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■ STUDENT SENATE

Senators discuss letter to Fellows

By KRISTEN FITZPATRICK
News Writer

The addition of sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination clause once again topped the Student Senate's agenda at Wednesday's meeting.

The body discussed a letter to the Board of Fellows regarding its Dec. 1 rejection of the amendment. The letter states the senate's concern that the decision of 12 people could override the strong voices of bodies such as the Academic Council, Faculty Senate and Student Senate. It also reminds the board that those who maintain the traditions of Notre Dame are the faculty, staff and students, the same bodies that supported the clause.

The letter criticizes the board for not having the atmosphere of an "enlightened democracy" but instead having an "oligarchy." The senate said that this issue will not close until justice has been rendered.

In an 18-7 vote, the senate sent the letter back to the Gender Relations Committee for revisions because of the strong language contained in the letter. The senators overwhelmingly stated that they did not want to diminish the authority of the board, only to remind them of the interests of the Senate.

"We will anger them [the Board of Fellows] with this letter, which was not our intention," said Dillon senator Jason Linster.

Other senators agreed that the board protects the Catholic image of the University and that the senate does not wish for this to be discontinued.

Carroll senator Pat Foy, who spent time revising the letter from previous drafts reminded the senate that, "We need to make a strong argument. This issue won't disappear simply because it was voted on once."

After the committee revises the letter, it will return to the floor for another vote.

In other senate news:

- Members approved a resolution to open the Alumni-Senior Club during lunch on Fridays by a vote of 24-1. Senators felt that this would allow seniors to have more class events while upholding the University's support of responsible drinking. The club would be opened on Fridays from 12 p.m.-2 p.m., as was the policy until three years ago.



The Observer/Ernesto Lacayo
Senators examined a letter from the Gender Relations Committee to the Board of Fellows Wednesday regarding the board's rejection of the non-discrimination clause.

"Students of age can eat anywhere they choose [during lunch] and can have a drink if they so choose," said off-campus senator Mickey Doyle. The senate also added a section to the resolution stating that the University already has two facilities that serve alcohol during lunch hours.

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Concentration focuses on Catholicism

By JOSHUA BOURGEOIS
News Writer

Beginning August 1999, the College of Arts and Letters will have a new concentration focusing on the principles of the Church's social doctrine.

The idea of the concentration, the Catholic Social Tradition, began four years ago with professor Kathleen Weigert of the American Studies department. She gathered a committee of theology, philosophy, economics, history and anthropology professors from both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's to discuss and form the concentration.

The committee asked Todd Whitmore, professor of theology, to direct the concentration one year ago. Last semester, the College of Arts and Letters approved the concentration and allocated the funds for it.

"The concentration is necessary for Notre Dame because of its Catholic identity, the lack of knowledge most Catholics have on Church social doctrine, and the influence and authority Notre Dame graduates have in the real world," said Whitmore.

Whitmore added that since Notre Dame is a Catholic university, it should have programs that promote its Catholic identity such as the Catholic Social Tradition concentration.

"Many Catholics do not know about the

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Pastors explore business of church management

By LINDSAY FRANK
News Writer

Many people do not realize that maintaining a church requires extensive financial and personnel planning, said a panel of three female pastors Wednesday during the College of Business Administration's women's lecture series.

"A lot of people believe that God will provide open doors and people will come," said Kaye Ferguson-Patton, pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. "They tend not to look at the church as a business entity, just like many people do not view Notre Dame as being in the business of education."

Many churches have no personnel handbooks and consequently no formal discipline procedure, said Mary Hubbard, pastor of Central United Methodist Church.

"Working in churches is both a pain and a blessing. It is a blessing because there are so many gifted people who give their services without being paid, but at the same time

some people have a twisted view of what Christianity put into the church," said Hubbard.

Hubbard also explained that churches deal with a lot of personnel turnover. She cited one parish where a custodian had held his job for 11 years, making him the employee with the greatest longevity. This employee dealt with alcohol problems that inhibited his job performance, yet when the time came to evaluate his employment, the church board was reluctant to fire him.

Hubbard suggested that each parish create job descriptions, benefits and disciplinary methods that are in writing and simple to understand. She also said that sexual harassment policies within the churches need to change.

"It is a bizarre, almost surrealistic policy," she said. "You're being harassed and the first procedure says you should contact the abuser in private, then the staff and parish relations committee, and then the bishop. If it were me I would want to take it

straight to my lawyer."

Like many non-profit organizations, church boards consist of people within the organization — in this case, the congregation. Even members with backgrounds in marketing and finance, however, fail to see a need for systematically budgeting money for things like marketing expenses. About five percent of a church's budget should go toward these expenditures, said Ferguson-Patton. Many churches, however, neglect this budgeting and "put out material that is less-than-good work and therefore people assume the church does less-than-good work," she added.

The focus of St. Paul's mar-



The Observer/Ernesto Lacayo
A group of local female pastors comprised a panel on church management Wednesday during the College of Business Administration's women's lecture series.

keting campaign is based upon human contact. At every service an attendance record is kept and if a member misses several services, a member of the evangelical committee

sends a card to see if he or she is in need of assistance. At the sign of peace everyone is encouraged to shake hands

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Storm Warnings

February in Florida is typically a slow month for news broadcasts. By this time, people are sick of hearing about the tourist season and it's still months away from hurricane season, which leaves them little else to broadcast except so-called "human interest" stories, which are ironically of no interest at all to anyone with an IQ over that of a shoelace.

Finn Pressly
News Writer

Stories like this are easy to spot, because they begin with "A day at the beach turned into a brush with tragedy when...." They like the beach/tragedy/resolution scenario a lot. Usually it's something earth-shattering like, "A day at the beach turned into a brush with tragedy when a little boy dropped his sandwich. Thankfully, rescue workers were on hand to provide him with a substitute sandwich." After the clip, the newscasters shuffle their papers, turn to each other with genuine concern and say, "Thank goodness it all ended happily."

The only time we ever get anything close to actual news is when a hurricane starts brewing. Even if it's nowhere near the Atlantic Ocean, the news stations bend over backward to concoct fancy graphics with the name of the storm superimposed on video footage of a streetlight swinging in the wind. Then, they command the airwaves to broadcast interviews with that guy at the National Hurricane Institute (who looks suspiciously like Orville Redenbacher). His sole purpose, it seems, is to alert us to the fact that Hurricane Gidget may possibly obliterate the greater part of our state.

The newscasters never ask him questions like "Will the hurricane hit us?" or "Where is the hurricane located?" They never want Orville to reveal that Hurricane Bambi is actually just a small rainstorm off the coast of Montevideo, Uruguay. This would keep families from going to the shelters, which is the goal of all hurricane broadcasts. "Run to the shelters!" they say.

It's like they have a contest each year to see how many people they can stuff into the West Palm Beach Auditorium. The Auditorium was recently sold to the Jehovah's Witnesses to be used as a temple and convention center. I hope they still let us use their new temple as shelter, because otherwise that'll put damper on all the TV stations' hurricane fun and games.

Our family was never a shelter family. For some reason, our hurricane emergency plan is to drive to our aunt's house, which is no less vulnerable than our own house. Our logic is that as long as we're sleeping on the floor of a strange house surrounded by defunct hurricane lamps and soup cans, the storm will take pity on us and go hit Antigua instead. I also think that part of the reason we go to my aunt's house is because she puts a big 'X' of masking tape on all her windows, which is the equivalent of lamb's blood on the door jamb when it comes to storms. That tells the hurricane not to destroy that particular house.

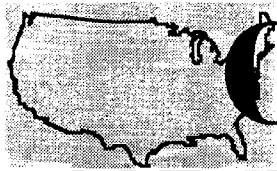
For everyone headed south for Spring Break, be sure to pack the masking tape, because you never know when they'll start herding you into the shelters.

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Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Student activists call for stronger code on sweatshop labor

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

Non-confrontational dialogue continued yesterday as student activists and university administrators continued to address the issue of sweatshop labor in the collegiate apparel industry.

Members of Students Organizing for Labor and Economic Equality said they were told by other campus anti-sweatshop organizers that college administrators nationwide are looking to the university for leadership on this issue, adding that what happens in Ann Arbor will set the tone for rest of the nation.

After some discussion, the five members of SOLE present at the meeting with University general counsel Marvin Krislov and Senior Associate Athletic Director Keith Molin decided to set their next meeting for March 9.

"We want to find the candle to light the way out of the darkness," Molin



said, adding that SOLE and the University are seeing eye-to-eye on the problem - and they only need to find the appropriate way to a solution.

SOLE, along with its affiliate organizations nationwide, are upset with the draft of a proposed anti-sweatshop code by the Collegiate Licensing Company, which handles manufacturing contracts for the University and 160 other colleges around the nation.

Campus activists said they want the nation's universities to stand for a stronger code that includes calls for

public disclosure of factory location and ownerships and a wage that takes local living factors into consideration.

Students at Duke and Georgetown Universities and the University of Wisconsin — Madison have forced their administrators to take action for a stronger code.

SOLE members met with University President Lee Bollinger Friday, delivering a letter of ultimatum that called for the University to stand for public disclosure and better wages.

Molin said the university has been one of the leaders calling for independent monitoring of factories.

"For independent monitoring to occur, you need to know where the factories are," Molin said.

University administrators said they want to continue to address the issue in a non-confrontational way, hoping to come to a resolution by the target date of March 12.

■ UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Regents to decide on medical school

GAINESVILLE, Fla.

If and where a new state medical school is created likely will hinge on what the Board of Regents and several state university presidents decide during a meeting in Orlando Wednesday. The Regents' Workshop on Medical Education comes just days after a study reported Florida State University would be the cheapest site for a new state medical school. UF President John Lombardi said the meeting will allow state leaders to hear the consultant's report and learn what the experts say. "We are there to provide whatever insight is helpful from our experience with a public medical school in Florida," Lombardi said of the seven SUS presidents who will speak at the meeting. The \$214,230 FSU-Regents study, conducted by Dr. Richard Janeway, former Bowman-Gray Medical School dean, and MGT of America Inc., showed a four-year FSU medical school would cost the state \$25.5 million annually.

■ BROWN UNIVERSITY

New financial aid policy approved

PROVIDENCE, R.I.

In an effort to keep Brown competitive among its peer institutions, the Corporation approved a new financial aid policy at its retreat this weekend. The new policy is aimed at reducing the amount of loans and other self-help components of the university's financial aid packages, while increasing the amount of scholarships and grants. The university will spend \$5 million over the next four years to phase in its new plan, which will take effect beginning with the class of 2003. While the changes will benefit students from all income groups who are on financial aid, they are aimed especially at low-income households — particularly those with household incomes under \$30,000, according to Laura Freid, executive vice president for public affairs and university relations. "This is a substantial reduction" in the self-help aspect of financial aid, said president Gordon Gee.

■ UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Students win MTV celebrity contest

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.

While most students endured flurries, bar raids and studying for exams, Josh Kessler and his girlfriend Katie Hennessy lived up the celebrity life as winners of MTV's Celebrity Skin contest. Last Thursday MTV cameras visited the Champaign-Urbana area to capture Kessler's reaction upon learning that he would be treated to the high life for a weekend. Kessler was surprised by a phone call from Courtney Love after his boss and friends lured him away from Hennessy's apartment. As Love talked to Kessler a camera crew stormed into the apartment. "I don't think he believed what happened," said Hennessy, a junior in ACES. Kessler and Hennessy flew first class to Los Angeles. They stayed at L'Ermitege Hotel in Beverly Hills. Friday, Kessler interviewed the band Hole for the MTV program Fanatic. "They were real laid back and more down to earth than I suspected," said Kessler.

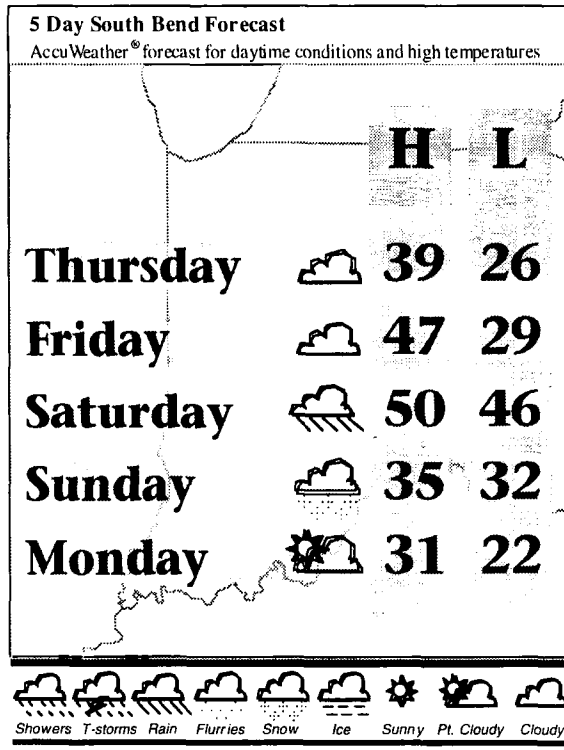
■ DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Alumni support residence initiative

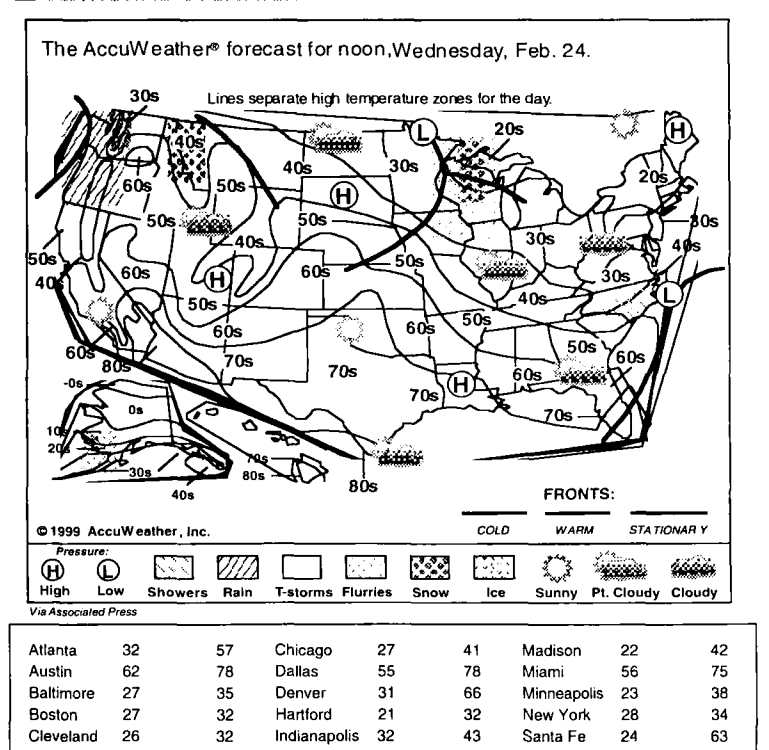
HANOVER, N.H.

The College has gained more money in donations than it has lost as a result of the Board of Trustees' controversial new initiative, but it is not clear how long that trend will last, as many alumni are waiting to see what will happen next before deciding whether or not to rescind pledges. Since the announcement of the residential and social life initiative, ten to twelve alumni have rescinded pledges, for a total loss of less than \$2,000. During the same time period, however, three alumni have pledged a total of \$40,000 to the alumni fund stating specifically that they were pledging because of the Trustees' initiative, according to Director of the Alumni Fund Jennifer Williams. One of these alumni, who graduated in the early 1990s, pledged \$5000 saying his donation was a "vote of confidence." But some alumni are not as enthusiastic about the residential and social life initiative.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER



■ NATIONAL WEATHER



Honor society announces winners of essay contest

By ALISON HEINZ
News Writer

Notre Dame's chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the government honor society, honored the winning students of the third

annual Young Leaders' Essay Contest Tuesday evening.

"Pi Sigma Alpha began the contest in an effort to reach out to the South Bend community and increase public policy awareness among young peo-

ple," said Pi Sigma Alpha president Michele Costello during the award ceremony.

The keynote speaker at the assembly, which included the winning students and their parents, was South Bend

mayor and Notre Dame alumnus Steve Luecke. Luecke praised the students who entered the contest for taking the first step to becoming active, contributing members of society.

The two first-place winners, Monica Macellari and Ian Stouder, read aloud their essays. Macellari's essay, which won in the fifth- and sixth-grade group, stressed the importance of cooperation. Stouder, winner of the seventh- and eighth-grade category,

used his essay as an opportunity to make suggestions for improving the community. His suggestions included stronger fine arts programs in the schools, stronger gun control and a new city park.

The essays addressed the question of "What Can Government Do To Improve Our Community?"

In addition to the two first-place winners, Pi Sigma Alpha honored almost 50 students in grades five through eight from several South Bend schools.

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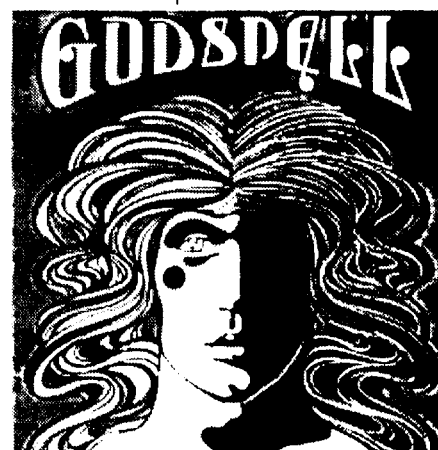
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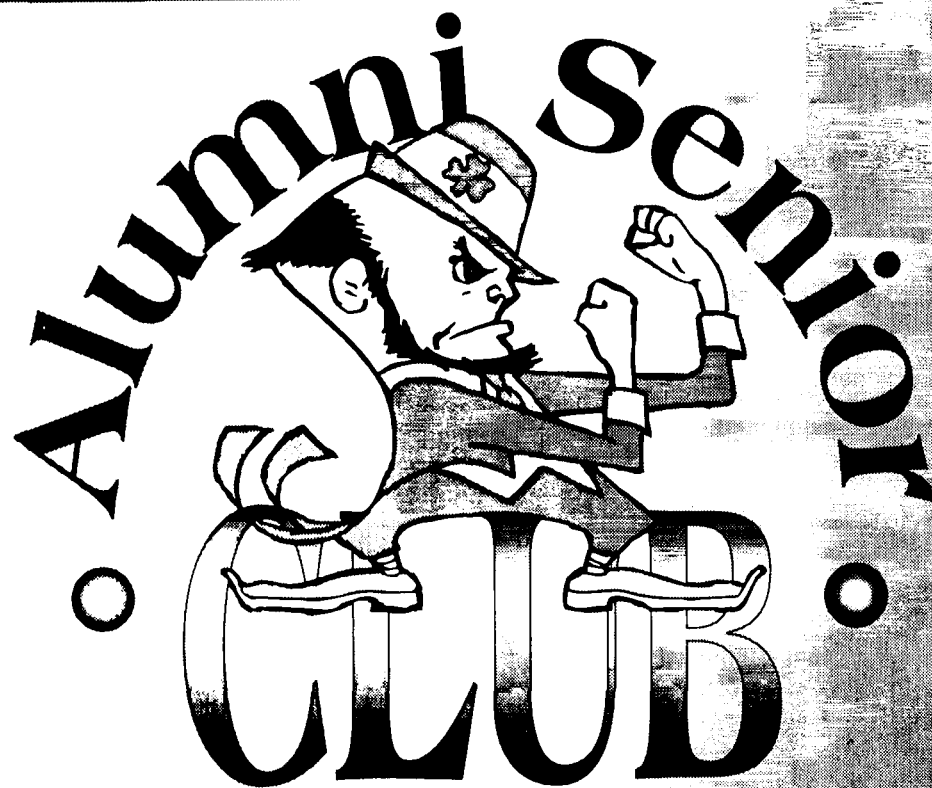
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Church's social doctrine, and the National Conference of American Bishops has stated that this [social doctrine] is an essential aspect of one's faith," Whitmore said. "Graduates from Notre Dame go on to take positions of power and authority, and they have immediate influence. This concentration helps them lead in regards to Catholic principles."

The 15-credit concentration consists of one core seminar, three one-credit courses taught in the dorm and three three-credit electives. The core seminar consists of close and careful reading of classic texts in social traditions such as official

Church documents and source documents.

The students in the core seminar will also submerge themselves into their future profession and learn how to act according to Catholic teachings within their prospective field. They will accomplish this by working with South Bend businesses in their particular field and interview the workers of that organization. The final project in the seminar is designing a workplace incorporating Catholic social tradition.

Whitmore hopes that students from all of the different colleges will partake in the concentration. So far, 30 students have shown interest in the concentration, and a representative of the concentration will be at the College of Arts and Letters fair on March 16.

Senate

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the University Club and The Morris Inn. The only restraint on the policy is that patrons would be required to purchase a meal to be served an alcoholic beverage.

The senate also discussed a resolution to place left-handed desks in all classrooms in the University. The resolution requires that there be one left-handed desk for every 28 right-handed desks. The senate sees the most need in O'Shaughnessy Hall and the Earth Science Building, and requests that the adjustments be made by the Fall 1999 semester.

In a compelling demonstration of the problems of trying to write with one's left hand in a right-handed desk, Morrissey senator Ryan Costantini stated that, "The back is not in a natural position when writing this way. Notre Dame has the resources to accommodate left-handed students."

Pangborn senator Susan Roberts added that Pangborn supported the proposal. It passed by a vote of 24-1.

The senate voted unanimously on two issues. One was to allow the president of the senate to discuss student input and concerns about commencement exercises when meeting with the assistant provost and the University registrar. The senate felt that the seniors should have more say in the commencement events.

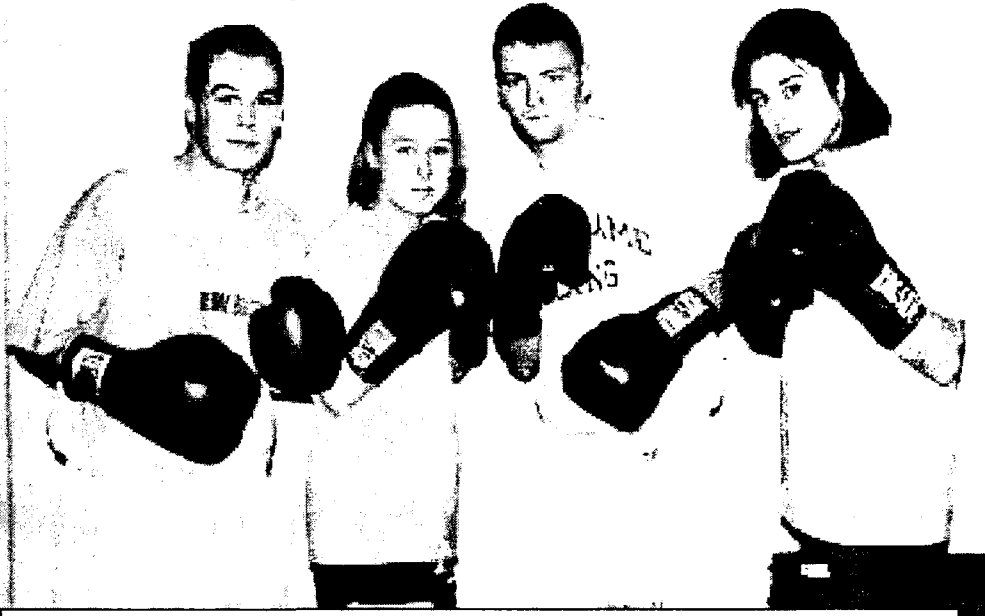
The other unanimous decision approved Katie Reicher and Joseph Lomangino as assistant Student Union treasurers for the 1999-2000 school year.

Keenan senator Matt Mamak raised concern about the security problems and vandalism caused by intoxicated visitors at Reckers on the weekends. He urged the senators to speak with their hall councils and remind students of the imminent danger of the revocation 24-hour space.

"Past senates have worked too hard to have the 24-hours space we've gained, which still isn't enough," he said.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Eighth-grader holds principal hostage

MARYVILLE, Tenn. — An eighth-grade boy described as a very good student took his principal hostage Wednesday afternoon and held him at gunpoint for about three hours before freeing him unharmed. The boy surrendered about 90 minutes after releasing Montvale Elementary School principal Jim Ratledge, Blount County sheriff James Berrong said. "He said from the very beginning, 'I do not want to hurt anyone,'" said Gary Pack, the Blount County schools superintendent. Ratledge was freed about 5:30 p.m., Berrong said. The boy brought the gun to school and other students alerted Ratledge, who confronted the boy, Berrong said. When the boy was in Ratledge's office, he pulled the weapon, Berrong said. No shots were fired and the building was safely evacuated. Pack described the boy as a very good student who is involved in school activities and has not had any previous problems.

Yeltsin 'feeling fine' after recovering from ulcer

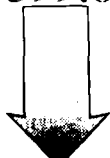
MOSCOW — President Boris Yeltsin has recovered from a bleeding ulcer and plans a busy schedule for the rest of the week that includes a meeting with China's premier. Yeltsin's spokesman said Wednesday. "The president has finished a course of recuperation and is feeling fine," spokesman Dmitry Yakushkin said. Yeltsin worked in the Kremlin on Wednesday and met with his aides, he said. On Thursday, the president is scheduled to meet with Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji, who arrived Wednesday for a four-day official visit. On Friday, Yeltsin will attend a summit in Moscow of the four-nation alliance of Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, which is intended to promote closer economic ties. The leaders of the four nations are expected to incorporate another former Soviet republic, Tajikistan, into the alliance, and sign agreements on a customs union and other issues.

Protest of reggae singer's death turns violent

PORT LOUIS, Mauritius — Police in Mauritius killed three protesters as they battled demonstrators angered by the death of a jailed reggae singer, a newspaper reported Wednesday. Protesters rampaged through the Mauritian capital for the third straight day Wednesday, hurling firebombs at police stations. At least 30 officers were wounded. The violence erupted Monday, a day after the death of popular reggae singer Kaya, who was arrested last week for smoking marijuana at a rally to promote legalization of the drug. Many Mauritians assumed Kaya was beaten to death by police.

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AUSTRIA



Austrian medical personnel rush to assist a skier injured in an avalanche Wednesday. Repeated avalanches in the region have caused hundreds of injuries.

Avalanche kills 16, leaves five missing

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LANDECK

Convoys of helicopters rescued stranded tourists in western Austria and another killer avalanche brought new heartache Wednesday, striking just miles from where rescuers were digging for victims of Europe's worst snowslide this winter.

The latest torrent of snow, three stories high and 600 feet wide, smashed into the town of Valzur, where a dead woman and three survivors were pulled from the snow and debris.

Five people remained missing, the Austria Press Agency said. Seven miles away, in Galtuer, the death toll rose to 16 and rescuers searched for 15 others still believed buried by an avalanche on Tuesday.

"This is a catastrophe such as we have not had for centuries," said Wendelin Weingartner, governor of Tyrol province in western Austria.

Authorities said among the dead in Galtuer were eight Germans, including two children, two Danes and six Austrians, all residents of the village of 700.

More than 60 people across Europe have died in avalanches so far this year as the area endures its heaviest snows in decades. In Chamonix, France, 12 people were killed in an avalanche earlier this month.

Austrian television showed scores of rescuers using long metal probes to detect survivors.

But they have so far been unsuccessful, despite the use of avalanche dogs trained to locate people buried under masses of snow.

The huge wave of snow crushed cars and hurled them across the village. The snow and ice cleanly sliced the top off of one house like a razor blade.

Rescue squads couldn't reach the winter sports resort of Galtuer until Wednesday morning due to bad weather and roads blocked by earlier avalanches. The government began an airbridge between Landeck and Galtuer at first light Wednesday.

A steady stream of helicopters landing and taking off from the Pontlatz Austrian army base took rescuers into Galtuer and by afternoon, soldiers in Landeck were quickly loading the choppers with

pallets of fresh fruits, vegetables and other foodstuffs. Survivors and tourists were flown out on the return leg.

Many of the people arriving refused to talk to reporters. Some had tears in their eyes, others looked relieved and a few described digging in the snow in search of victims.

"My husband and I raced out and found two small children in the snow. They were probably dead," said a Belgian woman who gave her name only as Anita. Authorities never told her whether the children survived or not.

Sigrid Kunz of Marburg, Germany, arrived with her daughter and husband after spending the night in a hotel basement, lest another "once-in-a-century" avalanche hit Galtuer.

"I thought it was just a storm," said Hanno Heinz, 17, from Radstadt, Austria. He said the snow came with such force that it blew open the hinged windows of the guesthouse, dumping 4 inches of snow on the floor.

About 1,000 people, most of them tourists, were evacuated Wednesday before bad weather and darkness stopped the flights.

Kosovo

Ethnic Albanians unite for freedom

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PRISTINA

Setting aside deep mistrust that hampered past efforts to press for independence, Kosovo's rival Albanian factions announced Wednesday they had formed a coalition to push harder to secede from Serbia.

The surprise announcement came a day after Kosovo peace talks concluded without any breakthrough on an internationally brokered deal to end a year of fighting that has left more than 2,000 people dead in the south-

ern Serbian province.

Serb negotiators to the peace talks in Rambouillet, France, returned home to Belgrade and declared victory, saying they succeeded in keeping foreign troops out of the ethnic Albanian-majority province.

Serbs were jubilant about coming away from 17 days of talks without conceding to a key demand from the West: the deployment of thousands of NATO peacekeeping forces on Serbian soil to police any Kosovo agreement.

State media controlled by Yugoslav hard-line President Slobodan Milosevic joined in the exultation, saying the Serbs had prevailed against enormous international pressure.

Besides the high casualty figures, some 300,000 people, mostly ethnic Albanians, have been displaced in the battles between Kosovo Albanian guerrillas seeking independence and the joint forces of Serb police and the Yugoslav army.

Kosovo is part of Serbia, Yugoslavia's major republic, but more than 90 per-

cent of its population is ethnic Albanian and most want independence.

No documents were signed at Rambouillet, and although the Kosovo Albanian delegation said it was ready in principle to sign at a new meeting, Serbs remained steadfastly opposed to the stationing of a NATO force on their soil.

But the announcement that rival Kosovo factions were ready to work together spelled success for a long-term American and European goal: getting ethnic Albanians to speak with one voice.

Pastors

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with at least six other individuals.

"From the pulpit it looks like a bunch of ants on an ant hill running back and forth. It is

the best sight," said Ferguson-Patton.

There is also a need for the church to meet its neighbors.

"At this one church I was at, we did a door-to-door campaign, and people three houses away didn't realize the church was on the corner. It shows how the signs and the

exterior of the building need to be inviting places," said Tina Velthuisen, rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity.

The discussion also focused on how age differences within a congregation call for more creative approaches within the service.

"People 65 and older are

used to the oral tradition of church whereas people under 30 are accustomed to electronics, color, sound bytes, action and the Internet. The church has a real problem reaching that generation because those that do the planning don't relate," said Ferguson-Patton.

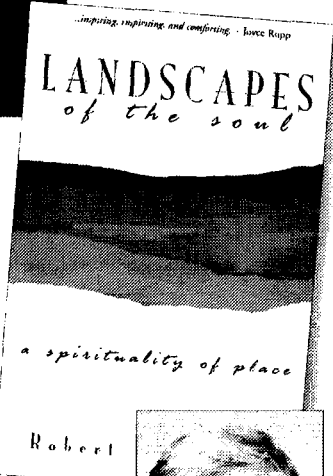
Forms of "electronic marketing" are already in effect, according to the panelists. In one non-denominational church in California the pastors use PowerPoint during their sermons. The congregation can view the presentation at computer stands located on the sanctuary.



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Company fails to pay scholarships, others cover debt

By BRAD UNTIEDT
News Writer

In a scholarship snafu that touched students nationwide, Notre Dame freshman Justin Burt saw his anticipated

\$10,000 aid package disappear. Fortunately, other sources came through at the last minute and made up the difference.

Burt was the winner for the state of Texas of a scholarship

sponsored by Adams Vision, a Houston-based special events coordination company. The scholarship, which was awarded to one student from each state, was worth \$10,000, renewable for four years.

Due to a lack of funding, the company was unable to award the scholarships.

"I was really counting on that scholarship to help finance my education at Notre Dame," Burt said.

He added that it was disappointing to find out that the scholarship wouldn't be awarded.

"I received letters saying not to worry, the money is there," he said. "That was the first clue that something might be wrong."

Burt said that he applied for and won the scholarship during his senior year of high school in Uvalde, Texas. At the time he said it never occurred to him that the company wouldn't have the money.

"They [Adams Vision] kept telling us that they were just in negotiations with other companies to cover the cost of the scholarships," Burt said. "They

said they were having trouble finding a location to hold the awards ceremony, which seemed odd since that is their business."

The company sent out letters to parents and schools in late January, stating that they would be unable to award the scholarship, Burt said. When this happened, reports of the circumstances circulated quickly.

Burt said former Texas governor Dolph Brisco and his wife Janey, former residents of Uvalde, contacted Burt about covering the entire cost of the scholarship.

HEB Grocery, a Texas-based grocery store chain, also contacted Burt about covering the cost of the un-awarded scholarship. When told of the previous offer, HEB still wanted to contribute, Burt said, so Brisco and HEB are both contributing amounts equivalent to the scholarship.

"My parents told me one day, and by the next afternoon, two groups had offered to cover the amount, so I really didn't have to worry about the situation for too long," Burt said.

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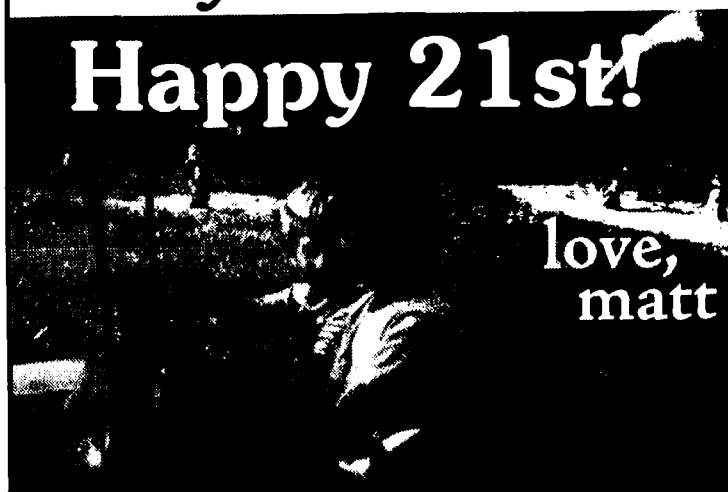
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2/25.	Thursday.	LaFortune Huddle.	0900PM-1200AM.	
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Senate passes largest military pay raise in two decades

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Senate voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to give the nation's military the biggest benefits increase since the early 1980s, including an across-the-board 4.8 percent pay increase with further boosts in future years.

The pay raise for the nation's 1.4 million active-duty military is half a percentage point more

generous than one proposed earlier this month by President Clinton. It was approved 91-8.

Republican leaders said they wanted the first Senate bill passed this year to telegraph support for U.S. troops, particularly in light of a possible new deployment to Kosovo — even if it wasn't known exactly how the package would be financed.

"This is the right way to begin this year," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-

Miss. "It comes at a time when we're asking more and more of our military with less and less. It would be insanity for us not to do this bill, and do it now."

The package, which now goes to the House, would also boost retirement and educational benefits under the GI bill.

Democrats tried to get the Senate to consider a series of taxes to pay for the measure, but were turned back on an

80-20 procedural vote. They then lined up with Republicans in support of the overall measure.

The pay increase, which would take effect next Jan. 1 for the nation's 1.4 million active-duty military, is about half a percentage point higher than a military pay increase President Clinton proposed in the fiscal 2000 budget he submitted earlier this month.

That could cost at least \$7

billion more over five years than the package Clinton proposed. Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., complained that the added cost could rise to \$16.5 billion over 10 years. The Clinton plan itself would cost \$35 billion over five years.

"That is not the message we want to send to the American people," Graham said, warning it would start the United States "down the slippery slope to more deficits."

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VIEWPOINT

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■ LIFT AT ND

Are Traditions Killing African American Students?

I've heard that if you do anything two years in a row at Notre Dame, it's a "tradition." By that standard, we certainly have quite a few!

Mel Tardy

Most of us, by graduation, will have attended or participated in an SYR, a pep rally and football game, the Keenan Review, the Sophomore Literary Festival, Junior Parents Weekend, An Tostal, Bookstore Basketball, Bengal Bouts, maybe even Sophomore Sibs Weekend. Of course, still others live for Corby's, the 'backer, or maybe even Senior Bar, with an occasional late-night run to Fat Shirley's.

Ok, maybe you didn't hit Sophomore Literary Festival this year (but you're definitely aiming for next year) and perhaps, like me, you don't drink. If, however, you've checked off most of the other traditions I've mentioned, you are well on your way to becoming a true "Domer."

Oh-oops! I forgot a few. Certainly, as a true aficionado of ND traditions, you've been to a Glee Club performance, Black Images, Voices of Faith Gospel performance, Black Koffee House, and BCAF Fashion Show. You've never missed Friday night hoops at The Rock (am I dating myself? ...it could be Rolf's these days.) Maybe you've even hosted someone for Spring Visitation Weekend, or made a midnight run to Frankie's or Archie's for some mini-tips.

Still checking off that list? Well, believe it or not, some students undoubtedly were stuck on pause until that last paragraph (Glee Club notwithstanding.) Moreover, in some form or another, we're talking about traditions that haven't missed a beat since well before my undergrad years in the mid-eighties. Many, though not all, African American students experience "traditions" uniquely different from other Domers.

For example, I remember the old days of the February fashion show in the Monogram Room. Because there was nothing to do (Africentrically speaking) until Black History Month, it was usually the biggest event of the year. It gave us an excuse to dress up, look good and feel good!!! Everyone attending would dress up to the nines and cheer on the models; fellow students strutting their stuff. Each act was choreographed with a theme, skit and carefully selected music, culminating with a racy swimsuit scene and then a beautiful wedding one. Afterwards, all those well-dressed folk would clear the chairs off the floor of the Monogram Room and, right there, the biggest (translated: only) dance party of the year would begin! The DJ would spin tunes until 2 AM (yep, parietales is a tradition too.) Although, as with everything, it's evolved with time, the Fashion Show is still a wonderful tradition for our community.

Such traditions arise because we are a diverse people, with many talents and interests that, at times,

have not had the same platforms for expression within ND's more traditional outlets.

Now, there are new organizations, creating new traditions. Alums from five years ago wouldn't know what the BSU (Black Student Union) is, unless you told them it's what ASAA (African American Student Alliance) used to do, and alums from my generation wouldn't know ASAA unless you told them it's what the BCAC (Black Cultural Arts Council) used to be. Once they see the umbilical cords of tradition, they can easily identify with it.

We have some other unique "traditions." Whereas some play quarters and go to Corby's, we may play Spades then head to Archie's. While some play evening host for the Admission's Office, for the sake of diversity, we may give up three to four days to host a recruit for Spring Visitation Weekend. For now, however, let me focus on established organizational traditions.

Each class brings in new, unique talents and traditions. In fact, we're expected to add "diversity" to ND. The recruitment success of the late eighties/early nineties caused a proliferation of activities and outlets for African Americans. This was evident when events ceased to be merely February (Black History Month) occurrences and began emerging in the fall (i.e. Black Images.)

During that time, we also experienced a renaissance in the Gospel Choir, performed "Raisin in the Sun" to a packed Washington Hall, and soon after that began the Black Koffee House, a Spring talent show. This is in addition to the activities usually sponsored by LBBS, NSBE, NAACP, etc. Yet, we lately have had an infinitely growing core of African American "traditions" and organizations, with a finite number of students to support them. When Black Images began in 1989, there were about 350 African Americans on campus. Now, although recruitment is on the upswing, we're lucky if it's 250.

In addition, that group itself is very diverse. Their talents and interests may lie in one or more of ND's other 200 clubs and organizations. Others are very apathetic. They insist that ND, being white and homogenous, has nothing of interest to them, and that even trying to "do something" is a waste of time. For every three of them, at least one African American student is working himself (or, more likely, herself) into academic paralysis while trying to coordinate a potentially great program with no help from any of those that say "there's nothing to do here."

Despite the support you'd expect from such a small community, too often, individual personalities and pettiness get in the way of community support. Some students, in a sense, boycott certain events because they dislike "president so-and-so." They may even encourage others to do likewise. If Martin and Malcolm could recognize their common goals and attempt reconciliation, why can't we?

We've allowed a crab culture to infiltrate our community. If someone's doing well, we pull them down into the hot pot ... or, at very least, let them fall down. We need to change that. We say we are a

caring community, but we let our friends flunk out, lower their expectations, or lose their self-esteem. Certainly, we don't have to like everybody (although, as MLK pointed out, Jesus calls us to LOVE our enemies) but if we do that in the little community here, imagine how little we'll do for the boyz 'n' girlz 'n' the 'hood when we leave!

With fewer students, growing apathy, and competition from non-African American activities, African American student leadership may be getting stretched too thin. In some sense, it's also a lack of leadership development that hurts (i.e. delegation and time management skills.) Overworked and burned out, they often are forced to turn the reins over after a year or two. Then, in the interest of maintaining traditions, more young students are begged to take on overly-significant leadership roles, which perpetuates the cycle.

The cycle — the newest tradition — perpetuated is "academic suicide." Basically that would be first and second year students throwing themselves wholeheartedly into these traditions, trying to maintain the standard set by their predecessors, at the expense of their own academic and physical health. They become martyrs for the cause. The traditions wind up surviving, but the students don't, or if they do, it's with severely undermined academic records. Yet, this isn't why they came to ND!

We haven't learned to say "No, I'm committed to another project" or "No, I need to get on top of my studies first." When we twist a "friend's" arm to get them involved in something, we show more concern for the survival of the tradition than we do their academic survival. Moreover, there is no reason why such events and traditions need be "exclusively" African American. We just cannot afford the burden of teaching and entertaining ourselves (and the dominant culture) to the degree that we forget why we came here.

Certainly, a lot can be accomplished with a small number of talented, focused individuals working as a team. This is clear from the number of African American organizations that are flourishing, with mature leadership. I'd even like to see more African Americans getting into student government. We have had one African American Student Body President in the history of ND (David Krashna, in 1970.) I'd like to think that ND is more receptive and conducive to such leadership 30 years later. If so, where is it?

As much as I honor and respect these particular Notre Dame traditions, if they are killing us, we have to cut our losses. I'd much rather see a tradition extinguished than witness the slow death of another student.

Until we change this culture, our proud traditions will be nothing more than fodder for the fire, with our brothers and sisters stoking the flames of death.

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■ So, What's My Point?

SMC Goal of Diversity Must Be Attained

Cable is now available in the dorms. Admissions are up this year for the first time in several years. We've been ranked the number one liberal arts school in the midwest for the fifth consecutive year.

Nakasha Ahmad

Right now, we at Saint Mary's are feeling rather proud of ourselves. Our sterling work has been proven in the form of awards and higher admissions. (Not, of course,

that we ever needed proof, but still, it's always gratifying to receive affirmation ...)

It is therefore encouraging that in the midst of this success, the Board of Trustees met last week (fittingly, during Black History Month) to discuss diversity and how to improve the College's standing in this area.

A lot of meetings about diversity — 99 percent I would estimate — are only that: Meetings. Meetings mean more meetings which mean more meetings which mean more task forces which mean more reports which mean even MORE meetings ... Meetings can become a vicious cycle in which problems are probed, solutions rhapsodized upon, suggestions offered. But few, if any, of the suggestions can translate into concrete policy, and the very few that do are usually so radical as not to be implemented.

In his book *How Washington Really Works*, Charles Peters, a journalist covering Washington, D.C. — meeting mecca of the free world — commented that the more work is being done by an organization — the less meetings there are. In an active organization, things just get done, without having endless task forces pose, posture and pontificate on it.

Thus, meeting mania is not symptomatic of this college, or even educational institutions generally, but of any bureaucratic machine that is trying to handle one or more large and unwieldy tasks.

While the Board of Trustees' meeting was all of the above-described things and more, it also led to a few very practical suggestions that might let this campus become more diverse in the next few years.

There are those who say that the subjects of multiculturalism and diversity are being beat to death by minority students. It is not that these two topics are the only ones of interest to us. Minority students are interested in and can speak about every topic under the sun (though the fact that we are never heard upon those other topics was highlighted by Kimmi Martin in her letter to The Observer last week). But few topics are as entwined in most (though maybe not all) minority students' everyday experience and existence.

It is always nice if an individual or institution adopts the concept of diversity and multiculturalism for its own sake, for the realization that we all are, in fact, equal, and not limited into the stereotypical boxes we are usually locked into.

But when the "niceness" argument fails, there is only one thing left to do: bring out the economic argument.

This theory sounds terribly Marxist. And Marx was the person who proposed that economic activity is behind everything. While I would not unqualifiably agree with him, I can't deny that economics is a driving force in a lot of business.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, by 2009, ethnic minorities put together will be the ethnic majority in this country. So, the economic argument goes something like this: Admissions may be up now, but if there is little or no improvement in the diversity at this campus, then minorities will not come here. And when minorities become the majority, if the college hasn't made any new strides in promoting and welcoming diversity, then admissions will go downhill. And the College will lose money.

This is not to say that Saint Mary's has no commitment to diversity whatsoever. In the time I have been here, there has been much more talk of diversity, and more people seem to want to change the lack of it here. However, I do say that the commitment (on the part of the administration) has been less than perfect. (I must also add, however, that many of the faculty, especially in certain departments, leave nothing to be desired in their commitment to and concern for many of these issues.)

When Saint Mary's wants to improve itself, it can. This has been proven in the drastic improvement of technology in the nearly three years I have been here. I spent last semester at American University in Washington, D.C., a much bigger school that charges much more in tuition, and their technology system wasn't half or even a quarter as good as the one here.

Obviously, there is a difference between implementing technology changes and increasing diversity. Technology changes are concrete and tangible; improving diversity is a vague goal with no set guidelines, and it is a very difficult goal. However, the College has proven that when it really wants to meet a goal, it can. Diversity should be no different and no less important.

Nakasha Ahmad is a junior at Saint Mary's majoring in English. Her column appears every other Thursday.

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ROAD TRIPS: Chicago and Windsor, Canada

By JULIA GILLESPIE
Assistant Scene Editor

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How does a road trip sound?

The month of February is the shortest month of the year, but it seems like the longest when you live in South Bend. Sometimes it helps to try something fun and get away for a day or the whole weekend. There are several popular places that are less than a few hours away from campus.

Some popular choices include Chicago, Windsor, Michigan City and nearby colleges.

Taking a road trip to Chicago

Chicago is the perfect getaway for many students. It is a mere 90 miles away from campus. You may either take the South Shore Train for \$10 or take the Skyway into the city for the simple cost of a few tolls and gas.

You can tour the Windy City for the day, or stay the weekend with friends or family in the area.

As soon as you approach the skyline you will forget how close you really are to campus. Lake Shore Drive is a beautiful way to drive into Chicago. Lake Michigan is a striking sight, especially once you approach Navy Pier.

Chicago offers students a wealth of options that range from museums, shopping, fine dining and exciting nightlife.

"Chicago is always the perfect place to go for either a few hours or the weekend. It's an exciting and fast-paced atmosphere sharply contrasts South Bend," said junior Kristin Grove.

Some students enjoy the exhibits at the Field Museum of Natural History or the Science and Industry Museum. The Shedd Aquarium offers an interesting scope of underwater life. Its oceanarium is set on Lake Michigan and has hourly shows that exhibit dolphins.

Lovers of Asian culture may discover something new at the Oriental Museum located on the City's south side in Hyde Park. Art lovers may enjoy a tour, such as the Mary Cassatt exhibit at the Art Institute on South Michigan.

Gentlemen and young ladies may both find something of interest on North Michigan Avenue. Interesting sights include Nike Town, FAO Schwartz, Borders Bookstore, Water Tower shopping center and Bloomingdales. There is something for every shopper.

The tourists and fast-pace that characterize North Michigan Avenue turn off some students. Fortunately,

there are unique shopping opportunities in Lincoln Park and Lake View where trendy boutiques and funky thrift shops border the streets. The Century Mall on Clark and Diversey offers a more intimate shopping atmosphere.

Trendy stores, such as Sole Junkies on Clark and Belmont sell shoes for men and women that can not be found anywhere in South Bend. Thrift stores, such as Disgraceland on Clark and Aldine provide a large array of funky clothes perfect for any theme party.

After an exhausting day of shopping there are a host of restaurants to choose from. Water Tower's Food Court offers a broad range of eating options that include everything from tofu to pizza. Farther South there are fun theme restaurants, such as Chicago's famous Hard Rock Café, Planet Hollywood, Michael Jordan's and Ed Dabeveck's.

If you are coming from the North Side you may enjoy stopping at the trendy Italian restaurant Mia Franchesca's. Or you and your friends might enjoy something a little less expensive, such as the Mexican Restaurant El Jardin's.

Chicago is also well known for its delicious Italian Restaurants, such as the Rosebud and Carmine's.

After a late dinner those of you who are over 21 may enjoy hitting the nightlife of downtown. Hot spot dance clubs range from Excalibur to Liquid and Dennis Rodman's favorite Crow Bar. Notre Dame graduates may often be spotted at Lincoln Park's dance club, Beaumont.

Other fun sports bars in Wrigleyville include Sluggers, Cubby Bear and Ili Tops.

Getting down in Windsor, Canada

Windsor, Canada, is a fun getaway that many students also enjoy. Although it is not the cultural metropolis of Chicago, it attracts many students under the age of 21. The legal drinking age there is 19.

It is about a three-hour drive from campus and it is just outside of Detroit.

Windsor is the perfect place to visit with anyone from Detroit if you want to eliminate the cost of lodging. Otherwise, hotels are priced reasonably.

The average hotel costs \$130, which is reasonable when you split it amongst a group of people. For example, the Days Inn on the main strip of casinos is \$120 per night. Don't forget that you earn money on the Canadian Currency exchange rate.

Students of either sex enjoy the rocking Windsor Casino and trendy shops. You may find anything there from Cuban cigars to the perfect feather boa.

There are fun restaurants, such as Peppers, to eat at once you get hungry. It is reasonably priced and has a fun dance floor. Peppers is famous for its delicious appetizers, such as their spinach dip.



These ladies enjoy a night out at one of Chicago's finest Italian restaurants, The Rosebud.

Photo courtesy of Julia Gillespie

Michigan City and nearby college towns

Michigan City, Ind.

Michigan City is a nice getaway for students who just need a quick breather from the stress of school. It is a low-key place to spend the day and the perfect place to do some bargain shopping, and only about 30 miles from campus. You may either drive or take the South Shore Train. The Lighthouse Mall offers a wide selection of outlet stores that include everything from Adidas, J. Crew and the Gap. There are also restaurants unique to that area of the country. For example, the Depot restaurant located near the mall at 100 Washington Street offers inexpensive American food, and is set on the picturesque lake along the railroad.

Michigan City also offers fun outdoor activities like cross-country skiing on the dunes or snowmobiling.

Other college campuses:

Students who still want to enjoy the college scene but need to escape from the Notre Dame campus

may enjoy visiting friends at nearby colleges such as University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Michigan, University of Illinois, Marquette University or University of Dayton.

All of these campuses are all less than four hours away. You may enjoy the opportunity to check out the fraternity scene at any of those schools.

Marquette and Wisconsin offer big-city advantages that we do not enjoy in South Bend. The Universities of Illinois and Michigan are set in fun college towns that have a wide range of cafes and bookstores to chose from if you need a little while to unwind.

Student Dave Melander recalls his visit to Madison.

"The girls are hot! State Street is fun, because of the shops, bars and restaurants. The atmosphere is different than ours on campus, because it is a laid-back, relaxed and a fun environment," he said.

Another student recollects a positive experience at Dayton: "It is a college campus atmosphere, because students rent houses from the University that are all in the same area, 'The Ghetto.' It makes it easy and fun to hop from house to house."

So, next time you and your friends start to feel restless in your dorm rooms or apartments — step back and review these options. Why not take off for a trip to Chicago, Windsor or Michigan City. There is no excuse to complain about the social scene here when you can take off and visit your friends at a different college campus.

■ SCENE THROUGH OUR EYES

Endless Possibilities

By SARAH DYLAG
Scene Editor

It happened somewhere in West Virginia while trying to merge left without cutting anyone off and looking for an exit with a McDonalds.

My roommates feared for their lives as I screamed at the other cars taking up the lane I wanted to move into. The other drivers seemed oblivious to my frustration until I finally cut them all off and forced my way into their lane. I heard the car behind me blare its horn and I waved and smiled at him.

All seemed fine until my roommate spoke up from the backseat of my car.

Pull over right now, you psycho driver. You're done, she said.

My turn at the wheel — my job as speed racer and captain — had ended.

Near-death experience number two happened somewhere in Georgia. I swear that I followed all of the rules from Drivers Ed — mirror, signal, blind spot, go — but somehow, I did not see the car in the right lane. I certainly heard his car horn, however, as he followed behind me for the next few minutes.

Don't get me wrong: I am not a bad driver. I've never even been pulled over. No warnings, no tickets, no crashes (knock on wood). I just seem to have a problem when I don't know where I am going, which, with my stellar sense of direction, is just about all of the time.

Lucky for me, however, the near death experiences have yet to put a damper on my participation in one of the best weekend activities ever invented — the road trip.

What is it about the combination of a full tank of gas, a loud radio, a road map and a car full of friends that makes even the longest trips seem like adventures? I cannot give an exact answer, but I prefer to believe it's the sense of possibility that makes it all so much fun.

Taking a road trip — a real road trip — means not following a specific minute-by-minute plan. It means getting some vague directions, hitting the road and seeing where it goes. Want to stop at that sketchy restaurant with the big neon sign that says "Oasis?" Then stop. Want to get off the highway and drive through a different city or a famous place? Then get off. Through truck stops and rest areas, side roads and highways, there is always someone new to meet or something new to see.

Besides the speed limit, no one makes rules when you take a road trip. It's you, your friends, the car and the open road, driving away from reality and into the unknown. And when that happens, as Bruce Springsteen told us all in a Thunder Road, "These two lanes can take us anywhere."

It's the feeling of going somewhere that matters on the road. Not when you get there, not how you get there, not even if you get there at all. Just going, with endless possibilities ahead and miles of highway behind. It's the good conversations and the good radio stations. It's watching out the window as you drive by pieces of America.

Never mind the near death experiences, the speeding tickets or the other angry drivers on the road. They cannot erase the adventure and the freedom of a road trip.

So what are you waiting for? Hit the road.

The views expressed in Scene Through Our Eyes are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Observer.

NEARBY COLLEGES – POPULAR ROAD TRIPS:

- * *University of Wisconsin-Madison*
- * *University of Michigan*
- * *University of Illinois*
- * *Marquette University*
- * *University of Dayton*

All of these options are less than four hours away from a fun and different college atmosphere that includes fraternities and sororities.



Kristin Grove, Julia Gillespie, Bridget O'Connor and Erica Bernhardt enjoy themselves on a road trip to Michigan.

photo courtesy of Julia Gillespie

■ IRISH INSIGHT

Fencers' home meet provides chance for student support

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

If you are like most students on this campus, you probably know as much about the elections in Lithuania as you do about fencing. You may think that a foil is something your mom used to wrap your sandwich or that Sara Walsh is Brenda's long-lost sister on 90210.

And it would be a shame that, with one of the top fencing teams in the country practicing just minutes from your dorm room, you still do not plan to support them when they take on top Midwest competition this weekend at the Joyce Center.

Many students might claim that because they don't know anything about the sport, they don't want to attend the meets. If simple ignorance is the only reason why our fencing team toils in relative anonymity, I hope that perhaps this simple beginner's guide to fencing might enlighten you to this great sport and increase the support for these top-level athletes.

The basic premise behind fencing is very simple: Hit your opponent before he hits you. From this basic goal, strategy and tactics arise that give fencing its excitement and drama.

There are three weapons in fencing: foil, epee and sabre. Men compete with all three weapons while women compete in epee and foil only.

The foil is the most slender of all the weapons. Its target area is also the smallest. Only touches to the torso — not the head, arms or legs — made with the tip of the weapon count.

The epee is a thicker weapon and has a larger target area. A fencer may touch the tip of the weapon to the torso, arms or legs of his opponent and still score a point.

The sabre is the most unique of the three weapons. A sabre touch can be scored anywhere on the body and with any part of the blade.

Now that you possess a rudimentary knowledge of fencing, you are ready to head over to the Joyce Center to watch the Midwest Championships on Saturday and Sunday. The meet lasts all weekend and there are many storylines worth watching.

The men's epee team lost only one Midwest match all year. Lawrence University downed the Irish 5-4 last weekend in Appleton, Wis. Now the Irish week-

Lawrence in their house and in the words of two-time All-American C.J. Jackson, "I have nothing but revenge on my mind."

The epee clash between the Irish and Lawrence this weekend is certainly a bout to see.

The women's epee team will also have several bouts that should not be missed this weekend. Two-time All-American Magda Krol and All-American captain Nicole Mustilli lead the Irish against the Buckeyes of Ohio State and the Wildcats of Northwestern. Both squads have previously defeated the Irish.

Look for the epeeists, however, to fence stronger this weekend and send the Buckeyes and the Wildcats home with sound defeats.

The men's foil team should continue its steady play this weekend. Captain Stephane Auriol, who once starred in a Nerf Fencing commercial, leads the Irish squad into battle.

If you aren't looking for close bouts and would instead prefer to see a blow-out, look no further than the men's sabre team. Led by 1998 NCAA champion Luke LaValle, the sabre team is undefeated on the season and has yet to be seriously challenged.

The "Fabulous Freshmen," Andre Crompton and Gabor Szelle, have teamed with LaValle to form by far the best sabre team in the country. So if seeing teams like Michigan, Ohio State and Purdue get crushed is what excites you, be sure to watch the sabre team.

If you only see one match this weekend, make sure you don't miss the women's foil team take on Ohio State.

Both meetings between these two squads have been tough. The Irish won the first meeting 11-5 and the second meeting 10-6. As a team the Irish should have no trouble beating the Buckeyes for the third time this year. The bouts to watch will be the ones involving Irish fencers Sara Walsh, Myriah Brown and Buckeye foilist Yelena Kalkina.

Seniors Walsh and Brown are three-time All-Americans who could become the first four-time Irish All-Americans since Molly Sullivan in 1985-88.

Kalkina — a two-time All-American who also won the 1997 NCAA championship — is the only fencer who has managed to defeat Walsh on the year.

The matches last all day both Saturday and Sunday. So come on out and support one of the most successful teams in Irish history.

■ NBA

Lakers fire Harris after three-game losing skid

Associated Press

INGLEWOOD, Calif.

In with the Worm, and out with the coach.

The slumping Los Angeles Lakers, considered one of the teams to beat in the NBA this season, fired coach Del Harris on Wednesday on the heels of three road losses in as many days.

The move was announced while Dennis Rodman, the NBA's leading rebounder the last seven seasons, was participating in his first practice session with the team after signing a contract Tuesday.

Jerry West, the team's vice president of basketball operations, said that one of two assistants — Kurt Rambis or Larry Drew — will succeed Harris for at least the rest of the season.

West said longtime assistant Bill Bertka will handle the head coaching duties Thursday night against the winless Los Angeles Clippers in Anaheim before a decision is made on Drew or Rambis, both former Lakers players.

West didn't say when a final decision would be made, and added he had not spoken to former Chicago Bulls coach Phil Jackson or anyone else because things happened so quickly.

"It's always difficult to talk about hypotheticals, but if that situation is presented, I know that Phil would look at that carefully," Jackson's agent, Todd Musburger, said by telephone.

West pointed out the Lakers usually hire coaches from within, and Harris said he hoped Rambis or Drew would get the job.

"I just feel the last two games we've played have not been acceptable," West said, referring to a 117-113 overtime loss in Denver on Monday night and a 93-83 loss at Vancouver on Tuesday night. "I just felt like there was a deterioration."

Denver's victory was only its second in 10 games this season, and the Grizzlies had never beaten Los Angeles in 12 previous games.

"I talked to [owner] Jerry Buss this morning and we just felt like the time was right now," West said. "Right now, we look like we're floundering. That's not what the fans pay to see."

The losses left the young, talented Lakers at 6-6 with 38 games remaining in the abbreviated season.

"Particularly for me, the thing that makes it so awkward is that Del has been a friend for many years," West said. "The direction of a team is very important. We do feel like we have the talent here."

Harris, 61, was in his fifth season. He guided the Lakers to a 224-116 record and improved their regular-season record in four consecutive years, a feat accomplished by only eight other coaches in NBA history.

"I don't feel like a loser today," Harris said. "There will be other doors that will open for me. There always have been when other doors have closed."

"I was hoping today to tell my team that everybody's laughing at us today, but we're going to have the last laugh."

Harris has been under criticism from many directions the last few years despite his team's improvement every year. Two years ago, the Lakers lost to the Utah Jazz in the Western Conference semifinals and last spring were swept by the Jazz in the conference finals.

Despite the fact that star Shaquille O'Neal missed 22 games last season, the Lakers had a 61-21 regular-season record — one of the best in the league.

"This team will mature," Harris said. "It's already an outstanding team. Forget 6-6. This team is better than 6-6. I don't have any excuses to make. This team could go on a 10-game winning streak whether I was here or not."

"I think it was a reasonable decision," Harris added of being fired although he admitted he was disappointed he couldn't at least finish the season. "I enjoyed being with this bunch. Whoever takes my place will not have failed if they don't win it this year."

Harris' contract runs out after this season.

Most of the team that won almost three-quarters of its games and reached the conference finals is back this year, but the Lakers have been on-again, off-again since the start of the campaign.

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CAMPUS MINISTRY

CONSIDERATIONS...

Calendar of Events

Retreat for Ministers at the Basilica Topic: "Ministry in the Church"

Saturday, February 27, 9:30 am-12:30 pm

Speaker- Beverly Rieger, Director of Liturgy, Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese followed by an optional tour of the Basilica led by Father.

Confirmation Program - A Day for Recollection

Sunday, February 28, 2:00- 6:00 pm, Center for Continuing Education

Freshman Retreat #22 (March 26-27) Sign-Up

Beginning Monday, March 1, 103 Hesburgh, 112 Badin Hall or see your hall rector.

Targeted Dorms: Farley, Fisher, Howard, Keenan, Morrissey, O'Neill, Pasquerilla West, St. Edward's, and Walsh

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Weekend Presiders at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, February 27 Mass
5:00 p.m. Rev. James King, C.S.C.

Sunday, February 28 Mass
10:00 a.m. Rev. James Lies, C.S.C.
11:45 a.m. Most Rev. John S. Cummins
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Sunday Lenten Vespers
7:45 p.m. Rev. David Scheidler, C.S.C.

Scripture Readings

1st Reading	Genesis	12: 1-4
2nd Reading	2 Timothy	1: 8-10
Gospel	Matthew	17: 1-9

What Am I Going to Do with My Life?

Jim Lies, C.S.C.

"I'm not sure."

There is only one other phrase, probably, that I've spoken more often than "I'm not sure," and it's, "I don't know."

When I was younger I thought that as I grew older, with more education and experience, I would have fewer and fewer occasions to use these phrases. And yet, as I have gained so much in the way of education and experience, I find myself using just such phrases all the more.

Some years ago, a senior here at Notre Dame told the story that when she was a first year student she was pretty sure she wanted to be an attorney. She studied like a future Supreme Court justice, giving herself entirely to that future goal. She even began to pick out law schools. As time passed, and with more education and experience, she became less certain. For various reasons, some which she didn't understand herself, she grew less sure about being an attorney by the time her second semester senior year rolled around. When asked about what she was going to do after graduation some four short months away, she would say, "I don't know." This was difficult not only because she felt the need to be certain, but because she felt like she owed it to others, especially to her parents, to be certain, and to be successful.

Although the story of Jesus tells us that what we do is important, it also tells us that how we do what we do is often more important. Jesus was somewhat of a wandering preacher and teacher who told people who seemed sure of what God wanted of them, and sure of an exact way to be saved, that perhaps they ought to think again. Jesus welcomed with love all people, especially those most brutally excluded by society. It was not just what Jesus did that revealed him as God, but how he did it. Christianity is first and foremost a way of living in the world.

We are well into the second semester. At times it may seem like the pressure is on. There is that popular question, "What are you going to do?" Anxiety seems to go hand-in-hand with unsurety; and at this point in our lives we expect to grow in certainty, not uncertainty. Perhaps many of us, especially seniors in their final semester, are realizing that when it comes to discerning a job choice or a career, 100% certainty is at least unlikely and probably impossible.

Maybe one of the most important benefits of education and experience is a dispelling of the ways in which we are tempted to oversimplify the complexities of life. There is something about dying and rising in all of this, a dying and rising which takes place during this life, and which we celebrate during the Lenten and Easter seasons. Hopefully, we die to old ways of seeing ourselves that were narrow and exact in order to continually rise to new ways of seeing ourselves and others; a dying and rising that allows us the freedom to change and appreciate the ability of others to change; a dying and rising that heightens our appreciation of the Paschal Mystery. Maybe we have to let go of that image of ourselves that is so sure of ourselves, and that seems not to need God. Perhaps this dying and rising calls us to be a little more comfortable with not being so sure all of the time, and not knowing everything there is to know, exactly. What else is faith for but to give us the surety to rest comfortably in the unsurety.

I don't need to say that what we do with our lives is important. Our choices can have a great impact on ourselves and on our world. However, maybe the question which should precede "What do I want to do?" is "How do I want to be?" And maybe then our uncertainty can move us ever closer to the truth of our lives, and of our faith; and ever closer to our God. Maybe the most important thing is not always *what* we do with our lives, but *how* we do it. Maybe it's time to rest, even revel, in the uncertainty, as a means by which we surrender our own wills to the will of our God. It's time to consider not so much what we do as the measure of our success, or how much money we make, or the status of our particular job or occupation; but rather, to consider *how* we choose to live our lives in whatever we choose to do; and whether we have welcomed the surety of God into the unsurety of our lives.



Swim

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to focus their efforts on beating Miami in the swimming races.

"This team gets faster every year since I've gotten here, and this is the most talented team I've been on," Howell said.

Like the women, the men are also using the meet as a way to qualify swimmers for the NCAA Championships. The men's meet will take place in

Indianapolis a week after the women's meet. Ray Fitzpatrick, Dan Szilier and Scott Zumbach are the most likely candidates to be the first swimmers to ever represent Notre Dame at the meet.

Fitzpatrick squeezed under the consideration time with a 1:39.20 in the 200 freestyle a year ago. His current season best is nearly a second over that, but he has a good chance of bringing it down enough to secure an bid to the NCAA meet.

The best chances for three-time MVP Zumbach are in the

200 butterfly and 400 individual medley, events in which he holds team records.

Szilier already holds a strong consideration time in the 200 breaststroke, an event for which he was named to this summer's World University Games.

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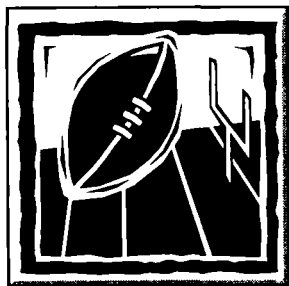
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■ SWIMMING AND DIVING

Senior class takes look back at four years in the pool

By WES RICHARDSON
Sports Writer

After nearly four years of wearing the "ND Irish" swim caps, when the senior swimmers look back on their tenure under the Dome, they are awed by how much the team has changed.

Now that the first day of their last championship meet, the Big East Championships, is under

way, the seniors are taking pride in how much they contributed to this improvement.

Men's co-captain Chris Fugate described his four years as "an incredible and challenging journey."

For the women's team, the journey began with a surprise. Soon after arriving at Notre Dame in the fall of 1995, they were introduced to their new

coach, Bailey Weathers. Not only did this mean that the men's and women's teams would be separated for the first time, but it also marked the beginning of a heightened level of dedication for both teams.

"It was hard for our class when all of our goals and commitment levels changed," women's co-captain Anne Iacobucci said. "It was hard for

us when we came in as freshmen for different reasons than what Bailey had in mind."

Nevertheless, Iacobucci, Meghan Eckstein, Brittany Kline and Jill Matalavage chose to stick with Bailey's tougher standards until graduation.

From an original cast of eleven freshmen, the Class of '99 men are now represented by Mike Doyle, Scott Zumbach, Vince Kuna and captains Fugate and Steele Howell.

The same year the women's and men's teams separated was Notre Dame's first year in the Big East. Not even the upper-classmen could give advice or make predictions about the new conference. With the new conference to face and Weathers was hired at the last minute, the team's direction was uncertain.

"The first year was almost chaos," Kline said. "We didn't even know we were getting a new coach, and we didn't know what to expect from him."

Fortunately, the change proved to be for the better.

"Since Bailey came in when we were freshmen, we've been on our way to our long term goals," Iacobucci said. "I was sad about the break-up of the team, but I'm glad I'll be part of this history."

"We've done a complete 180 since freshman year, and I know a lot of it's due to Bailey coming in," Eckstein said.

Upon entering the Big East, the Irish Sports Report picked the Irish men's swimmers to place dead last and the women near the bottom at Championships. With significant contributions from the freshman Class of '99,

the men placed seventh and the women third.

Since then, the women have won the conference title twice and the men are aiming to take second place this year.

"Our main goal of the first year in the Big East was not to win the meet. It was to place as many people as we could in the top 16," Kline said. "Now we're trying to qualify as many as we can for [the NCAA Championships]."

"All of us have been through some tough times at the beginning of our career, and as we got older, we've really excelled and gotten faster over the years," Fugate said.

But it is the team culture that has undergone the most change, according to Fugate. In the past, group activities outside of the pool were often allowed to interfere with performance in the water; the seniors now stress that they let nothing come between them and their goals.

"Our freshman year, being on the team was more of a partying thing," Kuna explained. "Since then, we've curtailed the partying and focused on getting faster as a team."

The uniqueness of the men's Class of '99 has always been evident. When they were freshmen, coach Tim Welsh labeled them the most talented class Notre Dame swimming had ever had.

"Ever since our freshman year, we were really the dominant class," Howell said. "The closeness of our class and our leadership skills both in and out of the pool have brought the team to where it is."

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■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

McGwire in spotlight again after offseason

Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla.

Mark McGwire was back behind the microphones Wednesday, laughing off predictions of 80 home runs and defending his use of muscle pills. It was like he never left.

As about 100 reporters watched and three sports networks broadcast the spring training news conference live, McGwire said he was willing to discuss his record 70 home runs only until the new season starts in April.

"I'm mentally prepared to talk about last year up until the last day of spring training," McGwire said. "Once the season starts, talking about 70 is gone. I think it's foolish to think I'm going to carry this over and talk about last year."

McGwire said he would continue using androstenedione, the controversial muscle-building supplement that is prohibited by the NFL, NCAA and International Olympic Committee. At a drug conference last month, IOC vice president Dick Pound said baseball had allowed McGwire to become a "souped-up hero" by not banning andro.

"Major league baseball is not the IOC," McGwire said. "And it has absolutely nothing to do with me hitting a baseball. I don't endorse the produce. I never did. Someone stuck a nose in my locker."

At spring training last year, only about 20 reporters showed up for the first full-squad workout. But that was before McGwire beat Roger Maris' single-season record by nine home runs.

On Wednesday, fans crowded against the fence to watch McGwire and his teammates go through their first full-squad workout, a mostly humdrum routine. They even kept track of the 12 home runs he hit in batting practice.

"I couldn't believe the turnout from the fans," McGwire said. "That was amazing. Then all of you guys. I've never been in a first day of spring training like this ever."

He talked almost disbelievingly about all the attention he received in the offseason, being interrupted in restaurants by fans who told him how much his accomplishment meant to them — where they were when it happened and how some had named their children after him.

"I've never had so many people join me for dinner," he said.

The biggest revelation during the hour-long news conference was that the most pressure he felt last season came after he topped Maris and had to fend off Sammy Sosa. McGwire had insisted that he didn't care who ended up with more homers.

"Sammy Sosa had a pretty damn good year and he was right there with me," McGwire said. "When I broke that record, I knew there was a lot of time left in the season, and I knew what he was doing."

"All across America, the most-asked question was, 'Did he hit one?' That's sort of tough when you're playing a team sport."

Two major milestones are up ahead for McGwire. He needs 43 homers to become the 16th player to reach 500, and can become the first to hit 50 or more in four consecutive seasons.

Can McGwire top 70?

"Anything's possible," he said.

Manager Tony La Russa predicted 75 for McGwire in January and new teammate Carlos

Baerga forecasts 80.

That brought another laugh from McGwire.

"Geez, I'd definitely retire if I did that," he said. "There's no more reason to play after that."

But McGwire said he won't be disappointed if he falls far short of 70.

"I'm sure that no matter what I do this year, if I don't hit 70, someone will say I had an off year," McGwire said.

McGwire said he'd like to play at least five more years, but that he would "walk away" from baseball if there was another work stoppage. The current labor agreement is likely to expire after the 2001 season.

McGwire also criticized a story last week that exaggerated his security arrangements.

"No, I do not have bodyguards," he said. "I don't need any bodyguards. I don't want any."



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Antoni Wyche poured in seven against the Red Storm Wednesday in Notre Dame's 73-53 losing effort.

■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish unable to weather Storm

By ALAN WASIELEWSKI
Sports Writer

Notre Dame hung in as long as it could Wednesday night, but Irish turnovers and fatigue allowed seventh-ranked St. John's to achieve a 73-53 victory.

In the first half, Notre Dame's zone defense forced the Red Storm to work for every point and stopped each of the team's 12 three-point-shot attempts. The Irish controlled defensive rebounding and slowed down the first-half tempo enough to stay with St. John's.

"We did a lot of things we wanted to do," head coach John MacLeod said, "but we started taking quick shots and picking up the tempo."

That fell right into line with the St. John's game plan.

Led by freshman Erick Barkley, the Red Storm converted on almost every Irish turnover, but Notre Dame freshman Troy Murphy, in his first collegiate game at Madison Square Garden, did his best to keep the Irish in the game.

Two fast-break dunks—one in classic hand-behind-the-head Karl Malone style—and an NBA-range three-pointer to beat the shot clock kept the Irish strong during the first half.

Notre Dame led by nine points with six minutes left in the half, and while a run immediately before halftime let St. John's inch back in the game, the Irish were still in good shape. Behind by just two points at the buzzer, the slow-down game plan was working perfectly.

However, just like the West Virginia game last Sunday, Notre Dame came out flat after halftime.

Missing their first five shots, Notre Dame allowed St. John's to push the ball up the floor and convert some easy layups. With Martin Ingelsby out of the game with a sprained ankle, the Irish were hurting for ballhandlers, and St. John's head coach Mike Jarvis took advantage by applying full-court pressure for the rest of the contest.

"We started to succumb to the pressure and taking quick shots, exactly what they wanted us to do," MacLeod said. "We started

running a 'circle offense,' running around in circles, and that is not something we practice."

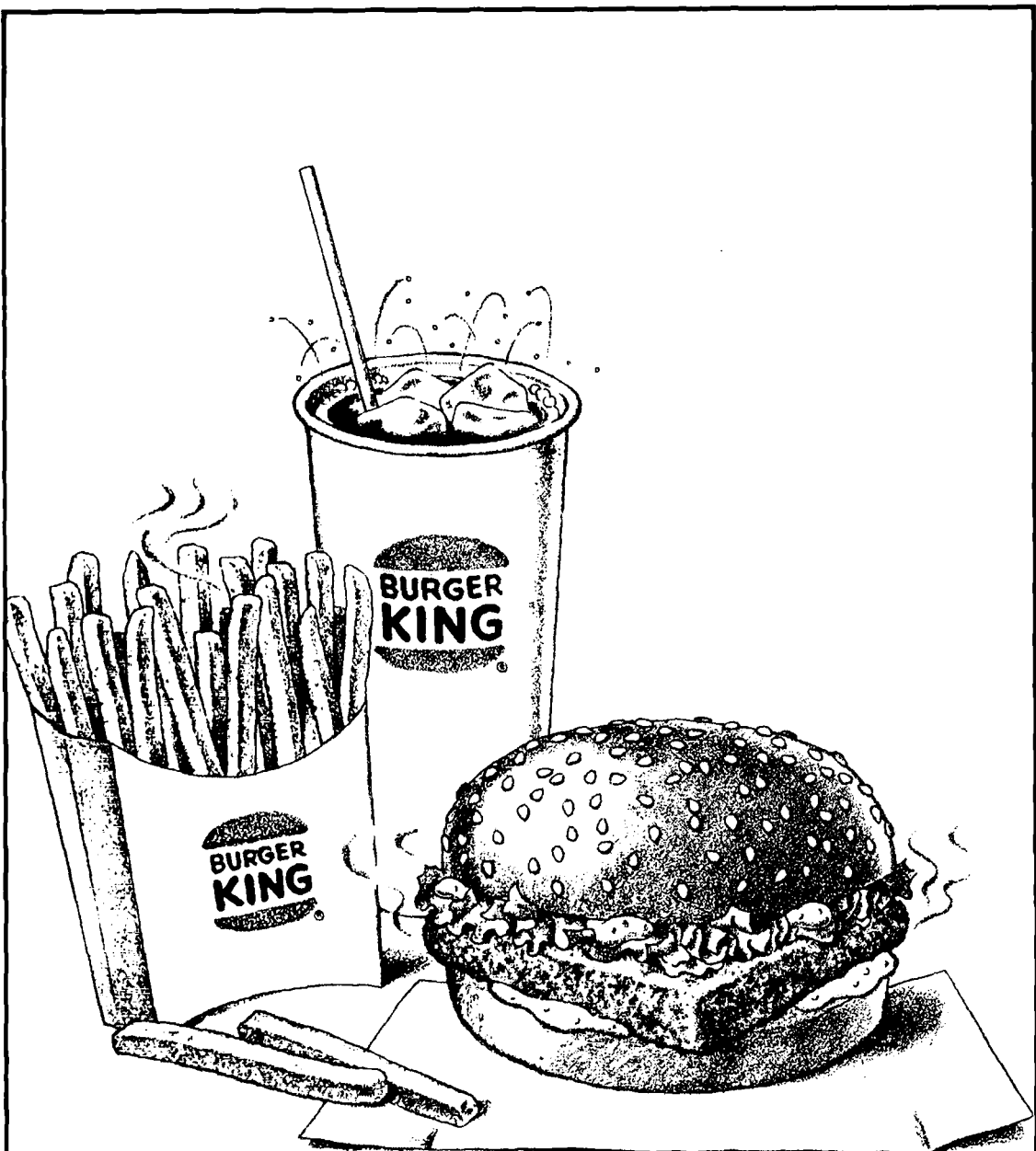
This "circle offense" allowed the Red Storm to go on a 32-11 run in 10 minutes. The Irish couldn't get the ball to Murphy enough, and he eventually tired. Meanwhile, St. John's began to hit the three-pointer.

Lavor Postell broke Notre Dame's back with consecutive three-point shots midway through the second half, pushing the Red Storm's lead to 14. David Graves spurred a short-lived Irish rally with a three-pointer followed by a Murphy alley-oop dunk, but Barkley and St. John's running game pushed the lead back to 10.

Notre Dame would get no closer.

"We could not control the ball, the kids were trying to execute the game plan but we eventually let them back into it and take control," MacLeod said.

Postell and Tyrone Grant both scored 19 points for St. John's. Ron Artest put the game to rest at the three-minute mark with a windmill jam topped off by an alley-oop dunk.



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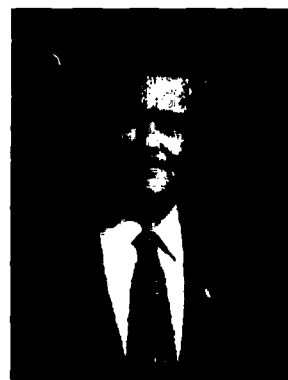
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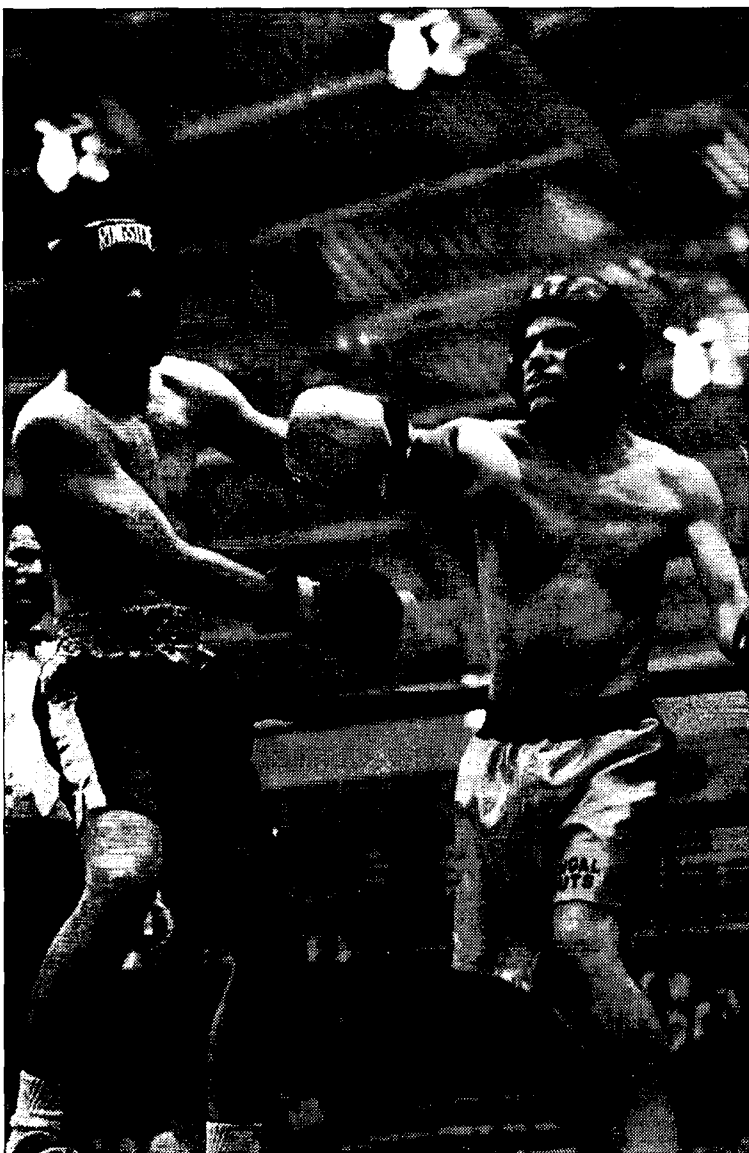
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BENGAL BOUTS



Charlie Madden (right) completed another chapter in his journey to the finals with a split decision over Dan Gallegos (left).

■ 125-145 Pound Divisions

Early-night knockouts set tone

By ALLISON KRILLA
Associate Sports Editor

125-pound Division

Kevin "K.O." Overbeck may have been unsure of his stamina before stepping into the ring last night, but that feeling didn't last long.

"I was glad all my friends were out tonight supporting me," the senior said. "After I heard them cheering me on, I could've gone another 20 minutes in the ring."

Overbeck had his jab working against Rick "Lil' Pun" Holcomb in the semifinal, securing himself a spot in the finals by unanimous decision.

But unfortunately, securing his future comes before a Bengal Bouts title. A previously scheduled medical school interview in Kansas City on Friday will prevent Overbeck from boxing Jason "Vegas" McMahon. McMahon defeated Marc "There Can Be Only One" Aramini when the referee stopped the contest.

"The biggest disappointment in not being here on Friday is that I'll miss watching all these guys, the friends I've made, fighting in the finals. That really means a lot to me," Overbeck said.

135-pound Division

Charlie "The Montana Mauler" Madden continued his Cinderella romp to the Bengal Bouts finals with a split decision victory over Dan "Too Short" Gallegos. The smaller Gallegos tried to get inside on the seventh-seeded Madden in the first round, but the Keenan Hall senior took advantage of his height and a strong right jab in the second round to seize control of the fight.

"I felt better [tonight] than I did on Monday," Madden said. "[Gallegos] really came after me,

especially in the third round."

But a boisterous cheering section pulled Madden through the grueling third round, and into Friday's finals.

"It felt really good between rounds to head back to the corner and hear all the cheering," explained Madden.

In the finals, Madden will face top-seeded David "The Prancing Pixie" Seerveld, who fought his way to a split decision victory over Martin "The Iceman" Garry. Seerveld controlled the first round, landing numerous right jabs. Garry spent much of the fight trying to get inside on the taller Seerveld. Although the O'Neill Hall senior couldn't deliver the knockout blow, Seerveld landed enough punches to prevail.

145-pound Division

In one of the biggest crowd-pleasers of the evening, Tommy "Go Ahead And Sign Your" Will defeated Jim "The Unloader" Shacklett by unanimous decision. Shacklett came out strong and controlled the early part of the first round. The junior used a distinctly longer reach and momentum from the crowd to catch Will off guard. But Shacklett's approach sparked a more aggressive Will to emerge. The captain worked Shacklett inside and overpowered him with a barrage of hooks, setting up a highly anticipated final round match up with Mike "The Roof, The Roof, The Roof Is On Fire" Maguire.

Maguire advanced to the finals with a win over Phil "The Drill" Castrogiovanni in the final bout of the 145-pound division. The referee stopped the contest one minute into the first round because of Castrogiovanni's uncontrollably bleeding nose.

While Friday's fight between friends will be Will's last, Maguire is not about to sign over his rights to a title just yet.

■ 185 - HEAVYWEIGHT DIVISIONS

Upper weight classes round out Wednesday bouts

KEVIN THOMPSON
Sports Writer

185-Pound Division

Nothing can stop destiny — not even guys with nicknames like "Buster" or "I'll make your face look like mine."

Brian "The Nutty Irishman" Gaffney and Mike "El Pescador" Romanchek advanced to the finals of the 185-pound division Wednesday night, setting up one of the most highly anticipated finals match-ups of the year.

Gaffney, the three-time champion, knows the pressure that comes with being the favorite and he felt it Wednesday night against Ben "Buster" Johnson.

"There was tremendous pressure. Every fight brings more," said the senior captain. "It's good — you felt alive. You're doing something special."

If Gaffney felt pressure last night, it was impossible to detect. He dictated the pace throughout the fight, causing the quick and tactful Johnson to reel in the third round after a barrage left him grounded. Johnson could not recover to make a run at the dominant champion.

Shortly after Gaffney's bout, the wily Romanchek made his claim to the finals. At the sound of the third-round bell, Romanchek took it right to Corey "I'll make your face look like mine" Clay, leading to a unanimous decision.

After the fight, an exuberant Romanchek said he looks forward to facing his old sparring partner in the finals.

"It's something we've both

been looking forward to for a long time," said the Keenan Hall junior. "We have a golden bond out there. It really pulls us together. I think it's the best possible thing that could have happened."

Expect a classic battle on Friday night.

190-Pound Division

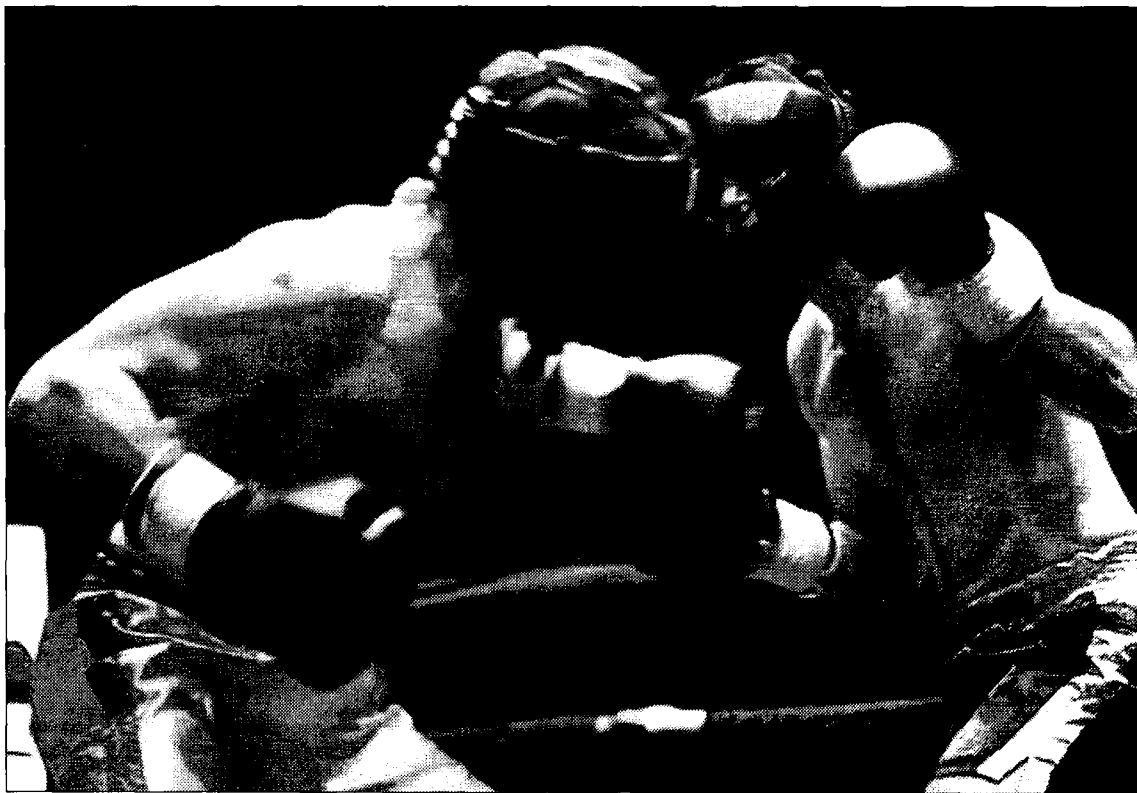
In a contest that came down to the wire, Dave "Bell-Vegas" Butz eliminated Dave "The Tank" Shenk in a drawn-out, three round unanimous decision. Shenk and his unorthodox stance were unable to counter Butz's viscous combinations. The patient, contemplative Butz rode a third-round flurry to victory.

On the opposite side of the card, the match-up of Adam "Monsoon" June and the yet unproven Mike "It hurts more than it feels good" Velten was an all out slugfest. Both fighters went right at each other relentlessly. Velten shook off all signs of rust, battling to a unanimous decision.

"Going into the fight, I was worried about coming out cold," said Velten. "I wanted to be the aggressor. I didn't know how I would come out, but I guess it worked."

195-Pound Division

In another match-up of a relatively unknown characters, the untested Pete "Beat the Rap" Ryan battled Chris "Lucky" Luechtefeld to the final bell. The momentum of the match changed several times, but Ryan's quickness prevailed.



Mike Romanchek (left) earned a trip to the finals after Wednesday night's third-round unanimous decision against Corey Clay (right).

"I was really rusty having not fought on Monday," explained Ryan. "The crowd really lifted me up tonight. Having friends and family out there really helped me out tonight."

In a highly anticipated match-up, sophomore Alex Kent squared off with rookie Jason "J-Rod" Rodriguez. Both fighters excited the crowd with three-round decisions. It all came down to the final round when, in a serious exchange of blows, the eager Kent left Rodriguez bloody. The decision was evident.

Heavyweight Division

John "The Pitbull" Salvino came out punching in the second round against Mike "The Bishop" Romero. The punishing Salvino did not waste time delivering some heavy combinations. The contest was ended 23 seconds into the second stanza.

"I was just really excited to get out there" said Salvino. "Hearing the crowd getting into it provides a big boost when you're in there."

In probably the most competitive fight of the night, Greg "Rain Man" Yatarola edged Andy "the

Big Cat" Riedrere by split decision. The towering Reidrere was able to fend off the stocky Yatarola for most of the fight. However late in the third round Yatarola turned it up a notch, and after a brief break in the action, the determined senior came out his corner on fire. Yatarola delivered a viscous combination that decided the fight.

"As a fighter, you don't want to lose knowing you still had something left over," explained Yatarola. "You want to leave everything you've got out there."

BENGAL BOUTS

■ 165-180 POUND DIVISION

Field narrows to two per class in hard-earned wins

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

The challengers in Wednesday night's Bengal Bouts semifinals made each match-up a hard-earned win.

As the field of competitors narrowed to just two in each division, only two top seeds remain.

Top seed Tom "Polly Prissy Pants" Biolchini did not disappoint in the 165-pound division as he downed junior Joe "the Kripler" Kippels in a unanimous decision.

"I stayed focused and tried not to explode," said Biolchini. "I knew I was winning on points so I just tried to throw some straight punches."

Kippels worked Biolchini hard, landing a few strong jabs early in the first round and proving that he could stay with his seasoned competitor. Tiring in the third round, Biolchini's endurance and patient attack was too much for the underdog to handle.

Biolchini will face No. 2 seed Don "Juan the Destroyer" Penn in the final round on Friday. Penn earned a unanimous decision over sophomore Tony "The Tiger" Polcari. Penn controlled the ring in the first round and managed to gain some early points by landing a few strong jabs. Polcari came out strong in the second, but Penn responded soundly, delivering a barrage of punches to end the round.

In the 170-pound division, Alex "the Corn Cob Kid" Kerrigan used his height and reach advantage to defeat underdog Paul "Pepe Le Pew" Peterson in a unanimous decision win. Peterson came out

hard in the first round, sending an off-guard Kerrigan into the corner early.

A recovered Kerrigan ended the second round on a strong note, with a swift set of punches that sent Peterson into the ropes. The favorite put the fight away in the third round, forcing Peterson into a standing eight count to end the match.

"I had a tough first and second round," said Kerrigan. "But the coaching staff was great and I pulled it together in the third in landed some combinations."

At the other end of the bracket, junior Mike "Honey" Hammes defeated No. 2 seed Tom "The Wire" Dehmer in a walk-over decision. Dehmer was forced to forfeit the match after breaking his nose in the quarterfinals.

One of the biggest surprises of the night occurred in the 175-pound division. Trent "Kid Kokomo Sandifur" defeated top seed Brian "The Highlander" Hobbins in his second straight upset of the bouts. In an evenly fought match, both boxers went blow for blow. A series of landed combinations and strong uppercuts proved to be a big factor in Sandifur's victory.

Sandifur will face off against No. 2 Steve "The Angel of Death" Pfeiffer in Friday's finals. Pfeiffer appeared to control his fight with "Gentle" Ben Dillon. Pfeiffer's strong left and landed combinations in the second round took a toll on the inexperienced freshman. Dillon was able to land a few strong jabs in the third round against a tiring Pfeiffer, but it was not enough, as the second seed won with a unanimous decision.

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The 180-pound division provided another big surprise. Underdog Willie Kent earned his second-straight upset by defeating No. 1 Josh "Gaffney Who?" Thompson in an evenly fought match. Thompson's injured right arm put him at a disadvantage as Kent's strong rights were the fight's deciding factor.

"My right was working well," said Kent. "That was something that I didn't use on Monday. When I started landing them it made a world of difference."

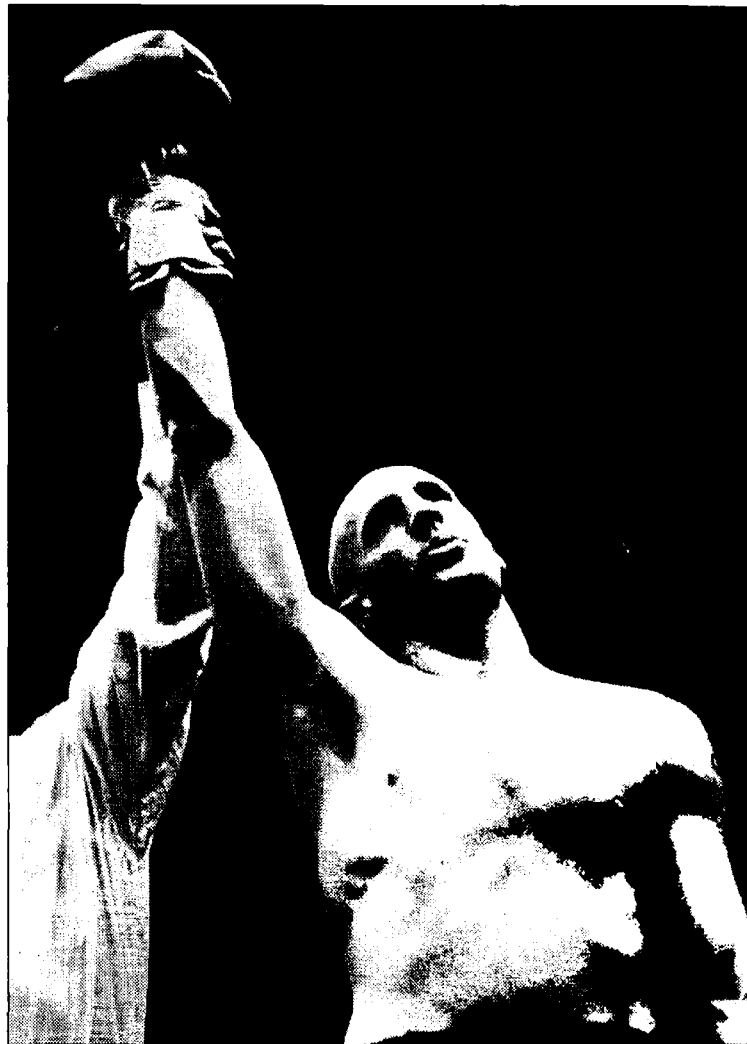
Exchanging punches, both Thompson and Kent looked strong in the first round. Kent pulled away late in the second delivering a steady stream of punches to a tired Thompson.

Kent's split-decision victory earned him a spot in the finals against No. 2 Paul "You Better Recognize, Chump!" Chen. Chen's patient attack and adaptation to his opponent's fighting style led to a split decision win over freshman Mark Criniti.

"Mark's a lefty so I tried to throw more rights and powers instead of my normal jab," said Chen. "That seemed to work well out in the ring."

Criniti had a good second round and was able to land several punches while fending off Chen's attack. The freshman tired early in the third, and Chen was able to seal the win.

Friday night's finals, filled with seasoned favorites and underdog surprises, promises to be a competitive set of matches. With two fights behind them, competitors will be looking for confidence and control to propel them to a final victory.



The Observer/Jeff Hsu
Second-seed Steve Pfeiffer's domination of Ben Dillon will advance him to the finals against Trent Sandifur.

See Friday's Observer for in-depth coverage of this year's Bengal Bouts finals

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fight: With a swift blow, he sent Matt Lynn to the mat just 42 seconds into the second round.

Hernandez dominated the first round of his fight. He not only controlled the ring but used a patient attack to take him to the finals.

A solid attack and several strong combinations took their toll on Kevin "Boom Boom" Buccellato, who received a standing eight count in the second round.

Hernandez dominated almost every aspect of the fight and advanced to the finals by unanimous decision.

160-Pound Division

Seventh-seeded Juan Santucci could not keep his streak of upsets alive as he fell to senior Josh Kirley. Kirley's aggressive style caught Santucci off guard, often landing him in the ropes. Not even Santucci's big rights could keep Kirley away. By the third round, both boxers were winded, but Kirley outlasted his opponent for the split decision win.

"Power worked really well for me," Kirley said. "I landed a lot of good series."

Kirley will face a rough fight against senior Mike "Lockdown" LaDuke. The senior advanced past freshman Dan Saracino by a walkover.

"He is stronger, faster, quicker and better looking than me," Kirley said about his final's opponent. "Mostly, I'd be honored to be standing after three rounds with him."

Kirley is modest but he has proven he deserves to be in the finals after two solid victories.

163-Pound Division

Kevin Murphy met his match in opponent Sean Nowak and the flu. Nowak used his slight height advantage and patient attack to defeat the top-seeded Murphy.

In the first round, the two went blow-for-blow. Nowak registered a huge second round and took advantage of every slip in Murphy's defense. It seemed like Nowak picked up more energy as the round proceeded, packing more power behind each punch he threw.

In the third round, Murphy appeared weak. The top-seed had been battling the flu all week and fell by unanimous decision to Nowak.

Second-seeded Travis Alexander started off with a big opening. His opponent Billy McMurtrie rallied and turned in one of the biggest brawls of the evening.

The two went blow-for-blow as the round wound down. Alexander landed a couple of big rights and sent McMurtrie staggering. By the end of the third round, both fighters appeared winded and tired. Alexander advanced by unanimous decision.



The Observer/Jeff Hsu
Sean Nowak (right) defeated the top-seeded Kevin Murphy (left) in a unanimous decision Wednesday after Murphy spent the past week battling the flu.

■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Perimeter barrage carries Arkansas past Auburn

Associated Press

Chris Walker and Pat Bradley made 10-of-13 three-point attempts while it mattered and Arkansas likely played its way into the NCAA tournament with a 104-88 victory over No. 2 Auburn Wednesday night.

Walker finished with a career-high 21 points, all while the Razorbacks (20-8, 9-6 SEC) were building a 21-point lead. Bradley scored 23 and broke the Southeastern Conference career record for three-pointers in the process. Derek Hood, the SEC's leading rebounder, had 13 rebounds and 18 points.

Arkansas didn't trail the final 29 minutes although Auburn (25-2, 13-2) pulled even once. The Razorbacks exhibited the same tenaciousness last Saturday when they led the final 24:24 in a 74-70 victory over then-No. 6 Kentucky.

Prior to the loss, Auburn's average margin of victory was 23.2 points per game and the Tigers had only one victory under double digits. They were allowing an average of 59 points per game.

Auburn tied it at 49 when Scott Pohlman faked Bradley and made a 3 and Chris Porter — who led all scorers with 24 — followed with a high arching jumper. Hood rebounded Kareem Reid's miss and got the ball to Bradley out front for a 3 for 52-49.

Walker chased down a rebound and put it back for 56-51 and Hood slipped around Mamadou N'Diaye for a layup.

Reid got loose underneath, took a pass and hooked it in.

Doc Robinson broke the 8-0 run with a drive down the lane, but Arkansas came right back. Sergio Gipson hit two free throws and then Hood outleaped Porter for a rebound, darted out of the pack, got the ball to T.J. Cleveland in the left corner and took a return pass for a slam and a 64-53 lead.

Brandon Dean came off the bench and scored seven as the lead climbed to 73-57 with 11:26 to play. At that point, Arkansas had converted 13 turnovers into 21 points. Auburn was averaging 11 turnovers per game. The lead reached 20 on Hood's alley-oop pass to Dean with 8:27 left.

Bradley made all four of his three-point shots in the first half and Walker was good on 3-of-4 as the Razorbacks built a 44-40 halftime lead.

Arkansas scored 10 straight for a 12-7 lead, but Pohlman's three from the corner started a 6-0 run that put the Tigers back in front.

The lead changed hands nine times during the first 11 minutes — the last time on Chris Walker's three that made it 22-20.

The Arkansas lead climbed to 12 and it was 44-40 at the half after Porter's three bounced high and beat the buzzer.

No. 20 INDIANA 70,
ILLINOIS 64

Luke Recker scored 22 points, including crucial back-to-back three-pointers in the second half, as No. 20 Indiana defeated

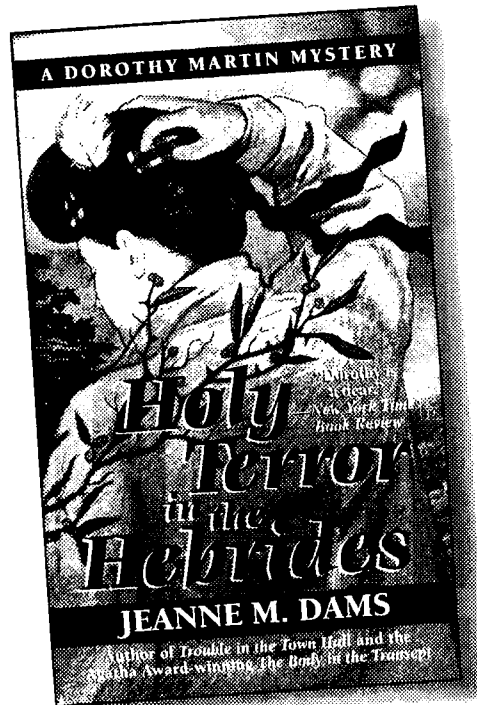
Illinois 70-64 in overtime Wednesday night.

Indiana (21-9, 8-7) set a Big Ten record by playing its seventh overtime game this season.

The Hoosiers went 12 minutes without scoring a basket in the second half but took a 54-53 lead on three three-pointers, including two straight by Recker.

The game was sent into overtime when Damir Krupalija made one of two free throws for Illinois (11-17, 3-13) to tie the game at 54.

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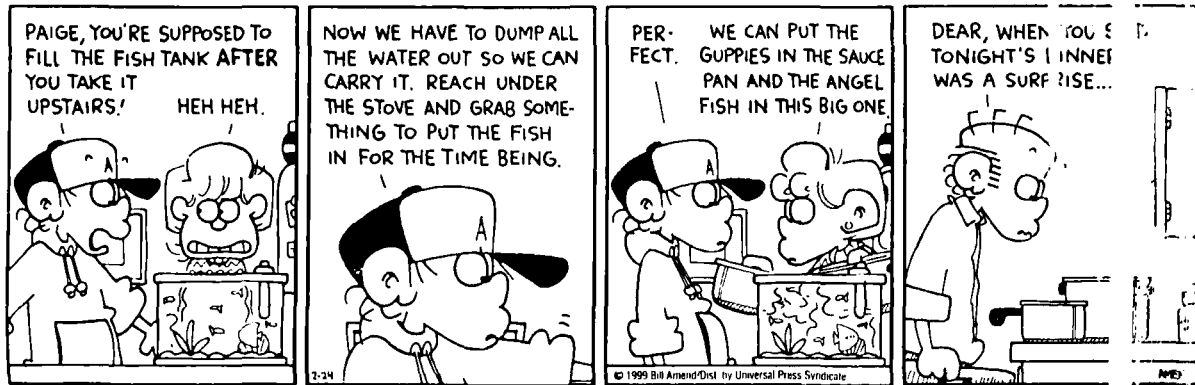
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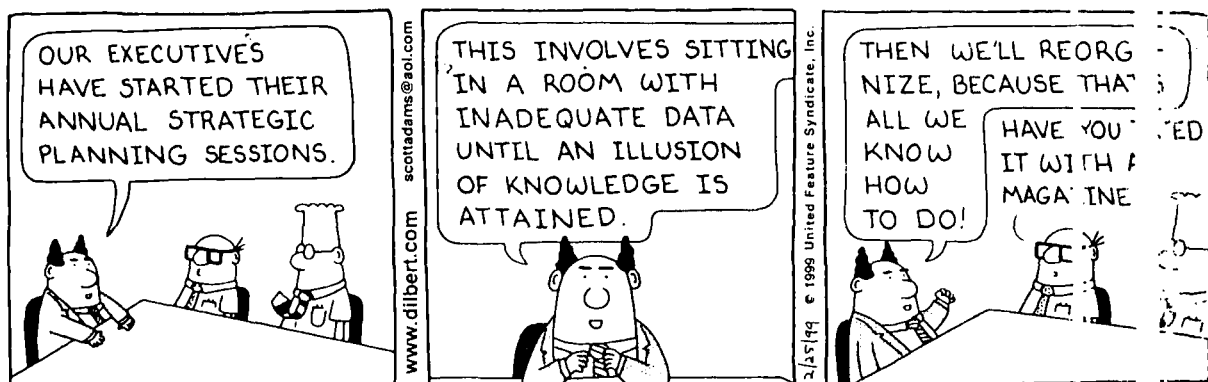
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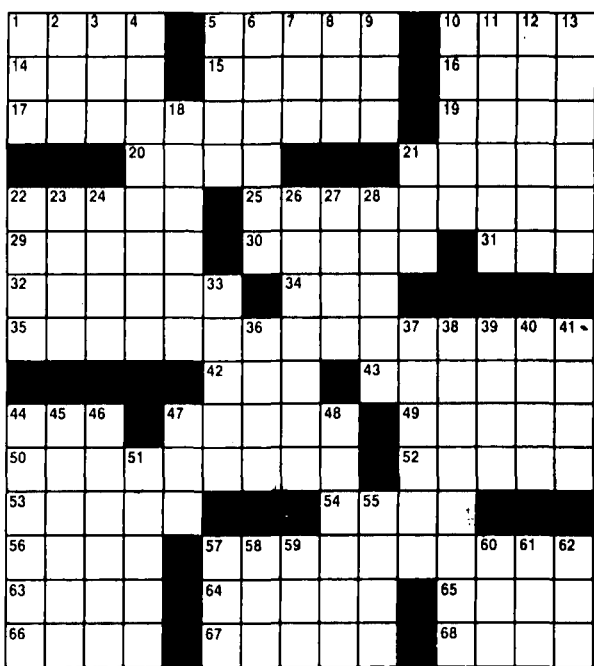


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 - 19 Phone slangily
 - 20 Kit item
 - 21 Rhythmic ballroom dance
 - 22 Map feature
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 - 29 Actor Michael
 - 30 Fixed
 - 31 Kind of fingerprint
 - 32 Disagreeable encounters
 - 34 Extinct kiwi relative
 - 35 Gifts for the betrothed
 - 42 A pop
 - 43 Finnan (smoked fish dish)
 - 44 Rap sheet letters
 - 47 Turner and others
 - 49 Throw with effort
 - 50 Mattress alternative?
 - 52 Weatherman Al
 - 53 Fight site
 - 54 Uzbekistan's Sea
 - 56 Arrived
 - 57 Tot's riding toy
 - 63 Subj. of state regulation
 - 64 Daughter of William the Conqueror
 - 65 Moola
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 - 67 Hunt in Hollywood
 - 68 It may come easily to hand
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 - 6 As a whole, in Le Havre
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 - 8 Expected result
 - 9 Wife of Saturn
 - 10 Kind of center
 - 11 Pressed
 - 12 1975-76 National League M.V.P. Joe
 - 13 California wine region
 - 18 Making mention of
 - 21 "Hazel" cartoonist Key
 - 22 Concerning
 - 23 Friend or foe, e.g.
 - 24 Vocalized
 - 26 Figure
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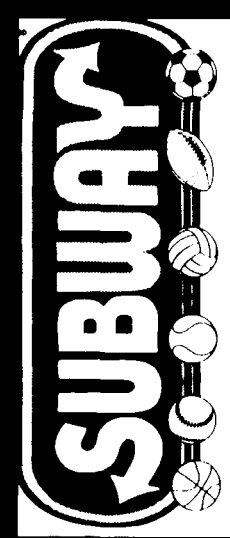
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■ SWIMMING AND DIVING

Irish ready to make splash in Big East championships

By WES RICHARDSON
Sports Writer

It's finally here.

It's the meet the Notre Dame men's and women's swimming and diving teams have been preparing for all season, and it begins today in Uniondale, N.Y.

They splash into the grueling three-day, six-session Big East championship meet today.

While the men engage Miami and Syracuse in a fight for the No. 2 spot, the women are the strong favorites to finish on top for the third straight year.

"We're expecting to have an incredible meet, so hopefully they [the competition] won't be able to touch us," Brittany Kline said. "The first day will set the tone for the whole meet."

The women's toughest competition will likely come from Villanova and Miami.

Both schools feature strong sprinters who will challenge the Irish in the 50-yard freestyle, the 100-yard events, and the 200-yard relays.

Miami beat the Irish 140-80 in an

October dual meet. Fatigue and a lack of readiness were cited as reasons for the loss. However, the Irish now seem to have more confidence in their season of training to help them defend their Big East title.

"Everybody is confident, positive, and upbeat during practice," Kline said.

"We rely on one another and on what everyone contributes to the team. That's what will make us win the meet," said co-captain Anne Iacobucci.

Iacobucci also notes that Notre Dame has a much deeper squad than most other schools. This is important, since the first 16 places in each event score points at championship format meets, as opposed to just the first five places in a dual meet.

The highest-scoring events for the Irish could be the three-meter and one-meter diving. Heather Mattingly,

Jessica Johnstone and Gina Ketelhohn represent what might be Notre Dame's strongest diving squad ever. They hope to keep Miami from sweeping the top three places in both events.

The women also hope to qualify a number of swimmers for the NCAA championships, to be held March 18-20 in Athens, Ga.

All-American Shannon Suddarth, Alison Lloyd and Kline each hope to accomplish this in one of the breaststroke events.

Sophomore Carrie Nixon, who has already achieved consideration times in the 50 and 100

freestyles, will seek to shave off enough time to secure an invitation to the NCAA meet.

Co-captain Liz Barger holds consideration times in the 100 and 200 butterfly events, as does teammate Kelly Hecking in the 100 backstroke.

An individual win by the Irish at the Big East championships could come from any of these stars. In addition, Notre Dame holds the edge on the 400 medley relay and the 800 freestyle relay.

On the men's side of the meet, the Irish hope to improve on their fourth place finish of last year. Since Pittsburgh is expected to win its third straight title, this means defeating Miami or Syracuse to break into the highly competitive top three.

"Syracuse, Miami and Pittsburgh have dominated the Big East ever since I've been here, but we have a great shot at Miami," co-captain Steele Howell said. "This team is certainly capable of moving into the top three."

"In the past we've been a second-tier team," co-captain Chris Fugate said. "Last year we jumped up to the first tier, and now we want to be up there with Pittsburgh, Miami and Syracuse."

Miami has lost some talent in many swimming events, but is almost sure to

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BRITTANY KLINE
BREAST/FREESTROKE

BENGAL BOUTS

■ 150-163 POUND DIVISION

Mid-tourney bouts test fighters' endurance

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Sports Editor

It all comes down to endurance for the finals.

While some Bengal Bouts finalists have had to go the distance, others haven't seen action since the opening rounds, and experience in the ring could make all the difference on Friday night.

In both the 150 and 155-pound divisions, it will come down to No. 1-versus-No. 2.

In the 155-pound division, first-seed senior Dave "The Rock" Murphy saw just 1:18 minutes of action in the first round of his quarterfinal fight. He advanced by a walkover because his opponent freshman Nick Rubino sustained a jaw injury.

Murphy will face senior Tom Cronley in a match of determination. Neither Murphy nor Cronley has claimed a championship title; this is each competitor's final chance.

"I don't think it is going to affect him very much," Cronley said about Murphy's limited action. "As a captain, he has been doing this for a couple of years, so I don't think it is a disadvantage for him."

Cronley endured a true battle. The senior advanced by split decision over junior Steve "Tone" Locher.

"I knew that is was going to be close all along," Cronley said of the match. "When we sparred, it was like when we got out I had a headache and he was bleeding so we knew it was pretty close."

Cronley appeared solid in the opening round, packing a lot of control behind his punches. One solid shot earned Locher a standing eight count. Determined to rally, Locher came out with a flurry in the third round, taking Cronley into the ropes. For Locher, it was too little too late.

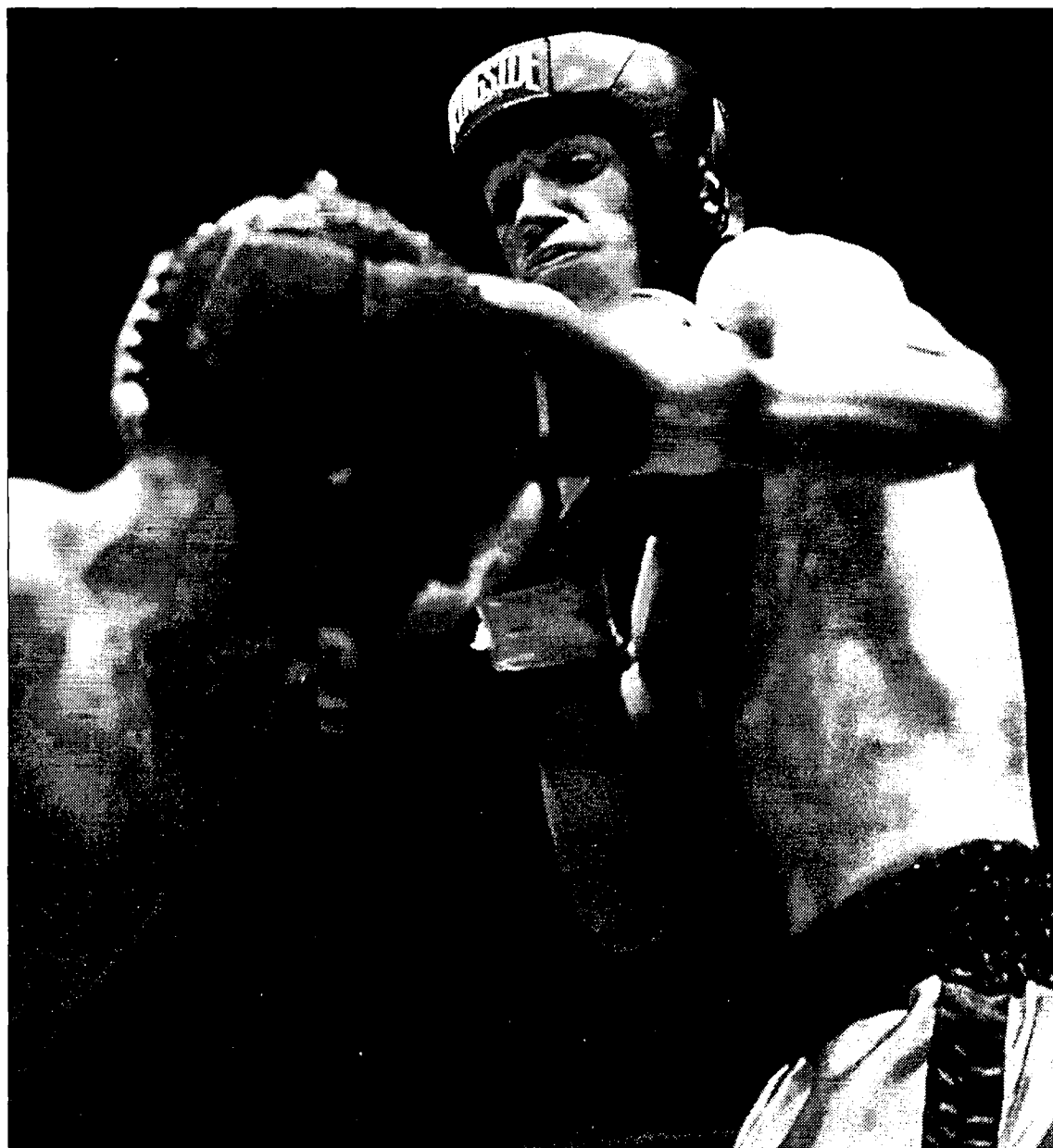
"I have never sparred Dave," Cronley said. "I haven't seen much of him."

Cronley said it best, nobody will know what to expect from Murphy in the finals. He may have a few tricks up his sleeves but bet that Cronley also does.

150-Pound Division

The finals for this division could be one of Friday night's best fights. J.R. "Maddog" Mellin will duel with the freshman sensation Edward Hernandez.

As in his quarterfinal fight, Mellin came out fast and furious. He immediately established control of the center of the ring. Mellin put a quick end to the



The Observer/Jeff Hsu

Tom Cronley will look for his first championship Friday after getting past Steve Locher by a split decision in a closely contested fight.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE



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