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OUTreach applies for recognition, acceptance doubtful

By TIM LOGAN
News Writer

OUTreachND, the unofficial coalition of gay and lesbian students, has applied for official recognition from the University, but both leaders and administrators say the club's chances for approval are very slim.



Cassidy

"I don't think we'll be accepted," said OUTreach co-president Jeremy Bauer.

The group was discouraged from applying by Joe Cassidy, director of Student Activities, but filed its papers last week anyway. Cassidy will make the decision about recognition, and, at a meeting earlier this month, he told OUTreach's leaders their prospects were not good. He still feels that way, he said Friday.

This marks the fourth time that a gay and lesbian student group has applied for official recognition. Each time the application has been denied.

"I don't anticipate the outcome is going to be any different," Cassidy said. "I'm not saying they can't apply, but I wanted to be up front about it, saying it is [their] call."

Recognized clubs are eligible for funds from Student Activities and can hold office space in the Club Resource Center in LaFortune Student Center. They also are allowed to post signs on campus and can recruit members at the annual Activities Fair.

"We'd like to be a legitimate organization in the eyes of the school," Bauer said. "It'd make things a lot easier."

OUTreach grew out of Gays and Lesbians of Notre Dame/Saint Mary's (GLND/SMC) in 1998, when the group's leaders decided to change their focus from campaigning for wider gay rights on campus to providing a community for homosexual and questioning students.

GLND/SMC applied for recognition three times, most recently in April, 1996. The group was denied all three times by University administrators who said its beliefs were not in agreement with Church teachings.

But the leaders of OUTreach say their group is not GLND/SMC and should be judged differently.

"It's less about activism and more about support and creating a community," Bauer said.

But regardless of what OUTreach is about, the chances that the current Notre Dame administration will recognize a gay and lesbian student group are minimal, according to Cassidy.

"While their stance may have changed, I'm not seeing that the University's stance has changed on having a recog-

nized organization for gay and lesbian students," he said.

He said Notre Dame feels that it can better serve the needs of those students through existing programs run by Campus Ministry, the University Counseling Center and the Office of Student Affairs.

The University's efforts to reach out to gay and lesbian students have increased since 1996, the most recent time GLND/SMC applied for recognition, Cassidy said.

Since then, Notre Dame has created a Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, as well as several support groups, and adopted the Spirit of Inclusion statement. But in the last three years, the administration has twice decided not to add sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination clause and has

seen two tenured faculty members resign over the University's stance towards homosexuals.

Bauer disputes the notion that University-sanctioned programs are sufficient when it comes to supporting gays and lesbians.

"I don't think they serve the needs," he said saying that OUTreach connects with students better. "None of the groups provide gay and lesbian role models."

Bauer and OUTreach co-president Anne Geggie will meet with Cassidy this week to discuss services for gay and lesbian students. They say their group will continue to help homosexual and bisexual students even if its bid for Student Activities approval fails.

"We're probably not going to get recognition, but there are other things we can do to help gay and lesbian students," Bauer said.

Approximately 35 students attend OUTreach meetings regularly, Bauer said, with more than 150 on the club's mailing list.

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Jeremy Bauer
OUTreach co-president

Bone marrow treatment helps leukemia patients

♦ **Leukemia diagnoses difficult; effective treatments tough to find**

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Assistant News Editor

Sophomore Conor Murphy's recent diagnosis with leukemia has drawn special attention at Notre Dame to this confusing and widely varying disease.

The different forms of leukemia make the disease hard to diagnose and very difficult to treat. Out of three million potential donors in the National Bone Marrow Registry, only one was a match with Murphy.

"What we do know is that Conor has an extremely rare, acute form of leukemia," said sophomore Wes Jacobs, a friend of Murphy's.

The disease

Striking both sexes and people of all ages, leukemia has rather elusive signals, including easy bruising, paleness, fatigue and poor healing of minor wounds. Oftentimes the disease is found during a routine physical exam, according to the



Photo courtesy of Steve Napleton

Conor Murphy, extreme left, shown here with friends Wes Jacobs, Rene Levario and Steve Napleton (left to right), was diagnosed with acute leukemia early this semester. Although the national bone marrow bank includes three million individuals, only three possible matches were found for Murphy. A bone marrow drive will be held Wednesday in Murphy's honor.

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Marcia Robbins, coordinator of the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP), explained

leukemia as "a disease of the blood system. The technicalities of it create many different kinds — there are so many kinds that I can't say exactly what

leukemia is." More than 30,000 cases of leukemia are diagnosed every year, and 142,000

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♦ **National marrow registry testing to take place Wednesday**

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Assistant News Editor

In light of sophomore Conor Murphy's struggles with leukemia, Notre Dame will host a bone marrow drive

Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

The drive is another

instance of the support for Murphy which has been growing since his diagnosis was made public before spring break. The drive is sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs and Campus Ministry.

"Our community and Conor need this," said Father Jim Lies, rector of Zahm Hall, where Murphy lives. "Conor needs to know that he is sup-

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"Will you be someone's lifeline?"

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INSIDE COLUMN

Let's get on with it!

Do you have any idea what it is like to have to sift through the drivel and the genius to decide what goes into the daily Viewpoint pages? Sometimes it's a difficult task, having to decide between really compelling and well-written contributions to the intellectual discourse in this Catholic university community. More often, however, what gets printed is the least of a few dismal evils.

Bearing in mind that all we have to choose from is whatever people send in, you can understand the frequency of debate about homosexuality, football, and all things conservative. When you realize that we may get 30 letters that more or less say "Bob Davie sucks" without much reason or rhetoric, you know why Viewpoint editors feel compelled to print the delusional ramblings from the one person who writes about the conspiracy by the CIA to use fluoride in our drinking water as a mind control substance.

Occasionally we may be so pressed for coherent letters that you might see documents possessing a serious ideological slant (well, it is an opinion page, after all), or worse, a distinct lack of what we in the business call "facts" or "a solid background of reliable information." (For case in point, see a recent letter that misleads readers with the perception that somehow NDSPD's state-certified, academy-graduated, gun-toting, sworn police officers aren't on par with their local counterparts.)

Truly, it is a fascinating job that allows me to peruse the opinions of students and faculty, keeping a tenuous finger on the pulse of the outspoken minority of this unique collection of christianity-guided academics we call the Notre Dame family. At the same time it is disheartening to see the vast disillusionment of students jaded by pedantic professors, pointless parietals policies, or acrimonious administrators. Even more depressing is the seeing the obsession shared by far too many campus residents with athletic imperialism and sports supremacy.

Most offensive of course are those who replace "Catholic" in their personal philosophies with ideas like "conservative" or "uniformity" and think the difference is negligible. If you feel so inclined, remember the Gospels and the Catechism decry the death penalty, embrace homosexuals, disdain war, encourage socialism and generally call us to be our brothers' keepers.

No one ever said an opinion can't be shared in fewer than 800 words, and sharing an opinion doesn't mean eliminating all reference to authorities beyond your emotional inner child. I for one would welcome more letters, more pithy and more often. And don't be sheep: write about something new, something exciting, and something that doesn't involve Bob Davie or the infamous waterboy.

And now that I have come to the very brink of calling the general readership unimaginative sheep driven by base instincts and an aversion to genuine discipline and discourse, I challenge someone to prove me wrong. Shed the cloak of apathy you have wrapped yourself in an express yourself. Bare your soul. Go tell it on a mountain; sing it to the highest heaven. You get the drift.

As Yule Brenner (aka Rameses II) would say, "So let it be written, so let it be done."

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"I firmly believe that race did not play a part."

Peter Agostino
Roseland town attorney, on the arrest of four black Notre Dame students at Denny's Diner

"It will not be used for bricks and mortar. It will be used for building excellence."

Carolyn Woo
dean of the College of Business, on the \$35 million Mendoza donation

"I have full confidence that it is going to run very well. The basic goal is to serve as many students as possible."

Matt Mamak
chief of staff, on the revival of SafeRide

"John Paul's vision is of a Jerusalem that serves as the meeting place of heaven and earth."

Rabbi Michael Signer
Notre Dame theology professor, on the pope's pilgrimage



A.J. Boyd

Assistant Viewpoint Editor

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

6 students charged in Ferris State student's death

ANN ARBOR, Mich. Charges have been issued to six Ferris State University students in the wake of the alcohol related death of a freshman at the school two weeks ago.

The charges leveled include two counts of involuntary manslaughter as well as furnishing alcohol to a minor causing death and furnishing alcohol to a minor. All three are felonies, carrying maximum penalties of 15 years, 10 years and 60 days in jail respectively. The charges were brought by the Mecosta County prosecuting attorneys office, and arraignments for the six students are expected Friday. The specific charges against each student will be announced then. "We support the prosecuting attorney's decision," said Kevin Courtney, the director of Big Rapids' Department of Public

"We are saddened not only by his death, but also the harm it will bring to the other students involved in the incident."

Daniel Burcham
vice president of student affairs

Safety, which has handled the investigation.

The students, whose names have not been released, are members of the underground fraternity known as the Knights of College Lore or the Knights of College Leadership that 19-year-old Stephen Petz had been in the process of pledging. Fraternity members were unable to wake Petz after a night of drinking and took

him to the hospital, where he was declared dead. Toxicology reports found his blood alcohol content to be .42 percent, more than four times the legal threshold for drunkenness.

"First of all, we want to express our sympathy to the family of Stephen Petz. We are saddened not only by his death, but also the harm it will bring to the other students involved with the incident. We will follow up after the arraignment and carry out our own activities within our student judicial services process," said Daniel Burcham, FSU's vice president of student affairs in a written statement.

Last year, student Adriene Allen died after falling from a second-floor window at a party. The incident resulted in a misdemeanor conviction against one student for furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Illinois student treated for meningitis

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.

A University of Illinois student was treated and released during spring break for a bacterial infection that could have quickly led to meningitis. Brian Firfer, a freshman in engineering, was admitted to Carle Foundation Hospital March 10 with a 104-degree fever and rash. He was diagnosed with a Type B meningococcal infection. The bacterial infection can lead to meningitis — the inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord — and meningococemia, an infection that spreads throughout the body. Firfer said he first thought he had the flu and continued attending classes. The infection was controlled at the hospital because it was caught shortly after the symptoms appeared, said McKinley Health Center Medical Director Dr. David Lawrance. If the infection is not caught in its early stages, it can lead to the loss of limbs or death. Firfer said he was treated with intravenous antibiotics and was released in good condition March 14. Lawrance said Firfer's fever was monitored at the hospital, but that there were no tests that could be done to show how well the treatment was working.

FSU student killed in softball game

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.

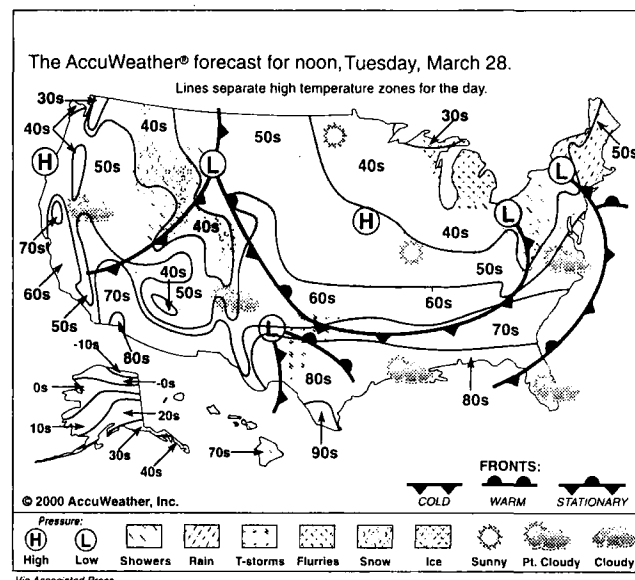
Last Thursday, a softball accident claimed the life of Florida State freshman Ryan L'Homme. L'Homme, 18, who was a member of the Pike fraternity, was running from first to second base, when a thrown softball struck him in the temple. The accident occurred in the fourth inning of an intramural game between the Pike and Chi Phi fraternities on Wednesday evening. "It was a freak accident, I've been in sports all my life and I've never seen anything like it before," Kyle Steinky, Pike's athletics chairman, said. L'Homme initially tried to shake the injury off. After he was hit, he looked dazed and out of it, we sat him on the ground and tried to ask him questions," Steinky said. Despite efforts by people on the field to keep L'Homme up and aware, he never regained consciousness. L'Homme was rushed to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, where he immediately underwent surgery. A group, which grew to more than 200 people, stood vigil through out the night hoping that L'Homme would pull through. The group knew as of Wednesday night that even if L'Homme were to survive the accident he would still be brain dead. L'Homme died on Thursday afternoon, leaving family and friends hurt and in disbelief.

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Council recommends continued alumnae involvement

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

The President's Alumnae Advisory Council met this weekend to make recommendations

to Saint Mary's president Marilou Eldred about the future of the College and alumnae contributions.

The council consists of 15 past and recent Saint Mary's alumnae who gathered to discuss the

status of the college and how improvements could be made.

The alumnae attended classes on Friday and met with a panel of faculty from each department in the College to discuss how alumnae could help their efforts.

Many faculty members commented on how invaluable informal connections to alumnae are to the students; and how the alumnae are one of the best resources for promoting the college.

"The power of graduating from an all-women college is something the alumnae need to get across," said Toni Barstis, associate chemistry professor. "I was impressed with the alumnae of Saint Mary's. I continue to be amazed by these women."

Faculty also agreed that alumnae serve as mentors to current Saint Mary's students.

"Alumnae also serve as role models through their leadership, serving as community builders, sharing their knowledge with students as students make life choices," said Fran Kominkiewicz, director of the Social Work Program.

Barstis agreed that alumnae serve in an important way as mentors.

"I would say that the theme of the panel was that there are a variety of ways to ... mentor students," she said. "We're not asking the alumnae for their financial help or to come [to Saint Mary's] for a whole day — but if they'd be able to serve as a mentor."

Kominkiewicz also explained that programs such as social work, which have strong ties to the community, appreciate alumnae support.

"Through our Social Work Advisory Board, alumnae contribute to the program's ability to stay connected to the community," she said. "Alumnae often

serve as field supervisors, field instructors, and field organizers. Alumnae have continued to connect our students to various geographical communities, often giving information about graduate programs, volunteer activities, and other career opportunities."

The graduates can also help update departments so the skills and concepts they teach are compatible with the needs of the work force and community after graduation. The math department instituted the statistics and actuarial mathematics major in part because of a suggestion from alumnae about the need for that type of mathematical training.

"We've been using alumnae over the past several years to help us," said Don Miller, chair of the math department. "We stay in touch with our alumnae and look for suggestions about our program."

The alumnae also attended group sessions discussing topics including the economic autonomy of women, career choices, and

moving through the "glass ceiling."

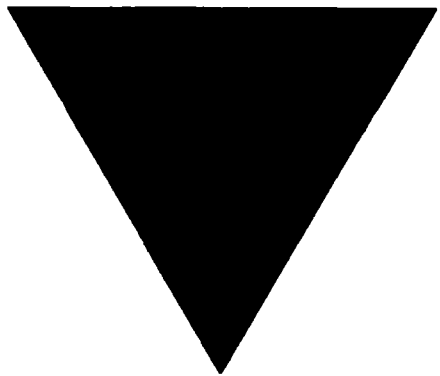
While meeting with Eldred, they discussed partnerships and initiatives to help Saint Mary's students in the corporate world of the future. They also mentioned specific corporate boards and national boards for Eldred or other senior officers of the College to sit on, and what corporations could assist Saint Mary's with diversity programs.

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Toni Barstis
associate chemistry professor

What It Takes To Be Honest In A Place Like This:

A personal discussion about homosexuality, activism, and hope for change at Notre Dame



Wednesday, March 29

8:00 pm

Breen-Phillips 24-Hour Lounge

Alyssa Hellrung is a senior English and Gender Studies Major. She has been a member of the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs for three years and was 1998-1999 Co-chair of OUTreachND. Alyssa has given talks and participated in various forums about issues relating to homosexuality since her first year at Notre Dame in hopes of creating a greater awareness of these issues on campus.

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Leukemia

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people live with the disease, according to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Every year more than 22,000 people die from it, but over the past 39 years bone marrow transplants have helped to triple the survival rate among leukemia patients.

Transplant treatment

A bone marrow transplant is one of the only real cures for patients with leukemia. According to the NMDP, "marrow is found in the cavities of the body's bones. It resembles blood and contains stem cells, which produce red cells, white cells and other blood components."

A bone marrow transplant replaces diseased marrow with healthy marrow, which is what makes the process so vital to patients battling the disease.

"On any given day there are usually 3,000 people with a disease whose physicians will search the registry for a match," Robbins said.

Participating in the NMDP is painless and quick. Volunteers must be between

the ages of 18 and 60 and have a clean bill of health. The actual registration requires only a small blood sample.

"The majority of people who have joined the registry are Caucasian — we have a great need for minorities. We highly encourage minorities especially to considerate it," she said. "Also, with Caucasians we constantly need a refurbishing of the supply."

All potential donors, however, must be prepared for the chance that they may someday be called upon to possibly save someone's life. Although no one on the registry is required to donate if a match is made, the NMDP encourages any potential volunteer donors to register only if they are willing to commit. The chances of matching with a patient are slim, but possible.

Zahm Hall rector Father Jim Lies said the actual donation of marrow is a relatively painless procedure.

"Basically, the procedure itself requires a local anesthetic, and a needle is inserted into the pelvic bone and the marrow is drawn out," he said.

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Father Jim Lies
rector, Zahm Hall

Zahm sophomore John LeBlanc had an uncle who underwent the donation process when he was called upon as an ideal match for a patient suffering from leukemia.

"I don't think he said it was that bad. He had to stay in the hospital for just a night," he said.

"I think it is a great credit to the University to host this drive because it is needed and patient-focused."

Marcia Robbins
coordinator,
National Marrow Donor Program

The procedure

The mystery surrounding the success of bone marrow transplants can be described as a miracle.

The patient is given a lethal dose of chemotherapy and radiation to kill off their cells. In doing so their immune system is depleted, so they have to be isolated. Once the patient has gone through this regime, it puts him in a vulnerable state, so timing is essential. At this point it would most likely be fatal for the patient if the donor were to back out, according to experts.

"A donor's bone marrow is put in through the patient's IV and miraculously the body accepts the new marrow and begins manufacturing new marrow of its own," Robbins said.

Once the donated marrow enters the patient's circulatory system, it takes about one month to see the first evidence of a "graft," meaning that the marrow has begun to work and is pro-

ducing new cells, according to the NMDP. A noticeable rise in the patient's white blood cell count is the first sign that a graft has occurred.

Still, in some cases, the donated marrow rejects the patient's body, an opposite effect of a heart or liver transplant, where the body rejects the organ. This is part of the risk in undergoing such a procedure.

"Bone marrow is an organ in the body. We want a large proliferation of stem cells for a successful transplant. Because of the reverse situation the procedure is risky," Robbins said.

Just like any other organ transplant, patients are given a wide range of drugs to fight off rejection.

"We do everything we can to make the match work," Robbins said.

The donations from Notre Dame's bone marrow drive tomorrow will help more than just patients with leukemia. Robbins said that 25 percent of bone marrow transplants go to people suffering from other blood diseases, such as Hodgkins, sickle cell anemia and lymphomas.

"I think it is a great credit to the University to host this drive because it is needed and patient-focused," she said.

Drive

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ported, and as a community we need to pull together."

Although an anonymous donor for Conor has been located from a registry of more than three million potential donors, the need for more donors is always there.

"The practical reality is that there are not enough donors available," Lies said. "While you may not match for Conor, you may one day be a match for someone else — someone who is someone's Conor."

In addition to the drive, members of the Notre Dame community have found other ways to support Murphy. Zahm has hosted Masses and held a 24-hour vigil for him and put together a banner, Lies said. Also, several of Murphy's friends have visited him on weekends.

"Conor suggested the drive and he is all for it — he knows your blood can save a life," said sophomore Wes Jacobs, a friend of Murphy's. "He has made a lot of people think twice about a lot of things."

"He is pretty excited about it. It was suggestion that regardless [of his finding a donor] we have the drive," said sophomore friend George Remus.

Original concerns surrounding the drive centered on a lack of funds.

"The cost for providing this

blood sample is about \$400. The United States government subsidizes to the amount of \$300. The remaining \$100 cost has to be paid for by either the donor or the sponsor," Lies said. "Our attempts to raise money are ways of assuring that students don't have to pay. We will raise as much as we can so the drive will go on as long as possible."

Lies lends the most thanks to the Office of Student Affairs and Campus Ministry for their donations. Other groups, however, have contributed as well. The Hall Presidents' Council has put together funds, and the London Program raised more than \$700.

"They have already raised a ton of money," Remus said.

At the drive, donors will be asked for a \$10 donation to defray the cost of the procedure. Lies stressed, however, that this fee will be easily waived for those who cannot contribute monetarily.

Lies said that he understands it will be impossible for everyone to donate Wednesday, but he said that prayer can be just as helpful.

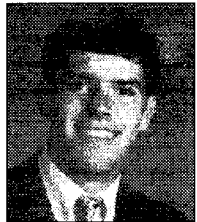
"If you do nothing else for Conor, I would hope that you can just pray for him," Lies said.

"The Grotto is a very special place to him, so if you can just stop there for a moment to reflect that would mean a lot to him."

"[Murphy's sickness] has changed perspectives and furthered our understanding about what matters and what is important," he said.

What matters especially is Conor's full recovery, according to Lies.

"Presently Conor is being treated for a virus and the hope would be that — if the match goes forward — he could begin a five-day series of chemotherapy and radiation to prepare himself for the transplant," he said.



Murphy

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Wes Jacobs
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Mass grave reveals 73 more cult-related deaths

RUGAZI, Uganda
Prison laborers dug layer-by-layer through rotting corpses Monday, pulling dozens of bodies from a mass grave at a sugarcane field — the third scene of carnage linked to a doomsday cult. The laborers unearthed 73 bodies, including two dozen children and babies, from the field belonging to a defrocked Catholic priest who was one of the sect leaders. The grim discovery brings the number of cult-related deaths that police have confirmed to 562 since a March 17 fire in a makeshift church. Two other compounds in southwestern Uganda belonging to the sect remained to be examined. James Bangirana, a local police official, said late Monday that wasn't certain that all the bodies of sect victims had been found.

Listeria contamination forces Sara Lee hot dog recall

WASHINGTON
The Sara Lee Corp. has recalled 34,500 pounds of Ball Park-brand hot dogs because they might be contaminated with bacteria that can cause life-threatening infections. No illnesses have been reported in connection with the hot dogs. Sara Lee spokeswoman Theresa Herlevsen said Monday. The recall was ordered after a military laboratory found listeria monocytogenes in hot dogs that had been distributed to an Army commissary, she said. The hot dogs, which were packaged Jan. 25 at a plant in Philadelphia, were distributed to commissaries and retail establishments in Florida, Missouri, New York, Virginia, Ohio, Connecticut, Oklahoma, Delaware, Kansas, Nebraska, Texas, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Maryland.

DeBartolo testifies against ex-Gov. in racketeering trial

BATON ROUGE, La.
Former San Francisco 49ers owner and Notre Dame benefactor Eddie DeBartolo Jr. testified Monday that ex-Gov. Edwin Edwards demanded and received \$400,000 from him to ensure that his application for a riverboat casino license would be approved. A day after DeBartolo allegedly gave the former four-term governor the money — in stacks of \$100 bills in a briefcase at the San Francisco airport — the Louisiana gambling board unanimously awarded a license to DeBartolo. DeBartolo's testimony has been the most anticipated in Edwards' federal racketeering trial, not only because he is one of the richest men in the country and a former NFL team owner, but also because he is the only witness who claims Edwards himself extorted money and collected it.



Cuban-Americans chant in support for six-year-old Elian Gonzalez to remain in the U.S. in front of the Miami home of Elian's relatives Monday. The Justice Department ordered the Miami relatives to return Elian to his father if they lose the court appeal, which may speed up the process to have the boy returned to Cuba.

Tension grows over Elian's fate

Associated Press

MIAMI
The Justice Department threatened to take Elian Gonzalez from his Miami relatives Monday, as a crowd gathered outside the boy's Little Havana home, ready to form a human chain if necessary. The risk of a confrontation over the 6-year-old appeared to grow as the government and the Miami relatives traded accusations. The relatives were so worried that Elian would be taken away that they kept him home from school. Attorney General Janet Reno has demanded that the Miami relatives pursue

any court appeals rapidly and promise to surrender Elian for return to his father in Cuba if they lose. On Monday, the relatives filed their latest appeal — and asked that the case get expedited handling — but they have not addressed the other demand. "That being so, the INS is under no obligation to maintain the current arrangement," the government wrote in response, referring to the deal giving Elian's great-uncle custody in the meantime. Justice Department spokeswoman Carole Florman would not say what the government

would do next. She said the department would send the family a letter outlining its plans. The agency has made it clear would not want to do anything to traumatize the boy or provoke Miami's large Cuban community. Meanwhile, about 100 people gathered outside Elian's home, though by evening the crowd had dwindled to fewer than 50. Someone put a 15-foot banner in front of the house with a drawing of Elian and a message: "I just want to live in freedom." Many of the protesters responded to a call by the Democracy Movement, an anti-Castro group, to be

prepared to form a human chain around the home if the government tries to remove the child and send him back to his father in Cuba. "There are a lot of people who aren't willing to kill but are willing to die only for the child's rights," said Raul Sanchez, head of the Democracy Movement. In an apparent effort to increase American support for their battle to keep Elian, the child's relatives last week allowed ABC's Diane Sawyer to spend two days with Elian. The result was his first extended interview, which aired Monday on "Good Morning America."

COLUMBIA

Leftist rebels kill 24 police, 6 civilians

Associated Press

BOGOTA
Inflicting the heaviest government casualties in months, leftist rebels killed at least 24 policemen and soldiers in a series of attacks since the weekend. Five rebels from the country's largest leftist insurgency, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, were also reported killed in the fighting, which raged in two fishing villages near the border with Panama and a region in the South American country's far north.

Twenty-one police officers died trying to repel a 36-hour rebel assault on Vigia del Fuerte, 230 miles from Bogota, that began on Saturday. Six civilians were also killed, including mayor Pastor Perea and two young children, the Antioquia state government reported. National police chief Gen. Rosso Jose Serrano reported after visiting the destroyed town Monday that eight of the slain officers received gunshots to the head at close range. Troops regained control of the town of 1,200 residents Sunday night, and found that rebel machine-gun fire and inaccurate homemade

missiles had destroyed the church, the mayor's office, the police barracks, the telephone company and ten houses located near the town plaza. In the neighboring town of Bojaya, Serrano reported seven police missing and presumed to have been taken prisoner by the FARC. No rebel deaths were reported in the battle for the two towns, which straddle opposite banks of the Atrato River, a strategic waterway to the Caribbean that is hotly contested by rebels and rival right-wing paramilitary groups. The region is a major arms and drug smuggling corridor.

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Elian denies mother's death in first interview

Associated Press

NEW YORK

As the political storm over his future kept swirling, Elian Gonzalez said in his first lengthy interview that he doesn't really believe his mother died when the boat carrying them to Florida sank.

The 6-year-old Cuban boy spoke with Diane Sawyer in a segment shown on ABC's "Good Morning America" Monday, raising questions about the propriety of interviewing someone so young. The Cuban government sent a letter of protest to ABC on Monday.

He was made available by his Miami relatives as they run short of legal options to avoid sending him back to his father in Cuba. They are appealing a federal judge's ruling affirming the government decision to send him home.

Sawyer brought along a child psychiatrist who speaks Spanish for the interview, and Elian's cousin also translated.

Elian drew crayon pictures of the voyage in which his mother and 10 other people drowned. He first drew a wavy line representing waves, then a leaping dolphin — he has told people that dolphins protected him from sharks and boosted him up when he slipped down into the water from an inner tube.

He drew himself as a stick figure on the inner tube, and then sketched a boat with people inside. He told of the boat having engine trouble and slowly sinking, and of attempts to bail it out.

Asked what happened to the

boat, he said softly: "Water came in."

He drew the waves higher and higher, covering the boat.

Elian insisted his mother survived.

"My mother is not in heaven, not lost," he said in Spanish through his cousin Marisleysis Gonzalez. "She must have been picked up here in Miami somewhere. She must have lost her memory, and just doesn't know I'm here."

During his hours floating alone in the inner tube, Elian said he was praying for survival. Marisleysis translated the prayer: "Guardian angel, sweet companion, don't leave my side, day or night, for if you do, I will be lost."

Sawyer said ABC thought long and hard about how to do the interview. She said by ABC's calculation, there have been 11,984 articles written about the case and "not one of us has sat down and looked into his eyes."

Sawyer did that, leaning next to Elian as he made his drawings and allowing him to shoot Silly String into her hair. She called him bubbly, very bright and "infinitely curious."

Not all journalists believe it is proper to interview young children. NBC's competing "Today" show, for example, did not pursue an interview with Elian because it did not believe it was appropriate to talk to a 6-year-old.

Several networks, including NBC, requested interviews with Elian, said Armando Gutierrez, spokesman for Elian's Miami relatives. He said he was not sure whether NBC's request was specifically from "Today."

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Hussein's son set to energize new parliament system

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

Voting was brisk and orderly Monday as Iraqis choose a new

parliament expected to be energized by the presence of President Saddam Hussein's eldest son and heir apparent.

Odai Hussein — a powerful

figure who was making his formal political debut — was among 512 candidates running for 220 seats in the National Assembly. He was widely

expected to win a seat, which will help him begin to build a formal power base.

The 36-year-old Odai voted shortly before polls closed at 8 p.m., roaring up in a convoy of luxury cars and entering the polling station in an upscale neighborhood, surrounded by guards wearing business suits and toting automatic weapons.

Wearing a traditional black robe trimmed in gold and a flowing white head-dress, Odai walked with difficulty as a result of injuries suffered in a 1996 assassination attempt.

He said he would do "whatever brings good to the great Iraqi people," after pulling his ballot from a pocket and dropping it into the box. He said he would work to bring Iraq the multiparty system his father promised a decade ago, but did not elaborate.

While critics dismiss Iraq's democracy as a sham, Iraqis used the vote to express genuine fears and hopes.

Khuder Murad Atti, whose 11-year-old son has leukemia, said he hopes a new parliament will help lift an international trade embargo against Iraq imposed to punish Saddam for invading Kuwait in 1990.

"By putting honest people into the National Assembly ... we can lift the embargo as soon as possible," said Atti.

The National Assembly is elected after a strictly controlled campaign and seen as a rubber stamp for Saddam, doing little more than making recommenda-

tions to the Revolutionary Command Council he heads.

It has little influence over the sanctions, which can be lifted only if Iraq convinces the U.N. Security Council that it has surrendered its nuclear, biological and chemical weapons programs, a condition Iraq insists it has fulfilled.

The United States accuses Iraq of hiding weapons and has worked to ensure that sanctions remain in place, despite increasing criticism from around the world that they have crippled the Iraqi economy and done little to hurt Saddam.

Iraq is permitted to buy food and medicine under a U.N. program created in 1996 that allows Iraq to export oil through U.N.-controlled sales, provided the proceeds be used for humanitarian supplies.

Even so, with their economy weakened by sanctions and war, the Iraqi middle class has been stripped of its buying power.

Atti retired from a civil service job to try to make more money as a free-lance dealer in used goods. But he was selling most of his own household furniture a day before the vote. He needed to raise cash for his 11-year-old son's treatment for leukemia, which he said cost about \$100 every 20 days. Atti, who has seven other children, said he earns less than \$10 a month.

Turnout was reported high during 12 hours of voting at 1,574 stations across the country. Failing to vote could be seen as an expression of opposition to a government that tolerates little dissent and has portrayed the balloting as a signal to the West of its determination in the face of international isolation.

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Senate views amendment to protect flag from desecration

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Senate began another long-shot effort Monday to amend the Constitution to protect the flag from

desecration. Opponents used the opportunity to bring up campaign finance reform, another issue with election-year repercussions.

Those against the amendment predicted the outcome would be similar to

that of the last Senate vote in 1995, when supporters fell three short of the two-thirds majority needed to amend the Constitution.

The House surpassed the two-thirds goal with a 305-124 vote last June, but the Senate has always been the key hurdle to the amendment that has been pushed by Republicans since they won control of both houses of Congress in 1995. Three-fourths of the states also must ratify an amendment before it becomes part of the Constitution.

The amendment is a one-sentence article stating: "Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."

The drive for the amendment dates back to two 5-4 Supreme Court decisions in 1989 and 1990 that first struck down a Texas flag desecration statute and then ruled unconstitutional a flag protection law passed by Congress.

The Citizens Flag Alliance, a pro-amendment group of some 140 veterans and civic groups, said three-fourths of Americans support a flag amendment and 49 state legislatures — all but Vermont — have passed resolutions urging Congress to pass the amendment.

Pat Brady, chairman of the alliance, said they were hopeful but weren't predicting victory. "They want to protect the flag, everyone wants to do it, but for some reason they are reluctant to correct the mistakes of the Supreme Court."

Several senators averse to changing the Constitution, led by Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., offered a statutory alternative that would establish jail terms and fines for damaging a flag. They claimed the measure is written so as not to violate First Amendment

free speech rights.

Two North Dakota Democrats, Sens. Byron Dorgan and Kent Conrad, who are crucial to any hope of passing the amendment, are supporting the McConnell substitute.

Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., is offering an addition to the amendment that would give Congress the power to set reasonable limits on campaign contributions.

The Hollings provision, which also addresses the First Amendment issue that is a main argument of those opposed to limiting campaign finance spending, has twice before been defeated in the Senate.

But the debate will provide an election-year platform for proponents of campaign finance change, including Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who made

the issue a key component of his failed drive for the Republican presidential nomination. A vote on McConnell and Hollings is scheduled for Tuesday.

Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota,

the top Democrat in the Senate said he opposed the flag amendment because "it's our view that defending the Constitution is far more important" when it comes down to questions of personal freedoms.

It would be the "first time in 200 years that we would diminish the Bill of Rights," said Paul Tash, executive editor of the St. Petersburg Times and chairman of the freedom of information committee of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

With few actual cases of flag desecration, "it strikes me that there should be a much more compelling social problem that would cause us to take such a drastic constitutional step," he said.

"They want to protect the flag, everyone wants to do it, but for some reasons they are reluctant to correct the mistakes of the Supreme Court."

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Scientist find gene linked to weight-gain

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Scientists have created strains of mice that can chow down on a high-fat diet without getting chubby.

The researchers say their secret — a single gene — might lead to a new obesity treatment for people.

In its normal form, the gene, called HMGIC, apparently helps mice make more cells to store fat when they have been eating a fatty diet, researchers said. But the mice in the experiment had a defective version of the gene.

They apparently failed to create storage cells in response to the high-fat diet, and so avoided putting on weight, the researchers said in the April issue of the journal *Nature Genetics*.

The finding could lead to a human obesity treatment if scientists can find a drug that interferes with the effect of the normal HMGIC gene, said Kiran Chada, a biochemistry professor at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New

Jersey and senior author of the paper. He is also president of a company formed to develop products related to the gene.

Dr. Bradford Lowell, an obesity expert at Harvard Medical School, said it will take a lot more work to find out how promising Chada's approach would be for humans.

Dr. Rudy Leibel, an obesity expert at Columbia University in New York, said if a person's supply of fat-storing cells were restricted, fat might build up in the liver instead. That could seriously interfere with liver function, he said.

Chada said he has seen no sign of fatty liver buildup in the mice.

Mice born with the genetic defect develop only about 10 percent of the normal amount of body fat but are otherwise normal, Chada said. Mutant mice that ate a high-fat diet for six months didn't put on any more weight than mutants that ate a standard diet.

Normal mice, in contrast, did become obese on the high-fat diet. All three groups of mice ate about the same amount.

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April 1, 2000

Mr. Horst Kohler
International Monetary Fund
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Dear Mr. Kohler:

As President of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross and in the spirit of the Jubilee Year, I am writing to request that you support an immediate suspension of the economic policies and practices that have caused poverty and suffering among the world's peoples, and damage to the environment. On the occasion of the first meetings of the governing bodies of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund in the 21st century, I further call on you to cancel the unpayable multilateral debt of the world's poorest countries and use the resources of the World Bank and IMF to finance this cancellation.

I make these requests based on the call of our faith for solidarity among the members of the human family, genuine debt relief in the spirit of Jubilee, poverty reduction, and global economic justice. Pope John Paul II has been eloquent and unrelenting in his call for debt relief. He has noted that the existence of debt is "suffocating" quite a few countries, and that "the Church in her pastoral concern cannot ignore this difficult situation..." I urge you, in your position as Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, not to ignore this situation any longer but to propose and support immediate and significant action to cancel the debt which seriously threatens the lives of millions of people and the future of many nations.

Archbishop Medardo Mazombwe of Zambia has written that "The debt problem is not simply an economic issue. It is fundamentally an ethical issue because it is a radically human problem, affecting the well-being of families, the survival of the poor, the bonds of community, and the security of the future." I join with the Archbishop and with the Bishops of the United States, and religious leaders of many faiths throughout the world urge you to take the opportunity of the spring meetings to address the debt issue, making the year 2000 a true Jubilee year for the world's people who need it most.

We will experience a true Jubilee only when the well being of all, including the world's most vulnerable people and ecosystems, is given priority over macroeconomic adjustment and neoliberal economic policy. I urge you, in the spirit of Jubilee justice, to take courageous action now: abandon the failed policy of structural adjustment and cancel the debt of the world's most heavily indebted countries.

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Clinton plans legislative push as his term nears close

♦ **President's agenda includes 'patients' bill of rights,' Medicare reform, gun control laws and campaign finance reform**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON President Clinton, convinced that Republican leaders in Congress are out of step with the country, is capitalizing on what aides see as a rare chance to make inroads on gun control, Medicare reform and other issues — or at least to make those issues work for Al Gore in November.

On Wednesday, Clinton plans to chart his legislative agenda for the coming months. Aides describe his speech as more policy than politics, but politics is the linchpin for what the White House views as an election year offering an unusual shot at enacting legislation important to the president and popular with voters. Usually, controversial matters have scant chance of enactment as a national election approaches.

By stoking public pressure for popular ideas such as adding a prescription drug benefit to Medicare, the White House hopes either to force GOP leaders to negotiate or to execute an end run with the help of moderate

WASHINGTON



Clinton

Republicans and those facing tough re-election fights this fall.

On the flip side, Democratic candidates may be able to capitalize in the fall if the GOP should thwart these ideas, presidential aides said.

"I think they don't want to just be seen as a Congress that can't produce any real work on behalf of the American people," White House chief of staff John Podesta said in an interview.

The current Congress has little to show for itself so far and has a reputation for partisan rancor, Podesta said.

"They're going to have to think about whether they want to run for re-election carrying that," Podesta said. "We think there is some leverage, and the president will bring that to bear."

Republican strategists say the White House simply is trying to gain partisan advantage and provide legislative footing for Vice President Gore's presidential campaign.

"They're not really trying to improve or better people's lives. They're trying to create campaign commercials," said John Czwartacki, spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott.

Clinton's strategy of public pressure will be applied to all the main pieces of domestic legislation on his wish list this spring, aides said.

That list includes a "patients' bill of rights" for managed care patients;

reform of the Medicare system; the drug benefit; new gun control laws; and campaign finance reform.

On several of these issues, "there are actually bipartisan majorities in either the House or the Senate, and the only thing holding it up

in one place or the other is that the Republican leadership has not relented," White House adviser Joel Johnson said. Clinton is taking a different tack with his push

for a new trade deal with China. In that fight, the White House is allied with most Republicans and against many Democrats, labor unions and environmental and human rights groups.

In the months leading to the Republican and Democratic conventions this summer, Clinton plans to

"If you look at what the Republicans are proposing in their budget and what the president is proposing in his, they still look like different worlds."

Stephen Hess
presidential analyst at the Brookings Institution

Clinton plans to hammer GOP leaders' commitment to large tax cuts and opposition to new gun control, aides said.

Republican leaders have their own versions of minimum wage legislation and other issues. They hope to deny campaign fodder to Gore, help presumptive GOP

presidential nominee George W. Bush and hold on to their majority.

Still, the White House hears whispers of Republican dissent.

The House cast a symbolic 218-205 vote this month in favor of moving ahead on gun control. And to Republicans in difficult re-election races attended a White House pep rally for the Clinton gun control agenda.

Rep. Brian Bilbray, R-Calif., who stood prominently beside Clinton at the rally, said bipartisan support exists for several Clinton priorities, but the president must be willing to compromise.

"A lot will depend on how much he wants these things for his legacy," Bilbray said.

The other Republican at the event was Rep. Jim Rogan, R-Calif., one of the House managers who laid out the impeachment case against Clinton in the Senate last year.

Clinton has said he is eager to accomplish big things in his last year in office. But Stephen Hess, presidential analyst at the Brookings Institution, sees little reason for White House optimism in this election year.

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16-year-old arrested in spring break murders

Associated Press

SAN JOSE
Police have arrested a 16-year-old boy in the killing of two American college women near a Costa Rican beach town earlier this month, authorities said Monday.

While police are still trying to determine a motive, they say they're close to solving a case that has threatened Costa Rica's image as a safe, peaceful haven for tourists.

The suspect — whose identity was not released because he is a minor — was arrested Saturday night in Sixaola, a town on the border of Panama, Judicial Police Director Jorge Rojas said.

Rojas said police also are seeking two other male suspects, both minors whom he did not identify.

The bodies of Emily Eagen, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Emily Howell, of Lexington, Kentucky, both 19, were found on the side of a highway March 13 near the town of Cahuita, 90 miles east of San Jose. Both had been shot.

Acquaintances of the suspect told police he later gave them the .380-caliber handgun that police

allege had been used in Howell's slaying. A second gun of the same caliber was used to kill Eagen, but has not been recovered, Rojas said. The suspect also was identified by two witnesses who claim he forced them at gunpoint to burn the sports utility vehicle the victims had been using.

A juvenile court in the Caribbean city of Limon has ordered the arrest of the boy under a two-month provisional jail term without bail. If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of 15 years.

Rojas told a news conference that the arrest is "an important development in the case. We are very close to solving it completely," he said.

The deaths shocked this Central American country, whose reputation for safety and stability in an otherwise turbulent region has helped attract thousands of U.S. retirees and about \$1 billion a year in tourism from more than 1 million tourists.

Howell had been in Costa Rica working on a photography project for her studies at Ohio's Antioch College. Eagen, who withdrew from Antioch in August, was visiting Howell.

Vitamin may hurt cancer victims

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.

Cancer patients who take large doses of vitamin C in the hope of a cure might actually make their disease worse by inadvertently protecting their tumors from radiation and chemotherapy, new research suggests.

Doctors caution they cannot prove the vitamin is harmful during cancer treatment. But they say there are strong biological reasons to think megadoses could be bad.

The concern is based on the discovery that cancer cells actually contain large amounts of vitamin C, which appears to protect them from oxygen damage. Many cancer treatments, especially radiation therapy, work by triggering oxygen damage to the genes of cancer cells.

Dr. David Golde, physician-in-chief at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, warned against too much vitamin C in a presentation Monday at a meeting of the American Cancer Society.

Vitamin C has many

adherents, in part because it is an antioxidant, a substance that protects the body from potentially harmful oxygen particles known as free radicals. Oxidation — the same process that rusts iron — is suspected of triggering cancer and other disease.

Health experts recommend that people eat plenty of fruits and vegetables because they are good sources of antioxidant nutrients, among other things. Many people routinely take high doses of vitamin C and other antioxidants in the belief that they will prevent or cure illnesses.

However, doctors caution that even though various nutritional supplements are natural, this does not necessarily mean they are also safe or effective, especially when combined with other treatments.

Dr. Barrie Cassileth, a medical sociologist who studies vitamin and herbal remedies at Memorial Sloan-Kettering, noted that vitamin C fell from favor as a cancer treatment in 1985 after a Mayo Clinic study found it to be worthless. But it has recently returned to vogue, and some practitioners give extremely high doses to cancer patients as an addition to ordinary treatment or even as a substitute.

In 1993, Golde's team discovered how vitamin C gets into human cells. They found that an oxidized form of vitamin C called dehydroascorbic acid enters cells through the same opening used by sugar. Once inside, it is immediately converted back to vitamin C.

He said a key feature of many cancers is they have many more of these sugar openings than do ordinary cells. This allows them to take in the energy they need to grow.

But he said cancer cells often also have very high concentrations of vitamin C.

The exact function of the vitamin inside cancer is unknown. "My experience as a biologist would say it is no accident," said Golde.

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David Golde
Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

"The cancer cell wants vitamin C because it wants antioxidant protection."

Among cancer's uses for the vitamin, he said, could be protection against the harmful effect of radiation therapy, as well as some forms of chemotherapy that work by inducing oxygen damage.

Vitamin-rich food and multivitamins are safe for cancer patients, Golde said, but he routinely advises cancer patients to avoid gram-size doses of vitamin C while under treatment.

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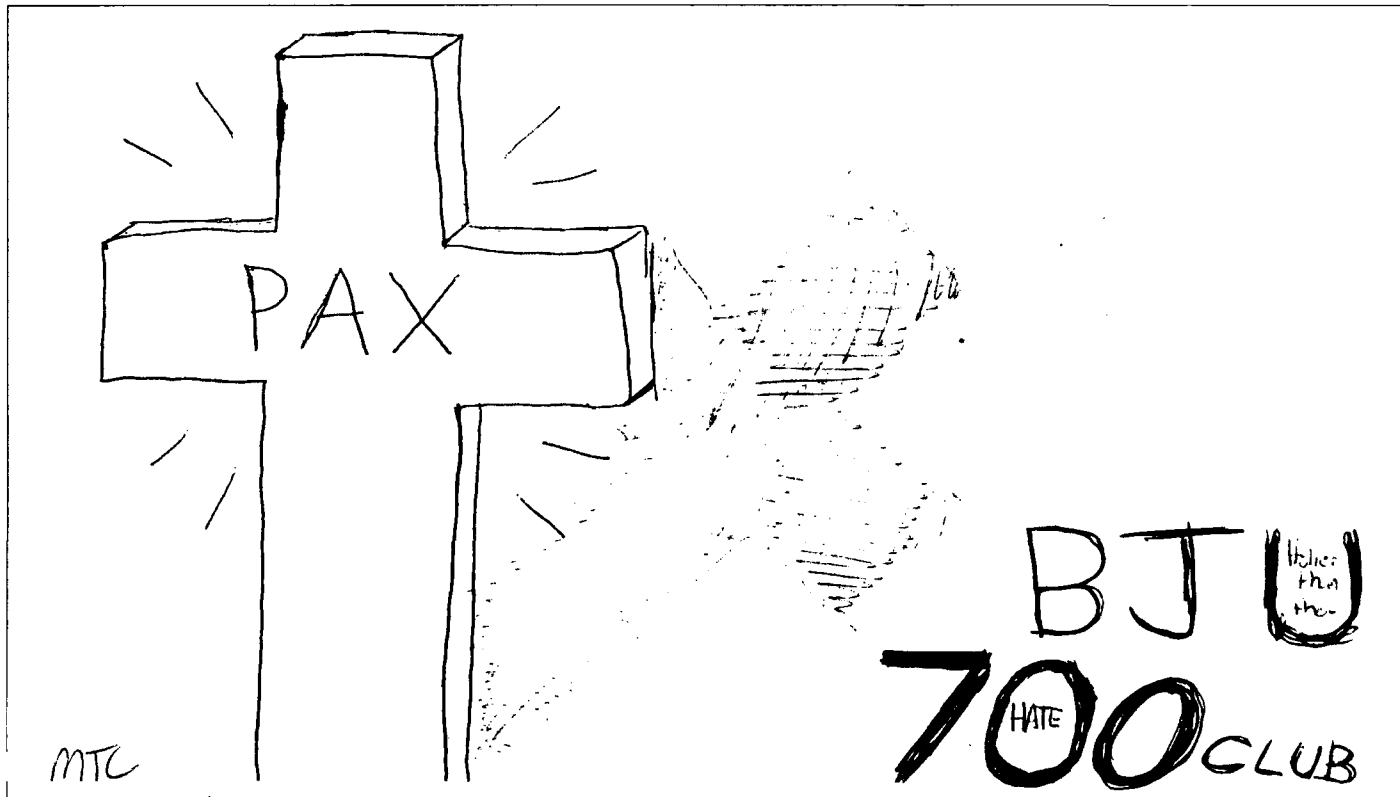
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Papal pilgrimage is a radical act

Pope John Paul II's visit through the Holy Land was both moving and courageous. Many non-Catholics had viewed with suspicion the Pope's recent apology for Catholic transgressions throughout the ages. For some, he had not been specific enough about the kinds of discrimination and oppression which he addressed. For others, his apology did not seem sincere.

Watching the Pope throughout the week, one got the sense that he was like the superstar athlete during his final season. The Pope had planned for this journey 22 years ago after he was elected to the Papacy. This visit was the last hurrah of a religious man who just recently distinguished himself from most of his predecessors. His legacy would be known by his dramatic apology, and this visit would authenticate his gesture for those who had been skeptical.

Catholics take for granted the oppression they still face in many societies, including the United States. We feel comfortable at Notre Dame among our fellow Catholics.

We live almost as comfortably in many of our urban and suburban communities, with the exception of numerous southern and midwestern areas. For example, Catholics who have lived in Southern Baptist dominated areas know the type of distrust and discrimination they faced from their neighbors.

Real hatred against Catholics permeates fundamentalist organizations such as Bob Jones University. Subtle discrimination infiltrates those organizations led by those who believe that only "born again Christians" will one day go to heaven.

Despite the magnanimous and humble apology our Pope extended to all peoples and religions of the world, we will never hear a similar admission on Pat Robertson's 700 Club. Self-righteousness breeds contempt.

Pope John Paul II raised the Catholic Church above the thinking of the self-righteous. By including other Christians during his visit, the Pope set aside our past self-righteous attitude that we are the one and only true Christian Church. By praying on the site where Muslims believe that Mohammed was raised, he reached out like Christ did to the Gentiles.

By praying at the Wailing Wall, the holiest of Jewish places, he extended a hand in fellowship like Jesus did to everyone. Our Pope was telling the world that the three religions that were begun from Abraham, are in fact, made up of brothers in sister institutions.

We as Catholics have now been called by our Pope to live by a higher standard. Some U.S. bishops have already asked for forgiveness for those priests who have betrayed their trust with children.

Other bishops have asked forgiveness for the ways that discrimination has pushed women and gays from the Church.

Notre Dame might rethink its rigid stance against many with prohibitions regarding student recognitions, Observer advertising, and anti-discrimination policies. Perhaps a simple apology might be the first step.

Our Pope took a courageous step in uniting the peoples of the world. It is time for Catholics everywhere to be more tolerant, more humble and more generous. The next time the urge to tell a joke about the "Jew" or the "fag" or the "Wop" swells from within, think of the spirit that rose from within John Paul II.

Watching the Pope last week at the gardens and hilltops, narrow streets and monuments commemorating where Jesus walked, was actually viewing a reenactment of that journey almost 2000 years ago. John Paul II knows that his remaining time on this earth is short.

The timing of his visit, twenty-two years after its conception, is not a coincidence. Whether the Pope has a month, a year or ten years remaining as head of our Church, he has called us to follow the shepherd ... the same call of two millennia ago.

For those who always wished that they could have lived during the time of Christ, their wish has just been granted.

That call is a difficult one, just as it was those many years ago. Eating a man's flesh and drinking his blood was quite a radical concept back then.

For many, recognizing other religions and peoples as family is just as radical today.

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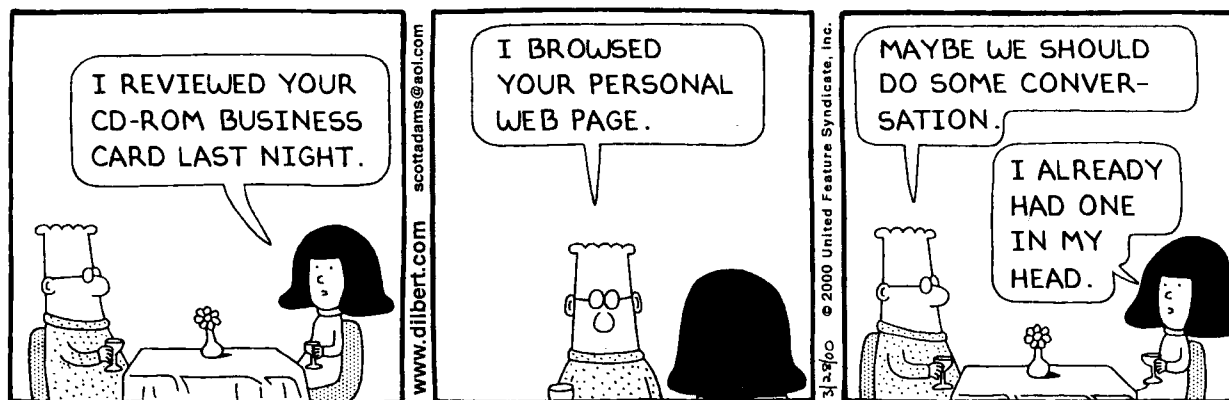
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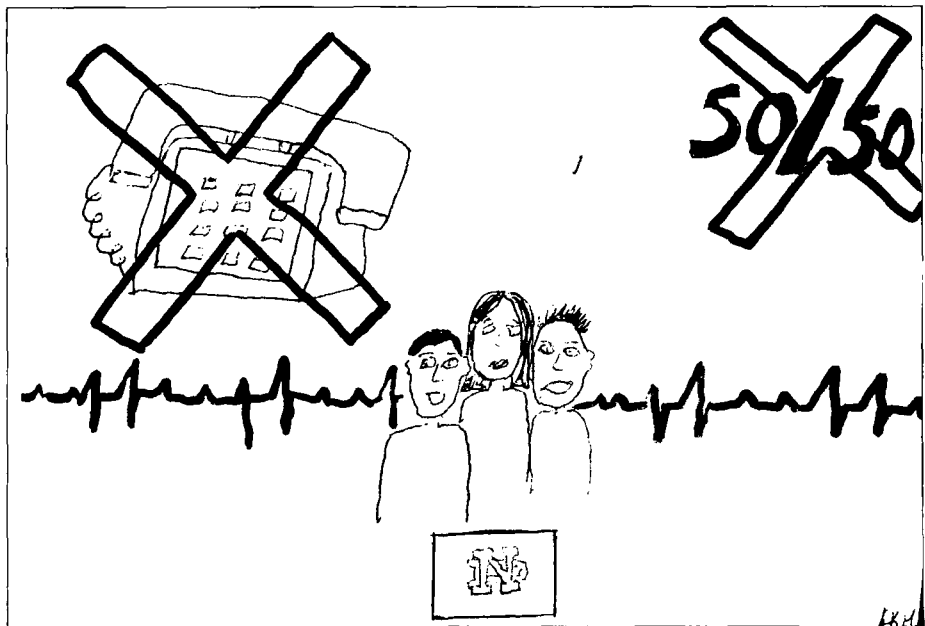
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Will you be someone's lifeline?

Do you know who your lifeline would be? Sophomore Conor Murphy is hoping to find his. Diagnosed with leukemia early this semester, Conor is relying on a bone marrow transplant. The Notre Dame community has a chance to help Conor find his match tomorrow at the bone marrow drive that is being held at LaFortune Student Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bridget O'Connor

Who You Gonna Call?

Even if it turns out that a match is not found for Conor through the drive this Wednesday, his situation alerts us to the plight of other patients with various types of leukemia, aplastic anemia, severe combined immune deficiency syndrome, sickle cell anemia and radiation poisoning who depend on bone marrow transplantation for their treatment.

More than the marrow itself, these patients rely upon each of us to recognize the importance of becoming a part of the National Bone Marrow Registry. The odds of finding a suitable marrow donor are 1 in 20,000, although this figure is much higher for patients of minority ethnic heritage. Since the National Marrow Donor Program's inception in 1987 more than 3,000,000 volunteer donors have signed onto its Registry and as a result more than 9,000 patients have had a second chance at life.

And it's as easy as a blood test. You must be between 18 and 60 years old; have no history of hepatitis, heart disease, cancer, or AIDS and sign a standard consent form allowing the Registry to include your HLA tissue type in its confidential files for future matching. HLA, or Human Leukocyte Antigen, equates to your genetic human fingerprint and is determined by tissue typing or molecular typing of the white blood cells.

Some students have expressed their reluctance to participate in the drive because they will be included in the registry until their 61st birthday or because they do not want a financial obligation to donate. Participants should be aware however that they can remove their name from the registry at any time and even if they wind up being a match for someone, the entire process is voluntary. Further, the costs of all procedures are borne by the patient and his or her insurance company.

Probably the most common concern is what the actual donation process

entails if someone does wind up being a match. The marrow extraction is done under light anesthesia. Only 2 to 3 percent of a donor's marrow is extracted and a donor may go home the same day or the following morning. The most common side effect is soreness in the lower back area for a few days. The donation does not curtail daily activities and the marrow regenerates within a few weeks. Donors can even donate again in the future.

Risks are generally limited to that associated with the anesthesia and are the same as for any procedure performed under general or local anesthetic. Thousands of transplants are successfully conducted every year.

As for Conor, he may actually already have a match. A 41-year old man was found to be a six out of six match for him and is now entering into the secondary phases of exploring whether the match will work. However, as this process is voluntary until the final stage, there is no guarantee that this match will result in a transplant for Conor.

According to his friends, Conor is currently overcoming some infections and the effects of chemotherapy. Although tired and thin, his spirits are high. He and a group of people say the rosary nightly and often offer their intentions for the people who do not have the support that he has. His ability to continue to focus on others despite the urgency of his own situation has amazed his friends and family. In fact, it is his concern for others rather than for himself that is the motivation behind tomorrow's drive. Conor understands that someone is giving this gift to him and he wants as many people to be helped in the same way as possible.

Even before the match was found, he realized that this drive would be important even if it only helped some other person somewhere else.

A strong turnout this tomorrow would not only show Conor that those back on campus are pulling for him, but that we understand the overall importance of the Registry. Who knows what the results could be? Maybe someone will wind up directly helping Conor. Maybe they will be the lifesaving match for someone else. Maybe someday one of us will need a lifeline. Who knows?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Can't lawyers take a joke?

I am writing in response to Lindsay Sestile's letter "Creeps aren't the only cause" [March 27, The Observer]

Being in the usual habit of believing as Truth every single opinion from every single person in the Viewpoint, I read McDonald's letter and was positive that ALL law students are creeps. I would like to thank Sestile for clearing up my obviously mistaken assumption. Now I am just left wondering whether or not ALL law students can take a joke, or just the few I've met at Senior Bar.

Kelly Keegan

Sophomore, Welsh Family Hall
March 27, 2000

Act locally; change our community

Last Wednesday's edition of this paper gave me much more than the usual food for thought and I thank all those who contributed to the feast. On the front page were good articles on the Roseland incident and coverage of the sweatshop issue and the desire of the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) for the University to join the Worker's Rights Consortium rather than the Fair Labor Association.

The middle of the paper contained Jason McFarley's fine feature column about the abuse of power by the Roseland officers and a letter to the editor by Justin Bonner about how we could use a bit of a crisis around here to shake up complacent students who claim to be Christian. Good stuff to read and ponder.

I would like to mix these four pieces together and offer a somewhat synthetic thought. Yes, Mr. Bonner, we should get uncomfortable about a number of things around here and get rid of our indifference. Yes, Mr. McFarley it is okay for you to display your anger.

We all should be angry about the treatment of our community members at the hands of what appears to be two abusive police officers.

What should make us even more angry, or at least embarrassed and ashamed, is that more extreme moral outrage has been shown over a poor lad's last second watery mistake during the Syracuse basketball game.

For the past two years I have been watching with some interest the formation and practices of the PSA. I had some hope that they might really develop into some positive force on campus.

It appears that they probably will not. I fear that they are becoming more and more like the group that the late

Al Capp satirized in his 'Lil Abner cartoon strip. During the 1960's, when so many campuses were up for grabs, Capp often depicted a collection of student activists he labeled S.W.I.N.E. (Students Wildly Indignant about Nearly Everything).

The issue of our students of color being harassed and intimidated by a local governmental agency

is not one to be overlooked. I thought, imagined, wished, hoped that the PSA would already have had sit-ins and protests outside the Roseland Town hall and Police Department.

Instead they want the University to forsake its already proven leadership role in an organization dealing with sweatshops in order to join a group that has not really come together.

It might be that they desire us to sit in the Administration Building and sing the 1960's hit "Puff the Magic Dragon" rather than sit in Roseland and sing the 1960's fight song "We Shall Overcome."

They want our student body to mobilize for this?

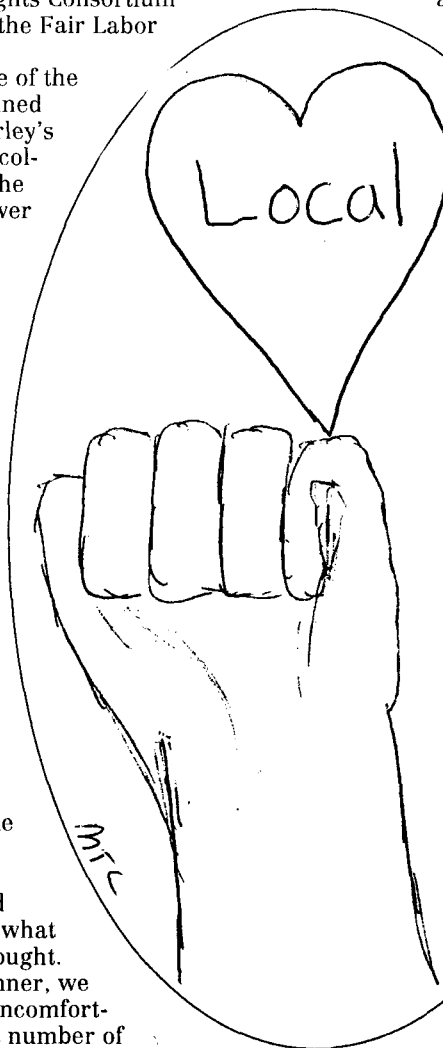
"Think Globally, Act Locally," is a fine motto to follow for justice issues. It makes sense; it does accomplish things at the level where most people are. In other words it is where the rubber hits the road.

Take the lead now! Organize now! Doing that which is positive, concrete and observable on the local level might actually produce results on an issue of justice.

It has not been done around here in some time. It might actually be the start of something.

Father William Seetch

Rector, Morrissey Manor
March 23, 2000



ALBUM REVIEW

'Giants' marks necessary transition for Oasis

By CHRISTOPHER McGOVERN
Scene Music Critic

Oasis are not the Beatles. Nor are they the Rolling Stones, the Charlatans or the Stone Roses. Yet due to some brash comments during their younger days, they will always be held to the standard that these great British bands set. It's a shame because the band responsible for some of the 90's best songs and one of the decades best albums. Definitely

Maybe, is too often overshadowed by the unreasonable expectations placed upon them. It doesn't help that their last album, *Be Here Now*, was a critical flop (although it was the fastest selling album of all time in the UK). With their fourth album, *Standing on the Shoulder of Giants*, however, the Gallagher brothers should quell these pressures — least until their next album.

A project in the works for over two years, *Giants* starts out well with the first two tracks, "F--kin' In the Bush-es" and the first single, "Go Let It Out." The former, an instrumental featuring a Zeppelin-esque guitar, is unfamiliar territory for Oasis, though certainly welcome. The latter is the prototypical Oasis radio hit, perfect for a pub sing-along. It's quite possibly the strongest number on the album. The remainder of the album contains some solid tracks, incorporating some new sounds for Oasis, but there is nothing particularly groundbreaking.

Musically, the raucous "Put Yer Money Where Your Mouth Is" would fit right in on the Dandy Warhols album *Come Down*. Unfortunately, it contains the weakest lyrics on the album. Perhaps Noel's strongest turn of the pen comes on "Gas Panic!" a song he wrote about his troubles with shaking his cocaine addiction. The song also makes great use of the band's strongest asset, Liam's voice.

Despite his fantastic vocals however, Liam has never written the words he sings. The first track he has penned to make it to an album, "Little James," was written for his step-son with wife/actress Patsy Kensit. It is a blatant "Hey Jude" rip-off, complete with the requisite "na na na" chorus at the end. While lyrically weak — "You live for your toys/ even though they make noise" — when Liam



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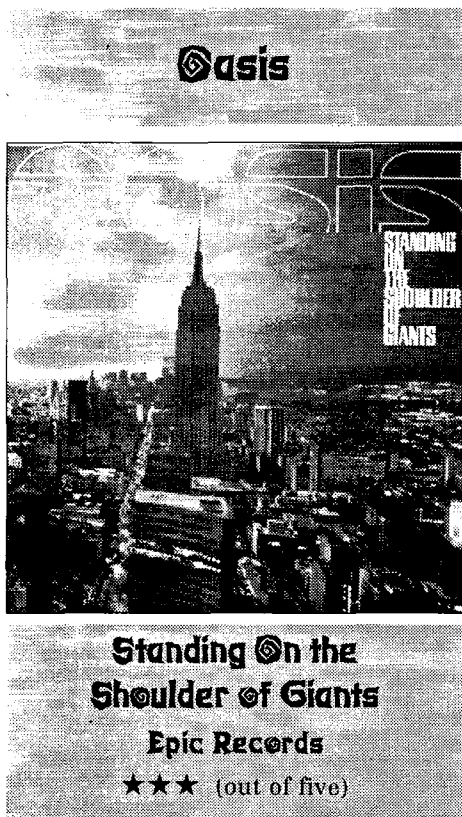
Echoing influences from Led Zeppelin and The Beatles, Oasis' newest offering features lead singer Liam Gallagher's first attempt at songwriting with "Little James," a track dedicated to his step-son.

sings "I'm sing-ing this song/ for you and your mom/ and that's all," one can't help but believe him. Although completely self-indulgent, the song strangely works.

Noel takes over lead vocals on two tracks, "Where Did It All Go Wrong?" and "Sunday Morning Call." While not exactly packing the punch of his little brother, Noel shows he can be quite a capable vocalist, especially on "Sunday Morning Call." The song, supposedly written for supermodel friend Kate Moss, is a broad, sweeping number, which will certainly bring out the sea of lighters when performed live.

The album comes to a close much like their second and best-selling album, *(What's the Story) Morning Glory?* with "Roll It Over." Comparable to the epic "Champagne Supernova," the song comes to loud, dramatic crescendo before bringing the album to a soft, almost exhausted-feeling close.

While *Giants* may not be a huge step forward for Oasis, it is a necessary transition. Their appeal has always lied in their brash, high-energy rock as well as their desire to make music for the people. And progress be damned when all the people want to do is get drunk and sing along.



ALBUM REVIEW

Soundtrack offers a preview of upcoming U2 album

By TIMOTHY COLLINS
Scene Music Critic

U2, the biggest rock band of the late '80s and early '90s, is back with their first new release of the new millennium. But it does not come by way of a new album; it comes instead from the

soundtrack to the film *The Million Dollar Hotel*. The movie, written by lead singer Bono and starring Mel Gibson, has received critical acclaim in Europe but has yet to pick up an American distributor. Its soundtrack, however, is quite a different story; it has been hyped because of the two new U2 songs that are the band's first new material since 1997's *Pop*.

The album opens with "The Ground Beneath Her Feet," with lyrics written by Salmon Rushdie. The song starts at a slow pace, carried by drummer Larry Mullen Jr. and bassist Adam Clayton, before exploding about halfway through into one of The Edge's best guitar solos. Bono relates the great lyrics with such emotion that when he sings, "Let me love you, let me rescue you. Let me bring you where two roads meet. Oh come back above where there is only love," the listener can feel his pain with every line.

The only other new contribution from the band comes in "Stateless," a song that is somewhat reminiscent of Radiohead. Bono's lyrics sound more like poetry than anything he has ever written, and Clayton's throbbing bass once again carries the song. It takes a few listens before it sticks in the listener's head and it is definitely not as catchy as a lot of the band's music, but it shows a new side of the band.

The other song that stands out on the album is the U2 song "The First Time," which is taken from the band's Grammy Award-winning 1993 album, *Zooropa*.



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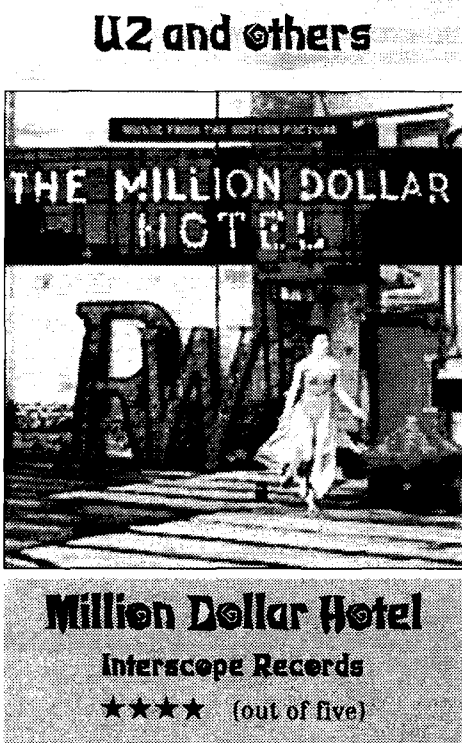
Taking a break from his charity work on behalf of Third World countries, Bono wrote the screenplay for the film *The Million Dollar Hotel*. The soundtrack features two new songs from U2 as well.

The song steals the show on the soundtrack. Bono's lyrics, about the first time he feels love between a man and his lover, brother and father, is as good as anything the band has ever written. The album that it comes from may be the best of the band's career as well, and this song sounds as fresh as it did seven years ago.

The rest of the soundtrack consists of a few songs that Bono wrote and performed without U2. The best of which is "Never Let Me Go," in which he collaborates with Daniel Lanois, the band's long-time producer. The rest of the

album is made up of instrumentals and covers; the most interesting of which is the Spanish version of the Sex Pistols' classic "Anarchy in the U.K." It definitely offers a different take on the song.

This soundtrack is a must-have for any U2 fan. The band's new songs are as good as anything the band has written in the last five years. The rest of the songs on the album are good, but it wouldn't be worthy of buying if it weren't for the two new U2 songs. Those new songs give a great glimpse into what to expect from the band's new album due out this fall.



ALBUM REVIEW

After 27 years, AC/DC refuses to soften up

By JOSEPH LARSON
Scene Music Critic

When you think of the world's greatest rock n' roll bands of all time, AC/DC probably isn't the first that comes to mind — but you can't completely disregard them.

Since 1973, AC/DC (whose name was taken from the back of a vacuum cleaner, Alternating Current/Direct Current) has released 18 studio albums and three live CDs. They've forever changed the face of rock music with their hard-driving, thunderous sound. Every rock musician has tried to copy the energy and pounding hullabaloo that is signature AC/DC. So what if their music hasn't exactly developed and matured over the years, they're still one of the longest running rock bands of all time. Not only is it impressive that they're still

playing after all these years, but they haven't softened up at all. Unlike other rock bands still around from the '70s (i.e., Aerosmith), AC/DC has maintained the same style they had when they released their first album, *High Voltage*, in 1973.

Some critics would consider it a bad thing that AC/DC has simply been making the exact same album for the last 27 years. They would say that they are long over the hill and should promptly retire and quit boring us with the same songs over and over again. The problem is, AC/DC is never boring — even though they've been copying themselves for years. They continue to rock the way they always have. Their songs, though pertaining to the same subject matter throughout their career, are still the most energetic of any of the rock bands out today.

AC/DC's first singer, Bon Scott,

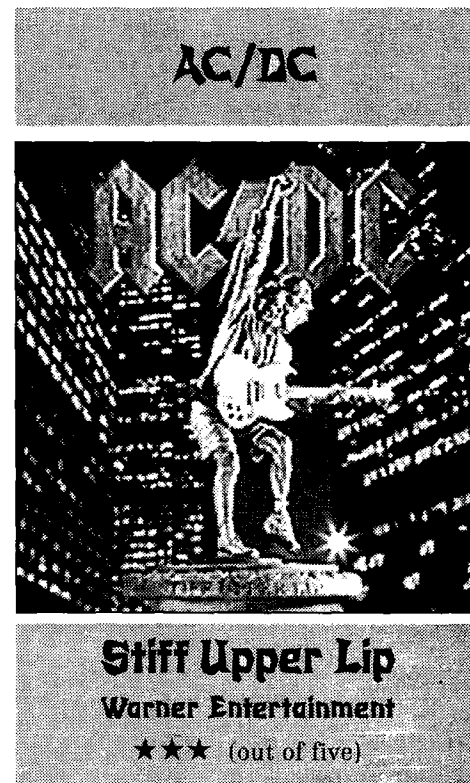
summed it up best when he said, "All the songs we do are basically about three things: booze, sex and rock n' roll." What more do you want out of a rock band? They're not trying to say anything important; they're just playing good rock n' roll and they know it.

This still may not be enough to silence the critics, who would argue that AC/DC has lost a step on their new release, *Stiff Upper Lip*. Some would say that this new album sounds like a band impersonating AC/DC. They would say that lead guitarist Angus Young doesn't have the same power he had on songs like "You Shook Me All Night Long," "Back in Black" and "For Those About to Rock (We Salute You)." They would consider this new album a futile attempt at capturing their patented, hard-driving music.

This just isn't right, even though there are no songs like "Back in Black" on *Stiff Upper Lip* — this album is still patented AC/DC. They have had plenty of albums without classic singles over the years.

The absence of a single does not mean that AC/DC has lost any of their punch. This is apparent on songs like "Hold Me Back," "All Screwed Up" and "Give It Up." The best song on the album is the full-steam-ahead rocker "Satellite Blues," which consists of lead singer Brian Johnson being echoed by his bandmates in the chorus. This song is true to AC/DC's strict rock n' roll code, proving rock bands don't need backup singers. This song is what rock music is meant to be.

Listening to this, the 18th studio album from this classic rock band, proves two things. One, they really haven't changed in 27 years. And two, it doesn't matter. AC/DC can continue to write the same song over and over again for 18 more albums and they'll still be fun to listen to. Their sound is still original even though their new



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Still bearing his trademark school boy look, lead guitarist Angus Young returns with AC/DC's 18th studio album in 27 years. Despite the changes in music trends, the band has managed to maintain its image and sound.

CONCERT REVIEW

Indie band played an earful of a performance

By JOHN HUSTON
Scene Music Critic

The setting: Spring Break 2000; New Orleans, La.; the week after Mardi Gras. Lots of beads, boobs and beer. So why not take a night off and see some indie rock?

Man or Astro-man? are known for their live shows, and their cover of the *Mystery Science Theatre 3000* theme song is spectacular.

The first band of the evening was Causey Way. Their performance was most memorable for being boring and unoriginal. Basically they were Devo rip-offs. Man or Astro-man? are too, but they pull it off a little more effectively. It seemed like Causey Way assumed that they could put on a good show if they all dressed in matching jumpsuits, played quirky music and moved erratically in time with the music. They assumed wrong. It was preferable to spend the time during Causey Way's set at the bar trying to ignore them. Luckily they weren't playing too loudly.

Papas Fritas took the stage soon thereafter. They are on Minty Fresh Records, the label that made Veruca Salt huge. The band has lots of defining characteristics. They all wore '70s clothes and played their brand of '80s music. It was charming ... for a while.



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Claiming to be outer space computer experts, Man or Astro-man? feature a spectacle of space-age TV imagery, Cold War instructional videos and hours worth of random sporting events in their concerts.

Just like the '80s, it got boring pretty quickly.

The coolest thing about the band was their lead singer/guitarist's striking resemblance to David Koresh. Top that off with the fact that an Art Garfunkel lookalike played the bass (and provided back-up harmonies! Just like the REAL Garfunkel!). Their female drummer would occasionally sing lead vocals, and she definitely provided the band's shining musical moments.

Although Papas Fritas played at a

volume slightly higher than Causey Way, they could not even compare to the sonic onslaught that followed.

The Man or Astro-man? stage show didn't disappoint. They claim to be outer space computer experts, who are trapped on Earth after their "cruiser" crashed in Alabama and are now trying to assimilate to life on this planet by posing as a musical group. Is that weird enough for you?

On stage they all wore costumes and spoke with robot-like voices. It was quite a refreshing change from your

average band whose members usually stand still, looking down at their instruments.

But the pain, oh the pain! The only thing that could have helped Man or Astro-man? would have been earplugs for the crowd.

Other than that, they were great. Their energetic surf-influenced rock sound got the crowd moving and their wacky stage personas were complementary to the overall mood of the show. They oscillated between standard guitars and basses to playing computer keyboards slung around their necks that were linked up to amplifiers to produce spacey, Casio-like sounds.

At one point, between songs, they revealed a large aquarium at the back of the stage that contained a large brain that they said helped them relate to the earthlings. How nice of them!

After wading through the opening bands and suffering sufficient hearing loss, they didn't even have the courtesy to play the MST3K theme. Oh well, it was enjoyable, if not a little painful. As they say, it hurt so good.

The Man or Astro-man? live show is worth the price of admission — this particular show cost \$8. Spare yourself the post-show deafness, though, and drop an extra fifty cents on a pair of earplugs first. You'll be glad you did.

WOMEN'S NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

Vols defeat Raiders 57-44 to return to Final Four

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn.

Tamika Catchings couldn't shoot Monday night. The All-American did just about everything else to make sure the Tennessee Lady Vols got back to the Final Four for a record 12th time.

Catchings, playing on a sprained right ankle much of the game, scored just seven points but grabbed 16 rebounds in helping top-seeded Tennessee hold off Texas Tech 57-44 in the NCAA Midwest Regional final.

For awhile, the game looked like a replay of last year's East Regional final, when Tennessee's star player, Chamique Holdslaw, couldn't hit a shot. The Lady Vols lost that game to Duke, ending a run of three straight national championships.

But Catchings refused to let the Lady Vols (31-3) lose to Texas Tech (28-5).

The 6-foot-1 forward was everywhere, tipping away passes, taking charges and matching her career high on the boards. She had three steals and handed out six assists.

Kara Lawson led Tennessee with 13 points. Michelle Snow and Semeka Randall each had 12 points for the Lady Vols, now a perfect 7-of-7 in regional finals played in Tennessee.

Texas Tech hasn't been to the Final Four since 1993, when Sheryl Swoopes led the Lady Raiders to a national championship in their one and only appearance. The Lady Raiders used their defense to harass Tennessee into one of its worst shooting performances this season.

Penn State 86, Louisiana Tech 65

Penn State and coach Rene Portland are finally going to the Final Four.

Lisa Shepherd scored 20 of her 25 points in the first half to put Penn State in control and the Lady Lions beat top-seeded Louisiana Tech 86-65 Monday night in the Midwest Regional.

Penn State (30-4) survived the pressure defense of Tech guards Tamicha Jackson and Betty Lennox, shot 54 percent from 3-point range (7-for-13) and dominated the play inside.

Louisiana Tech (31-3), which had won 21 straight, couldn't get its offense cranked back up after a first-half cold spell, failed to get outgoing coach Leon Barmore in the Final Four one last time.

So now it's on to Philadelphia for sec-

ond-seeded Penn State, which will play East Regional champion Connecticut in the national semifinals Friday night. Connecticut, which beat Penn State 87-74 in Orlando, Fla., on Dec. 5, advanced with an 86-71 victory over LSU.

It will be the first Final Four trip for Penn State for Portland, who grew up in suburban Philadelphia and is now in her 24th year as a coach.

Helen Darling and Philadelphia native Andrea Garner each scored 15 points for Penn State, with Darling getting 12 assists and Garner grabbing 12 rebounds. Maren Walseth added 13 points and 10 rebounds and Chrissy Falcone scored 10.

Darling was named the regional's outstanding player.

Jackson led Tech with 19 points and Lennox scored 14, but they were a combined 12-for-40 from the field.

The game began at a frenetic pace and Louisiana Tech led 20-19 after Jackson's 3-pointer with 12:14 left. But the Lady Techsters managed only one basket over the next six minutes and Penn State, getting good shots with crisp passing, seized control with an 18-4 run.

Shepherd hit a jump shot to start it and finished it with three straight 3-pointers, putting Penn State ahead 37-24. Jackson's 3-pointer pulled Tech within 10, but the Lady Techsters would get no closer.

Penn State outscored Tech 8-2, all on free throws, to finish the half with a 45-29 lead, only the fourth time this season the Lady Techsters trailed at halftime.

When Penn State opened the second half with a 12-3 burst that Shepherd and Falcone started with 3-pointers, the lead grew to 57-32 and the Lady Lions and their small but vocal coterie of fans could sense that victory was imminent.

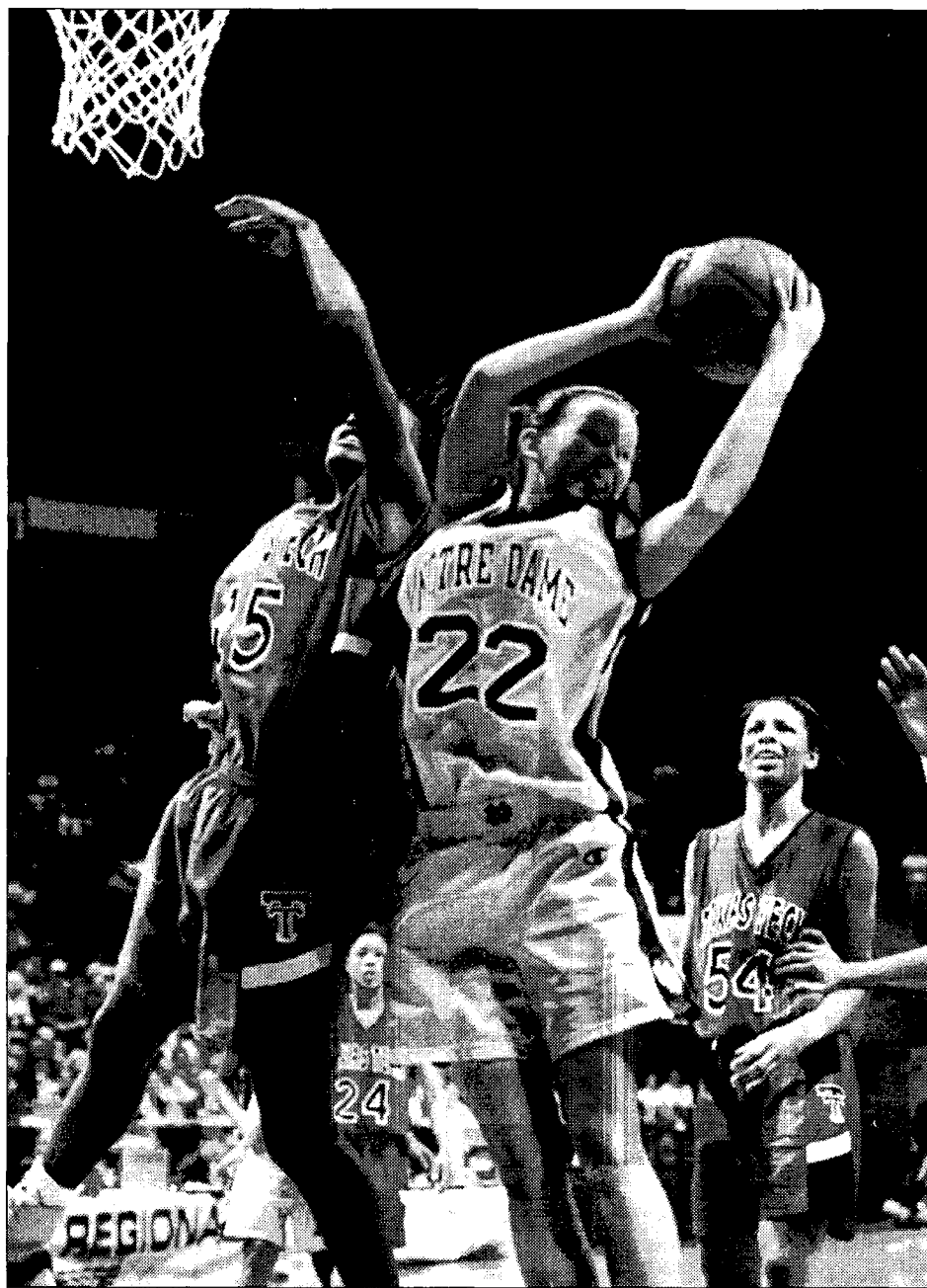
Connecticut 86, Louisiana State 71

Connecticut is going back to the Final Four for the first time in four years, but not with an air of invincibility.

The Huskies, accustomed to routing opponents by 30 points, struggled against sharp-shooting LSU for a half before pulling out an 86-71 victory Monday night in the East Regional final.

All-American Svetlana Abrosimova led the Huskies with 25 points and was selected the regional's most valuable player. Sue Bird added 16 points and Shea Ralph, another All-American, had seven of her 15 late in the second half.

Connecticut (34-1), ranked No. 1 all



JOB TURNER/The Observer

A Texas Tech player goes up for a rebound against Notre Dame's Alicia Ratay in the Lady Raiders victory Saturday. Texas Tech fell to Tennessee Monday.

season, will play Penn State in Friday's national semifinals.

The Huskies compiled a 31.6-point average victory margin this season, and won their first three NCAA tournament games by a total of 131 points.

They're also headed to the Final Four for the fourth time in nine years. Connecticut lost to Virginia in the national semifinals in 1991, won the 1995 title and lost to Tennessee in the semifinals

the next year.

But some of the Huskies' swagger may have been diminished by the third-seeded Lady Tigers, who shot 73.9 percent in the first half and were within striking distance at intermission, trailing 46-41.

April Brown had 25 points and Marie Ferdinand 17 for LSU, which shot 51.8 percent for the game, including Brown's 9-for-16 performance and five 3-pointers.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Indians interested in Rocker

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Fla. Cleveland manager Charlie Manuel escaped the strong winds blowing inside Space Coast Stadium on Monday by stepping down into the Indians' dugout.

Once inside, he asked about the big trade rumor that blew through earlier.

"We got Rocker yet?" Manuel joked following Monday's 8-2 win over the Florida Marlins.

John Rocker, Atlanta's controversial pitcher who was suspended by baseball for insensitive racial comments, is reportedly being discussed as part of a trade between the Braves and Indians, who just might be in the market for a closer.

"I think probably everyone in baseball has asked about Rocker," Manuel said. "I know his name came up, but how involved and deep we got, I don't know. I don't think that it's gotten to where we were dickering over a deal."

Rocker's name has been popping up all over Florida. Baseball fans are still arguing over whether he's a hero or martyr, while major league general managers are trying to decide if the left-hander would fit in with their teams.

Or if he's worth the trouble.

Indians GM John Hart is one of them.

Hart wouldn't confirm or deny a report in Monday's Cleveland Plain Dealer that he's discussed a trade involving Rocker and left-hander Bruce Chen for starter Jaret Wright, reliever Paul Shuey and infielders John McDonald or Jolbert Cabrera.

"This is the time for a lot of rumors," Hart said while sitting behind home plate during Monday's game. "And right now I've got two guys competing for a closer's job, so I really don't want to say anything about that."

"Everybody realizes the Rocker situation, which I guess you could say was a winter of turmoil."

The same could be said of the Indians' current relief pitching situation.

"It's unsettled," Hart said.

When Mike Jackson, who saved 39 games for Cleveland last year, wasn't re-signed this winter, the Indians were left without a closer. Manuel's plan was to have a competition for the job between Steve Karsay and Paul Shuey, but so far that battle has been very one-sided.

Karsay, a former starter who has never closed before in his career, has not allowed a run in 8 1-3 innings during the exhibition season.

Shuey, meanwhile, had his ERA swell to 10.80 after giving up six runs and six hits in two-thirds of an inning against the St. Louis Cardinals on Sunday.

But despite the disparity in numbers, Manuel isn't ready to pick a closer.

"I don't want either one to think I'm putting the other one ahead of him now," Manuel said. "If someone steps up fine, but right now nobody is ahead of the other."

Rocker would immediately step ahead of both Karsay and Shuey. He had 38 saves and a 2.49 ERA last season, but is suspended for the first two weeks of the season for his disparaging comments about minorities, gays and foreigners.

"There's not too many guys out there with Rocker's ability," said Manuel. "He'll light you up."

Manuel said he wouldn't be too concerned about how his team might react if

Rocker were to join the Indians, who like the Braves have a large nucleus of Latin players.

"I would say the majority of them would give him another chance," Manuel said. "We can give forgive the president of the U.S., we can forgive Rocker if he throws 100 (mph)."

There are other reasons to think the Indians and Braves could be up to something.

Hart is a good friend of Atlanta GM John Schuerholz, who denied a trade Monday that had Rocker going to Montreal for closer Ugueth Urbina. The two pulled off a blockbuster trade on the eve of opening day in 1997 when Hart traded Kenny Lofton and Alan Embree to Atlanta for Marquis Grissom and David Justice.

Rocker got a mixed greeting from Indians fans when he

NBA

Players file charge with labor board

Associated Press

Claiming the NBA's use of locker room cameras is an illegal change in working conditions, the league's players filed an unfair labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board.

The union also wants to stop the NBA from using boom microphones in team huddles during timeouts.

"The NBA cannot impose these changes without the union's consent," union lawyer Robert Lanza said Monday. "While players certainly want to enhance the game experience for every fan, these types of changes can only be brought about through collective bargain-

ing. We must have a meaningful dialogue in order to strike the appropriate balance between access and intrusion."

The charge was filed March 16 with the New York regional office of the NLRB. Dan Silverman, the NLRB's New York regional director, assigns staff investigators to cases and they usually take 6-8 weeks to determine whether to issue a complaint.

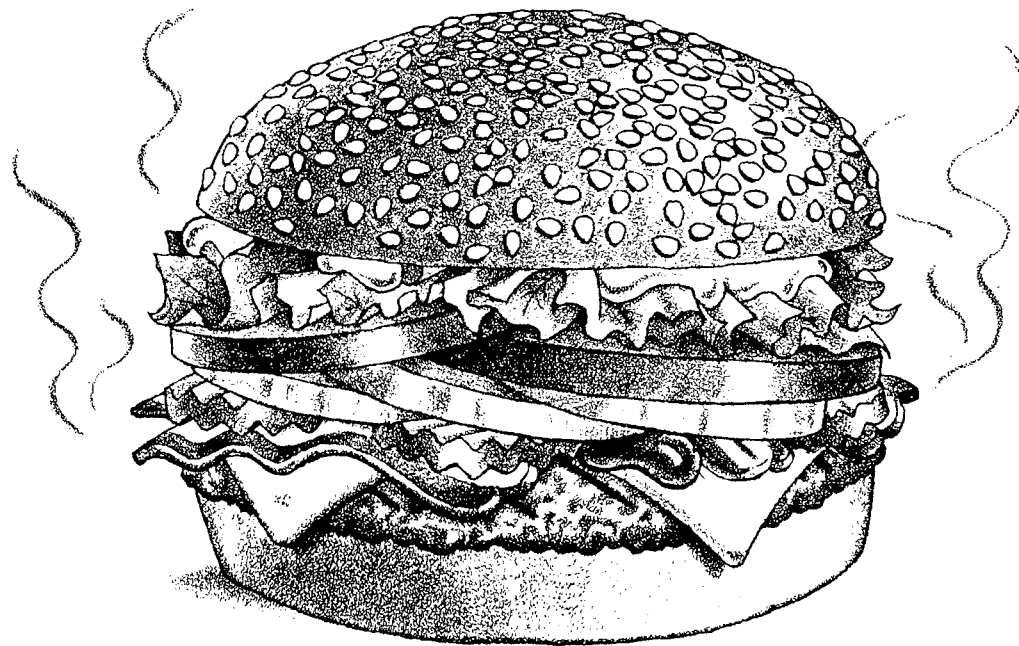
"The charge is without merit," NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik said.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Sanders singles in second game back

Associated Press

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. With both Cincinnati Reds and Dallas Cowboys fans cheering him on Monday, Deion Sanders got back to major league baseball, and got a hit, too.

With two black batting gloves flapping from each of his back pockets and a thick gold chain and jeweled cross dangling from his neck, Sanders played in his second spring training game as a replacement left fielder.

He also got a couple of at-bats in Cincinnati's 9-8 loss to the Texas Rangers. Sanders grounded out to second and lined a single to left, then slid in hard at second base as the Rangers unsuccessfully tried to turn a double play.

"Any time you get to play with the big guys, that's definitely a step forward," Sanders said.

His reemergence was an indication he could be back with the Reds sooner than expected. Sanders, in camp on a minor league contract, has missed most of spring training because of a balky knee and a swollen ankle.

A day after Dr. Timothy Kremchek predicted it would take Sanders four more weeks to get into top playing shape, the outfielder diplomatically disagreed.

"How can I put this gently: That's Dr. Kremchek's opinion,"

Sanders said. "I feel good running."

The Cowboys cornerback had arthroscopic surgery on his right knee on Jan. 24 and could only hobble last month when he resumed a baseball career put on hold in 1997. He didn't move well in a split-squad game on March 14, going 0-for-3.

His right ankle later swelled up, requiring a cortisone shot 11 days ago. He had spent the last few days playing in minor league games.

The Reds don't need another outfielder but general manager Jim Bowden would love to have Sanders available as a pinch runner as soon as he's healthy.

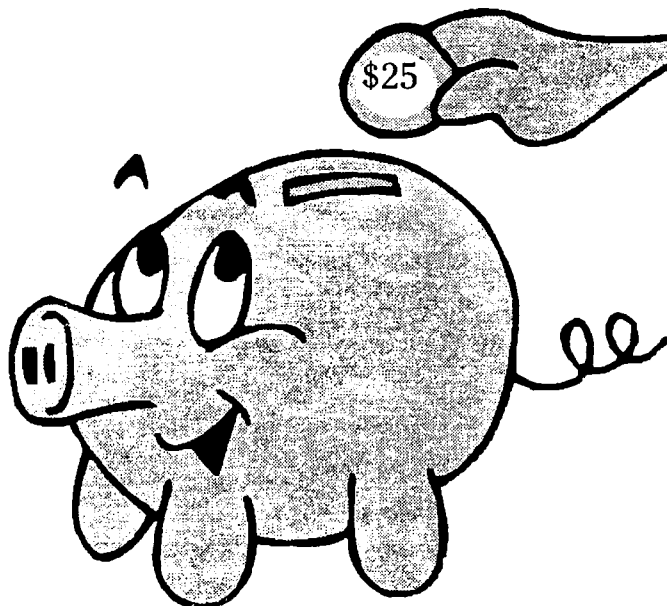
Sanders seems headed for Triple-A Louisville to show what he can do. How long he'll be there is the question.

"We have a nice plan," Sanders said. "If they feel that's where I need to go to do rehab, I'll do so."

Bowden was back in Cincinnati on Monday, missing the return of one of his favorite players.

A buzz went through the crowd of 4,519 when Sanders, wearing No. 12, moved into the on-deck circle in the sixth inning to pinch hit for Ken Griffey Jr. He didn't get to bat that inning because Chris Stynes made the last out, but stayed in the game as the left fielder.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish sweep Jayhawks 9-0 after 9-day layoff

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

After a nine-day layoff, the Notre Dame women's tennis team was eager to return to play Monday, and return they did, blasting the overwhelmed Kansas Jayhawks 9-0 at the Eck Tennis Pavillion.

The Irish came out firing on all cylinders, and from the match's onset it was clear the Jayhawks were an endangered species.

"Everyone played well," junior star Michelle Dasso said. "We were all eager to get out there and play."

It was Dasso that gave the Irish the lead they would never relinquish. She dismantled Jayhawk Brooke Chiller in straight sets, setting an emphatic tone for the rest of the match. On this day there was no way the Irish were going to lose.

Sophomore Becky Varnum and senior Kelly Zalinski followed their teammate's sterling example with strong play of their own, as they netted victories at No. 2 and No. 3 singles respectively. Zalinski saw her match stretched to a third set, the only time all day Notre Dame would go to three. Zalinski, however, recorded yet another singles win and moving one step closer to the school record for career singles wins.

With the match clinched after singles play, head coach Jay Louderback decided to do some experimenting with his doubles pairings.

Louderback chose to play Kimberly Dasso with Sarah Scaringe at No. 3 doubles. The move was unexpected, as Guy had been sidelined for over a month with a wrist injury and was not thought to be ready to compete. Having

the win already in hand, Louderback saw a great opportunity to give Guy, one of the squad's best doubles players, a chance to work her way back in to the mix.

"She looked great out there," Dasso noted. "She's fine to practice, and she didn't have any pain. The only thing is, she can't hit a two-handed backhand."

Guy was apparently just fine, as she teamed with Scaringe for an 8-6 win.

Dasso and Varnum notched an easy win at No. 1 doubles, while Zalinski and sophomore Nina Vaughan were victorious at No. 2 doubles.

Having gotten back on track with one of their best performances of the season, the Irish anticipate a tough match when they attempt to tame the Wolverines of Michigan Wednesday.

The Wolverines have lacked bite this season, posting a record of just 6-5, but are come off their first shutout of the season, a 7-0 blanking of the Michigan State Spartans. The win was the Wolverines' first in the Big Ten.

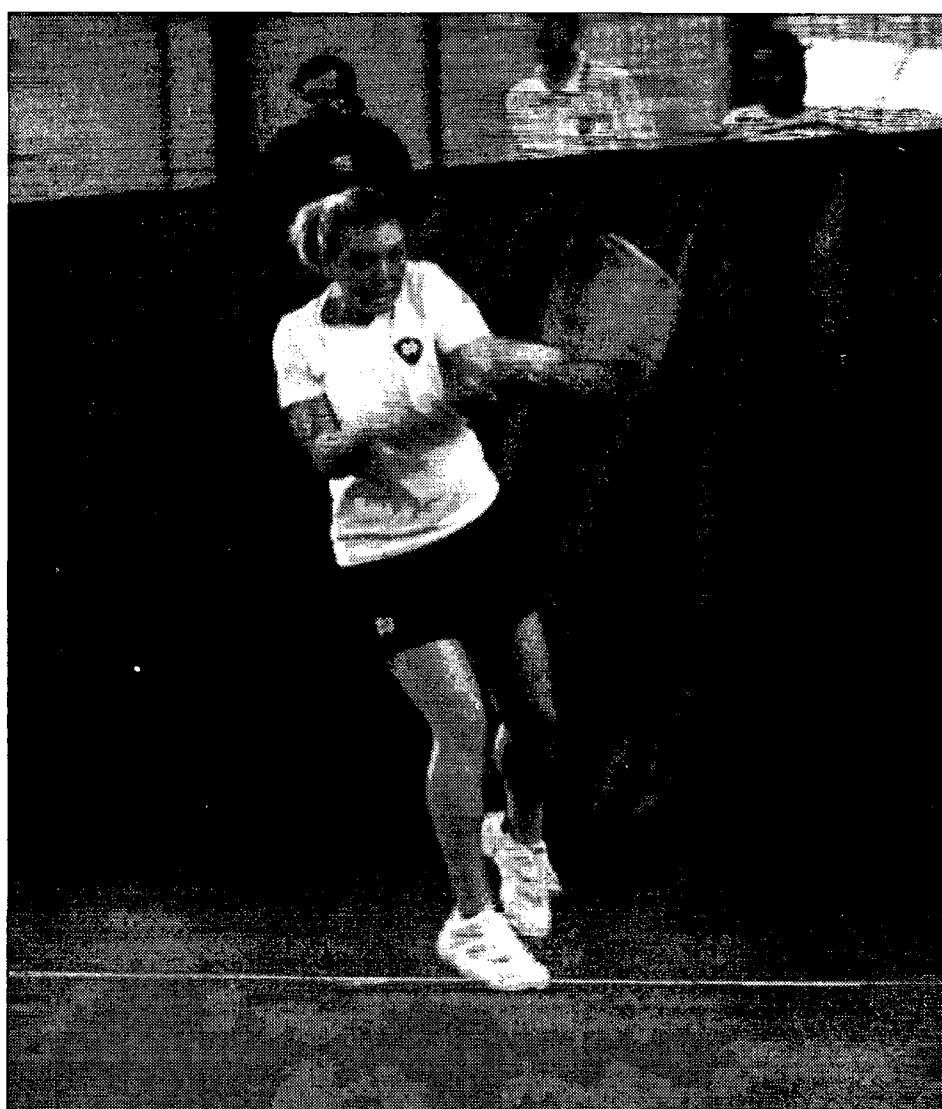
"It'll be a tough match," Dasso said. "We play them every year and it's always close. It'll be a little more important because it's a regional match."

Michigan boasts solid singles play, headed by Brooke Hart and Danielle Lund.

"Their singles are good," Dasso noted. "It's probably their strength."

Though the Wolverines are strong in one-on-one matches, the Irish will likely still have an advantage. Dasso and Varnum have been playing well of late.

The Irish should see a noticeable upswing in their doubles play. The return of Guy, even at partial strength, moves to stabilize a doubles lineup that is desperately looking to regain its early season form.



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Sophomore Becky Varnum, pictured here in a match earlier this season, was victorious in singles and doubles play against Kansas this weekend.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish drop to 9-7 with losses to Tar Heels, Blue Devils

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

Defeat is usually tough to swallow, but the 23rd-ranked Irish men's tennis team wrapped up a weekend of competition with an especially bitter taste in their mouths after losing to both 28th-ranked North Carolina and 5th-ranked Duke, to fall to 9-7 on the season.



Sachire

Notre Dame kicked off its competition on a high note Saturday against the Tar Heels by winning the doubles point to notch a 1-0 lead. The advantage disappeared, though, and North Carolina rallied for the 4-3 win with straight set singles wins at Nos. 2, 4, 5, and 6. "The North Carolina match was a tough match to lose," Irish coach Bob Bayliss said. "We played pretty hard, and it could have gone either way, but it was an opportunity we let slip through our fingers."

North Carolina's defeat of the Irish marks its first win over a Top 25 team since April 6, 1997 when they beat 25th-ranked Virginia 6-1, and was a highlight of their a recent seven-match winning streak.

The 37th-ranked doubles team of Irish sophomores Javier Taborga and Aaron Talarico beat the Tar Heels' Ben Elix and Tripp Phillips 8-5 at No. 1 doubles, improving to 15-6 on the year. Seniors

Ryan Sachire and Trent Miller followed suit with an 8-2 victory over North Carolina's Tyne Brownlow and David Cheatwood at No. 2 doubles to give the Irish the lead heading into singles.

But North Carolina came back, winning four of the six remaining singles matches.

Tenth-ranked Sachire and Matt Daly both pulled through to provide the lone singles victories for the Irish after dropping the first set in their matches. All-American Sachire beat 47th-ranked Phillips 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 at No. 1 singles, while Daly defeated Cheatwood 2-6, 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3 singles.

The Irish clung to their lead, but dropped close matches at Nos. 4 and 5 singles, allowing North Carolina to secure the victory and improve its record to 10-2.

Notre Dame's Taborga was defeated 7-6, 7-6 at No. 4 singles while Andrew Laflin was downed by the same score at No. 5 singles.

"We could have won [the Nos. 4 and 5 singles matches] and won 5-2. But 'could of, would of, should of' doesn't get it done," Bayliss said.

Following their loss to the Tar Heels, the Irish traveled to Durham, N. C., to take on the Blue Devils on Sunday, but they left any sense of force on the tennis courts in Chapel Hill.

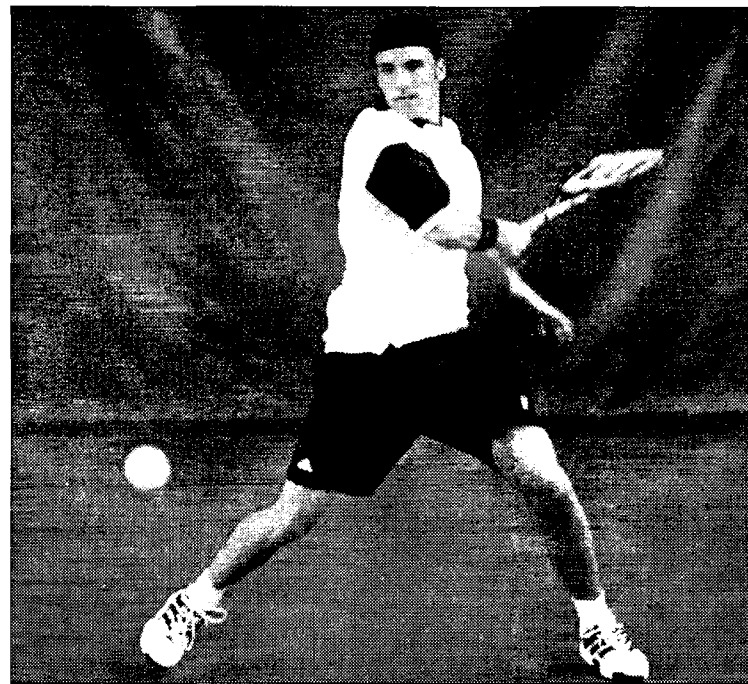
The Notre Dame squad lost the doubles point and won just one singles match in its 6-1 loss to Duke.

Duke took all three doubles matches from a scrambled Irish lineup to secure a 1-0 lead going into singles play.

Taborga, who usually pairs with Talarico at No. 1 doubles, did not play on Sunday due to a shoulder injury, leaving the duo of Sachire and Miller to fill in the top slot.

Duke's third-ranked team of Doug Root and Ramsey Smith beat Sachire and Miller 8-6, while Notre Dame's Casey Smith and James Malhame were also edged by the score of 8-6 at No. 2 doubles. Talarico and Daly teamed up for the first time and lost 8-2 in the No. 3 match. Sachire held off a Blue Devil sweep with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Duke's 42nd-ranked Root in the No. 1 singles match. The victory improves Sachire's singles record to 25-9 on the year and marks his 12th win of the year at No. 1 singles.

The Blue Devils then reeled off a string of straight set victories in the remaining five singles matches to take home the win.



Senior Ryan Sachire sets up for a backhand in a match earlier this season.

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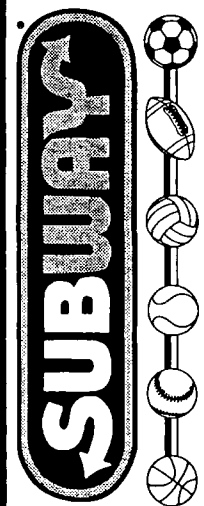
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"Martin has speed, but Anne has the corners," Speybroeck said.

Despite the inexperience, Speybroeck has high hopes his team.

"We have a lot of spirit," he said. "They'll do anything to be part of a team."

This past weekend the Belles made a good showing, winning both of their games against Hanover College.

The Belles won their first game with a score of 10-2.

They scored their 10 runs on nine hits.

"We've been working on hitting all week," assistant coach Dave Martin said. "It's still our greatest weakness, but we played pretty well overall."

The Belles' big hitter for the weekend was Katie Murphy, who went 2-4 with one triple.

"As a freshman, she stands out," Martin said. "We expect more things from her in the future."

Other contributors at the plate were Megan O'Keefe and Katy Ray, who both hit 2-4 and Kristin Martin who hit 3-3.

After a 20-minute intermission, the two teams came back for their second game. Saint Mary's came through with another win, this time 9-1.

"The second wasn't like the first," Murphy said. "We didn't start playing and hitting our best until the top of the seventh."

The Belles scored their nine runs on just eight hits.

"Hitting is definitely something we need to keep working on," Martin said.

All in all, the team came back from Hanover with two very well played games and momentum for their upcoming games.

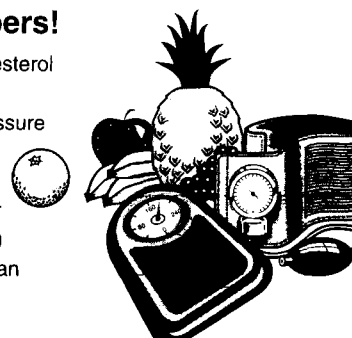
"Right now we are just polishing the edges," Martin said.

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Doherty leaving his mark on program in just one season

◆ First-year coach leads Notre Dame into NIT semifinal

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

Two weeks ago, first-year head coach Matt Doherty was forced to put a little detour in this year's game plan.

Winning an NIT championship wasn't in his original list of five goals that he set forth at the beginning of the season. Nevertheless, Doherty and the Irish (21-14) are cherishing the possibility of bringing home a title.

"Wouldn't it be nice to hang an NIT banner in the Joyce Center," Doherty said. "Darn right."

Notre Dame will have that opportunity starting tonight at 9 p.m. when it faces Penn State in the semifinals. The Irish will also have a chance to address two of Doherty's goals — getting better every day and winning the next game.

Doherty's other three goals — winning the Big East regular season, the Big East Championship and the NCAA Tournament — passed the Irish by this season, but there is always next year.

Those goals may have been lofty expectations for a team that hadn't been in the post-season in two years and had never won a Big East

Tournament game. But Doherty doesn't know any other standard.

He played with Michael Jordan at North Carolina and helped the Tar Heels to the 1982 NCAA Championship. As an assistant coach at Kansas, Doherty teamed up with Roy Williams to lead the Jayhawks to the 1993 Final Four.

And now he has brought that same winning philosophy to South Bend. Most importantly, his players have bought into it.

"At first you might have thought his goals were a little outrageous," sophomore All-American Troy Murphy said. "But he's a pretty amazing guy. We've got 21 wins and a lot of teams would like to be in the semifinals of the NIT. And he's never been a head coach before."

Not a bad resume for a first-year head coach that took over a 14-16 Irish basketball team. He also led Notre Dame to an 8-8 conference mark, a seven seed in the Big East Tournament — both school records.

His team's victory over Rutgers in the Big East tourney was the program's first in its five year history in the conference.

Yet Doherty realizes his accomplishments and knows that claiming the NIT title isn't a "win or bust" situation for the program. And he knows in the back of his mind that one great opportunity may have

passed his team by this season.

"That's been part of our mission — to prove to the NCAA committee that they made a mistake," Doherty told the Associated Press Monday during a luncheon to introduce the coaches of the NIT semifinals. "I tell the team to look at Wisconsin [in the NCAA tournament]. They have 13 losses. That could have been us."

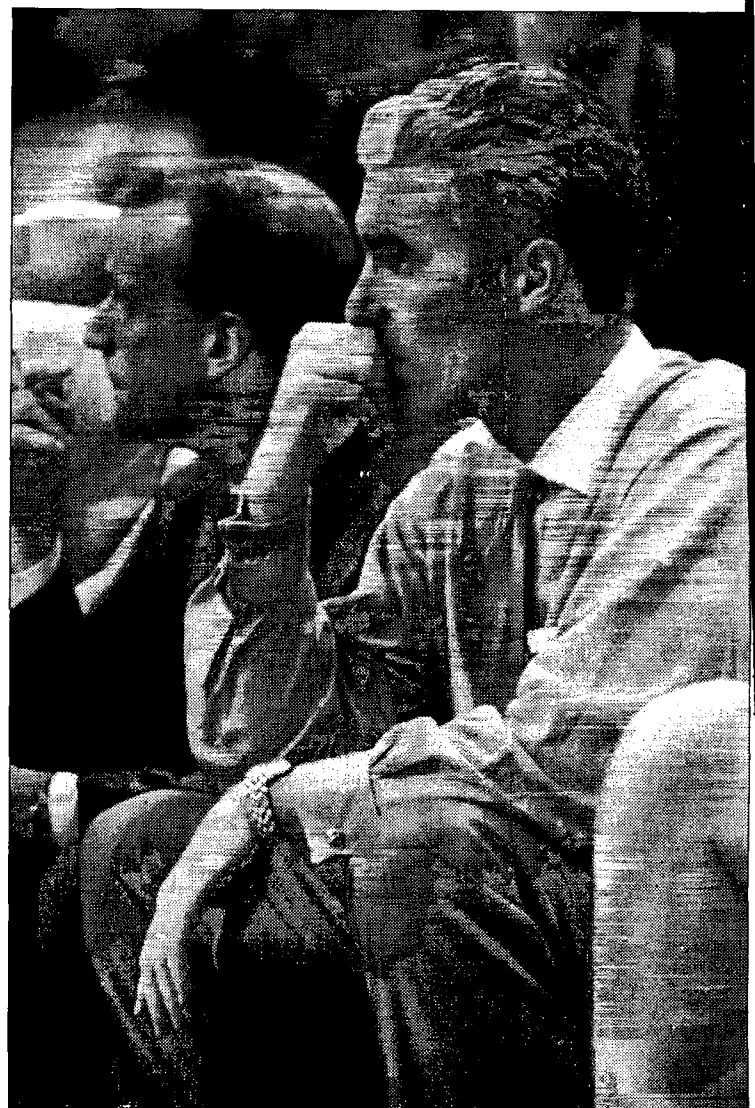
"These four [NIT] teams could be in that other tournament, but I, uh, forget the name of it," Doherty joked.

But being slighted by the NCAA committee has served as motivation for Doherty and his troops and won't soften his approach for this Final Four.

"We've talked about proving them wrong since the beginning of this tournament. We were disappointed at not making the NCAAs, and that's no slight to the NIT. I'm grateful to the NIT because I think we should be playing for some kind of championship," Doherty told the AP at the luncheon.

Doherty, a New York native, will return home and look to give Notre Dame its first-ever NIT title.






"There is a fine line between the competition in college basketball today," Doherty told the AP at the luncheon. "It's all about execution, making shots, biorhythms and the stars and the moon being in the right place that day."



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Head coach Matt Doherty looks on in a nail bitter against BYU in the NIT quarterfinal. Doherty will lead his team into battle against Penn State tonight at Madison Square Garden.

Sizing up the NIT Final Four

 Penn State (18-15) Tuesday 9 p.m. Notre Dame (21-14) 	 Championship Game Thursday 7 p.m. Consolation Game Thursday 4:30 p.m.	 North Carolina State (20-12) Tuesday 7 p.m. Wake Forest (20-14) 
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KRIS FORCIER/The Observer



Notre Dame fell just shy of an NCAA Tournament berth and is anxious to quiet its critics by sweeping the NIT. All-American forward Troy Murphy is tough to stop and tougher if teammates David Graves and Matt Carroll can get hot from behind the 3-point line. The Irish need to avoid turnovers and play to their own potential rather than that of their opposition.



North Carolina State, like Notre Dame, had an up and down season. The Wolfpack knocked off teams like Purdue, Maryland and Virginia, while suffering close losses to Duke and North Carolina. Freshman Damien Wilkins has come on strong for the 'Pack, and other top players are guard Anthony Grundy and forward Kenny Inge.



Penn State has been rolling to victory since the Big Ten Tournament ended. An experienced squad led by Jarrett Stephens and Joe Crispin surprised Ohio State by handing the Buckeyes an upset defeat. If the Nittany Lions play like they have in March, they could threaten for the title. If they are in their February form, they'll be in the consolation game.



Wake Forest has won six of its past seven games. The Deacons will be raring to go against their ACC archrival. The two teams split their games this season. Wake Forest is led by junior guard Robert O'Kelley and sophomore forward Darius Songaila. Four of their five starters are 6-foot-5 or taller.

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Notre Dame stands two wins away from NIT title

◆ Irish in search of school's first-ever postseason championship

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish men's basketball team waits two wins away from a feat never before accomplished at Notre Dame — a championship in a postseason tournament.

Winning the National Invitation Tournament may not be the pinnacle of college basketball; that's something reserved for the NCAA Tournament champion. But for a basketball program that last won 20 games in the 1988-89 season and most recently qualified for the NCAA tournament a decade ago, cutting down the nets in Madison Square Garden would send the message that Notre Dame basketball is back.

That's a message that Notre Dame (21-14) would like to

communicate loud and clear in tonight's semifinals match-up against the Penn State Nittany Lions (18-15).

"I'm just looking forward to going back to New York, proving the [NCAA Tournament selection] committee wrong, and showing everybody that we could have been in the tournament," sophomore forward Harold Swanagan said.

The Nittany Lions, who have been on fire since starting the postseason, stand in the way of an Irish celebration.

Since dropping five straight conference games to close out the regular season, Penn State won five of six in the Big Ten tournament and NIT. Three of

those victories have been over teams Notre Dame also defeated — Michigan, Ohio State and Siena.

"I know that they're playing really well right now," Notre Dame sophomore David Graves said. "I remember during the middle of the season they weren't doing too well, but obviously they made a big run and a big surge and they won some quality games. It's going to be a battle."

Penn State turns to the inside tandem of senior forward Jarrett Stephens and junior forward Titus Ivory, both of whom average in double digits.

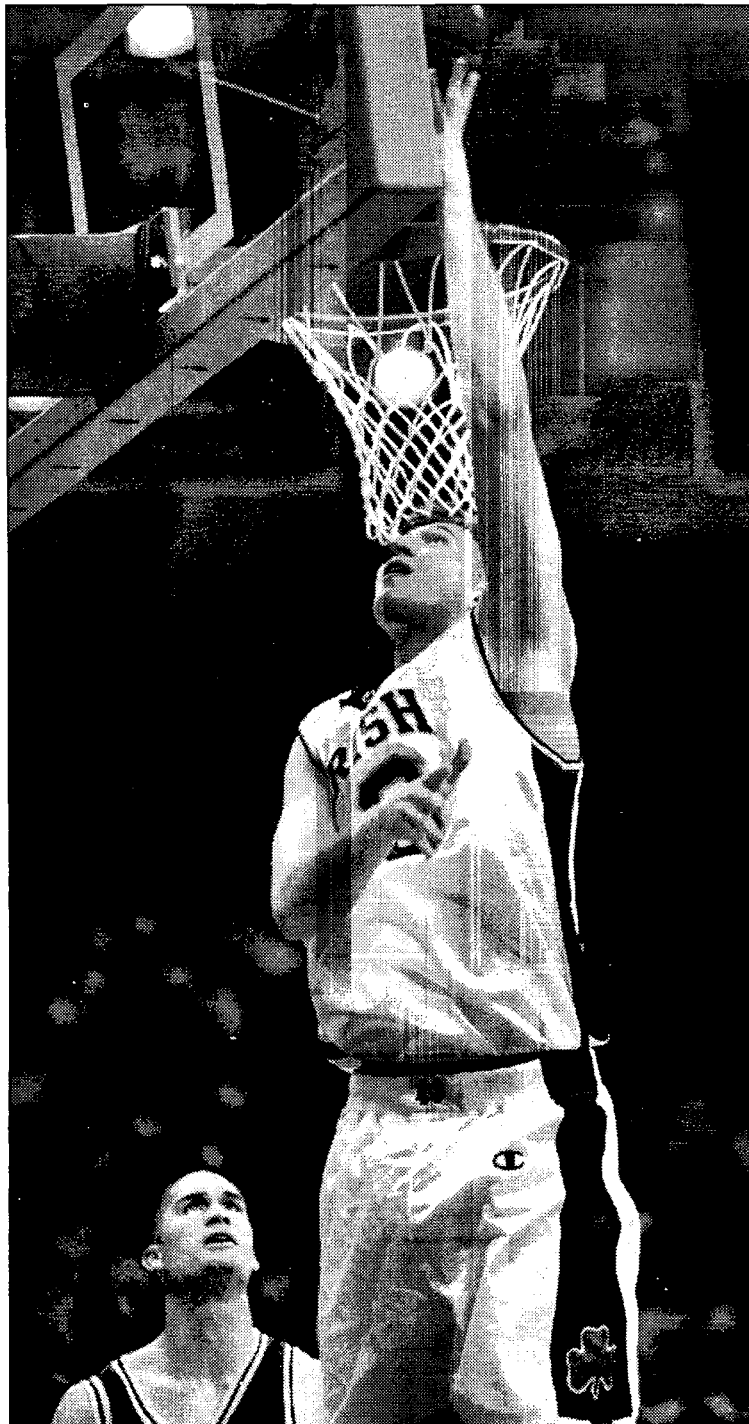
Stephens, who scores 18.7 points per game and pulls down 10.7 rebounds, was the only Big Ten player to complete the year in the top five in both categories. He recorded 19 double doubles this year.

Brothers Joe and Jon Crispin pose a perimeter threat for the Irish. Joe Crispin, a junior guard, pours in 18.8 points per game, while Jon, a freshman guard, adds 9.5 points per outing. The siblings are buddies of Notre Dame freshman guard Matt Carroll, a Pennsylvania native.

"The only thing I know about Penn State is the Crispin brothers because Matt Carroll is good friends with them," Graves said after Notre Dame beat Brigham Young to advance to the semifinals. "I know that they're tremendous shooters, and they really look for their shots."

The Irish will be looking to get Graves some open shots, who is tied for the school record in single-season 3-point field goals with 80. Carroll and senior point guard Jimmy Dillon should dish out the ball, as both have tallied at least five assists in each of Notre Dame's three NIT games.

Troy Murphy, a 6-foot-9 power forward who was named a consensus first team All-American this season, needs to work his way free for shots wherever he can get them. Murphy, who averages 22.9 points and 10.5 rebounds per game, gets double- and triple-teamed every time he sets foot on the court. The Irish need to find a way to get him the ball inside to beat a red-hot Nittany Lions squad.



JOHN DAILY/The Observer

Sophomore All-American Troy Murphy converts an uncontested lay up in Notre Dame's NIT quarterfinal victory over BYU. Murphy and the Irish take on the Nittany Lions tonight at 9 p.m.

"We're not just going to go there happy that we made it to the semifinals," Graves said. "We're going to prove to everybody who counted us out that we're legit and that we should be in the tournament."

The winner will play the victor of the North Carolina State-Wake Forest game in the finals at 7 p.m. Thursday, while the two losers will face off in a

consolation game Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

"Now we want to win this first game, because they have a consolation game in the NIT," Doherty said. "Nobody likes to play in a consolation game, so that might be a good motivator for us."

Both the Irish and the Nittany Lions are looking for their first ever NIT title.



JOHN DAILY/The Observer

Senior point guard Jimmy Dillon looks to get the ball into the post during the Irish's win over the Cougars. The victory sent Notre Dame to the semifinals where it will take on Penn State.

the inside edge



records: 21-14
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rebounding: Penn State's Jarrett Stephens and Notre Dame's Troy Murphy each grab nearly 11 rebounds per game. The Irish get the edge thanks to a better supporting cast.

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shooting: The Nittany Lions' Crispin brothers are a dangerous duo, but Graves and Carroll can shoot the rock for the Irish.



ball-handling: Notre Dame has a tendency to turn the ball over. Joe Crispin and Titus Ivory are terrific at feeding their teammates.



bench: Notre Dame gets better production off its bench, with solid outside shooters in Ingelsby, Macura and Monserez, as well as an up-and-coming inside player in Kartelo.



coaching: The experience is on the side of Penn State's Jerry Dunn, who is in his fifth year. Notre Dame's Matt Doherty worked wonders in his first year at the helm for the Irish, getting them their first 20-win season in more than a decade.



experience: Four of Penn State's starters are upperclassmen, while only Notre Dame starts only one senior. Several of the Nittany Lions played in the NIT finals two years ago.



intangibles: The Irish are out to prove they were worthy of an NCAA tournament berth, especially as two teams with 13 losses advance to the Final Four. An NIT title would help salvage Penn State's season.



Overall

Notre Dame and Penn State have fared similarly against common opponents. The Irish pulled off more upsets this season. Redemption after missing out on the Big Dance for the 11th straight year could come in the form of an NIT banner.

VOLLEYBALL

Irish recruiting class ranked ninth in nation

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame head volleyball coach Debbie Brown's 2000 recruiting class has been ranked ninth nationally in the May 2000 issue of Volleyball Magazine, one of the sport's most well-known and oldest monthly publications.

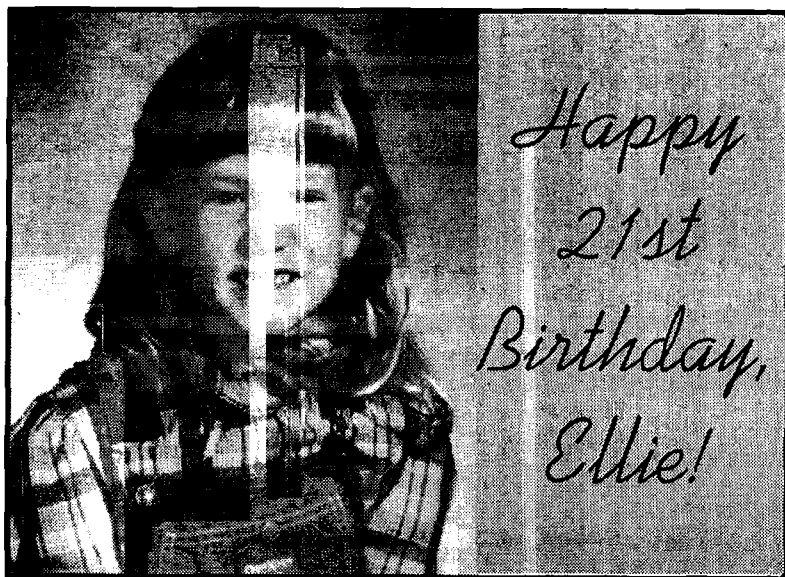
The Irish class of 2004, which is comprised of middle blocker Kim Fletcher outside hitter Jessica Kinder, setter Kristen Kinder and middle blocker Katherine Neff signed letters of intent in early February.

Two of the four recruits, Kristen Kinder and Fletcher, were also named to the publication's "Fab 50" list. The "Fab

50" list is an annual list of the country's high school seniors who have the most promise as collegiate players according to the magazine.

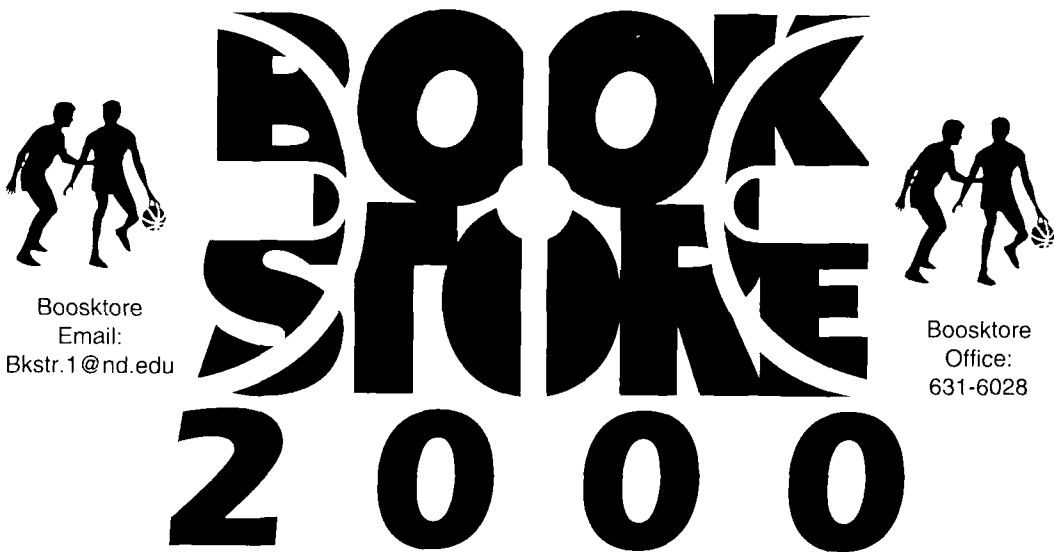
Kristen Kinder and Fletcher will join five other former Fab 50 selections next season including seniors Denise Boylan, Christi Girton and Jo Jameyson and juniors Marcie Bomhack and Malinda Goralski.

Other former Fab 50 selections to play for the Irish included 1999 Big East Player of the Year Mary Leffers, first all-conference selection and current assistant coach Lindsay Treadwell, All-American Jamie Lee and first team all-district selections Angie Harris and Carey May.



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with a .329 average. Anson was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY, in 1939.

Many other players from the pre-World War II era of Irish baseball went on to major league careers, including Fred "Cy" Williams, who played for the Irish from 1910-1912 and went on to become a four-time National League batting champion.

It was during the 1950's that two of the most significant players wore an Irish uniform.

Yaz and the '57 Irish

Ironically, the most famous Irish player this century never actually took the field in a game.

Boston Red Sox Hall of Famer Carl Yasztramski — one of the greatest American athletes during the 1960's and '70's — attended Notre Dame during the 1957-58 academic year and practiced with the baseball team. At this time, however, NCAA rules prevented freshmen from actually playing in games.

"We played against the freshmen in intersquad games back then," said former outfielder and current executive director of the Notre Dame Alumni Association Chuck Lennon, "I remember chasing a line shot of his, it was rising at about 340 feet. I was running through the goalposts in old Cartier Field."

Another member of the 1957 team gained his fame on the field for the Irish. In leading the 1957 team to a third-place finish in the College World Series — Notre Dame's highest finish ever — Jim Morris batted an incredible .714 to set a record for highest batting average in a College World Series that still stands today.

"It was just one of those times when everything was going



photo courtesy of sports information

Irish fans spend an afternoon at Cartier Field, which served as the Notre Dame baseball team's home for its first 85 years.

good," says Morris, who is now the religious school director at his local parish. "In fact, two of the outs I made were line drives."

Ron Reed pitched for the Irish in 1965, preceding a major league career in which he would win 146 games in 19 years. Reed also played in the NBA. Kevin Hardy was Notre Dame's first three-sport athlete in the second half of the century, playing baseball in 1964 and '65 while also playing basketball and football.

Moving to more recent players, in 1989 outfielder Dan Peltier was a Baseball America first-team All-American. Peltier, who was also a two-time GTE Academic All-American, went on to play for the Texas Rangers and San Francisco Giants.

Currently, there is only one Notre Dame alum playing in the major leagues. Craig Counsell played shortstop for the Irish from 1989 through 1992, setting

a school record for career doubles and serving as captain as a senior.

World Series Hero

Counsell was drafted by the Colorado Rockies in the 11th round of the 1992 draft, and eventually made the major leagues as a second baseman in 1997. Later that season, the Rockies traded him to the Florida Marlins, who eventually made it to the World Series.

In the seventh game of the Series against the Cleveland Indians, Counsell forced the game into a tie with a sacrifice fly in the ninth. An inning later, Counsell scored the winning run of the series after advancing home on a hit by shortstop Edgar Renteria.

Counsell, who currently is in spring training with the Arizona Diamondbacks competing for a spot as a backup infielder, is a member of the only father-son

combination to both serve as team captains at Notre Dame. His father, John, served as captain while playing right field for the Irish in 1964.

"I feel so fortunate to have a son who played the same sport, attended the same school, and was the type of player to end up in a leadership position," said John Counsell, who now resides in Fort Myers, Fla.

The tie that binds

While the United States experienced the Great Depression, two World Wars, and the presidency of Richard Nixon during the period between 1915 and 1975, for 49 seasons in the 62-year stretch Clarence "Jake" Kline was involved in the Notre Dame baseball program.

Kline played on the varsity squad from 1915-1917, serving as a captain in his senior season. He hit .300 each season and once hit three home runs in a game, still tied for the Irish single-game record. After fighting in the war and pursuing a professional baseball career, Kline returned to Notre Dame in 1931.

He would never leave.

After serving as freshman coach from 1931 through 1933, Kline was named varsity coach in 1934. He maintained the position until his retirement after the 1975 season at the age of 81. Kline remained involved in the program until his death in 1989 at the age of 94.

During his tenure as coach, he led many successful teams. The 1949 squad finished 20-8, earning the Irish their first ever appearance in the NCAA Championships. The Irish would advance to the NCAA Championships seven more times under Kline, including the famous '57 team that finished third in the College World Series.

"We didn't have that good of a record going in," said Morris, "We barely got into the NCAA tournament at all, and then when we did we played very well."

By the later years of his career, Kline had become somewhat of a legend. He was inducted into the College Baseball Hall of Fame in 1968. Kline seemed to know everybody in baseball, and his mind was as strong as ever.

"There was a little bit of a generational gap because at the time he was our coach he was in his late 70's. It was an interesting time in history with the end of the war," said Dick Nussbaum, who played outfield for the Irish from 1971-74, "The one thing that we had in common was our love of the game.

Despite the fact that he'd been around as long as he had, he still had a great knowledge of the game."

Changing venues

For the majority of the first 85 years that Notre Dame fielded a varsity team, home games were held at Cartier Field, which is located in an area that now consists of the quad between Notre Dame Stadium and the Hesburgh Library. These fields can be seen during the scenes on the football practice fields in the movie Knute Rockne: All-American.

In 1977, the team moved to a new facility that would be known as Jake Kline Field, in honor of the famous coach. This field is located in the area where Rolfs Recreation Center now stands. Between 1988 and 1993 Notre Dame also played some home games at Coveleski Stadium in South Bend, where the local minor league games usually take place.

The Irish moved into their current facility in 1994, Frank Eck Stadium, which features one of the finest press boxes in the nation and a very large clubhouse.

No matter where the Irish have played their home games, they have always been involved in the community.

Giving back to Notre Dame

Many former players have gone on to important roles at Notre Dame and within the Notre Dame community. Lennon, of course, has built up one of the most successful alumni programs of any university in the country.

Dick Rosenthal played first base in 1952 and '53 before serving as the predecessor to Mike Wadsworth as Notre Dame's athletic director. Current associate athletic director Tom Kelly coached the team from 1976 to 1980.

Joe Kernan, who caught for the Irish from 1967-68, served two terms as mayor of South Bend before taking his current post as Indiana lieutenant governor.

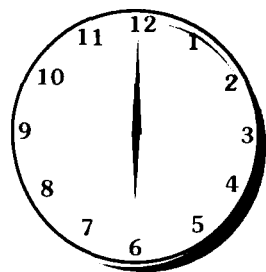
Dick Nussbaum, whose son Matt is a tri-captain on the current team, now works as a general counsel to Kernan.

"When we played we all were students first and athletes second simply because the baseball program was not as big a deal then as it is now," the elder Nussbaum said. "We were almost all walk-ons. I think it helped all of us because when we got to the world we were able to compete. We learned discipline, hard work, and competition while playing baseball."

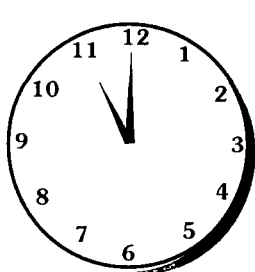


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SOFTBALL

Irish fall to Michigan, place second at Invite

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame softball combined for a season-high record of 16 hits as it finished second in the Boilermaker Invitational over the weekend.

The No. 22 Irish, who improved to 22-8 overall, went 3-1 at Purdue, falling only to the tournament champion No. 13 Michigan.

Junior Melanie Alkire and sophomore Jennifer Kriech led the Irish as they were named to the all-tournament team.

Alkire and Jennifer Sharron led Notre Dame offensively as it grabbed a total of 16 hits to defeat Kent State 12-4 in game on Saturday.

The Golden Flashes grabbed an early lead with four runs in the top of the third before the Irish struck back. Alkire finished the rally with a two-run home run to top the five Irish runs in the bottom of the third. Four more Irish players crossed the plate during the fourth, including two on a double by Alkire.

The Irish grabbed three more runs in the sixth, including two on a home run by Sharron, to put the Golden Flashes away.

Alkire also led Notre Dame defensively, earning the win on the mound, to improve her record to 5-0 on the season. Sophomore Michelle Moschel grabbed the save with six strikeouts and no hits.

In game two action on

Saturday, Notre Dame fell to No. 13 Michigan 5-1 for its only loss of the tournament. The Wolverines got revenge for their NCAA Tournament loss to the Irish. Andrea Loman tripled and scored Notre Dame's lone run on an infield single by Andria Bledsoe.

The Irish came on strong in the first game Sunday to defeat Toledo 12-1. The Rockets totaled just three hits while Notre Dame racked up 13.

Kriech kicked off the scoring for the Irish with a double before scoring on an RBI by Alkire in the first. Notre Dame then went up 5-0 with a big second inning.

The Irish grabbed three runs in the third before scoring two more runs in both the fourth and fifth to finish the Rockets.

After a split decision last week at home, the Irish came back to show Purdue who is in charge with a 4-0 win. The victory clinched second place in the tournament for Notre Dame.

The game was scoreless through the fourth. Danielle Klayman, who finished 3-for-3, singled in the fifth and scored on a RBI single by Kriech to give Notre Dame its first run. Bledsoe and Alkire each added an RBI single to aid the Irish.

Pitcher Sharron earned her 11th win of the season (11-4) and seventh solo shutout while allowing just two hits and striking out seven.

Notre Dame next plays on Wednesday, when it will host a doubleheader with Eastern



Michelle Moschel, pictured here in a game earlier this season, recorded six strikeouts and the save against Kent State this weekend.

SHANNON BENNETT/The Observer

Alkire earns second Big East honor

Special to The Observer

For the second time this season, Notre Dame softball player Melanie Alkire has been named the Big East Player of the Week for her strong performances in Notre Dame's six games last week.



Alkire

Alkire, who received the same honor March 13, shares the award with Seton Hall's Vickie Lamb.

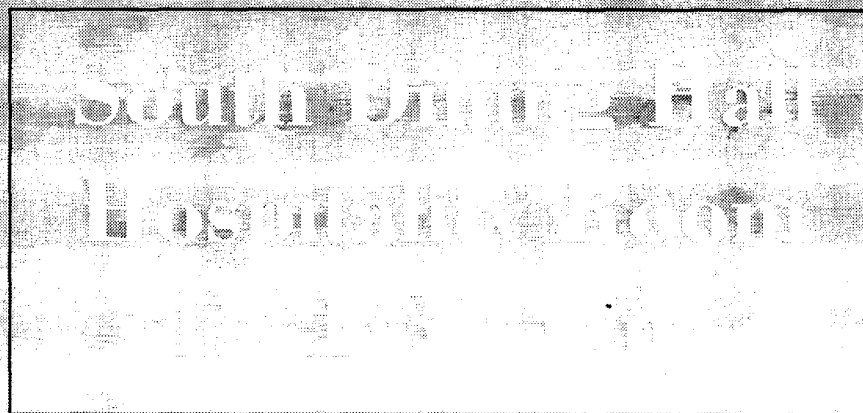
Alkire hit .450 (9-for-20) last week, including three runs scored, five doubles and 11 RBI.

She went a perfect 2-0 on the mound to move her overall pitching record to 6-0 in 2000.

The junior shortstop/pitcher hit .571 in four games to lead Notre Dame to a second-place finish at the Boilermaker Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind., earning all-tournament honors for the second time this season.

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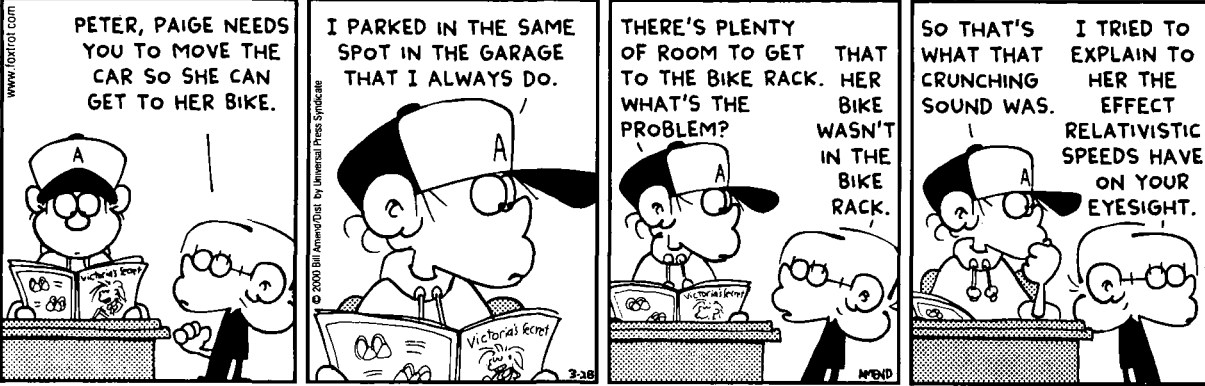
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Lesson #22: How to feign interest in the most worthless job, whatsoever.

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CROSSWORD

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1 G.I.'s lullaby?

5 Forty-niner's filing

10 Visually dull

14 Mate's shout

15 Barbera's partner in cartooning

16 Go backpacking

17 Worrier's habit

19 Hillside shelter

20 Oscar winner Sophia

21 Krarnden's pal on "The Honeymooners"

23 Hot and dry

26 Sending to one's fate

27 Language of the Koran

28 French novelist Honoré de ____
- 29 Salome's seven

30 Aladdin's enabler

31 Vladimir Putin's onetime org.

34 French 101 verb

35 Redhead's dye

36 Gin flavoring

37 ____ Bingle (Crosby moniker)

38 Toss back and forth

39 Begins to flutter the eyelids

40 Shuttle plane

42 Jolson's river of song

43 Noted Parthenon sculptor

45 In the middle of

46 Small wound

47 Drink for Dracula
- DOWN**

1 "The Joy Luck Club" author

2 "Caught you!"

3 Taro dish

4 One of 17 in a haiku

5 French president Jacques

6 Head toward evening

7 Have ____ (be connected)

8 Quaint lodging

9 Mississippi's state tree

10 TV's "____ and Greg"

11 Highly amusing

12 Ohio tire center

13 Living thing

18 Mussorgsky's Godunov

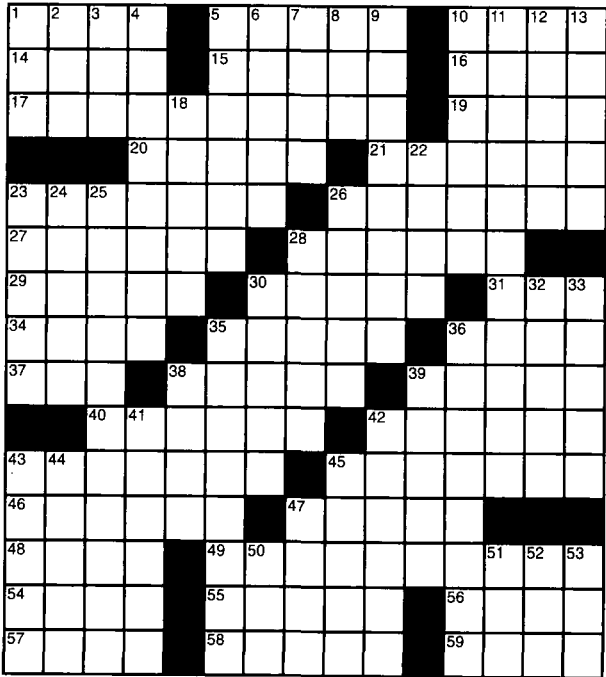
22 Move like molasses

23 "____ by the bell!"

24 Mountain ridge

25 Like a horror movie

26 Actor DeVito



Puzzle by Frances Hansen

- 28 Diver's dread, with "the"

30 Ranking above species

32 Tennessee political family

33 Assailed on all sides

35 "Carmen" highlight

36 Hold one's ground

38 Vivacity

39 Attack like an eagle
- 41 Cementheads

42 Not chunky, as peanut butter

43 Raindrop sounds

44 Sun: Prefix

45 Suisse range
- 47 Horror icon Lugosi

50 Archery wood

51 High dudgeon

52 Put the kibosh on

53 Gangster's gun

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (95¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2000

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Dianne Wiest, Reba McEntire, Neil Kinnock, Frank Murkowski, Dirk Bogarde, Karen Kain, Vince Vaughn

Happy Birthday: You'll be off to the races this year. Interaction with others will lead you in new directions. You will stand up for your rights and take on any challenge. Your sharp mind will help you take action quickly. You will get what you want as long as you're persistent. Your numbers: 6, 14, 18, 25, 39, 44

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may be taken advantage of if you are too eager to please others. Don't make promises you can't keep and be sure not to offer to pay for other's entertainment. ☹☹

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let your jealous nature get out of hand today. Arguments with your partner will lead to loneliness and possible estrangement. ☹☹☹☹

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Travel will beckon your wandering spirit, but consider the cost before you take off. Your responsibilities must be taken care of first. ☹☹

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may get angry if others try to take advantage of your generosity. You may misplace your wallet if you aren't careful. Competitive games may cause disputes. ☹☹

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Anger will mount if you aren't attentive towards your mate. Be sure to call if you're going to be late. Problems with your boss may cause you to work overtime. ☹☹☹

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Preoccupation will lead to minor accidents. You must try to think before you speak; tempers will flare up if you have been tactless. ☹☹☹☹

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Children will make you very proud today if you have taken the time to help them with their efforts. You may find an older member of your family too demanding. ☹☹

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Emotionally you may find it difficult to express yourself to loved ones. However, you will be able to concentrate on serious matters pertaining to your future goals. ☹☹☹☹

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't let others stand in your way. Do your own thing and don't ask for permission. In-laws can cause a lot of grief if you allow them to interfere in your personal dreams. ☹☹☹

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Let go of the past, and you'll be surprised how much you can accomplish. Your emotional well-being depends on your ability to see all the possibilities. ☹☹☹

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Energetic activities will fill your day. Be prepared to venture into areas you may have little knowledge about. Be yourself and everything will fall into place. ☹☹☹

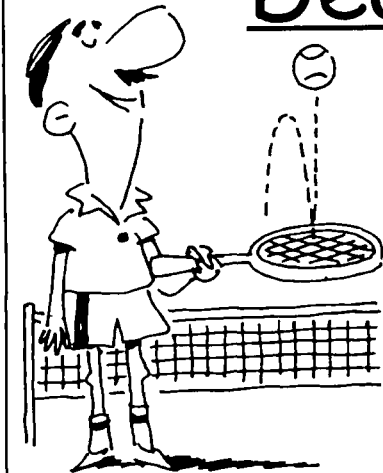
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You should spend some time developing a creative hobby you enjoy. You may turn your outlet into a moneymaking venture. Your ability to work with details will give you an edge. ☹☹☹☹

Birthday Baby: You will continually look for something that will add adventure and excitement to your life. You will never back down from a challenge and will use your charm and wit to help you excel throughout life. (Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)

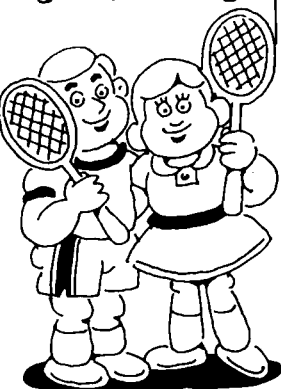
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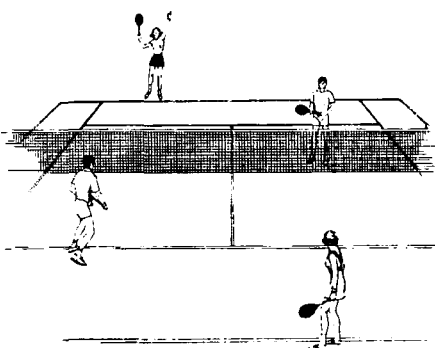
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THE
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Tuesday, March 28, 2000

SOFTBALL

Saint Mary's opens home season with pair of wins

By KAREN SCHAFF
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's softball team started the home season off on the right foot with an 8-0 win over the Concordia Cougars. With these wins the Belles bettered their record to 9-4.

Game 1

Saint Mary's 8
Concordia 0

Game 2

Saint Mary's 12
Concordia 1

Saint Mary's hosted a double header with Concordia for their home opener Monday. The Belles came out looking strong in their first game, shutting out the Cougars 8-0.

The Belles trounced the Cougars in the second game of the double header, cruising to a 12-1 win.

The Belles dominated offensively with Rachel Deer and Trish Klockner blasting home runs in the first inning.

"We're coming out of our hitting slump," Klockner said. "And we're starting to gel together."

The Belles defense then came out in the top of the second and shut down the Cougars, three up and three down.

"We were so fired up from the beginning and that boosted our emotions to play," Deer said.

Midway through the third inning the Belles had created a substantial lead, 12-1. The Belles continued to play hard.

Concordia suffered from poor play. The Cougars had several errors and gave up several runs due to walks. They did not lack the cohesion the Belles displayed during the game.

"We looked strong, and defensively we are as solid as any other team out there," head coach Dave Speybroeck said.

He added that he has been moving his team around, trying to fit each player to her position.

"I like to put my fastest girls in the outfield so they can get to the ball," he said.

This year's team lacks experience. Eight of 18 players are freshmen and there are no returning seniors.

"Most of my freshmen girls just need college experience," Speybroeck said. "They are all really good players, and we are just trying to find where they are best suited for right now."

For Wednesday's game against Olivet College, Speybroeck wants to work on pitching.

He noted that although his pitchers have rhythm, their speed isn't quite there yet. Kristin Martin and Anne Senger each pitched against Concordia.



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

A Saint Mary's player crosses the plate in the Belles win over the Cougars last weekend. The two-game sweep of Concordia improves Saint Mary's record to 9-4 on the season.

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BASEBALL

Heilman pitches a gem in Notre Dame's 3,000th game



photo courtesy of sports information

The Notre Dame baseball team dons old Irish uniforms for its 3,000th game. The Irish were victorious on the road against the Wildcats.

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Writer

In 1866, two students from Marshalltown, Iowa — Sturgis and Adrian "Cap" Anson — introduced the game of baseball to the students at Notre Dame. For the next 20 years, the sport was played between teams of students on campus. Finally, during the 1891-92 school year, Notre Dame decided to make baseball a varsity sport. 108 years later, the Irish baseball team played its 3,000th baseball game as All-American junior Aaron Heilman pitched a one-hit shutout to lead the Notre Dame past Villanova, 4-0.

"I guess it was only fitting that in the 3,000th game in the history of Notre Dame baseball one of the greatest of them all was able to pitch a gem for us," current head coach Paul Mainieri said. "He was very close to pitching a no-hitter. Had I positioned

our center-fielder correctly, he probably would have caught the one bloop single in his back pocket."

Indeed Heilman, ranked as one of the top two college pitchers in America right now, is truly one of the greatest athletes to step on the diamond for the Irish. However in the preceding century, many other great players have donned a cap with the "ND" logo.

A century of greatness

Perhaps one of the most recognizable names in Notre Dame baseball history was none other than its originator, Cap Anson. Anson was one of the original players in the old National Association, the old major league. He went on to become the predominant figure in pre-20th century baseball, finishing a 27-year career as player-manager of the Chicago White Stockings (now known as the Cubs)

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SPORTS
AT A
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Baseball
vs. Central Michigan
Today, 5:05 p.m.



at Michigan
Wednesday, 4 p.m.



Men's Golf
at Kentucky
Friday



at Texas
Saturday, 1 p.m.



vs. Penn State in New York
NIT semifinals
Today, 9 p.m.



Softball
vs. Eastern Michigan
Wednesday, 4 p.m.



Track and Field
Saturday, 10 a.m.



vs. Ohio State
Saturday, 3 p.m.