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Kuwik ticket to represent class of '96

Sophomore and junior classes to face run-off

By KRISTI KOLSKI
Assistant News Editor

After a review and recount by the elections committee, the Kuwik ticket emerged as winners in yesterday's senior class office elections. There will be a run-off for the junior and sophomore class offices.

Kevin Kuwik, with Vice President Paul Berrettini, Secretary Kate Crisham, and Treasurer Nathan Ebeling, captured 53.8 percent of the vote to represent the class of 1996.

"We're really excited because we have two months to do a lot of leg work and prepare for next year," said Kuwik.

The Malcolm, McCarthy, Hyder and Kazlauskis ticket contested the outcome of the elections based on a misprint of candidate names. They claimed that McCarthy's name appeared on the ballot under two different tickets.

Judicial Commissioner Andrew Alfors stated that all dorms were notified of the error one day prior to elections, and corrections were made. However, upon the objection by the Malcolm ticket, "the ballots

were recounted and 78 were determined questionable," according to Alfors.

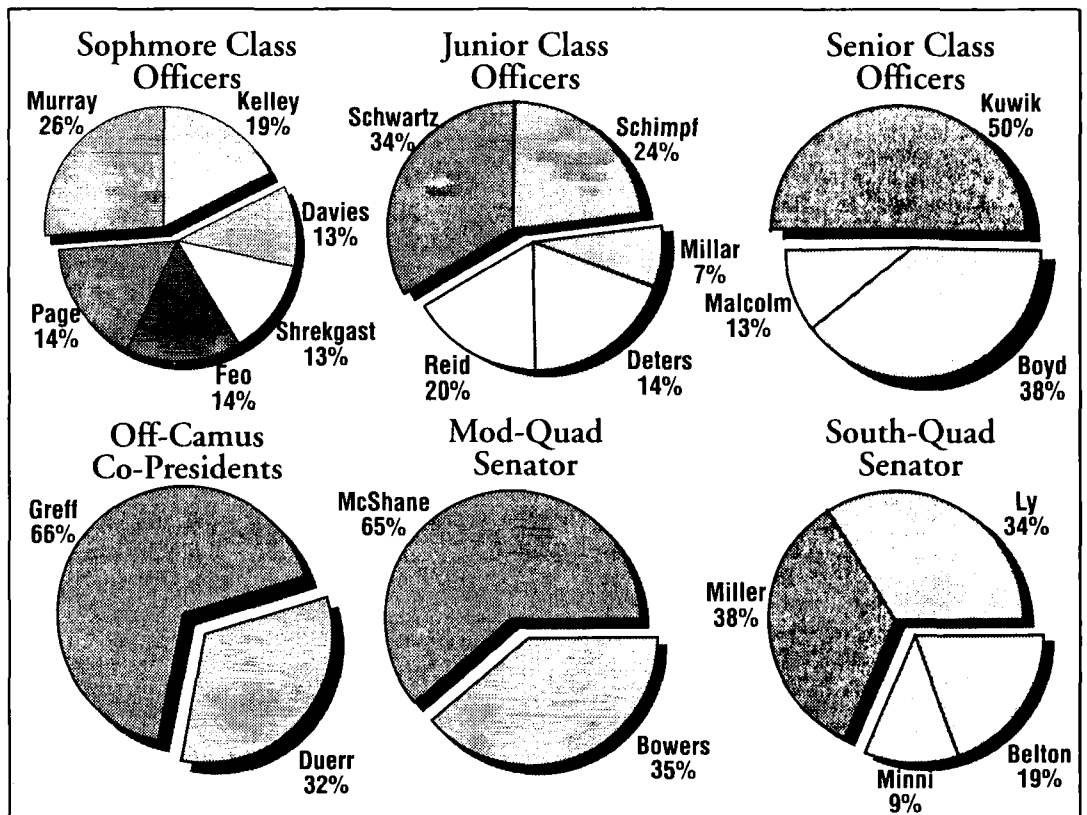
The questionable ballots were invalidated and were removed from the final total of the Kuwik ticket. This yielded a revised total of 50 percent of the vote. Due to Student Senate bylaws, calling for a 50 percent plus one majority, a run-off would then have been held between the Kuwik and Boyd tickets. However, the Boyd ticket conceded the race to the Kuwik ticket.

Alfors stated that "we would like to apologize to all the tickets, and especially the Malcolm ticket, for the mistake on the ballots."

A run-off will be held between junior class tickets of Schimpf, Zinser, Eger and Abell (24.3 percent of the vote) and Schwartz, Hammonds, Purtell, and Loftus (34.6 percent) and the sophomore class tickets of Kelley, Shrekast, Herbert and Van De Ven (18.7 percent) and Murray, Moriarty, Griffin and Dougherty (26.3 percent).

In Mod Quad Senate elections, Siegfried Hall sophomore Kate McShane won 65 percent of the electorate with 523 votes.

"I'm looking forward to next year and working to implement my ideas. Hopefully more new ideas, through increased communication, will come from the



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students of Mod Quad," McShane said.

A run-off for South Quad Senate elections will take place between Lyons sophomore Mai Ly, who captured 33.5 percent of the vote, and Seth Miller, who won 38.4 percent of the vote.

Cavanaugh Hall freshman Catherine McCarren, running unopposed, is the new North Quad Senator. Sorin Hall junior Christian Shields also ran unopposed and will be the new God Quad Senator for the upcoming year.

Off-Campus Co-President

elections yielded Andrew Greff and Matt Schindler as the new representatives. They received over 66 percent of the electorate.

"Schindler and I have a lot of hard work to do but we plan to follow through with our campaign promises," Greff said.

Notre Dame student injured after accident

By LIZ FORAN
Associate News Editor

A Notre Dame student suffered minor injuries in a one vehicle accident on Sunday evening, according to Indiana State Toll Road Police.

Kelly Nicholas, 18, a freshman at Notre Dame, suffered only minor injuries after her car flipped over in the accident.

Nicholas told police she felt "fatigued" while she was east-bound on the Indiana Toll

Road near the 63 mile marker at about 6 p.m. when she came up too quickly on another vehicle. Police said she entered the left lane to avoid the car, and lost control of her 1992 Jeep four door. Her car left the roadway, entered the median and flipped over three times.

Nicholas, who was wearing her seatbelt at the time, suffered only a cut to the head and a swollen jaw. She was treated and released from Memorial Hospital in South Bend.



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A delightful tragedy

The Farley Hall Players performed the Greek tragedy "Medea" in the LaFortune Ballroom yesterday.

ND is a leader, Malloy says

GLND/SMC supporters face Monk at lecture

By JENNIFER GIOVA
News Writer

University President Father Edward Malloy encountered some opposition last night while speaking on the leadership role Notre Dame plays among Catholic institutions.

Some members of the audience questioned Malloy about Gays and Lesbians of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College (GLND/SMC) following his lecture "American Catholic Higher Education" in Keenan Hall.

If there is a "flagship institution," Notre Dame is it, according to Malloy, who discussed the establishment of Catholic institutions, the role that they have played and continue to play in today's society, and the areas in which Notre Dame needs to improve.

Much hostility faced Catholics in the mid 19th Century and there was concern that public schools stripped them of their background, according to Malloy. To fight this, educated priests and lay people established a safe place of worship and education for Catholics.

In the 1950's, Malloy said, there was a movement to re-think the importance of a Catholic education. Was it so important? Did it not just protect Catholics in a phony way?

However, the Catholic education is "healthier than it was 10 years ago." Notre Dame is a



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Father Edward "Monk" Malloy spoke yesterday in Keenan Hall on Notre Dame's leadership role as a Catholic institution.

place where we can talk openly and enthusiastically about issues and values of importance in a meaningful way, according to Malloy.

The Catholic university has a challenge to be an exciting and intellectually rewarding place while not losing its soul.

Malloy said that the Catholic institution should be "a place for creative alternatives to be explored and a source of intellectual exploration," which will lead "good-willed people to make good choices to transcendental questions."

The idea of Notre Dame as a "flagship institution" led many present to question Malloy on the recognition of GLND/SMC.

Malloy was asked by a member of the audience, what was Notre Dame's responsibility, as a Catholic institution, to "the oppressed and minorities."

While Malloy refused to directly respond to the GLND/SMC debate, he did offer insight on the issue of policy formation and homosexuality.

"The questions of policy may

INSIDE COLUMN

The twisted words of illusion

Semantics play a large role in any controversial issue. Different words are used to make a view sound more pleasing and convincing to the public.

Andy Cabiness
Sports Copy Editor

Abortion is no different. Many confusing or misleading phrases are thrown around in debates and arguments regarding abortion. However, these phrases take on a vastly different meaning than they seemingly and harmlessly imply. Here are a few examples of how abortion advocates twist words:

Pro-choice vs. pro-abortion. Groups that favor continuing legalized abortion prefer to be called pro-choice and loathe being called pro-abortion. The word "choice" is substituted for "abortion" because everyone in America cherishes their freedom to make choices. Being pro-choice sounds like being in favor of something beneficial, not something violent and fatal. Common usage includes the statement "I would never have an abortion myself, so don't call me pro-abortion. I'm pro-choice because I think other women should have the right to choose abortion." While such people may not be pro-abortion from a personal standpoint, they still favor of the legality of abortion.

A woman's rights with regard to her body. Common usage includes the phrase "A woman should have the right to do whatever she wants with her own body." Nobody would argue with this. Who in their right mind would tell a woman what she can or can't do with her body? Unfortunately, those people who use this argument to justify abortion are missing one small fact: a developing baby in the womb is a not just "a part of the woman's body." While the baby is inside the mother's body and is connected to her, it is separate. Half of the babies in mothers' wombs, the males, have Y chromosomes. Y chromosomes, by definition, are not part of a woman's body.

Product of conception, or blob of tissue. Common usage: An abortionist tells a woman that all what is inside her is a product of conception or a blob of tissue. However, by the time a woman realizes that she is pregnant, that blob of tissue has a head, a heart, arms, legs, and can suck its thumb. Furthermore, many of the babies are actually aware of what is happening because they try to avoid the abortionists' tools.

End (or terminate) a pregnancy. Common usage includes an abortionist telling a woman that he is merely terminating the pregnancy for her. Pregnancies end in only two ways: a live baby or a dead baby. If the baby didn't die naturally by miscarriage or stillbirth, then the baby was killed. Anytime you see or hear the phrase "terminating a pregnancy" in relation to abortion, remember that it is exactly the same as, "killing a baby."

Abortion is a safe and easy procedure. Common usage includes an abortionist telling the woman that the surgery he is going to perform is safe and easy. If abortion is so safe, then why has South Bend's abortionist been sued for malpractice so many times? Why is he not licensed to practice in hospitals? Why is his clinic not subject to the same safety standards as hospitals?

The pro-abortion movement has become adept at using semantics to justify abortion. The next time you read a pro-abortion argument, see if any of the above terms are included. Few of the arguments exist without twisting words around in one of these ways.

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WORLD AT A GLANCE

New Denver airport opens after sixteen month delay

DENVER

A conga line of snowplows, tugs, and trucks loaded with equipment wound its way from Denver's old airport to its \$4.9 billion new one Monday, hours before the first passenger flight was scheduled to land.

Most of the 2,000 vehicles in the convoy traveled at speeds of no more than 15 mph to Denver International Airport along back roads to avoid freeway congestion. The 22-mile trip from Stapleton International Airport was expected to take about two hours.

Mayor Wellington Webb greeted the first commercial cargo flight to land at the new airport: a Federal Express plane that arrived from Memphis at 12:41 a.m., 20 minutes early.

"I think now we can put the jokes behind us," Webb said. "DIA does include airplanes."

The airport's opening has been delayed four times because of construction problems, including an automated baggage system that chewed up luggage and spit it out. It eventually was replaced by an old-fashioned tug-and-cart system at all airlines except United.

About a dozen investigations are under way into allegations of wrongdoing in the airport project, including shoddy construction.

And bondholders sued the city Monday, claiming offi-

DIA's baggage system

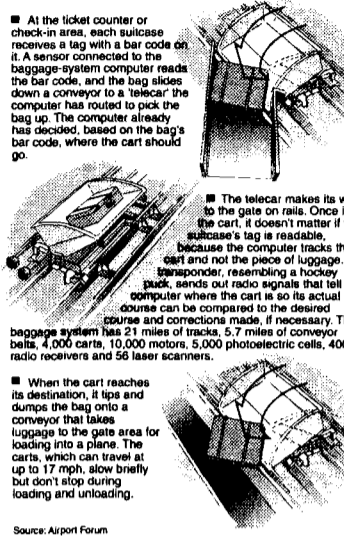
Why wasn't the system ready for the March 9 opening? Glitches in the computer software that controls how carts are routed, uneven flow of electricity to the system and human error have caused delays in testing that ultimately led to postponing the opening of the airport. The baggage system was scheduled to undergo three months of testing, but it would have had only three weeks of dry runs had the airport opened next week.

At the ticket counter or check-in area, each suitcase receives a tag with a bar code on it. A sensor connected to the baggage-system computer reads the bar code, and the bag slides down a conveyor to a telecar. The computer already has decided, based on the bag's bar code, where the cart should go.

The telecar makes its way to the gate on rails. Once in the cart, it doesn't matter if the suitcase's tag is readable, because the computer tracks the cart and not the piece of luggage. A transponder, resembling a hockey puck, sends out radio signals that tell the computer where the cart is so its actual course can be compared to the desired course and corrections made, if necessary. The baggage system has 21 miles of tracks, 5.7 miles of conveyor belts, 4,000 carts, 10,000 motors, 5,000 photoelectric cells, 400 radio receivers and 56 laser scanners.

When the cart reaches its destination, it tips and dumps the bag onto a conveyor that takes luggage to the gate area for loading into a plane. The carts, which can travel at up to 17 mph, slow briefly but don't stop during loading and unloading.

Source: Airport Forum



cialists concealed problems with the project. The class-action lawsuit seeks unspecified damages for investors, whose bonds lost value because of delays and cost overruns. A call to city officials wasn't returned immediately.

The first commercial passenger flight was scheduled to leave the new airport for Kansas City, Mo., at 6 a.m. Tuesday, followed by the first commercial passenger arrival, from Colorado Springs, at 6:11 a.m.

Denver International, with its distinctive white-peaked roof, is the first major airport to open in the United States since Dallas-Fort Worth in 1974.

About 1,300 flights and an estimated 88,000 passengers are expected to pass through it every day, making it, like Stapleton, the sixth-busiest airport in the nation.

At Stapleton on Monday, airlines reduced flight schedules and the runways were to be painted with giant white X's early Tuesday so pilots do not land there by mistake. The last flight was scheduled to leave Stapleton at 9:30 p.m. Monday.

The shutdown of Stapleton brought satisfaction to nearby residents who had complained about the noise for years.

"You never become used to airplane noise," she said, "so we bid a fond farewell and good riddance."

American Airlines to stop serving pate

FORT WORTH

American Airlines will remove the delicacy pate de foie gras from its menu because of complaints from an animal rights group. The Fort Worth, Texas-based airline agreed Monday to stop serving the pate — a French dish meaning "fattened liver" — after People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) complained the dish is made from ducks and geese that have been force fed to enlarge their livers. According to PETA the amount of food fed to the birds is the equivalent of a human eating 28 pounds of spaghetti a day. In December, Air Canada became the first airline to stop serving the pate following complaints.

Mexican economy continues to sink

MEXICO CITY

Mexico's economy continued to spin downward on Monday despite a massive U.S. aid package — or perhaps because of it. The main stock market index plummeted 6.9 percent Monday — the worst one-day loss in percentage terms in at least a year. Delays in long-rumored revisions of the government's economic forecast for the year — and uncertainty about what it will contain — helped drive the index down 106.37 points to close at 1447.52. The peso slipped again on Monday. Worth about 29 cents in mid-December, it closed Monday at 16.8 cents, down from 17 cents last Friday. One dollar now buys 5.945 pesos. The \$20 billion U.S. aid package, part of a larger \$52 billion fund, demanded that Mexico keep a tight money supply and run a budget surplus — demands that will help keep the economy from growing this year. Mexican officials earlier projected at least slight growth. Even a flat economy means harder times overall since Mexico's population is growing by nearly 2 percent a year. The virtual collapse of the government's economic plans has already led to growing anger among Mexicans hit with a new round of austerity measures after suffering through more than a decade of sacrifices.

Gorillas gossip, baboons like to watch

NEW YORK

Scratch gossip and voyeurism from the list of things that separate us from the apes. Koko, the gorilla famed for learning the basics of American Sign Language, likes to gossip, said Stanford University primatologist Robert M. Sapolsky. "After watching one of her human teachers argue with his girlfriend, Koko couldn't help telling another human teacher about it," he wrote in the March-April issue of The Sciences magazine. Sapolsky also described this scenario in an East African savanna: "Bunch of baboons sitting around in a field, when a fight breaks out. Two high-ranking males lunging, brawling, slashing at each other with sharp canines bigger than the ones of an adult lion." What do the other baboons actually do? "Drop everything, stand up on two feet, push in for a closer view," Sapolsky said.

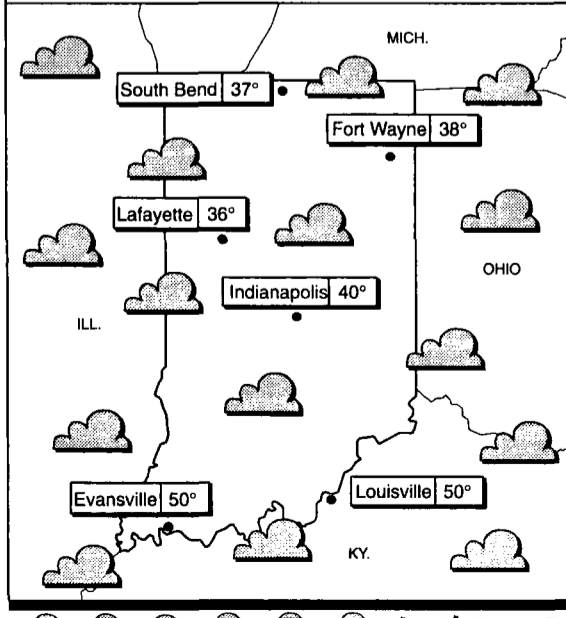
Russia says Grozny surrounded

MOZDOK

Russian forces have completely encircled Grozny for the first time since the separatist war began and expect to rid the Chechen capital of the last rebels within days, Russia's military command said Monday. A top Russian official, meanwhile, unveiled government rebuilding plans for Chechnya, saying the focus will be on restoring rural areas first rather than the devastated capital. Such a plan would make it easier for Moscow to control the breakaway republic where fighting since Dec. 11 has killed thousands. The Chechens now control only the southwestern part of Grozny, a district known as Chernorechye. Russia has claimed before to control most of the city but said Monday in a government statement that its troops have completed a second ring around Grozny, thus "fully excluding the possibility" of rebel reinforcements coming in. In Geneva, the U.N. Human Rights Commission criticized Russia for its heavy-handed tactics. That is the first time a permanent member of the U.N. Security Council ever submitted to a formal criticism from the panel, European diplomats said.

INDIANA WEATHER

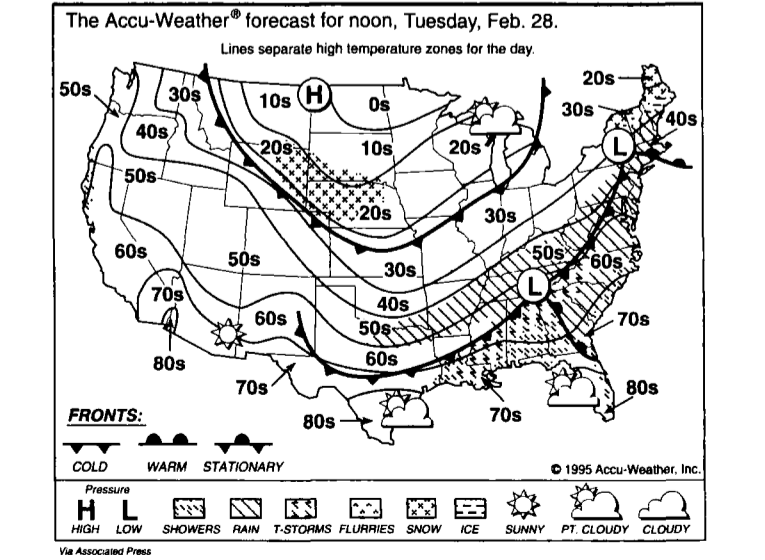
Tuesday, Feb. 28
Accu-Weather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures



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NATIONAL WEATHER

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Feb. 28.
Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.



Atlanta	58	53	Dallas	52	42	New Orleans	68	65
Baltimore	47	37	Denver	28	15	New York	45	39
Boston	44	33	Los Angeles	67	58	Philadelphia	47	37
Chicago	24	11	Miami	87	67	Phoenix	77	56
Columbus	36	27	Minneapolis	16	01	St. Louis	25	21

OUC to upgrade computers

By EDWARD IMBUS
Associate News Editor

The Office of University Computing (OUC) is planning to upgrade all Macintosh computers available in the campus clusters and increase cluster hours, among many other changes, according to Scott Siler, the OUC student resource coordinator.

Included among several proposed changes, OUC intends to purchase several new Power Macintosh computers, though Siler stated that the staff was unsure of which model would be bought. Those computers would replace the highest grade computers now used in the clusters, which would then be redistributed to other labs so that all Apple computers would be upgraded.

"We want to get rid of all Macs below the Centris 610

level," Siler said. "We are definitely going to buy a lot of computers ... as part of [OUC's] normal cycle of upgrading every four to five years. The Macs will be improved at virtually all locations."

He said that IBM computers were updated over the past summer as the first part of this process.

In accordance with University directives, the extra computers no longer needed in the clusters will be redistributed to the faculty and staff on campus, Siler said.

He said that OUC had also proposed a slight increase in hours the clusters are open, but the plan had yet to be approved by the University. Under the plan, the number of "contact hours," the number of hours cluster computers are available, would increase by 18 percent for PC's, and six percent

for Macintoshes.

Expanding cluster hours would also presumably increase the number of cluster consultant positions available as well.

Siler also announced the formation of a new computer lab in the new Business Building. The new cluster, he said, would be divided into two parts: one would be a classroom side with an unspecified amount of single-user IBM/DOS machines, while the other side would be a full time, group priority lab allowing two users per computer, again with IBM-type computers. Initial estimates by OUC state that 22 computers will be available in the group lab, and 32 will be available for classroom part of the cluster.

The Hayes-Healy lab will undergo substantial changes too,

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ND/SMC Prelaw Society elects new officers

By MELANIE LAFLIN
News Writer

The Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College Prelaw Society elected new officers recently. Jason Subler, John Heilman, James Lambe, Laura Slicker, and Jen Woo were informed of their new responsibilities yesterday afternoon in the Prelaw Advisory Office in room 101 O'Shaughnessy.

Subler will become the Society's president, Heilman - vice-president, Lambe - treasurer, Slicker will take over as secretary, and Woo will become Saint Mary's representative to the group.

President-elect Subler said he hopes to "enhance the society's purpose by educating students to help them make informed decisions about whether to attend law school while promoting the social aspect of the club through educational and enjoyable activities."

The Prelaw Society is sponsoring a series of activities this semester, such as a special session for seniors, a workshop on how to write a winning personal statement, a financial aid seminar, speeches from local lawyers and panel discussions with ND law students on what undergradu-

ates can do to prepare for law school, as well as sessions with Career and Placement.

The Prelaw Society will also sponsor a Mock LSAT on April 8th which duplicates the actual testing experience as closely as possible. Several preparation materials on the LSAT are available free of charge in the Prelaw office in 101 and the resource library in 104 O'Shaughnessy.

Prelaw Society advisor, Ava Collins emphasized the importance of all students taking advantage of what the Prelaw Society has to offer. "Any student interested is welcome to come in or join no matter what their major or college," stated Collins. Collins meets with students daily on a walk-in basis.

Vice-president-elect John Heilman shares a common goal with Subler "of making the Prelaw Society not only a useful activity for everyone, but a more entertaining one, too."

A free bus trip to the University of Michigan on April 7th to tour its law and medical schools is being offered to all interested students. Another will be offered to Northwestern on March 29th. Sign-ups are available in 101 O'Shaughnessy.

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Main U.S. Marine contingent lands in Somalia

By REID MILLER
Associated Press

MOGADISHU

U.S. Marines swept ashore early Tuesday on the beaches of Mogadishu, this time not to save starving Somalis but to protect U.N. peacekeepers retreating from the country's chaos.

The first amphibious wave was met on the beach at one minute after midnight by its own commanding general and about 150 Pakistani peacekeepers backed by tanks.

About 18 hours earlier, a vanguard force of about 150 Marines landed by helicopter and Helicat air cushion vessels

on a beach at the city's seaside airport to set up a command headquarters and landing routes for the 2,000 other Marines and Italian soldiers to follow.

"The first wave has hit the beach," Lt. Col. Mike Sovacool of Akron, Ohio, announced in the command center, where senior officials were monitoring the landing. "Everything is quiet out there. Everything is going to plan."

Although staged with the precision of a combat invasion, the Marines did not land on a hostile beach and were greeted by friends, not foes.

The airport and nearby sea port were controlled by U.N.

peacekeepers, who have been keeping away children, scavengers and the curious for days.

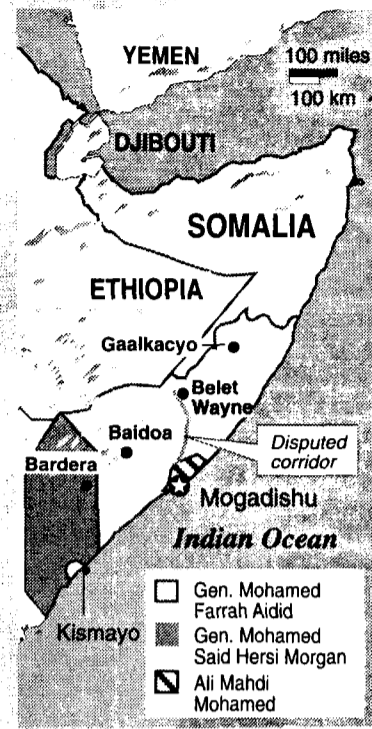
Although they prepared for the possibility, commanders of the seven-nation U.S.-led forces did not expect a direct confrontation with Somali militia.

Instead, the biggest threat may be from stray bullets, mortars and rocket-propelled grenades fired by the rival militias warring among themselves.

The United States and its Italian, French, British and Malaysian allies put together a force of 14,000 troops to protect the withdrawal of the last 2,400 Pakistani and Bangladeshi peacekeepers.

Somalia today

Approximate areas of warlord control



Fate of the people

- At least 1 million are still dependent on foreign food aid.
- Since the January 1991 overthrow of President Mohammed Siad Barre, 800,000 of its 6.5 million people fled to neighboring countries. An estimated 300,000 have since returned.
- Somalia has restored its grain production to 75 percent of pre-war years thanks to the rural calm and strong harvests.
- Somalia has restored its grain production to 75 percent of pre-war years. Aid organizations plan to continue assistance programs, operating from nearby Nairobi, Kenya, and using Somali nationals to work inside the country until it is secure for foreigners.
- UNICEF has stockpiled medical supplies, water purification equipment and fuel in a Mogadishu warehouse.

Fate of the clans

- Recent reports of a power-sharing pact between rival leaders Ali Mahdi Mohamed and Mohamed Farrah Aidid were met with skepticism.
- Economic motivations to keep the airport and port viable may result in an agreement by rival clans to share authority for the facilities.
- Generations-long blood feuds could still erupt.

AP/Wm. J. Castello

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as the Architecture Cluster will close with the remodeling of that building, according to memo by Siler sent to all OUC staff. The Hayes-Healy cluster will disperse its IBM DTK computers and replace them entirely with Macintoshes.

The Nieuwland lab has a new look planned for it as well, though Siler stressed that the changes were not certain. He said that the Macintosh computers "will probably be moved out ... and Sparcstations will be installed, but we don't know how many, if it goes through."

The only lab to be untouched by the changes will be the LaFortune Lab, which Siler said had done well as the first group lab on campus. "Its use has been real good, and I think it has really helped out students in the School of Business, who have the most group projects." Accordingly, the LaFortune cluster will keep its group-priority rule next year, Siler said, and its IBM computers.

Malloy

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not be as simple as they may seem," Malloy said.

On the surface, the answers may be immediately apparent to some, however, there are more implications from the impact that may follow, according to Malloy.

"Policy formation is one of the trickiest things in modern University life," Malloy said.

When asked if the University, as a leader among institutions, needed to improve or change, Malloy responded that there was a need.

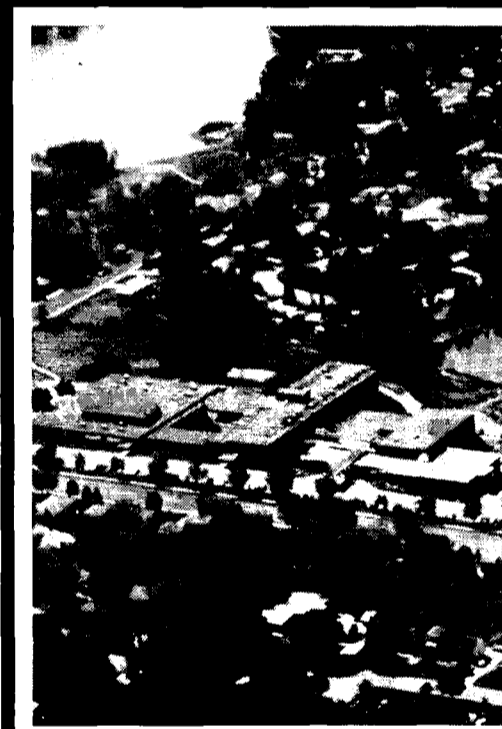
In addition to improving academics, he stated, "I would hope that Notre Dame will be a place where people could find themselves respected for who they are."

However, changing people's "hearts and minds" to accept this thinking is not easy, according to Malloy.

In response to a question from a member of the audience, who asked how he, as a

homosexual male, could have a "life partner" within the Catholic teaching, Malloy recommended reading his book "Homosexuality and the Christian Way of Life."

"The University should be a resource for both society and the Church best served by scholarly people which present as faithfully as possible the Catholic teaching," Malloy said.



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Forensic science can help prove human rights

By TIMOTHY GREEN
News Writer

Although the famous adage states that "dead men tell no tales," that phrase may have to be reconsidered in light of some modern advancements in forensic science.

Modern forensic examination can help to prove human rights abuses such as torture or execution through examination of both living and dead victims, according to Dr. Robert Kirschner, deputy medical examiner for Cook County, Illinois, who lectured yesterday on the topic at the Notre Dame Law School.

Dr. Kirschner is also the director of International Programs for the human rights group Physicians for Human Rights, an organization dedicated to documentation of human rights abuses through forensic evidence.

Kirschner said, "The premise in which all our work is

grounded is found in article five of the [United Nation's] Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states 'No one shall be subjected to torture, or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.' All that we do is based in that statement."

Kirschner said that his work began in 1984 in Argentina after the military dictators had been removed from power, and the new government pledged to investigate the disappearance of millions and to bring the killers to justice. Kirschner and other forensic and anthropological experts were called in to aid the project.

As Kirchner recounted, "We discovered mass graves all around Argentina and faced an immense task of identification. From that point our primary mission was established, concerned with identification of the bodies and providing evidence of cause and manner of death for future prosecution."

"We found that most of the people had died from execution-style killings, usually gunshot wounds to the head ... The skulls showed multiple shotgun pellet exit-wounds which were indicative of firing from extremely close range. There was also evidence of physical torture in some of the bones."

Since the Argentinian case, Kirschner has undertaken many similar investigations, mainly concentrated in Central and South American countries, but also including Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

Torture is one of the main offenses that Kirschner has investigated in his work. "Torture is a very real threat to human rights that is often forgotten in the modern world," he said. "Most torture occurs in countries where techniques of police investigation are not as advanced as they are in the United States. Therefore, in many third world countries torture is seen as an acceptable persuasive tool for criminal investigations."

Kirschner offered examples of cases in which he had personally been involved around the world, including the death of a political prisoner in communist Czechoslovakia and the torture and rape of citizens of Croatia and Bosnia in the former Yugoslavia.

Government-sanctioned executions are the other main offenses that Kirchner usually investigates, often running into problems with corruption on many levels. "When a government is killing its citizens, one cannot rely on the local authorities to perform honest autopsies," he said. "Therefore, we are often called

in by families or special interest groups to either witness or perform autopsies. Sometimes our job is simply to examine official autopsy reports and burial certificates for accuracy — we can uncover a lot of corruption and conspiracy from simple examinations of these documents."

One particular case of government-connected murder which Kirschner discussed was the infamous "El Mozote Massacre" in El Salvador, which occurred during the El Salvadoran Civil War in 1982 when government troops invaded the tiny mountain village of El Mozote and slaughtered the villagers. The sole survivor of the massacre was a woman who later related a horrific story of the events.

"The witness' testimony told that all of the children and a few adults were herded into a small hut," Kirschner said, "and each member of the battalion took turns firing into the hut. They then set the hut on fire and bulldozed dirt over the bodies."

Kirschner himself was part of the original forensic team which investigated the witness' story at the request of the UN Truth Commission. "At the site that she had described," he said, "we found 144 people, 137 of which were children of an average age of six, who had been killed together by automatic weapons. Some of the skeletal remains were charred and we also found burned fragments of the original structure. We proved everything that she had said through forensic and ballistic evidence, and were fortunately able to shed some light onto this mysterious and terrible event."

Kirschner also pointed out that he faces many difficulties and frustrations in his work. "In most countries, due to political or cultural factors," he said, "it is very unlikely to see justice served as a result of our investigations. If nothing else, we want to preserve the historical record and to prevent any revisionist history from taking place. It is becoming common in the aftermath of such events for some people to begin thinking that 'It never happened,' or that it would be best to simply forget about it. Personally, I don't think that it is ever a good thing to hide these truths from people."

It may become harder and harder these days to hide the truth, now that even the dead have begun to speak with the aid of Dr. Kirschner.

■ BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

A number of events were announced at last night's Board of Governance meeting at Saint Mary's.

•Notre Dame/Saint Mary's Relations night has been set for Wednesday, March 8 at 7:30p.m. in Haggard Parlor. Students are encouraged to join class officers from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's for this event.

•A conference of the National Association of Students at Catholic Colleges and Universities is being planned for the Spring. For more information, contact Emily Miller.

•Residence Hall Associations elections are this Friday in the Dining Hall. Students are encouraged to vote for hall officers.

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Mardi Gras is 'safe' despite two shootings

By MARY FOSTER
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS
With more than 300,000 visitors in town for Tuesday's raucous windup of Mardi Gras, city officials tried to reassure revelers Monday that the party is safe despite two shootings near parade routes.

Four people were wounded Sunday night during the Bacchus parade, whose grand marshal was TV star John Larroquette, and two were wounded in a shooting early last week.

Witnesses said Sunday's shooting was near Larroquette's float, and he climbed down from his throne as other riders ducked for cover.

Police blamed both recent shootings on private disputes.

"This incident was in no way related to Mardi Gras," Mayor Marc Morial said. "We expect Mardi Gras to be its usual rowdy but nonviolent self."

Police Superintendent Richard Pennington said 600 police were along the parade routes.

Officers confiscated 22 guns during the Bacchus parade.

Pennington said. There was one arrest in Sunday's shooting, none in the shooting last Tuesday.

Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday, falls on the day before Ash Wednesday and the start of 40 days of Lenten sobriety in this heavily Roman Catholic city. It wraps up 11 days of bawdy Carnival parties and parades.

This year's crowds appear bigger than ever despite the scattered violence, city officials said. Temperatures have been in the 70s.

Locals joining the tourists were expected to swell the

crowd to a peak of 1.2 million, Pennington said. Last year's crowd on Fat Tuesday was estimated at 1 million.

Morial used a time-honored New Orleans crowd measuring stick: "It appears as though the amount of garbage produced thus far is double that produced last year."

Tents, sleeping bags and lawn furniture lined the trolley tracks on St. Charles Avenue, the main parade route on Tuesday. Crowds in the narrow streets of the French Quarter have been shoulder-to-shoulder since Friday.

"There's some violence in general in any city," Morial said. "I've long been a proponent of reasonable gun control and I definitely think that would have helped here."

Some revelers were undaunted by Sunday's violence.

"No one around here was able to run by the time Bacchus got here," joked Bob Morris of Camden, NJ.

"The only thing we saw was a fight on Bourbon Street," said Robert Savage of Orangeburg, SC. "The cops stopped it in no time. They really did a good job."

Crash transcripts released

By ANTHONY JEWELL
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS
Newly released transcripts from the cockpit of a commuter plane that crashed into a field at more than 400 mph show the pilots uttered expletives just before the aircraft broke up in loud crunching sounds.

Transcripts of the cockpit voice recorder, released Monday before a four-day hearing by the National Transportation Safety Board, also show the pilots struggled for more than 30 seconds to regain control of American Eagle Flight 4184.

Investigators previously said the ATR-72 plane, which crashed Oct. 31, killing all 68 aboard, may have gone out of control because of ice on its wings.

Concern about the performance of the turboprop planes in icy weather prompted the Federal Aviation Administration to restrict their use after the crash, but that limit was dropped Jan. 12 provided pilots have special training in flying the planes in severe weather.

The transcripts show that less than two minutes before the plane began its nose-dive, a crew member said, "We still got ice."

Pilot Orlando Aguiar twice ordered his co-pilot, Jeffrey Gagliano, to "mellow it out," an apparent reference to correcting the sharp dive the plane took after rolling to the right and turning upside down.

The plane, which was waiting to land at O'Hare International Airport, was going more than 400 mph when it crashed near Roselawn, said Greg Feith, lead investigator for the NTSB.

The transcript is laced with expletives and the sounds of various alarms going off in the cockpit. Thirteen seconds before the tape ends, Aguiar says: "All right, man. OK, mellow it out."

NASA expects poor forecast for launch

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL
NASA began the countdown Monday for this week's space shuttle launch despite a dismal weather forecast.

Meteorologists expect only a 20 percent chance of favorable conditions for Thursday's scheduled Endeavour liftoff because of a cold front headed towards Florida. Thunderstorms and hail are also in the forecast.

The front should be through the area by Friday, when the

odds of good launch weather improve to 80 percent.

Mission managers will review updated weather forecasts Tuesday and again Wednesday before deciding whether to fuel Endeavour for Thursday's 1:37 a.m. EST launch attempt, officials said.

The astronomy mission, at 15 1/2 days, is the longest shuttle flight planned by NASA. Four scientists will take turns operating three ultraviolet telescopes aboard; the three other crew members will tend to the shuttle.

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John Bransford is Centennial Professor of Psychology and Co-Director of the Learning Technology Center in Vanderbilt University's Peabody College. Dr. Bransford's research has focused primarily on the nature of thinking and learning and their facilitation, emphasizing the use of technology to enhance thinking. He has applied research through school-based projects, including a series now used in over 45 states. Dr. Bransford publishes extensively in psychology and education. He took his Ph.D. in psychology at the University of Minnesota.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pro-choice equates to passivity

Dear Editor:

In response to Kerry Mulvaney's letter of last Friday I must first offer my thanks for dispelling any doubts I might have had concerning the meaning of "pro-choice," and then express my whole-hearted agreement with her position. I agree that in defining oneself as pro-choice it means that one is "in favor of allowing each woman the constitutional right to decide for herself what she considers to be morally consistent with her beliefs."

However, in the spirit of the gender inclusive society in which we live, I would like to extend her definition to include men as well as women. I am in favor of allowing each man and woman the constitutional right to decide for themselves what they consider to be moral.

I have my own moral standards to which I hold myself ac-

countable, but what right have I to hold others accountable to my own sense of morality? What right do I have to tell others that they may not hold opinions that conflict with mine? I personally would never consent to driving my car and two children strapped safely in the back seat into a lake, but I do not think I should force others with differing opinions to conform with mine.

I believe that the abuse of a child by his or her parent is repugnant and savage, but that is only my opinion. I would never leave my new born baby in a garbage can down some alleyway on a cold winter night, but there are those, of course, who would disagree with my opinion that this is morally outrageous.

Should I force my concept of morality on all others? No! I should do what Ms. Mulvaney

would have me do: I should simply live my life abiding by my personal standards." I should mind my own business.

I should mind my own business... I should not make an effort to combat injustice, to cry out against what I believe to be wrong. No! I should shy away from the face of injustice, allow others to nurture it while I keep to myself and live complacently in the knowledge that while living children both born and unborn are being killed, both legally and illegally, at least I am not the one practicing it. This is what pro-choice means to me, one who would never approve of an abortion but one who does not want to infringe upon the right of other people to have them.

EDWARD CASPAR
 Sophomore
 Dillon Hall

Policy projects prejudice

Dear Editor:

I've just finished reading the article in the Chicago Tribune (Feb. 2) regarding Notre Dame not recognizing the student organization for gays and lesbians, and therefore not allowing these students to use university facilities for their meetings. It truly saddens me that my alma mater continues to act in this way. My hope is that Notre Dame would not tolerate discrimination against homosexuals. Instead, the administration not only tolerates discrimination, but actively projects this discrimination by these actions.

I would hope that the administration would start to respond to these issues by reversing its past policy and recognizing the gay and lesbian organization. I strongly support the students' challenge to all university policies, written or otherwise, which discriminate against homosexuality. The best outcome from the publicity surrounding these policies would be to promote reevaluation and real change in these attitudes. I commend the students who are working hard toward this goal.

I ask myself why am I now writing a letter of this kind for the first time ever? It is because I now know how very destructive these policies are, both personally and socially, and how far the implications of such policies extend beyond the immediate circumstances. Simply recognizing this student group would be an important step and one that is long overdue.

THOMAS HANSEN, M.D.
 Notre Dame '75

Administrative decision not suggestive of homophobia

Dear Editor:

I wonder if there is any other university, or indeed any other institution on the face of the earth, where people are as skilled as they are at Notre Dame in organizing utterly vapid panel discussions, where typically four speakers get together and say the same thing with great self-righteousness and then congratulate each other on their good sense.

I have long since quit going to such panel discussions and so I have no first-hand knowledge of the one recently held by the Gender Studies Program, but if the report I read in The Observer is at all accurate, it sank to new lows of intellectual bankruptcy.

The title of the discussion was "Homophobia and Education." Homophobia seems to be defined as both a psychological disorder, that is a

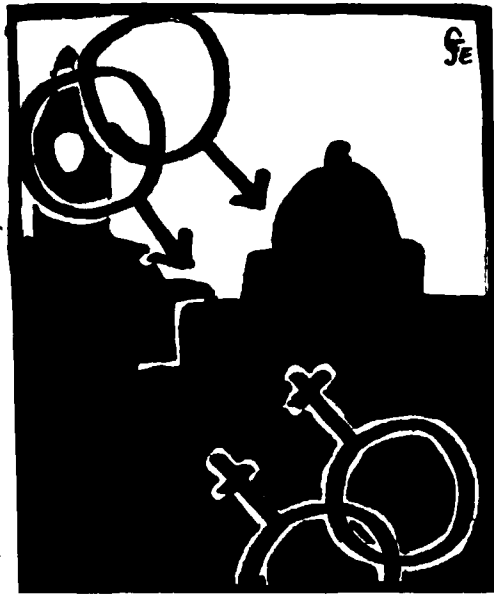
sickness, and a culpable moral evil, a depravity. Not surprisingly, none of the four panelists were reported to have had anything good to say about homophobia. The discussion was not, however, held in a vacuum, but in the context of the controversy about a recent administration decision, which several, if not all of the panelists, went on to condemn. There seems to be an implication, nowhere contradicted in The Observer report, that the administration decision had something to do with homophobia.

It is the most despicable form of argumentation to label your opponents sick and depraved and evil and then spend your time proclaiming that you are opposed to sickness, depravity, and evil. There is absolutely no evidence, nor was the presentation of any purported evidence recounted in The Observer, that the administration decision has anything

to do with homophobia. The administration's decision, as I understand it, can with some claim to logic be based on the long-held conviction in many religious traditions that homosexual activity is objectively sinful. To suggest that this conviction can only spring from homophobia is a profoundly insensitive insult and a massive and arrogant begging of the question. It is a method of debate unworthy of the crudest yahoo, much less purported intellectuals.

If the panel had been organized with any attention to the most rudimentary canons of fairness, surely this point would have been made with enough force to have found its way into The Observer report.

JAMES RAKOWSKI
 Associate Professor
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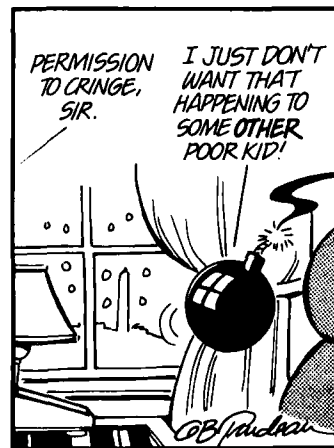
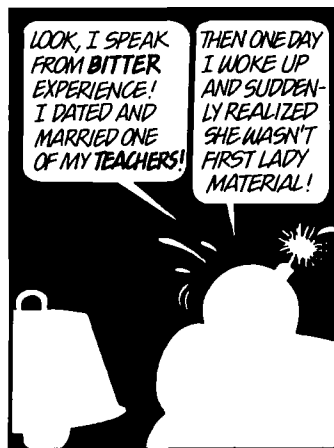
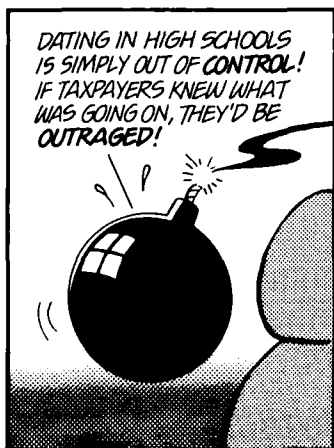
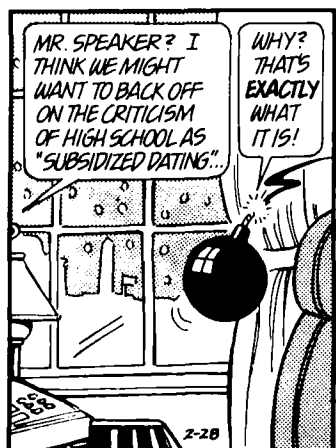


GARRY TRUDEAU

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Liberal institutions straightaway cease from being liberal the moment they are soundly established: once this is attained no more grievous and more thorough enemies of freedom exist than liberal institutions."

—Fredrich Nietzsche



Poetry and oysters: A winning combination

SMC Professor brings his powerful poetry to New Madison Oyster Bar

The Door to the River
Max Westler

A black-and-white reproduction
Of a painting by Willem
De Kooning I tore from a book
One study hall. I can't recall why
I committed that first, dim act
Of vandalism, even less why I
Taped it to the wall opposite
My bed where I lay half the night
Watching those aqueous shapes.

Years later the adult I always
Feared I'd become turned a corner
In a museum and there it hung—
The thing itself. Clear at once
How little justice my stolen copy
Had done the original. Those streaks
And smears formed their own geographies—
Brilliant precincts of color,
Not chalky black and white. Besides,
I'd somehow got it wrong, spent
My entire adolescence contemplating
An image upside-down. But still

The sight was enough to transport me back
To the self I'd been, the one who could
Imagine with such vividness the artist
In his studio, the chaos of squeezed-out
Tubes and brushes that to him signified
All that was right and true. On the canvas
He'd just completed (you could breathe in
The zing of still-wet paint) the person
He was meant to become was shyly,
Painstakingly trying to step through.

By LESLIE FIELD
Accent Writer

Has your mind ever wandered during mass? If it has, it's alright because it could indicate great creative ability and perhaps even a touch of genius. Just ask Max Westler.

Westler, a Saint Mary's Professor of English, first discovered that he was born to be a poet during a Christmas eve mass. While the rest of the congregation was religiously singing "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," Westler had his mind on "The Little Danish Pastry Shop." Westler had recently paid a visit to this apparently unforgettable pastry shop and just couldn't get those hot cross buns and sweet aromas off his mind. So he wrote a poem about it.

From that Christmas Eve night sprung a passion which has remained with Westler to this day. As this passion has grown, Westler's poems have simultaneously matured. He has had his work published in numerous literary journals including an anthology, Hayden's Ferry Review and Minnesota Review.

Westler's poems encompass a variety of areas ranging from the politics of the 1960's to self discovery. "You work with what you and I can do—just start with a group of words that have a rhythm."

Westler acknowledges that writers want to emulate the poets they love, which often provides them with an initial sense of direction and style preference. But according to Westler, the poem often takes its own course: "The words have a kind of pulse—it's too hard to have an idea—you have to have a definite sense of voice."

People have strong opinions of how poetry should be defined. But with the combination of the broad range of styles and the individualistic approach which poets are expected to incorporate, attempting to label, categorize, and define poetry seems counterproductive.

"I feel each poem should have its own voice—some informal and some formal. You work on a poem for a while and the poem takes its own direction," says Westler.

Poetry is a valuable medium in part because it reflects nearly every aspect of life. The things we do and the decisions we make, like poetry, frequently take their own directions. Westler believes in the value of poetry as a mirror of life and instills this belief in his students.

Cara Calcagno, a sophomore in Westler's English 109W class last

'I feel each poem should have its own voice—some informal and some formal.'

—Max Westler

semester, says of the poet, "He is a very smart and dedicated man. He believes in his students and makes them feel that they can write and write well. He really defines the word educator."

Westler has been a member of the Saint Mary's English department for 20 years and has served as the faculty advisor for the Chime's Literary book since his arrival.

Through his personal commitment to the students of Saint Mary's as well as through his dedication to writing, Westler has significantly contributed to the continued success of the English department and its students, and continues to contribute to the greater world of writing.

But poetry, like so many things in life, does not come easily, even for the naturally talented. Says Westler, "Of every 25 things you might take notes on, maybe you will spend time

on one and actually have something to show for it."

The painstaking nature of this creative process does have its rewards, however, and often leads to a superior finished product. Take, for example, Westler's poem "The Door to the River." This published work deservedly made it out of the notes and possibilities pile and became a recognized work with a definite voice of its own.

In this poem, Westler takes the simple activity of study hall and transforms it into a poem "...about falling in love with abstract and avant garde art. It's about how you move towards the person you become without even knowing it. You love something and you don't even know why."

Westler's poems range from poems such as this to poems about the politics of yesterday and today. A powerful example of this is Karl Marx and Hell, which Westler describes as a poem "about people from the 60's trying to survive twelve years of Reaganomics." Regardless of their subject matter, Westler's poems always seem to leave a dramatic impact on readers.

Following the lead of several other Saint Mary's professors, Westler will be reading some of his poetry at the Oyster Bar. According to Westler, "It is a wonderful forum for writers to share their work." The Oyster Bar's open microphone encourages performances of all types, providing an excellent opportunity for people to demonstrate their artistic abilities.

Stop by and listen to some of these amazing poems. And if you have a work that you would like to share, feel free to share it with one and all! And the next time you are in mass and your mind wanders, consider it an opportunity to create. Who knows...you just might be the next Poe or Dickinson.

Bar offers unique social experience

By KATHLEEN KYLE
Accent Writer

What do bars, blues and books have in common? You guessed it...the New Madison Oyster Bar and you. Located just off of Niles Avenue (about 2 blocks from Corby's), the New Madison Oyster Bar offers a variety of options for bar-goers. The Oyster Bar not only has a spacious entertainment bar that provides live music ranging from blues to jazz to reggae, it also has a second bar that has regular music for the more active crowd.

An excellent blues band provided the entertainment



The Observer/Eric Ruethling

last Friday night and although the music was great, the entertainment bar was lacking something aesthetically. With the exception of a few oriental rugs hung haphazardly around the room, the walls of the entertainment bar are bare, painted bricks, while the ceiling is constructed of exposed metal rafters.

Dominated by a stage set up in the corner on a slightly raised platform, the entertainment room also features a dance floor, located in front of the stage; however, on Friday night, there was a noticeable lack of dancers.

Ample seating is available at the numerous tables arranged around the stage in addition to seating at the bar itself. There is even a pool table located a separate room with a great view of the stage. The overall atmosphere of the bar is not unlike watching a band in somebody's basement.

A sizeable crowd filled the tables on Friday, but the majority of these people were definitely not college-aged. The bar appeared to be very popular with young professionals and a noticeably older crowd. As a local, I was almost tempted to scan the crowd for either one of my aunts and uncles or one of my friend's parents.

Needless to say, as a student one might feel out of place in such a crowd, as there were no more than three other college-aged people in both of the bars.

The action in the second bar was a bit livelier, in which people could be found dancing, socializing, and playing darts. While the bar itself was slightly more stimulating, the crowd was basically the same as the staid crowd in the entertainment room.

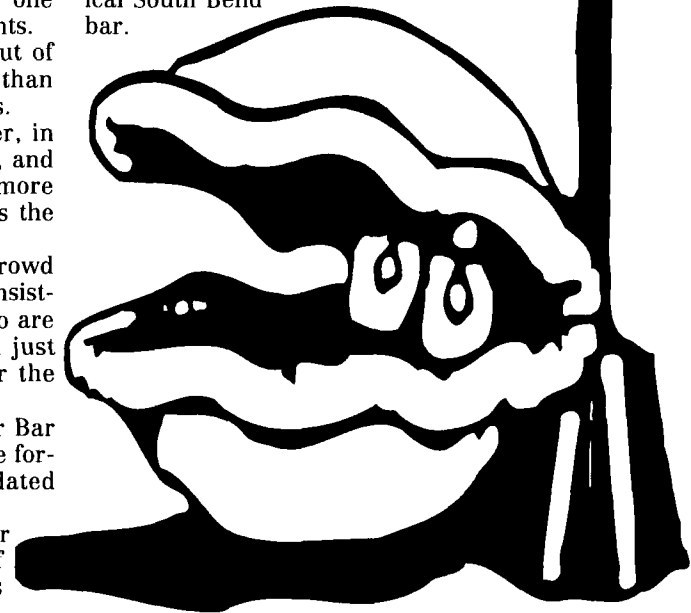
An Oyster Bar regular noted that the typical crowd at the bar is generally fairly mixed, normally consisting of a lot of young professionals, executives who are visiting town and staying at the Residence Inn just down the street, people who just come to hear the music, and college students.

This patron also observed that since the Oyster Bar relocated last August, business has increased. The former location, although more intimate, accommodated fewer people than the New Madison Oyster Bar.

One can't go wrong with the food at the Oyster Bar, which boasts a varied menu consisting of seafood, sandwiches and appetizers. All soups

served are homemade, a fact which should warm the hearts and stomachs of hungry college students tired of dining hall fare. Another culinary attraction is the fact that the kitchen stays open until midnight, which is late for South Bend. The Oyster Bar does not offer any weekend drink specials.

While the New Madison Oyster Bar does not compare to any blues bar one might find in New Orleans, and while some may prefer the more "intimate" atmosphere of such tried and true drinking establishments as the Linebacker, the New Madison Oyster Bar does provide an alternative. If you are tired of the same old hot and crowded bars, the New Madison Oyster could be what you are looking for: a good place to go to listen to some excellent music, hang out with friends, and relax in a more soothing atmosphere than your typical South Bend bar.



■ HELPING HANDS

El Buen Vecino helping Hispanic families

By ASHLEIGH THOMPSON
Accent Writer

To someone who has never taken a Spanish class, the words "El Buen Vecino" hold little meaning. Those who have knowledge of Spanish know that these words translate as "The Good Neighbor." However, for members of the South Bend Hispanic community, these words mean much more. For some members of this community, it is their only means to become self-sufficient in a foreign culture.

Established in January 1992 by Sara Haber, El Buen Vecino is a non-profit organization that serves as a support service for members of the South Bend community. Haber, who is originally from Cuba, felt there was a pressing need, particularly in the Hispanic community, for assistance programs focusing on such concerns as parenting, home management, GED and language classes, and health issues.

Although in its mission statement the group specifically pledges to assist low-income Hispanic families, El Buen Vecino will help anyone who comes to the center. Their philosophy advocates independence through education and employment instead of reliance on government assistance. Integral to this mission is teaching self-esteem and self-respect to families who need guidance in their transition from a culture that differs greatly from that of South Bend.

Counseling is one of the most important components of El Buen Vecino, since immigrants frequently face a cultural environment filled with prejudice and unfair stereotypes.

Notre Dame professor Silvia Rojas-Anadón is a strong supporter of student involvement in El Buen Vecino. While she does not require participation from students in her Spanish classes, Professor Rojas-Anadón does encourage participation because she believes that the best way for students to truly understand the Hispanic culture and its problems is to witness them firsthand.

The organization's projected goal for 1994 was to help fifty families, working with a budget of \$10,000. Campus participation in El Buen Vecino is coordinated through CASH, Community Alliance to Serve



Hispanic Americans meet to discuss achieving self-sufficiency. Photo courtesy of El Buen Vecino

Hispanics. Elizabeth Jordan, vice-president of CASH, oversees student involvement in one of El Buen Vecino's programs, Edutra. A combination of the Spanish words for education and work, the Edutra program consists of groups of three students who visit a Spanish-speaking household for an hour once a week and provide the family with whatever instruction the students feel will be of assistance.

Typical situations Edutra volunteers encounter include teaching parents to speak and read homework, or helping children with homework. Jordan, a senior Spanish and Government major, thinks this informal, in-the-home setting is extremely effective because many residents lack the transportation to take advantage of other programs offered in South Bend.

"I wanted to be part of a community that has a real presence in South Bend. It's a great way to get involved in the South Bend community with a sector that really needs it. The families are excited about it and these relationships are a really neat part of volunteering," Jordan commented. Approximately 25 Notre Dame students participate in Edutra, although additional volunteers are always needed.

Another new program for Hispanic students is Viva La Juventud. A youth group under the direction of coordinator Jaqui Julius, Viva La Juventud allows young Hispanic students to voice their concerns and face their problems and challenges together. El

Buen Vecino is currently concentrating on fund raising for this program.

While Hispanics currently comprise less than five percent of the St. Joseph County population, this population is rapidly expanding. The number of Hispanics in the county increased by more than 93% between 1980 and 1990 and the median age of this growing group is only 21.

The future of South Bend depends on the assurance that this large number of Hispanic youth will receive the assistance and language training they need; unfortunately, the public school system cannot always accommodate this demand. For this reason, Haber and Rojas-Anadón, among others, believe that the Notre Dame student body is a perfect resource to tap.

Senior Allyson Hardin has truly enjoyed her participation in Edutra. Prior to her involvement, Hardin was unaware of the growing number of Hispanics residing in South Bend, and as a result of her involvement, she appreciates the importance of Edutra as a source of family support. To continue her participation with El Buen Vecino, Hardin now works as a secretary in the organization's office.

El Buen Vecino is trying to expand to accommodate the growing needs of the South Bend community, so volunteers are always welcome. Anyone wishing to contact the center can do so through CASH or directly at:

El Buen Vecino Inc.
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■ MEDICAL MINUTE

Our parents meant well, but they were wrong

By RYAN GRABOW
N.R.E.M.T.

Over the years, our parents have informed us of countless medical "facts." From avoiding a cold to protecting our eyes, no matter what the topic, mom and dad always seemed to have the answers. Unfortunately, much of this medical advice we brought with us to college simply isn't true. Here are a few corrections to some old-time medical myths:

Chewing gum won't stick to your stomach

Chewing gum is nothing more than an insoluble plant fiber (gum) with added sweeteners. Just like the fiber in popcorn, celery, or the wheat bran you had for breakfast, gum passes intact through your digestive tract. So don't worry about that gum you swallowed on a dare in fifth grade. It's long gone by now.

Chocolate does not cause acne

Acne is linked to an increase in the production of the hormone testosterone, not to your diet. When hormone levels increase during puberty, the oil glands in your skin step up production, leading to blocked, irritated glands - aka "acne." After puberty, your hormone production levels out, but as we all know, a combination of oil production and poor hygiene may still lead to white heads, blackheads, and persistent pimples. Neither chocolate nor any other food can be linked to this "teenage torment." If you are allergic to a specific food and already suffer from acne, it may trigger a rash and make your existing facial condition even worse. So don't worry about giving up Hershey's Kisses, just remember to wash your face.

Reading in poor light won't harm your eyes

I'm sure it is a surprise to most of you, but reading in poorly lit rooms causes no damage whatsoever to your eyesight. The poor lighting will, however, make it more difficult for your eyes to focus on the page, thus causing them to work harder and make them ache. I am sure all of us who read comics under the covers by flashlight are relieved to hear that.

Going outside with wet hair, not wearing a hat, getting your feet wet, and cold weather in general do not cause a cold

Colds are caused by cold viruses, not by the cold. The reason colds seem to flourish during this time of the year is related in part to the fact that most people spend more time indoors in close contact with others. The viruses responsible for a cold (over 250 viruses in all) are transmitted via one's hands. Shaking hands with a cold sufferer or simply touching a door knob or picking up a phone recently used by someone with a cold may be enough to infect your system if you touch your nose or eyes (primary entry sights) soon afterwards. Dry nasal passages also contribute to the prevalence of colds. Nasal mucus helps "wash away" cold viruses before they can make camp in your nose. Bottom Line: To avoid a cold it's more important to stay clean, than to stay warm.

A message to my readers: Medical Minute is intended to address common health topics pertinent to the lives of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students. Its purpose is to present useful medical information to you, my fellow students, in an entertaining, informative, and non-judgmental format. Starting with my next column, I will be answering your health questions. If you have a medical question you would like answered, please e-mail your request to (Ryan.J.Grabow.1@nd.edu), call me at 4x3267, or send your questions via campus mail to Ryan Grabow 209 Keenan Hall. In addition, I will be a guest on Miranda's "Traces of Camus" Thursday, March 2nd from 7:30 to 9:30pm on WVFI 640AM. I will be taking your calls on the air, in addition to discussing a variety of topics including alcohol use, birth control, and sexually transmitted diseases. I thank you all for your continued interest in my column and hope you tune in next Thursday.

Surreal 'Reckless' overwhelmingly interesting

By MELANIE LAFLIN
Assistant Accent Editor

"Reckless" ... it's sort of a black comedy with bite that tickles you too. With all parts intertwined it's jumbled in a cool way," says Mark Poisella about the upcoming Cavanaugh Player's new play, "Reckless." Poisella plays Lloyd, one of the leading male roles in the play, along with Chuck Walczak as Tom and Sue Mignanelli as Rachel.

"Reckless," a play written by Craig Lucas. Members of the 'Reckless' cast prepare for this week's performances.

"Prelude to a Kiss," captivates the audience with a series of twists and turns. Wonderful husband Tom takes out a contract on his wife Rachel's life as she leaps out a window, escapes, goes through therapy, meets her new friend Lloyd at a gas station, lives with him and his paraplegic deaf wife Pooty, and encounters many new struggles and adventures until...

"Reckless" director Stacey Stewart, a senior theater major who is currently taking a directing class here at Notre Dame, has been in various plays as an actress in "Waiting for Godot," "Uncommon Women," and "The Bacchae," as well as being a stage manager. "I'm really excited about the forthcoming performances. The play deals with a woman who is trying to discover who she is in such a reckless society and bizarre world," states Stewart.



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Cheryl Hahn, the play's producer, has been working around the clock to get everything done, especially since the change of Cavanaugh to a female dorm complicated arrangements for this year's performance. "The play preparation and practice has gone very well, especially since we didn't have a lot of time. We wanted to continue the tradition of the Cavanaugh players, and the cast has been great. With around seventeen players, we've gotten much of the dorm involved, as well as former Cavanaugh men," says Hahn.

Cort Peters, a former Cavanaugh player, plays a game show host in "Reckless." According to Peters, the play is "surreal and tends to jump, so you really have to pay attention." The game show seems to be a pinnacle of the play. "Watch for the game show, it's killer. It's like a drug trip, then total calmness," says Poisella.

With guilt complexes, poisoned champagne, embezzlement, death, psychiatrists, and tender moments, "Reckless" proves to be an overwhelmingly interesting play. In the words of Poisella, "this bizarre play is coming together from all different directions. It's like dirty laundry or splattered lasagna." So check it out at Washington Hall this Tuesday and Wednesday at 8 P.M. and get reckless.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Friars upset Big East rival UConn

By FRANK BAKER
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. Troy Brown matched his career-high with 21 points and Michael Brown added 16, including the game-clinching foul shot, and Providence beat No. 4 Connecticut 72-70 Monday night.

The loss denied the Huskies their second straight Big East regular-season title. They can still clinch it with a victory Saturday night at Miami or if Villanova loses one of its last two games.

Providence (14-11, 6-11 Big East) saw a 13-point second-half lead cut to 71-68 with 46 seconds left. Connecticut (22-3, 15-2) forced a turnover, committed a turnover, then got the ball back on a traveling call with 26 seconds left.

The Huskies worked the ball around until Donny Marshall, who sat out most of the first half with foul trouble and was benched for most of the second half, let go an air ball 3-pointer.

Michael Brown was fouled on the rebound and made a foul shot to seal the victory.

Doron Sheffer's layup at the buzzer cut the deficit to 72-70.

Sheffer led Connecticut with 21 points, while Ray Allen had 19, 13 in the second half.

Eric Williams scored 14 points for Providence.

After hitting the first basket of the game — a 3-pointer — Marshall, Connecticut's second-leading scorer, spent all but five minutes of the first half on the bench. He then played just five minutes in the second half.

After trading baskets for much of the first 10 minutes, the Huskies took a 22-19 lead on an alley-oop dunk by Allen with 8:32 remaining.

Providence went on a 19-6 run to take a lead it never relinquished.

Austin Croshere gave the Friars a 23-22 lead on a follow, then Troy Brown hit a jumper, Jason Murdock made a steal and layup and Troy Brown hit a

reverse layup following another steal to put Providence up 29-22.

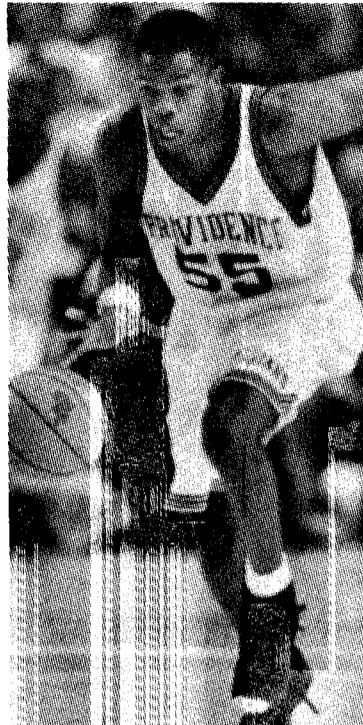


Photo Courtesy of The Big East
Eric Williams scored 14 as Providence upset #4 Connecticut.

NFL

Rumors run wild about Montana's retirement

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. Kansas City quarterback Joe Montana plans to retire before the NFL draft in April because he doesn't think the Chiefs have a chance to win the Super Bowl, the San Jose Mercury News reported.

In Sunday's editions, the newspaper quoted sources as saying the four-time Super Bowl winner with the San Francisco 49ers is calling it quits "because he knows Kansas City isn't going to the Super Bowl. But (Chiefs president) Carl Peterson apparently doesn't want that to be used as an excuse for Joe retiring."

"He's going to retire — whether he uses the knee as an excuse or not is Joe's right," one source told the newspaper.

Previously, the Contra Costa Times reported that Montana had scheduled knee surgery

last week that would force him to retire. The surgery was not performed, although Mercury News sources told the paper it is scheduled later this year.

The Chiefs vehemently denied Montana was planning surgery or retirement.

"These stories are planted by somebody," Chiefs spokesman Bob Moore told The Associated Press. "As to why, I have no idea. Somebody has their own agenda."

"I'm getting kind of tired of it because it's every week. It's always some source, then it's another source. Who the hell their sources are I have no idea."

Montana was traded to the Chiefs in 1993. He missed five games that season due to injuries, but was healthy for most of last season, which ended with a playoff loss to the Miami Dolphins.

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.....ok my bookworm friends— I am afraid the time has come to allow the shame to go public. It has been quite an experience, and I will say that for being on a literary festival committee, we have been rather PROLIFIC, what with our odes of rhyming couplets to chair-persons, letters to the editor, nine page itineraries and now the TOP TEN QUOTES FROM THE SOPHOMORE LITERARY FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

(not in any particular order, or degree of shame) —It's ok! We shouldn't feel guilty. There's NO flesh bond! —uh oh. The security guard is standing there waiting for me to whip it out! —Oh my God! You don't understand! I've just have all the my life's questions answered! —Excuse me, Ma'am. Ma'am? Are you Miss Sharon Olds? —SLF— I tell you; it's a natural aphrodisiac! —"It took patience and trust, and a wee bit of lust..." — She's way too flexible! I can't handle it!! —Ted! Please! Let me pass out like the saint that I am! —Don't you remember last night? I touched your vein. — Boy was Shauna out of control! She was doing body shots without the salt, lemon, OR tequila! now let's not be strangers, and stay tuned for the final , UNINHIBITED dead poet's society gathering.

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4) Did they think we were stopping at the gas station to have sex with them?
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Everywhere you look...it's murder
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Oh, Mr. Denim Shirt Pitcher Man !!

You were a little preoccupied with your steady, weren't ya, birth control?

Congrats Schwartz, Hammonds, Loftus, Purtell !! Good Luck :)

T minus 9 days until fun in the sun!

Fencers

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five weapons, winning each of the weapons without the loss of a single match.

"With the exception of our two losses that the men's team suffered during the year," men's head coach Mike DeCicco said, "the results of our last weekend of dual meet action and this post season tournament, this team appears to be a repeat of the 1994 team."

The men's foil, epee, and sabre squads each finished 12-0, while women's epee posted a 11-0 mark. Women's foil rounded out the sweep with a 10-0 record.

"I think the team is coming

together," DeCicco added. "And the captains are mostly responsible for that."

Epee captain Rakesh Patel added 19 wins, including 10 on Saturday, and foil captain Stan Brunner finished 24-1 during the two-day competition. Sabre captain Chris Hajnik also continued his outstanding fencing from two weeks ago at Duke.

Then there's the women's captains who continue to be among the nation's elite. Between foil captain Maria Panyi and epee captain Claudette de Bruin, just one bout was lost. Panyi went an amazing 33-0 during the weekend, while de Bruin dominated with a 20-1 mark.

"We are upbeat now and the key is to keep that up for the

NCAA's," women's head coach Yves Auriol said.

One of the top matches of the day came as the women's foil team faced Ohio State in one of their toughest tests of their unbeaten year. The Buckeyes boasted two top foilists who defeated the rest of the team except Panyi.

"When Maria went on the strip, she was like a different fencer," Auriol added. "She was not going out there to lose."

And she didn't.

By downing both of the top fencers, the Irish went on to win in foil 10-6 and continue their undefeated year.

"That was an important match due to the level of the competition," Panyi said.

Other top performers this weekend included sophomore Jeremy Siek who chipped in 21 wins and sabreman Bill Lester who was an incredible 15-0 on Saturday. Freshman Brian Stone led the Irish epeeists by going 13-1 on Saturday.

In epee, sophomore Maria Thieneman was 10-0 on the first day, while Colleen Smerek notched nine wins.

Notre Dame now travels to Appleton next weekend to compete at the NCAA Midwest Regional Qualifiers.

■ TRACK

Track teams take Alex Wilson Invitational

By J.R. MELORO
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's and women's track teams proved that they can run, jump, throw, and otherwise compete with the best in the country on Saturday at the Alex Wilson Invitational. Though the meet was not scored, Irish athletes picked up points in 22 of the 32 events contested. This is quite a feat considering that nearly every event was marked by top-caliber competition.

On the men's side, Allen Rossum continued his rampage in the sprints, this time winning the 55m dash in 6.24. Rossum is nationally-ranked in this event and will compete in the NCAA Championships on March 11-12.

Also winning again was Brian Headrick, who took the high jump with a 6-10 mark. Dan Grenough had another solid day in the pole vault (16-4.75) and Brian McQuaid had a personal-best 48.78 in the 400m. But the most excitement of the day was centered around the

distance medley squad of co-captain Joe Curran, Danny Payton, Joe Royer and Jeff Hojnacki. After going stride-for-stride with Arizona, including Royer's gutsy 3-quarter leg, the Irish fell to 2nd and just missed provisionally qualifying for the NCAA's.

The Irish ladies were once again sparked by Allison Howard and Erica Peterson. This time it was Howard winning the 400m (56.05) and Peterson a close second in the 800m (2:10.40). The mile had Irish written all over it, with a 2-3-4 finish from Amy Siegel, Emily Husted and Kristen Dudas. Siegel broke her second school record in as many meets, this time with a 4:55.32 finish.

The meet was concluded in a flurry of blue and gold as the Irish men's and women's mile relay teams took home victories in 3:16.85 and 3:50.80, respectively. Next weekend, the men send a strong squad of qualifiers to the IC4A Championships at Princeton.

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■ SWIMMING

Records fall to Irish swimmers in MCC

By BETSY BAKER
Sports Writer

Records were shattered all over Rofls Aquatic Center last weekend as the Notre Dame women's swimming team continued its record-breaking season with its eighth consecutive, and final, Midwestern Collegiate Conference Championship title.

Seven of the Irish swimmers combined to set 15 meet records, two pool records, three NCAA qualifying times, and a sweep of the conference awards. Junior Jesslyn Peterson, who set six meet records in the 200 Individual Medley, 400 Individual Medley, 200 Breaststroke, and as a member in the 400 Freestyle, 800 Freestyle, and 400 Medley relays, was chosen as the MCC Outstanding Swimmer for the 1994-95 season.

Freshman sensation Shelley Hotchkiss set five meet records and one pool record in the 200 Freestyle, 500 Freestyle, 1,650 Freestyle, and as a member of the 400 and 800 Freestyle Relays and was also named MCC Newcomer of the Year. Another important accomplishment of Hotchkiss was her achievement of NCAA consideration times in the 500 and 1,650 Freestyle events.

"Both Jesslyn and Shelley set three individual meet records and received NCAA consideration," said Irish Head Coach Tim Welsh. "They have been consistent for us all year and it really showed last weekend."

In addition to Hotchkiss, the Irish youth, in their first and last year with the MCC, made their mark known. Freshmen Lauren Relay won both butterfly events and was a member of the 400 Freestyle Relay, all events in which the Irish set meet records. Fellow classmate Courtney South also swept the backstroke events with meet records, leaving the only event that the Irish didn't win the 100 breaststroke.

"All year, we talked about how important it would be to do well in our last MCC performance," said Welsh.

"It was by far our best meet of the season. We were the definition of strength throughout the conference. This could be the strongest team we've ever seen."

The women's team led all three days of competition and eventually won by over a 130 point deficit.

The Irish men's team did not have the record-breaking performance that the women had, but did have its strongest performance of the season. Despite placing third behind three-time MCC champion, La Salle, and Wright State, the men's team put up a good fight and produced some very strong performances.

The men's performance was highlighted by sophomore Ry Beville's meet record in the 200 butterfly. Senior Kevin Scott, sophomore Matt Rose, and freshman Ron Royer marked impressive times for the Irish.

"If you look at the times, we had an excellent championship performance," said Welsh. "It was in no way disappointing for us."

Coach Welsh commends not only his team's performance, but also its improvement throughout the season.

"We've improved a great deal since Christmas," said Welsh. "The freshman have played a strong role and the upperclassmen have remained consistent."

Welsh was also honored last weekend as he was named the MCC Coach of the Year, an especially significant honor considering it is the last year in the MCC, as the Irish will move to the Big East next year. He remains humble in his reception of the award, giving credit to his team.

"We get those awards, but the team earns them."

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■ MEN'S TENNIS

Irish tumble to TCU, top Jayhawks

By B. J. HOOD
Sports Writer

Following the Notre Dame men's tennis team loss to top ranked Stanford on Thursday, at least the Irish knew they wouldn't have to play the number one team in the nation on Friday.

They would have to play the number eight team in the nation.

Amidst a season where the top twenty-five and Notre Dame's schedule can be used interchangeably, the Irish struggled once again in a 6-1 loss to Texas Christian on Friday.

Mike Sprouse was Notre Dame's only winner on the day, posting a 6-1, 6-4 victory over Stefan Figley. Ryan Simme was defeated at number one singles 6-2, 7-6 (6) by Paul Robinson.

Texas Christian's Jason Weir-Smith defeated Jason Pun 6-4, 6-2 at number three singles, David Roditi defeated Jakub Pietrowski 6-4, 6-4 at number four singles, Ashley Fisher bested Steve Flanigan 6-4, 6-4 at number five, and Andres Urencio beat Ron Mencias 7-5, 4-6, 6-1 at number six.

Texas Christian won both matches in doubles competition. The team of Robinson and Roditi defeated Pun and Sprouse 8-6, and Fisher and Weir-Smith defeated the tandem of John Jay O'Brien and Simme 8-2.

In Notre Dame's final match

on Saturday, they clashed with twenty-fourth ranked Kentucky. Kentucky was victorious in the February 16th matchup of the two teams, but Notre Dame had revenge on Saturday, along with a much needed boost of confidence.

"I thought we played all right overall," Ryan Simme said. Just about everybody played pretty well against Kentucky."

Notre Dame won three singles matches and the doubles point for the 4-3 victory. Simme defeated Jason Thompson 7-5, 6-3 at number one singles. Simme had lost on both Thursday and Friday.

"I had been struggling lately, but I played well the first and second matches that I lost (in Louisville), and the third match I won," Simme said. "Maybe playing well the first two matches helped me to win the third one."

At number two singles, Kentucky's Ludvig Sundin was victorious over Mike Sprouse 6-

3, 6-3; Cedric Kauffmann of the Wildcats defeated Jason Pun 7-5, 6-1 at number three singles; Marcus Fluitt of Kentucky prevailed at number four singles over Jakub Pietrowski 6-4, 6-4; Notre Dame's Steve Flanigan defeated Ford Lankford 6-1, 6-2 at number five singles; Ron Mencias topped Kentucky's Dan Spaner at number six 6-2, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (4).

The team of Pun and Sprouse defeated Lankford and Thompson 9-7, Flanigan and Pietrowski defeated Fluitt Spaner 8-4, and Kauffmann and Sundin defeated Notre Dame's Brian Harris and Ryan Simme 8-4.

Notre Dame (4-5) continues its season on Wednesday against Wisconsin. Simme feels the tough competition the Irish have been facing will only improve the team. "Tougher competition helps you along the way," Simme said.

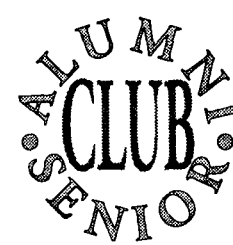
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■ NHL

Penguins set records against Quebec

Associated Press

QUEBEC

The Pittsburgh Penguins blew apart a matchup of the NHL's best teams with seven goals in the second period Monday night.

Luc Robitaille had two goals and two assists as the Penguins beat the Quebec Nordiques 7-5. The Penguins and Nordiques entered the game with identical 13-3-2 records, tied for first place in the overall standings.

"We made some nice plays," said Robitaille. "It was tic-tac-toe. The puck was really rolling for us."

Pittsburgh had lost twice since defeating Quebec at home 5-4 last Tuesday night.

The Penguins erased a 2-0 deficit with their second-period blitz, which set a team record for goals in one period of a road game. Pittsburgh had eight goals against San Jose in a home game in 1991.

John Cullen, Shawn McEachern, Larry Murphy, Len Barrie and Jaromir Jagr had

the other goals for the Penguins, who scored six times in a span of 7:23.

The Nordiques tied a club record for most goals allowed in one period.

"It was a strange game. It wasn't really open play. It seemed every time someone had an opportunity to score, they scored," Robitaille said.

Quebec pulled within 7-5 when Andrei Kovalenko and Bob Bassen scored on Ken Wregget in the third period.

"You have to expect that type of game against Pittsburgh," said goalie Stephane Fiset. "Our game is to play more defensively and the next time we face them, we'll be ready for them."

Cheered on by an announced crowd of 15,399 — the season's first sellout at the Colisee — the Nordiques were ahead 2-0 on power-play goals by Mike Ricci in the first period and Wendel Clark 1:47 into the second period.

Cullen and McEachern scored 25 seconds apart, starting at 5:02 of the second period, to erase the disadvantage.

Less than a minute later, Claude Lapointe, playing in only his second game of the season after a back injury, scored to restore the Nordiques' lead.

But Murphy tied it 41 seconds later and Robitaille, one-timing a wrist shot for his 10th goal, put the Penguins ahead for good at 9:24. After the goal, Quebec coach Marc Crawford lifted Fiset for backup Jocelyn Thibault, although Fiset returned to start the third period in goal.

Barrie made it 5-3 with Pittsburgh's second shot on Thibault. Robitaille added the sixth goal on a nice setup by Jagr and Robitaille did the same for Jagr on the Penguins' seventh goal.

The Penguins played without defenseman Kjell Samuelsson, out with the flu.

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would leave the Irish at 15-12 with a two-week wait before the NIT announces its selections.

Notre Dame's drawing power could overshadow its recent woes in the eyes of the NIT. Duke is another potential selection despite a sub-.500 record. Big names would draw more attention to the NIT than better records.

But a loss tonight would make it all a moot point. Not even Notre Dame could earn an invite with five straight losses.

"In order to put positive thoughts in the minds of the tournament selectors, we have to perform well tonight," Justice said.

That leaves the seniors little time to savor their final moments on the Joyce Center floor.

It has been a tumultuous tour

for the trio, who have suffered through some of Notre Dame's worst basketball moments.

But there have been some high points, an upset or two every year that inspires some interest in the Irish.

And after tonight, they will have to wait to learn whether or not they will ever play another game in an Irish uniform.

"It's hard to believe that this could be my last organized game ever. But I don't think it will settle in until the game is over," Justice said. "Right now, we're preparing like this is any other game."

Overlooking Loyola has hurt Notre Dame before.

The Ramblers beat the Irish by 12 at the Joyce Center last year. Notre Dame rebounded to squeak out a two-point win in the rematch at the Rosemont Horizon.

Center Bernie Salthe leads the Ramblers with 16 points per game and point guard Theodis Owens adds 14.

Baseball

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ters we didn't score and no one really did their jobs, but (CSU-Fullerton) is a great team."

The Irish were able to bounce back admirably Sunday against Pepperdine, led by a 4 for 5, five RBI performance by Topham. He missed hitting for the cycle by a single.

Topham began the scoring for Notre Dame in the first, driving in DeSensi on a double. After Pepperdine had taken a 4-1 lead in the fourth, Topham led off the Irish half of the inning with another double. He later scored on a George Restovich triple, followed by a two-run homer by Richards. Notre Dame scored another run on a Randall Brooks sacrifice fly to

take a 5-4 lead.

In the very next inning, the Irish put the Waves away. Again it was Topham providing the offensive fire-power with a two-run triple. RBI singles by Richards and Brooks and an unearned run gave Notre Dame a 10-4 lead.

Topham hit a two-run homer in the sixth, and the Irish still weren't finished scoring as Richards had an RBI single and Christian Parker had an RBI double in the eighth. The Waves added one more run in the seventh for the final margin of victory.


"It felt good just to win," Topham said of Sunday's performance. "We showed that we're a pretty good team. We didn't quit after the two losses and were able to bounce back to beat a ranked team"

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■ LACROSSE

Nittany Lions top Irish squad

By DAVID TREACY
Sports Writer

In all battles, there must be a winner and a loser.

When the final whistle blew Sunday at Penn State to end the contest, the Nittany Lions ended up on top of the Irish 15-14. But the war rages on.

Penn State played a fundamentally sound game, gaining an important edge on ground balls 51-42, and faceoffs 19-7. Keeper Ryan Jewell and the Irish defense had a tough time with a strong Lion offense, whose 41 shots led the Irish by one. Mike Busza led the Lions

with 3 goals and three assists, while Greg Jackson and Mike O'Keefe scored 4 and 3 goals, respectively.

It was not an easy home victory for Penn State. Midfielder Will Sutton, returning from knee surgery which kept him out of play last season, sparked the offense with 5 goals and 2 assists. Co-captain Randy Colley was not far behind, netting 4 goals and an assist.

As far as talent goes, the Irish squad does not believe that the better team won on Sunday. Aside from a scrappy nature, the Nittany Lions squad had no advantage over the Irish.

Unfortunately, the determined play of the Penn State team led to a few lucky goals that kept them in a position to win.

"I think we were a better team than they were. We just didn't do the things we needed to do to win the game," said Sutton.

Coach Kevin Coorigan agreed with his resurgent middle. "We did not do what we needed to do as a defensive team, and that led to several lucky goals for Penn State. We're a better team than they are, the score just doesn't reflect that. But, we offer no excuses."

Softball

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wins over Iowa and Tulsa. Perkins, who batted a scalding .427 in the tourney, doubled home Giampaolo in the fifth inning for the go ahead run in a 5-2 win over the Hawkeyes 5-2.

Sophomore shortstop Meghan Murray belted a 235-foot, two-run homer to center field to key the 6-1 win over Tulsa.

Sophomore hurler Joy Battersby was credited with both wins on Saturday.

Freshman Kelly Nichols earned a save by going the final three innings against the Hawkeyes.

"This is exactly how we needed to start the season," Miller said, "We played with intensity and confidence right from the beginning. But we have a very tough tournament next weekend at Texas A & M."

"We'll play a lot of games in a short period of time, which is very difficult early in the season, especially for pitchers."

The quantity of games will be tough. But probably not the Texas weather.

■ WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish fall twice in Wisconsin

By TIM SHERMAN
Assistant Sports Editor

For the third straight season, Notre Dame violated the Cardinal rule of tournament play. They faced Stanford.

Playing for fifth place in the 16-team USTA/ITA Women's National Championship, the Irish dropped a 6-1 decision to the 9-1 Cardinal on Saturday in Madison, Wis.

For the past two seasons, Notre Dame's year was ended by Stanford in the NCAA Tournament. This time, the defeat didn't quite have the finality of a season-ending loss, but, with

three of the seven matches coming down to a third set, it was by no means easy to swallow.

The weekend began auspiciously as the 5-5 Irish defeated UC-Santa Barbara in the first round by a 5-2 margin.

However, the momentum was short-lived as coach Jay Loudenback's squad ran into the buzzsaw known as the Georgia Bulldogs in the second round on Friday.

The no. 1 Bulldogs, who boast four nationally-ranked players, were simply too much for the 15th ranked Irish, as they pitched a 6-0 shutout. Once

again, three matches were extended to three sets only to see the Irish fall.

That defeat set up the showdown with Stanford. For the second straight year, Wendy Crabtree, Notre Dame's no. 1 singles player, provided the only Irish victory.

Crabtree, the nation's 26th rated player, won a three set marathon against no. 10 Kaite Schlukebir, 4-6, 7-5, 7-5.

This win sent the match to the doubles round, but Schlukebir and Ania Bleszynski ended it with a 6-4, 6-4 defeat of Crabtree and Holyn Lord.

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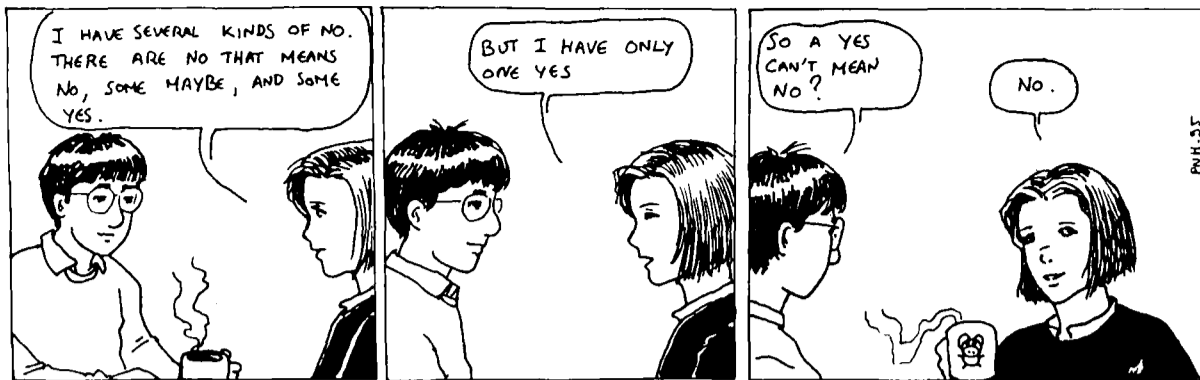
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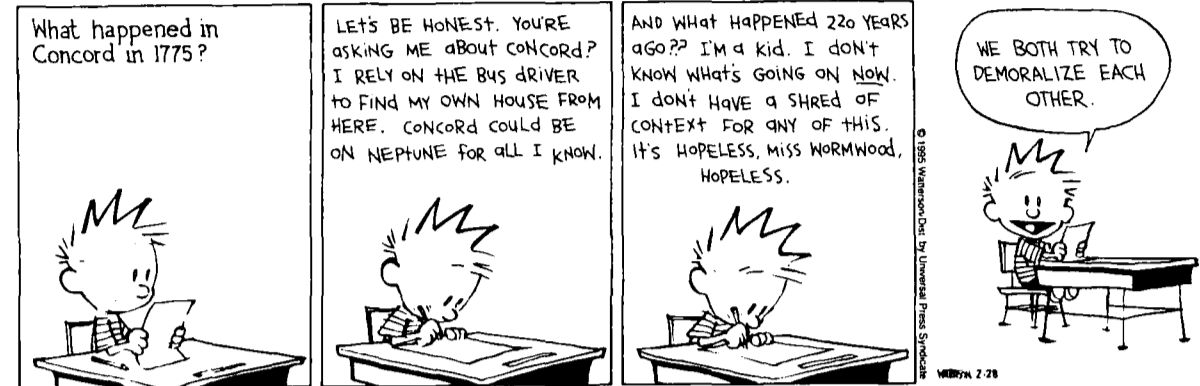
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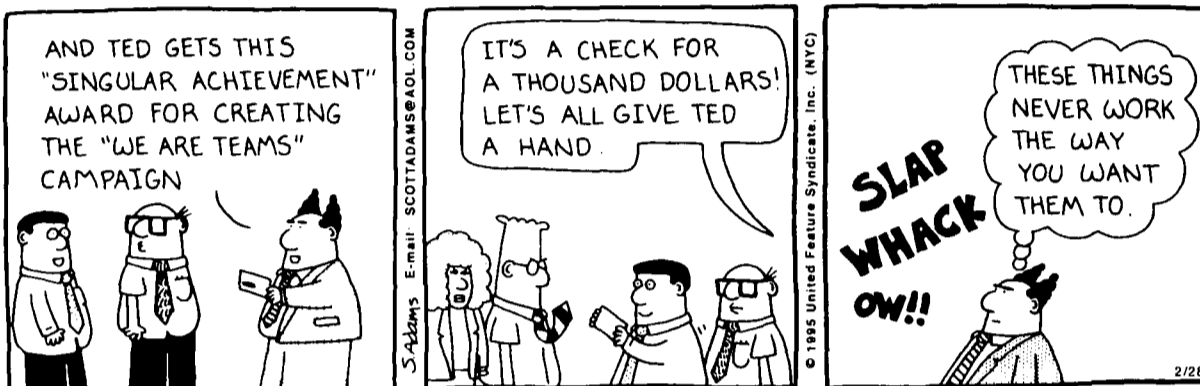
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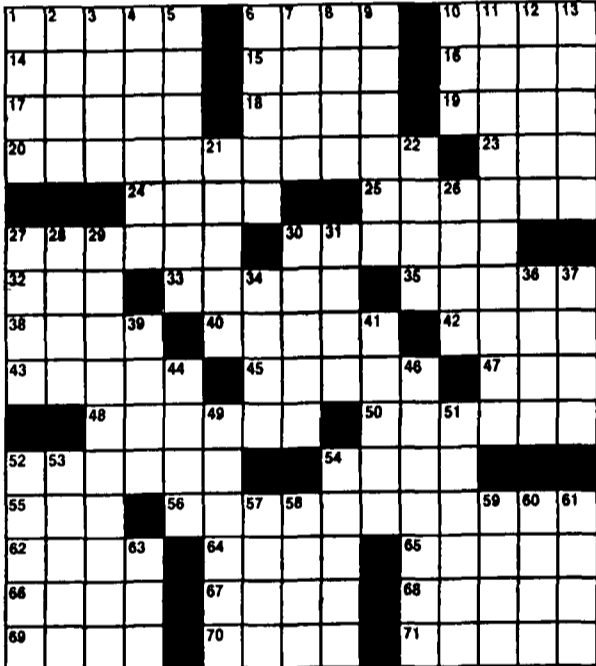
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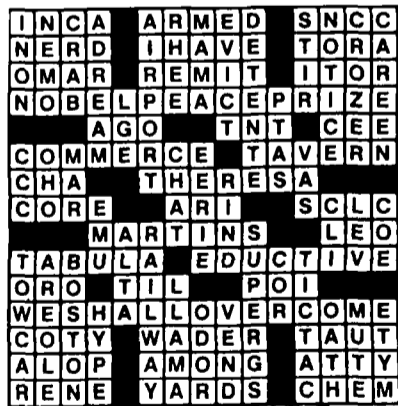
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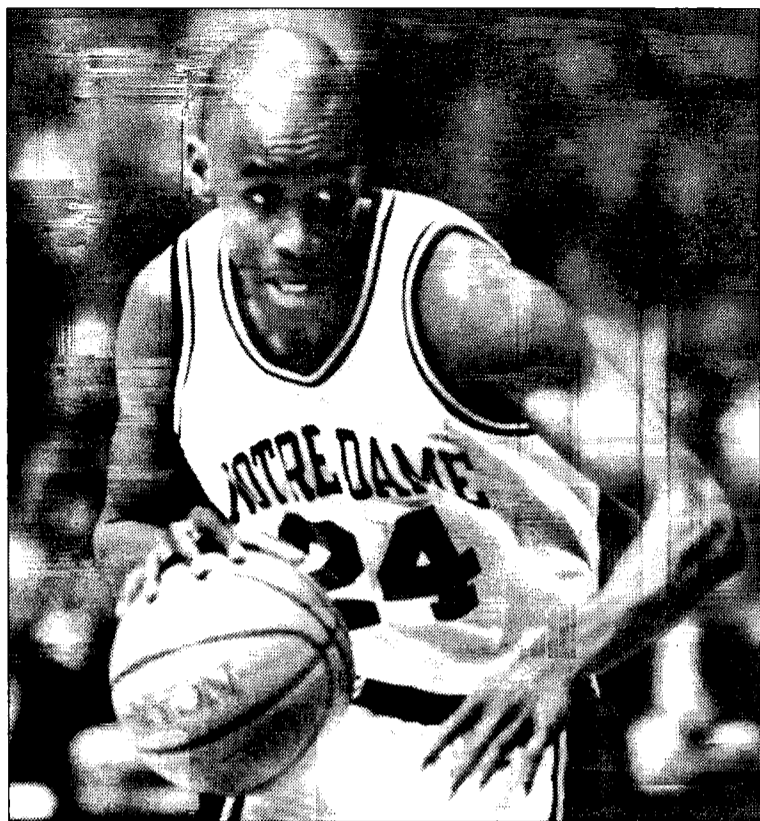
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■ **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Last stand for class of 1995



The Observer/ Eric Ruethling

Lamarr Justice and company must run away with a win over Loyola.

By **JASON KELLY**
Associate Sports Editor

Lamarr Justice is in limbo. He and classmates Jason Williams and Billy Taylor play their final home game tonight when Loyola (Ill.) visits the Joyce Center at 7:30. It may also be the final organized game they ever play. That's up to the people who pick the



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Is this the last stand for Digger's last recruiting class, or will an NIT invite extend the careers of Notre Dame seniors Lamarr Justice, Jason Williams, and Billy Taylor? For the latter to occur, the Irish (14-12) must recover from a four-game losing streak and finish the regular season with a win over a hapless Loyla team tonight. A post-season appearance would provide valuable experience for Notre Dame's younger players who will leap into the rugged Big East next season.

participants for the National Invitation Tournament.

Notre Dame's invitation seemed licked and sealed barely two weeks ago, but a four-game losing streak has the sender hesitating to adhere proper postage.

A victory tonight over lackluster Loyola (5-20)

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■ **SOFTBALL**

Arizona State classic lifts Irish to 3-1 start

By **NEIL ZENDER**
Sports Writer

It's gotta be tough being on the Notre Dame softball team. The club opened their season last weekend, toiling in the horrid weather of the Arizona State Classic, while the rest of Notre Dame was blessed with the wonderful climate of South Bend. Perhaps the burden of being away from Indiana weather was somewhat lifted by the Irish's three wins in four games, the best start in Notre Dame softball history. Two of them came against top Midwestern squads Michigan and Iowa.

"This was our best performance to open the season in my three seasons at Notre Dame," head coach Liz Miller said. "We hit very well against some high-caliber pitchers."

The Irish didn't stop at hitting well off opposing pitchers. They robbed them - literally. Notre Dame was eight-for-eight in stolen bases, a mark that

would surely make Our Lady proud, let alone Coach Miller.

Appropriately, the first game of the season was an extra-inning affair on Friday night against Michigan. The Irish proceeded to defang the Wolverines 4-3, behind the All-American arm of Terri Kobata, who whiffed 13 batters in a complete game effort. Sophomore left fielder Elizabeth Perkins singled home freshman Jennifer Giampaolo to knot the game at 3. Giampaolo then scored the winning run on a Wolverine passed ball.

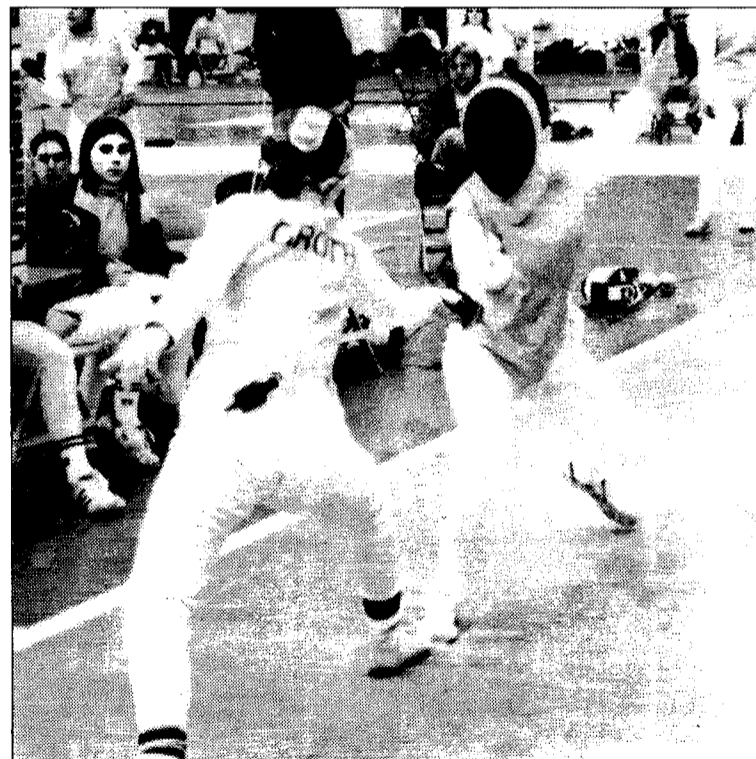
Later that night, the Irish dropped a devilish 4-1 decision to Arizona State. The game proved that one bad inning can ruin several good ones. The Irish held the Sun Devils scoreless over the last five innings, but the charm was spoiled by a three run second inning.

On Saturday, Notre Dame rapped out 18 hits in a pair of

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■ **FENCING**

Fencers dominate



The Observer/ Eric Ruethling

Junior foilist Maria Panyi and the fencing teams won all weapons, reaping comparisons to last year's national champions.

By **JOE VILLINSKI**
Sports Writer

When looking at the results of last weekend's Midwest Fencing Team Championships, it is inevitable not to draw comparisons to last year's national championship squad.

In 1994, the Irish used the

competition as a springboard to the NCAA Championships as they dominated the competition from throughout the midwest.

That was then. This is now. Not much has changed.

The Irish simply overpowered the 13-team competition in all

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■ **BASEBALL**

Irish open season in California

By **MEGAN McGRATH**
Sports Writer

For the Notre Dame baseball team, the opening weekend of the 1995 season was a little like a Clint Eastwood movie:

"The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly."

The weekend at the Anaheim Hilton and Towers Tournament started out bad, with a 10-6 loss to fourth-ranked Texas Friday night.

It quickly got ugly Saturday as host Cal-State Fullerton handed the Irish their worst loss in seven seasons as the second-ranked Titans triumphed 20-3.

But Notre Dame was able to salvage some good, as they beat No. 24 Pepperdine 14-5 in the last game on Sunday.

The Irish were at an experience disadvantage in California, facing three teams who had been practicing outdoors since January and had each played in fourteen games.

"In our first two games we were coming right out of Loftus, so it was good to be outside for a couple of days," said junior rightfielder Ryan Topham. "We

played well Friday, but we didn't do the little things that you can't practice indoors."

On Friday against Texas, Notre Dame rallied in the seventh and scored four runs to cut the Longhorn lead to two, trailing 7-5. Texas responded with three runs in the next two innings to put the Irish away.

The Longhorns loaded the bases in the seventh, but Irish pitcher Rich Sauget hit Kip Harkrider with a pitch, scoring Jerry Taylor. Texas scored again that inning on a sacrifice fly by Chris Edelstien and added an insurance run in the eighth.

Sophomore third-baseman Mike Amrhein went 2 for 4 with two doubles and two RBI to lead the Irish. Senior captain Craig DeSensi also went 2 for 4. Edelstien led the Longhorns, going 2 for 4 with four RBI.

Sophomore right-hander Darin Schmalz took the loss for Notre Dame, lasting three and one-third innings, giving up three earned runs and six hits.

The pitching staff on Saturday fared far worse than Schmalz, as five pitchers combined to

give up 17 earned runs, 15 hits, 11 bases on balls and hit five Fullerton batters.

Starter Larry Mohs was knocked out of the box after giving up a five-run second inning in which he threw two wild pitches and gave up a two-run double to leftfielder Tony Miranda.

Justin Gleichowski finished the third uneventfully, but freshman Dan Stavisky gave up seven earned runs in the next two and a third innings, including a grand-slam by Titan first-basemen D.C. Olsen. Stavisky was replaced by junior Garret Carlson, who hit the first two batters he faced and recorded one out before giving up a three-run homer to Miranda. Gregg Henebry mopped up in the last two innings, but also gave up five earned runs.

Miranda went 3 for 4 with five RBI and Olsen went 2 for 3 with 5 RBI. DeSensi and center-fielder Rowan Richards both went 2 for 4 to lead the Irish.

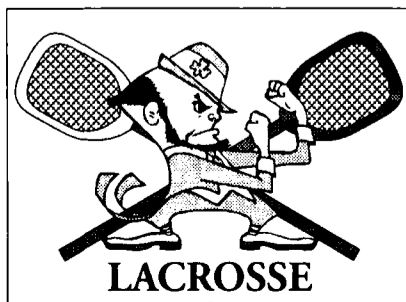
"It was a disheartening game," Topham said. "As hit-

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IRISH LACROSSE

The Fighting Irish played at Penn State last weekend.

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