the Internet across state lines. The agreement is effective immediately.

The result is that virtually all credit cards will no longer participate with Web sites based in the United States and abroad that sell cigarettes and tobacco products in every state, said New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer. The card companies also agreed to take action against Internet sellers that authorities identify as violating state and federal laws regulating cigarette sales.

Corporations oust executives

WorldCom, Boeing search for new CEOs after string of corporate scandals

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wanted: Chief executive to lead major company. Must be proficient in accounting and finance, values being a team-player, understands current regulatory environment. Oversized egos need not apply.

The new credentials for CEOs are being drawn up not just by executive search committees or corporate boards. They are coming, too, from shareholders and even from jury boxes — where the verdict is loud and clear about what is appropriate behavior for top executives.

The guilty-on-all-counts verdict Tuesday for former WorldCom Inc. CEO Bernard Ebbers was a dramatic example, but just one of several instances in many forums where the kings — and queens — of industry have been called sharply to account.

No one is expecting CEOs to fade into the backdrops of corporate America as a result. Executives are being reminded to put their businesses, their shareholders first — and to be responsible for how their businesses operate, however.

Ebbers was convicted of engineering the colossal accounting fraud that sank his telecommunications company, leaving thousands of employees without jobs and leading to the biggest corporate bankruptcy in U.S. history.

He relied on the "I didn't know even though I was the CEO" defense in his trial. But the jury didn't buy that the man who was the name and face of WorldCom didn't have a hand in the manipulation of the company books.

The jury's decision can be read this way: CEOs can't "be" the company one day and then, the next, try to divorce themselves from what happened at the company.

A similar judgment is coming from shareholders, who



Stanley Gold, right, points to a reporter as Roy Disney sits beside him. Disney and Gold are keeping the heat on the Disney board as it searches for a replacement for its CEO.

got badly burned as a result of the corporate scandals in recent years. Now, they are taking a more active role in making sure the CEO's role is better defined, and that boards pick the right executives to fill it.

At Walt Disney Co., protests from shareholders led to CEO Michael Eisner losing his title of board chairman last year, and likely pushed the company's directors to come up with a successor in a timely fashion. Disney president Robert Iger this week was tapped to succeed Eisner in October, and is expected to bring with him a less tyrannical, more welcoming management style.

For their part, boards are

stepping up their oversight, too, and not just acting as rubber stamps for executives' agendas. In large part that's because they know that they could be personally liable for what goes wrong during their watch.

This week, American International Group Inc. forced the retirement of Hank Greenberg, who ruled as an iron-fisted CEO for 37 years at the insurance and financial services company that now faces a regulatory probe.

Should a CEO compromise ethics, boards aren't hesitating to show him the door. Boeing Co.'s board quickly removed CEO Harry Stonecipher earlier this month after he acknowl-

edged an affair with a female Boeing executive which included graphic e-mail exchanges between the two.

And most importantly, the boards are moving away from their own love affair with superstar executives — those who seem to spend as much time promoting themselves as the companies they work for — and more toward smart, qualified candidates who can build shareholder value.

They want people who can connect with employees up and down the ranks, and who favor a more open-door approach. A CEO that is insulated at the top won't hear about troubles brewing down below.

Group acquires Toys R Us stores

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Toys R Us Inc., the nation's second-largest toy seller, agreed Thursday to be acquired for about \$5.75 billion by an investment group that includes two private equity firms and a real estate developer, ending a seven-month auction for a struggling company.

Its shares jumped nearly 5.5 percent.

The Wayne-based company had announced in August it would seek to separate its sluggish toy business from the smaller, but more lucrative, Babies R Us division.

Instead, the company agreed to be swallowed whole by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co., Bain Capital

LLC and Vornado Realty Trust, who will be equal partners.

"We look forward to building on the many strengths of the company to make the stores a better place to shop and work," said Michael M. Calbert, a director at KKR.

KKR is the storied buyout firm that won the celebrated takeover battle for RJR Nabisco in the late 1980s.

Matt Levin, a managing director at Bain Capital, said, "Toys R Us and Babies R Us are premiere franchises with strong global brand recognition and a collection of high quality product offerings."

The consortium will acquire all shares of Toys R Us for \$26.75 a share, an 8 percent premium over

Wednesday's close. With roughly 215 million Toys R Us shares outstanding, the bid is worth \$5.75 billion.

Toys R Us shares jumped \$1.36 to \$26.13 in late morning trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

The buyers are also assuming an undisclosed amount of debt.

Toys R Us had been a public company since 1978. Completion of the deal requires regulatory review and approval by the shareholders, and is expected to occur by July, the company said.

Toys R Us, second only to Walmart Stores Inc. in toy sales, announced in August it would separate its toy business from the Babies R Us segment, but did not say how.

Women

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cussed feminist perspectives on the U.S. invasion and occupation of Iraq.

Another part of the symposium, a large photography exhibit by Iraqi-Palestinian-American photographer Sama Alshaibi titled "Where Do Birds Fly After the Last Sky," is currently on display in the Cushwa-Leighton Library. The self-portrait series includes images of Alshaibi, some of them nude, well advanced in the stages of pregnancy.

"We were trying to balance more intellectual and scholarly

approaches with more creative approaches," CWIL fellow and symposium organizer Maria Melendez said.

Events yesterday featured poet Yosefa Raz and Israeli author and peace activist Rela Mazali.

Raz is currently a professor of world mythology at Diablo Valley College in California and her writing appears in numerous publications including Jewish Currents and Margie: The American Journal of Poetry.

Mazalo is the former director of projects and development for the Association of Israeli Palestinian Physicians for Human Rights and has spent years working to end occupa-

tion of the Palestinian territories. In addition to her talk on mid-east peace activism Thursday Mazalo will read excerpts from her book "Maps of Women's Goings and Stayings" today at noon in Madeleva Hall.

The symposium continues Monday at 7 p.m. with a showing of the film "Independent Media in a Time of War" featuring Amy Goodman. Psychology Chair Professor Joe Miller will lead a discussion about media coverage of war following the screening.

Founder and director of Women In Media & News (WIMNN) Jennifer Pozner will speak Tuesday March 22 in a lecture titled "Media, Women and War: How Does the Invisibility of Women's Voices in War Coverage Shortchange America?" Pozner is a former director of the Women's Desk for FAIR

"It seemed like an appropriate theme given what is going on in the world."

Astrid Henry
professor

(Fairness and Accuracy In Reporting), a national media watch group.

The symposium will wrap up Wednesday with a poetry read-

ing by Palestinian-American writer and scholar Lisa Suhair Majaj. Born in Iowa and raised in Jordan, Majaj currently lives in Nicosia, Cyprus and studies issue of self-identity in Arab-American literature and culture.

Meledez called the symposium especially significant in the all women's environment of Saint Mary's.

"I think it is especially exciting [to have the event] on a women's campus so students can have access to difference women's perspectives ... and can see the women can have powerful voices," she said.

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Medal

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"A candidate for the Laetare Medal must be a practicing American Catholic who is said to have made a distinctively Catholic contribution to his or her intellectual or professional life. Ideally, the person's professional life would be one of service to others," Jarret said.

The recipient of the Laetare Medal is selected by a committee comprised of representatives from different academic disciplines within the University, Jarret said on behalf of the committee.

"The Committee generally solicits names from all the faculty and staff at the University, and then narrows down the field to two or three candidates. The Officers of the University then vote based on the recommendations of the committee," Jarret said.

Murray, who was born in Milford, Mass., graduated from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. with concentrations in Latin, Greek, Philosophy and English. He graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1943. After completing his surgical training

at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Murray served as a surgeon at the U.S. Army's Valley Forge General Hospital in Philadelphia from 1944-47.

The Laetare Medal is unique in that it is an external award given by Notre Dame to someone outside the University.

Murray will receive the award during the University's Commencement ceremony on May 16.

"By honoring this splendid generosity, we mean to thank his benefactor, who is ours as well," Malloy said.

Established in 1883, the Laetare Medal is one of the oldest honors given to American Catholics who have made contributions to the arts and sciences in particular.

Past recipients include President John F. Kennedy, Catholic Worker founder Dorothy Day and death penalty abolitionist Sister Helen Prejean.

"There are many people — poets, artists, musicians, scientists, scholars, statesmen, priests, religious, etc. — whose professional lives are animated by their Catholic faith, and who seek through their professions to make the world a better place and to give glory to God," Jarret said.

"Human lives and hopes have been wonderfully invigorated by Joseph Murray's 1954 medical triumph."

Father Edward Malloy
University President

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The Hispanic Law Students' Association cordially invites the Notre Dame community to attend this year's **Graciela Olivarez Award Ceremony** Saturday, March 19, 2005

This prestigious award is given in honor of Graciela Olivarez, the first Hispanic and first female to graduate from NDLS. The Award is bestowed each year upon a Hispanic lawyer or judge who best exemplifies Graciela Olivarez's commitment to community service, demonstration of the highest ethical and moral standards, and dedication to justice. This year's recipient is **Mercedes Colwin, Partner, Correspondent, & Community Activist.**

Award Ceremony begins at 11:00 am in the Law School Courtroom

New study finds coeds crave T.V.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Classes? What classes?

A study reveals that college students watch an average of three hours, 41 minutes of television each day.

Viewing peaks in the late-night hours for college males, interrupting any cramming for exams, according to a report by Nielsen Media Research, the primary service for measuring TV audiences.

"It was a little more than I expected it to be," said Pat McDonough, Nielsen's senior vice president of planning, policy and analysis.

But, it's less, by about an hour, than the amount of time an average American spends watching TV, each day, Nielsen said.

College viewing was something of a final frontier for Nielsen. The company has been able to track the TV habits of college-age men and women when they're living at home, but until last fall had no reliable measurement of what students were watching in their dorms, fraternities or sororities, or college apartments.

TV networks are eager to see this information. Young people, particularly young men, represent a demographic for which some advertisers will pay a premium, and Nielsen's data can prove whether a show draws this audience.

For college men, the ten most-watched programs last October were all baseball games, primarily postseason

games involving the Boston Red Sox as the team marched to its first World Series championship in 86 years. For college women, their favorite show in October was NBC's "Joey," Nielsen said. The women also liked ABC's short-lived "Life As We Know It," set in a high school.

In an era when many people watch television alone, it was different in dorms: a large amount of college students watch with their roommates and others, meaning they have to negotiate over which programs to tune in, Nielsen said.

By almost 2-to-1, college students watched more shows on cable than on broadcast television. It's much closer among the audience as a whole.

Peterson prosecutors reveal details of case

Freed from gag order, police field questions

Associated Press

MODESTO — The prosecutors and detectives who helped send Scott Peterson to death row made their most in-depth public comments on the case Thursday, acknowledging "taking a hit" early in the trial but expressing relief that they were eventually able to prevail.

Authorities discussed the case hours after Peterson, secured with leg irons and shackles around his wrists and waist, was taken to death row at San Quentin State Prison. Peterson was formally sentenced to death Wednesday at an emotional hearing.

Liberated from a gag order that prevented them from discussing their investigation, police and prosecutors declined to offer any new evidence or theories on how Peterson carried out the slaying.

But they expressed hope that the public never forgets the young mother-to-be who was murdered by her cheating husband just before Christmas more than two years ago.

"There is not a sense of joy or jubilation. The job that needed to be done has been done," Modesto Police Chief Roy Wasden said. "There will never be a time we won't regret that this incident took place, but justice has been served."

During an hour spent fielding questions from reporters, police and prosecutors conceded feeling frustrated at the prevailing view early in the trial that Peterson would likely go free. But they said they never lost faith that the state would win by methodically presenting a wealth of circum-

stantial evidence.

"Things did get hard for a while. Our people were taking a hit," said District Attorney Jim Brazelton. "But, as the end result showed, they were on top of it. They were on top of it early on."

Modesto Police Detective Al Brocchini explained how his suspicions became trained on Peterson the night he reported his eight-months' pregnant wife missing, because "I knew his actions weren't right."

Inconsistent statements about where he had been that day, choosing to take a shower and wash dirty rags before calling anyone to ask about Laci's whereabouts and expressing concern that his boss would see a picture of his boat were all factors that pointed in Peterson's direction, Brocchini said.

"His major concerns weren't Laci," he said.

Laci Peterson disappeared on Christmas Eve 2 0 0 2 .

Prosecutors said Peterson killed her and then dumped her body in San Francisco Bay. The badly decomposed remains of Laci and her fetus washed ashore four months later. Scott Peterson was convicted of two counts of murder in November.

Brocchini and Detective Jon Buehler, another homicide detective assigned to the case, said they would relish the chance to interview Peterson again and would do so on their own, if it meant they would finally learn how he killed his wife and disposed of her body.

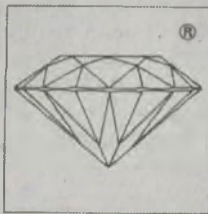
But Brazelton predicted they would never get the chance.

"I don't foresee him becoming a Ted Bundy, to sit down and give an in-depth interview about what happened," he said. "I think he will go to his grave with his mouth tightly sealed, just like he has all along."

"There will never be a time we won't regret that this incident took place, but justice has been served."

Modesto Police Chief Roy Wasden

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Let speeches speak for themselves

In recent years, the hunt for a suitable commencement speaker has grown increasingly intense. Gone are the days when colleges and universities turned to their oldest and quirkiest faculty member, complete with bow tie, to deliver the farewell address. Now, nearly all elite institutions maintain commencement speaker committees which meet as early as a year in advance to evaluate their options for graduation day.

A big name, of course, means happy students and proud alumni. It can also result in good press for universities. During the traditional graduation months of May and June, media outlets are full of sound bites and news briefs recapping commencement ceremony speeches. Congressmen and distinguished intellectuals are a staple of the fanfare but pop culture figures such as Oprah Winfrey and Queen Noor of Jordan are not uncommon and are highly publicized.

In 2001, Notre Dame had the most coveted of all commencement speakers. President Bush, who according to a May 2004 USA Today article receives as many as 100 requests each year, delivered the keynote address.

But the national attention the president brought to Notre Dame had a drawback — it set students' expectations sky-high.

Indeed, subsequent speakers — political commentator and Meet the Press moderator Tim Russert in 2002, Indiana Sen. Richard Lugar in 2003 and Minnesota Supreme Court Justice and former Notre Dame football standout Alan Page in 2004 — all seemed a bit of a letdown after the commander in chief's visit.

Most students recognize that it is impossible to bring the president of the United States to campus every year. Yet most do not realize that it is equally difficult to select someone who will appeal to every member of the graduating class.

While this year's commencement speaker, Vartan Gregorian, does not have what can be described as a marquee name, he certainly has led a life of leadership. Born in Tabriz, Iran and raised in Lebanon, Gregorian received his education from Stanford University and spent over two decades in higher education both as a professor and administrator. He has served both as president of Brown University and the New York Public Library, and currently heads the philanthropic organization Carnegie Corporation.

Gregorian's years of service, which have been honored with awards such as the National Humanities Medal presented by President Bill Clinton in 1998 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom presented by President Bush in 2004, prove him to be an exemplary figure in academia, which is, after all, the overriding purpose of the commencement exercises.

Notre Dame does need to continue to find a balance between the celebrity-type figure and one with an impressive academic background. Ideally, every speaker selected could be both. But in the meantime, Notre Dame students should reserve their judgment of the University's selection until after the 2005 graduates hear Gregorian speak.

Because no matter which university, no matter who the speaker, the name can't say more than the speech itself.

The Observer Editorial

The art of hearing God

When that little devil and miniature angel sit on opposite shoulders to advise me, it seems like the devil's seductions are always more intriguing. So it follows that religious institutions divide teaching about faith in similar terms — extol the positive to gain heavenly rewards or warn of the damnation awaiting sinners. Human nature, such as it is, inevitably responds more vociferously to a negative reaction, especially one replete with the disgust of abominations. Ultimately, American clergy pepper us with definitions of "what is wrong with us" more than "what is right with God."

Lost in the everyday lives, we generally gloss over religious rhetoric and miss the subtle ways God whispers his lessons to us. After many Lenten seasons with a deaf ear, I finally heard God's word this year through Deacon Nicholas at St. Matthew's Cathedral. It took three experiences with the deacon before the enlightened word echoed loud and clear.

Last autumn I served as a lector at mass with Deacon "Nick" when I first met him. After he missed reading the general intercessions, I joked with him about "covering his back" since I literally walked up behind him to mumble that he missed his assignment but that I was on my way to cover for him. Our seamless choreography left the congregation none the wiser for his mistake.

In February when I next saw Deacon Nick, he drank several glasses of water before mass. He shook slightly while he sat waiting for the procession to begin. I offered to read the intercessions again if he was unable to during mass. He thanked me for offering and said that he would let me know when the time came.

Deacon Nicholas delivered his homily on the transfiguration while standing in the aisle outside the sanctuary. He described his daily fight with Parkinson's Disease. I cannot recall many of his specific com-

ments, but remember that tears welled in my eyes. He spoke of his rationalization of his daily challenge and thanked those who at times had to feed and dress him. He spoke of his appreciation of events that transformed his life, like his spiritual journey to the mountain top and returning to see the brilliance in the eyes of his loved ones.

While he spoke, he tightly grasped his garment in the middle of his back with his right hand so it would not shake. It reminded me of Adolf Hitler whose same right hand violently shook by the end of World War II. Why would God afflict the deacon with the same punishment for a dictator?

As he climbed the stairs to the altar and paused to bow, he lost his balance, staggered back a step but did not fall. His courage to continue fought complete exhaustion. I read the intercessions this time because he could not. It was the second time I did my small part for him at our next mass.

Deacon Nick stood rigid behind the altar directly in front of me looking like one of the military guard at Arlington National Cemetery. His shaved head and tall profile stood almost at attention while he tightly gripped his robe square in the middle of his back.

When we again served together two weeks ago, Deacon Nicholas swallowed pills with his several glasses of water before mass. I asked him if he and the Pope had the same affliction to which he said yes. He had thought of the why of the coincidence. Feeling awkward, I blurted out, "You are lucky. You know your path. It is an honor to have the same cross to bear as the Pope."

During the prayer prior to our departure, he mentioned the recent passing of a 39-year-old woman he once dated. Then, while we stood in line before our procession, he joked that the period before mass seemed like back stage at a rock concert with its hustle and organized chaos. It was his favorite time of mass.

The deacon tired during mass but did not stumble. Taking the pills before mass probably had an effect since his hand shook less than the other times I had accompanied him. For the third time in as many masses I read the intercessions for him even though I did not have an opportunity to practice before mass. Death is the great equalizer among us. As all of us march toward our end on earth, we hold many varying thoughts of what lies ahead. Yet none of us has the answer. Christians, in search of answers, comb through every word of the Bible to know Jesus. However, those literal words are probably revised concoctions rewritten during the first few hundred years of the Church by zealous men with agendas like Pope Gregory.

Early Christians gladly offered their lives without defining specific personal relationships with their savior. True Christians never called on a ban of thought like the Italian Cardinal from Genoa who now seems to have begun his campaign for Bishop of Rome by suddenly opposing the sale of "The Da Vinci Code" in Catholic bookstores. Brothers in faith never worried about the politics of Caesar like Americans today who seem to blur with their religious agendas slogans like "culture of life" that turns a blind eye to opposing the death penalty and war.

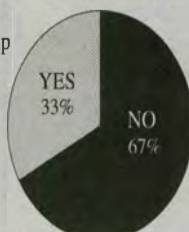
We may learn about God, but none of us really knows God unless we hear his whispers of worth, dignity and rights for all mankind. Those whispers come in many forms and events. For me, reading three times for Deacon Nicholas has given meaning and understanding to life. I am fortunate to have heard a meaningful Lenten whisper.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Don't knock the weather; nine tenths of the people couldn't start a conversation if it didn't change once in a while."

Kin Hubbard
journalist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Taco Bell boycott finally ends

On March 8, history was made. The three-year national boycott against Taco Bell ended after Taco Bell and its parent company, Yum Brands, agreed to meet the demands of the farm workers who pick the tomatoes they use in their products. The Coalition of Immokalee Workers was demanding a one cent increase for every pound of tomatoes that Taco Bell buys to nearly double the salary of tomato pickers who had to pick two tons to earn \$50 and had been earning the same wages since 1978; a strict code of conduct that guarantees that there are no violations of human rights in the fields and obligates Taco Bell to cut contracts with companies who violate the code; and three-way dialogue between Taco Bell/Yum, the tomato companies and farmworkers to continue to improve wages and conditions for farmworkers and to put pressure on other corporations to take responsibility as well.

The agreement is historical because never before had a small group of farmworkers been able to bring to the table a huge corporation like Taco Bell and Yum Brands, which is the largest fast food industry in the world. It also sets a tremendous precedent in the movement for fair food and corporate responsibility. The victory last week is also not just a victory for the farmworkers but for the social justice/labor movement and for us as students and consumers. Students played a tremendous role in this campaign because we understood that this struggle was also our struggle. While on the one

hand, corporations like Taco Bell benefit from the exploitation of workers at the bottom of their production chain, these corporations also exploit us by calling us the "New Hedonism Generation" and claiming that we are mindless consumers who do not care about what is behind the products we consume.

The student pressure in this struggle proved that students do not want products that are produced under conditions of exploitation and modern-day slavery. Twenty-two universities cut contracts with Taco Bell or prevented Taco Bell restaurants on their campuses since the beginning of the boycott. Notre Dame was one of those schools.

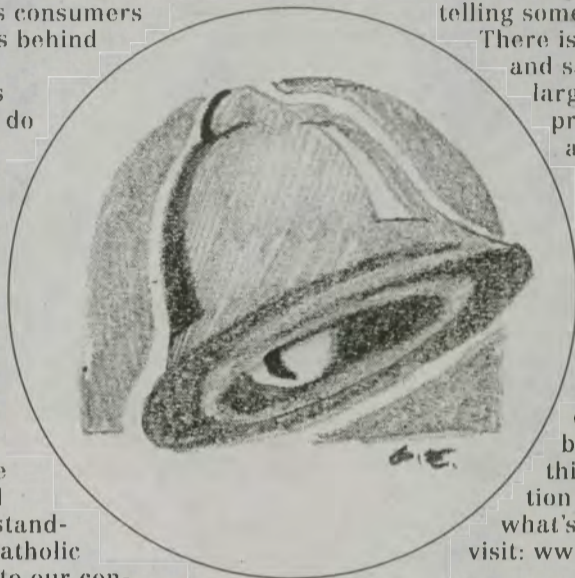
And so I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported this struggle. I thank the administration for standing behind our principles of Catholic Social Teaching, for listening to our concerns and taking action to cut our athletic contract with Taco Bell. I thank all the faculty and staff who supported our efforts and discussed the boycott in their classrooms to raise awareness. I thank all

the students who in one way or another participated in the struggle; whether it was by signing a petition, wearing a button, protesting/flying outside of the local Taco Bell, going on hunger strike or just telling someone else about the boycott.

There is no doubt that our campaign and sacrifices were a part of the larger movement that now has proven results. But the victory against Taco Bell is only one battle — an important one, but only one, nonetheless.

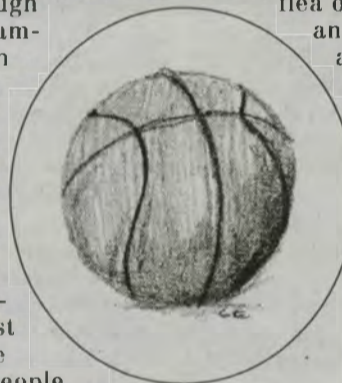
The struggle for justice for farmworkers and fair food continues and now is the time to continue to build momentum. We are left with the option of either sitting back and observing this new chapter in our history or being a part of the writing of this history. For more information on the boycott, the victory, what's next and how to get involved, visit: www.ciw-online.org.

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 senior
 Pasquerilla East
 March 17



Step it up, fans

As a Double Domer and parent of two current Notre Dame students, I think I have spent enough time (and money) on campus to ask this question — how can it be that only 2500 people attended the NIT game? Was that a misprint? At the risk of being labeled an old-timer, we used to have students hanging from the rafters watching Notre Dame vs. East Cupcake University. We had more than 2,500 people behind the old bookstore to watch a Sweet 16 game in the Iron Man



contests. Life is full of disappointment, where missing the NCAAs is a flea on the elephant's butt, and no excuse to abandon a basketball team. They say the team underperformed down the stretch. So be it. The fans never should.

Also, if my two weren't at the game, they'll be transferring to Holy Cross next semester.

Dennis Kearney
 alumnus
 class of 1976, JD 1980
 March 17

Examine Christian traditions

I appreciated Holly James' Mar. 16 article "Consider it Christian" because she address an important issue within the larger discussion of Christianity (as well as probably most other religions). What I refer to is the conservative vs. liberal debate. I have lately become frustrated with such labels, not because they do not help you to gauge where someone may stand on a particular issue but because they seem to me to be somehow irrelevant. The much more important question to ask is whether the stance is Christian or not, and to look closely at many of the discussions and people here at Notre Dame, is the stance Catholic or not. This change in semantics brings the discussion to questions of orthodoxy and heterodoxy which get much more to the heart of the matter.

Also, the labels of conservative and liberal do little to help us understand if the stance (or for that matter the person) is adhering to an orthodox view or a heterodox view because heresies (yes, I used that nasty, forbidden word) can go both ways as they have through the history of the Church and continue to do so today. So when you come across a Mass said in Latin on Saturday morning and want to write it

off as the product of old-folkie conservatives wanting to return to the days before Vatican II, ask yourself if this is a perfectly acceptable and approved way to celebrate the Eucharist, or when you walk by those protesting the plight of migrant tomato farmers and start to think about liberal social justice wackos, it might be better to ask what the greater Christian tradition of helping the poor is or what the Catholic idea of solidarity means.

And yet such a semantic change does not mean that we do not stop judging events and actions such as abortion or oppressive economic policies but rather that our judgment is put in its proper place: the tradition of the Church instead of in our own opinions, which whether conservative or liberal can quite easily become wrong and heretical. Because the biggest question and gauge is not initially political or based on our own personal preferences but on whether or not we are following Christ and the teachings of his Church.

Shannon Berry
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 off-campus
 March 17

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Zero changed the world

The USS Yorktown was a billion-dollar missile cruiser. Warships like it are designed to withstand the strike of a torpedo or the blast of a mine.

Though it was heavily armored against physical attacks, no ever thought to defend the Yorktown from zero.

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On Sept. 21, 1997, while cruising off the coast of Virginia, zero struck, and 80,000 horsepower became worthless. The Yorktown's computers had just received new software to run its engines. Unfortunately, a single zero that was supposed to be removed from the software slipped by engineers. It lay hidden until the ship's computer system tried to divide by zero, and everything shut down.

Charles Seife relates this in his 2000 book, "Zero: The Biography of a Dangerous Idea." He notes, "The biggest questions in science, religion, mathematics and philosophy are about nothingness."

Too often, we have not paid attention to our history and the evolution of concepts. In particular, the concept of nothing or zero has important implications for where our society has been and where it is going.

It is difficult for us to imagine it today, but there was a point in time when nothing wasn't anything at all. Dr. Robert Kaplan writes in his book, "The Nothing That Is," that zero first appeared in the Babylonian civilization around 300 B.C.

The West did not respond favorably to this Eastern concept. The most important reason for the West rejecting zero is that zero broke the rules of mathematics established by Western civilization.

One of these basic rules is the axiom of Archimedes, which states that if you add a number to itself enough times, it will exceed any other number in magnitude. We see that $1 + 1 = 2$ and $1 + 1 + 1 = 3$.

However, this is not true of zero. Add

zero to itself, and all you get is zero. Zero refuses to change. Because of this, the West could not accept it for nearly two millennia.

Mathematics was not the only area in which zero clashed with Western life. Zero challenged the West's belief in God. Aristotle wrote a theory to justify the existence of God. In that theory, he reasoned that there was no such thing as nothing, thus something had to have created the heavens and the Earth. Something must be moving the sun, the stars and the moon, and that something was God.

Christianity adapted Aristotle's theory to much of early Christian theology. Everything was fine until the 1500s when Renaissance thinkers rediscovered zero and realized that if nothing does exist, then Aristotle's theory is flawed at a very fundamental level. The Catholic Church was left with two choices: Either accept zero and see their faith destroyed or reject it and preserve their theology.

They chose the latter and zero soon became labeled as a device of heretics, and the teaching of it was banned by the church. However, not even the Catholic Church could contain zero. Despite the Papal ban, the teaching of zero continued and eventually the West was forced to accept this most dangerous of all concepts.

Ultimately, Seife puts it best when he reminds us that, "No other number can do such damage. Computer failures like the one that struck the Yorktown are just a faint shadow of the power of zero. Cultures have grinded against it, and philosophies have crumbled because of it. This why it has been feared, hated and even outlawed."

Learning from the Yorktown and from past civilizations, the zero is not a thing to be feared. It should be revered.

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STORY BY MARIA SMITH

Photo courtesy of Patrick Ryan

Forty years ago, the members of Ladysmith Black Mambazo could not have dreamed they would end up where they are today.

It isn't easy for a group to carve its own niche in the musical world, but this is exactly what Mambazo has done. Their unique music, strongly based in the traditional South African style called isicathamiya, can easily be recognized wherever it is played, and it is played often. Since being catapulted to world fame in 1986 with their performance on Paul Simon's "Graceland" album, Mambazo has performed for Noble Peace Prize ceremonies, movie soundtracks, commercials for Life Savers, 7-Up and Heinz Ketchup, Sesame Street and on numerous other occasions. In between performances the group has released numerous albums. The group has also performed with American artists including Stevie Wonder, Dolly Parton, George Clinton and Ben Harper.

In 1987, the group won a Grammy Award for Best Traditional Folk Art Album for "Shaka Zulu," their first United States album release. Mambazo was awarded another Grammy for Best Traditional World Music Album on Feb.

13 for their recent album "Raise Your Spirits Higher."

Mambazo's roots go back to the mines of their native South Africa where isicathamiya was born. Under apartheid many black South African men were forced to leave their homelands and find work, and often lived in large barracks or dormitories. The men often formed choirs and competed against each other in contests as a way to pass the time and remind them of their homes.

"It was important to sing about their homes and families when living in these inhuman conditions," professor of anthropology and ethnomusicologist Greg Downey said. "These contests were amazing. Because of curfews on weekend nights the men had to go to the barracks before curfew started and leave in morning, so they went on all night."

Mambazo also competed in the contests, but was so good that the singers were soon asked not to enter the competitions. They were of course welcome to come and entertain.

The name Ladysmith Black Mambazo came about as a result of their success in competition. "Ladysmith" is the

hometown of former farmer and factory worker Joseph Shabalala, the founder of the group. "Black" refers to black oxen, considered to be the strongest animals on the farm. "Mambazo," a Zulu word for ax, refers to the group's ability to chop down their competition.

There are several things that set Mambazo apart from their fellow isicathamiya musicians as well as from other genres of music. Mambazo's polished harmonies and ability to meld their voices tightly together were not the only thing that distinguished them in competition. Mambazo has the ability to be loud and joyous, but also performs softer and subtler numbers than many of their peers were able to do.

American music often emphasizes tenor voices, but Mambazo's sound is characterized by the rich and full bass. Although Shabalala himself often sings higher parts, the majority of the group often sings a complicated bass harmony that sounds new and original compared to most choirs.

Mambazo's music is a point of pride for many South Africans, not least because it represents a sort of artistic victory over apartheid. Mambazo's success is proof that the regime, which was

so devastating to so many people, was still unable to silence the artistic voice.

Their music is not strictly traditional, but the vocal style and many of the other elements certainly reflect their home.

"There are rural elements, like a distinctive call boys will make to call cattle," Downey said. "These are elements that remind South Africans of life in the rural countryside."

As members of the original group have retired, Shabalala has begun to recruit members of his own family to fill in the ranks and keep the group performing. Four of his sons now perform with the group.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo is only one of several institutions of the musical world to visit Notre Dame this year, but they are certainly one of the most unique. Students who get a chance to go are certainly in for a fantastic show.

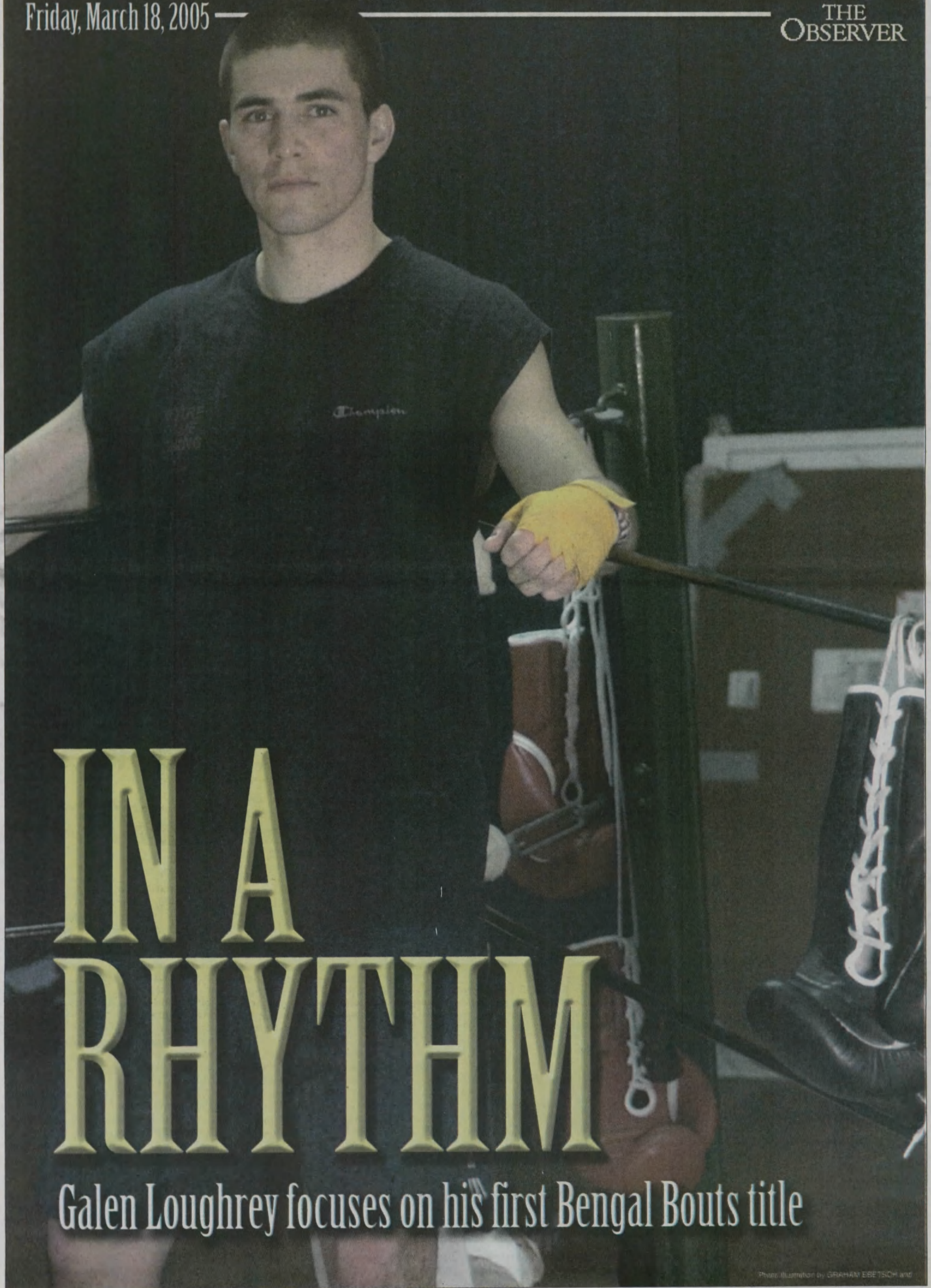
Ladysmith Black Mambazo will perform Sunday at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 for students, \$26 for seniors, \$28 for faculty and staff and \$35 for the general public.

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IN A RHYTHM

Galen Loughrey focuses on his first Bengal Bouts title

Loughrey dancing way toward first Bouts title

Club president, Dillon RA eager to finish senior season on a winning note

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

In the past four years, Galen Loughrey has spent lots of time moving, honing the precision of his lefts and rights, growing into a rhythm and learning to take control of his partner. A lot of it has been done outside of the boxing ring.

Loughrey, the senior president of the boxing club, has also been an active dancer during his time at Notre Dame, both recreationally and as a member of the Ballet Folklorico, which performs every year at events such as Latin Expressions.

"Dancing has been something I've picked up a lot more here at Notre Dame," he said. "I danced before but here it fostered the environment to dance even more. There's a lot more people with that same interest."

Undoubtedly, Loughrey recognizes that his time on the dance floor can profoundly strengthen his work in the boxing room.

Muhammad Ali, they considered him the best dancer, just because in the boxing ring, a lot of it takes footwork. You can't just stand in the ring and expect to pound down the other guy," Loughrey said. "If you watch some of the greatest boxers, they knew how to dance around the ring."

While naturally inclined to the more harmonic aspects of the sport, Loughrey also felt himself quickly drawn to boxing's more fatiguing sides.

"Physically, it was one of the most grueling things I've ever done. I never expected to do so many pushups, so many situps. My body was tired at the end of the day, but it felt good to be exhausted and be able to be mentally focused on other

things," Loughrey said.

Loughrey's boxing career began conventionally enough for a Notre Dame fighter, stemming in large part from an athletic curiosity in the mind of a freshman former athlete. In four years, however, that curiosity has developed itself into a definitive facet of his student life.

"Now, it's become almost like a religion for me, you get up with that expectation, 'oh yeah, I get to go to the boxing room today,'" he said.

Perhaps the biggest draw that room had for Loughrey doesn't even involve the workout or the gloves, but the other people inside. Dating back to his upbringing in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Loughrey has always had an affinity for a community based way of life.

"Looking back on everything, I like to have people around me, because I think it's nice to see when people develop and to be able to add something to the development of somebody else," he said.

With this in mind, it comes no surprise that, in addition to his leadership responsibilities for the boxing club, Loughrey also serves as a resident assistant in Dillon Hall. It is there where he can even more comprehensively nurture the environment around him towards a greater community character.

"When I am in my room, I always keep my door open just for [my residents] in case they want to stop by," he said.

Judging strictly by his leadership positions, discipline seems to play a strong role in Loughrey's approach to his day-to-day life. Indeed, he has always tried to use his time well and to make his work as constructive as possible, and

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**Galen Loughrey
boxer**



FRANCESCA SETA/The Observer
Galen Loughrey, right, exchanges punches with Mike Rooney in their 155 lb. quarterfinal bout March 3. Loughrey will fight Mike Panzica in the finals Saturday night.

since becoming a boxer, that sense has only grown stronger.

"Boxing really forced me to make my time management a lot better," he said. "I couldn't be wasting these minutes just sitting around. I was constantly on my feet moving, and it kept life interesting for me."

However, an interesting life

isn't always an easy one, and he points out that his busy schedule sometimes forces him to make sacrifices between two positives.

"I feel real bad for my residents, because sometimes I feel I'm not there as much as I should be. In that sense I feel like I've kind of neglected them," he said.

In all of his work, it is not surprising that he already has some idea of what the Galen Loughrey of 2025 will look like. Loughrey, an ALPP Spanish major, hopes to return to his home in Albuquerque, where he can put the skills that he cultivated in the boxing club and Dillon Hall into a real world application, intending to start a family one day and become a pediatrician in the local community.

"Mostly, I'll go back to the community to return the favor that was given to me," he said. "That's a big draw for me to go back home, to not just take what was given to me and run, but to take what was given to me and give back."

In talking about his experiences as a part of the Notre Dame Boxing club and student body, Loughrey gives the impression of man deeply in touch with the university that has served as his home for the past four years.

"More than anything, Notre Dame has come to mean giv-

ing, were all giving something, but I think at Notre Dame you learn how to give even more," he said. "There are so many different ways that you can give, I think that reflects a lot in the community building."

While he may already have ideas of himself as doctor or

family man, Loughrey has by no means overlooked his final weeks as a Notre Dame boxer. Through his three previous tournaments, Loughrey has yet to win a Bengal Bouts title, losing in a first-round split decision as a

freshman before falling in the semifinals his sophomore and junior year. While he looks forward to competing for a championship this year, Loughrey has already reached his loftiest boxing goals.

"My biggest achievement this year has been to see the amount of people who have stuck through with it and who have done well, especially first year boxers," he said. "It's always a dream to be there at the finals, but more than anything, it's been well worth it."

This year, whether Galen Loughrey the boxer wins or loses in this year's Bengal Bouts, Galen Loughrey the man has already come out of the experience dancing, with his head held deservedly high.

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FRANCESCA SETA/The Observer
Galen Loughrey, left, blocks a shot from Mike Rooney in their 155 lb. quarterfinal bout March 3. Loughrey credits dancing skills learned from his role in Ballet Folklorico with his boxing success.

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A family affair

Kevin Kerrigan and son Colin have both won multiple Bengal Bout titles

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Colin Kerrigan was only in high school when he learned what so many boxers before him had found out the hard way.

"My dad had his hands up, I was hitting him and it was getting to the point where I was actually hurting his hands," said Kerrigan, a senior and two-time Bengal Bouts champion. "He was telling me to stop and I wasn't stopping because I was having so much fun. He kept warning me and eventually he hit me. I fell to the ground with the breath knocked out of me and I learned my lesson."

As he hit the floor that day a few years back, Colin's name was added to the list of men who had challenged their fathers' boxing skills — and ended up on their backs.

His dad, Class of 1972 alum Kevin Kerrigan, slugged his way to three Bengal Bout championships in the early 1970s. He was known around campus for his fierce punch and aggressive style.

"I would just go out there whaling," Kevin said. "I was more of a fighter than I was a boxer."

More than 30 years after Kevin decided to join the Notre Dame boxing club, Colin finished up his Bengal Bout career Wednesday night when he was upset by Brian Nicholson in the 165 lb. semi finals.

Despite this setback, the Kerrigans' five Bengal Bout championships solidify their place as one of the best father-son boxing tandems in school history.

"Yeah, I'll give that a try"

Kevin was a member of the Irish wrestling team his freshman year of 1968. But late in the fall semester he received two pink slips notifying him of poor academic performance. So he quit the team to focus on studying.

His grades soon improved and when the new semester began he searched for an activity.

"It was too late to go back to the wrestling team. So I was looking around for something to do and the Bengal Bouts were advertised," Kevin said. "My dad had been a Golden Gloves boxer so I thought 'Yeah, I'll give that a try.'"

Like his father, Colin had a

wrestling background before competing in the Bouts. His high school team won the state title during his senior year in Summerville, S.C. But the wrestling room was not the only place where Colin developed mental and physical toughness.

"I'm the youngest of five boys," Colin said. "We all wrestled in high school so there was a lot of wrestling and roughhousing. It was interesting having so many older brothers. You get beat up a lot and you get used to getting hit a lot."

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Colin Kerrigan
boxer



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Colin Kerrigan, right, throws a punch at his 165 lb. semifinal opponent Brian Nicholson. Nicholson won in a split decision, dashing Kerrigan's hopes for a third Bengal Bout championship.

a punch," Kevin said. "They were his early training experience."

Now a doctor residing in Summerville, Kevin noticed

Colin had a talent for boxing even at a very early age.

"All the boys loved to punch me but he always had a harder punch for his age than his brothers did," Kevin said.

Just like his dad, Colin doesn't consider himself very skilled in boxing technique. "I would say I'm more of a brawler," Colin said. "I try to do technique. But when it comes down to it, if I'm getting hit, I generally try to hit back."

Fighting for others

The Kerrigans have bloodied noses and handed out black eyes in the boxing ring. But outside the ropes they are soft-spoken, modest and giving. Colin is an RA in Fisher Hall and is involved in Air Force ROTC. Kevin worked overseas as a doctor in the Navy until Colin was in the fifth grade.

It may be this passion for serving others that has given the Kerrigans the drive to compete in the Bengal Bouts. "It's nice to know that you're getting your face beat in for a good reason," Colin said. "The Bengal Bouts show the way that Notre Dame uses everything to give back to the community. I think that's one thing that Notre Dame is really good at — finding ways to use all of its good fortune and success to help others who aren't as fortunate."

His father agrees. "The Bengal Bouts have gone on for so long and I think they've played a big role in the lives of so many young men," Kevin said. "It's all for the joy of the sport. It's just about

going out there and trying to perform and raise money for a good cause."

Still the same

Thirty-three years after graduating from Notre Dame, Kevin appreciates what his time in South Bend did for his successful career in medicine. "I attribute my Notre Dame degree to getting me into medical school," Kevin said. "When I went to interviews I could tell they were very impressed I was from Notre Dame."

Now with his son about to graduate, Kevin sees a Notre Dame community very similar to the one he belonged to in the 1970s.

"It's been such a wonderful experience seeing two of my boys go through the school," Kevin said. Kyle Kerrigan graduated from Notre Dame in 2002. "The same traditions are there. The same striving for excellence is in the atmosphere."

Colin is a civil engineering major, yet will work in communications for the Air Force after graduation this May.

"I don't know what I really want to do for a career," Colin said. "I'm not even set on civil engineering."

No matter what career Colin eventually settles into, he will be helped by the lessons he has learned from his father.

"My dad is a very kind person," Colin said. "He's modest, he's got good integrity. That's something I try to emulate."

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Roland Chamblee, left, fights Norm Barry in the 1972 165 lb. title fight. Chamblee was a friend and teammate of 1972 155 lb. champion Kevin Kerrigan.

126-pounds



PETER SARPONG VS. DANIEL GALLEGOS

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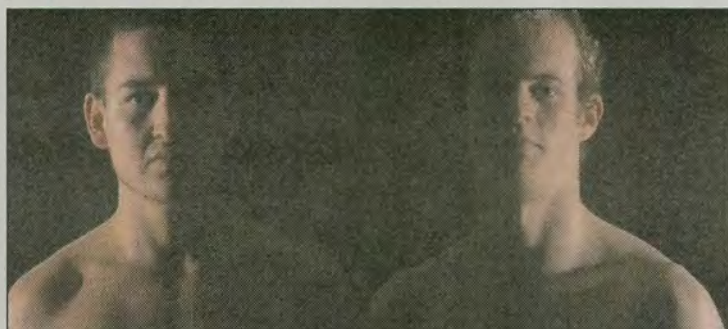
- MATT PUGLISI
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- MIKE GILLOON
Gallegos
- KATE GALES
Sarpong
- BOBBY GRIFFIN
Gallegos

Quick-fisted Peter Sarpong will square up against Daniel "Too Short" Gallegos in the featherweight division. Sarpong operates with a fast pace, throwing a multitude of left jabs to set up his quick, inside right hooks.

Gallegos will have to overcome a slight reach differential if he wants to win the bout. He did so in his semifinal match against Steve Buchanan with powerful, efficient right hooks and strong jabs.

With Sarpong and Gallegos each winning unanimous decisions in their semifinal fights, this match has all the potential of lasting the full three rounds. Sarpong will hope to have a better final round than he did in his last bout, where he let David Rowinski take control for the final minute.

130-pounds



JON VALENZUELA VS. THOMAS GOLDRICK

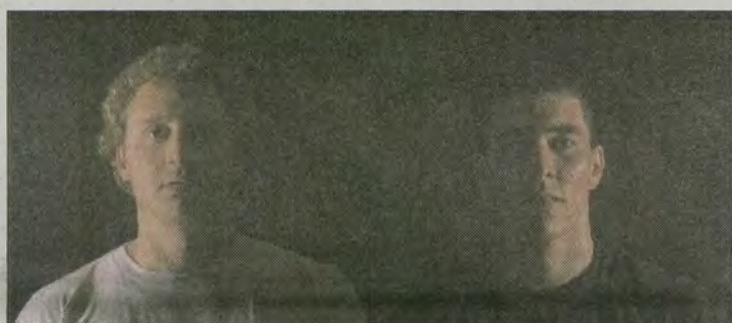
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- MIKE GILLOON
Valenzuela
- KATE GALES
Goldrick
- BOBBY GRIFFIN
Valenzuela

Long-armed Thomas Goldrick fights Jon Valenzuela in the 130 lb. final. Valenzuela has decisively beaten his opponents with strong, but wild, right-handed hooks in prior matches. Goldrick will try to capitalize when Valenzuela misses with his own powerful right jabs. Goldrick has shown an ability to deliver punishing blows even when his extension is limited.

Valenzuela moves around the ring quickly, and that quickness will be important in the final. Goldrick works his opponents best with his effective series of lefts and rights, especially when he forces them into a corner. Valenzuela will look to deliver a quick body shot whenever he gets cornered, as he did in his semifinal, and then turn away from the punches.

155-pounds



MIKE PANZICA VS GALEN LOUGHREY

PICKS

- MATT PUGLISI
Loughrey
- MIKE GILLOON
Panzica
- KATE GALES
Loughrey
- BOBBY GRIFFIN
Panzica

Mike Panzica fights Galen Loughrey in the final of the 155 lb. weight class. Panzica will look to keep his hands up better than he did in the semifinal and continue his trend of effective right hooks.

Loughrey's long reach will help him exploit any poor positioning of Panzica's hands.

Loughrey showed a commitment to keeping his elbows tucked in during his semifinal match against Chris Calderone, rarely throwing outside punches.

However, Panzica may have the advantage if the fight goes the distance.

Loughrey was shaky in his third round but Panzica won his fight with a great final round performance.

160-pounds



MARK BASOLA VS. BOBBY GORYNSKI

PICKS

- MATT PUGLISI
Basola
- MIKE GILLOON
Basola
- KATE GALES
Gorynski
- BOBBY GRIFFIN
Gorynski

In the first semifinal match of the 160 lb. weight division, top-seeded Mark "Turn the Other Cheek" Basola showed little mercy for his opponent Adam "Steel Ghost" Burns.

Basola withstood a third-round rally from Burns to secure a unanimously decided victory.

The junior will take on Bobby "The Polish Pistol" Gorynski in the finals.

Gorynski came out firing against Morrissey junior Daniel Liem. Liem's quick feet could not save him from Gorynski's powerful right hand, and the judges ruled unanimously in favor of the Polish Pistol. Gorynski will need all his strength to outduel Basola.

180-pounds



JIM CHRISTOFORETTI VS. DOUG BARTELS

PICKS

- MATT PUGLISI
Christoforetti
- MIKE GILLOON
Christoforetti
- KATE GALES
Christoforetti
- BOBBY GRIFFIN
Christoforetti

The 180 lb. weight class final pits technically sound Doug Bartels against hard hitting Jim Christoforetti.

Bartels is lightning quick and displayed effective combinations in routing Dana Collins in the semifinal. He also counterpunches well, knocking Collins down on a counterpunch in the first round of that fight.

Christoforetti hits like a train but is prone to use long arm movements and can be caught with his hands down by quicker fighters. He will try to land a few punches early and daze the faster Bartels. Even if he fails at this, his confidence and toughness will keep him fighting back until the last bell sounds.

200-pounds



BILLY ZIZIC VS. JOHNNY GRIFFIN

PICKS

- MATT PUGLISI
Zizic
- MIKE GILLOON
Griffin
- KATE GALES
Griffin
- BOBBY GRIFFIN
Griffin

The 200 lb. weight class features the quickness of Johnny Griffin against the precision of Billy Zizic.

Griffin, who got a bye all the way to the semifinals, shows no mercy to his opponents and will try to attack the entire fight. His flurries of punches come early and often, but his accuracy is questionable.

Zizic, on the other hand, is an extremely accurate boxer.

However, he has been caught flat footed and may be vulnerable to Griffin's attacks.

His counterpunching has been effective, but it will not matter if he can't avoid Griffin's attacks. He will try to hit Griffin with some early jabs to try to put the quicker fighter on his heels.

140-pounds



MIKE MCCANN VS. MICHAEL HENNIG

PICKS

MATT PUGLISI
Hennig
MIKE GILLOON
Hennig
KATE GALES
McCann
BOBBY GRIFFIN
Hennig

The 140 lb. final pits Mike McCann against Michael Hennig. McCann relies heavily on his right hook to wear down opponents, but that may be his undoing in this match. While he has over-utilized his right, Hennig has proven that he can win with an effective combination of lefts and rights while keeping his elbows tucked in close to his chest.

Furthermore, Hennig's ability to block punches should open up offensive opportunities for him against McCann.

One of Hennig's problems against McCann may be the pace of the match. Hennig expended enormous energy early in his semifinal, but was able to survive a late comeback by his opponent Will Bezouska. He may not be so lucky against the durable McCann.

150-pounds



NATHAN LOHMEYER VS. TIM HUML

PICKS

MATT PUGLISI
Lohmeyer
MIKE GILLOON
Lohmeyer
KATE GALES
Lohmeyer
BOBBY GRIFFIN
Huml

In the 150 lb. final, Nathan "The Bonzai Kitten" Lohmeyer will fight quick-handed Tim Huml.

Lohmeyer's strongest asset is his excellent reach, which he uses well on jabs. His ability to counter Huml's hooks with jabs will play a key role in how the bout pans out, as Huml relies on his strong, outside rights against his opponents.

Those punches have proven to have limited accuracy, and Lohmeyer will try to land one of his big right hooks if Huml swings and misses early in the fight.

One area where Huml should have an advantage is if the fight lasts the entire three rounds. He won his semifinal match with a split decision thanks to a splendid third round.

165-pounds



MARK DESPLINTER VS. BRIAN NICHOLSON

PICKS

MATT PUGLISI
DeSplinter
MIKE GILLOON
Nicholson
KATE GALES
Nicholson
BOBBY GRIFFIN
DeSplinter

Mark DeSplinter will take on Brian "Honeyboy" Nicholson in the 165 lb. final. Both fighters are tall and rangy and have used this advantage to great effect in earlier rounds.

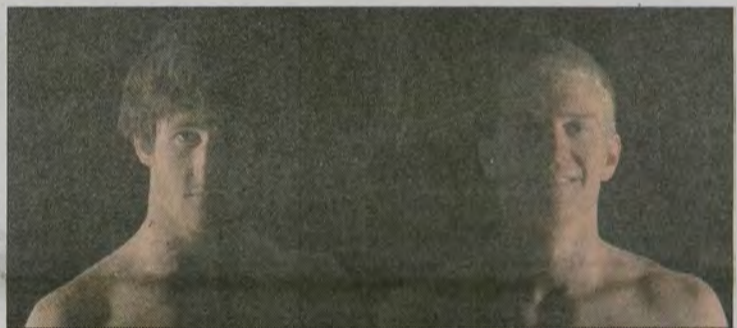
Their advantage will be gone in the final, however, as they are nearly the same height.

DeSplinter is the better technical fighter, and has shown his toughness in outlasting Patrick McMorrow in the semifinal despite taking a flurry of punches in the first two rounds.

His weakness, also shown in that bout, is his inability to fight at close range.

If Honeyboy is able to adapt and attack DeSplinter, he could win the fight.

170-pounds



JUSTIN ALANIS VS. DAN WARD

PICKS

MATT PUGLISI
Ward
MIKE GILLOON
Ward
KATE GALES
Ward
BOBBY GRIFFIN
Ward

The 170 lb. weight class is home to the heart-wrenching story of Justin Alanis.

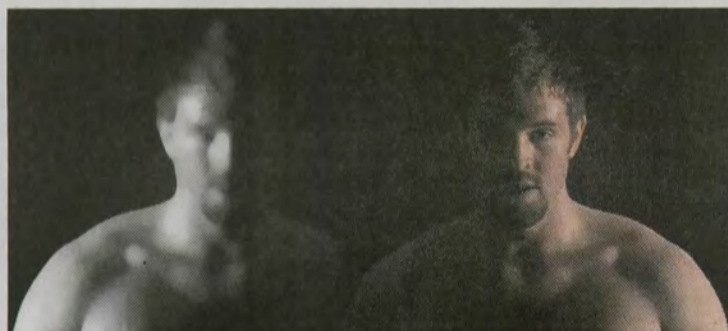
Alanis, ranked number one in the class, broke his hand in the semifinal and will be forced to forfeit the championship.

He is a senior who trained four hours a day over the summer with undefeated professional middleweight Sechew Powell.

Alanis is now out of chances to fulfill his life-long dream and win the Bouts.

Alanis' injury gives the title to Dan "Poundtown" Ward, who withstood two standing eight counts to beat Andrew Breslin in the semifinal.

HEAVYWEIGHT



MATT HASBROOK VS. NATHAN SCHROEDER

PICKS

MATT PUGLISI
Hasbrook
MIKE GILLOON
Schroeder
KATE GALES
Hasbrook
BOBBY GRIFFIN
Schroeder

The heavyweight final features former Irish defensive tackle Matt Hasbrook against Nathan Schroeder.

Hasbrook fights like a football player, relying on his strength to daze the other fighter before he can mount a counterattack.

His technique has been questionable, but he hits like a school bus.

Schroeder is more of a pure boxer. He is aggressive, but he also blocks well.

If he can block an early flurry it could rattle Hasbrook.

He has displayed a lot of toughness throughout the tournament and should not be easily dazed even by Hasbrook's explosive crosses.

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Aiming for perfection

Captain Mark DeSplinter shoots for his third Bengal Bout title in three tries

By **BOBBY GRIFFIN**
Associate Sports Editor

Mark DeSplinter is used to adversity, even though his 9-0-career record would indicate otherwise.

Taking this undefeated mark into the finals this year, DeSplinter is the No. 1 seed in the 165 lb. weight class.

He is a two-time champion as a 160 lb. fighter, and would likely be a three time winner had it not been for his decision to go abroad in London as a junior.

DeSplinter started off his career in a very impressive manner, with his two consecutive championships.

"My freshman year I won," DeSplinter said. "I beat a senior in the finals."

"Going into the fights, I knew I was in pretty good shape. I remember Pat Dillon (DeSplinter's opponent who he beat in the semifinals) telling me that I had a pretty easy route into the semis, but after that I didn't know if I was going to beat him."

These wins are quite the accomplishments for a kid whose boxing career was very close to ending following his meteoric rise freshman year.

Early into DeSplinter's sophomore year at Notre Dame, months before the Bouts started, DeSplinter was climbing over a broken bathroom stall when the door broke, splitting in half, and subsequently severing the champion's foot.

DeSplinter looked down to find a deep gash above his right ankle, bleeding profusely, much worse than any right hook

could possibly elicit.

"I almost cut my right foot off in December," DeSplinter said. "There was like a wall that fell on my foot, that almost cut my foot off."

The sophomore had cut through three tendons and cracked a portion of the bone in his foot.

Confined to a cast, DeSplinter hobbled into the first day of practice focused on successfully coming off the injury and working hard to return to his previous form.

He did.

The boxer won his second consecutive Bengal Bouts title only months later, against a fighter named Tom Pierce, a good friend of DeSplinters.

"I almost didn't get to fight but I annoyed the people enough to where they let me at least try," DeSplinter said.

It's not surprising that DeSplinter was able to come off this injury in such a successful manner.

Mark "Rambo" DeSplinter comes across as an intense worker, relentlessly jumping rope when few others are in the gym.

He carries himself with an air of confidence, but in a non-imposing way.

The boxer is friendly, but at the same time, he gives off the very focused attitude that you would expect from a skilled fighter.

DeSplinter laughs about his injury now, almost embarrassed to actually admit how he injured his foot.

However, the senior becomes more serious when discussing the hard work he had to put in to defend his championship following the accident.

"That was one of the bigger challenges I've had just during boxing, coming back to practice the first day and not being able to get on the balls of my feet, or run, or hop on my feet," DeSplinter said. "There were a lot of times I just wanted to give up and say 'screw this, I don't want to fight, this is too much.'"

Of course, DeSplinter did not give up, and this dedication is part of the reason why he is so successful in the ring.

This year, DeSplinter is clearly focused on winning his third final in his three years of competition, however he realizes that the task is difficult.

"Our weight class is absolutely stacked, especially at the top," DeSplinter said before Wednesday's semifinal round. "[Patrick] McMorrow was really good, Brian Nicholson went to the finals last year, and [Colin Kerrigan] has also won two championships," DeSplinter said.

Brian "Honey Boy" Nicholson is the fighter that DeSplinter will have to be worried about Saturday night.

"This is the last year, you know, I want to do really well," DeSplinter said.

While many of Notre Dame's sports fans will be crowding around their TVs to see who will advance to the Sweet 16 on Saturday, DeSplinter will be focused on once again becoming a champion.

Nicholson, the No. 2 seed and DeSplinter's opponent, has had a challenging road to the final, defeating Colin Kerrigan in the semifinals.

With the success DeSplinter has had during his time at Notre Dame, it is surprising that he was not particularly interest-



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Mark DeSplinter, right, slugs Patrick McMorrow during DeSplinter's semifinal victory Wednesday night.

ed in boxing when he came to school as a freshman.

Looking for something to keep him healthy, DeSplinter's older brother introduced him to boxing at Notre Dame, who was a senior at the time.

DeSplinter also had a cousin who had been involved with Bengal Bouts as well.

"I just decided to try it out and I just kind of fell in love with it [when I found out] how hard it was, and the dedication it takes, and what it requires of you like everyday to just come out here and beat yourself to death," DeSplinter said.

DeSplinter has also learned valuable lessons from his boxing, intangibles that he will take on when he takes off his gloves and steps out of the ring for good.

"It just kind of gives you the confidence you need to go through life. There is a great

quote by Tyson's trainer [Cus D'Amato], 'Boxing isn't the elimination of fear, it's just a way to deal with it,'" DeSplinter said.

"If you can get in the ring with another guy who is ready to beat your head off, and you can stay in there and fight back, you can do basically anything else that comes at you in life."

DeSplinter is a bright individual, who is destined for success in whatever forum he chooses. The lessons that he learns from his time as a Bengal Bouts champion will surely manifest themselves in a positive manner.

But before that can happen, DeSplinter is focused on other things.

After all, he still has one more fight to win.

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Broken hand derails Alanis' dream of Bouts championship



Mark Basola, left, reaches for Adam Burns during their 160 lb. semifinal bout. Basola won by unanimous decision.

Senior trained with pro boxer in LA to prepare for fights

By **CHRIS KHOREY**
Sports Writer

All the hard work was finally paying off for Justin Alanis.

After a summer spent working out six days a week and a spring break spent sparring against a professional middleweight, the senior Bengal Bout fighter had earned the top seed in the 170 lb. weight class.

He sat through the preliminaries with a bye and cruised past Tom Digan in the quarter-finals.

In the semifinals Alanis had his opponent Brad Wanchulak back on his heels.

Alanis took the offensive and caught Wanchulak upside the head.

Then everything changed.

Alanis felt a sharp pain in his right hand, but ignored it as the bout continued.

"It hurt really bad but I kept going cause I thought I had sprained it or something, plus the adrenaline was so much that I just had to keep going," he said.

After a unanimous decision victory, Alanis had time to consider the pain in his hand.

"I got through the third round and won unanimously but when I went back to the doctors I tried to take my glove off and my hand was just killing me," he said. "When I finally got my wrap off there was this huge bump on my hand where the bone was almost sticking out."

It was then that Alanis realized the stunning truth. His right hand was broken just below the pinky and he would have to forfeit the final. The dream he had worked for a full year was shattered and, as a senior, he wasn't going to get another shot.

He was inconsolable.

"When I found out I couldn't fight, I was really upset. I didn't sleep that night," he said.

Alanis developed an interest in boxing when his roommate competed in Bengal Bouts during his sophomore year. Alanis fought for the first time his junior year.

"When junior year came around I decided to do it," he said. "I went to all the training before Christmas where the rookies basically go.

"I won my first two bouts, but got beat in the semifinals."

The loss in the semis instilled

a fire in Alanis.

"Ever since I lost, I wanted to taste victory," he said. "The next day after my loss I was back in the gym. I worked out six days a week, boxing for two hours and working out for two hours."

After his grueling summer, Alanis continued working out at Notre Dame. Over spring break, his training took on a professional feel when he sparred with undefeated middleweight Sechew Powell.

"I pretty much walked into his training facility and asked him if he wanted to spar and he looked at me like 'you want to spar?'" Alanis said. "He beat the crap out of me a couple times, but I learned his techniques."

Alanis plans to continue boxing recreationally when his hand heals, but isn't sure he'll fight again competitively. He has two years of Bengal Bouts eligibility remaining, but he can only use them if he attends Notre Dame for graduate school, which he says he doubts will happen.

Dan Ward will be declared the 170 lb. champion by forfeit at Saturday's Bengal Bout finals in the Joyce Center.

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Black eyes, bloody noses help poor



By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

The Saturday morning practices, hundreds of push-ups and struggles to learn a new technique are all worth it once a boxer feels his fist lifted by the referee to signal his victory.

But win or lose, the sacrifices boxers make at Notre Dame are ultimately worth it for another, more lasting reason — the contributions they make to the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh.

The black eyes will fade and the trophies will gather dust, but every Bengal Bouts participant, as well as every fan who buys a ticket, will know he or she changed lives for the better in one of the world's poorest countries.

"I would say that the Bengal Bouts are quite unique," said Father Tom Smith, director of Holy Cross Missions. "The Holy Cross Mission has been in Bangladesh for more than 150 years now and the Bengal Bouts have been supporting that mission for 75 years."

The past 75 years have seen a number of changes to the University, but the support for the Holy Cross Mission in Bangladesh has remained constant.

"It's an unusual commitment that was started by some very good people concerned with supporting our mission in Bangladesh, but also just concerned with stretching the hearts of people here at Notre

Dame to include poor people at a distance," Smith said.

The "philanthropic side" of Bengal Bouts is important to boxers as well, according to two-time captain Nathan Lohmeyer.

"All the money that we raise from ticket sales and from donations and merchandise sales goes to support the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh," he said.

The finance major is also able to explain how the money raised in the US can make such a significant difference in the lives of those in Asia.

"We raise on average, in the past, 55 grand a year," Lohmeyer explained. "One U.S. dollar converts, more or less, to 10 dollars in Bangladesh because of the exchange rates and the volume of the dollar."

In the four years Smith has been directing the mission, he said that the bouts have raised between \$40,000 and \$75,000 per year.

"The number of uses is innumerable," Smith said. "It depends on the year on what that money is actually given to, but it's really a very important source of support for the work our community does among the poor and the very poor in Bangladesh."

The money is split evenly between the province of priests and the province of brothers that the Holy Cross Mission maintains in Bangladesh.

"They use the money according to what their priority projects among the poor are in the

given year that they receive it," Smith said.

Every ticket buyer can know that he or she has made an important contribution to life in Bangladesh.

"[The money] has been used to build hostels for students who have no other way of attending school, to care for orphans, [and to] sponsor students in technical schools that we have in order to give them skills to enable self support," said Smith.

Although education is a foundation of the mission, health care receives funding as well.

"[It funds a] program we have for medical care for the indigent — the poorest of the poor — who have no other ways to get medical care," Smith said.

In a culture very different from America, Bengal Bouts also assists young women in Bangladesh who are looking for jobs.

"Funding has been used in programs to support young women in terms of life skills training," said Smith.

The swollen lips and sore knuckles will soon be forgotten, although the chipped teeth and dental bills could take more time to forget. But the main purpose of the Bengal Bouts — supporting those in need halfway across the world — now boasts 75 years of staying power.

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Clayton Lougee, left, jabs at the head of Zachary Jara during Lougee's split-decision quarterfinal victory March 3rd.

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From Nappy to Now

The Bengal Bouts celebrate 75 years of flying fists and dedicated Domers

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

Knute Rockne would never have guessed it. The Notre Dame Boxing Club, a team he founded in 1923 for the primary purpose of keeping his football squad conditioned in the off-season, is now the largest collegiate boxing club in the country outside of the military academies, and arguably the most famous and visible intramural athletic program in America.

This year, the club celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Bengal Bouts, the annual boxing tournament first started in 1931 by Dominic "Nappy" Napolitano, a name deserving the same respect as Rockne, Parseghian and Leahy in the lore of Notre Dame athletic history for his efforts with the Bengal Bouts and the Boxing Club. In the half century spanning their inception in 1931 through his retirement as coach in 1980, Napolitano put all his energy into the Bengal Bouts, and he came to personify the Notre Dame tradition he created.

"Nappy was the guy and the coach for almost 50 years," current boxing coach Tom Suddes said. "This was his life at Notre Dame."

In his passion for and dedication to the program and to the young men who fought in it, the childless Napolitano turned a countless number of fighters into his surrogate sons over the years.

"He was a great coach and a wonderful man," Suddes said. "He was literally a father figure to so many kids coming through."

Suddes should know. He was not only one of those sons, but has been the coach and the man,

along with Terry Johnson, most responsible for continuing the program since Napolitano's death in 1986.

"I got very close with him my freshman year [1967]," he said. "I came back to be in the development office in '73 so I was able to be there when he tried the transition in the coaching."

While he was the mentor to many of them, Napolitano was always their coach, and under his tutelage, numerous noteworthy accomplishments took place in the boxing ring. The most impressive of these achievements is also the rarest: in the history of the program, only 9 fighters have won the championship for four straight years, the first of these, Bill "Zip" Roemer, won his titles in the early 1940s.

These achievements become even more impressive when one realizes that, especially in more recent years, they exactly match the length of the champion's boxing careers.

"Very few people who have gone through this program have had any boxing experience before," Suddes said. "You come in, its new, you learn it, you throw yourself into it, and sometimes you only fight one year and sometimes you fight all four."

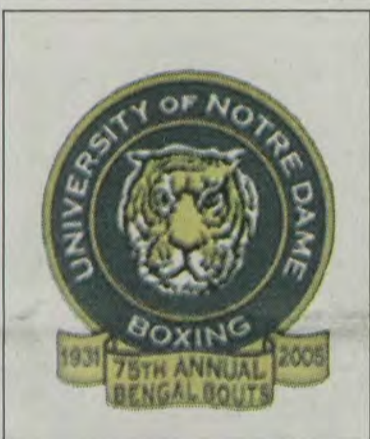
However, champion or not, every boxer has made a serious physical commitment in return for membership and the right to compete in the Bengal Bouts. Each year, boxers have typically gone through 6 weeks of intense training and preparation leading to the tournament.

The Bengal Bouts serve as the culmination of up to a half-semester's worth of pushups, situps, sparring and condition-



Observer File Photo

Former Bengal Bouts director Dominic "Nappy" Napolitano, second from left, talks with club presidents [from left] Val Bernabo, Matt Connelly and Tom Suddes in 1971.



ing.

"The boxing reputation as one of the most demanding sports holds true, especially here in the boxing club," current Boxing Club president Galen Loughrey said.

Throughout these 75 years, thousands of young fighters have willingly traded countless hours of sweat and practice time for the opportunity to fight in the Bouts — an opportunity that ends each year in 4-and-a-half minutes or less for exactly half of them.

Why then, have so many men committed so much of their time and energy for a guarantee of 1 match that might not even last as long as the time it takes to dress for it?

Maybe it's because the Bengal Bouts represent something bigger than a chance to win a championship.

The tournament derived its name from the Holy Cross Mission compound in Daka, Bangladesh, a city that was formerly called Bengal. The mission, which has been in Daka for 150 years, is made up a school, college, seminary, orphanage and hospital, all of which depend heavily upon donations.

Each year, after covering expenses, the Boxing Club donates 100 percent of the money raised from the Bengal Bouts to the mission. Annually, the Boxing Club's contribution is the highest single contribution the missions receive. In 1931, the missions received \$500 from the Boxing Club.

This year, the fundraising goal is \$75,000.

"A dollar here is ten dollars there. We send over 50, 60, 70 thousand dollars. That's like a half a million dollars over there, so you can actually buy an awful lot of stuff and take care of an awful lot of people," Suddes said.

The charitable aspect of the program is what set it apart in its foundation and continues to set it apart today.

Napolitano's slogan "Strong bodies fight so that weak bodies may be nourished" has become the mantra of the Bengal Bouts. However, even in defeat, the program has shown to have enriching qualities for the boxers just through their participation.

"I've gotten a bunch of e-mails from guys who just said, 'my gosh, it was the best thing that ever happened to me at Notre Dame, and I use the stuff I learned in boxing every single day,'" Suddes said.

Because their time is dedicated to the well-being of others, boxers come away with an intensely personal sense of achievement. This enables the Bengal Bouts to forge a unique status.

"I think that's what kept it alive so long, the passion behind it, to be able to be part of something that's greater than you'll ever be," Loughrey said.

The Boxing Club has been growing recently, and this year 135 people participated in the bouts. At the 75th anniversary of the Bengal Bouts, there has been much reflection and recommitment to the values of the club. This year, the Nappy Legacy Society was founded, celebrating Napolitano's contribution and also raising money for the missions by inviting Boxing Club Alums to make a \$750 dollar donation.

However, now is also a time to look forward.

"Where will this program be in 25 years? I could easily see this on TV, a little more coverage of the fights then," Suddes said. "I think this will be one of those great programs at Notre Dame that celebrates its 100th anniversary with a great night of fights and great kids coming through."

In all his years with the Bengal Bouts, one night from 1976 stands out clearly for Suddes, specifically the fight between linebackers Jimmy Browner and Doug Becker.

"It was the best fight I've ever seen in all these years. Those guys went at it toe-to-toe for three rounds. There were 10,000 people in the ACC who just stood up the whole time. Those guys just never gave an inch," he recalled.

However, some details have been lost by memory.

"I honestly don't even remember who won. I'm not even sure anyone who was there remembers. People were just standing and yelling and cheering," Suddes said.

And that's why they're still putting on the gloves.

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Andrew McGill, left, and Mike McCann exchange blows during the 140 lb. semifinal of the 75th annual Bengal Bouts. McCann won the fight by unanimous decision.

LEGENDS PREVIEW

Whild Peach and Stroke 9 to perform this weekend

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Writer

St. Patrick's Day has come and gone and many students are looking for something to fill up the rest of their weekend. Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students need look no further than the club side of Legends on Friday and Saturday night, as an exciting lineup of entertainment is set for this weekend.

Tonight Legends will feature a band called Whild Peach. While most people may think they have never been exposed this band, anyone who has ever watched Outkast perform has already seen Whild Peach in action. The band performs their own brand of what it calls "Slunky" music. Hip-hop would not be possible without the instrumental work of a band like Whild Peaches behind the rappers. In the last 10 years, Whild Peach has worked on projects with various musicians, including Sleepy Brown, Goodie Mob and Joi. It has also been featured on "The Scooby Doo Soundtrack" and "The Ali Movie Soundtrack."

Most recently, it has worked with Outkast since its second record. According to their press information, "Outkast and Whild Peach formed a relationship that included co-writing, lending a hand on vocals and instrumentation and eventually manifested itself as Whild Peach becoming the backup band on the groups tours." Whild Peach will be performing some of their original works as well as all the songs it performed on Outkast albums including "Ms. Jackson," "So Fresh, So Clean,"

"Hey Ya" and "The Way You Move" tonight at Legends at 10 p.m.

The mood of Legends will be very different on Friday than on Saturday night, but the quality of the acts will be just as good. Stroke 9, a rock band originally from Northern California, will be rocking Legends on Saturday.

The band is currently a rock group with three members. What began as a class project for academic credit quickly became the basis for Stroke 9 in the fall of 1990. Saturday night's show will be one of the first promoting the group's latest album, "All In."

The history of the band members is a bit complicated, but began with Luke Esterkyn, the lead guitarist, when he started Stroke 9 for his senior thesis for academic credit in California. Soon following that John McDermott joined Stroke 9 as the guitar player. The band continued to develop as Eric Stock joined the band on drums in 1997, Gueldner moved to bass and the band took on the shape it continues today.

Stroke 9 has released three albums entitle "Boy Meets Girl," "Bumper to Bumper" and "Nasty Little Thought," which went gold in 2000. Stroke 9 unquestionably has experience and will certainly rock the crowd at Legends.

Both Whild Peach and Stroke 9 are well known bands and promise high-quality performances this weekend. Both shows start at 10 p.m. and are open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students.

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Whild Peach is best known as the backing band for Outkast, and performs hits including "Ms. Jackson," "So Fresh, So Clean," "Hey Ya" and "I Like the Way You Move."



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Stroke 9 hails from northern California, and was first formed by guitarist Luke Esterkyn in 1990 as part of a senior thesis project. Stroke 9 has released three albums to date.

PAC REVIEW

Ronan Tynan's performance powerful but lengthy

By BRANDON HOLLIHAN
Scene Writer

A night of music provided by Ronan Tynan, Vince Gill and the Notre Dame Glee Club produced some powerful moments, but it could have definitely employed the philosophy of "less talk, more action."

Tynan, accompanied by a well-sized orchestra directed by Brian Byrne at the Leighton Concert Hall, began his performance with a great rendition of "Man of La Mancha," a song that perfectly fits his gargantuan tenor voice. The man is definitely larger than life; it was surprising to see how much taller he is in front of a concert audience as compared to when he's on a TV screen singing at Yankee Stadium.

"There's a reason they know me as 'Shrek,'" Tynan joked, flicking his pointed ears back.

Throughout the evening Tynan displayed two different types of vocal timbre: his naturally deep and carrying voice in such songs as "Amazing Grace" and "Coming from the Rain," but a more unanchored voice in quieter ballads such as "Ellie." Several times he made the dynamic transition from soft to full, and

each time his voice changed radically. Listeners would probably have identified the deeper sound as Tynan's unique, wonderful voice. Perhaps he can find a way to better connect that sound to the lighter (and lower) moments of his repertoire.

Gill came on in spots of each of the acts, performing selected works on guitar and accompanied by cohort John Hobbs on piano. Gill played some good country music - but he sure loved to talk.

"I'm guessing you're wondering what the hell I'm doing here, aren't you?" he asked the audience, jibing at the concert's association with contemporary classical and country music.

Between each of his songs Gill told jokes, exchanged ribs with Tynan, and reminisced

about the severities of his father. Both musicians had the audience laughing several times, but it definitely prolonged the evening. It's a shame too, because when they finally did make music together, they were fantastic; they gave an awesome rendition of Simon and Garfunkel's "Bridge Over Troubled Waters," and more of that stuff - rather than an overdose of jokes and story sharing - would have been extremely satisfying.

Tynan and Gill also used their music to relay their relationships with their families, and they did so very poignantly. Tynan performed "Passing Through," a song he wrote along with help from Byrne in tribute to his mother who ails from Alzheimer's disease. In a recent

Primetime Live interview, Tynan spoke about how his mother pushed him through his physical handicaps and struggles with lower limb disability, and how this song conveyed that the woman who guided him so valiantly could never enjoy all her son had accomplished. Meanwhile, Gill performed works dedicated to his father, including a hilarious anecdote about his mother verbally terrorizing dad all day long. The Glee Club performed several traditional songs from the upper choral seats of the Leighton, featuring Gabriel Torres, Colin Pogge and John Pfister as soloists. Violinist Gregorgy Harrington also had the opportunity to perform a couple of well-known solo works. Byrne, for his part, kept everything in the orchestra running smoothly, as did Dan Stowe with the Glee Club. The concert finished with some great encores, including U2's "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For" and Tynan's signature interpretation of "God Bless America." All in all, it was quite a fun night, but it was also around eleven o'clock when the show ended, and picking up of the pace wouldn't have hurt things that much.



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Ronan Tynan gave a powerful but flawed performance Thursday night.

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NCAA TOURNAMENT

Wisconsin-Milwaukee pulls off first upset of tourney

Boston College cruises past Penn; Eastern Kentucky falls to Wildcats

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Wisconsin-Milwaukee's players didn't madly chase each other around the floor or do anything extraordinary to celebrate the biggest win in school history.

The Panthers are above all that. This was business as usual.

"We expected this," forward Joah Tucker said. "It wasn't a big surprise for us."

Wisconsin-Milwaukee, whose players were briefly barred from practicing Wednesday when they couldn't produce their student-IDs, pulled off the first stunner of the NCAA tournament, beating Alabama 83-73 on Thursday.

Now everyone knows the Panthers.

Tucker and Ed McCants scored 21 points apiece as Milwaukee (25-5) won its first NCAA tourney game in its second try. Two years ago, the 12th-seeded Panthers nearly knocked off Notre Dame, losing 70-69.

The underrated Horizon League champions finished the job this time, outplaying one of the SEC's top programs and continuing a trend of No. 12s beating No. 5s in March. That first-round matchup has produced an upset in 16 of the past 17 tournaments, the only exception being in 2000.

For 40 minutes, Wisconsin-Milwaukee was the team that looked like it came from the power conference.

"This is an atypical team from the Horizon League," Alabama coach Mark Gottfried said.

Kennedy Winston had 20 points and Ronald Steele 16 for the Crimson Tide (24-8), who had hoped to have another run like a year ago when they made it to the round of eight. But Alabama got outplayed by a lesser-known opponent from a little-known conference playing in a friendly arena.

"This is what March is all about," Wisconsin-Milwaukee coach Bruce Pearl said. "We represent the rest of that high non-major level of basketball. These guys feel they can play at that level, and they're getting the opportunity to show it in this tournament."

If anyone has a home-court advantage it's the Panthers, who won here three weeks ago and have four straight victories on Cleveland State's home floor.

Milwaukee, which has won 10 straight and 18 of 19, will play fourth-seeded Boston College (25-4) Saturday in the second round of the Chicago Regional.

McCants, the Horizon's player of the year whose college career has included stops at Northwestern and a junior college in Texas, arrived at the Wolstein Center with a freshly shaved head.

The senior psychology major did the same thing earlier this season before scoring 26 points in a loss to Kansas.

"It was time to do it again," he said. "I do a lot of silly things, superstitious things. I had a good game against Kansas, so I figured I might as well get back that mind-set."

While McCants and Milwaukee were focused, Alabama's players were out of sync from the outset.

Alabama turned the ball over 19 times, twice in the final minute while trying to rally, and the Crimson Tide didn't play their usual defense as the Panthers first bombed away from the outside before going to the basket.

Boston College 85, Penn 65

The offense and the trash talk flowed. The self-doubt was gone, replaced by an almost-forgotten swagger.

Whatever ailed Boston College got fixed in a hurry.

The 14th-ranked Eagles emerged from a week of introspection and went back to dominating Thursday, rolling to a victory over Pennsylvania in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

At every turn, Boston College (25-4) got back to playing like the team that didn't lose a game until Feb. 8.

"We were very aggressive, we made shots," said Craig Smith, who had 15 points and 13 rebounds. "It was kind of like how we started 20-0. I definitely feel we have our swagger back."

Jared Dudley led a versatile attack with 18 points. The Eagles went 7-of-10 from behind the arc in the first half, when Penn drew in its defense, then passed inside for easy baskets and pulled away in the second.

On Saturday, Boston College will be going against its former mascot. Milwaukee's Bruce Pearl failed to make the Eagles' basketball team as a walk-on and filled in as the feathery mascot for one NCAA tournament game

in 1981.

Penn (20-9) didn't have a mascot for its big game. Instead, the Quakers came out with fashionable new blue-and-white shoes — a reward for making the tournament — and a determination to keep the arena rocking.

Boston College wasn't in the mood for any messing around, not after what's happened lately.

After the Eagles opened with those 20 straight wins, they closed with a 4-4 fade that included a first-game loss to West Virginia in the Big East tournament. Coach Al Skinner used the unexpected time off to fix a few things.

The first adjustment involved attitude. There would be no more coasting.

"We've got to prove ourselves every day," said Dudley, who led five players in double figures.

Boston College's defense held the Quakers to 33 percent shooting in the decisive first half, when the Eagles led by as many as 22. The only glaring flaw was the Eagles' 19 turnovers, which allowed the Quakers to close in.

Penn made a run at the start of the second half behind Tim Begley, the Ivy League's Player of the Year. He hit a long 3 to beat the shot clock, helping the Quakers cut the lead to 54-45.

Skinner's biggest concern vanished eight minutes into the game, when top reserve Jermaine Watson showed he could still hit shots despite stitches in his left hand. Watson needed the stitches after an altercation at his off-campus apartment over the weekend.

Cincinnati 76, Iowa 64

Cincinnati expects blocked shots and rebounds from Jason Maxiell. But 3-pointers?

The 6-foot-7 senior had 22 points, nine rebounds, six blocked shots, a pair of steals and the first two 3-point baskets of his college career Thursday in a first-round NCAA tournament victory over Iowa.

The Bearcats (25-7) advanced to Saturday's second round of the Austin Regional against Kentucky (26-5), which won its opener over Eastern Kentucky at the RCA Dome.

Maxiell had missed all five 3-point attempts he had taken in his first 127 games with Cincinnati. But in the closing minutes against Iowa, with the game already decided, he shot twice from long range and hit both.



Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Adrian Tigert, left, and Jason McCoy celebrate yesterday in Cleveland after upsetting Alabama in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

"I just felt comfortable with my range and shot it," he said. "It went in, so I decided to take a second one."

The Cincinnati bench erupted. "I knew he had it in him," teammate Eric Hicks said, laughing. "One, maybe, but not two."

With the 250-pound Maxiell dominating the inside, Cincinnati showed a decidedly more physical game and threatened to run away from the Hawkeyes (21-12) almost from the start.

Kentucky 72, Eastern Kentucky 64

They slowed Kentucky's fast break, shut down the Wildcats on the perimeter and even stole some of their state rival's fans. But the Eastern Kentucky Colonels couldn't stop the second-seeded Wildcats' powerful inside game.

Chuck Hayes and Kelenna Azubuike overpowered the Colonels. Each scored 16 points, and Azubuike ignited an 8-0 run early in the second half of Kentucky's first-round victory Thursday.

"It was obvious from the first half that we needed some ener-

gy, somewhat of a spark," Hayes said. "I challenged myself to get every rebound and work my way around my man."

Kentucky (26-5) extended its NCAA record of tournament victories to 94 and is now 37-9 in NCAA tournament openers. The Wildcats actually have won 96 NCAA tournament games, but were forced to forfeit two wins in 1988 because of NCAA rules violations. They will face Cincinnati in Saturday's second-round game of the Austin Regional.

The Colonels (22-9) weren't about to let the Wildcats coast. Instead, they limited Kentucky to 2-of-11 shooting from 3-point range and got within five points in the last two minutes.

The difference was Kentucky's dominant interior game. Hayes and Azubuike combined for 15 rebounds, and Kentucky had a 42-24 scoring advantage in the paint.

"They're a very physical team," Colonels forward Michael Haney said. "He (Hayes) is very strong. He always kept a body on me and pushed me out of the post."

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MLB

Bonds has second knee surgery

Giants slugger likely to miss opening day and more of early season

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds pushed his surgically repaired right knee so hard that the San Francisco Giants became concerned he might be doing too much. Yet, after 19 major league seasons, the team trusted Bonds knows his body best.

But on Thursday, Bonds underwent a second operation on the knee — a setback that makes it unlikely the slugger will be ready for opening day.

While the Giants offered no timetable for Bonds' return, it took the seven-time NL MVP more time than expected to recover from the original surgery on the knee on Jan. 31.

"This is certainly a setback, and a significant one," general manager Brian Sabean said. "Obviously, we didn't know we were going to go down this path. Barry did what he felt he could tolerate on any given day. I'm glad this happened now instead of three days before the season."

Trainer Stan Conte said he could not rule out the possibility of Bonds being ready for the opener on April 5 against the Dodgers, but said it is "not an unreasonable thing" to assume he'll be sidelined past that date.

"It would be pretty incredible, but I've learned with Barry

I never say he can't do something," Conte said from spring training at Scottsdale Stadium in Arizona.

The Giants said in a statement that Bonds had arthroscopic surgery to repair tears in the knee, similar to his earlier operation. Both procedures were performed in the Bay Area by Art Ting.

Bonds, 40, has "experienced periods of swelling in his knee following an incident when he accidentally hit his knee on a table at SBC Park Feb. 4. Neither rest nor his current rehabilitation program has helped alleviate the periodic swelling," the Giants said in a release.

"It was a big blow to begin with and now it's a bigger blow," manager Felipe Alou said before the Giants played the Rangers in an exhibition game. "Now it's real, he's going to be out."

Conte said the swelling initially was considered a normal part of Bonds' recovery, but when it wouldn't go away he knew something was wrong.

Bonds returned to San Francisco on Wednesday from spring training to be evaluated

by Ting, and the process took all day, Conte said. An MRI showed "new tears that had to be addressed."

"One reason we were so tightlipped is because the process took all day yesterday and into the night to get the results," Conte said. "We had to talk about options and we made the decision last night. Bonds made the final decision."

"This is certainly a setback, and a significant one."

Brian Sabean
Giants general manager

"This was a necessary procedure to get him back. The new tears had to happen after the original surgery. His knee would swell, we would take a couple of days and he'd be fine. It's not unusual in rehabbing. We felt it was a normal process."

Bonds, who is expected to return to Arizona next week, hasn't worked out on the field since taking batting practice Sunday. He hasn't played in any Cactus League games.

"I think it's pretty crushing," said Moises Alou, who will bat cleanup until Bonds returns and might move over from right field to take Bonds' spot in left.

Bonds begins the season with 703 homers, third on the career list behind Babe Ruth (714) and Hank Aaron (755).

NFL

Burress signs deal with Giants after all

Wide receiver had previously said he would not go to NY

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Free-agent wide receiver Plaxico Burress reached an agreement with the New York Giants on a six-year, \$25 million contract Thursday, a football source said.

The deal includes an \$8 million signing bonus, the source told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The agreement comes a week after the Giants said they were no longer interested in signing the speedy former Pittsburgh Steelers receiver, and just days after Burress switched agents.

Burress met with the Giants eight days ago and rejected an offer that was almost the same as the one he agreed to Thursday. He then fired agent Michael Harrison and signed with Drew Rosenhaus.

Burress had also visited with the Minnesota Vikings and other teams.

Burress, who spent the last five seasons with Pittsburgh, brings considerable size and big-play ability to a Giants offense that sorely needs both.

At 6-foot-5 and 226 pounds, Burress has the size and speed to get down the field and catch the fade pattern in the end zone, which no doubt is attractive to Eli Manning heading into his first full season as a starter.

Burress had 35 catches for 698 yards and five touchdowns last season. His finest season was in 2002, when he had 78 catches.

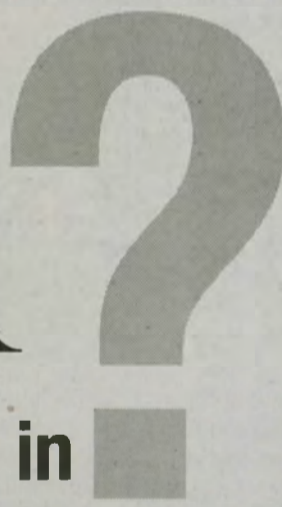
The Giants went through most of last season without a deep threat. Tim Carter was lost early in the season with a hip injury and rookie Jamaar Taylor showed flashes coming back from knee surgery in college.

Starting receivers Amani Toomer and Ike Hilliard had sub-par seasons, failing to catch a touchdown pass. Toomer is coming off a hamstring injury that bothered him for most of the season, and Hilliard was released Thursday after never fulfilling the promise he had when the Giants drafted him seventh overall out of Florida in 1997.

The Giants have been one of the most active teams in free agency, signing linebacker Antonio Pierce from Washington for \$26 million and giving Jets tackle Kareem McKenzie \$37.75 million to protect Manning.

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Cactus League

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Colorado	10-5	.687
San Francisco	9-5	.633
LA Angels	10-6	.625
Milwaukee	9-6	.600
Chicago Cubs	7-7	.500
Chicago White Sox	8-8	.500
Arizona	7-8	.467
San Diego	6-9	.400
Oakland	6-9	.400
Seattle	6-9	.400
Texas	6-9	.400
Kansas City	5-8	.385

Grapefruit League

team	record	perc.
Atlanta	9-5	.643
St. Louis	9-5	.643
New York Mets	8-5	.615
Tampa Bay	8-5	.615
Toronto	7-5	.583
Cleveland	8-6	.571
Philadelphia	7-6	.538
Washington	8-7	.533
Boston	8-7	.533
Detroit	6-6	.500
LA Dodgers	6-6	.500
Pittsburgh	7-7	.500
New York Yankees	6-7	.464
Baltimore	6-7	.464
Minnesota	6-8	.429
Houston	5-7	.417
Cincinnati	6-9	.400
Florida	5-10	.333

Men's Lacrosse

Geico/STX Coaches Poll

	team	record	points
1	Johns Hopkins	3-0	199
2	Virginia	4-0	190
3	Duke	6-0	181
4	Maryland	2-1	170
5	Georgetown	2-1	149
6	Navy	3-1	139
7	Syracuse	1-2	128
8	Army	2-1	115
9	Massachusetts	3-0	103
9	NOTRE DAME	2-1	103
11	Princeton	0-2	102
12	Cornell	1-1	101
13	Towson	3-1	94
14	Rutgers	2-0	90
15	North Carolina	1-2	61
16	Hobart	3-0	47
17	Brown	2-0	34
18	Bucknell	2-1	28
19	Penn State	2-2	21
20	Harvard	1-0	9
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 p.m., CBS

MEN'S NIT

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MLB



Mark McGwire, left, becomes emotional as he testifies to a Congressional panel about the role of steroids in baseball today. Rafael Palmeiro, Curt Schilling, Sammy Sosa and Jose Canseco also spoke under oath.

Players testify to Congress about steroids

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sitting biceps-to-biceps, some of baseball's biggest stars told Congress on Thursday that steroids are a problem for the sport but denied they are widespread. Mark McGwire nearly came to tears and refused to say whether he took the performance-enhancing drugs during the historic home run summer of 1998 or any other time.

On a day of extraordinary theater, the House Government Reform Committee attacked baseball's new steroid policy, questioning five current and former players.

Under oath, Jose Canseco — whose best-selling book, "Juiced," said steroids were rampant in baseball — repeated his admission that he used them. Sammy Sosa and Rafael Palmeiro said they didn't. McGwire repeatedly avoided a direct response, saying his lawyers advised him not to answer certain questions.

"If a player answers 'No,' he simply will not be believed," McGwire said. "If he answers 'Yes,' he risks public scorn and endless government investigations."

Asked whether he favored a tougher policy, McGwire responded:

"What anybody can do to improve it so that there's no more meetings like this, I'm all for it."

And Canseco reversed course from the book, saying he now is against using steroids.

It was an extraordinary sight — some of the top names in baseball history wearing business suits on Capitol Hill instead of uniforms on a diamond. McGwire wore a green tie, being that it was St. Patrick's Day.

Two top sluggers who were not present testified in 2003 to a San Francisco grand jury investigating a steroid-distribution ring: Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants and

Jason Giambi of the New York Yankees.

In a tense scene, Canseco sat at the same table as the other players as he told the lawmakers that he could not fully answer their questions because of concerns his testimony could be used against him.

During a break after the players' opening statements, five of the stars gathered in one nearby room, and Canseco went to another.

McGwire, choking back tears, said he knew that steroid use could be dangerous and would do whatever he could to discourage young athletes from using them.

IN BRIEF

Soccer referees fear for safety amid threats from fans

LONDON — Swedish soccer referee Anders Frisk retired a few days ago, hounded out by death threats sent by e-mail, fax and phone. Swiss colleague Urs Meier needed police protection last summer after receiving 16,000 hostile e-mails in 24 hours.

Referee Luiz Carlos Silva got in a fistfight in Brazil last weekend when a fan attacked him on the field.

Who would want such a job?

"I can guarantee you that, without change, there won't be many of us wanting to referee when you know there's a revolver at your head," said French referee Bertrand Layec, who filed a police complaint recently after his family was threatened.

Referees are used to abuse. But Frisk's abrupt departure, after what he termed the "worst three weeks" of his life, put the issue on the agenda when European soccer officials meet next month in Tallinn, Estonia.

First round of Bay Hill called because of weather

ORLANDO, Fla. — Rain halted play in the Bay Hill Invitational after only three hours Thursday, still enough time for Tiger Woods to hit a shot that made fans nearly drop their umbrellas in utter amazement.

He finally looked like them.

With great anticipation over the threesome of Woods, Ernie Els and U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen, the world's No. 1 player led off on the first tee by taking a 6-inch divot with a 3-wood that was lucky to reach the fairway.

"I've never done that before," Woods said of his 198-yard drive.

As for a PGA Tour event suspended by weather? Seems like that happens every week.

Nearly 2 inches of rain saturated Bay Hill Club & Lodge, causing the sixth weather-related suspension in 12 events on the PGA Tour this year.

Lambiel takes gold at skating world championships

MOSCOW — On one of his sport's grandest stages, Stephane Lambiel of Switzerland won a major competition for the first time.

He captured the gold medal at figure skating's world championships Thursday, capitalizing on the withdrawal of defending champion Evgeni Plushenko. The three-time champion dropped out hours before Thursday's free skate because of a groin injury.

"I felt so good and so light," Lambiel said.

Lambiel sandwiched a rough opening and closing seconds around an assured program full of flair. He finished ahead of Jeffrey Buttle of Canada while Evan Lysacek of the United States, at the worlds for the first time, won the bronze medal. U.S. champion Johnny Weir, his foot ailing, entered the free skate in seventh place and rallied to fourth.

NCAA TOURNAMENT

Zags survive upset attempt by confident Winthrop

Arizona beats Utah State; Texas falls; Wake Forest wins big

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Going from plucky underdog to a favorite in the NCAA tournament hasn't gone smoothly for Gonzaga.

Fourteenth-seeded Winthrop flirted with a Gonzaga-like upset against the third-seeded Bulldogs on Thursday night before the Zags grabbed control late and won 74-64 in the first round of the Albuquerque Regional.

"They had a swagger about them, they were playing with a great deal of confidence," Gonzaga coach Mark Few said about the Eagles. "It reminded me of our first one in 1999."

That year, the 10th-seeded Zags pulled off three stunning upsets of higher seeded teams before losing to No. 1 seed Connecticut in the West Regional final.

They were a 10th seed in 2000 and stunned No. 7 Louisville and No. 2 St. John's. In 2001, they fell to a 12th seed and still made the South Regional semifinals.

But they lost in the first round as a sixth seed in 2002, got beaten in the second round as a No. 9 seed in 2003 and were bounced out after two games as a No. 2 seed last year.

This year almost looked like another washout.

"They had the slipper on for a bit, but we tried to take it off and we did," said Adam Morrison, who led the Zags with 27 points.

The loss snapped Winthrop's 18-game winning streak, longest in the nation. Gonzaga (26-4) won its 13th in a row and now has longest winning streak in Division I.

"It set itself up pretty well for them to come in here and let it rip and they did," Few said about the Eagles. "We played a little tight at the start and to get through this one feels great. Hopefully, we'll play much better in the second round."

Neither team led by more than two points until late in the game, which was tied four times in the final 20 minutes.

J.P. Batista added 14 points and Ronny Turiaf had 13 points and 13 rebounds for Gonzaga.

Torrell Martin scored 22 points and made six 3-pointers — both career highs — for the Eagles (27-6), who are 0-5 all-time in the NCAA tournament. Phillip Williams tied his career high with 17 points and Craig Bradshaw grabbed 11 rebounds.

Arizona 66, Utah State 53

If Arizona plays the way it did in the second half against Utah State, the Wildcats could be going deep into the NCAA tournament.

The Wildcats made a complete turnaround after halftime, quickly erasing a three-point deficit and dominating the Aggies the rest of the way in a win Thursday in the Chicago Regional.

Arizona (28-6) apparently learned after losing in the opening round a year ago, when it blew a 14-point lead in the second half and lost to Seton Hall. The Wildcats haven't lost consecutive first-round games since 1992 and '93.

"In the second half we picked it up and put pressure on them and made it more difficult for them to complete passes," Arizona coach Lute Olson said.

The Wildcats made it more difficult for the Aggies (24-8) to do much of anything in the second half, especially shoot. Utah State shot 53 percent from the field this season, but was just 8-for-30 (26.7 percent) in the second half Thursday.

Arizona kept turning the misses into easy points, getting the ball inside to Channing Frye as he scored 13 of his 17 points in the second half.

"Our offense definitely comes from our defense," Frye said. "That kind of takes the heart out of other teams and once we get those easy buckets we get confidence in the halfcourt."

Frye also pulled down 10 rebounds and had five blocks, four of them coming in the second half as the Wildcats ended all hopes of an upset for the Aggies.

Nevada 61, Texas 57

Nevada still has its NCAA tournament magic working.

The Wolf Pack made an improbable comeback in the final 2 minutes Thursday night, scoring the final eight points of the game to beat eighth-seeded Texas for their second straight first-round victory.

"This tournament can break your heart," first-year coach Mark Fox said. "At the end, everybody's going to be crying but one team."

The Wolf Pack (25-6) fed off last year's surprising run that sent them into the round of 16. They played with confidence, matching Texas shove for shove,

as they evened their NCAA tournament record at 3-3 and tied last season's victory total.

But reaching the regional semifinals a second straight time might take the biggest upset in school history. They will face top-seeded Illinois on Saturday.

What Nevada proved against Texas is that it can still do some postseason damage.

Wake Forest 70, Chattanooga 54

Chris Paul sat down on Wake Forest's bench to soak in the final seconds. He pulled on his warm-up top, leaned back and smiled. The view was much better than he remembered it.

Paul had come back and made the Demon Deacons whole.

"With him, it's like we're one

big happy family again," said forward Eric Williams. "It's like the puzzle is complete."

Paul returned from a one-game suspension for punching a player and he and the second-seeded Demon Deacons shook off a horrible first half for a 70-54 win over Chattanooga in the NCAA tournament on Thursday night.


Paul scored 20 points — 13 in the second half — and added six rebounds and five assists to pace Wake Forest (27-5), which didn't play like one of the pre-tourney favorites until midway through the second half.

The Demon Deacons struggled with the Mocs (20-11), who threatened to become just the fifth No. 15 seed to win a first-round game since the tournament expanded in 1985.



Wake Forest guard Chris Paul, right, drives against Chattanooga forward Chris Brown during the second half of the teams' first round NCAA tournament matchup in Cleveland Thursday.

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NBA

Magic fire coach Johnny Davis after six straight losses

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — In the midst of a six-game losing streak, the Orlando Magic decided it was time for a shake-up.

Coach Johnny Davis was fired Thursday, with the Magic moving closer to falling out of playoff contention. Assistant Chris Jent was named interim coach.

"Certainly it's not the way we would like things to play out," said general manager John Weisbrod, who signed Davis to a two-year deal in 2003.

Davis was dismissed along with assistant coach Ron Ekker hours after Wednesday night's 110-102 road loss to the Los Angeles Clippers, dropping the Magic to 31-33 and leaving them tied with Philadelphia for the final Eastern Conference playoff spot.

"I still feel like we have our fate in our own hands, but I don't know how much longer we would have had that if we didn't get some kind of a jolt,"

Weisbrod said via conference call from Seattle, where the team is in the middle of a West Coast road swing.

"If I had thought our team was less capable than I think it is, then it would have been easier here down the stretch to accept our fate. ... But I happen to think an awful lot about our team."

Davis, a low-key coach, seemed to lose control of his players. In Sunday's 98-82 home loss to New Jersey, the Magic received several technical fouls and scuffled with the Nets.

Reserve guard DeShawn Stevenson booted the ball into the stands at the buzzer and forward Stacey Augmon squirted lotion on reporters in the locker room.

"We're in trouble. We haven't won for like a week or so," Magic guard Steve Francis said after Wednesday night's game. "This

is definitely our lowest point of the season. We just need to get back to playing the up-tempo style of game that we're used to."

"[My firing] caught me completely off guard."

Johnny Davis
former Magic head coach

Davis told the Orlando Sentinel he was "surprised and disappointed" by being fired with just 18 games left in the season and the club still trying to make the playoffs.

"It caught me completely off guard," Davis said.

He wasn't alone. Miami Heat coach Stan Van Gundy said he was "absolutely shocked" by the firing.

"At this late date, I'm just very, very surprised. A team right there in the playoff hunt, tied for the eighth spot on March 17th, I don't know what to say about it," Van Gundy said. "Not much in the NBA surprises me, but this does, coming on March 17th with a team tied for a playoff spot."

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NBA

Shaq wins second straight matchup with Kobe

Associated Press

MIAMI — Shaquille O'Neal wants nothing to do with Kobe Bryant. And Bryant soon may not want anything to do with Shaq's understudy in Miami.

Dwyane Wade — pumped up by a comment Bryant made as the first half expired — scored eight of his 27 points in the fourth quarter, and O'Neal had a 25-point, 12-rebound game that helped lift the Miami Heat to a 102-89 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Thursday night.

It was the 11th straight win and a single-season record 14th straight at home for Miami (51-16), which moved nine games ahead of Detroit in the Eastern Conference standings and within percentage points of San Antonio (49-15) for the league's best record.

"We just look at this game as another game," said O'Neal, who enjoyed a season sweep at his former teammate's expense. "We wanted to stay focused and our guys did a beautiful job of not letting anything enter into the locker room that would break our

focus."

Bryant, according to Wade, told Miami's second-year guard "Stop crying" as the teams were preparing to leave the court following a first half in which Wade was often agitated over non-calls.

"I don't want to say what I said," Wade said. "I told him that I wasn't talking to him, for one. And for two, I pretty much told him a lot of stuff. I don't want to get into it."

His play did the talking. Wade added eight rebounds and five assists, then he pumped his fist in exultation as the final seconds

wore down.

Bryant had 21 points in the first half but missed his first nine shots after halftime and finished with 26 points on 8-for-23 shooting.

Chucky Atkins had 23 for the Lakers, who dropped their third straight and fell 1 1/2 games behind Denver for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

"I think we're at our best when the odds are against us," Bryant said.

Keyon Dooling scored eight of his season-high 17 points in the fourth quarter for Miami, which outscored the Lakers 33-22 in the

last 12 minutes — even though the Lakers connected on six 3-pointers in the final 10:03.

"Keyon was obviously fabulous, and Dwyane and Shaq were very, very good again," Heat coach Stan Van Gundy said.

It was the Lakers' first visit to Miami since last summer's trade sending O'Neal to the Heat for Caron Butler, Lamar Odom and Brian Grant — all key players in last season's run to the East semifinals. There was plenty of hype, although it paled to the mania surrounding the Heat's 104-102 Christmas win in Los Angeles.

ND WOMEN'S TRACK

Irish send partial squad to Willie Williams Invitational

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

A partial squad of Irish track athletes will travel to the University of Arizona this weekend to open the outdoor portion of the Notre Dame women's track schedule at the Willie Williams Invitational.

Notre Dame will send sprinters, hurdlers and a few field athletes to the desert Friday with hopes to jumpstart the team's quest for outdoor Big East qualification times.

The mid-distance and distance teams will stay in South Bend to rest and try to get healthy. Kerry Meagher, Lauren King and Molly Huddle, all Irish cross country stars, are still rehabbing long

term injuries.

Among the group of athletes that will compete this weekend are Big East Champion Okechi Ogbuokiri, promising freshmen Brienne Davis, Domenique Manning and Crysta Swayzer and Maryann Erigha, who was one spot out of qualifying for last weekend's NCAA indoor meet.

While this meet represents a transition from the climate controlled Loftus Center to the dry heat of Arizona, Irish coach Tim Connelly maintained that his team's focus must be on the season as a whole.

"Indoor is not the end of a season," Connelly said. "We don't start all over again when we go outside."

"The indoor and outdoor

make up one complete season. We need to view it like this to make a smooth transition to the outdoor portion of our schedule."

This weekend will also provide the opportunity for Notre Dame's two NCAA athletes, 3000-meter specialist Stephanie Madia and high jumper Stacey Cowan, to refocus and get refreshed for another NCAA push. Madia finished 12th and Cowan finished 19th last weekend at the indoor NCAA's.

The rest of the Irish track team is expected to make its outdoor debut in one of two meets scheduled over Easter weekend.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish set for yet another road trip

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Senior Staff Writer

The Irish will put their five-game winning streak on the line as they head east this weekend to the Buckeye Invitational in Columbus, Ohio.

Notre Dame (11-7) will open the event with a game against Marshall Saturday at 5 p.m. and follow up with a match against Ohio State at 7 p.m. The Irish close out play with games against Oakland (noon) and Eastern Michigan (2 p.m.) Sunday.

Heading into its spring break trip, Notre Dame was only 5-6, but the Hawaii Invitational allowed the Irish to find their offensive stroke. Notre Dame scored 25 runs in its four-game sweep at the tournament, and the Irish ended the trip with their second tournament title of the early season.

"Hawaii was good for us because we played well as a team," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "We made things happen, our pitchers both did well and we did a really good job of minimizing our mistakes."

"Coming into Hawaii we were averaging two or three errors a game, and at Hawaii we played errorless ball — we didn't give our opponents any mistakes to take advantage of."

At the Buckeye Invitational, Notre Dame will face one of the better teams in the Big Ten conference. Ohio State is 11-6 in 2005, and the Buckeyes are currently hitting .310 as a team.

"[Ohio State] can really hit," Gumpf said. "Their pitchers are pretty similar to what we've seen this year, but Ohio State really stands out because of their hitting and their speed on the basepaths. Marshall is another very fast team that really makes things happen with the baserunning game."

Notre Dame's other opponents don't appear as powerful as Ohio State, but for an Irish

team that has struggled on offense this season, they're not likely to take anyone lightly.

Marshall (11-8) will face Notre Dame for the first time in history, with the Thundering Herd entering the matchup featuring top hitter Randi Nelson, who has a .417 batting average.

Oakland (1-8) will face the Irish for the second time ever, with Notre Dame winning the earlier meeting 12-0 on April 30, 2002. The Grizzlies have struggled offensively this season, hitting just .197 as a team.

In Eastern Michigan (5-12), Notre Dame faces an opponent that they will see later in the season — the Irish face the Eagles at Ivy Field for a double-header on April 5. Kelli Jeziorski, who leads the team with a .326 batting average, paces Eastern Michigan's offense.

A big reason for Notre Dame's turnaround this season has been the impressive play of junior Kellie Middleton. Middleton, who missed 61 games last season due to injury, is second on the team in batting average with a .333 mark, and is a perfect 10-for-10 in the stolen base department.

"[Middleton] really got hot over spring break," Gumpf said. "Every time she gets on base you can see the other team get scared. We really believe as a team that if she gets on base then she's going to come around and score as well."

Middleton was recognized for her efforts, winning the Big East player of the week honors on March 14.

The Buckeye Invitational is Notre Dame's final road tournament of the season and the sixth consecutive weekend in which the Irish have had to travel.

The team will finally open its home season Wednesday.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Huskies give Romar extension

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Washington basketball coach Lorenzo Romar agreed to a new eight-year deal with the school Thursday after guiding the Huskies to their first No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

The terms and conditions of the deal that will keep him in Seattle through the 2012-2013 season will be released when Romar signs the contract. He was working under a six-year contract that paid him \$700,000 a season.

"Lorenzo has done an unbelievable job of revitalizing Washington basketball and we

felt this was the appropriate time to make the announcement that he will be our coach for a long time to come," Washington athletic director Todd Turner said in a statement.

The announcement came before the Huskies' 88-77 victory over 16th-seeded Montana in a first-round tournament game in Boise, Idaho.

Washington went 27-5 this season, winning the Pac-10 tournament championship for the first time. The Huskies were eighth in the final Associated Press poll.

"I'm ecstatic," Romar said in

a statement. "I would like to thank the administration, Todd Turner and our president, Mark Emmert, for believing in me. Whenever something like this happens, there is always a lot of attention on the individual coach. The reality is, without the outstanding work of my staff and the accomplishments of our players, this may not have happened."

Romar, a former Washington player, has rejuvenated a program that finished 11-18, 5-13 in the Pac-10, before Bob Bender was fired as coach after the 2001-2002 season.



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senior year is finally getting a chance, and he's taking advantage of it. I'm really happy for him. I'm proud of him."

The third of four relievers used by Notre Dame, Bickford threw 2.1 shutout, one-hit innings and nabbed the victory for just the second win of his Irish career.

The Irish (7-7) won back-to-back games for the second time this season.

After trailing 6-3 heading into the bottom half of the eighth, the Irish bats came alive. Notre Dame erupted for a seven-run inning to take a 10-6 lead they would not relinquish. Senior shortstop leader Greg Lopez's two-run single in the eighth kicked off the rally.

Flawless pitching held off the Huskies the rest of the way.

Ace closer Ryan Doherty mowed down the side in the Huskie ninth for his fourth save in five tries this season and seventeenth of his career.

"He had that one rough outing against Dayton out in Arizona," Mainieri said. "Other than that, he's been pretty automatic, which is the way he was all year last

year."

"I feel good about our bullpen. We just need to make sure we can get late into the game with the lead."

Lopez finished with three RBIs on the day, while sophomore catcher Sean Gaston, junior right-fielder and junior centerfielder Alex Nettey each had multiple-hit days.

With Bickford and Doherty clicking and the Irish offense meshing, Mainieri believes the win — Notre Dame's second in a row — could get the Irish rolling.

"That was a great come-from-behind victory for us today," Mainieri said. "I told the players after the game that most times during a season you can point to a game that really turns your season around, and we may look at this game at some point and say this is a game that really turned our season around."

It was a game in which all nine players on the field simply gelled.

"When you rally from behind and pull out a game that looks like it's lost, it does wonders for a team — the confidence and the camaraderie and the chemistry of the team — because it was a total team effort to do it," Mainieri said. "Everybody chipped in."

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Paul Mainieri
Irish coach

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automatic bid," Corrigan said. "It's the old coaching cliché here, we can only worry about one game at a time, and that's Butler, but it does put a lot of emphasis on these games."

So far this season, Corrigan has been happy with his team's play, but sees areas of improvement that still need to be addressed.

"I think we've played hard in every game, and I think that

we're learning how we need to play to be effective," Corrigan said. "I was disappointed at Cornell. I don't feel like we played with enough discipline and didn't make enough plays to win that game, and yet we came back and did very well in those areas playing against Carolina."

Following up the North Carolina game with a good winning performance against Butler will be important for the Irish in order to position themselves in their league.

They will need to play with discipline in order to make sure

that the youthful energy of Butler does not sneak up on them.

"Hopefully that's a sign of progress and maturity in our team and something that we can continue to do," Corrigan said, regarding the team's victory against North Carolina after losing to Cornell.

Notre Dame and Butler will face off at 1 p.m. Saturday at Notre Dame. The game will be televised on Comcast Sports Local.

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MEN'S TRACK

Irish head to Williams Invitational

By JOHN EVERETT
Sports Writer

Several members of the Notre Dame men's track and field team will be soaking up the sun this weekend, enjoying a weekend away from South Bend. The team has sent a contingent to Tucson, Ariz. to partake in the Willie Williams Invitational to be held at the Roy P. Drachman Track & Field Stadium on the University of Arizona campus. The meet is the first of the outdoor season.

The meet will start today at 3:30 p.m. with the hammer throw. The first event on the track will be the men's 400-meter at 6 p.m. Friday's schedule will close with the men's 5000-

meter race which will begin at 9:05.

The starting gun for the men's 4x100-relay at 12:30 p.m. will signify the commencing of Saturday's action, which will last until the men's 4x400 relay at 2:30. The meet will not feature team scoring. At Tucson, the Irish competitors will be taking on athletes from the University of Arizona, Arizona State, New Mexico State, Washington State and others.

Doug Walker, associate director of sports information, believes the meet is a good start to the outdoor campaign.

"Most of the people going to this meet are people who didn't get to compete last week [at the NCAA Indoor Championships], so this is a good opportunity for

them to work on some things," Walker said.

With the Willie Williams Invitational, the Irish kick off an outdoor season that will hopefully take them all the way to the NCAA Outdoor Championships in Sacramento, Ca., from June 8-11. Along the way the Irish will travel to all parts of the country to compete.

The schedule features events in places like Walnut, Calif., Atlanta, Ga. and Piscataway, N.J., the site of the Big East Outdoor Championships March 6-8. This marks the last season for a number of Irish seniors, including Trevor McClain-Duer and Selim Nurudeen.

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Senior Brent D'Amico backhands the ball against the Illini Thursday afternoon at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. D'Amico nearly upset No. 4 Ryler Deheart, eventually falling 6-2, 5-7, 7-5.

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However, the final three sets were all hotly contested. Ackvediani posted a point for the Irish over Damir in the fifth spot.

D'Amico came close to an upset of Deheart, ranked No. 4 nationally, in the second spot in the singles lineup. Winning the second set 7-5 after losing the first 6-2, he fell 7-5 in a fiercely competitive third frame.

"Brent played one of the best matches he's played all year," Bayliss said. "I can't ask him to play any better." Buchanan finished the match

with a difficult loss at No. 6. "You work for opportunities like this," Bayliss said. "It's disappointing not to do better in the matches we had chances to win."

However, he is optimistic about the team heading into the rest of the season.

"One day at a time — you work hard and you try to get better."

Bobby Bayliss
Irish coach

"One day at a time — you work hard and you try to get better," Bayliss said. "There's no simple, easy way to do anything. We didn't really do anything badly, we just didn't win."

Next time on the courts, No. 48 University of Michigan will visit the Eck Tennis Pavilion on Saturday, March 26.

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the team against the Lady Vols as she plays No.1 for the team in both singles — where she is currently No. 39 in the nation — and in doubles. In doubles, she will be joined by freshman Brook Buck. Buck currently plays No. 2 for the team and is nationally ranked at No. 59 in singles.

The rest of the lineup in singles includes juniors Kiki Stastny, Lauren Connelly, Liz Donohue and senior captain Sarah Jane Connelly.

This solid Irish lineup is hoping to bounce back from a disappointing 6-1 loss to No. 24 BYU over spring break.

The team's lone point came from Catrina Thompson at No. 1 over Lauren Jones 6-2, 6-2. Lauren Connelly was the only

other player to win one of her sets.

Although the Irish displayed great efforts all the way down the lineup, they felt the loss of Christian Thompson after she was sidelined with a knee injury and were unable to secure the victory.

The Lady Vols are looking to take advantage of the team's disjointed lineup after that injury. This season, the Lady

Vols are off to their best start in two seasons behind junior Sabita Maharaj, ranked No. 44 in the nation in singles.

Both the Lady Vols and the Irish have seen similar opponents this season, holding 3-2 records against Ohio State, Michigan and Wake Forest. Further, both have suf-

fered losses to Duke and North Carolina.

However, the Lady Vols hold one advantage over the Irish — in the last 15 meetings against Notre Dame, Tennessee has earned a 11-4 record and has won the last five matches.

Despite the advantage Tennessee holds, Irish coach Jay Louderback is eager for today's meet.

"We are looking forward to the [Tennessee match] because it is another chance for us to

compete," Louderback said. "Our kids love to compete and Tennessee gives us a chance to play some tough competitors."

Following the match against Tennessee, the Irish return home to face

Purdue on Tuesday before then traveling to Oklahoma

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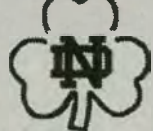

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Freshman Brook Buck hits the ball against Iowa Feb. 27. Buck won the match in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2.

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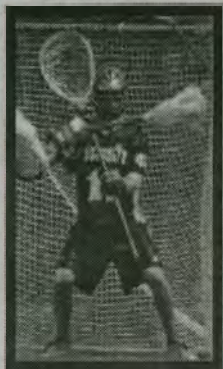
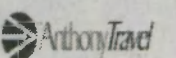
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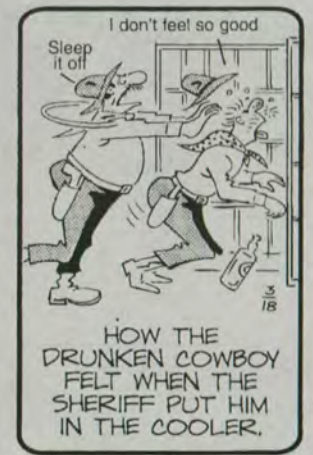
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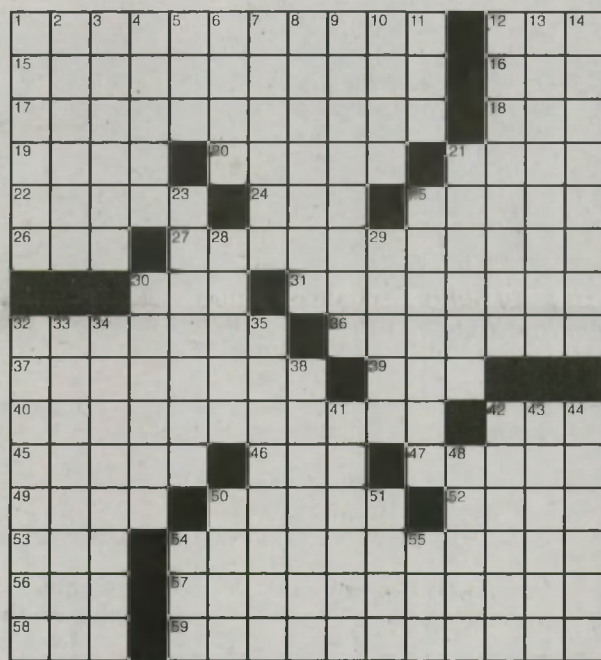
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Caroline Corr, 32; Mia Hamm, 33; Rob Lowe, 41; Kurt Russell, 54. Happy Birthday: You aren't likely to have too much free time on your hands this year. With your industrious side coming to the surface and changes all around you, the result will be plenty of unexpected and interesting developments coming your way. Being receptive will be the key to making the most of this rather vigorous year. Take notes, stay organized and make the most of it. Your numbers are 7, 12, 26, 34, 37, 39. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take the world by storm today. Be specific about your needs and your objectives. You have to compensate for any competition that may want to oppose you. This can be a very productive day if you forge into the future with confidence. ***** TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll be surprised at how much you can get done if you deal with agencies or institutions. You will have the savvy to manipulate business situations as well as the charisma to enforce your ideas. A strong message can be sent today. ***** GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't take anything or anyone for granted, especially the person who is always there for you. You may be feeling good about your own accomplishments, but you should be giving praise as well. ***** CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will be in the mood to have a little fun, do a little shopping and make some personal improvements. A financial or legal deal can be settled today. Investments look positive, but don't overestimate your budget. *** LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You have the opportunity to open a door that will lead to some inspiring concepts. You have plenty to be grateful for, and the more gracious and humble you are, the more you will be offered in return. **** VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may have to do a little friendly persuasion today. As long as you coax gently and are complimentary, there will be no problem. ** LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You have a big heart, and you are willing to go the extra mile if need be. You can make the people around you happy today with your creative suggestions and willingness to stick by them as long as they need you. Your kindness won't be forgotten. ***** SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Today is all about looking your best and spending time with someone you feel deeply about. Changes are coming your way, so begin the preparation needed. *** SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): This could turn into a push-pull sort of day -- one person wanting you to do one thing and another trying to convince you to do something altogether different. *** CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Pay more attention to your peers. Someone you least expect may not be standing in your corner. You may want to be a little bit secretive about your plans. **** AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You've got it right, so stop questioning everything. It takes confidence and trust in what you are capable of doing in order to be successful. Follow through with a creative idea you have been pondering. **** PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may not know which end is up today, especially if someone you care about is confusing you with his or her actions. Be diplomatic but don't let anyone know where you stand. ** Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, emotional and very good at getting your own way. You have big ideas and creative talent. You don't give up easily, and you are known for your charm.

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MEN'S TENNIS

"Ill" showing

No. 18 Irish fall to No. 3 Illini 6-1

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

Although it was St. Patrick's Day, the Fighting Irish were no match for the Fighting Illini Thursday.

An afternoon of near misses saw the No. 18 Irish fall to the nation's No. 3 squad, featuring two top-20 singles players and a strong top-to-bottom doubles lineup.

"They're a good team, and they played well," coach Bobby Bayliss said. "I was just disappointed in our slow start."

Since the beginning of the season, Bayliss has called the bottom of the lineup a strength. The team proved his thought correct Thursday, as No. 5 trackli Ackhvediani posted a 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 victory for the first Irish point of the match.

Patrick Buchanan was last on the courts at No. 6 with another close third-set match, but ultimately fell 6-4 in the final set to leave a final score of 6-1 in favor of the Illini.

"I thought once we got into the matches we were fine," Bayliss said of the team's performance. "We had little windows of opportunity, and we really had to close the door on them, which we really didn't

do."

In doubles, Stephen Bass and Barry King were first off the courts, losing 8-5 to Brandon Davis and Chris Martin. Illinois clinched the point at No. 1, with G.D. Jones and Ryler Deheart defeating Ryan Keckley and Brent D'Amico 8-2. The Illini completed the sweep with another 8-5 victory, this time putting Kevin Anderson and Pramod Damir over Sheeva Parbhu and Eric Langenkamp.

"If we had gotten one break early on in doubles, gotten up a service break, given the crowd a chance to get into it ... it might have been different," Bayliss said of the outcome of the match. "But we didn't do it. We didn't manufacture it."

Singles saw the Irish fall in their first three matches to clinch the match for Illinois. In the top spot, Bass was the first to finish, as the sophomore fell 6-1, 6-4 to Anderson. Anderson is ranked No. 18 in the country in singles play.

Parbhu finished next, losing 6-2, 7-5 in a fierce battle for a third set to Monte Tucker of the Illini at No. 4.

Jones clinched the match for the Illini with a 7-6 (7-0), 6-3 win over Barry King at No. 3.

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PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

Sophomore Stephen Bass returns the ball against Illinois in Notre Dame's 6-1 loss at the Eck Tennis Pavilion Thursday.

BASEBALL

Bickford steps up for Irish

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

It's a cliché in March baseball — "New heroes always step up."

That saying fits the Notre Dame baseball team's victory Thursday over the Northern Illinois Huskies (3-9).

Seldom-used senior left-hander Scott Bickford pitched perhaps the best innings of his Notre Dame career to allow his team to rally for a 10-6 win at Evansville's Aces' Classic.

"I told the team after the game it was one of the highlights of my career at Notre Dame — watching how well Scott Bickford pitched today — because here's a kid that hasn't had that many opportunities in his career," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "He's kept a good attitude, he's worked really hard and today he came in and really saved the game for us."

"He kept us in the game and gave us a chance to rally. Here's a kid that in his

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Team travels to Knoxville

No. 23 Irish ready to lock horns with No. 25 Lady Vols today

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Heading into today's crucial match against No. 23 Tennessee (9-3), the No. 25 Irish (6-6) will be relying on the team's depth to pull out the victory.

Notre Dame will be competing without sophomore Christian Thompson, half of the No. 2 doubles team in the country. The former No. 1 pairing of Christian and her twin sister Catrina holds an 11-1 record on the season.

Catrina Thompson will lead

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CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Freshman Brook Buck reaches for the ball in Notre Dame's victory over Iowa Feb. 27 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Butler expected to give Irish a challenge

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Associate Sports Editor

As the round of 32 teams opens up in the NCAA men's basketball tournament Saturday, Notre Dame will commence something of its own.

Notre Dame will play its first Great Western Lacrosse league game of the season against Butler. The game will also be Notre Dame's first home game of the season.

Butler is a young, hungry team — a group that Irish coach Kevin Corrigan acknowledges could present a tough matchup.

"We've seen them play a number of times now, and they are very young, but they

play extremely hard," Corrigan said. "I think that like any young team they've had some ups and downs, but I think they've got a very talented group of kids, so I'm expecting to see them at their best on Saturday."

Notre Dame is currently sitting at 2-1 overall, with wins against Penn State and North Carolina and a loss to Cornell. All three of the Irish opponents are highly ranked.

Saturday's game will be the first league game of the season, however, and in league play winning is crucial.

"It's extremely important [to win] because if we win all five of our league games, we get to the NCAA tournament with an

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TIME TO SHINE

Senior Jacqueline Batteast gets one last crack at the NCAA Tournament

UCSB eyes upset bid against Notre Dame

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

There is just one NCAA bracket in the Irish locker room.

It has Notre Dame and UC Santa Barbara playing at 4:30 p.m. Saturday in Fresno, Calif. For the No. 10 Irish, who have high aspirations for the NCAA Tournament, this is the only game that matters right now.

"We haven't talked about any of the other games, haven't talked about what we're doing afterwards, we're just focusing on this game,"

The fourth seeded Irish (26-5) have a tough first round matchup in the 13th seeded Gauchos (21-8), who were Big West regular season and tournament champions. Senior Kristen Mann was the Big West Player of the Year and averages 19.9 points and 9.5 rebounds per game. The 6-foot-2 forward also has 15 double-doubles this season.

"She is going to present a lot of problems," McGraw said. "You have to know where she is all the time. She can go inside and out."

The Gauchos, who come into the game with a 10-game winning streak, also boast a talented point guard in Mia Fisher, who averages 13.7 points per game on 50.6 percent shooting.

"She is a very, very quick and athletic type of player," McGraw said. "She gets great shots, she's smart, she's a great defender, so she creates some matchup problems for us."

"Defensively, they play great man to man pressure defense, similar to what Rutgers and Connecticut do."

Meanwhile, the Irish will begin their quest to advance farther than the Sweet 16, which they haven't done the past two years.

"Many teams would love to get to the Sweet 16 two years in a row, but we want to get a step farther," point guard Megan Duffy said. "But at the same time, we want to take it one game at a time."

Notre Dame comes off a tough loss in the semifinals of the Big East Tournament last week at the Hartford Civic Center. No. 13 Connecticut knocked off the Irish 67-54 March 7,

dominating Notre Dame inside.

"Coming off that game against Connecticut we were a little frustrated," McGraw said.

But the Irish say they are ready for the NCAA Tournament.

"I feel like we have the overall experience to push it a step more, and I think that helps with our confidence," Duffy said. "Especially going out West, away from home a little bit, I think we'll be ready to go."

Duffy will have to play well if the Irish are to advance in the tournament. The junior is averaging 11.8 points and 5.5 assists per game, the complement to All-American forward Jacqueline Batteast. Batteast is averaging a career high 17.1 points to go along with 6.5 rebounds for the Irish. Fellow senior Teresa Borton is averaging 8.4 points and 5.8 rebounds per game. Freshman Charel Allen averages 7.9 points off the bench, and Crystal Erwin gives the Irish big minutes off the bench as well.

McGraw said the only concern she has going into the tournament is the bench.

"We have great depth, and it's very young," McGraw said. "That's the only question mark going into this year's NCAA Tournament since it is their first NCAA Tournament."

Duffy said a balanced attack will be key for the Irish.

"For the NCAA Tournament, everybody has to step up, it can't be one player," Duffy said. "I think we've shown this year that it can't just be Jackie. I think that Charel, myself and [player] one through 11 have to be ready to go."

The only common opponent the Irish and Gauchos have is Purdue, whom UC Santa Barbara lost to 66-65 in overtime Dec. 3, and the Irish defeated 86-69 on Jan. 16. But Notre Dame knows the Gauchos are a tough first round game.

"They're a dangerous team," Duffy said. "We all agreed that they're better than a 13 seed. It's definitely going to be a tough first-round game."

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Guard Megan Duffy dribbles past Ohio State's Kim Willburn on Nov. 20. Duffy and the Irish face California Santa Barbara in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. RICHARD FRIEDMAN/The Observer

	COACHING	STYLE OF PLAY	POST PLAYERS	PERIMETER PLAYERS	BENCH	INTANGIBLES
NOTRE DAME	McGraw has led Notre Dame to 10 straight tournament appearances and five Sweet 16 berths. Her Irish reached the Final Four in 1997 and the national title in 2001. She's a master at making in-game adjustments that help Notre Dame win.	The Irish have always been known for defense and this season is no exception. The team allows just 56.6 points per game. Offensively, Batteast and Duffy are the pacesetters, but any of the eight-player rotation can contribute on a given night.	The inside trio of Borton, LaVere and Erwin need success with the high-low post game. When they have it, it's easy layups. When they don't, it's a turnover. Batteast is one of the best in the nation, having the ability to post up or nail a long jumper.	Duffy has produced an excellent season, and may be just as important as Batteast for Notre Dame's success. Allen and Gaines have proven they can hold their own, and both could see significant minutes against UCSB.	The Irish are eight deep and all eight have made crucial contributions at certain points throughout the season. Allen adds a burst energy, while Erwin gives the team toughness and a physical presence.	Notre Dame has already said anything less advancing past the Sweet 16 is not good enough. The team has extra motivation after receiving what they thought was a "disappointing" seed. The Irish have played well on the road this season.
UCSB	French is a seven-time Big West Coach of the Year since 1992. He's compiled a 478-278 record during more than 27 years of head coaching. This is the ninth straight year French has the Gauchos in the Big Dance.	The Gauchos can put up points — tallying more than 71 per game. Their offense begins and ends with All-American candidate Mann. On defense, UCSB holds opponents to less than 40 percent shooting and just 61 points a game.	Mann does it all for the Gauchos on both ends, so the Irish must either shut her down, or the rest of UCSB. Notre Dame must also keep watch on Nichols and Richardson, who combine for more than 13 points and 12 rebounds a game.	Fisher averages a solid 13.7 points and more than three assists per game, while Bonds adds almost six points, 3.5 rebounds and two assists. O'Bryan is a spark off the bench, notching 5.9 points per game in 17 minutes.	The Gauchos play nine women and all average more than double figures minutes. Besides Mann and Fisher, UCSB relies on an array of others to provide scoring, defense and rebounding.	UCSB hasn't lost since Feb. 3 and are playing their best ball of the season. The Gauchos should have home court advantage in Fresno and have nothing to lose when facing the mighty Irish.
ANALYSIS	French has impressive credentials, but it's McGraw who has the Final Four experience and the national championship ring. She is 9-0 in her last nine first round tournament games and owns a 21-10 tourney career record.	The Gauchos can reach 80 points easily, but they've shown a vulnerability all season to struggle against tough defenses. That plays into Notre Dame's strength. The Irish offense can't rely solely on Batteast and Duffy for points.	Mann and Batteast could cancel each other out which leaves the other players to decide this category. Notre Dame has more firepower in the paint, in terms of scoring and defense, but UCSB rebounds better.	Duffy is one of the best all-around point guards in the Big East, and with Allen and Gaines helping out, the Irish have the edge here. UCSB likely needs Bonds or O'Bryan to have a better-than-average game for the Gauchos to win.	Both teams need their benches to play well for a victory and both have received consistent contributions. The Irish bench struggled in its last game against Connecticut in the Big East tourney.	UCSB can play loose and carefree, while Notre Dame bears all the pressure after going 26-5 during the regular season. The Irish struggled against Southwest Missouri State in the first round last season — and that was a home game.

Her final shot

After losing in the Sweet 16 the past two seasons, senior All-American Jacqueline Batteast has one last chance to reach the Final Four

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Big East Player of the Year. All-American. First team All-Big East. Big East Rookie of the Year. These awards, among many others, belong to senior Jacqueline Batteast. But it's the one accolade that has eluded her for three years that matters most.

"Final Four," she says without hesitation.

And if the Irish are going to make it to Indianapolis, they will need plenty of help from their senior All-American, who is having the best season of her career playing in front of her hometown crowd.

Go-to player

This season, Batteast has faced constant attention from opposing teams. Some play man, others play zone, but regardless, Batteast is guaranteed one thing — someone will be guarding her.

"Their whole team seems to be more aware of where I am," Batteast said. "So if it's not an actual double, there's three people in the lane, so it's a lot more difficult, and teams are being a lot more physical this year."

Despite facing constant double teams, Batteast is putting up the best numbers of her career, averaging 17.1 points and 6.5 rebounds per game, one year after averaging 16 points per game. Batteast is the Irish's go-to scorer, coming up big in big games.

In the Preseason WNIT, Batteast had 17 points in Notre Dame's semifinal upset of Duke, and in the finals,

Batteast had 32 points on 11-for-23 shooting in the Irish upset of Ohio State. But Batteast's biggest play in that tournament was on defense, when she blocked a game-tying shot to preserve the championship. Batteast took home tournament Most Valuable Player honors, the first of many honors she would receive during the regular season.

Against Rutgers at the Joyce Center, Batteast scored 12 straight points in the second half, finishing with 27 to bring Notre Dame back from a 13-point deficit.

"I'm still getting used to [more defenders]," Batteast said.

But overall, Batteast has used the extra attention she has received to her advantage. She is averaging 2.7 assists per game, which is second on the team behind only point guard Megan Duffy. For the first time in her career, Batteast's assist total (83) is more than her turnover total (66).

"It feels good that I can rely on my teammates and know they'll be able to hit an open shot," Batteast said.

Hometown hero

As much attention as Batteast gets on the court, off the court she might get even more.

After games, young girls and boys flock to Batteast, asking for pictures, autographs or anything for a piece of their South Bend star. Batteast, a Washington High School product, is glad she stayed close to home, despite originally wanting to move away for college.

"I think a lot of people don't

really understand how nice it is to be at home," Batteast said. "I really am 10 minutes from my house, and it's great — I can get a home-cooked meal because the dining hall can get a little tiresome after a while, and still be able to be around my brother and sister, so it's been great."

The senior is a celebrity in town. When she and Duffy go out, everyone turns to look — but it's not at the junior point guard.

"Honestly, nobody really cares about who I am," Duffy said with a smile. "Everywhere we go, whether it's the mall, the movies, I swear every person in South Bend knows who Jackie is. It's gotten to the point where she tries to hide a little, because otherwise she'd be talking to everyone."

The mild-mannered Batteast shies away from the spotlight. But when she goes out in town, Batteast has no choice but to be the talk of wherever she is.

"It's more the loud whispers [when people recognize me]," she said. "People are whispering, but you can hear them. No one really comes up to me, but you can see them doing a double take."

"I wish they would just come up and talk to me then I would feel a lot better. I feel like I'm not a nice person when I just walk by and I hear them talking about me, so I try to smile and be polite — I'm still getting used to that."

The usually low-key Batteast has never craved the spotlight, but since her breakout freshman year at Notre Dame, she has been the poster child for Notre Dame women's basketball.

"After freshman year, I couldn't go anywhere without being recognized," Batteast said.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said the community has adopted the senior as one of its own.

"It's been a great thing for the program to have a local player succeed," McGraw said. "I think the fans have really been great to her. They've really embraced her; they've treated her like their own daughter."

Getting back to the elite

Batteast has left her mark on the Irish basketball program as a player and as a person. When she graduates in May, Batteast will be in the top five of the Notre Dame record books for almost every major statistical category, including points, rebounds, blocks and double-doubles. Batteast also joined All-American Ruth Riley as two of the three players in Notre Dame history with at least 1,800 points and 900 rebounds in their careers.

But Batteast's impact on the Notre Dame program goes farther than just the numbers. She has been an example of a great player and a great person for younger teammates to look up to and strive to emulate.

"It's great for the younger players to look up and see, this is a role model for me, this is



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Jacqueline Batteast attempts a layup against Ohio State's Jessica Davenport in Notre Dame's 66-62 win Nov. 20.

the somebody I aspire to be like," McGraw said.

For freshman Charel Allen, who scored more than 3,000 points in high school in Monessen, Pa., Batteast was a big reason the talented guard chose the Irish.

"I knew coming in that she would be here, and she was the all-star that she was, so that played a big factor in me coming here," Allen, who was named to the Big East first team All-Freshman team, said. "I wanted to play with somebody at her level. She's very good, I love playing with her. She brings excitement to practice, to games, to the locker room, off the court, so she's a very good person."

The promising freshman said that one day she hopes her career can earn her similar accolades to Batteast.

"Look at her, look at all the accomplishments she's made," the freshman said. "I just want to follow in her footsteps."

Duffy, a first team All-Big East performer this year and the Big East Most Improved Player last season, said playing with Batteast has helped make her the player she is now.

"I think we've become very good friends, and I know that's why my game has gotten so much better in the last three years," Duffy said. "I've had her to look up to, her being the All-American. I always try to emulate my game a little bit like her just because she's so talented and has a lot going for her. I've always looked up

to her."

One last chance

Batteast has one final shot to add the crowning accomplishment to her list. And she knows now is the time.

"This year, this is it," Batteast said. "The tournament starts on Saturday, and I think we did a pretty good job during the regular season. I think we're in a good bracket, even though we were disappointed with our seeding [No. 4]."

Batteast, who came in the year after Notre Dame's 2001 National Championship, has never made it past the Sweet 16 in her three years, getting to that point the last two years. But this year, she is determined to have more after losing a close game to No. 1 seed Penn State in last year's Sweet 16.

"If we don't get past the Sweet 16 this year, I think the season will be a disappointment," Batteast said. "We were 40 seconds away from going to the Elite Eight last year, so we know we're right there. This year we know we're supposed to get there — it won't be a shock, it won't be a surprise, we just trying to go take care of business. So, here it is. It's time now to start playing."

And if all goes according to plan, Batteast will leave Notre Dame women's basketball the way she found it — on top.

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Jacqueline Batteast drives past two Purdue defenders Jan. 16 at the Joyce Center. The All-American hopes to reach the Final Four this season after losing in the Sweet 16 the past two years.

Three factors will decide Irish fate

Starting this weekend, Notre Dame has the opportunity to make history or be history. Whether they do the former or latter will depend on three factors — confidence, rebounding and Jacqueline Batteast.



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The Irish have had, without a doubt, one of the best regular seasons in school history by going 26-5 and winning seven games against top 25 opponents. They have succeeded at home and on the road, in easy games and difficult matchups. But in the few instances when Notre Dame was tripped up, the team lacked confidence, lost the rebounding battle and their All-American couldn't produce. These factors combined to be Notre Dame's Achilles' heel. They are the only reason the Irish could be sent home early from this year's tournament.

Notre Dame has plenty of motivation heading into its 10th straight tourney appearance. The selection committee slapped the Irish in the face not only by giving them an unfair No. 4 seed, but also by planting them a thousand miles away in California. While the West Coast players are happy, no one else should be — if this draw wasn't a worst-case scenario, it was darn close.

Batteast recognized that. While her teammates cheered when the seed was announced, the senior All-American didn't show much emotion. She was visibly ticked off during the ensuing interviews with media. If Batteast needed any more motivation during her senior season, the selection committee took care of that. Now, it's up to Batteast to set the tone for her team in this tournament by playing as she has for much of the season — fearless and unwavering.

After struggling in the NCAA Tournament in 2002 as a sophomore, Batteast rebounded to have outstanding junior and senior years. The difference between her first two years and her final two? The South Bend native gained confidence — and she hasn't looked back.

It's a pretty thing to watch Batteast on her game — her low, slow cross-over dribble, deadly accurate jumper and the ease with which she drives past a helpless defender to the bucket for an easy layup.

When Batteast is on her game — which is often — the rest of the Irish feed off her confidence and improve their games. Teams focus their defensive schemes on stopping the All-American, freeing up Teresa Borton and Courtney LaVere for an open shot, or allowing Megan Duffy or Charel Allen a clear field goal attempt.

With Batteast, Notre Dame plays with a swagger that borders the line of confidence and cocky. It's exactly what championship teams need to grind through the rigors of a one-and-done tourna-

ment scenario. It's exactly what the Irish had during those 26 wins and exactly what they lost, at least for part of those five defeats.

For Notre Dame to advance deep into the tournament, the other seven regular players must stay confident, even if Batteast falters. Basketball is a game of swings, and overall this season, Notre Dame has been able to withstand most opponents' runs and then respond with a spurt of its own. Things mustn't change now.

If Batteast continues to play well and the Irish maintain their confidence, there's only one major weakness in this team's play — rebounding, or lack thereof.

McGraw has preached all season that her team must rebound to beat good opponents. If they can execute in the paint by boxing out and not backing down, the Irish will be as good as any team in the tourney. But in many instances this season, Notre Dame has been whipped inside. It's not that the Irish don't have the ability to rebound well, they just play soft at times. When that happens, good teams take advantage.

It's an exciting and scary time for this Notre Dame team.

They've just finished an outstanding regular season and a so-so Big East Tournament. Now, what lies ahead is opportunity. A chance to cement their names as one of the very special teams during McGraw's tenure. A chance to separate themselves from past Irish teams that made it to the Sweet 16 then lost, much like the



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Notre Dame's players huddle at midcourt after a 63-47 home victory over Rutgers on Jan. 23. The Irish hope to advance deep into this year's tournament.

last two seasons. A chance to reach their potential at the perfect time and make a long anticipated run deep into the heart of this year's March Madness.

A good team that under-achieved in the tournament? Or a great team that played its best when the spotlight shone bright-

est? By the beginning of April, Notre Dame will know the answer.

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CHAPEL HILL, N.C.

No. 1 North Carolina (27-3)

The Tar Heels beat Duke three times this season and have 13 straight victories.

No. 16 Coppin State (23-7)

Sherri Tucker leads the Lady Eagles who haven't lost since Feb. 12.

No. 8 Mississippi (19-10)

The Lady Rebels finished fifth in the SEC and lost to Georgia in the tourney.

No. 9 George Washington (22-8)

The Colonials won the West section of the Atlantic-10 with a 13-3 mark.

FRESNO, CALIF.

No. 5 Arizona State (22-9)

Only 29-2 Stanford beat out the Sun Devils in the Pacific-10 standings this season.

No. 12 Eastern Kentucky (23-7)

Miranda Eckerle was one of four Colonels to average double figures in scoring.

No. 4 Notre Dame (26-5)

The Irish have seven wins over top-25 foes and earned its third highest seed ever.

No. 13 UCSB (21-8)

The Gauchos won both the Big West regular season and conference titles.

SEATTLE, WASH.

No. 2 Baylor (27-3)

The Bears won the Big-12 regular season and conference tournament.

No. 15 Illinois State (13-17)

This Cinderella story came out of nowhere to win the Missouri Valley Conference.

No. 7 Texas Christian (23-9)

The Horned Frogs finished fourth in Conference-USA regular season standings.

No. 10 Oregon (20-9)

Cathrine Kraayeveld has paced the Ducks to a 12-6 Pacific-10 record.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

No. 3 Minnesota (24-7)

The Golden Gophers reached the Big 10 tournament championship game.

No. 14 St. Francis (PA) (21-9)

The Red Flash captured both Northeast titles and went 16-2 in the conference.

No. 6 Virginia (20-10)

The Cavaliers finished fifth in the ACC and lost to North Carolina in the tourney.

No. 11 Old Dominion (22-8)

The Lady Monarchs have three players averaging double figures in scoring.



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