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■ ELECTION '98

Cesaro/Selak, Williams/Reising advance to run-off

By DAVID FREDDOSO
Senior Staff Writer

The tickets led by Peter Cesaro and Brandon Williams will face off Thursday in the run-off election for student body president, the student government election committee announced last night.

The Cesaro/Selak ticket finished far ahead with almost 33 percent of the vote, while the Brandon Williams/Julie Reising came in second with more than 17 percent. These two tickets will go head to head on Thursday, since student government bylaws dictate that a ticket must have at least 50 percent of the vote to win.

Despite a seemingly comfortable lead, Cesaro seemed well aware that he still had to win over many voters in order to obtain the needed 50 percent.

"We're going to keep working," he said. "The race is just beginning."

"We are both very excited, and we're looking forward to serving the student body of Notre Dame," added Andréa Selak, Cesaro's running mate. "We've been researching and brainstorming, and we love getting input from all the students."

Williams and Reising, meanwhile, remained similarly optimistic.

"I feel a sense of relief just knowing [the results]," said Williams, "but I also sense a great opportunity. Hopefully, we'll get elected and get a chance to do something good for the students. We're definitely excited."

Williams and Reising have had to cope with unexpected circumstances thus far

Run-off Ticket

PRESIDENT



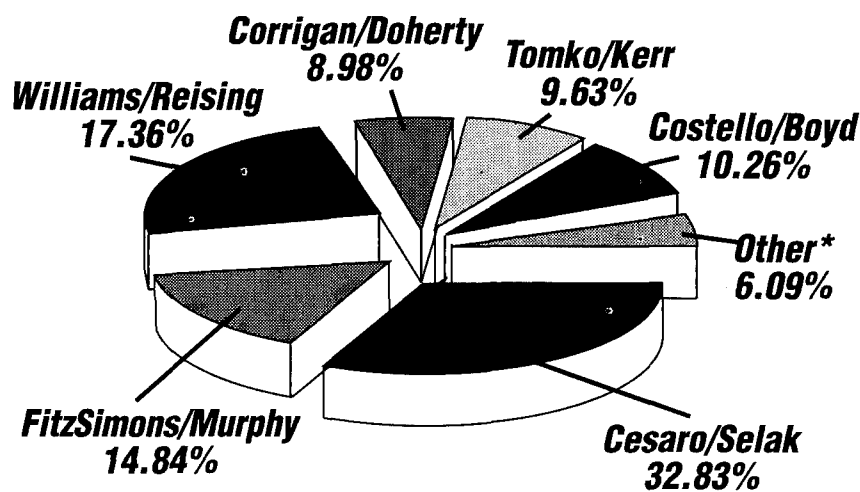
Williams

VICE PRESIDENT



Reising

1998-99 Student Body President Election Results



* Includes Leen/Grunow, 2.49%; Poirier/Smith, 1.63%. Some votes were invalid or write-ins. Based on 55.57% voter turnout

Student officer hopefuls Cesaro/Selak captured approximately 33 percent of the vote. Williams/Reising garnered approximately 17.5 percent. A run-off election between the two tickets will be held this Thursday.

Run-off Ticket

PRESIDENT



Cesaro

VICE PRESIDENT



Selak

in the race. While all of the candidates were subject to the extraordinarily short period of time allowed for campaigning this year — only five days — this ticket faced the challenge of both personal and family illness during the campaign period.

Williams became sick over the weekend, and it happened that at the same time Reising's grandfather became ill and she took personal time to visit her family. These illnesses took an entire day out of their campaign.

It wasn't easy to make up for this, Reising said, but their focused effort paid off. "On Sunday, we tried to do the best we could," Reising said.

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■ BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Director promotes race reflection

By CHRISTOPHER SHIPLEY
News Writer

"It's visual poetry, brother," said Benjamin Bratt, star of NBC's crime and punishment drama "Law & Order," to audience members following the screening of his brother Peter's first motion picture, "Follow Me Home," Saturday night in the Hesburgh library auditorium.

Peter Bratt, who wrote the script for the movie in addition to directing it, shared with the audience his desire to create a contemporary urban drama which would help motivate the audience to discuss social issues that touched campus and national life.

Younger brother Benjamin expressed the same desire to the audience.

"Our number one hope is that the film sparks the audience to dialogue," he said. "Essentially, we want everyone to come out of the theater thinking about the issues we don't normally look at intensely."

"Follow Me Home" is the story of four East Los Angeles artists of different races who set off on a cross country trip to Washington, D.C., where they ultimately plan to paint a large mural on the White House.



Photo Courtesy of Victor Scott

Alfred Woodard, right, who plays Evey in Peter Bratt's "Follow Me Home," receives the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry's award for outstanding recognition in film from Chicago Sun Times critic Roger Ebert.

Benjamin Bratt plays the role of Abel, one of the four artists.

The movie explores the interactions between the characters who all have a hidden story. The movie takes the men along the highways and back roads of middle America.

"This is an allegory tale. Just the idea of painting the White House, this structure we hold so high, is a way for these characters to be included," the director said.

Peter Bratt explained that each character must overcome a "soul-wound," or internalized oppression. The film serves to heal today's problems by remaining true to traditional teachings and respect for the

past, Bratt claimed.

"Every character has an aspect of that soul-wound, and each character gets wrapped up in their own thoughts," the director explained.

"Follow Me Home" has yet to be picked up by a major distribution company, despite being one of 18 films chosen to be viewed at the 1996 Sundance Film Festival. Sundance is the largest independent film festival in the world, and chose Bratt's film from over 1,500 possible candidates.

It was not until Henri Norris, a Chicago lawyer, mortgaged her home to begin New Millenia

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A&L Student Advisory Council 'revived'

By SARAH J. HILTZ
Assistant News Editor

Thanks to Teresa Sullivan, students in Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters now have a way to make their voices heard.

Sullivan is president of the newly revived Arts and Letters Student Advisory Council, or ALSAC, which is a group whose general goal is to provide services to students in the College. Several separate committees and groups exist right now with various goals of helping the students, but these groups have never had a single, unified foundation — until now.

"ALSAC has been revived this year in order to give students a greater role in helping to shape the future of the College. Its purpose is to advise the dean and the College of student concerns and interests, to serve undergraduate majors and to

enrich the educational experience for students in the College," commented Mark Roche, chair of the department of German/Russian languages.

Despite its recent implementation, ALSAC is not a new idea to Notre Dame. The

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MARK ROCHE

CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF GERMAN/RUSSIAN LANGUAGES

with a series of ineffective presidents and a lack of interest, rendered the council useless.

"Several of the responsibilities of the early 90s, such as Meet Your Major Night, had been taken over by other faculty committees," Sullivan explained.

One of the main goals of the new council, according to

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INSIDE COLUMN

Zahm Sucks

Well, we've heard it so much it must be true. Like black quarterbacks not having "what it takes" and the Constitution granting the right to kill babies, it must be true.

Spencer Stefko
Assistant Viewpoint
Editor

So as a public service to all readers concerned about the future of Notre Dame as long as Zahm is allowed to stand, I figure I'll break down the ways Zahm sucks so you can take this list straight to Monk and have Ted Kaczynski installed as Zahm's paperboy.

Ask mostly anyone and you'll get a list of grievances rivaling the Declaration of Independence.

"There must be some reason," you say. "I mean, why else would these idiots stand in front of their dorm, in sub-freezing temperatures, a few without shirts for God's sake, and get pelted with snowballs each year, outnumbered at least four or five to one? Or run around in the rain dressed like William Wallace and sing Zahm spirituals before the first pep rally each year? What makes them drive golf carts through innocent Alumni's Wake?"

"How about running through LaFortune every first study week dressed like William Wallace, sans kilt? Why don't they let guys from other dorms into their parties? And why do they sit together at dinner every night, up in that God-forsaken section of theirs?"

Before I can even get the word "traditi..." out of my mouth, you rudely interrupt.

"But that's all in the past," you say. "You're starting to sound like a history major. How about something more real and immediate? That hellhole is the suckiest dorm on campus, and we want to know why."

OK. Early in the year, a great tragedy befell a freshman. A mass was offered for this tragedy, and the whole dorm, on a Monday night, showed up. People who did not know this student and people who aren't Catholic showed up for mass en masse. The chapel literally overflowed, and no one present could help but feel that in times of need they are not alone.

My uncle is terminally ill and will die soon. After rallying around the family for awhile, it will be time for me to get back to the "real world." To know one will be supported in this manner, or in the manner the gentlemen of Knott recently displayed, is a good, safe, secure feeling.

"Well, that doesn't seem to suck much at all," you say. "But aren't they a crude, ignorant, uncouth, savage, rude, coarse, uncivilized people? Don't they just drink, break stuff, and eat babies? I hear they don't even have opposing thumbs."

No, that was the early Christians who were accused of eating babies. And how do you hold beer without opposable thumbs? But as for the other allegations, the answer is, "No." I live in Zahm, yet when I went on heart medication to train for Bengal Bouts and couldn't drink, you would no doubt be surprised that all were behind me. I never once heard a comment about being a pansy.

"Well, that's cool, I guess, but, hey, Zahm sucks."

My friend, if what I just described "sucks," I am sure glad that Zahm sucks.

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Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Columbia student faces charges for gambling involvement

NEW YORK

A Columbia College junior was among 16 people in New York and on Long Island who were arrested Thursday for their alleged involvement in an illegal gambling ring that investigators say netted 10 million dollars a year.

Joseph Della Pietra, a member of the Zeta Beta Tau (ZBT) fraternity, was arrested outside the fraternity house after a five-month investigation by the New York Police Department and the Queens District Attorney's office indicated that he was acting as a runner for the ring.

The arrest has sent shock waves through the university community, leaving administrators surprised and Della Pietra's fraternity brothers scrambling to evade the scrutiny of the press.

The Queens-based ring took bets from gamblers across the U.S., and



many of them are believed by investigators to have been college students, according to the New York Times.

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown began investigating the gambling ring last October. Brown started looking into Della Pietra's involvement when he discovered records of phone calls Della Pietra made to other alleged members of the gambling ring.

According to Columbia College Dean of Students Roger Lehecka, University officials were not aware of the inves-

tigation until Friday morning, when they received a press release from the DA's office.

Della Pietra is alleged to have acted as a runner for approximately 25 Columbia students, collecting 40 to 50 dollar bets on college and professional sporting events, the District Attorney reported in a press release distributed Friday.

Bettors participating in the gambling ring came primarily from the tri-state area. Others were from San Francisco, Boston, Las Vegas, Nevada, Arlington, Va., Charlotte, N.C., and Harrisburg, Pa., Brown's office reported.

Della Pietra's ZBT fraternity brothers assembled last week and agreed not to discuss Della Pietra's case with the media, a member of ZBT said.

No member of the fraternity would comment on the allegations against Della Pietra.

GEORGIA TECH

Changes suggested for school song

ATLANTA, Ga.

The Diversity Task Force recommended that changes be made to "The Ramblin' Wreck," the school song of Georgia Tech. The recommendation is contained in the task force's report to the Diversity Forum. According to Stephanie Ray, associate dean of students, director of diversity issues, and chair of the diversity task force, the 19 members of the task force agreed that the school song should be changed. "I think the task force felt that the song was not reflective of Georgia Tech in current times," Ray explained. While concerned with the allusions to alcohol in the song, the primary issue for the task force was the way the song portrays women. "Women have been at Tech for 45 years and so the task force wanted to imply that [a woman] can be a hell of an engineer too," Ray said. Dean Gail DiSabatino echoed the concerns of the task force. "[The school song] portrays women and men in stereotypical ways," DiSabatino explained.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Dean looks into student's assault claim

HANOVER, N.H.

Dean of the college Lee Pelton called Thursday for a panel to investigate sophomore Brian de Moya's allegations that he was threatened and mistreated by Safety and Security officers Saturday night. De Moya said he was later assaulted by a Hanover Policeman called to the scene by the safety and security officers. He told The Dartmouth Wednesday he had a bruise on his upper right eye socket from being thrown into a concrete wall by the police officer, as well as cuts and other bruises. In a letter Pelton published in The Dartmouth today, Pelton said he requested that senior associate dean of the college Dan Nelson appoint a panel from the college community to investigate the allegations "in order to determine what actually occurred." Nelson appointed Ozzie Harris, associate director of affirmative action and equal opportunity, to chair the panel.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Student takes appeal to courts

GAINESVILLE, Fla.

University of Florida graduate student Carlos Cruz was arrested and charged in November with stalking his ex-girlfriend by accessing her e-mail account, downloading and reading her messages. And now, after exhausting his appeals last week on the UF Judicial Affairs level, Cruz still maintains his innocence and is taking a route rarely traveled by those tried by the UF version of a court system. Cruz, who has been suspended from UF until at least Spring 1999, said he is going to file an appeal in the District Court of Appeals on the state level, an option allotted to students who wish to appeal the final decision handed down at the university level. "I still feel that they did not show that I did anything illegal," said Cruz, who was working on a master's degree in anthropology. "I proved point by point that it was a lie, and they didn't tell me what they were basing their decision on."

BROWN UNIVERSITY

Women look at stereotypes in science

PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Keynote speakers address challenges and stereotypes that have made it difficult for women to succeed in science. Stereotyping was the buzz word of the morning as members of Brown's Women in Science and Engineering [WiSE] program gathered in Salomon on Saturday for WiSE Day, a forum of lectures, panel discussions and workshops focusing on different challenges faced by women in science and engineering. The day's keynote speaker, associate provost at Carnegie Mellon University Barbara Lazarus, addressed the many barriers that stereotypes create for girls and women. "When I was at a school talking to a group of parents about why there were not more women in the sciences, one of the answers given to me was: 'Everybody knows girls can't do math,' she said. "There's a lot of gender role stereotyping that exists, both internal and external."

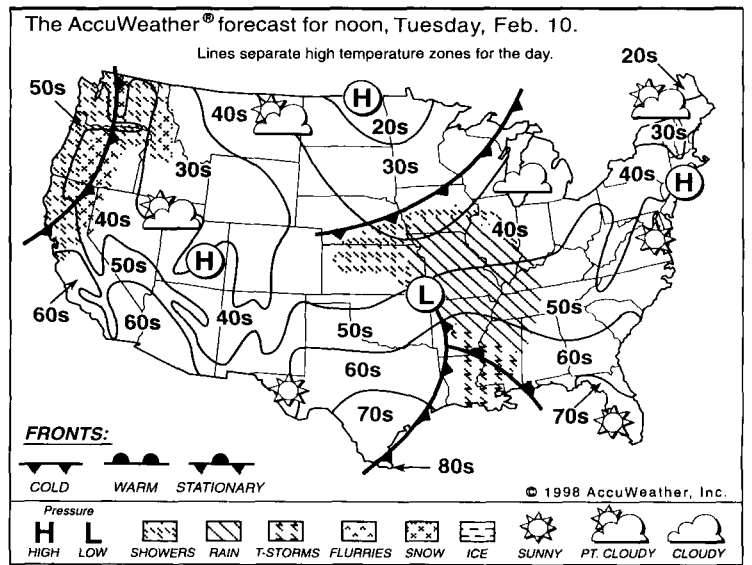
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Bratts discuss film's goals

By CHRISTOPHER SHIPLEY
News Writer

Following the presentation of "Follow Me Home," this reporter had the opportunity to sit down and talk with Peter and Benjamin Bratt in a revealing conversation about the movie and the duo's hopes for its impact on this and other institutions.

"It [the movie] goes beyond the campus," said Peter Bratt, who wrote the screenplay and directed the film. "You find in institutions and governments that people don't take multicultural education seriously, much like minority education has been dismissed."

"I feel like my brother [Peter] is a possessor of a unique and original voice," said "Follow Me Home" star Benjamin. "I think he's quite visionary, and not just to give my brother a slap on the back. I truly feel his perspective will bring exciting new storytelling to cinema."

In "Follow Me Home," Benjamin Bratt plays Abel, a character prone to violent behavior who is described by Peter, as "the most disturbed of

the group."

Benjamin discussed his decision to play the role as well as the danger of choosing such a controversial character. The quick tempered Abel gets himself into trouble throughout the movie through drug use, abusive verbal behavior and gun possession.

"It was a dangerous choice to make as an actor, because there's no way to play the role half-way," the film and television star said. "But I'm glad I did it because it is, in the body of my work, the one I'm most proud of."

Both men talked about the emotional response most audiences have to Abel. Abel, Benjamin said, is a character whom people either love or hate. Many audience members approached the pair after the film's end to discuss Abel's epiphany and relate their own urban stories to the two.

"Follow Me Home" is Peter's first motion picture. The film's contemporary urban style has made it easier for the director to discuss racial and ethnic issues while independently promoting the film at universities across

the country.

"I think that when we talk about race, the things we need to talk about have nothing to do with major issues, like affirmative action," Peter said. "Why are people threatened about having a Latino studies program? The times when a majority becomes aware of tension are the times when a hyper-sensitivity arises from receiving criticism."

Benjamin, who plays Detective Ray Curtis on the T.V. show "Law & Order," shared his love of acting as well as some of his brother's future plans.

"I feel blessed to be able to do something I love, something that I would pay to do. Since I was young I wanted to be an actor, and it's something that I've worked hard to attain success in," the younger brother said.

Of his experience on NBC's "Law & Order," Benjamin simply said, "It's changed my life."

The brothers plan on collaborating this summer on another project for New Millenia Films. Peter will direct and Benjamin plans on once again carrying double duty as an actor and a producer.

Committee reevaluates, plans to revamp du Lac

By TIM LOGAN
News Writer

Revisions to du Lac were the focus of last night's meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee for Student Rights and Responsibilities.

The discussion focused on making the student handbook into a tool which would help students to participate in the Notre Dame community and provide them with more knowledge of the resources available to them.

"Students feel du Lac is what gets thrown at them when they screw up. We don't want that, I don't feel the administration wants that," said Brendan Kelly, student delegate to the Academic Council. He hopes to de-emphasize the disciplinary aspect of du Lac by adding to and restructuring the document.

"We have to change the whole focus of du Lac. We should put more academic information in it," said Kelly. "Currently there is very little about the student's role in the mission of the University and very little in terms of academic resources."

One of the changes discussed

at the meeting was including more detailed information on student activities, leadership opportunities and academic resources in the handbook. Other proposed additions include Notre Dame's mission statement, flow charts detailing university administration and student union offices, and lists of publications available to students.

The committee also considered the benefits of changing the order of the topics covered in du Lac. The new version would focus first on University institutions and progress down to the level of individual students and disciplinary regulations.

"We've tried to arrange it in a way that makes more sense," said Kelly.

"This changes the whole focus of it," observed committee member Matt Mamak. "Over time people will realize that it can be useful to students."

With a focus more on information than on regulation, du Lac should be "more like a dictionary than a rule book," suggested Ross Kerr, another member of the committee.

New staff member joins SMC Counseling, Career Center

By P. COLLEEN NUGENT
Associate Saint Mary's News Editor

Saint Mary's has added a new member to the staff of the College Counseling and Career Center. Heather R. Nairn will be working as a career counselor to all Saint Mary's students.

A former case manager and counselor at New Life Clinics in Smyrna, Ga. Nairn is also certified by the National Board of Certified Counselors. There she is a licensed pro-

fessional counselor in the state of Georgia.

"Students of all years should feel free to come and talk about their career options," Nairn said. "Internships, resume set-ups, cover letters, and summer jobs are issues that this department is able to help the students with," she continued.

Counseling in the Career Department at Saint Mary's can be done on an individual basis or through workshops or group services. These sem-

inars focus on the needs of the underclass students.

Nairn received her bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Taylor University. She earned a master's degree in counseling at Georgia State University.

"This has been a very nice change from the clinical setting I was used to," Nairn stated. "I have discovered that the people here generally care about students."

A valuable asset to this department is the alumni

resource network. According to Nairn, students are able to look at the different job opportunities available based on a geographical setting, various job titles, or through one's major. For example, a student could learn what careers have been pursued by alumnae with degrees in English.

"It is good to see what we have here, even if you don't have a clue about what this center has to offer you," Nairn said.

Despite its convenient location in LeMans Hall, many students do not take advantage of the resources of the Counseling and Career Center.

"Not too many people know about the resource center," Nairn stated.

The career resource center is open during Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. For further information, call the Career and Counseling Offices at 294-4565.

Campus Ministry Events



Tuesday, February 10, 4:00 pm
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Tuesday, February 10, 7:00 pm
Campus Ministry-Badin Hall

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Sullivan, is the establishment of a web page that will give students access to general information about study abroad programs, scholarships and grants.

"There's not one single place where students can find out about [these opportunities]," Sullivan said.

The council also hopes to start a booklet with answers to commonly asked questions regarding majors and policies within the college. If the plan runs smoothly, each student will receive the booklet next fall.

A more complex and involved goal is to make improvements within the office of Career and Placement Services.

"The goal is to make [Career and Placement Services] more conducive to Arts and Letters students. For those who are not interested in business school, there's nowhere else to go,"

Sullivan said.

Olivia Williams, assistant director of Career and Placement Services, will attend ALSAC meetings to hear the council's input.

Among the less administrative goals, the council's agenda will include making replacements within O'Shaughnessy Hall. Presently, the building's classrooms have neither clocks on the walls nor numbers on the doors, and the rooms are often crowded beyond comfortable capacity. With a little help from college dean Mark Roche, Sullivan plans to make these changes.

"We have the advantage of meeting with [Dean Roche], and he was very receptive to these changes. There's supposed to be a faculty committee, and we're going to give a list of changes to that committee," he said.

The council is presently made up of 20 students, chosen by Roche. The council has met four times so far, and Sullivan meets with Roche a few times each month.

Movie

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Films, that the motion picture found limited release.

"When I saw the film in March 1996 it felt like the creator tapped me on the shoulder and said it's time to work with people to heal the pain," Norris said.

Iris Outlaw, the director of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, reiterated the sentiments of the Bratt brothers at the reception following the screening.

"It's exciting to provide another opportunity for people to dialogue about issues we have found to be difficult," Outlaw said. "This movie provides a good foundation to start those initiatives."

Benjamin Bratt received his acting education at the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco and has gone on to play parts in "Blood In,

Blood Out," "Clear and Present Danger" and "Demolition Man."

Bratt currently plays Detective Ray Curtis on NBC's "Law & Order." The show was recently nominated for a Screen Actor's Guild Award.

Alfre Woodard, who stars in the film as Evey, was unable to

Bratt's picture.

In addition to members of the Notre Dame community who attended the screening were several groups from the Family and Children Center.

The brothers will begin shooting their next project this summer. The script is an urban retelling of the story of the passion of Jesus Christ. Benjamin has already signed on for the project, and several other actors, including Edward James Olmos and Morgan Freeman, have expressed interest in working with Peter on the new movie.

"Follow Me Home" was part of the celebration of Black History Month on campus.

Student Activities, Student Union Board, Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, the department of communication and theater, La Alianza, the African-American Student Alliance and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People also helped sponsor Saturday night's event.

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BENJAMIN BRATT
ACTOR, "FOLLOW ME HOME"

attend to Saturday night's screening due to the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry Awards Ceremony. Woodard, who has acted in "Primal Fear" and "How to Make an American Quilt," received the award for outstanding recognition in film based on her performance in

Elections

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Closely following the Williams/Reising ticket, the FitzSimons/Murphy ticket came in with just under 15 percent — only about 100 votes shy of the Williams ticket.

"It hurts to be third," said FitzSimons, "because you're so close to making the run-off."

He had no regrets about his ticket's effort, however. "We think we put forth a good campaign that focused on the issues and was full of integrity," he said.

"It takes not only guts to run ... but it also means giving up all your time. No one here has done any homework since the campaign began," he said, pointing to the other candidates around him.

Michele Costello will not become the first female student body president at Notre Dame. Running with A.J. Boyd, she finished fourth with slightly more than 10 percent. Still, she seemed very eager to continue serving the student body in student government next year. "I'm looking forward to working with whichever of the two tickets wins," said Costello.

Matt Tomko and Ross Kerr

picked up 9.63 percent, while Kevin Corrigan and Brian Doherty finished with nine percent. Mark Leen and Sarah Grunow got 2.49 percent, while Walter Poirer and Gregory Smith got 1.63 percent. Several other votes were either for write-in candidates or were deemed invalid by the election board.

The most successful tickets were the ones whose candidates managed to get significant support from their own dorms. For example, Sorin College had the highest turnout — about 84 percent — with nearly every resident voting for their fellow Otter FitzSimons. Cesaro, a Knott Hall

resident, and Selak, from Welsh, each obtained over two-thirds of the vote in their own dorms, while Williams, of Zahm, and Reising, from Pasquerilla East, scored similarly.

Almost every dorm had a high turnout, and 67 percent of on campus students voted. With the sole exception of Fisher Hall, each dorm's turnout was over 50 percent.

Overall voter turnout for this year's primary was up to more than 55 percent, an increase of over 14 percent over last year's primary election.

Lori Mrowka, a member of the Student Judicial Board, attrib-

uted this high turnout to the effort of the student election officials. She added, however, that "the incentives we provided encouraged voter turnout," referring to the free fountain drink offered to each student who voted.

Mrowka was particularly happy about the increase in off-campus voters. Only 16 percent showed up to vote, but this was far more than last year, when only 26 of 1650 off-campus students voted in the primary election.

"We improved the accessibility of the voting places for them," she said.

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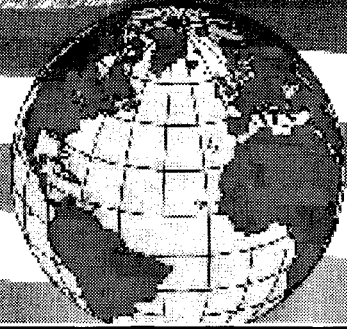
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Northern Ireland looks to reform police

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Britain's governor for Northern Ireland launched a bid today to reform the province's largely Protestant police, a force that Roman Catholic militants despise. While Belfast peace talks resumed, Mo Mowlam announced a review of the Police Authority, a civilian bureaucracy that is supposed to ensure community-wide oversight of police — but is in fact boycotted by most Catholic representatives. Mowlam urged Protestant and Catholic negotiators to make the authority "a robust, independent body, capable of representing the views, wishes and concerns of the community." Reform of the 12,000-strong police force, the Royal Ulster Constabulary, is part of the wider search for a peace settlement in Northern Ireland. Militant Catholics want to abolish the state, which has a dwindling pro-British Protestant majority. The force, often working in flak jackets and armored cars after three decades of anti-terrorist duties, is 93 percent Protestant. Despite the high salaries police jobs offer, many Catholics would never consider joining what they consider an alien and overtly British institution. Others fear the Irish Republican Army, which has killed about 300 police officers and imposes a heavy social penalty on Catholics who join the force. The IRA is now six months into an open-ended truce. Policemen from Catholic neighborhoods must keep their occupation as confidential as possible and often live as exiles from family and friends.

American Airlines jet misses runway in Chicago

CHICAGO — An American Airlines jet carrying 121 people missed a runway when it landed at O'Hare International Airport on Monday, heavily damaging the plane and leaving frantic passengers screaming. No one was hurt on Flight 1340, although a firefighter helping evacuate passengers from the Boeing 727 cut his head. The flight originated in Kansas City, Mo. "It was pretty chaotic. Everybody was screaming," an unidentified passenger told WGN-TV. A passenger on the plane told WBBM-AM radio that the plane bounced a couple of times, tearing his seat belt and causing the seat in front of him to come loose from its floor mount. "I think we all feel pretty fortunate," he said. Fog was dense and visibility was a quarter-mile at 9:57 a.m. when the plane landed, although authorities could not say if weather was a factor. American spokesman Al Comeaux said the airline would not discuss damage to the aircraft. But television footage showed the plane resting on its belly in a muddy field with an engine broken off and a piece of landing gear lying several yards away.

Clinton eyes Social Security fix



AFP Photo

President Bill Clinton spoke to a group of students yesterday at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., launching his drive to use the projected budget surplus to save the country's Social Security system.

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WASHINGTON

President Clinton told a student audience yesterday "we have to start now" to overhaul Social Security. Then he and other administration officials signaled caution over plunging in too quickly.

In kicking off his campaign to "save" the nation's retirement program, Clinton told a Georgetown University audience: "You don't wait for a rainy day to fix the roof ... It's very sunny outside. And on this sunny day, we should deal with Social Security."

It was Clinton's first extended remarks on Social Security since he suggested in his State of the Union address that Congress reserve any budget surplus to help shore up the nation's retirement program. Monday he said that, after a year of study, he will confer with House and Senate congressional leaders and begin to write actual legislation.

Gene Sperling, director of Clinton's National Economic Council, said in a White House briefing that no specifics will be advanced by the administration at least until after November's mid-term elections.

Releasing details now, he suggested, could turn Social Security into a partisan battleground, and jeopardize chances for true reform.

He also commented on Clinton's appeal to Congress to "save Social Security first" instead of using any budget surpluses to finance tax cuts.

Using a surplus to help pay down the national debt for the next year or two, while Social Security overhaul legislation is being developed, would be acceptable to the administration, Sperling said. He said the administration will not propose that the surplus actual-

ly be held in reserve while the search for a Social Security fix is underway.

In his speech Clinton announced that the first of four regional forums on overhauling Social Security will be held April 7 in Kansas City, Mo.

Social Security currently takes in more payroll taxes from working Americans than it pays out in benefits to retirees. But after baby boomers start to retire around 2010, that situation will be reversed.

Without changes, Social Security by 2029 will be unable to pay due retirement benefits.

U.S. sending 3,000 troops to Gulf

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AL-JABER AIR BASE, Kuwait

The Pentagon is sending up to 3,000 troops to Kuwait — tripling U.S. ground forces in the country — "to discourage any creative thinking" by Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

At the same time, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright ruled out any massive military invasion of Iraq. "The administration does not agree with those who suggest we should deploy hundreds of thousands of American troops to engage militarily in a ground war in Iraq," Albright said in a speech in Washington.

The latest deployment of U.S. ground forces was disclosed by a senior military official traveling in the region with Defense Secretary William Cohen. He said up to 3,000 troops from Fort Hood, Texas, will be sent to Kuwait over the next 10 days or so to help defend Iraq's southern neighbor.

"The purpose is to ensure the

security of Kuwait," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "It's to discourage creative thinking on (Saddam Hussein's) part."

Although Cohen had not formally signed the deployment order, a Pentagon official said Monday "the forces have been requested and that request is being considered and processed."

They will join 1,500 Army troops who have been using M1-A1 tanks, armored Bradley troop carriers and other vehicles during a scheduled exercise in the desert emirate. The United States deployed 541,000 ground troops during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

The armored vehicles were stored in Kuwait after the Gulf War and have been used repeatedly by U.S. troops in training exercises.

For its part, Iraq appeared to be preparing for a U.S. attack. Troops of Saddam's elite Republican Guard, for instance, were being scattered throughout the country in an effort to ensure that his government remains in power, according to Iraqi travelers arriving in Jordan.

Iraq also dispatched diplomats to several Arab countries that joined the U.S.-led coalition in the Gulf War, seeking their support.

Cohen flew about 50 miles outside Kuwait City on Monday to visit this desert air base, which is surrounded by the broken and bombed-out remains of concrete bunkers hit by U.S. strike aircraft in 1991 after the Iraqi invasion.

"You are the best and the brightest America has to offer," Cohen told the crowd of mostly U.S. Air Force men and women. "You are great warriors and diplomats."

Walking through the crowd, the former senator from Maine told them, "It's important to look at your faces so when I sign a deployment order I take into account those faces." The defense secretary spent nearly an hour handing out special medallions and posing for photos.

"We're locked and loaded," said Col. James Coning, a deputy commander for Air Logistics with the Ohio National Guard, who turned out to hear Cohen. "Just let us loose."

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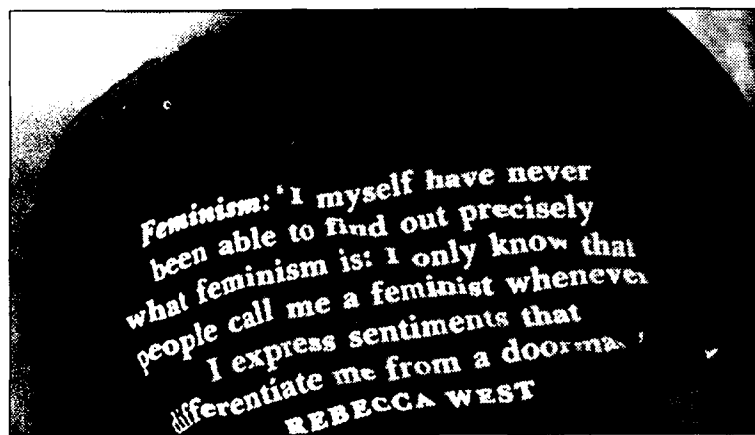
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The Progressive Students Association hopes to combat oppression in the forms of racism, sexism, heterosexism, and classicism through awareness.

Students gather to address oppression

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
Associate News Editor

More than 50 students gathered together in the Center for Social Concerns last night at the organizational meeting for the Progressive Student Alliance.

The group, which has not yet been officially recognized by the University says that its purpose is to, "oppose all forms of oppression — sexism, racism, heterosexism, and classism — by creating awareness on social issues, cooperating with existing student groups, empowering students and encouraging action."

The informal meeting focused on the goals for the group and the process that it will have to undergo in order to be recognized by Student Activities.

Aaron Kreider, the organizer of the group, began the meeting by introducing himself and claiming that, "Activism has become my life." He was impressed with the number of people that showed up for the meeting and expressed optimism at the ability of the group to accom-

plish its goals.

"I was involved in a peace group when I studied at Goshen College. In researching this topic at Notre Dame I found that there were amazing things being done on this campus in the 1980s about apartheid and divestment movements," he said. "Since the Students for a Democratic Society, there hasn't been a big, national student movement anywhere. Hopefully, people will set up a national conference to bring together like-minded groups."

Although Kreider is the main organizer, there is no established power structure in the organization and only general committees to debate topics.

"With the diversity of ideas that we have as goals, I think that certain things will emerge that we wish to focus on," said Kreider. "Currently, because of the U.S. threats, we are stressing Iraq. It is also important for us to try and get ourselves recognized by the University."

The group will meet again on Monday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. in the classroom of the Center for Social Concerns.

Vaccine for E. coli in sight

Associated Press

A vaccine against E. coli, the deadly food poisoning bacteria that forced the recall last year of millions of pounds of beef, has been tested successfully on a small group of volunteers, researchers said Monday.

Scientists at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, N.C., report that a preliminary study using 87 volunteers showed that the vaccine causes an immune reaction that could protect against infection by E. coli O157.

"This is still very early in the research," said Dr. Dwayne F. Alexander, director of the institute on child health and human development, one of the National Institutes of Health. "This is the first human study of this proposed vaccine."

He said the important finding is that the vaccine produced a level of antibody in the volunteers that could kill E. coli O157 in the test tube.

"We don't know yet if it will kill the bacteria in the body," he said.

Alexander said the next step is tests to determine if the vaccine will prevent E. coli O157 infection in cattle, which are thought to be the most common source of the infection.

Results of the preliminary study are published in the Journal of Infectious Diseases. E. coli O157 is a deadly, new strain of bacteria that can contaminate beef, fruit juice and other foods, causing severe food poisoning symptoms, including bloody diarrhea and damaged kidneys. People can also become infected by swimming in lakes or rivers contaminated with the organism.

Children are most seriously affected by the infection. An estimated 20,000 Americans are poisoned by E. coli O157 annually and about 250 die, according to the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention.

An outbreak in Japan last year infected more than 10,000 people in just two months.

Last year, millions of pounds of ground beef in the United States were destroyed after tests showed the beef was contaminated with E. coli. The organism also has been found in fruit and fruit juices.

E. coli is spread most frequently from cattle manure that can get into meat during butchering or onto fruits or vegetables in the field. Water runoff from pastures with are infected cattle can contaminate rivers and lakes.

E. coli is formally known as Escherichia coli, named for Theodor Escherich, a German bacteriologist who first isolated it 111 years ago. A benign form of the organism lives in the human gut, where it is essential for proper digestion.

Researchers believe that some genes of a dangerous virus, called shigella, were transferred into E. coli during a shigella epidemic in Central America in the 1970s. This transformed one strain of a usually harmless germ into a pathogen that does not respond well to antibiotics and can cause severe food poisoning.

In the experiment, three groups of 27 volunteers were inoculated with different formulations of a vaccine made from the combination of parts the E. coli bacterium and another bacterium, Pseudomonas aeruginosa.

Nearly all of the volunteers developed antibodies against E. coli within a week. This suggests that such a vaccine could be useful in quickly controlling an outbreak, said Alexander.

At the end of 26 weeks, 97 percent of the test subjects had antibody levels 10 times higher than pretest levels. Antibody produced in the blood of the volunteers was able to kill the E. coli O157 bacterium in laboratory cultures.

Volunteers experienced no serious side effects from the vaccine, with irritation at the injection site being the most common complaint.

Alexander said a Minnesota firm is now testing the vaccine in cattle. He said it may be possible to prevent infection by E. coli O157 "if we can control it at the source."

A test on children would be next, but Alexander said that there are no immediate plans to conduct further human testing.



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■ CANADA

Chretien: Canada will lend military support

Associated Press

OTTAWA
Canada supports the use of military force against Iraq if diplomatic efforts fail to end an impasse over U.N. weapons inspections Prime Minister Jean Chretien said Monday.

Chretien spoke at the start of a special session of the House of Commons called to discuss Canada's possible participation in a U.S.-led military operation against Iraq.

Canada has indicated it would agree to provide troops and equipment for non-combat support roles, but Chretien wanted to delay a decision about the scope of a possible deployment until after a parliamentary debate.

That decision is not expected until after a Cabinet meeting planned for Tuesday.

But Chretien made it clear Monday that at least in principle, he backs the use of force against Iraq.

"Tonight I want to lay out clearly before the people of Canada why we believe their government should support military action if he [Saddam Hussein] does not comply," Chretien told the House of Commons.

"This gives us no pleasure,"

Chretien said. "Canada is not a nation that rushes to embrace the use of force. We do not lightly endorse military action. For us it is always the last resort."

Chretien spoke to President Bill Clinton on Sunday and British Prime Minister Tony Blair on Monday about

Canada's possible involvement in an operation against Iraq.

During the Gulf War in 1991, Canada provided about 1,800 troops in a back-up role, in addition to fighter planes to escort bombing missions.

Chretien continued to hold out hopes of a diplomatic end to the impasse, but said for the first time that Canada must support military intervention if diplomacy fails.

"A military intervention is not imminent, but don't be mistaken," Chretien said.

"Saddam has shown very clearly that he will not respect diplomatic solutions, unless of course, they are accompanied by a threat of intervention or an intervention."

Chretien said Canada will lend military support — "not combat troops, but it will mean a Canadian presence in the action against Saddam Hussein."

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JEAN CHRETIEN
PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA

■ WHITE HOUSE

Starr demands that intern testify

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Turning up the pressure on Monica Lewinsky, prosecutors are demanding that the former intern appear before a federal grand jury this week, an appearance that her lawyers worked Monday to block unless she is granted full immunity from prosecution.

After a weekend in which tensions with Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr exploded publicly, lawyers for President Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky crafted their next moves in secret court filings.

David Kendall, the president's private lawyer, followed through with a promise he made Friday and filed a complaint in U.S. District Court

over leaks of secret grand jury information in the investigation of an alleged presidential affair and cover-up.

"The filing is under seal, and we will have no further comment," said Kendall, who had promised to ask for contempt sanctions against the prosecutor's office.

In California, Ms. Lewinsky's attorney, William Ginsburg, was preparing a motion to quash a subpoena issued two weeks ago that compels his client to testify before the grand jury.

Prosecutors initially did not schedule a date for the appearance as they tried to reach a deal to secure Ms. Lewinsky's cooperation. But last week they withdrew an offer to give her full immunity in exchange for her testimony

and then demanded that she appear before the grand jury this Thursday.

Individuals close to Ms. Lewinsky's defense said Ginsburg was preparing to go to court Tuesday to ask a judge to enforce the immunity deal or block Thursday's appearance. Such a filing would have to be kept confidential under grand jury secrecy rules.

Ginsburg declined to discuss the content of his motion, but told The Associated Press of "how damaging these leaks have been to Monica Lewinsky in terms of her getting a fair public hearing, much less a trial if that is necessary."

Prosecutors have already informed Ms. Lewinsky she is a target likely to be indicted.

Storms hit California hard

Associated Press

TIJUANA, Mexico

Soldiers and rescue workers scraped away mud and debris Monday after El Niño-fed floodwaters roared through a border shantytown, killing 13 people and forcing hundreds to flee their homes.

Three teen-age girls were killed after fast-flowing mud swallowed their family's car at the foot of the eastern shantytown of Mexico Lindo, or Beautiful Mexico. Swirling floodwaters dragged an 18-year-old girl from her house to her death. Some 500 people took refuge at shelters because their neighborhoods were buried in mud, water and debris.

"The hill was falling down. All the water was running through the house," said Hermillinda Garcia, 36, who brought her five children to a shelter.

North of the border, a preliminary tally of storm damage throughout California ranged up to \$300 million, and President Clinton issued a disaster declaration for the state, ordering federal aid for a 27-county area north of Ventura County.

"My thoughts and prayers are with those affected by the floods and mudslides," the president said in a statement.

Californians took advantage of a break from the storms that have battered the West Coast for a week. They cleared roads, cleaned catch basins and drains and rebuilt sandbag barricades. Sunshine bathed Southern California, which has seen up to two feet of rain in some areas this month.

Forecasters said the next storm was expected to blow ashore farther north Monday night, with the brunt of the bad weather hitting Oregon and Washington state.

But California was still far from drying up. Seven-foot waves coupled with a 6-foot-high tide pounded San Clemente beach homes and ate away 100 feet of sand at Malibu's Broad Beach, 80 miles south.

The Malibu beach retreats of Steven Spielberg, Danny DeVito, Frank Sinatra, Goldie Hawn, Jack Lemmon and Dustin Hoffman weren't threatened, but one home was destroyed and four others were seriously damaged.

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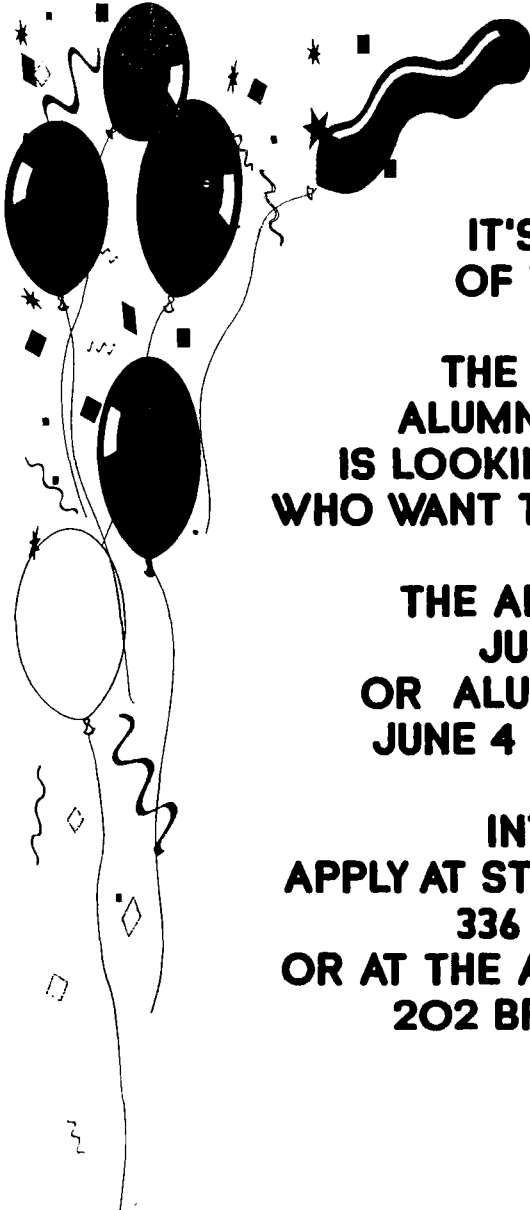
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■ So, What's My Point?

What You Did Not Hear

Hmmm. Last week was chock full of news — news that did NOT relate to Clinton, or Monica Lewinsky, or the Olympics. Some of the news was actually interesting. Let's take a look at some of the headlines:

The Texas parole board made the right decision last week.

Nakasha Ahmad

The board decided not to give Carla Faye Tucker a reprieve from the death penalty for the pickaxe murders of two people in 1983.

Whether you agree with the merits of the death penalty or not (and I happen to), it is doubtless that the death penalty is used with discrimination. Disproportionately more blacks and men are assigned to death row than are whites and women. In fact, Tucker was only the second woman to be executed in this country since the death penalty was allowed to be reinstated by the Supreme Court in 1976.

The cries of some of Tucker's advocates last week indicated that they expected—or at least hoped for—leniency because she was a woman—a woman, moreover, who had experienced a “religious conversion” and should therefore be given a reprieve and sentenced to life in prison instead of death.

Neither the gender of a victim, nor their race or religion should predispose them for the death penalty more than others. While I agree that the death penalty should be meted out for those who have committed heinous crimes, I also believe that the death penalty itself should be administered fairly. It is not fair to sentence one person to life in prison and another to death merely because one happens to be a man and the other a woman. Moreover, the point of “religious conversion” seems a bit iffy. The law requires that people who have committed crimes be punished for those crimes, not for the religious “state” they were in when they committed that crime. Religious conversion or no, the fact remains that she killed two people, and that she was sentenced to death for it.

Not to mention the fact that “religious conversion” itself is a questionable reason for being lenient. After all, who decides which “religion” is legitimate, and even which “conversion” is legitimate?

Unconstitutional or Common Sense?

Recently, a judge in Massachusetts ruled that women-only gyms and health clubs were legal after all.

Thank God.

Now, however, the National Organization of Women is challenging this ruling, saying that it promotes and “legalizes” discrimination based on gender. That by saying that men are not allowed to join women's health clubs (and vice versa), we are turning back the clock and going back to the era where women

were not allowed to join any men's organizations.

This is ridiculous. A health club, or gym, is a different type of facility. While I agree with equal opportunity, I think there is a point where it can be taken too far.

A health club or a gym is a place where people come to exercise. As the judge pointed out in his ruling, the gym is a semi-private type of setting, where people of both genders are “vulnerable.” The position of NOW, in this case, seems to be ridiculous. By simply allowing women, (and men, by the way) the privacy of exercising in a gym without members of the opposite sex looking on does not seem to be turning back the clock at all. Rather, it seems to be a thoughtful consideration of equality and the needed privacy of individuals who feel that they need a women's gym to cater fully to their needs. Certain places should be allowed to stay private (provided, of course, that this is what the majority wants.)

What's next on NOW's agenda — unisex bathrooms?

Nakasha Ahmad is a sophomore English major at Saint Mary's. Her column appears every other Tuesday.

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

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Turn That Frown Upside Down

Rene Mulligan's Letter to the Editor regarding the supposedly offensive Keenan Revue only exemplifies a common and pervasive attitude in our community: we take ourselves way too seriously. The Revue provides us with a forum to see an exaggerated portrayal of various aspects of the University. Ms. Mulligan and others fail to separate the jokes, innuendoes, and unique stereotypes of different groups from the heartfelt feelings and views of those making the jokes. Nobody really thinks that Zahm is Notre Dame's bastion of homosexuality. And I know Breen-Phillips is not stockpiling vats of Yo-Cream in their basement.

This intra-campus humor adds a personality to the University community that allows us to break up the homogeneity of the student population.

Rarely are these comments intended to ridicule or debase anything;

Revue-type comments are meant only to poke fun. Not coincidentally, the Revue is scheduled for the end of January in an attempt to ease the monotony and disinterest so easily created by a South Bend winter. Relax, laugh at yourself, Notre Dame.

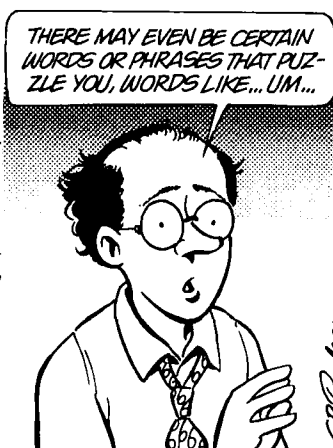
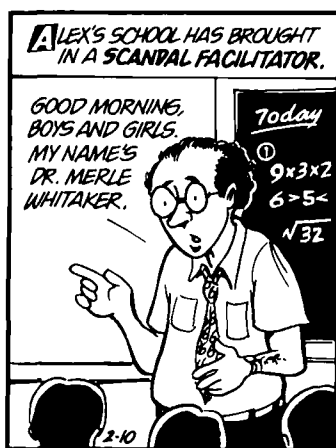
The view presented by Ms. Mulligan strikingly resembles the attitude prevalent in the Saint Mary's College uproar brought about by the letter written by Ms. Syner and Ms. Fuller. Why must we concern ourselves with every little comment or personal view? Recently, a professor indicated that she did not like or appreciate Dilbert (yes, the comic strip) because it made light of her profession. And yes, Notre Dame, the Stanford Band's off-color halftime presentation at the football game should not have created as much attention as it did.

Maybe it's due to insecurity, an innate desire for approval, or the political correctness of today. I don't know. But next time someone makes fun of me, I'll be laughing.

Sean P. Smith
Sophomore, O'Neill Hall
February 7, 1998

■ DOONESBURY

GARRY TRUDEAU



■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

“My favorite animal is meat.”

—James Bockstoe

■ TABLE TALK

Eschatology and the Olympic Games

Eschatological. Now there's a word you won't often see in the newspaper. Literally, it means "concerning the last things." Biblically, "eschatological visions" are those passages that try to describe the world in its

final state, as brought to fulfillment by God.

Isaiah (11:6, 9), for instance, portrays predator-prey relationships giving way to "the peace-

David Weiss



able kingdom," envisioning a time when "the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lay down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them ... They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain."

Micah (4:3) foresees the clashes of clan and culture overcome as implements of force become implements of food when at last "nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

Without making the very dangerous claim that we can achieve such visions by simple human will, I do think that both prophets intended them to play a vital role in shaping our admittedly more mundane aspirations and choices. Eschatological visions serve as something of a moral compass. And we forfeit them at great peril. The King James Version of Proverbs 29:18 is both eloquent and ominous: "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

On some level the Olympic games are an eschatological vision. The five-colored interlocking rings on the Olympic flag promise the possibility of unity across boundaries of continent and country. The ceremonial pageantry affirms diversity within a global community. And the competitions themselves offer the ideal of celebrating the human spirit and the pursuit of human excellence. (Though I will readily grant that our media coverage and our medal counts often fall far short of this ideal.)

Still, I draw this parallel because I think that to empty the Olympics of their value *as vision*, to reduce them to matters of inconsequence beside such "sacred" notions as the national interest, is a perilous path — and it is the path onto which we as a nation have turned.

Last week, as the intensity of the Iraq crisis grew, the International Olympic Committee asked the United States to forestall any military attack until after the games had ended. Defense Secretary William Cohen replied that "external events" like the Olympics would play no role in any military timetable, suggesting it would be irresponsible to hold back a possible U.S. attack on account of the games. White House spokesperson Mike McCurry further explained, the president's foremost obligation is simply to protect national interests.

I do not dismiss the seriousness of the Iraq crisis, although the absence of any clear international consensus that military action is the appropriate response at this time might at least give us pause to question the confidence with which we approach another conflagration. My concern, however, is that, as a people who take pride in ideals of freedom and democracy which ultimately know no national boundaries, we at least ask ourselves: What does it mean to decide that a plea for peace during the Olympics, the most powerful eschatological symbol of world community today, is antithetical to our national interests?

If war comes again to the Gulf after the Olympics, those 16 days of peace will no doubt be quite insignificant, especially to those who will inevitably suffer and die despite the short reprieve. I cannot deny that.

But I will say this. If we choose to bomb Iraq during the Olympic games — and especially if we do so on the already stated pretense that the games themselves make no difference — then in addition to the loss of human life we will need as well to mark a very real loss of human vision. And if the author of Proverbs is right, such a loss isn't in anybody's national interest.

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

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let Boys be Boys, Part I

I am angered and offended by the Observer's Inside Column last Friday, Feb. 6, 1998, in which Laura Petelle registered her disapproval of Notre Dame men, and I would like to address some of her opinions.

First, Ms. Petelle made an outrageous generalization, dividing all ND men into two types, neither particularly favorable in her opinion. Rather than being open-minded to what any individual might have to offer, she blindly dismissed the entire gender as being unacceptable before she even gave us a chance. It's that kind of blatant stereotyping that lies at the root of ALL forms of discrimination, be it sexual, racial, or whatever.

"And people wonder why gender relations are abysmal at Notre Dame," she emphatically stated, as if she'd found the root of the problem, while hypocrites like herself truly make it worse with their narrow-minded opinions.

Now, I enjoy the relaxation of video games and the company of my roommates, but I am hardly one of her "type A" guys. I also enjoy spontaneously delivering a flower once in a while and spending time with someone of the opposite sex of whom I am genuinely fond, but I don't seem to fit the "type B" mold, either. And just because I'm not "scared to death of being alone" doesn't mean I want to force myself to be. I don't claim to be a "gender relations poster-boy," but I do know that gender relations is about learning from experience, which she intentionally shuns (though with attitudes like hers, I seriously question whether her "boy hiatus" is as self-inflicted as she claims).

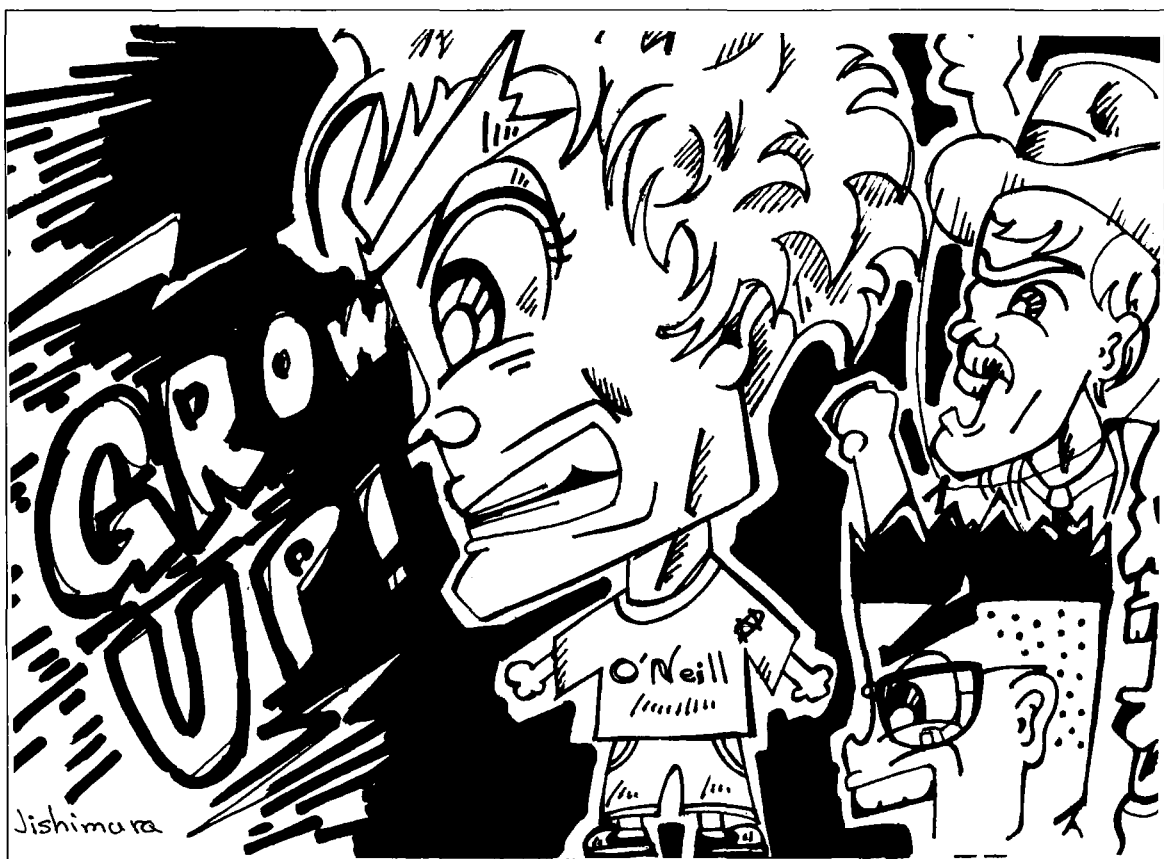
I would like to congratulate Ms. Petelle on her emotional stability and academic success, but also inform her that it is indeed possible to achieve those things and more without cutting oneself off from half the university's population, a lifestyle she naively considers "extremely healthy." I am living proof that nothing is healthier than being open to allowing someone to inspire you to want to become a better person. Each person I meet helps me grow and learn; I take every experience, good or bad, with me on my journey toward finding my future life-time partner. At our 10 or 20 year class reunion, my wife and I will be sure to take a moment to look up Ms. Petelle and she'll still be easy to find.

I'm all for freedom of speech, but I asked The Observer to please look more carefully at the content of articles by "journalists" like Ms. Petelle before allowing such garbage to pollute its publication.

I ask the students of Notre Dame to reject the childish views of their fellow student, and to take advantage of this great place and the plethora of wonderful and interesting people it has to offer.

And finally, I suggest to Laura Petelle that she turn down the estrogen a little and get out of her room a little more. Laura, get off your couch, wake up, and take a whiff of reality.

Mark Luczak
Sophomore, O'Neill Hall
February 8, 1998



Let Boys be Boys, Part II

I read Laura Petelle's "Inside Column" that ran last Friday, and it does not surprise me that the last line of her article reveals that she will be going to her SYR this weekend by herself. She tries to point out two different types of men that exist here at Notre Dame, and it is obvious that she is doing nothing to help out the gender relations problems that exist here. Her type A men love Nintendo, their roommates, and live in pigsties. This is an interesting assessment. In fact, I think that she accurately described any male college student. It is obvious that Miss Petelle has not observed males at other colleges, or she would notice that, in this respect, they are EXACTLY like those here at Notre Dame. I think that a reason for this can be extrapolated from Miss Petelle's article. She states that she has, on her seven-month "boy hiatus, ... had lots of quality bonding time with my couch and my chick flicks." She then goes on to say that she has watched "Little Women" more times than [she] can count. Is this how she expects the "rare, normal guys" to spend their Friday evenings? Watching "Little Women" and telling sob stories? I think that if they did, Ms. Petelle would pigeonhole them into her type B category. How does a guy win? I have been here three years, and it is obvious that there are many problems with gender relations.

However, I hang out with many "normal

girls," and we do normal things. They do not ask me to watch "Little Women," and I do not ask them to play Nintendo. Granted, my female-friends occasionally have to step over an old pizza box, but when I go to their place, I have to put up with all of their goofy picture collages and the Indigo Girls. The point is, we are different. There are things that we do that women may not like, but there are also things that women do that men can't stand (such as chick flicks). But we need these things. That's what makes us male and you female. Let us have our space, and you can have yours. When was the last time that a male wrote an article in this paper putting down females for sitting around and watching chick flicks? Not in a while, and it is because the majority of us really do not care what you do in your free time, so long as you do not expect us to take part. We do not want you to take part in our "male bonding" time, so just leave it to us. If you and the men that you know cannot find a middle ground, then it is your own problem. Just don't try to put ALL of us into a negative category because you cannot seem to find a group of guys that will watch "Little Women" with you.

Gabe Bosslet
Junior, Zahm Hall
February 7, 1998

Sweating it out:

■ ACCENT ASKS...

When have you been really stressed?



"During the time when I wrote my college applications. I finished them as quickly as I could, then it was out my hands and I could relax."

Patrick Lach
Freshman, Dillon

"I had a big anatomy test so I played with cat bones."

Sara Levandusky
Junior, LeMans



"Waiting to hear back from an interview was stressful. I slept off the stress."

Saul Mancilla
Senior, Sorin

"It was during finals. I had a ton of work to do, so I spent ten hours in SDH studying. Then before my physics test, I went to the lake for a change in scenery, and watched the birds fall through the melting ice; it was amusing."

Elizabeth Kerbleski
Sophomore, Lyons



"I was under a lot of stress my first three semesters here. Then I switched from engineering to business."

Joe Reed
Sophomore, Knott

Feeling blue in F



By BRIDGET RZEZUTKO
Accent Writer

It's second semester, it's February and everyone is Midterms are approaching and summer is too far a begin to anticipate. There are so many important things whether or not you'll get that internship this summer, grad you'll get into the medical school or law school of your choice. This is not even mentioning the little, everyday grievances that those days that from the moment you wake up, things just go w slept and missed your first class, or are completely irritated by yo what the situation, outside forces can trigger feelings of anxiety, stres Even the weather can have an impact on mental outlooks. Let's fac in South Bend are anything but cheery. If it isn't snowing, it's raining. Consequently, most of our time is spent indoors. This kind of weather people to feel down in the dumps, trapped and restless. In winter months However, there is a point when the winter blues and stress can turn into chiatric disorder characterized by feelings of worthlessness, guilt, sadness Although everyone may experience feelings of sadness from the loss of a lo or being homesick, clinical depression is much more severe. It is accompa loss of initiative, self-punishment, withdrawal and inactivity, and changes in interest in activities one once found enjoyable, not wanting to do anything. common symptoms.

Many people make comments about feeling depressed. It is important to r feeling sad and being clinically depressed. Clinical depression tends to run in predisposition to mental illness is genetically transmitted. Thus, the risk of a families of depressive patients than the population as a whole. Statistics tend ed than men, but psychologists feel this may be because women are more like there is an under-diagnosis of depression in the male population. Surveys sho suffer from significant depressive symptoms at any one time, striking people of If you are experiencing these symptoms of depression, or know someone w alone. Remember, a friend may provide a good ear for venting your frustra the best answer to finding a solution.

There are places to go on campus for help. On Saint Mary's campus there where sessions are free and confidential. Hours are Monday through Frida more information and to be scheduled with a counselor.

At Notre Dame, call the University Counseling Center at 631-7336. Ho ,9a.m.-5p.m. Individual sessions are \$4 but the fee can be waived. Counselors are available 24 hours a day in case of an emergency at that

Don't be afraid to seek help, but if all you are looking for is to relief hectic time, here are some suggestions.

1) Take a nap. Sleep is crucial to our bodies. Without it or from begin to feel crabby, jumpy and not energized. Try to get between order to feel more alert and in good spirits.

2) Exercise daily. Doing this will increase not only your end energy level.

3) Most importantly, relax. Get your mind off of the awhile. Call an old friend. Write a letter. Buy a new b Do whatever it is that makes you feel the most peac ease.

Don't worry, the blues won't last forever; h piness is near.

stress in college

February



COLLEGE STRESS

STRESS. It's that collection of mounting pressures and creeping anxieties, all-night panics and heart-pounding emotions. It's the agony of making big decisions, or coping with a maze of small problems. Each of us perceives stress and copes with it in a different way. A situation that is comfortable — even energizing — for one person may drive another up the wall. So each of us has a "stress threshold" and when that personal limit is crossed, we can experience some very negative effects, emotionally and physically.

THE BIG FIVE

Five types of pressures seem to cause students the most trouble during college:

- Separation from family.
- Freedom.
- Competition.
- Peer pressure
- Choosing a career.

It's nearly impossible to make it through college without experiencing at least one of the Big Five, and sometimes it's hard to know whether the pressures are spurring you on or dragging you down. Yet making that distinction is essential to your own health and success. What to do? Read on

SUCCESS WITH STRESS

How can you know when you're slipping from a healthy, motivating level of stress into harmful "distress"? Here are some of the telltale symptoms:

- General irritability, hyper-excitedness, or depression.
- Pounding of the heart.
- An overpowering urge to cry or run and hide.
- Inability to concentrate.
- Feelings of unreality, weakness, and dizziness.
- Frequent fatigue.
- Floating anxiety (being afraid, but not knowing what you're afraid of).
- Migraine headaches.
- Emotional tension and alertness (being "keyed up").
- Trembling; nervous tics.
- Tendency to be easily startled by small sounds.
- High-pitched, nervous laughter.
- Stuttering and other speech difficulties.
- Grinding of the teeth.
- Insomnia.
- Sweating.
- Pain in the neck or lower back.
- Frequent urination, diarrhea, indigestion, queasiness, and sometimes even vomiting.
- Missed menstrual periods.
- Loss of or excessive appetite.
- Increased smoking.
- Increased use of prescription drugs.
- Nightmares.
- Accident-proneness.

If you recognize some of these symptoms in yourself and feel they are the result of too much stress, here are some techniques to help you find relief. Consider these a "menu" of options and choose those that sound good to you and are practical for your situation.

1. WORK OFF STRESS.
2. TALK OUT YOUR WORRIES.
3. SAY "NO" MORE OFTEN.
4. LEARN TO ACCEPT WHAT YOU CANNOT CHANGE.
5. RELAX YOUR STANDARDS.
6. FIND THE HUMOR IN IT.
7. CHANGE YOUR PERSPECTIVE.
8. AVOID SELF-MEDICATION.
9. GET ENOUGH SLEEP & REST.
10. GET HELP WITH THE JOBS YOU HATE.
11. ESTABLISH A SERENE PLACE OF YOUR OWN.
12. COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.
13. BALANCE WORK & RECREATION.
14. TAKE TIME OUT.
15. DO SOMETHING FOR OTHERS.
16. TAKE ONE THING AT A TIME.
17. UNCLUTTER YOUR LIFE.
18. GIVE IN ONCE IN AWHILE.
19. REWARD YOURSELF AFTER STRESSFUL ACTIVITIES.
20. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE.

The article in its entirety can be found on <http://www.saf.uwplatt.edu/counsel/stress/stress.htm>

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■ NBA

Players differ in opinions on Jordan's departure

Associated Press

NEW YORK This might have been Michael Jordan's final All-Star game, and it will be followed by what might be a farewell tour and what might be a last championship push.

Through it all, there will be believers and nonbelievers. Some think it's the end of the Jordan Era, some think it's all a big charade.

"How many times do you want me to say it?" Jordan asked Sunday after winning his third All-Star MVP award. "I'll say it once more. If Phil (Jackson) is not in Chicago, I'm not playing."

Jordan did not change his stance during All-Star weekend. He simply reiterated what he has been saying for weeks: If the Bulls change coaches, as management maintains it will,

he will retire.

Neither side figures to blink until the playoffs are over and it's clear whether the Bulls have added to their dynasty with a sixth title in eight years.

If they win, the pressure to capitulate will be on owner Jerry Reinsdorf and general manager Jerry Krause. If someone knocks the Bulls off, management will have an excuse to rebuild the team.

"He's such a great person, a great player, that it will really hurt if we lose him," Eastern Conference All-Star coach Larry Bird said. Bird, like nearly everyone at All-Star weekend, heard the Jordan question over and over. And like everyone, he didn't know whether to believe it.

"Michael will be here again next year and will win the MVP again," Jayson Williams said. "I don't know why Mike

needs so much drama in his life."

"I think this was his last (All-Star) game," Penny Hardaway said.

"We hope he won't retire," Gary Payton said. "We hope he comes back because he makes it more competitive."

Added West coach George Karl: "The league will learn how to function without Michael, but I'll go on record right now that I personally think Michael should continue to play."

"I think we all want to try to beat him. He has set the standard at such a height that anybody who has the opportunity wants to go after the best. And he has proven to be the best many, many times."

Jordan won the MVP award after leading all scorers with 23 points as the East beat the West 135-114. Jordan shot 10-

for-18 with eight assists, six rebounds and three steals.

"If that was his last, it was a great way to go out," Jason Kidd said. "If he does decide to retire, he's going out at the right time — out on top."

There is skepticism regarding Jordan's pronouncements because he has gone back on his word before.

When he retired in 1993 to become a baseball player, he said he was finished playing basketball.

When he returned in 1995, he wore uniform No. 45 and said he would never wear No. 23 again.

In both cases, Jordan flip-flopped. Now, people are looking for any sliver of hedging on his part.

If he won't play or any coach other than Jackson, would he consider being a player-coach?

"No. That was just an appetizer thrown out by Phil," Jordan said.

Would he play elsewhere next season if Jackson gets a job coaching another team? "Nowhere else," Jordan said. Would he play for the Knicks? "No. I said I'd only do that if I was single. I'm not single," Jordan said. Why don't people believe him?

"I don't know," he said. "I guess you'll have to wait and see."

People don't want to see it or people just don't want it to happen.

But this day was going to happen sooner or later.

"I've always said I would not walk out of the game limping. If I walk out of the game, I want to walk out knowing I can still play. People have to believe that."

■ NBA

Mason faces assault charges

Associated Press

NEW YORK Anthony Mason is about to find out if his latest brush with trouble has soured New York's opinion of him.

During his time with the New York Knicks, Mason's hard play endeared him to fans at Madison Square Garden. They loved his ruggedness under the boards and his amazing ballhandling skills for such a strong man. Knicks fans even continued to cheer for Mason when he returned with the Charlotte Hornets.

Tonight, he might not be welcomed back quite so warmly when the Knicks and Hornets play.

Mason will be playing for the first time since he was arrested last weekend for allegedly having sex with 14- and 15-year-old sisters.

On Monday, an embarrassed

Mason spoke publicly for the first time since his arrest, apologizing to his family and teammates.

"Did I do this? No, definitely not," he said following the team's practice at an Upper West Side fitness club. "I'm innocent."

Mason was charged Sunday with statutory rape, sexual abuse and endangering the welfare of a child following accusations by the girls that he and a cousin had sex with them. Mason, who was released on \$20,000 bail, faces up to four years in prison if convicted.

"I'd like to say I'm sorry to my family and for the embarrassment of this situation," Mason said. "Once again, it's a silly situation. I'd like to say sorry for the embarrassment to the team."

After making his short statement, Mason hurried out of the Reebok Sports Club and boarded a chartered bus with his team-

mates for the short trip back to the Plaza Hotel.

Before joining Mason on the bus, his agent, Don Cronson, reiterated his client's stance.

"He did nothing wrong, nothing illegal," Cronson said. "Nothing, nothing, nothing."

In their complaint, the girls said Mason and his cousin, William Duggins, an unemployed construction worker who was also charged, met them during a benefit basketball game, then drove to Duggins' home.

Mason, who was in town visiting family over the weekend during the All-Star break, is accused of having sex with the girls in a basement bedroom at the house. The sexual abuse charge stemmed from events in a limousine on the way there, according to the complaint.

Cronson said Mason was in the car with the girls, but that all they were doing was "driving around."

■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Walker steps up to lead Virginia over Maryland

Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. DeMya Walker had a basket and a key steal in the final 20 seconds and Mimi McKinney scored 11 of her 15 points in the second half to help No. 12 Virginia hold off Maryland 47-45 Monday night.

Trailing 45-44 with 35 seconds left, Walker followed up a McKinney miss with 19.7 seconds left, then stole the ball on an inbounds pass and was fouled.

Walker missed both free throws but Maryland turned the ball over again with 3.3 seconds left, and McKinney added a free throw with 2.4 seconds left.

Walker finished with 15 points and 12 rebounds as Virginia (17-5, 8-4 ACC) overcame a season-high 29 turnovers in winning its fourth straight since losing to

No. 3 Old Dominion last month. Virginia now has won 14 consecutive games against Maryland (13-9, 6-6).

Both teams had their lowest point total of the season.

Stephanie Cross scored nine of her game-high 21 points for Maryland in final nine minutes, including a jumper that gave the Terrapins their 45-44 lead.

Both teams struggled in the first half, when Virginia had 17 of its turnovers while the Terrapins had 13. Maryland shot 25 percent (6 of 24) in the first 20 minutes.

The Cavaliers took a 13-2 lead as Maryland missed 13 of its first 14 shots and scored only two points in the first 10 minutes, 52 seconds. But the Terrapins managed to cut the lead to 23-18 at halftime and later climbed back from a 33-22 deficit.

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ARE YOU A SURVIVOR OF RAPE? Sex Offense Services is offering a free, confidential rape support group for undergraduate and graduate women at Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, IUSB, and Holy Cross. Please call 283-1308 for more information.

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BRING YOUR PENNIES TO THE IRISH CONNECTION TONIGHT.

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You are invited to a luncheon at Alumni Senior Club on Saturday, February 21, 1998 from 12:30 to 2:00pm. Bring your parents and enjoy lunch with your friends!

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hey, I have nothing to hide!!

kevin n. can't even win the atari games loser

andrea—
wanna chocolate muffin?!

you don't understand do you? a deathly silence falls upon the class...

why do kids here have the worst personal hygiene habits?

colleen,
a cruel trick you play on me, to build me up and then let me fall. what evil has been done to you that makes you act so?
~don antonio

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¿donde esta el espa-ol? este es el malvado en mi mundo.
~chica

This is the commander:
These classifieds have been checked and approved by the Minister of Piety.
The Minister of Intelligence, however, has declined to submit his seal of approval, especially for the rantings of Mark DeBoy, which may follow this statement on any given day.
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Stop the penny madness!!!

I am job!

Hey rumor has it that somebody's birthday is Monday. Whose could it be?

Hutch-
Times sure are a changing. It seems like just yesterday that we worked together and struggle through the long nights. Now, I must handle them all on my own. I hope that you have not forgotten your favorite person in the sports department. I miss you so much and hope that I will get to see your face soon.

Yeah, you need as many tips as you can get.

Just call me the big boss man.

Andrea-
We are sad to hear that tonight was your so-called last night up here. We will miss you terribly.

Mark DeBoy could be the best guy I have ever seen where a bra.

I am sorry to inform you that we will not let you use Kumbaya as an adjective.

YEAH, Happy Birthday to Scholastic's next EIC. Way to ride your endorsement, there, pal.

Pat, leave the Dark Side. Join the Good Side of the Force.

Because let's face it, it'll be worth it because we're instituting a 24-hour buffet policy. That's the FIRST order of business.

B2 - for all the breezes, late-night insanity, random car switches, late fees, DC's and countless skies of blue, know that I think the world of you. You da bomb.
Love, your "Joe lies" sidekick

Hey, who was the editor of the recruiting insert?

Gee, you'd never know...

Hey, Mr. Studious-man.
Hope you did well on your test...
Actually, I just hope you woke up in time for it.

Sometimes I feel like Monica Lewinsky writing secret classifieds to the president.

■ NBA

Jackson will leave, Jordan might follow

Associated Press

DEERFIELD, Ill. Phil Jackson's coaching career with the Chicago Bulls — one that includes five championships — is nearing an end. It's probably down to mere months.

"At the end of the year, it's going to be hard to say goodbye. It's going to be really tough," Jackson said Monday.

After he signed a new one-year contract last summer, management said it would be Jackson's last as the team looks to rebuild for the future.

But hold on. There's another consideration: the Michael factor.

Michael Jordan said for about the one millionth time during All-Star weekend, where he won the game's MVP Award, that if Jackson doesn't return, he won't either.

His reaffirmation came after general manager Jerry Krause said he wants Jordan back next season but he'll have to play for a new coach, sounding again like the Bulls can't wait to usher Jackson out the door.

"There is no other option. We've made an agreement that that's what is going on and that is the direction we are going as a basketball team," said Jackson, who's had his differences with Krause.

"I'm not saying our beds are made but they are laid out and ready to go. Early in training camp I sat down with Jerry Krause and Jerry Reinsdorf and we expressly went over this again and said this is our swan song as a team."

But Jackson then added: "Michael has a tremendous

sway in this game as we all see from the effect he had in the All-Star game. Michael is the only one who could change it."

Make management change their minds and bring Jackson back, maybe to guarantee Jordan's return as well?

"That's not going to happen," Jackson said. "I think the amount of intensity we've had over the last two seasons, the directions we've changed and the divergent paths that both Jerry and I have gone on just spelled the fact that the relationship had reached its course."

"It's time for him to do what he wants to do in his management of this organization and it's time for me to move on wherever I have to go."

"Michael can throw a monkey wrench into things but that's their decision and that's the way we have to look at it. ... We can talk about it here in February but that's a different story in June and July when things come out."

Jackson said Jordan's strong backing of him as the only coach he will play for has been uncomfortable at times.

"It makes me feel like I am standing in the way of him continuing his career. Some of it does. The other thing is that the organization is a bit to fault in it, too," Jackson said.

Jordan reiterated his stance Sunday and said he perceives Jackson's status to be based on his problems with Krause.

"I think it's more of a personality conflict," Jordan said. "His success as a coach is impeccable and I don't think that can be questioned, but I think it's more personal than anything."

■ ESPY AWARDS

Tiger cleans up at awards show

Associated Press

NEW YORK

It was another night of honors for Tiger Woods.

Woods was the top winner at the sixth annual ESPY Awards show Monday night, taking home three ESPYs for excellence in sports performance, including the co-Male Athlete of the Year with Ken Griffey Jr.

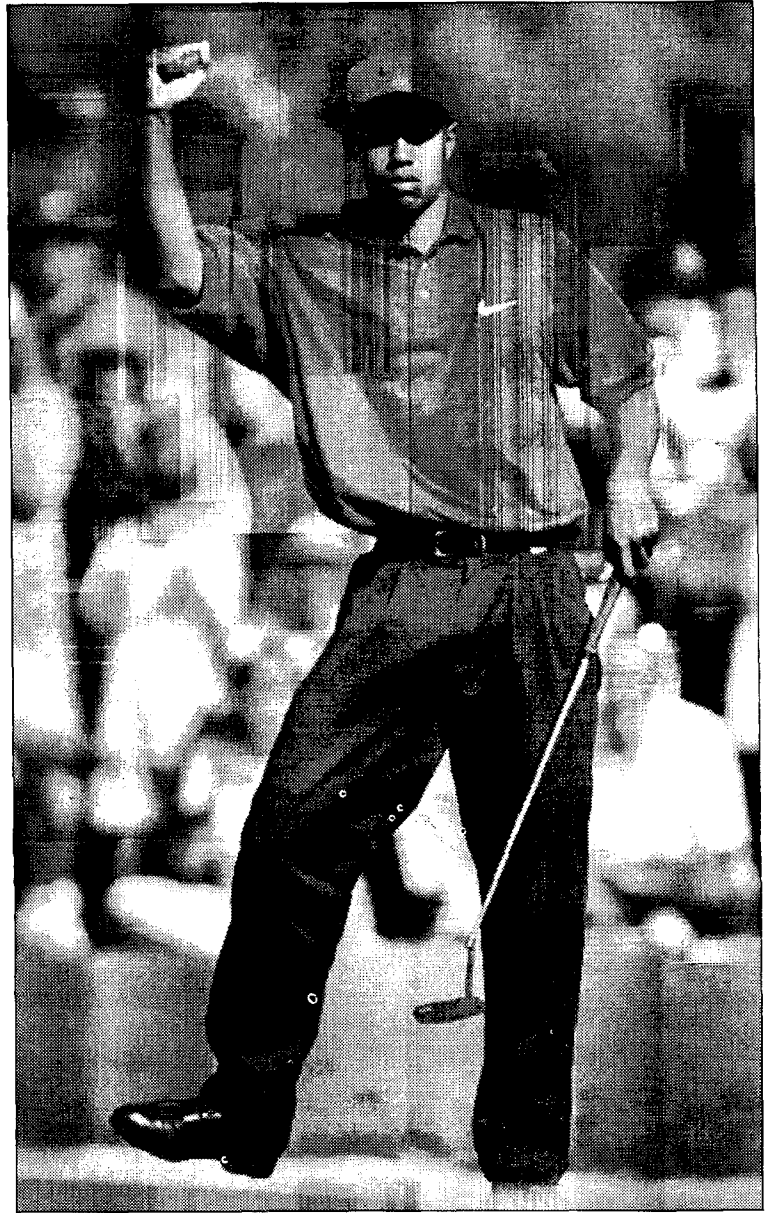
Woods, the PGA Tour 1997 player of the year, also won the Performer of the Year and the Showstopper of the Year for his victory at the Masters.

"Last year was pretty amazing. I could have been studying for finals and midterms, but I got my Masters instead," Woods said. Michael Jordan, who did not attend the show, was the only other multiple winner, taking honors as top performer in the professional basketball and Dramatic Individual Performance for his 38-point, flu-ridden performance in Game 5 of the Finals against Utah.

Jordan's college coach, Dean Smith, was honored with the Arthur Ashe Award for Courage. Smith, who became the winningest coach in college basketball history in March before retiring in October, received the award with six of his former players — Billy Cunningham, Doug Moe, Charlie Scott, Walter Davis, Brad Daugherty and James Worthy.

Smith, visibly emotional at the sight of his former players on the stage and a tribute to his career on the screen, initially turned down the award because he said he wasn't as worthy as past winners.

"I watched Jim Valvano fighting for his life when he got the award and he was still fighting to find a cure for his disease," Smith said. "I saw



Golfer Tiger Woods won three awards at last night's ESPY awards, including co-Male Athlete of the Year with Ken Griffey Jr.

Muhammad Ali up here helping kids while he was fighting his disease."

Smith agreed to accept the award after Ashe's widow, Jeannie, called and told him that her husband would be pleased with the committee's choice. Smith, a long-time supporter of the civil rights movement, helped integrate North Carolina during the 1960s.

"I want to thank people for pushing me to do what was right,"

Smith said. "Forty years ago, that was racial reconciliation. But there is still more work to be done."

One of the more emotional

moments of the show came when former Detroit Lions linebacker Reggie Brown accepted the award for best pro football player on behalf of Barry Sanders.

Brown, who sustained a career-ending spinal cord injury the same day Sanders eclipsed the 2,000-yard rushing mark, walked on stage with a metal "halo" to a standing ovation from the crowd at Radio City Music Hall.

Other top awards went to Mia Hamm (Female Athlete of the Year), the Denver Broncos (Team of the Year), and Jim Leyland, manager of the Florida Marlins (Coach/Manager of the Year).

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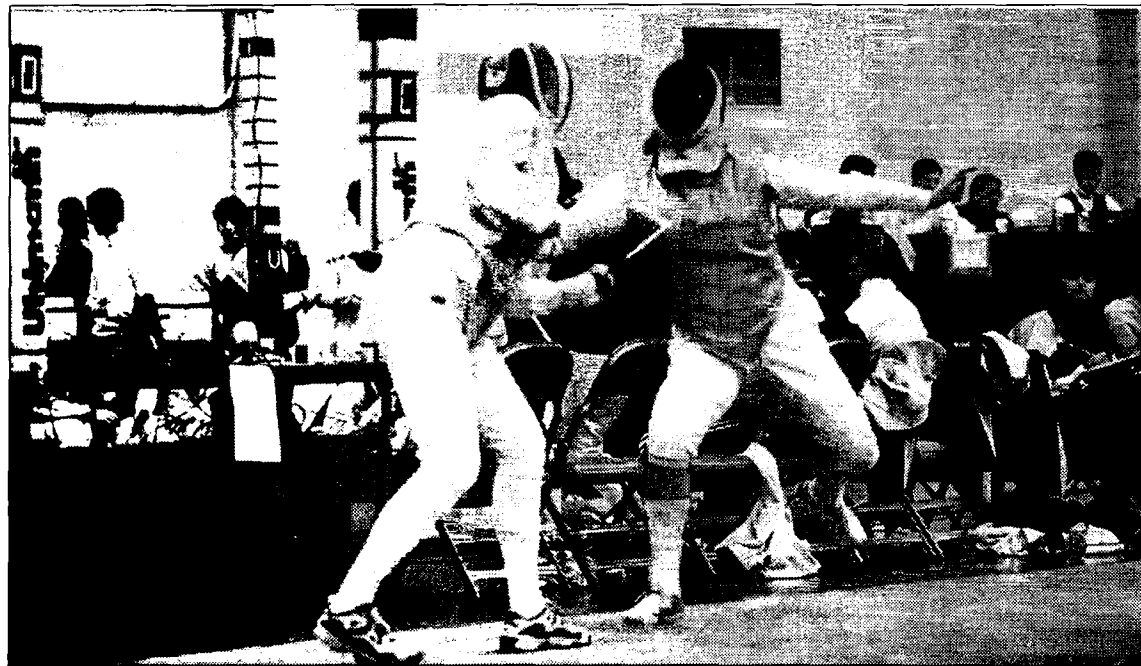


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The Observer/Jeff Tsu

The Irish fenced well against the defending national champion Nittany Lions despite the eventual loss.

Fencing

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said senior epeeist Carl Jackson. "But we weren't going to let the other teams take us down."

The men's epee and foil squads were handed losses by Penn State only by 5-4 margins. Carl Jackson's 3-0 mark against them was not enough to lead the Irish to victory, as Brian Stone and Dominic Guarnaschelli fenced well, but finished with 1-2 and 0-3 records against the Nittany Lions, respectively.

Said Jackson, "We fenced strong against them and the losses were all about the pressure that Penn brought. We know we're good enough to be consistent, as long as we learn to take the pressure competition like Penn brings."

Stone came through on the second day of competition, amassing an 7-1 record against regional opponents Michigan, Michigan State, Air Force, Wayne State, and Ohio State.

A similar account of depth came from the men's foil team. Prior to the tournament, head coach Stephan Auriol commented, "[Sophomore] Chaz Hayes has been fencing

consistent for us. But the key now is depth. We need to have three guys fencing at that level."

Senior leader John Tejada answered that call this weekend, accounting for this team's only two wins against Penn, defeating Penn All-Americans David Lidow and Gang Lu.

Tejada and squad captain Stephane Auriol stepped up the attack on Sunday, combining for only one loss.

The Nittany Lions held the sabre squad to a similar finish. Despite captain Luke LaValle's two wins against them, the Irish still could not cage the Lions, as they swept the squad and the entire team.

An All-American, LaValle continued to fence up to his title, turning in an 11-0 score the second day. Freshman Andrzej Bednarski dueled in similar fashion, going 10-1 on Sunday.

The women foilists had a different story against Penn State, but much like the men's squads, finished with a loss to them. With eight wins on the board against them, and four by an undefeated Sara Walsh, the Irish were only able to tie the Nittany Lions. The tiebreaker, which tallied the amount of hits by each team, was won by Penn by five touches.

This did not slow down the

All-American, as she went undefeated on the weekend, with four wins against the fifth-ranked women of Ohio State.

Sophomore Magda Krol and the rest of the women's epeeists registered a similar fate to Penn. Krol, who finished Saturday undefeated, tallied four wins against them. But once again, they failed to top the Lions.

Third-man on the squad Nicole Mustilli went 2-2 against Penn and 7-9 on the day. "We knew it would be hard, but we gave [Penn State] a fight."

The tournament gives the Irish a finish of 25-1 for the men and 24-1 for the women, with both squad's losses coming to Penn. Despite the losses to Penn, the team was resilient against the rest of the teams.

Pointed out Mustilli, "We all knew there were six other teams, and that Penn was not a pivotal battle for us."

"Instead, we learned that they really aren't better than us, and that we can beat them."

The individual tournaments will give the Irish an opportunity to reduel with the Lions, as they make a bid for the NCAA Championships.

Said Jackson, "We know now that we can beat anyone who comes down that strip."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Absent Leaf might be a loser with Mora, Colts

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Ryan Leaf wants the Indianapolis Colts to know he was having tests on his shoulder when he failed to meet with the team during last weekend's NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis.

"He'd have rather been meeting with the Colts than doing what he was doing," Leaf's agent, Leigh Steinberg, said Monday from New York, where he and Leaf were attending the ESPY Awards.

Steinberg said Leaf spent three hours having an MRI on his right shoulder, a test requested by the Chicago Bears. Steinberg said that when Leaf told combine officials he was supposed to meet with the Colts, he was told "physicals take precedence over meetings."

The Colts hold the first pick in April's NFL draft. They had met earlier with quarterback Peyton Manning of Tennessee. "Sometimes the agent is involved in that kind of decision," Colts coach Jim Mora said when Leaf failed to appear. "Perhaps he had something to do that extended into our meeting time."

"When you set up an appointment with him, and he's got a chance to be the No. 1 pick, and he just doesn't show, it's a little disappointing. More than a little disappointing, to be honest with you."

Steinberg said Leaf was bothered about the missed meeting but there was nothing he could do.

"Jim Mora owes Ryan leaf a public apology," Steinberg said.

"Ryan went to the combine looking forward to meeting with the Colts."

Manning rumored to be a winner of award

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn.

Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning, who finished second in the Heisman Trophy voting, will be honored as the nation's outstanding amateur athlete of 1997, the Nashville Banner reported Monday.

Manning will receive the Sullivan Award from the Amateur Athletic Union on Feb. 25 during the Tennessee-Florida basketball game in Knoxville, the newspaper reported, citing unidentified sources close to Manning.

Dixie Keller, a spokeswoman for the AAU in Orlando, Fla., would not confirm the report. Manning is a Sullivan finalist and the winner is to be announced next week.

Bud Ford, Tennessee's sports information director, said he didn't have any information

about Manning winning the award. But he said Manning will be in Knoxville on Feb. 25 to receive the Banner's award as its Southeastern Conference player of the year.

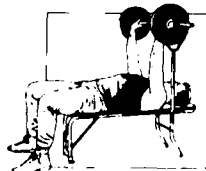
The Sullivan Award was established in 1930. It is named for James E. Sullivan, a founder and past president of the AAU. Athletes are nominated based on their athletic accomplishments, leadership and character.

Other finalists include Tennessee women's basketball star Chamique Holdsclaw, swimmer Chad Carvin, former Florida State baseball player J.D. Drew, former Wake Forest basketball player Tim Duncan, wrestler Les Gutchess, South Carolina softball player Trinity Johnson, disability sports participant Linda Mastandrea, swimmer Jenny Thompson and gymnast Blaine Wilson.

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■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Carolina, Duke remain at No.1

Associated Press

North Carolina and Duke, which share one of college basketball's greatest rivalries, continued sharing the No. 1 spot in the AP poll.

They met last week in a 1-vs.-2 showdown and North Carolina's 97-73 victory moved the Tar Heels back into the top spot Monday.

Duke was No. 1 for two weeks before its loss to Michigan opened the way for North Carolina to take the top spot for five weeks. When the Tar Heels lost to Maryland, Duke moved back into No. 1 for three weeks, until this latest switch.

North Carolina (24-1), which followed the win over Duke with a 107-100 double-overtime victory over Georgia Tech, received 68 of 70 first-place votes and 1,748 points from the national media panel.

Duke (21-2), which rebounded from the loss with a 65-49 victory over North Carolina State on Sunday, had 1,624 points, 16 more than Arizona (21-3), which had the other first-place votes.

The defending national champion Wildcats are the

only other No. 1 team this season. Arizona, which held the spot in the preseason poll and the first two of the regular season, switched places with Kansas this week. Arizona has the nation's longest current winning streak, 14 games.

Utah held fifth, while Connecticut moved up one spot to sixth, its highest ranking of the season. Kentucky moved up one place to seventh and Purdue jumped two spots to No. 8. UCLA, which was sixth last week, dropped to ninth following its loss to Oregon.

Princeton was 10th, its first Top Ten ranking in over 30 years. The Tigers held the same spot in the poll released Dec. 12, 1997.

New Mexico led the Second Ten and was followed by Arkansas, Michigan State, Stanford, South Carolina, West Virginia, George Washington, Mississippi, Cincinnati and Massachusetts.

The last five teams were Michigan, Texas Christian, Syracuse, Maryland and Rhode Island.

George Washington, which won two games last week to reach the 20-win mark, made the week's biggest jump, from

22nd to No. 17.

Stanford, which lost three of four after opening the season 18-0, had the week's biggest fall, from No. 9 to 14th. The Cardinal, who lost 76-56 at Connecticut on Saturday, had been ranked in the Top Ten for the past eight weeks, including a school-record rise to No. 4.

Iowa and Xavier dropped from the poll, replaced by Texas Christian and Rhode Island, both of which had been ranked earlier in the season.

Iowa (16-7) split its two games last week, but has lost five of six, dropping from 10th to 16th to 24th and then out of the poll.

Xavier (15-6), which split its two games last week and was 21st last week, is out of the rankings for the first time this season. The Musketeers were 10th in the preseason poll and got as high as No. 7.

TCU (20-4), which has won nine straight games, was ranked for two weeks before falling out six weeks ago.

Rhode Island (17-5), which has won four in a row after dropping three of four, is in the poll for the 10th time this season, never getting higher than No. 20.

■ NFL

Woodson, Greene too expensive for 49ers

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA

Rod Woodson and Kevin Greene, former Pro Bowlers who helped the San Francisco 49ers defense attain a No. 1 ranking last season, were waived Monday in a dramatic cost-cutting move.

The 49ers gained \$5.9 million in salary cap space by releasing the two, both of whom starred elsewhere and had productive campaigns for San Francisco in their only season with the team.

"Even though we anticipate an increase to the salary cap, it won't be enough to allow us to keep Rod and Kevin at their current salaries," general manager Dwight Clark said in a statement.

Clark left the door open for the possible return of the players, though it would be at lower pay.

"We would like to have both players back and will continue to work with their agents, Eugene Parker and David Dunn, respectively, to see if we can agree on something down the line," Clark said.

Parker and Dunn did not immediately return phone calls seeking comment on the players' release or their future plans.

Woodson, a seven-time Pro Bowler in 10 seasons with Pittsburgh and a member of the NFL's 75th anniversary team, joined San Francisco prior to last season as a free agent. Greene also joined the 49ers as

a free agent after being released by Carolina at the end of a bitter contract dispute.

Greene finished with 10.5 sacks as a situational pass-rusher after leading the league with 14 1/2 sacks while with the Panthers in 1996.

Woodson had three interceptions as a starting cornerback for the 49ers but struggled in his last game for San Francisco, a loss to the Green Bay Packers in the NFC championship game. The

Packers successfully attacked San Francisco's secondary, using quick slants and turning them into big plays by breaking tackles.

The 49ers have been in administrative disarray as team owners

Eddie DeBartolo and his sister, Denise DeBartolo York, struggle over control of the franchise. The feud has thrown the team's plans for a new \$525 million stadium-mall project into doubt.

But the releases of Woodson and Greene were not entirely unexpected. San Francisco is anxious to gain cap room so they can try to re-sign defensive tackle Dana Stubblefield, the defensive player of the year who becomes eligible for free agency later this week.

The 49ers also hope to retain fullback William Floyd, who like Stubblefield is eligible for free agency. At the same time, the 49ers gained flexibility in the free agent market and may go shopping for offensive line help and more overall team speed.

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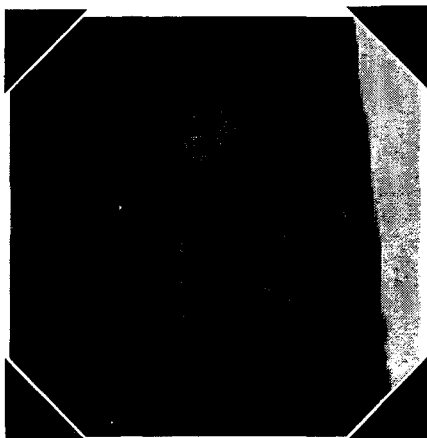
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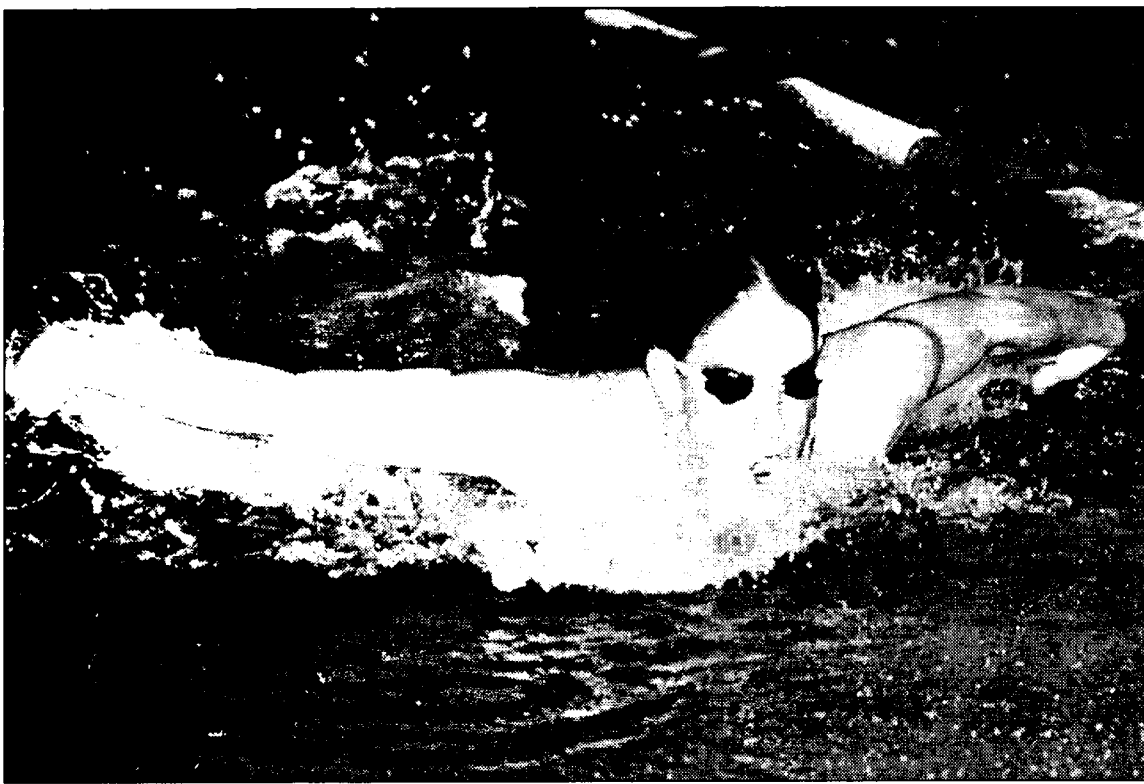
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■ MEN'S SWIMMING



The Observer/Rob Finch

The Notre Dame men's swimming team is en route to its best season since 1990.

Irish continue record season

MATT YUNG
Sports Writer

The St. Bonaventure Bonnies strolled into Notre Dame on Friday afternoon and enjoyed the sights of campus. As they crept about campus, their mouths gaped at the beauty of our school.

The next day, their jaws gaped at the beauty and speed of our swimmers and divers.

Saturday, the Irish tallied the lucky seventh on their wonderful win streak and improved their season record to 10-1.

The win over the Bonnies gave Notre Dame its first 10-win season since 1993, and a win over Wisconsin-Milwaukee this Saturday would give the team its best finish since going 12-1 in 1990.

Notre Dame got out to a quick lead, winning eight of the first nine events. The 400-medley relay started the proverbial ball in motion, and first, second, and third place finishes by James Scott-Browne, Ryan Verlin, Sean Casey, respec-

tively, gave the ball a mighty shove. Sophomore Ray Fitzpatrick turned on the juice and won two events, 100-freestyle (47.42) and the 200-freestyle (1:43.22) against Bonaventure's speedy Kelly.

It is said to be lonely at the top, and Irish diver Herb Huesman surely felt that way as he competed against himself and shot for perfection in his one- and three-meter diving wins. Other Irish winners were Steele Whowell in the 100-breaststroke, Scott Zumbach in the 200-butterfly, Rob Fetter in the 50-freestyle, Dan Szilier in the 200-breaststroke, and John Lubker in the 50-freestyle.

After the meet, freshman butterfly and freestyler Scott Koziar said, "We beat them pretty badly, we've done well all season and I think we'll do well at the Big East too."

Koziar, a Wisconsin native, is hungry for another win at Wisconsin-Milwaukee this Saturday, in the team's final dual before the ever important Big East Championships in Pittsburgh.

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terfinals before losing to the University of San Diego's Zuzana Lesenarova 6-2, 4-6, 6-0. Lesenarova is currently the 11th-ranked player in the country. Hall had an impressive second round victory against the nation's third ranked player Agnes Muzamel from Mississippi.

Hall was ranked 25th in the country prior to this tournament and has a 14-6 record so far this year. She received an at-large berth in the tournament based on her strong season and national reputation.

Coach Jay Louderback was pleased with Hall's performance. "Jennifer had a very good tournament. She has proven early in the season that she is one of the country's best.

She will definitely improve her national ranking with this showing."

Dasso had previously won the Midwest regionals, beating Hall in three sets in order to advance to the nationals. She lost a hard fought three set battle in the first round this past weekend to eventual finalist Lauren Nikolaus from William and Mary 6-4, 1-6, 6-3. Nikolaus lost in the finals to Stanford's Julie Scott 6-1, 7-6.

"Michelle played very well especially considering it was her first national competition as a collegian. She's a great competitor and I expect her to continue to improve throughout the spring," stated Louderback.

The 15th ranked Irish resume play this weekend when they host 12th-ranked Tennessee along with Boston College and Ohio State at the Eck tennis pavilion.

Tennis

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need to stay disciplined and keep the ball away from his forehand."

If Kauffman doesn't cast a shadow on the Irish, Marcus Flaitt may be the one who does.

Described by Bayliss as tall and athletic, the Kentucky power house boasts a serve of around 125 mph.

But the Irish know exactly what is at stake — tradition.

"They're going to be fired up to play," Pietrowski said. "But so are we. We don't want to be the first to lose to Kentucky at home."

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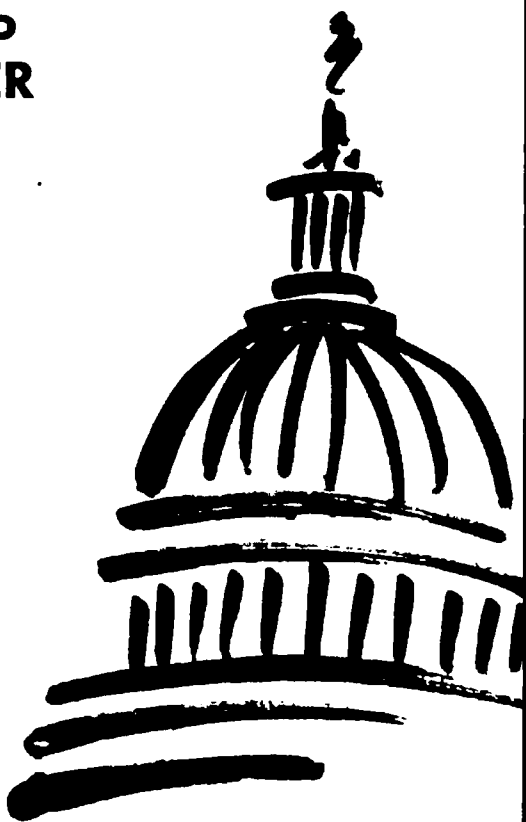
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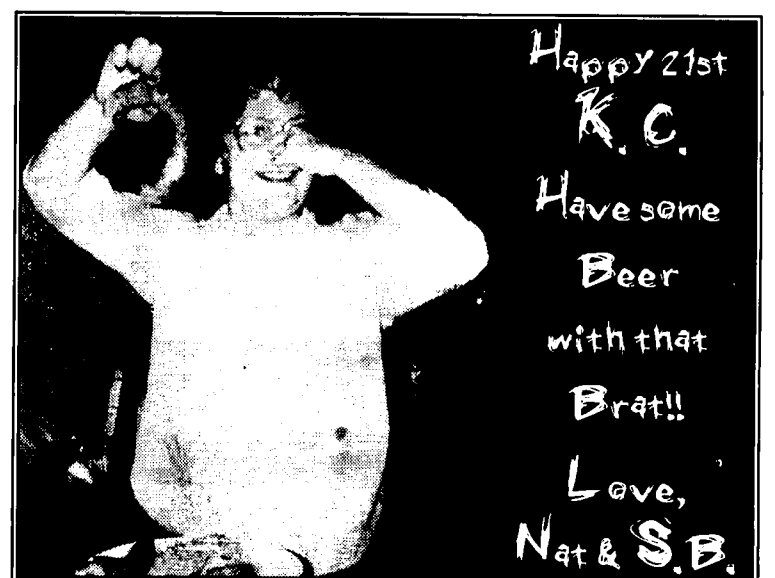
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■ HOCKEY

Dhadphale awarded by CCHA

Special to The Observer

NOTRE DAME, Ind. University of Notre Dame junior left wing Aniket Dhadphale (Marquette, Mich.) has been named the Central Collegiate Hockey Association offensive player of the week, as announced today by the CCHA office.

Dhadphale is coming off a five-point weekend that included three goals and two assists. He scored the first goal of the game in Friday's 1-1 home tie with Bowling Green before scoring twice, once on the power play, and adding two assists for a career-best four points in Saturday's 7-1 home win over Ferris State.

Three Notre Dame players have been honored by the CCHA this season. Senior goaltender Matt Eisler was the CCHA defensive player of the week (Oct. 19), after totaling 63 saves and allowing just four goals in the sweep at St.

Cloud State (4-3, 4-1).

Senior center Steve Noble was named the CCHA offensive player of the week (Dec. 29) after scoring the first goal and assisting on three others in a 5-1 win over Brown at the University of Minnesota Mariucci Classic. Dhadphale is Notre Dame's second-leading scorer with 27 points and leads the team in goals (20) power-play goals (9) and shooting percentage (20.6 percent).

His 20 goals rank fourth in the CCHA, behind Michigan senior Bill Muckalt (26), Michigan State senior Sean Berens (23) and MSU junior Mike York (21). Muckalt leads the CCHA with 11 power-play goals, followed by Dhadphale, York and Berens with nine each.

Dhadphale has scored the first goal of six games this season, tied with Michigan's Bobby Hayes and Ohio State's Eric Meloche for second in the

CCHA behind York's seven.

After enduring a sophomore slump that saw him score just five goals on 109 shots (4.6 percent), Dhadphale has racked up four times the number of goals he scored last season. He is averaging one goal per every 4.9 shots this season, compared to one goal per every 21.8 shots in 1996-97.

Dhadphale's 20 goals represent the second-highest season total by a Notre Dame player in the last six seasons, trailing only Tim Harberts' 21 scores in 1994-95. Lou Zadra lit the lamp 24 times in both 1990-91 and '91-'92. Dhadphale's nine power-play goals equal the third-most by an Irish player in the 1990s, trailing only Harberts (13, 1994-95) and Zadra (11, 1991-92).

Should Dhadphale score another power-play goal this season, he would move into a tie with current Irish coach Dave Poulin for ninth on the Irish single season PPG list.

CCHA Top 10

With its 7-1 win over Ferris State on Saturday, Notre Dame has tied Lake Superior State at 6th in the CCHA

1. Michigan
2. Michigan State
3. Miami
4. Ohio State
5. Northern Michigan
6. Notre Dame
6. Lake Superior State
8. Ferris State
9. Alaska-Fairbanks
10. Bowling Green
10. Western Michigan

■ COLLEGE HOCKEY

BU captures Beanpot

Associated Press

BOSTON

For the fourth consecutive season, Boston University showed it has the city's best college hockey team.

The Terriers could achieve that on April 2 and 4 when the NCAA Final Four will be played at the same FleetCenter rink where, on Monday night, they wrapped up another Beanpot title.

They beat Harvard 2-1 on Nick Gillis' power-play goal at 5:51 of overtime, making the six seniors on the team the first group to win the tournament in all four of their seasons.

But the last time BU (20-4-2) won the national title, those six were freshmen.

"It's a big win," senior Peter Donatelli said, "But nothing is more important to this team than winning the NCAA."

Now, though, the Terriers are enjoying their latest win in the tournament featuring the city's four top hockey colleges — a tournament that could be renamed the BU Invitational.

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■ OLYMPIC UPDATES

U.S. men's curling falls to 0-2 in round-robin

Associated Press

KARUIZAWA, Japan

The U.S. men's curling team, which talked confidently of a medal before the Olympics began, lost 11-3 to Canada and fell to 0-2 in round-robin play.

The six teams will play each other once, with the top four qualifying for the finals as curling made its debut as an Olympic medal sport. It was a demonstration sport six times previously.

The U.S. team, composed mostly of members of captain Tim Somerville's team from Superior, Wis., fell behind 3-0 in the first end — or inning — on Tuesday (Monday night EST) and trailed the 24-time Canadian world champions 5-1 in the third end. Most matches run 10 ends.

The Americans opened with a 6-2 loss to defending world champion Sweden on Monday, despite leading 2-1 late in the match.

In other men's matches Tuesday, Switzerland improved to 2-0 by defeating Britain 10-4, Norway beat Germany 7-5, and Japan beat Sweden, 6-5, in overtime.

The U.S. women, who went 0-2 on Monday, were scheduled to play twice on Tuesday.

Canada has won 24 of the 39 men's world championships, including 11 of the last 16, although Sweden won last year. Canada also has won four of the last five women's titles.

Snow forces delay of women's super-G

Associated Press

HAKUBA, Japan

Two days and at least two feet of snow later, Alpine racing finally began at the Olympics, with the first run in the slalom portion of the men's combined event.

But about 8 inches of fresh snow overnight forced postponement of the women's super-G, meaning no Alpine medal will be awarded until at least Wednesday (Tuesday night EST).

There was no immediate word on rescheduling the super-G, in which Picabo Street will make her Nagano Olympic debut.

"You want snow because it's a winter event, but it's like, 'WE'VE GOT ENOUGH NOW, THANK YOU,'" Street said, cupping her hands around her mouth and shouting into the driving snow.

"I'm just waiting anxiously out here, like everybody else," Street said. "It's hard, you know. It's a double-edged sword."

The snow has caused havoc for the Alpine schedule, which was supposed to begin Sunday with the men's downhill. That race has been reset for Wednesday (Tuesday night EST).

■ LUGE

Hackl captures third straight gold

Associated Press

NAGANO, Japan

Have patience, Armin. Your time is coming.

When Armin Zoeggeler sat down in the middle seat to answer questions about his silver-medal performance in men's luge Monday, the 24-year-old Italian was told that he was in the seat reserved for the Olympic champion.

The red-faced Zoeggeler, the reigning World Cup champion and a rising star in the sport, quickly moved over and made way for Georg Hackl of Germany, who had just won gold for the third straight time.

"This is awesome!" said Hackl, who phoned his home in the Bavarian Alps after his final run to share the good news with his family and girlfriend.

The Olympics have become Hackl's winter playground over the last decade. Since he made his mark in singles at Calgary in 1988 with a silver, the beer-drinking, fun-loving soldier has been unbeatable.

The 5-8, 180-pound Hackl, who loves to play mind games with his rivals about as much as he loves his sausage, left the rest of the field of 32 sliders in his icy wake from start to finish. He won by a daunting half-second, which means Zoeggeler and everybody else hoping to replace Hackl at the top of the Olympic podium will have to hope that his health forces him to retire before the Salt Lake City Games in 2002.

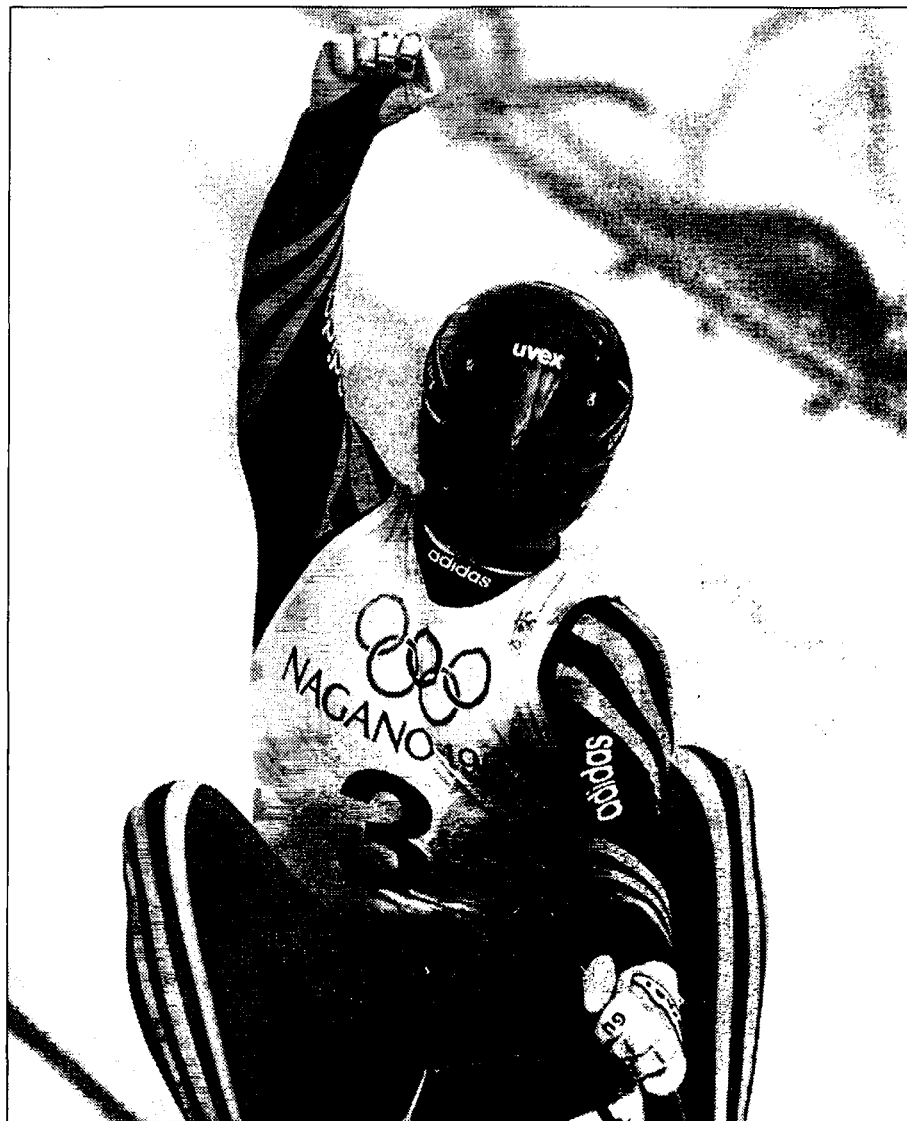
Hackl, who has had back problems in recent years, indicated that was very possible.

Maybe.

"I'm not sick or ill, but I'm 31 years old. This was different when I was 20. We all grow older. Look at yourself," Hackl said with a laugh. "This is the third gold medal, and that is something unique in luge."

Hackl became just the sixth Winter Olympian to win the same event three consecutive times, but this triumph was not without controversy.

After he broke the track record on his first run of the competition while wearing a brand new pair of special, aerodynamic yellow booties, the United States and Canada had protested, saying the gear wasn't made available to the rest of the field. The protest was



KRT Photo

Georg Hackl captured his third straight gold with the help of his aerodynamic booties.

denied.

Hackl said his neon feet had nothing to do with his fantastic finish.

"The secret this week was to drive well, lie flat on my sled, to have a fast sled and fast wax — secret wax," said Hackl, who plans to be around next year when the World Championships come to his home track in Königssee.

Hackl was fastest on each of the four runs and was the model of consistency: 49.619 seconds, 49.473, 49.614, and 49.630 for an aggregate of 3 minutes, 18.436 seconds.

Although he was only fourth on the World Cup circuit this year, there was an easy explanation for his stunning Olympic performances.

"I'm preparing years and years for one big event," said Hackl, who could be seen moments later rushing to a bus with a sausage sandwich clenched in his teeth.

Only one man has beaten Hackl in the Winter Olympics, and he finished with bronze this time. to medal when you come to the Olympics," Suckow said.

■ SNOWBOARDING

U.S. snowboarders crash and burn

Associated Press

YAMANOUCHI, Japan

One by one, U.S. snowboarders picked themselves up off the course, their high hopes for medals wiped out. Blame it on the "death cookies."

The quest for America's first medal of the Nagano Olympics collapsed when all four U.S. women crashed during the first run of the giant slalom Tuesday (Monday night EST). The only one who qualified for the second run finished 12th.

While the Americans faltered, French favorite Karine Ruby mastered both runs through steady snowfall to win the first Olympic gold medal in women's snowboarding in a combined time of 2 minutes, 17.34 seconds.

Germany's Heidi Renoth took the silver in 2:19.17 and Austria's Brigitte Koeck got the bronze in 2:19.42.

The Americans couldn't cope with the difficult weather and snow conditions and questioned whether the race should have been run at all. "It's a race of survival," said Rosey Fletcher,

the first of the Americans to wipe out on the Mount Yakebitai course. "There's like really hard death cookies — ice chunks. It's really inconsistent. They'll be powder, ice and death cookies. It's really difficult."

Asked if the race should have been run, Fletcher said: "I'm not sure. I just think for a high-caliber race like this, the snow conditions should be top."

Fletcher's fall set the tone as Betsy Shaw, Lisa Kosglow and Sondra Van Ert all failed to stay upright.

Fletcher and Kosglow didn't finish, and Shaw was disqualified for missing a gate. Van Ert recovered after her fall and completed the race but was in 16th place, 8.56 seconds behind Ruby.

Van Ert finished 12th in 2:26.56.

"It's not a stellar day for us," Kosglow said. "We all had high hopes. All four of us could have been on the podium."

It's a terrible showcase for the sport," she said. "The women are not this bad." Ruby, winner of seven of eight World Cup races this season, led by almost two seconds after the first run. Visibility deteriorated on the sec-

ond run as the snowfall increased, but Ruby rode a clean, conservative run to hold onto the lead.

The race had been postponed Monday (Sunday night EST) for 24 hours due to heavy snow and fog. The conditions improved slightly but the race was still affected by steady snowfall and limited visibility.

The Americans said they were not prepared for the fast, hard-packed snow.

"They watered down the course a couple of days ago," Kosglow said. "That's the way to treat the course, but none of us have ever been on conditions like this before. Usually when the weather's like this, we race in powder."

"When I came out of the gate, I went, 'Oh, my God.' It felt like my feet weren't connected to the board."

Shaw said she, too, "was completely taken by surprise at what was under my feet. Everywhere else, it's ego snow, perfectly packed powder. I didn't feel like my feet were underneath me. I just felt like I was hanging on for dear life the whole way down."



MEDALS TABLE

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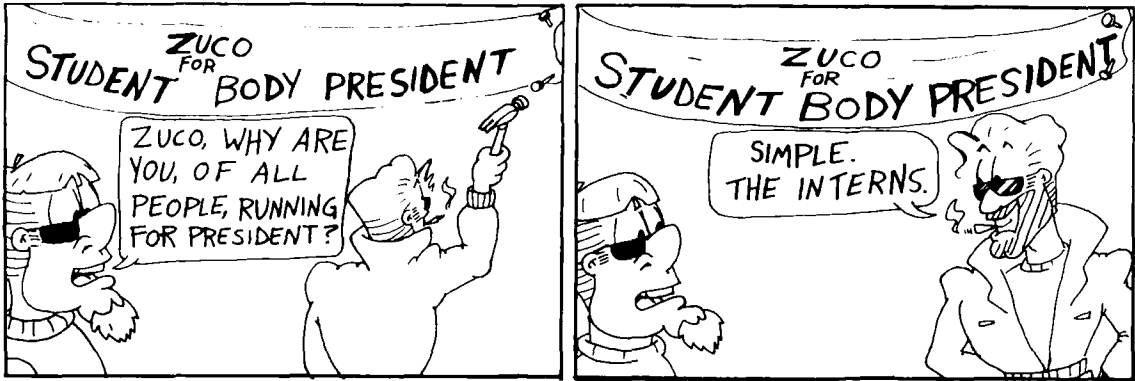
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Country	G	S	B	Total
Germany	1	1	2	4
Russia	2	1	0	3
Italy	0	2	1	3
Norway	0	1	2	3
Netherlands	1	1	0	2
Bulgaria	1	0	0	1
Switzerland	0	0	1	1

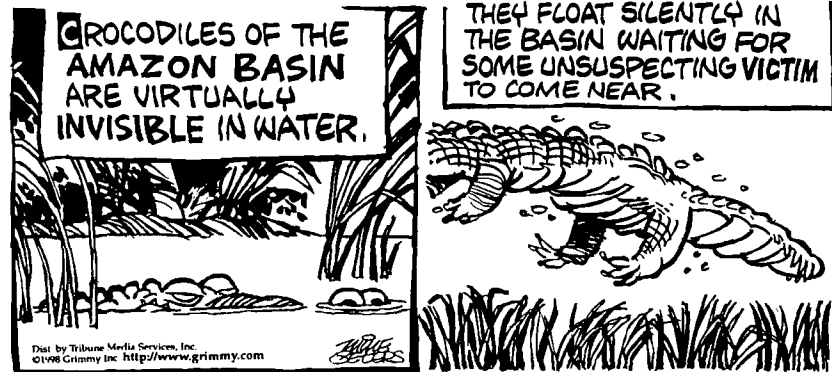
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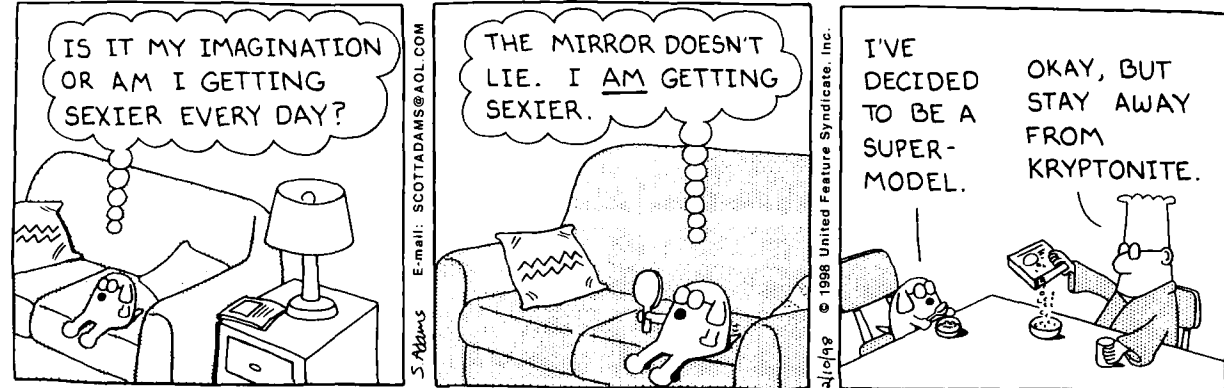
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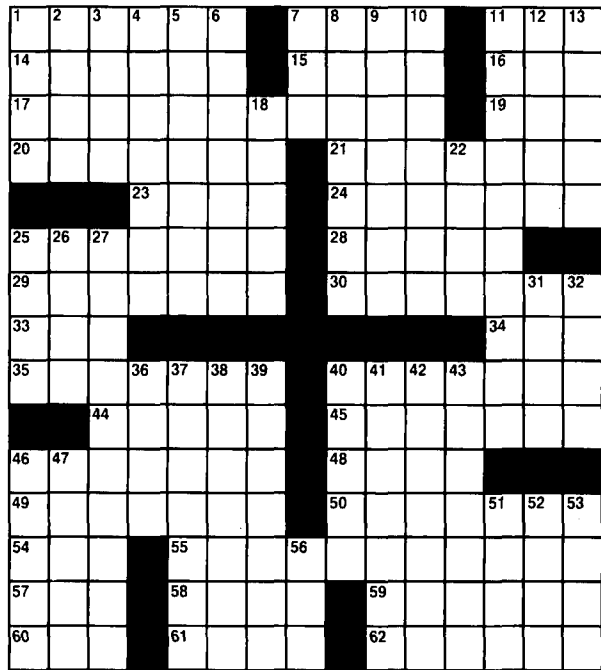
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Aries — It's a fabulous time to get out and shake your thing. You're feeling extra bubbly today, so get your gregarious self out on the dance floor. You will entice a host of dazzling partners.

Taurus — What more could you ask in life but time to do whatever you please? Make that dream a reality today and please yourself. You'll be glad you did, and you might even meet a special someone.

Gemini — Indulge your airy nature today by perusing foreign arts. Take your pick: from belly dancing to expressionist paintings, a world of sheer delights awaits you. Be wary of conflict with family members this evening.

Cancer — Make way for Cancer, you are ready to roll with the punches. You will overcome adversaries and have a terrific time doing it. Just try not to step on too many toes along the way.

Leo — What have you been up to lately naughty Leo? Looks like you've been sticking your fingers in the cookie jar again; fortunately for you it's nothing too serious. Just stop cheating at card games will you?

Virgo — Take a break from work Virgo, and think about the more fun side of your future. You've been neglecting your beloveds lately, so make time for some extra communication. All will work out well in the end.

Libra — Feeling a little weary Libra? You don't have to run around like a chicken without a head to get things done you know. Take time to breathe, and smile, and others will respond much more positively to you.

Scorpio — There's nothing wrong with you that an oversized lollipop and some good tunes wouldn't fix. It's not the best time to go out, so make the most of your misery and stay home with videos.

Sagittarius — Got a case of the Monday blues Sag? Try not to freak out: remember that friends are there to lend a hand. Believe it or not, you'll achieve more than you ever thought possible today.

Capricorn — Why not spoil yourself today Capricorn? After all, it's been a long, hard haul lately. Take your sweetie out for a night on the town. Remember, a little romance can go a long, long way.

Aquarius — There's no one but you to hold you back today Aquarius. So take on the world, and the world will laugh with you. A great time for meeting cool friends and influencing famous people.

Pisces — After a hard day of work, make yourself a martini and prepare for an adventurous evening. Be sure to dress up especially sharp: an unexpected turn of events will take you on an exciting journey.

■ OF INTEREST

Auditions today at 4 p.m. for juniors interested in being a lector during the JPW Mass. Call Jenny at 4-2855 with questions.

Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship has applications available in 102-B O'Shaughnessy. The deadline for candidates to submit their application materials is on April 1, 1998. Call 631-7531 for more information.

Holy Cross Associates is hosting informational meetings today at the Center for Social Concerns lounge. Feel free to drop by at 4:30 or 6 p.m. to learn more about a year of service with HCA.

The Fund for Public Interest Research will be visiting campus to interview seniors who are interested in environmental and public interest issues. An informational session will be held at 7:30 p.m. today in room 201 DeBartolo Hall and at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the CSC. Individual interview will be held on Wednesday at Career and Placement and Thursday at the CSC. Students can sign up for interviews at the information sessions or leave a message at Career and Placement or the CSC.

■ MENU

- North**
- Tortilla Soup
 - Grilled Polish Sausage
 - Wild Rice
 - Cut Corn
- South**
- Chicken Sandwich
 - Sauteed Vegetables
 - Turbot Almondine
 - Kluski Noodles
- Saint Mary's**
- Garlic Tortellini
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■ MEN'S TENNIS

Irish shine in showcase of top tennis players in nation

By SHANNON RYAN
Sports Writer

Don't let the word consolation fool you. Three select men's tennis players were in no need of comforting over the weekend as they proved themselves worthy among the best in the consolation rounds of the Rolex National Championships.

The fourth-seeded duo of Brian Patterson and Jakub Pietrowski won the doubles Consolation Championship match hosted by SMU, while Ryan Sachire advanced to the semi-finals in the singles bracket of the consolations.

"It was a tough tournament," said coach Bob Bayliss. "But we put on a good showing."

The Rolex games consisted of the top 32 singles players and top 16 doubles players in the nation.

"Every match is at an All-American level," Bayliss said. "It's like an all-star basketball game."

The dynamic duo which lately has been fizzling seemed to gain back its pop in Dallas. Patterson and Pietrowski defeated Top 10 Duke pair Doug Root and Jordan Wile, 6-1, 6-2, to become the Consolation Champions.

"They beat us at the Clay Courts tournament in the fall,"

Pietrowski said. "This time we wanted revenge."

Patterson and Pietrowski lost a tough match in Thursday's first round to sixth-ranked Pepperdine's Kelly Gullet and Robert Lindstedt, 6-7, 7-6, 6-3. Although Pietrowski played a fairly solid game, Patterson's serve suffered in the difficult draw.

In play on Friday, the pair rallied with vengeance to gain a pair of wins. Patterson picked up his game while Pietrowski continued his dominating play. They defeated Lander's Frank Potthoff and Laio Teixeira 6-3, 7-6 and San Diego State's Alexander Waske and Frank Morgan 6-2, 7-5.

"I was excited to see Jakub and Brian playing back at this level," Bayliss said of the Irish pair ranked fifth nationally. "They were sharp in all areas [against Duke]. It was some of the best tennis I've seen them play in doubles."

Besting the powerful serve of Duke's Root and stifling Wile's all-court game was not only a definite confidence-builder, but it also provided them with conviction in their ability.

"I think we're finally starting to click again," Pietrowski said. "We're getting back to the quality of play we had in the fall and last year."

Now that the duo is beginning to pick up momentum, optimism is plentiful.

"This is a ray of hope that they're coming back as a dominant college doubles team," Bayliss said.

Clear skies were also shining above Irish sophomore Sachire in Dallas. The 6-foot-6 power server had a solid showing, splitting his matches and advancing to the semi-finals.

"I was happy to play well," Sachire said. "It was a great experience. All the top players in the country were there."

Sachire proved he too was the cream of the crop, especially in Friday's consolation rounds.

After losing to the fourth-seeded, fourth-nationally ranked Vince Allegre of UCLA, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, Sachire powered past his competitors the following day. He easily defeated Tulsa's Nenad Toroman, the WAC Rolex Champion, 6-2, 6-1, then breezed by Auburn's Lee Pearson, 6-2, 6-3.

"That was about as well as I've ever seen him play," Bayliss said. "He simply overpowered."



Courtesy of Notre Dame Sports Information

Despite numerous blisters, Ryan Sachire advanced to the semi-finals last weekend.

It was very impressive."

In the semi-finals, Sachire faced VCU's Daniel Anderson, last year's NCAA and ITA All-American champ, whom he defeated twice before.

However, Sachire, slow on his feet due to six blisters, was pushed around the court by Anderson, falling 4-6, 7-6, 6-1. But Sachire did not offer excuses.

"[The feet problems] didn't determine the match," Sachire said. "He raised his level, and I give him credit. I lost and I should have won."

However, not one of the Irish is sulking after the rigorous four-day tournament.

"I was disappointed in our

loss," Bayliss said, "not in the way we played. I think we left Dallas on an upbeat note."

The Irish will try to continue this tune as they host rival Top 10 Kentucky Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

"It's going to be war," Sachire said. "Kentucky has never beaten Notre Dame at home. We know it and they know it."

However, this may be the year for Kentucky to win the battle.

Cedric Kauffman, their No. 1 player, is ranked fifth in the nation for singles.

"He's a real spectator's delight," Bayliss said of the threatening Kauffman. "We

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■ WOMEN'S TENNIS



The Observer/Brandon Candura

Kelly Olsen hopes to build on the success that teammates Jennifer Hall and Michelle Dasso had last weekend.

Hall, Dasso continue to succeed at Rolex Invite

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

It may be early in the season, but two members of the women's tennis team have proven they are able to compete with the best players in the country.

This past weekend in the prestigious Rolex national indoors, junior

Jennifer Hall and freshman

Michelle Dasso showed that they belong among the nation's elite.

The draw included the top 32 players in the country, with 16 receiving automatic berths by winning their regionals and 16 at-large bids going to the remaining top players in the country.

Hall advanced to the quar-

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■ FENCING

Fencers edged out by Lions

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame fencing team finished the dual meet season this past weekend exactly as it entered it — right behind the first-ranked Penn State Nittany Lions.

Facing them on Saturday, the men and women Irish

posted a 17-0 and 19-1 mark, respectively, against the number one Lions.

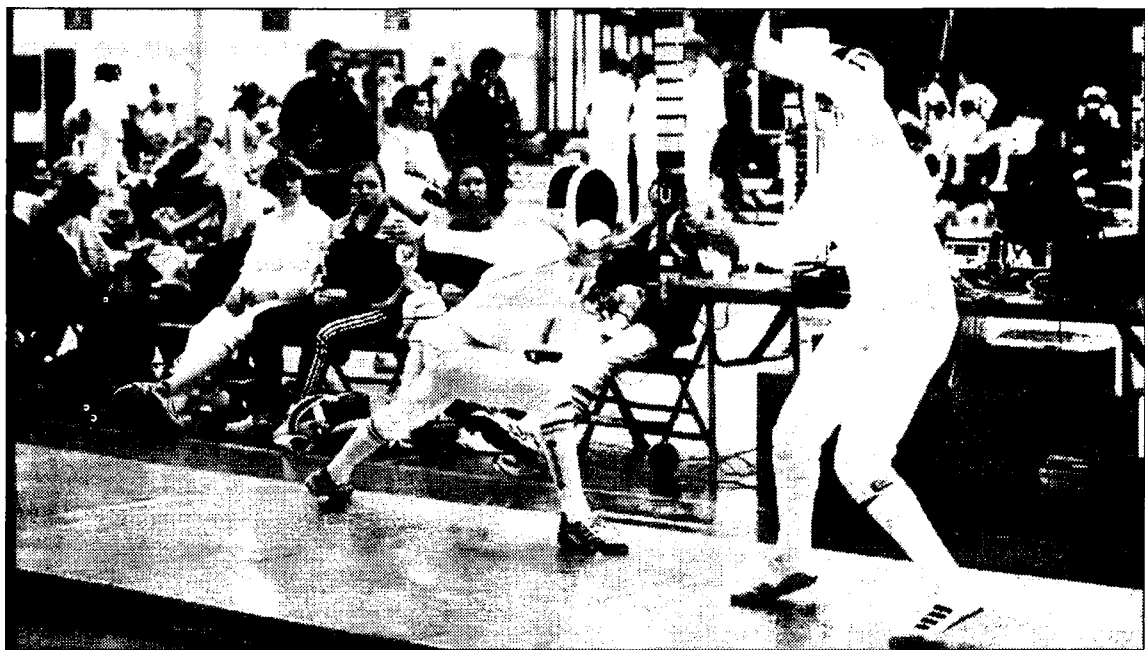
Despite the close losses to Penn State, the Irish were anything but heartbroken, even with a tiebreaker in women's foil going to the Nittany Lions after the Irish battled strong to tie them at 8-8.

Instead, the entire team

picked up right where they had left off in competitions past, easily defeating the other nine teams in the home tournament, including Northwestern, Detroit, Cleveland State, and Lawrence on Saturday.

"After the losses to Penn, our intensity was a bit down,"

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The Observer/Jeff Tsu

The Notre Dame fencing squad was handed its first loss of the season against Penn State last weekend.



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February 11, 7:30 p.m.



Women's Basketball
vs. St. John's
February 12, 7 p.m.



Track and Field
at Butler Invitational
February 12, 7 p.m.



Women's Tennis
at UNLV
Today, 1:30 p.m.

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