



We be clubbin'

Think Notre Dame is all football? There is more to do in the shadows of the Golden Dome, check out some lesser-known clubs.

Scene ♦ page 10-11

Rock the vote

ND's student body elections are today. Vote in residence halls at specified times. Off-campus students vote outside DeBartolo computer lab from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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Voting trends evident in student elections

By KATE NAGENGAST
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Despite consistent complaints of student apathy, Notre Dame students have their own set of voting trends and a history of impressive voter turnout come election day.

The entire student body maintains an average voter turnout rate of 52 percent. However if off-campus students are eliminated from the statistics, the rate jumps to 62 percent, said Jay Smith, chief of staff for the O'Donoghue/Norton administration.

"If you look at that nationally it's a lot higher than the national average," he said.

Since off-campus voters are required to vote in DeBartolo, while the rest of the student body files ballots within their dorms, proximity and convenience could contribute to the lower off-campus student turnout.

Yet, there are additional factors that affect the turnout rate, including convenient locations of the ballot boxes within the dorms, publicity and awareness of the election — and, according to Smith, gender.

"Looking at the percentages over the course of the last four elections it seems to me that female dorms vote in much higher percentages than male dorms,"

he said. "This is just a hypothesis, but the reason could be that nationally women are beginning to vote with a great frequency and preponderance than men do in U.S. elections. I think it is an overall trend."

However, Notre Dame has a few trends of its own.

"I'd say there are two things that distinguish Notre Dame from other schools [regarding student government elections]," said Smith. "The first being the affinity towards a dorm, the second being the percentage of people who participate."

Smith's mention of dorm affinity is not insignificant. In fact, dorm preference is

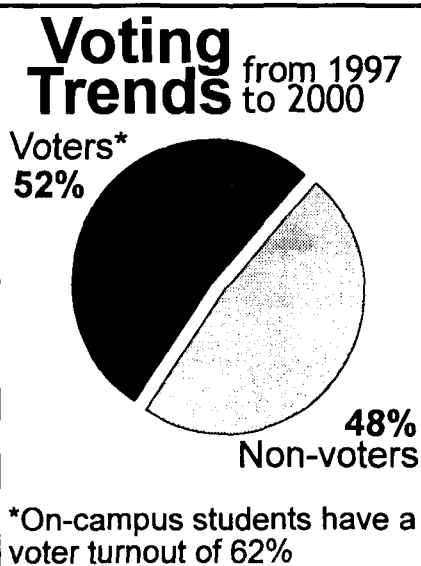
just one of a few trends noticeable in the judicial council's election summaries from 1997 through 2000. The council maintains records of voter turnout per dorm, and the number of votes each candidate receives from each dorm in both primary and run-off elections.

Using records from 1997 and 2000 primary elections, every candidate won their president's dorm, and an overwhelming majority carried the vice president's dorm as well if it differed from the president's.

The only notable exception was Zahm Hall, whose residents occasionally had trouble choosing from a number of less popular tickets the dorm contributed.

"If you look at that nationally, [Notre Dame's percentage is] a lot higher than the national average."

Jay Smith
chief of staff



Only one candidate from both 1997 and none from 2000 was an off-campus resident. However, he failed to win the off-campus vote.

Female dorms — with their higher voter turnout — were especially influential in determining the candidates that entered the run-off election in both 1997 and 2000. The dorms, however, did not vote along gender lines in either election and the judicial council's results were inconclusive with regards to consistent male or female support of male or female candidates.

Absentee voters — those studying abroad during the spring semester — voted for the winning tickets in both

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Power outage darkens South Quad

Observer Staff Report

Dan Barabas was expecting a normal Friday night: he'd pre-party at Fisher Hall before heading to Holiday Inn City Center for a formal dance. But as the sophomore and his girlfriend Elizabeth Ayala walked back from Cavanaugh, every light around them went off, and South Quad turned black.

"We were shocked and chagrined," Barabas said. "It was funny, and when we got back to Fisher, it was mayhem. Our rector was walking around with a flashlight."

The power outage on South Quad Friday began around 8:30 p.m. and lasted until a little after 1 a.m., University facilities officials said. Pangborn, Dillon, Fisher, Alumni and Lyons halls lost power.

According to Paul Kempf, director of utilities, the blackout resulted from a failed cable connected to a circuit that provides power to South Quad buildings. Kempf did not link the cable failure to any specific event.

"It's just one of those things that happens from time to time," he said.

Student reaction to the outage was mixed.

When Kristen Roger's lights went out in her Pangborn room, she expected

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Monologues cancellation inspires student protest

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

Students lined LeMans hallway Friday afternoon to protest censorship of the Vagina Monologues on Saint Mary's campus.

The sit-in was held outside the office of College President Marilou Eldred in response to an administrative decision to not allow The Vagina Monologues to be performed on campus.

"I was looking for recognition of the fact that censorship of a theatrical performance on a college campus is contrary to academic freedom," said Jen Wagner, the organizer of the sit-in. "I read about Dr. Eldred's final decision in the paper and that was the last straw."

According to organizers, between 25 and 40 people attended the sit-in in support of the cause. In addition, the organizers were looking for signatures on a petition in opposition to censorship on Saint Mary's campus. Nearly 300 signatures

were collected on the petition, Wagner said.

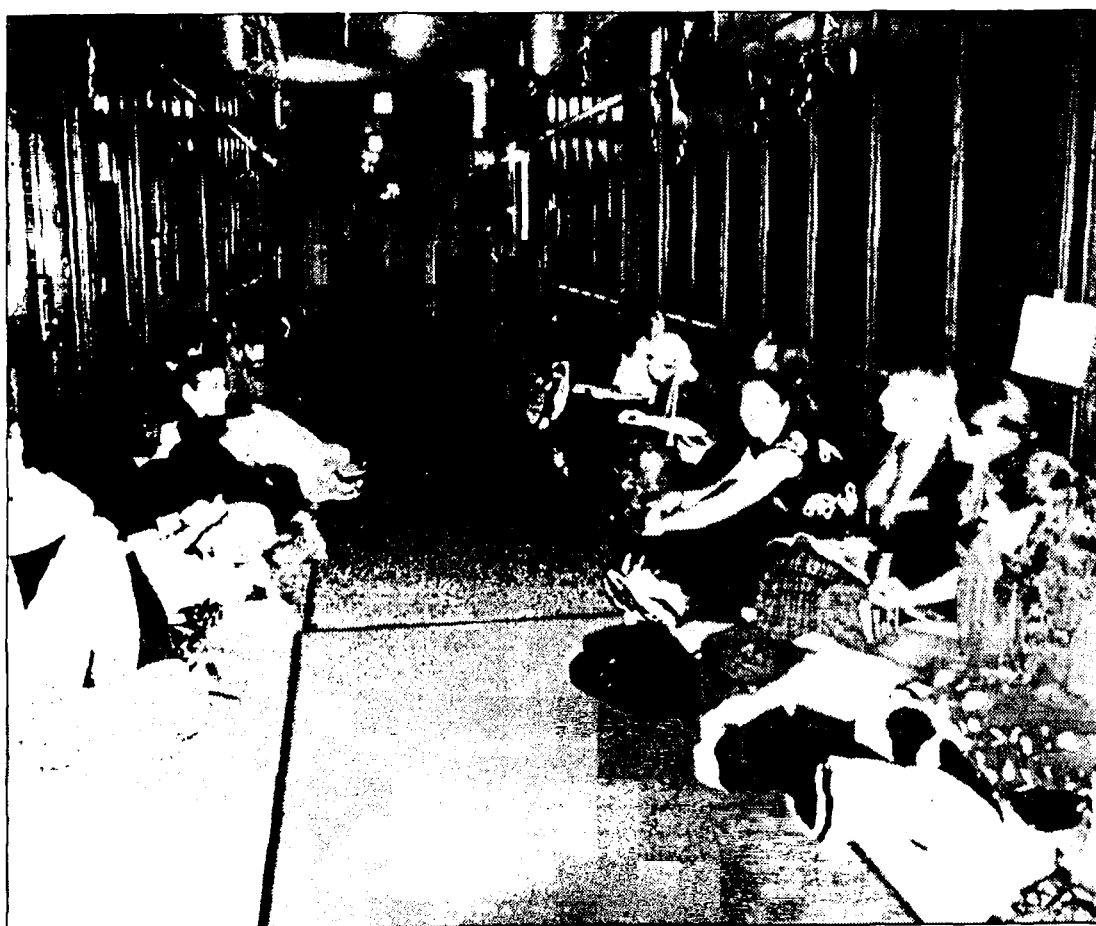
The sit-in began as parents arrived on campus for sophomore parents' weekend at the college. Wagner explained that they timed it that way so more than students would hear what the organizers had to say.

Although Eldred explained her reasoning to the entire student body and made a final decision regarding the Monologues, some hope there is still the possibility that she will change her mind.

"I still think there's a chance that president Eldred will be persuaded to change her mind," said Notre Dame graduate student Aaron Kreider, a member of the protest. "The sit-in combined with students talking to her and writing letters in the future are going to add up."

According to Wagner, the petition was given to Eldred after the sit-in ended on Friday afternoon.

"I hope that we no longer see censorship of dramatic productions on this campus," Wagner said.



KRISTINE KAI/The Observer

Saint Mary's students sit outside of College President Marilou Eldred's office in protest of the cancellation of the Vagina Monologues.

INSIDE COLUMN

More than corn

I'll be the first to admit that my state is not that cool.

Indiana has not garnered itself a great reputation of late. The man from Evansville who fired a gun in front of the White House has done little for our reputation. I agree with most people that his was an asinine move.

But that's usually where our agreement ends. I shake my head vehemently at each reference to Indiana as the cause of his problems and idiocy at essentially trying to kill himself next to the most guarded house in the United States.

I cringe at the cries of "only in Indiana."

No, NOT only in Indiana.

This country is full of strange, messed up people and they do not all come from Indiana. I'm not lobbying that Indiana is the hippest, most exciting place to visit. Indiana tourism experts have enough trouble doing that.

But as aesthetically and eventually boring as it can sometimes be, Indiana is not where cows and nasty, old farmers come to die.

There's a long-standing theory that Indiana is made up of — well, corn and "white trash."

I'm from Northwest Indiana. I've never really liked corn. And as I write this, I'm confident that the Guns 'N Roses I'm listening to doesn't make me white trash but someone with an eclectic music collection.

It's amazing what you learn about your hometown when you leave it. I never knew that all people from NWI lack "street smarts" and are gullible. And you can imagine how lucky I felt to have escaped the pregnancy plague that some believe has hit my hometown.

But really, when is my polite smiling supposed to end? When I'm made to feel ashamed of the home where my parents raised me? Am I not supposed to be insulted when people ask me if I've been cow tipping?

There are pregnant teenagers and toothless bartenders in the most stereotypically classy states in the country. Indiana isn't some refuge state where they all migrate.

Every town or city in America has "townies," South Bend and Indiana are no exceptions. Every state has dirty men with no teeth and bad breath.

Scan your local bars the next time you're home.

Look for the overweight, 45-year-old men singing karaoke. Look for the middle-aged women in tight leather skirts who should NOT be wearing tight leather skirts.

They're not just in Indiana. They're in your towns and states, too.

And Notre Dame is not some haven where all normal, non-white trash Hoosiers congregate. "Notre Dame doesn't belong in Indiana," I hear from friends and classmates.

How arrogant.

The fact is everyone at Notre Dame chose to attend a school in Indiana. And while South Bend is not the safest or most fun city, it is where we spend our four years. It's where we make our stories and build our friendships. It is guaranteed where you will continue to visit each year you attend a football game or visit your old dorm.

And one day you may find yourself strangely missing the city and state with all the townies. Or at least you'll miss making so much fun of them.

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Monday

◆ Lecture: "Party

Discipline in the Mexican Chamber of Deputies," Benito Nacif Hernandez, Kellogg Visiting Fellow, CIDE Dept. of Politics, C-103 Hesburgh Center, 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday

◆ Movie: All-campus movie

screening of Bob Fosse's "All That Jazz," followed by a feedback session with special guest appearance by actor Roy Scheider, O'Laughlin Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

◆ Lecture: "What Ethics

Week Means to the Mendoza College of Business," Carolyn Woo, Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza College of Business, brown bag luncheon, 12:30 p.m.

Thursday

◆ Current Affairs Panel:

"Irreconcilable Differences? Can Palestine and Israel find Peace?", Peter Wallenstein, Alan Dowty, Dan Lindley, C-103 Hesburgh Center for International Studies, 12:30 p.m.



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OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Law prevents U. Penn from distributing RU-486

PHILADELPHIA
As colleges across the nation debate whether to distribute the so-called "abortion pill" on their campuses, officials at University of Pennsylvania Student Health Services say they will not be able to provide RU-486, despite its recent approval by the Food and Drug Administration.

In a letter to physicians, the Pennsylvania Department of Health announced that, in accordance with its Abortion Control Act, only facilities registered to provide abortions would be allowed to give the drug — thereby excluding Student Health Services.

Student Health, however, will continue to provide advice for women facing unwanted pregnancy

and referrals to abortion providers, like the Philadelphia Women's Center, if necessary.

Janice Asher, medical director of Women's Health Services, said she agreed with the Department of Health's decision and added that

she usually would suggest other forms of abortion over the pill.

"I am less enthusiastic about it for a Penn population ... because we have excellent access to competent surgical-abortion providers," she said. "We don't have the facilities to provide for the complications."

RU-486, also known as mifepristone, is taken within the first seven weeks of pregnancy, and works by blocking the hormone progesterone, which stops the development of the fetus.

A second drug, misoprostol, is provided a few days later and causes the uterus to contract and expel the fetus, in a similar manner to that of a natural miscarriage.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Presidents vent in internet diaries

COLUMBIA, Mo.

Students across the nation now have the chance to see the ethics and morals of their university presidents firsthand. The presidents of some colleges and universities are posting their ideas on the Internet in the Journal of College and Character at www.collegevalues.org. The Journal is a Web site devoted to bringing morals back to the university. Its main focus is to add "civil learning" to the curriculum. The site is accepting entries from presidents relating to ethical issues that may arise on campus. The decreasing role universities are playing in place of parents, known as "in loco parentis," is why colleges swayed from teaching civic learning and ethics, said Jon Dalton, the journal's editor and the director of the Center for the Study of Values in College Student Development for Florida State University. Consequently, Dalton said, he began the project last year to help the president have a stronger presence at the university. "Presidential leadership is really important in setting the moral tone for the university," Dalton said.

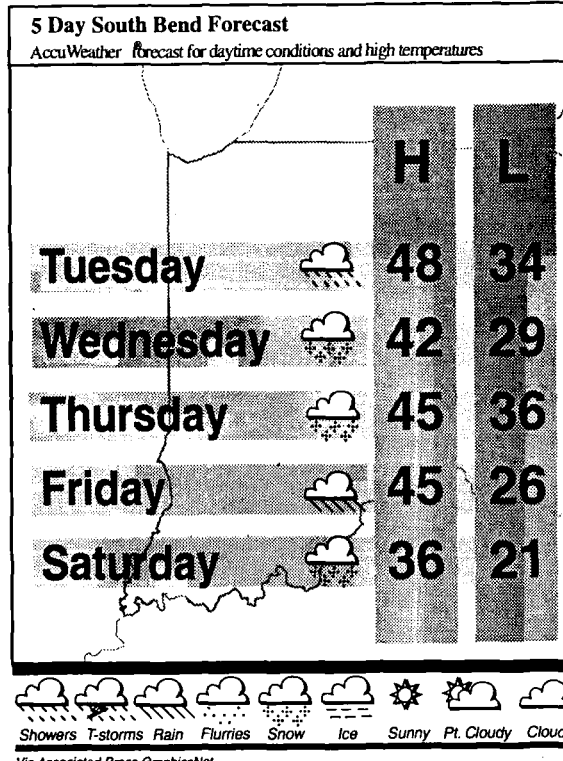
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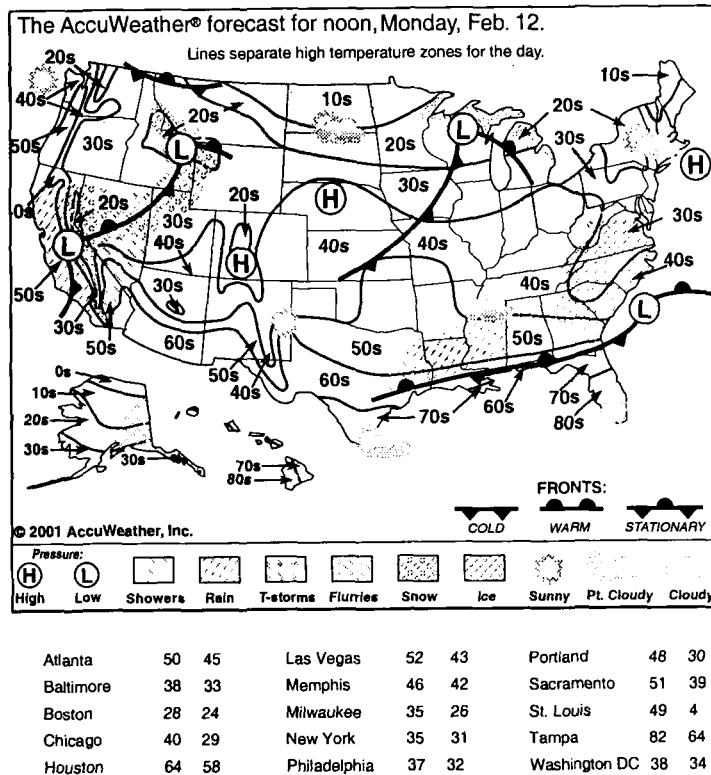
CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

The Educational Testing Service (ETS) announced Thursday that it will no longer flag the test scores of students who take standardized tests with special accommodations for their disabilities. For now, the announcement only applies to the GMAT, GRE, TOFEL and Praxis exams. The College Board, an independent agency affiliated with the ETS, will decide by March 31 if the same policy will apply to SAT scores. Flagged scores are currently distinguished by the notation, "Scores Obtained Under Special Conditions," in score reports sent to college admissions offices and students. Director of Harvard Admissions Marlyn McGrath Lewis '73 said she is not concerned about receiving scores that have been taken under special conditions but are not denoted as such. She said that the potential change in score-reporting would not affect the College's admission process. "This is actually not a big deal," McGrath Lewis wrote in an e-mail. "Tests play a useful, but limited, role in our selection."

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SPAIN

Women rule for day to honor past

Associated Press

ZAMARRAMALA

Women donned black, white and red gowns Sunday for a festival to honor their foremothers, who helped win a legendary 13th century battle by mesmerizing Moorish invaders with a seductive dance.

According to local lore, the women of Zamarramala stood outside a castle in nearby Segovia in 1227 and bewitched the invaders with songs and dances. Their unusual diversionary tactic worked; the village men — farmers armed with hoes — crept in through the back and captured the fortress.

As their reward, the women were allowed to rule the village for one day each year. The tradition, honored annual-

ly, remains one of Spain's oldest festivals.

On Sunday, thousands packed the streets of Zamarramala, a small town about 60 miles north of Madrid.

At a reception reserved exclusively for Zamarramala's married women, chefs served up a local specialty — spicy sausage simmered in white wine, with chunks of thick, country-style bread for dunking. Outside, street vendors offered the same for everybody else.

A scarecrow-like figure with a dirty pinstriped suit and the face of a gargoyle was burned in effigy, symbolic of "all that is wrong with men," said festival organizer Sara Velasco.

"This is our way of supporting women's drive for their rightful place in society," Velasco said.

In some households, men played homemaker and did all the chores -- from making the beds to cooking.

"I've got my wife and mother-in-law at home right now and I have to wait on them hand and foot," said Esteban Calle Lazaro, 60. "They're actually in charge every day, but today even more."

The festival's guest of honor was Luisa Fernanda Rudi, speaker of the Spanish Parliament — named this year's "Matahombres de Oro," which translates to "golden mankiller," for her efforts to promote female empowerment.

"The award doesn't mean what it looks like semantically," Rudi told the crowd. "All of this is a symbol of the defense of women and their role at the dawn of the new century."

Mary Tyler Moore fights Gov. Pataki over teen gun control

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y.

Westchester County's most famous TV mom is taking on Gov. George Pataki's proposal to allow more teen-agers to hunt big game.

Mary Tyler Moore, who gained fame in the 1960s sitcom "The Dick Van Dyke Show" that was set in the Westchester County town of New Rochelle, is supporting an effort by The Fund for Animals to shoot down Pataki's proposal even before it formally

reaches the Legislature.

The measure would lower the age to legally hunt deer and bear to 14 from 16. Young hunters would have to complete the state's 10-hour hunter safety course and hunt with a parent or have written permission from a parent to go out with another licensed adult.

"The government should not be in the role of promoting and placing firearms in the hands of children," Moore, who now lives in New York's Dutchess County, said in a letter released Friday.

"Basketballs, baseballs and books are a much better alternative."

Study: advertising most dangerous for children

By KEVIN SCHUMM
News Writer

While commonly believed to influence only the events leading up to and including the purchase of an item, advertising impacts children's post-purchase experience as well, according to a recent study conducted by Mendoza College of Business Marketing Professor Elizabeth Moore.

"We discovered that exposure to advertising can still have an impact not only after a product is purchased, but that it can actually alter the experience kids have with the product itself," said Moore.

In addition to the post-purchase effect of advertising,

Moore also found that advertising was more influential with older children. This finding at first seems slightly counterintuitive because "the prevailing wisdom is that children become less susceptible to advertising as they mature," said Moore.

However, the greater cognitive abilities of older children may in fact be the very reason for their increased receptiveness to advertising.

"[With] older kids there are multiple routes to persuasion available. Ultimately, they have more ways to connect the ad to their own experience," she said.

Co-authored by University of Florida Professor Richard Lutz, the study focused on two

age groups of Florida elementary school children. According to Moore, at or shortly after age 8, most children recognize the "persuasion intent" of advertising; to cover both stages of development, the study focused on children from age 7 to 8 as well as children age 10 to 11.

In order to accurately measure the effects of advertising on children, Moore and Lutz employed the research technique of triangulation. This technique lead to the utilization of both a hypothesis study as well as a discovery-oriented study where Moore and Lutz gained both quantitative and qualitative support for their argument. If the older

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Elizabeth Moore
marketing professor

children were not entertained by current advertising about the product, they were less inclined to enjoy their consumption of the product; however, the post-purchase

effect of advertising on the younger children was much less significant.

In a society constantly inundated with limitless information exchange, Moore feels that this study should raise society's exercise of caution with regard to children.

"Children [lack] the cognitive sophistication and greater experience of adults," Moore said. "[We] need to recognize that children are a vulnerable audience."



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elections — 47 of 49 votes to the winning candidate in 1997; 60 of 100 votes in 2000. More noticeably in 2000, students studying abroad submitted no votes for the lesser-known tickets like the infamous "Darts" or a handful of underclassmen with little student government experience.

Student publications also have a significant impact on voting trends. Both Scholastic and The Observer have consistently endorsed candidates that made the run-off elections; and, Scholastic has endorsed the winner for six consecutive years. However, there are no specific records of students' opinions regarding the publications' coverage of the elections and the effect it may have had on their decisions.

Overall, from year to year, the size of Notre Dame's student body and the higher than average voter turnout have had the greatest impact candidates campaign style.

"I think we've seen a greater number of candidates going door-to-door and understanding the importance of meeting the individual voter," said Smith. "Additionally, I think we've seen a lot of effort on the behalf of candidates to make sure that people are aware that they're running. Their friends are talking it up amongst different people."

"I think that overall you're going to see about 3900-4100 students vote [today]," Smith added. "I don't think that helps any specific candidate. But I think it helps those candidates who were out there door-knocking and the higher participation rate there is tomorrow the better it works for all candidates."

Power

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power to be restored within minutes. She called the five-hour outage a "major annoyance."

"You couldn't read, get on the computer or do anything," she said.

Peter Rossmann, a junior Fisher resident, said the outage had a slight effect on pre-parties before the dance.

"Of all the nights for a power outage to happen, it was the

night of a dance," Rossmann said. "We had no lights and no music — it was impossible for everything to work."

Rossmann said he was glad it was a formal instead of an SYR because students were able to leave Fisher and ride buses to the Holiday Inn City Center.

Barabas said the power outage made the night interesting.

"It was fun. It gave the party a little more character," Barabas said. "Otherwise it would've been another dime-a-dozen formal."

Gene mapping aids treatment

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Mutations in the human genome predispose or cause at least 1,500 diseases, ranging from diabetes and asthma to cancer and heart attack.

But why these mutations prompt these diseases is imperfectly understood and patients suffer and die for reasons that still baffle medical science.

The connection between gene mutation and disease will become much clearer now, say the experts, with the mapping and sequencing of the entire human genome. They believe that new understanding eventually will lead to dramatic new treatments.

"With the anatomy of the human genome at hand, the biomedical research community is facing sweeping changes in its methods and strategies," write Dr. Leena Peltonen of UCLA and Dr. Victor A. McKusick at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

The complete genome opens up the real prospect of developing medical treatments tailor-made for individual patients, of developing drugs that attack only the disease and leave the rest of the body alone, and of predicting, perhaps at birth, which person is most likely to develop which disease and offering a way to prevent it.

In the future, say Peltonen and McKusick, newborns may be screened for treatable genetic diseases and "children at high risk of coronary artery disease can be identified and treated to prevent changes in their vascular walls during adulthood," thus preventing

heart attacks.

It may now be possible, said Barbara Trask of the Hutchinson Cancer Center, for medical science to pinpoint in each patient the genes that have gone awry and caused cancer and then to design a treatment specifically for that problem.

"Cancer is really a disease of the genome," said Trask. Some gene within the cell suddenly is changed or silenced, sending the whole cell spiraling into a pattern of uncontrolled growth and division.

Having a map of the whole genome as a reference base, said Trask, "will allow you to more rapidly find those places where the cancerous cells deviated from the reference."

Once those changed genes are identified, scientists will be able to find what they do and why they help cancer develop and spread, she said.

With the genome map, said Trask, medical science will be able to find answers about other diseases, such as why some people contracting a virus, such as HIV, rapidly become sick, while others don't.

"Why do cancer cells in some people progress and in others they do not?" she said. "Having the complete genome will help us figure all this out."

Trask said cancer now is treated with "a sledge hammer

approach."

Patients are given chemicals or radiation that attack virtually every cell in the body, not just the cancer cells. There is nausea, pain, loss of hair and general, deep exhaustion.

"Each cancer cell is special and has a different genetic reason for going awry," said Trask. With a genome map in hand, researchers will eventually be able to recognize the rogue genes and determine why and how they went wrong.

"We could then design treatments that specifically address that defect in the tumor and the treatments would become

more targeted and less grueling for the patient," Trask said.

Genes are not the final answer in treating disease. In most cases, a mutated or changed gene gives

a predisposition for cancer or other diseases. It is thought to take an "environmental insult" such as smoking, to trigger the predisposition toward cancer. Genes may open the door to heart disease, but a high fat diet and a lack of exercise may also play a role.

Research into the whole human genome will help find the genes that predispose for disease, and other studies will help determine the environmental influences that help give birth to the disease, Trask said. This could lead to dramatic advances in prevention.

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Barbara Trask
Hutchinson Cancer Center

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Rape broadcast protested in Israel:

Video footage of a naked woman being beaten by an attacker who also allegedly raped her was broadcast on the national television news, spurring outrage and calls of protest to the state-run Israel Television. The attacker filmed the assault in which he beat and raped his house cleaner, according to the charges. The alleged rape was not broadcast on television.

Mori criticized on sub crash:

Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori was berated by a leader of his own coalition Sunday for finishing a round of golf after hearing about the submarine accident that left nine Japanese missing. Mori reportedly stayed on the links with old college friends for two hours Saturday after hearing that the USS Greeneville rammed into a Japanese fishing trawler.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Graham decides against bid:

U.S. Sen. Bob Graham has closed the door on a possible run for a return to the Florida governor's mansion in 2002, telling Democratic leaders that the party should look elsewhere. "I know in this gathering there is a next generation ... and I encourage you to take that step," said the popular former governor, who had been high on the list as a potential candidate to take on Republican Gov. Jeb Bush.

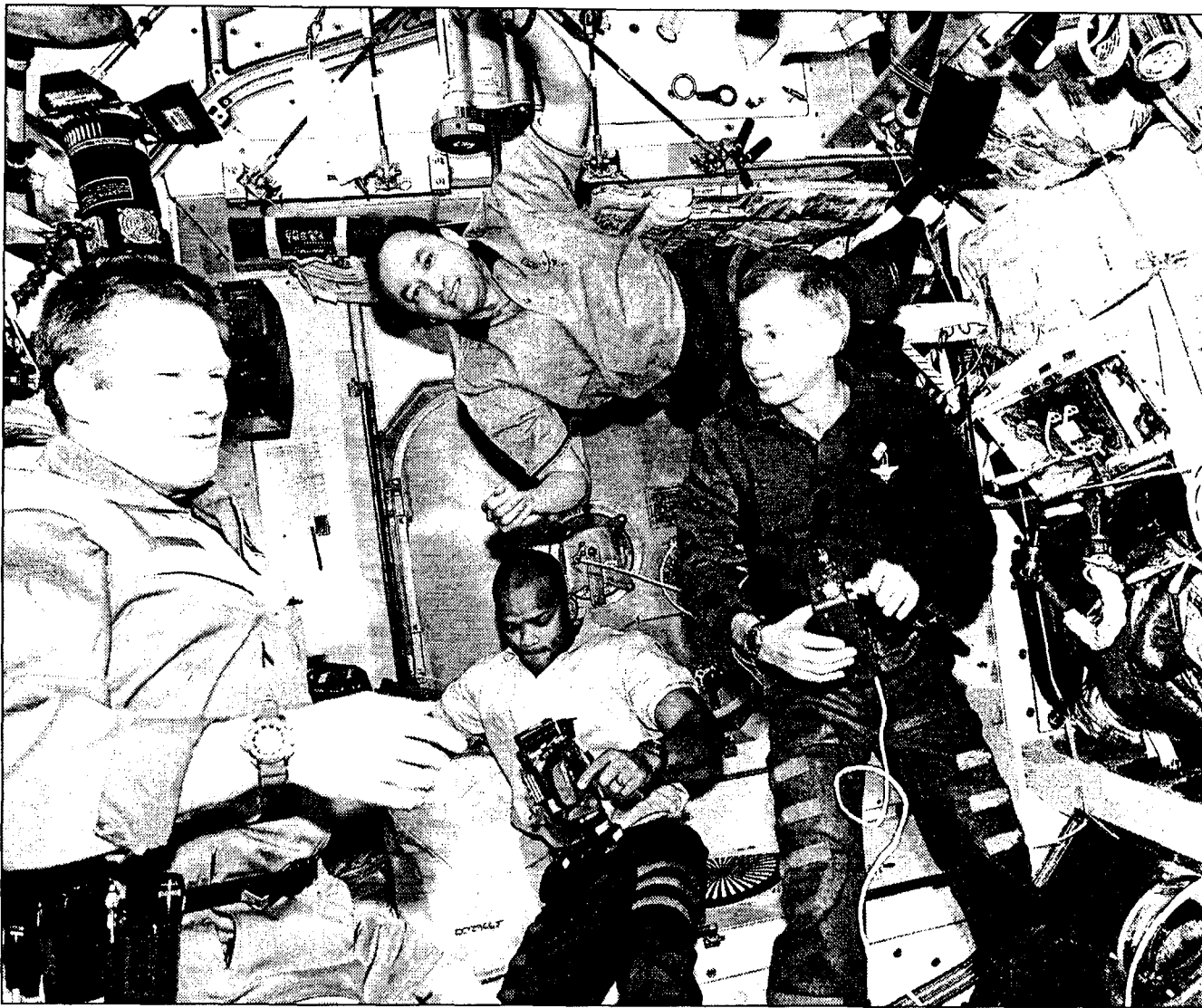
Rich pardon spurs debate:

Former President Clinton could face a fresh impeachment inquiry as a result of his last-minute pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich, a senior Republican said Sunday. Sen. Arlen Specter, a senior member of the Judiciary Committee and a former Philadelphia prosecutor, did not specify what specific charges Clinton might face. But he said that based on his legal research, he believed a former president "technically could still be impeached."

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Police officer shot at White Castle:

Lawrence police say an officer who was shot in the face Friday while ordering food at a drive-thru window was able to call for help, exit his squad car and return fire at two suspects who fled on foot. Tom Ashcraft, 45, a five-year veteran of the Lawrence Police Department, was in stable condition Saturday at Wishard Memorial Hospital. He suffered a broken jaw. Police arrested two Indianapolis men for attempted murder of a police officer. Thomas Booker, 23, and Willie Stewart, 22, were being held in Marion County.



AFP Photo

International Space Station Expedition Commander Bill Shepherd welcomes visitors from the space shuttle Atlantis. The Atlantis and its five-person crew installed the new U.S. laboratory to the facility making connections and transferring supplies.

Destiny lab added to space station

Associated Press

FLORIDA

Wearing goggles and red, white and blue socks, two space commanders opened the door Sunday to Destiny, the American-made science laboratory and the newest and priciest addition to the international space station.

The moment the hatch was raised by astronauts Bill Shepherd and Kenneth Cockrell, space station Alpha became the largest orbiting outpost ever in terms of habitable volume.

"The lab looks and feels and smells great, and

looks like all the hard work has really paid off," said Cockrell, space shuttle Atlantis' skipper. "It's a beautiful piece of hardware in here."

Replied Mission Control: "It looks awesome. We hope you guys enjoy your new room on your house."

The house actually belongs to Shepherd, the commander of space station Alpha, and his two Russian crewmates. In a brief ceremony, Shepherd signed for the delivery of the \$1.4 billion laboratory, which was installed by the visiting shuttle astronauts on Saturday.

Shepherd led the way into the Destiny laboratory, followed by Cockrell and the six other spacefarers. They wore goggles until they were sure no debris was floating inside.

The six Americans wore socks that had red and white stripes from the ankle down, and white stars on a blue background from the ankle up.

Destiny — 28 feet long and 14 feet in diameter — was a brilliant white inside. Its shelves and wall compartments were covered with strips of protective cloth that the astronauts and cosmonauts

promptly removed. Underneath were spotless white walls running the length of the module and a bright blue wall on one end and matching blue handrails.

On one of the wall covers were a couple hundred signatures of those who had prepared Destiny for flight, along with these words: "Dreams are like stars; You choose them as your guides, and following them, you reach your Destiny."

Astronaut Marsha Ivins promised to bring the signed sheet back to Cape Canaveral for display.

UKRAINE

Protesters demand Kuchma's ouster

Associated Press

KIEV

Chanting and carrying a giant Ukrainian flag, protesters marched through the capital Sunday to demand the ouster of President Leonid Kuchma, accusing him of playing a role in the disappearance of an opposition journalist.

The third demonstration in a week came hours before Kuchma welcomed Russian President Vladimir Putin, who arrived Sunday evening for talks. Rising tension about the missing journalist has embarrassed the Ukrainian president and forged an unlikely alliance between nation-

alist and leftist forces.

"Down with Kuchma!" the demonstrators chanted, as they gathered on Kiev's main street near a tent camp raised by protesters in December.

Young men wearing black masks guarded the camp, concealing their faces to avoid being recognized by security agents they believed were filming the protest.

Critics claim Kuchma played a role in the disappearance of Heorhiy Gongadze, a journalist who criticized alleged high-level corruption and disappeared in September. A beheaded body found near Kiev in November is believed to be Gongadze.

A former presidential bodyguard later provided audio recordings of purported conversations between Kuchma and top aides, with Kuchma allegedly fuming in obscene language about Gongadze and urging action to silence the journalist. The tapes were made public by opposition Socialist Party leader, Oleksandr Moroz.

Kuchma and other accused officials have strongly denied involvement, and authorities say the tapes were fabricated.

On Saturday, Kuchma abruptly ousted the chief of Ukraine's security service, Leonid Derkach, and the head of the state bodyguard department, Volodymyr Shepel.

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Syria stop added to Powell's peace trip

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Secretary of State Colin Powell said Sunday he was adding a stop in Syria during his upcoming trip to the Middle East for discussions with President Bashar Assad.



Powell

Damas was not included when Powell announced on Friday a five-day trip that begins Feb. 23.

Powell already planned to see Israel's new prime minister, Ariel Sharon; Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat; and leaders of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Kuwait. He also will stop in Brussels, Belgium, for meetings with NATO allies.

"Syria is an important nation in the region, an important player in this whole process, and so I thought it was very, very appropriate for me, as part of this quick trip through the Middle East, my first trip, to also stop in Syria for just a few hours," Powell said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

At his State Department news conference last week, it was noted that Syria was not on Powell's itinerary. "Don't read anything," he said, adding, "I reserve the right to change my mind. I am the secretary of state; I can change

my mind."

The visit to Damascus is important because Syria supports Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon who have carried out sporadic attacks against Israelis. Further attacks could provoke a deadly response by Sharon, who is committed to bolstering Israel's security and has not shied away from using force in the past. The former general in 1982 led an invasion into Lebanon.

Bush and his advisers intend to take Arab-Israeli diplomacy in a new direction, linking the intractable dispute over the Palestinians' future to other U.S. interests in the Persian Gulf.

Powell, asked about the possibility of Sharon forming a coalition government, replied: "I don't think it should be the role of the American president or the American secretary of state to tell them what kind of government best reflects the will of the Israeli people."

One goal of the trip is to ensure continued support of pressure against Iraqi development of weapons of mass destruction.

Saddam Hussein's neighbors "are the ones who are being threatened, not the United States. And we are helping his neighbors deal with the threat that he presents to them," Powell said on CNN's "Late Edition."

The secretary of state did say he thinks there "certainly have been some fractures" in the alliance assembled against Iraq during the Gulf War.

CROATIA

Protestors demand U.N. cooperation

Associated Press

SPLIT

Nearly 100,000 demonstrators protested Sunday against the investigation of a former general suspected of war atrocities, demanding early elections and a stop to Croatia's cooperation with a U.N. war crimes tribunal.

The rally underscored a building confrontation between the year-old pro-democracy government and its predecessor — the nationalist party that ruled Croatia for nearly a decade under the late president, Franjo Tudjman.

Protesters were bused from across Croatia to Split, 150 miles south of Zagreb, while three smaller protests were held elsewhere. The giant rally followed days of protests by veterans who blocked key roads in southern and central Croatia.

Mirko Norac, a former major general, is still at large and has not been formally charged. But last week's opening of an investigation against him in connection with the 1991 massacre of Serb civilians in the central city of Gospić angered veterans of Croatia's 1991 war for independence and their supporters.

Under Tudjman, Croats were represented as victims in the Serb-Croat war of 1991 and many people resent the new government's attempts to shed light on possible atrocities against Serbs.

In a declaration issued after the end of the rally, organizers demanded new, early elections, a stop to investigations of Croat war crimes suspects and an end to cooperation with the U.N. tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands.

Prime Minister Ivica Racan told reporters the demands "represent an attack on the government," and accused Tudjman's party of being behind the "warmongering policy ... (that) represents a snag for Croatia's democracy."

The crowd — uniformed war veterans, pensioners, young people and a scattering of nuns and priests — held pictures of Norac and banners declaring: "We all are Mirko Norac."

Mirko Condic, head of one of the veterans' organizations behind the rally, demanded the government resign.

"By prosecuting Norac, they want to prosecute the Croatian army and the Croatian people," he told the applauding crowd. "Norac can only be tried over our dead bodies."

Tudjman's party was often accused of condoning Croat war crimes — a notion that brought the country to the

brink of international sanctions. The new government has reversed that policy and has opened several probes into Croat war crimes in Croatia and neighboring Bosnia.

The 33-year-old Norac, promoted to colonel by Tudjman in 1992 and to major general three years later, is viewed by many as a war hero, instrumental in defending Gospić, 125 miles south of Zagreb, from Serb assaults. But prosecutors say that as a local commander, he was responsible for the deaths of about 40 Serb civilians.

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Mirko Condic
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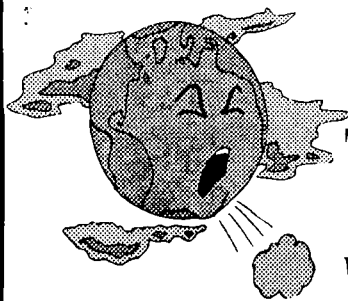
The U.N. tribunal has also issued an indictment for former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, for alleged atrocities in the crackdown on Kosovo Albanians that ended in 1999.

Although most tribunal suspects are Serbs, some Croats also have been indicted for suspected atrocities during last decade's wars in Bosnia and Croatia.

Yugoslavia's new, pro-democracy leadership is under Western pressure to cooperate with the tribunal, and that pressure would also be applied to Croatia's new leadership if it were to turn its back on the U.N. court.

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MEXICO

Bush expected to discuss illegal immigration during visit

Associated Press

SAN CRISTOBAL

When President Bush comes to this village baked by dust and sun on Friday, he will see newly planted grass, freshly painted walls and gleaming telephone poles that soon will connect San Cristobal to the world.



Bush

What he is unlikely to see are the village's poor peasants and the bleak choice they have long lived with: Work for the family of President Vicente Fox for subsistence wages, or cross illegally into the United States to try to make their fortune.

Illegal immigration is expected to figure at the top of the agenda when Fox and Bush meet on the U.S. president's first foreign trip. It would be hard to find a more appropriate place to discuss it.

Rita Cruz, 23, said almost all the men in San Cristobal are either in the United States or

have spent years there. Seven of her nine brothers are there, as are two uncles and countless cousins.

"There are no men here, only little boys," she said. "You can find work, but it pays very little. They leave with the hope of coming back with some money so they can do something here."

It's hard to do much with the wages paid by the Fox family, which is pretty much the only employer in town. Laborers currently make about \$8 a day, better than in many rural communities in Mexico, but hardly a living.

Ausencio Nila, 80, sat in front of his house holding a cowboy hat and a warped wooden cane. He is crippled by rheumatism, he says from more than 40 years of working in the fields of the Fox family.

Six years ago, when he could no longer walk, he said he asked his boss — Fox's brother Jose — whether he could retire.

"He told me I was a day laborer, and he couldn't help me in any way," Nila said.

His boss eventually agreed to give him \$9 a week as a pension.

"God is very powerful, and that's why my wife and I are

still alive. And because of my three children in the United States," he said. "They're the reason I have this house, because with the miserable pay from the boss..."

On Sunday, Fox said the wages his family paid weren't the issue.

"We have to stop talking about (my) family's salaries. Indeed, there is a lot of migration here," he said. "These are young people fighting for a future. They are young people who we admire and respect very much, who don't go to the United States for pleasure. They go because they haven't had opportunities here."

Fox, who has called illegal immigrants "heroes" and said he understands their motivation, is expected to urge Bush to help Mexico raise its salaries to the point where it wouldn't be worth anyone's while to head north.

Fox concedes that would take decades. Many in San Cristobal are skeptical even of that.

"That would be tough," said Leocadio Cruz Ramirez, Rita's father, who has made two trips to the United States. "We'll keep on going up — illegally."

He had harsh words for Bush, saying the best thing the U.S. president could do for San Cristobal would be to hand out some visas.

"He'll come here with just his passport, right?" he said. "Well, I say the way we treat him is the way he should treat us."

Fox has said he plans to lobby Bush for a

visa program that would allow Mexican workers to cross legally into the United States to work temporarily — an idea that has received support from the Bush administration and Republican members of Congress.

San Cristobal has gotten a

major facelift, beginning in 1995 when Fox was elected governor of Guanajuato state. Workers laid gravel down on the streets, brought in electricity and septic tanks and put park benches in the square.

After Fox won the presidency on July 2, the workers returned — this time with the idea that Bush would visit for a Mexican holiday on Nov. 20. But with the outcome of the U.S. election still in doubt, Bush never made the trip.

This time, the phone company brought in a tower and strung lines — they haven't hooked them up yet, except to the Fox ranch — built and painted walls in front of the shacks and even planted manicured squares of grass that look foreign in the desert climate.

The town square is probably the only one in rural Mexico with sorted trash cans for recycling.

But San Cristobal is still a long way from losing its rural feel. On Sunday, while Fox was in church, two boys on a single horse loped past the Fox family estate and down the main road.

Several dozen goats followed lazily.

"You can find work, but it pays very little. They leave with the hope of coming back with some money so they can do something here."

Rita Cruz
San Cristobal resident

Three Rivers stadium in Pittsburgh destroyed

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

A cloud of dust went up, and Three Rivers Stadium came down.

Sunday marked the end of one of the nation's best-known stadiums — site of one of football's most famous plays and a Pittsburgh pro sports resurgence in the 1970s.

Thousands of onlookers cheered the implosion of the 30-year-old home of the Pirates and Steelers. Experts loaded 4,800 pound of dynamite into the mammoth circular stadium last week to clear the way for separate baseball and football stadiums nearby.

The stadium's western wall tumbled inward and the rest of the structure collapsed into a cloud of dust. The \$5.1 million

implosion lasted about 19 seconds.

"This is a very bittersweet day for me," Mayor Tom Murphy said. "I remember being here at the last baseball game of the '95 season when we weren't sure that we were even going to have a team anymore."

Three Rivers opened in 1970 at a cost of \$36 million. It immediately boosted the Pirates and Steelers.

After moving in at midseason, the Pirates ended a 10-year championship drought by winning the first of their nine divisional titles. They also won two NL pennants and World Series titles in 1971 and 1979.

The Steelers soon became a dynasty, winning four Super Bowls in six years and churning out several Hall of Famers.

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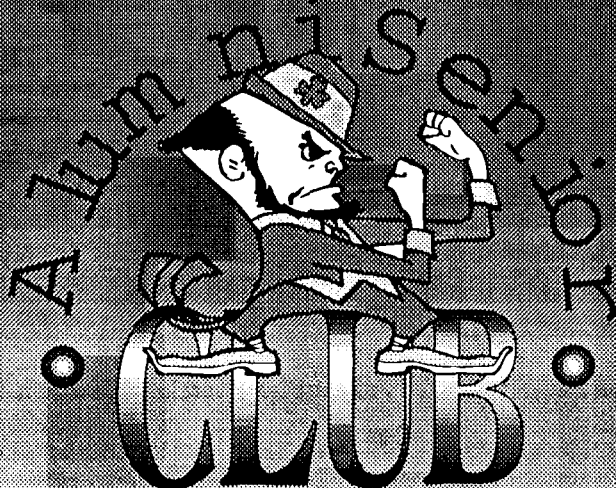
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Give a valentine's gift from the heart

Fate is all fine and dandy. No one is discounting fate. Anyone who's ever read "Oedipus Rex" knows not to mess with fate; your eyes get gouged out; you are tormented. It's not a good idea to mess with fate my friend. But fate is a tricky business, you can't take it lightly, but on the other hand, you've got to leave room somewhere for free will.

Anna Barbour

Get a Life

You can never be certain who your soul mate is in advance, you know. You can't just sit back and expect soul mates to do everything for you. You have got to be actively involved in the formation of your own life, however it is fated to go. You've got to say things like, "You stay alive; I will find you," or do things that make your soul mate say "You had me at hello ..." or when asked, you've got to say your soul mate is "worth dying for."

Now, it's the Valentine's Day time of year, everybody's getting all mushy again from last Valentine's Day time, which is completely wonderful. It really is. But strange, at the same time, because how can you be mushy at the exact same time every year?

Anyhow, about fate, it's a dangerous thing and some people are sadly confused about what fate actually means. Fate means that if you do the thing you are fated to do, you have a hundred percent probability that that thing will play out the way it is fated. Fate does not mean that if you sit in your room all day, playing video games, your life is still fated to be highly exciting. When you're passive, then you're not active and when you are not active, you can't be said to be doing something, can you?

If you are fated to be president but you never run for the election, you have just used your free will to negate your destiny. If you never give blood or help your fellow citizens in some way, you can't really say you are pro-human beings.

Now, some people really are not pro-people and they show it by the amount of time and money they give to more furry, more leggy creatures. This is not to say that it is right or wrong to be pro-human, but if one is destined to be for people and not against them, he or she ought to do something for them. Something like giving blood.

At this time of month, for goodness sakes, it's perfect. Blood i.e. heart i.e. Valentine's Day. On top of such a close connection, February has been designat-

ed American heart month so along with giving your loved one a dozen red roses (a dozen roses always makes a nice V-day gift), why not donate a pint of the real red stuff?

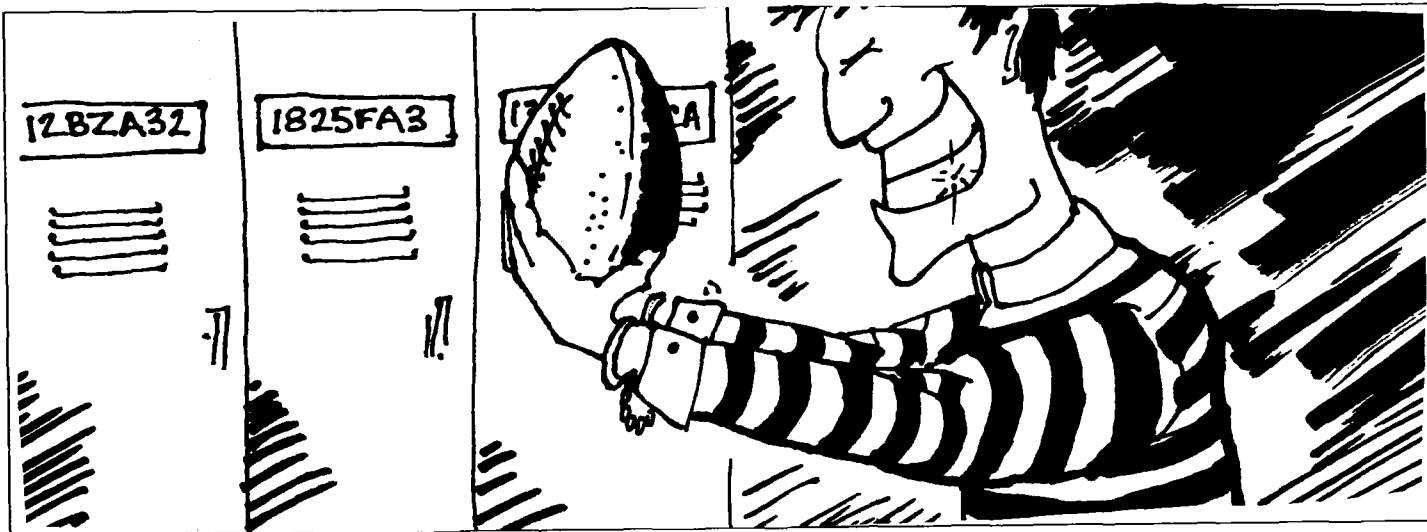
Now, being that it's the Valentine's Day time of year, the personal aspect of fate must take center stage. One more time, I will go over this fate business. If it is Valentine's Day and you think you are fated to have a wonderful evening with the person of your dreams, but you never call that person, if you never do anything for that person, all I have to say is good luck because you will need it. On the other hand, if it is Valentine's Day and you think you are forever destined to be alone on this day o' love, but you go to a party anyway or finally send a card to that special "friend," your chances of being alone forever are not so good.

Some say there is no escaping destiny, but I think that sometimes it is easy to escape your destiny especially if you don't do anything about it.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Defending Notre Dame athletes

The introduction to Peyton Berg's interview of Chris Zorich in the Feb. 9 Observer contains an unfortunate and very sloppy assessment of "athletes." While trying to credit Zorich for his "Christopher Zorich Foundation," Berg paints all athletes with a wide brush, saying that we are "in an age where athletes routinely find themselves in trouble with the law."

Certainly he doesn't intend all athletes from pee wees to the pros, does he? So who does he mean? Professional athletes? College and professional? Would that include our No. 1 ranked women's basketball team, that lawless bunch? Perhaps he only means "high profile" athletes whose lives are scrutinized by the media, because we the public pay an unhealthy amount of attention to them as people.

And what does he mean by routine? He seems to be saying that these athletes (whoever they are) are individually fre-

quently in trouble with the law. Does he have any idea how many athletes there are in the world? Even limiting himself to the NFL, NBA, NHL and Major League Baseball, Mr. Berg can't be saying that all of those guys are a bunch of recidivist criminals, can he?

Or does he mean to say, "In an age where the headlines routinely feature celebrity athletes in trouble with the law, Zorich instead ..."? Such a statement would make a lot more sense to me and would be fairer to Mr. Zorich's teammates and the many other athletes in the world, very few of whom make the headlines and very few of whom are criminals.

Joe DeMerit
Graduate student
February 9, 2001

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Remember, to hate, to be violent, is demeaning. It means you're afraid of the other side of the coin — to love and to be loved."

James Baldwin
author

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I want someone to get shot (by cupid)

Wednesday is Valentine's Day. I'm already dreading it.

The other 11 1/2 months of the year, a dozen roses go for less than \$20. Now I'll be lucky to find them for less than \$30 and double or even triple that if I want them delivered. Then I have to buy a card. The real nice ones, gold-plated with fancy lettering and a really romantic poem inside, which can run up to six dollars. For one card. That's a lot more than the cards I usually get, which feature some crude cartoon and usually an even cruder joke involving some disgusting bodily function. But at least those are funny; good Valentine's Day cards aren't even funny at all.

And after I've purchased those, I need to get a heart-shaped box of candies, a stuffed teddy bear, a bottle of massage oil, some aromatic candles, some jewelry and a bottle of wine and then before I know it, I've got more gifts than I can hold and a maxed-out credit card.

But that's not the problem. The problem is I have no one to buy them for.

I wouldn't ordinarily care — I don't mind being single. I don't have time around classes and everything else I do to have a serious relationship and I don't have the money to buy nice things or go to dinner at anywhere more expensive than the dining hall. ("You want cheese on your Whopper?! I don't have that kind of money!")

But being alone on Valentine's Day is just unfair. Every other commercial on television has something to do with the holiday. Give these flowers to show how much you love someone. Buy this Hallmark card to show how much you love someone. Get this expensive necklace to show how much you love someone. If you don't love someone, buy stuff and maybe someone might love you.

I don't mind the barrage of commercialism; I love splurging and being romantic. Ask my last girlfriend. I bought her so many things I had to sell one of my kidneys. She had started a small teddy bear collection; I singlehandedly turned it into the Teddy Bear Smithsonian. She could have made a dress out of the petals from all of the roses I gave her. (Don't think that idea never crossed my mind.) I had to siphon gas to make it back to South Bend.

But when you're not seeing anyone, Valentine's gifts are a tad inappropriate. "Hi, I sit behind you in theology and, uh, here's some roses and some candies and — oh, here, look! Hallmark teddy bears that kiss magnetically! SMOOCH! You wanna go

out with me tonight?" Meanwhile, her psycho radar is screaming red alert.

When you're single and don't want to be on Valentine's Day, it seems like everyone you know has somebody. My best friend is married. My ex is practically engaged. My twice-divorced father is living with someone. My sister has an Internet relationship. Even my dog has a "special friend." I swear Cupid is laughing at me behind my back. You think I'm joking? I got an e-mail from a female who said she wanted to get to know me. After I rifled off an interested response, she sent me an invitation to see her homepage at lookatmeiamnaked.com. "Ha ha, Mike, I'm shooting everyone else with my arrows of love. You get a knife in the back and a kick in the ..." Okay, so maybe that's a bit too over-the-top.

Everyone tells me that I shouldn't worry about long-term relationships right now. Of course they're right, but I can't help wondering. My high school could have been called "Children of ND/SMC Academy." Scott Little reported that 2/3 of all Notre Dame students marry other Domers. Perhaps that's an exaggeration, but obviously there's a stereotype.

Is it so wrong that I want my future special someone to be a fellow student? Someone who understands the mystique and beauty of the campus? Someone who knows how poor I'll be after graduation? Someone who knows that Saturdays in autumn are off-limits to extracurricular activities? My ex wanted me to skip the USC game in 1999 — which turned out to be a thrilling comeback victory — to come up and see her a day early. Then, after we broke up, she wanted me to blow the Nebraska game to go to her friend's wedding. Her father was an alumnus, so she should have known better than to even ask.

But one thing I do know is that nobody loves a whiner.

Complaining is just so un-sexy. So what if I'll be the only person alone on The Big V-Day, or if I'm not, I'll feel like the only person alone? It means I don't have to buy big expensive gifts and I can save enough money to possibly ask someone for dinner at T.G.I. Friday's as opposed to Burger King. It means I can buy a lot of little gifts for a lot of special people. Cupid packs arrows. I'm toting a shotgun — I can hit a wider target.

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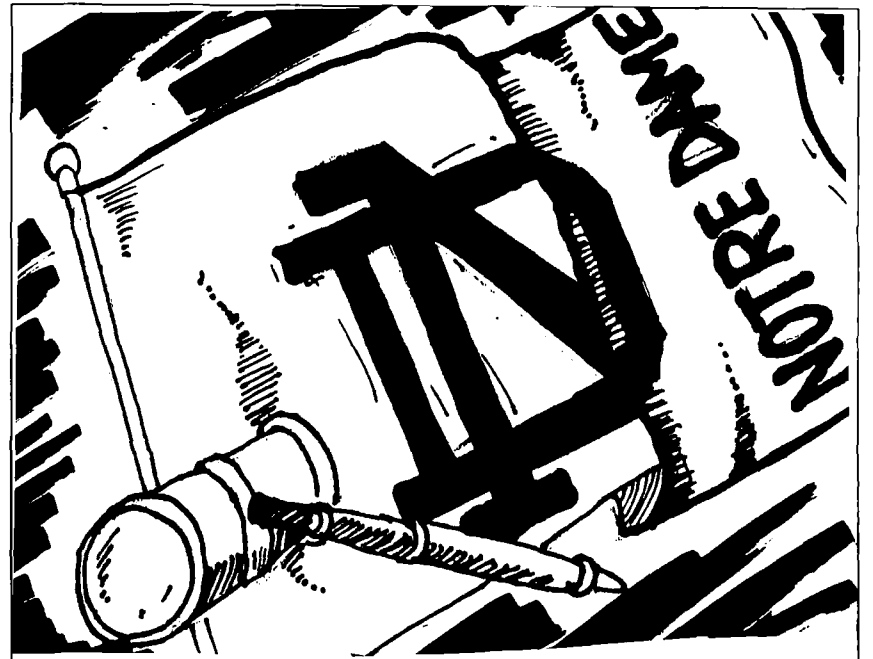
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Mike Marchand

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Broader issues need student recognition

The Campus Life Council, Founder's Day, football ticket distribution, ND/SMC student relations and social/24-hour space. These are the concerns that The Observer decided were most pressing to the student body here at Notre Dame and upon which they based their views with regards the upcoming election. Excuse me, but when exactly did I get to be so vapid?

My apologies if I am completely wrong in this (and I sincerely hope that I am not), but I refuse to believe that the Notre Dame student body is so self-centered. Yes, I do realize that there are problems surrounding all these issues. I have spent as much time as anyone else complaining about parietals or about football tickets. But I think these are far from being the most important issues here. In addition, the problem with trying to address things like parietals is that they will probably continue to exist year after year and all these "solutions" won't really do much of anything. In light of this, maybe the average Notre Dame student would like to think about larger issues.

Here, I'm afraid that my personal feelings about this election are going to intrude, but so be it. The biggest problem I see around here is that Notre Dame seems to have lost its sense of community. One of the things that really attracted me to this school was that it was supposed to be like a family, a Notre Dame Family (as they say every week at Mass). But what kind of family excludes so many of its family members?

What I am getting at here is that too much of the time we complain about our own minor problems and think of what would make us happy while ignoring the problem of someone who might have more serious problems. I believe that many of the candidates fall prey to this mentality. For example, there are many of us who aren't Catholic, yet it is suggested that more student body masses would somehow help strengthen our community. Or what about the problems with race and gender relations that divide us (and yes, they do exist — why else would we have offices for dealing with these problems)? Why are these issues not considered in your evaluation of the candidates?

This having been said, what about the fact that we are part of a larger community, a community that we largely ignore? Did you ever wonder why most of South Bend has signs up for Indiana Basketball, but not for Notre Dame? We here on campus tend to be a bit full of ourselves (with good reason — it is Notre Dame, after all) and as a result, we mistreat the community that has to deal with us. This bond with the people of South Bend is something that I feel needs to be re-established, and this can only be accomplished through interacting with the people of South Bend and giving back to them.

For me, the only ticket that cares about such issues is Demetra Smith and Yogeld Andre. The Observer's coverage of the election dismisses their platform because it doesn't cater to "issues of broader appeal to students." But so what if they don't talk about things like Founder's Day? How many of us really went to that anyway? Perhaps they feel as I do, that there are larger issues at stake than whether my life here is as easy and carefree as possible. They want to push me to be a more caring person and a better part of this community. They want to make sure that our Notre Dame experience is something that we can be proud of.

We are blessed to be here at Notre Dame, but I think that making the most of our years here depends on more than whether parietals are abolished or not. Perhaps I am being too naive in my idea of what students here will care about. I guess this election will prove me right or wrong. But if you think it's about time for student government to lead us somewhere for a change, vote for Smith and Andre on Monday.

Mikey Angtuaco
senior
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February 8, 2001

Curing the doldrums

Ah, February in South Bend. Yes. Isn't it lovely? Look outside. There's dirty, brown snow on the ground. The sidewalks are slushy and wet. The trees are bare. If you can see grass, it's brown. It's dark and damp and cold.

It seems like all the colors decided to run out to the bar real quick, but didn't invite white and brown because they're no fun.

Joe Larson

Love is in the air.

During this light and bouncy time, many ND/SMC students simply turn to the bottle, meaning they drink away the drabness of the doldrums and enjoy a type of intoxicated siesta on the weekends in order to dull the pain which the doldrums provide. Though a seemingly viable option, this act usually leads to all sorts of embarrassing behavior from the members of the ND/SMC community.

Scene Writer

People drink too much and say things they don't mean or vomit in people's cars and maybe even kiss people they are not exactly in love with. These are embarrassing moments that can be easily avoided.

In order to combat another year in the doldrums behaving like this, many students entertain the idea of gaining a boyfriend/girlfriend. A common idea is that this partner will brighten the drab South Bend canvas, making it into a springtime of sweet, sweet lovin' — as opposed to a drunken series of highs and lows ... mostly lows.

This SuperPerson will not only provide numerous interesting and new activities for said student, but will undoubtedly make the doldrums not only bearable, but, in fact, downright fantastic.

It makes sense, right? Having a boyfriend/girlfriend is really great, isn't it? You have a person to hang out with. They have to listen to the stories that are too boring to tell your friends. They do nice things for you. They'll tell you nice things about yourself. People will see the two of you together and think, "Wow. That person has a boyfriend/girlfriend. Maybe that person does have a few redeemable qualities."

Or, if this boyfriend/girlfriend happens to be really good looking, you may become the mysterious pimp daddy you've always wanted to become.

People will wonder why that outrageously good-looking person is with you, and ultimately everyone you come into contact with will be putty in your hand. Plus, they have to make out with you at least three times a week, probably more.

Oh, I forgot, you also get to walk in the quad holding hands like the big dorks you are.

Granted, these are really excellent things that will probably happen if you find yourself the man/woman of your dreams. Okay, fine. — even though it's good, that still won't brighten up the utter desolation that is South Bend during February. I don't care if your new boyfriend/girlfriend makes out with you five times a week, it won't make the doldrums any more bearable.

It'll still be cold and damp and crappy all the time. Your socks will still get wet through your shoes when you walk to class. We aren't talking about a normally bearable situation. In order to properly conquer the doldrums, you're going to need some serious help.

You probably still need alcohol.

So now what do you do?

Don't panic. All is not lost. There is something that might just be crazy enough to work. You have to combine both theories of doldrum relief. You get yourself a boyfriend/girlfriend, and you still turn to the bottle.

This way, you still get to forget how miserable your life is but you won't have to deal with your embarrassing drunken actions. It's killing two birds with one stone. It's fool-proof.

Here's the scenario. You and this person whom you've selected will go to a party or bar of your choice — if you are the allotted 21 years of age — and you both will drink responsibly like always. Simple, right?

When that all-important point in an evening of alcohol consumption arrives when you are on the verge of starting to act reprehensibly, this is when the wheels of the plan start churning. This person, who presumably cares about you, will stop you from ultimate embarrassment. Look at the possible scenarios.

You probably won't say something mean to someone because you won't be talking to anyone but your boyfriend/girlfriend. Couples have the tendency to cling to each other at this time of the evening, so that problem is cured.

Also, your boyfriend/girlfriend will not let you reach for that next Long Island Iced Tea when it gets too late. You won't be vomiting in the car if you don't have that drink.

At three in the morning, they won't want to hang out with your friends anymore, so they will make you leave and you won't be able to have that next drink, which would have ultimately catapulted you into stupidity.

Third, if your girlfriend/boyfriend is there, you're not going to kiss anyone you don't love. If you do, then that is a major personal shortcoming or triumph, depending on your own beliefs.

So there you have it. Get a boyfriend/girlfriend and mix that with some alcohol consumption and even though this won't make the South Bend doldrums go away, it may make them just a little bit easier to swallow.

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

Orchestra to perform at SMC

By LAURA BOST
Scene Writer

Music enjoyers campus-wide will be treated to the opus of Romantic Italian composer Giuseppe Verdi when the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra and Choir performs at Saint Mary's College Feb. 15.

The splendor of Verdi's 1874 work, "Requiem," will fill O'Laughlin Auditorium in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the composer's death.

Verdi's Requiem honors the life of poet Alessandro Manzoni and was originally performed in the Church of San Marco in Milan. Lisa Eberhardt, chair of publicity of the Notre Dame Department of Music, offers insight into the music stating, "The Requiem is unique in that it is prayer requesting the repose of the soul." Eberhardt said. "The intensity of the music's dynamics varies dramatically."

Four soloists, consisting of a soprano, mezzo, tenor and bass are featured and the collaboration of the orchestra and choir produce a memorable performance of Verdi's work.

The choir, originally established in 1925 as an a cappella ensemble, consists of 30 members with extended international music exposure. The accompanying orchestra has been an ensemble since the late 1930s. These groups were compiled as the result of an upsurge of nationalism and in an effort to promote Swedish composers. A devoted 200,000 avid Swedish radio listeners have assisted the orchestra in obtaining a reputable status. In light of their increasing fame, numerous Swedish composers write their pieces especially for the choir and orchestra's performance.

Both groups, whose members are from Stockholm, Sweden, have independently toured and recorded their music. Their efforts are encouraged through funding by the Swedish government. Currently, the orchestra and choir are known for their performance of time-honored composers and unfailingly produce a dynamic musical experience for their audiences.

These singers, celebrating their 75th anniversary together, along with the accompanying musicians have toured Asia and Europe and are touring the United States. The orchestra conduction is currently under management by a vivacious new Austrian maestro, Manfred Honeck. Consequently, the Swedish Radio Symphony Choir and Orchestra have received glowing reviews from their well-

The University of Notre Dame Office of the President and the Music Department of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College present



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"Requiem" honors the life of poet Alessandro Manzoni.

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attended performances in such illustrious concert halls as Avery Fisher Hall in New York, the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and, most recently, Orchestra Hall in Chicago. New York Times reporter, Cori Ellison, praises the tour as being a "Swedish choral musical."

Despite the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra and Choir's demanding touring schedule, the Provost Office and the Music Departments of Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame secured a South Bend appearance following the group's Chicago performance. The performance begins at 8 p.m. Feb. 15, playing to an anticipated full house. Tickets cost \$3 for students, \$10 for senior citizens and

\$12 for adults, and are still available through the Saint Mary's Moreau Center for the Arts Box Office at (219) 284-4626.



Photograph courtesy of Lena Koller

The Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra is directed by Austrian Manfred Honeck.

Clubs bring out students' special interests

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Writer

You know that guy that sits next to you in Orgo? Yeah, that guy ... sort of quiet, a little shifty, always doing that annoying twirly thing with his pencil? On the surface, he may seem to be your average Joe. In fact, that's his name, Joe. Bet you didn't know that. Nevertheless, just by looking at him you'd never guess that Joe is an incredible dancer. We're not talking the drunken grinding and semi-spastic jerking that defines "dancing" at most student parties. Joe can do the Foxtrot, Charleston and the Lindy with the grace of Gene Kelly. But where might this mild mannered gentleman learn such a wonderful skill you ask? The Notre Dame Swing Club, of course.

Surprised? Well, why should you be? After all, someone has to belong to the 39 Special Interest Clubs that are officially registered with the University. There are even more if you count the groups that meet without being officially recognized. Never heard of these groups? Not to fear, today Scene takes a look at just a few of the eclectic Special Interest Club offerings:

The University of Notre Dame Humor Artists

HA! No, they're not laughing at you ... no, wait, they are. They're HA!, the Notre Dame Humor Artists. About 20 students meet twice a week in the Hesburgh Library auditorium to compose skits and practice improv games for the three comedy shows that they perform every year.

"Well, we all can't take ourselves too seriously, now can we?" asks HA! club co-president Tony Bondi. "Somebody's got to keep things interesting around here."

"Actually, I just have nothing better to do with my time," says Mike Boreale a veteran of HA!

All joking aside (of course, joking is never too far away at a HA! meeting), the HA! Club is working hard to produce their latest and greatest show which will premiere the weekend of March 3. Later this semester they are planning to produce a full-length evening murder mystery show that reportedly lampoons, well, everything.

HA! Meetings are held on Thursdays

from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and again on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Anybody with a sense of humor is invited to take part in the laughter.

The Notre Dame Swing Club

When you hear big band music, do your feet start tapping uncontrollably? The Notre Dame Swing Club members do too and so they did something about it. In August of 1998, the fledgling six initial members founded the Notre Dame Swing Club. "We really loved to dance and wanted to find others who shared our interest in swing dancing," says club president Angie Bauer.

By activities night of their first year, the Swing Club had signed up 600 interested dancers! There really is no membership in the Swing Club. Rather, the club gives \$1 lessons on Monday nights from 9 to 11 p.m. every week in room 301 of the Rock. Regulars estimated that about 15 couples are present per lesson.

In fact, tonight is the beginning lesson of the Lindy Hop, another cleverly disguised name for the Jitterbug. On Feb. 19, there will be a free open dance at LaFortune. You'll want to get in early this semester so you can start going to the off-campus excursions the Swing Club has planned.

Molly's Club

By far the most interesting Notre Dame club is known only as "Molly's Club," a title that allegedly refers to Badin Hall resident Molly McShane.

While the specifics of what Molly's Club actually does are shrouded in mystery, e-mails obtained by the Observer reveal its highly organized, bureaucratic structure. The group is known for its paramilitary bent, dressing their members in uniforms and having an extensive secret code and use of symbolic language.

The queenpin, Ms. McShane, refused all attempts by the Observer for an interview; however, we were able to speak with one of the initiate Molly's Club underlings. He/she would only speak with us on conditions of anonymity and only identified his/herself as Freshmeat said, "It all started last year when Molly would wander into our rooms and talk with us ... but it became something more, much more. Pretty soon Molly was talking about taking Molly's Club campus-wide."

And campus-wide it went. On Activities Night 2000, Molly slipped undetected through security and set up a table from which to recruit minions for her ever-growing underworld. Although still not officially recognized by the University, Molly's Club is rumored to be lobbying for

funding. In fact, two names on the ticket for student body president are reputed Molly's Club members; a third allegedly has strong ties to the organization. Molly's Club would neither confirm nor deny the allegation.

The exact number of the members of the organization is sketchy. Most estimates run at about 40. Although their stylish Molly's Club T-shirts denote more vocal members of the club, the number of grassroots supporters is vague at best. If you wish to join Molly's Club, don't bother trying to call them. They'll call you.

Whether your secret passion is juggling, figure skating or playing the Bagpipes, Notre Dame probably has a club that fits your interests. If they don't, you can make one. Just stop by the Student Activities Office and file for club status.

Luckily, life at Notre Dame is much more complete than your understanding of your Orgo book. Underneath the layers of normalcy lie people who are into the same cool stuff you are. Who knows? Maybe if you're nice, Joe will take you out dancing. Now, if he'd just stop spinning that darn pencil.



MARY CALASH/The Observer

Members of last year's HA! group rehearse a skit for one of their shows.

Things to do this week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p>~ "Gilda," \$2 admission, Annenburg Auditorium, 7 p.m.</p> <p>~ Sophomore Literary Festival: Dana Gioia, "Can Poetry Matter?" LaFortune Ballroom, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>~ "The Gingko Tree," International Film Festival (Korea), Montgomery Theater in LaFortune, 7-9 p.m. and 9-11 p.m.</p> <p>~ Sophomore Literary Festival: Student Coffee House, LaFortune Ballroom, 8 p.m.</p>	<p>~ Sophomore Literary Festival: W.P. Kinsella, author of "Shoeless Joe," LaFortune Ballroom, 8 p.m.</p>	<p>~ Acousticafe, LaFortune Student Center, 9-11:30 p.m.</p> <p>~ "Girlfight," 155 Debartolo, \$2 admission, 10:30 p.m.</p> <p>~ "The 6th Day," 101 Debartolo, \$2 admission, 10:30 p.m.</p>
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
<p>~ "Girlfight," 155 Debartolo, "The 6th Day," 101 Debartolo, \$2 admission, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.</p> <p>~ Blak Koffee House, \$3 admission, LaFortune Ballroom, 8 p.m.</p> <p>~ Junior Parents Weekend~</p>	<p>~ "Girlfight," 155 Debartolo, "The 6th Day," 101 Debartolo, \$2 admission, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.</p> <p>~ Junior Parents Weekend~</p>	<p>~ Chess Games, North Dining Hall, 5:30-7:30 p.m.</p> <p>~ Junior Parents Weekend~</p>	

NBA ALL-STAR GAME

East overcomes 21-point deficit to defeat West 111-110

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Turns out the West isn't all that better than the East. Anyone who said so this season — and anyone who said so early in the fourth quarter Sunday — spoke a little too soon.

Allen Iverson turned that notion on its head with an outstanding fourth-quarter performance that transformed the NBA All-Star game from a blowout into a thriller as he led the Eastern Conference to an improbable 111-110 victory.

Iverson scored 15 of his 25 points in the final nine minutes, and Stephon Marbury hit two 3-pointers in the final 53 seconds as the East came back from a 21-point deficit.

While presenting the MVP award to Iverson, NBA commissioner David Stern, with a sly grin on his face, told Iverson that great basketball "can be wrapped — if you pardon the expression — in very small packages."

The comment was a clever reference to Iverson's height — he is an inch or two shy of 6 feet — and Iverson's rap album, which was criticized for its lyrics and led to a meeting with the commissioner.

The East trailed 95-74 with nine minutes left after the West dominated the first 39 minutes of the game behind its superior size.

It appeared the game would come out looking like a mismatch that would back up all the Western Conference superiority theories that have been thrown around so frequently this season.

But the East started pecking away, and Iverson walked over to the scorer's table during a timeout and asked if anyone wanted to wager whether the East would make a comeback.

That's exactly what the East proceeded to do, with Jerry Stackhouse and Vince Carter making 3-point shots that were followed by a three-point play by Iverson to cut the West's lead to 100-96.

Iverson scored the East's next two points from the line, and Tracy McGrady tied it on a putback with 3:10 left.

Iverson scored the East's next five points, and a chant of "M-V-P! M-V-P!" was heard after his two foul shots gave the East a 105-104 lead.

But that chant might have revved up someone else, instead.

Someone named Kobe Bryant.

In a down-the-stretch performance reminiscent of his play in the Lakers' Game 4 overtime victory over Indiana in last year's NBA finals, Bryant kept getting the ball and putting it in the basket.

His short jumper made it 106-105, and his 20-footer gave the West a 108-105 lead with a minute left. Marbury, ecstatic over making his first All-Star appearance, tied on a 3-pointer with 53 seconds left.

Bryant answered right back with another jumper, but Marbury did him one better with another 3-pointer that gave the East a 111-110 lead with 28 seconds left.

The West set up for a final shot after inbound with 10.9 seconds left. Bryant got the ball, but with everybody in the building expecting him to shoot — his injured teammate Shaquille O'Neal was probably certain of it — Bryant faked Marbury off his feet and then threw the ball to Duncan for a short shot that missed just before the buzzer.

"I was actually expecting him to shoot," Duncan said. "I was wide open, he got me the ball and I should have finished it. It just didn't go down. It was a great final four minutes."

Prior to that, it was almost an embarrassment for the East.

How bad was it? They fell behind 11-0, committed 10 turnovers in the first quarter and seemed incapable of stopping any of the big men from the West.

The starting frontcourt of Duncan, Chris Webber and Kevin Garnett finished with 14 points apiece, although Duncan was scoreless and Webber and Garnett had only two apiece in the fourth.

Iverson finished with 25, Carter had 16 and Ray Allen 15. Dikembe Mutombo grabbed 22 rebounds.

Bryant led the West with 19.

Despite the lopsided first quarter, there was an early defensive intensity of the type seldom seen in All-Star games.

McGrady swatted away Bryant's first shot, a jumper, and Duncan retaliated by rejecting a dunk attempt by McGrady.

But while the West quickly recovered by pounding the ball down low, the East kept up its mistake-prone ways and errant outside shooting to such an extent that it was 11-0 by the first commercial break.

A Webber-to-Garnett alley-oop play made the score 15-2, and the West took a 30-17 lead into the second quarter thanks in large part to 10 turnovers by the East.

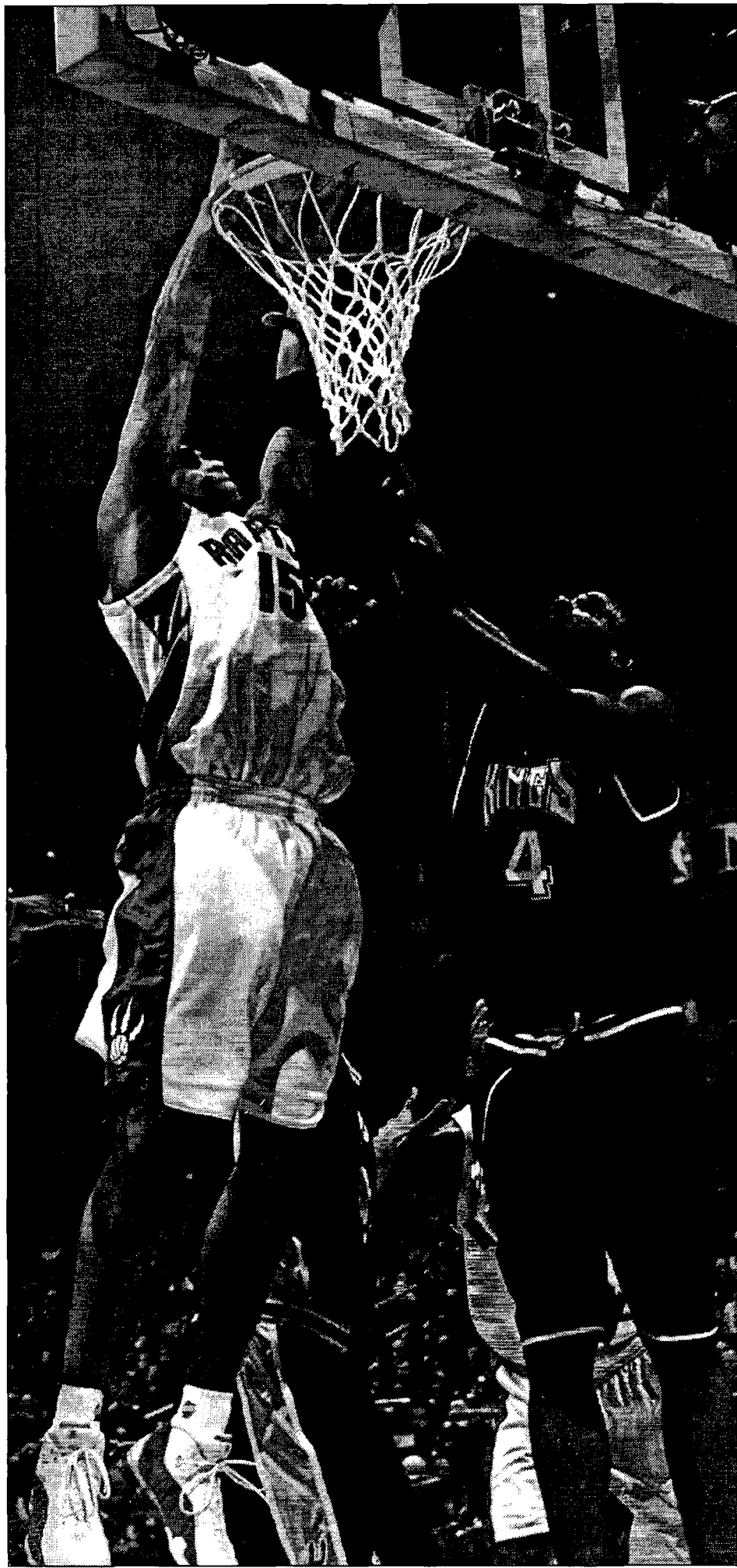
The East started to run more in the second quarter with Allen scoring nine of their first 11 points.

Carter spun 360-degrees in the air — just like he did in last year's dunk contest — for a dunk that made it 45-36 with five minutes left in the half.

Carter converted a three-point play with 2:27 left in the half to make it 49-44, then slammed home a crowd-pleasing windmill dunk that made it a three-point game.

The West's Jason Kidd hit a wide-open 3-pointer from the corner before sinking a shot from behind midcourt at the halftime buzzer to make it 61-50.

Bryant bounced an alley-oop pass to Garnett off the backboard early in the third quarter for a one-handed slam that gave the West a 69-54 lead, and Antonio McDyess closed the quarter with a follow slam to give the West an 89-70 lead entering the fourth.



KRT photo

Toronto's Vince Carter goes up for a dunk over Sacramento's Chris Webber. Carter finished with 16 points to help the East to a 111-110 victory.

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PERSONAL

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Clocks in the bathroom, dressers pulled out from the wall. what happened after I went to sleep?!

Bloated goat, brass monkey, whatever, they're all the same

Nothing like great conversations in out-of-state bars. (Even if you don't remember the whole thing in chronological order.) Thanks for a great weekend.

Tell that guy to stop shooting so much.

Laura, Thanks for the Valentine's day food. You rock ... sort of.

I'm gonna beat you. I'm gonna beat you.

Hold up. This is a hold up.

JB is here.

Well, I left you a message at 6 am. Didn't you get it?

To my silly little weirdo, Go India and hot chicks. Wear those shoes with pride. --Your panda

'Night all

Bye Bye

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Williams scores 23 to lead No. 3 Duke past N.C. State

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C.

Duke has decided to start laying the groundwork for a solid foundation in the NCAA Tournament now.

After a couple of mediocre games by Duke standards, the No. 3 Blue Devils shot 53 percent, forced 24 turnovers and used a 17-0 first-half run to roll over North Carolina State.

Jason Williams, coming off a pair of season-low eight-point games against Florida State and Clemson, scored 23 as Duke's starters all hit double figures.

"This is the Duke team that we're going to be," said Williams, who was 8-for-12 from the field and had eight assists. "In college basketball, you have four or five months and then it's going to be over. It feels like March is getting here quicker and quicker so you've got to live every day like it's your last when you step on the court with your team."

"You have to treat every game now like it's a tournament game," added Williams. "If you lose it, your season is done. That makes you play the best you can play."

Nate James added 19, while Shane Battier had 18 and Carlos Boozer chipped in 17 in front of members of the 1991 national title team, who were honored at halftime.

Duke (22-2, 10-1 Atlantic

Coast Conference) had beaten the Wolfpack by just six in Raleigh a month ago, but stormed to a 20-point halftime lead and then made eight straight shots and 11 of 12 to start the second half to go up by 30 with 11:02 left.

Battier called the game a turning point in the team's season.

"This is the time of year a lot of teams get the February blahs," Battier said. "A lot of teams look forward to March Madness and as a result slide in February. We looked at this game as a pivotal point in getting better for March."

Battier saw a marked difference in the Blue Devils on both ends of the court.

"We haven't been attacking," Battier said of Duke's play the last two weeks. "We had been playing like we had already earned something and got out of character by slowing it down. Today, we really pushed it up and kept firing shots. When we missed we kept firing."

Williams and Battier had two 3-pointers each during the early second-half scoring spree as Duke made five straight long-range shots and 13-of-29 from beyond the arc for the game.

The win keeps the Blue Devils one game behind No. 1 North Carolina in the race for the ACC regular-season crown and gives them 51 straight victories over unranked league

opponents.

Iowa State 72, Missouri 64

Even without its two best players, Missouri proved to be a handful for No. 12 Iowa State.

Iowa State needed Jamaal Tinsley's strong play down the stretch to turn back the short-handed Tigers and stay in first place in the Big 12, a half-game in front of Kansas.

Martin Rancik returned after rolling his right ankle in the first half to lead Iowa State with 23 points and Tinsley scored eight of his 18 in the final 4:17 to secure the Cyclones' 33rd straight victory at home.

"We knew what type of team Missouri was, so we weren't really surprised by how well they played," Tinsley said. "They are well coached and have a lot of young talent. We knew that they could be dangerous."

They were.

Missouri (15-8, 6-4 Big 12) fought back from a 10-0 deficit and played gamely in its first appearance without its top two scorers, Kareem Rush and Clarence Gilbert, mainly because of Brian Grawer's eight 3-pointers.

But the Tigers just didn't have enough firepower to overtake Iowa State (21-3, 9-2) in the second half, and they didn't have anyone who could stay with Tinsley, a master at taking the ball to the basket

and drawing fouls.

"With Kareem hurt, I give my vote back to Tinsley as the best player in the league," Missouri coach Quin Snyder said. "I think he has the ability to dominate a game. It's pretty tough when they're ahead down the stretch and the ball is in his hands."

Rush, the Big 12's leading scorer, is lost for the season with a thumb injury and Gilbert has been suspended indefinitely.

They have accounted for 49 percent of Missouri's points and combined for 75 points when Missouri beat Iowa State 112-109 in four overtimes last month. Iowa State has won eight straight since then, but ISU coach Larry Eustachy was not pleased.

Eustachy thought his team lacked the kind of effort needed to stay in contention for the championship, which Iowa State won last season.

"We're just stuck in the mud right now," said Eustachy, who called himself "Dr. Doom."

"To say I'm not disappointed, I wouldn't be telling the truth. What you're supposed to say is what a great game, this and that, we fought back. I don't feel that way right now and our team shouldn't."

"We had a lot of breakdowns, a lot of mistakes."

Grawer scored all of his 24 points on 3-point baskets, one of which came during a 9-0 run that chopped a 13-point

Iowa State lead to 60-56 with 4:35 left. That's when Tinsley went to work.

Guarded by freshman Wesley Stokes, Tinsley drove past him for two baskets, sank four free throws and fed Rancik for a layup in transition as Iowa State stretched the lead to 72-61, more than enough to withstand a final 3 by Grawer.

Fresno State 86, Hawaii 63

Fresno State turned up the defensive pressure to get back at Hawaii.

Melvin Ely scored 22 points and No. 23 Fresno State forced 26 turnovers in the victory.

"Defensively, our guys played an incredible game," coach Jerry Tarkanian said. "But offensively, we still need work. We had just way too many turnovers."

Eleven days earlier, Hawaii snapped Fresno State's 13-game winning streak with a 91-73 home victory.

"Their pressure got to us much more today than it did in the first game," Hawaii coach Riley Wallace said. "We knew we had to take care of the ball and we didn't. Our guards had 14 turnovers between them."

Fresno State (20-3, 9-1 WAC) reached 20 victories for the sixth consecutive season under Tarkanian.

It is Tarkanian's 29th 20-win season, one shy of the record held by Dean Smith.

Ely also had nine rebounds and four blocks.

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XFL appears to be more about TV ratings than football

The XFL, man.

I don't know who I was talking to when I muttered that in the direction of my computer 10 seconds ago, but it does sum up the feelings of a sports fan trying to figure out what to make of this new football league.

There have been two weeks of XFL action

now, complete with everybody's favorite WWF play-by-play voice, Jim Ross, yelling about some "hellacious" hits, and I'm wondering:

Are you setting your VCR to tape the Chicago Enforcers game yet? Are you making plans to road trip down to Orlando and catch the 2-0 Rage in action?

Maybe you are, maybe you aren't, but I have formed a couple of my own opinions so far.

First, what's good about the new league: it gives players, coaches, trainers and anyone else associated with football teams who haven't made it in the NFL a chance to keep playing. For them, the XFL is a way to stay in professional football and maybe even improve their chances of one day making it to, or for some, back to, the NFL.

And right about here, my list of what I like starts to run pretty thin.

I'm not going to lie and say that watching scantily clad cheerleaders doesn't have a certain amount of appeal.

However, that's one of this league's biggest problems. Every time the camera leaves

the perspective of the lacrosse helmet-wearing field photographer and ventures to the somewhat uninhibited cheering section, football ceases to be the focus of the broadcast.

Sex appeal takes over.

Even some of the on-field rules leave me asking: "Why?"

Take the "Dash for the Ball," which has taken the place of the coin toss to determine possession. Matt Duda, a writer on XFL.com, says it: "... condenses all the attributes that make football the greatest of America's sports into four testosterone-filled seconds."

Basically, both players start side-by-side, 20 yards away from the ball, the referee tells them when to go, and the guy who comes up with the ball wins.

Sound a little dangerous? Yeah, but don't worry, there's only been one separated shoulder so far. Before the game even starts.

Besides, isn't that a small price to pay to get back to the glory days of smash mouth football? Back when Vince Lombardi would pick his fastest player to go tearing after the ball placed at Lambeau's 50 ¯ don't you remember those days?

Neither do I.

In all fairness to the new league, I realize I could be completely off the XFL black and red ball. I took a leisurely Sunday walk around my dorm and asked someone a lot more in touch with football than me, Notre Dame junior long snapper John Crowther, what he thought of Saturday night's newest ratings contender.

"I like to watch football, so I kind of like it," Crowther said. "But they try to be too flashy, almost too much like wrestling. I guess that's probably their point. The only thing that I really like that's different than the NFL is when they do the

opening coin toss."

Damaging testimony from an expert witness. I'm still not a big fan of the dash, though, maybe because I'd be grabbing more turf with my helmet than ball with my hands.

Furthermore, I'm still not quite sure why the governor of Minnesota is trying to give me analysis. I'm not sure why real football involves putting nicknames like "E-Rupt" on the back of your jersey or having the announcers try to convince us just how legitimate the league is.

What we have, maybe for the first time in sports history, is a league that was created for TV. This isn't a struggling football league, or even a prosperous one looking to gain exposure by getting TV coverage. And we'd

be living somewhere outside of Candy Land if we didn't notice the increasing commercialization of all sports, including the NFL (C'mon — the "MTV Presents the E-Trade Super Bowl Halftime Show"?)

But the XFL itself, not just its advertising campaign, is a marketing ploy, an attitude, complete with sex appeal, violence, fireworks, rotating camera angles and smoke.

Football is merely the means to deliver that WWF image. If bowling could have worked, we'd probably be watching the XBL right now, as guys rolled some hellacious strikes in the true tradition of smash mouth sports.

Maybe there is some hope. Mike Celizic, a contributor to MSNBC.com, noted how the

XFL seemed to violate some of its charge in week two, devoting more of its time to the game and less to the cheerleaders. Maybe these games could actually be about football eventually and not NBC ratings on Saturday nights.

Like Crowther told me: "If someone said you could go and play [in the XFL], I'd probably go play, because it's basically like football. When you get in the game, it pretty much looks the same."

But if it becomes about football, will people still watch? When you're created for TV, you better hope so.

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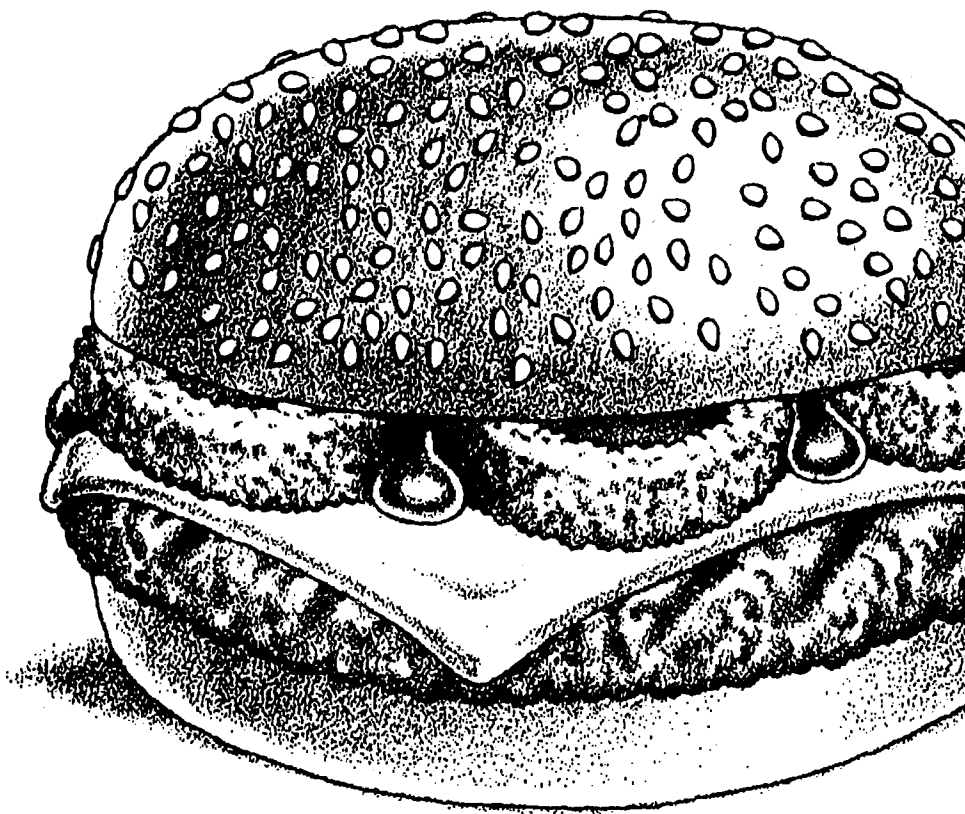


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Saint Mary's forward Kelly Roberts defends an Olivet player in the Belles victory Saturday. Roberts had 12 points and three rebounds in the contest.

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Kelly Roberts stepped up her play, scoring 12 points and grabbing three rebounds in a team-high 32 minutes.

"Kelly really stepped up and took her spot and performed," Smith said.

The Belles built a 23-17 lead midway through the first half before allowing Olivet to go on a 14-2 run. Shaun Russell hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to pull the Belles within 33-30.

Olivet forward Louisa Grill scored 14 of her game-high 25 points in the opening half, providing nearly half of her team's offense. Grill also fin-

ished with a game-high 15 rebounds.

The Comets were playing without guard Lindsey Brunworth, the team's second leading scorer, who was attending her grandmother's funeral.

When Grill went out with a knee injury midway through the second half, the Olivet offense fell apart.

"I have two sophomores leading us in offense," said Olivet coach Audrey Seymour. "When those two kids aren't on the floor, our offense completely stops."

The victory improves Saint Mary's MIAA conference record to 2-10, which ties the Belles with Adrian College for the worst in the league. Saint Mary's travels to Adrian on

Wednesday before playing Kalamazoo on Saturday in the season finale.

Notes:

The game marked the final career home game for senior guard Julie Norman. Norman, who finished the game with eight points, is a two-year captain who holds the school record for points scored in one game with her 38-point performance against Defiance on Feb. 13, 1999.

Norman was honored before the game with flowers as she stood on the court with her parents.

"There's no better way to go out than on a win," Norman said. "It was a lot of fun to be out there and have it be like my day."

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Georgia Tech upsets No. 6 Virginia, 62-56

Associated Press

ATLANTA Georgia Tech in the NCAA Tournament? The idea doesn't seem so ludicrous anymore.

The Yellow Jackets, picked to finish near the bottom of the Atlantic Coast Conference, knocked off another ranked team Sunday, beating No. 6 Virginia 62-56 as Tony Akins scored 19 points and freshman Halston Lane hit two key baskets.

First-year coach Paul Hewitt told his players from day one that his goal was an NCAA bid, even though Georgia Tech hasn't been to the tournament since 1996.

"That's our goal," said Akins, who also did a smothering defensive job on Virginia guard Donald Hand. "Coach told us if we don't make the tournament, we haven't accomplished anything. If we keep it up, that's where we're going to be."

The Yellow Jackets (14-8, 6-5 ACC) defeated their second ranked team in six days and fourth of the season. They are tied for third in the conference after sweeping the season series from Virginia.

Georgia Tech also has victories over Kentucky and UCLA to enhance its RPI rating, but senior center Alvin Jones downplayed all the postseason talk.

"If we lose the rest of our games, we're not going to be in anything," he said. "We've still got five games left and the ACC tournament."

The Cavaliers (16-6, 5-6) again struggled on the road in league play, losing their second in a row and dropping to 1-5 for the season.

"We're definitely different on the road, for whatever reason," said Hand, who went 0-for-9 from the field and managed only two points. "We did a good job on defense. We just didn't get any shots to fall."

Before the game, Hewitt challenged his point guard to shut down Hand.

"Donald is a great player, don't get me wrong," Hewitt said. "But I told Tony, 'Play like you're better than him.'"

Akins followed his coach's instructions to the letter. Not only did he hit 7 of 10 shots — making him 23 of 39 over the last three games — he set up the biggest basket of the game.

Drawing a double-team as he dribbled along the 3-point arc, Akins flipped a pass to Lane. The freshman swished a wide-open 3 with 1:14 remaining for a 58-54 lead.

"He's a shooter," Akins said. "I don't know why they left him open, but I'm glad they did."

Actually, Lane had a rough day from long range, missing his first four 3s before hitting the one that mattered most.

"I got some good looks at the basket, but my 3 wasn't quite as good as it's been in the past," he said. "I was open and I finally knocked down the shot."

Hand was blocked at the other end by Jones and Virginia was forced to foul after Akins scooped up the loose ball. He made both free throws with 58 seconds to go, sealing the victory.

"You need your point guard to have a real good game, especially on the road," Virginia coach Pete Gillen said. "Obviously, Donald didn't have his best game."

Lane, who scored 15 points, also made the basket that put Tech ahead for good. His 15-foot jumper after a timeout gave the Yellow Jackets a 55-54 advantage with 2:33 remaining, the eighth and final lead change of the second half.

After the teams traded turnovers, Virginia had a chance to go back in front. But Travis Watson missed a pair of free throws with 1:40 to go, epitomizing his team's struggles at the line.

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WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

King wins three events at Windsor Classic

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Last weekend, Tameisha King had a rather disappointing Mevo Invitational. Although the sophomore All-American won the long jump, she jumped out of the blocks too early in both the 60-meter dash and the 60-meter hurdles and was disqualified, something Irish sprints coach John Millar attributed to anticipating the gun and losing concentration.

This weekend, a focused King made sure it didn't happen again.

King was nearly untouchable as she won the 60-meter dash, the 60-meter hurdles and the long jump en route to being named the Most Outstanding Female Athlete at the Windsor Classic.

"Obviously, she bounced back from the week before and had an excellent meet," said Irish sprints coach John Millar. "She showed what she's capable of. We worked on focusing more on the gun instead of anticipating the gun. Now, she has some confidence heading into next week."

King's 20 foot, 1/4 inch long jump, her best of the season, not only set a meet record, but it also was a provisional qualifying mark for the indoor NCAA championships.

"She just keeps going further and further every meet," said Irish field events coach Scott Winsor.

In the running events, King ran her fastest times in the preliminaries, not in the finals. In the 60-meter dash, she ran a blistering 7.66 seconds in the prelims and followed that up with a 7.69 in the finals. Meanwhile, in the 60-meter hurdles, King ran a season-best 8.56 in the prelims and won the event with a 8.62.

In fact, Millar wasn't even planning to run King in the final events. He initially wanted to have King run only in the prelims, but changed his mind after seeing her blow away the field.

"The way the schedule worked out, we didn't really feel she was overdoing it," Millar said. "And she wanted to run and to have a chance to win. My whole intention is to give her opportunities to prepare her for the big meets ahead."

Notre Dame completely dominated the 60-meter dash.

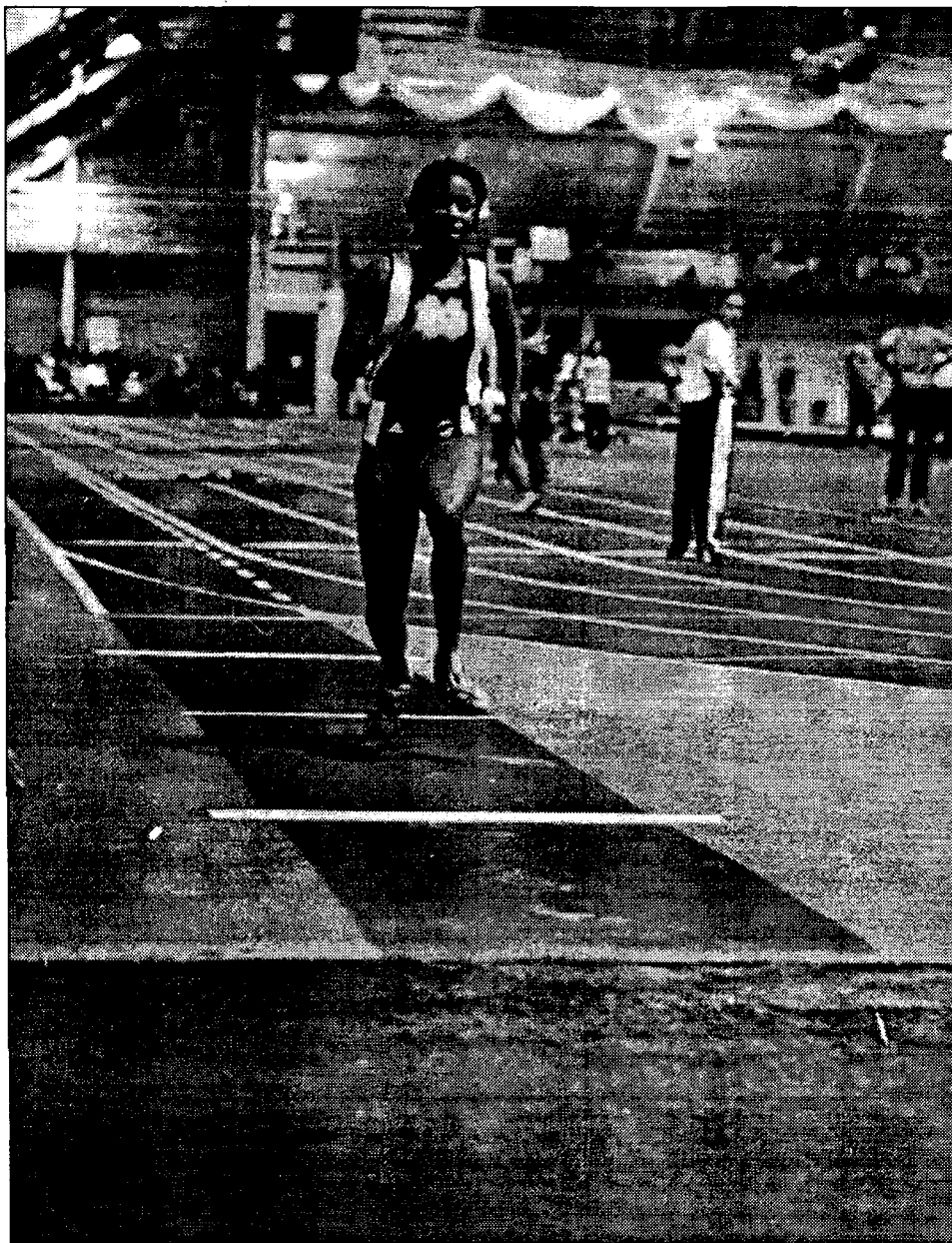
Freshman Ayesha Boyd was hot on the heels of King, finishing one hundredth of a second behind the All-American. Boyd's classmate Kristen Dodd took third in 7.88.

Meanwhile, in the 300-meter dash, sophomore Kymia Love took second place in 39.8 seconds, while Dodd finished only two-tenths of a second back, capturing third place in 40 seconds.

"I think the whole weekend was real positive," Millar said. "They all ran well, the didn't run PRs, but they performed well and competed well."

As they have all season long, the Irish dominated the pole vault competition.

Sophomore Jaime Volkmer won the event with a vault of 12 feet. Freshman Jill Van Weelden and junior Natalie Hallett both cleared 11-1, but Van Weelden placed higher because she had fewer misses. She finished tied for third, while Hallett took fifth. Senior Bethany



Sophomore Tameisha King gets ready to leap in the long jump event against Michigan State. King set a meet record at the Windsor Classic

Wilson took seventh place with a 10-6 vault.

"They're very consistent," Winsor said. "Sooner or later they're going to break out."

Winsor is excited by the potential of his vault crew at the Big East Championships. He feels all four vaulters can place.

"I think it's going to take 10-6 on a first attempt in order to place," he said. "And it's doable. Jaime thrives on competition — it motivates her and makes her better. I've had to calm Jill down a few times and let her talent take over instead of her mind."

The main reason the Irish competed this weekend was so they could get a closer look at some athletes and try to achieve better qualifying performances for others.

One athlete in particular that the coaching staff had their eyes on was Ana Morales. They were trying to decide where to enter her in the Big East Championships.

Morales, who is recovering from a injury she sustained in the fall, raced to fourth place in the 1,000-meter run, finishing in 3:05.1.

"We're more or less leaning toward

running her in the relays," Millar said. "She's coming back from an injury, and she's not fit enough to run. Looking at the performances, I don't think she'll be good enough to score. She raced well this weekend, but it's going to take her a little while to get back in the racing mode."

The other competitor who used the Windsor Classic as a Big East tune up was Betsy Lazerri. The sophomore pentathlete, who has been competing in one or two events per meet, competed in the 60-meter hurdles and the high jump. She took fifth in the high jump by clearing five feet.

The Big East Indoor Championships are scheduled to begin this Saturday in Syracuse, New York, and Irish coaches are already making preparations for the big meet.

"Hopefully, with a little rest and not trying to overdo it this week, they'll be really fired up," Millar said. "The Big East is a real strong conference in track and field. A lot of it's going to come down to how well the girls run and handle the pressure."

Winsor added, "If we finish in the top three, the ladies that we take will have done a very, very good job."

Belles' Graf sets record in 800 meter

By KATIE MCVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

It was another red letter day for junior Laura Graf as she broke the second Saint Mary's school indoor track record of her career at the University of Chicago five-team meet on Saturday.

Graf led the Belles with a record-breaking two-minute, 20.32 second 800-meter run, taking second place in the event. She left the event with team support and self-satisfaction.

"We were really happy with Laura," team captain Kara Bergeman said.

"I felt good," Graf said of her performance. "It was a nice facility and a nice meet. It was fun to go out there and try to break some records."

Graf's time broke a record set in 1997 by over six seconds by Kelly Tutko, who ran the race in 2:26.89.

Saturday's meet marked only the second in Graf's career as a Belle. She transferred to Saint Mary's from Augustana College in South Dakota earlier this year.

So far, she has been successful.

Two weeks ago at the Lewis Invitational, Graf broke another school indoor track record in the 400-meter dash. Her time of 60.08 shattered a 10-year-old record held by Heidi Finniff by more than four seconds.

"[The women on the team] are all very supportive," Graf said. "I hear them cheering for me when I run."

Junior captain Erica Burkett also placed in the meet. She finished in sixth place in both the 55-meter hurdles and the triple jump.

Bergeman was happy with the weekend's results.

"I think we did really well," she said. "We all set our own goals and we all look to do better than ourselves."

The team may have felt differently, however.

"The team overall was a little bit disappointed," Bergeman said. "But it was really person-specific as to whether we were happy with our performance."

Five women participated in the meet at Chicago, although nine attended.

Injuries during the last week prevented several women from participating in the meet.

"We're still training," Graf said. "We're using the [indoor] meets really as training for the outdoor season."

The track team will participate in one more indoor meet at the Huntington Invitational in two weeks.

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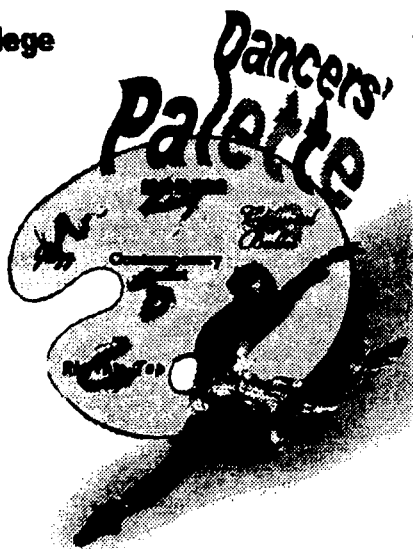
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19-11 lead on a trey by Ingelsby, the Mountaineers took over with a dominant performance on the boards and a 17-3 run. West Virginia held onto the lead nearly the entire rest of the game.

"We've been in that situation before," Ingelsby said. "I don't think anyone on our team had a doubt we were going to win the game. We just stayed poised throughout and we came out with a big win."

Murphy finally tied the score at 60 with two free throws and 3:23 to play.

Although West Virginia pulled off a 41-32 rebounding edge in the game, Murphy — playing with four fouls — grabbed the next board on a Chris Moss miss.

With nothing working for the Irish, Ingelsby pushed the ball up the lane, pump faking and forcing Lyles to foul him. The captain then nailed both free throws to give the Irish a 62-60 lead.

At the other end, Swanagan picked up his fifth and final foul. Calvin Bowman, who scored 18 for West Virginia, had the shooter's touch, as both foul shots bounced off the front rim and through the hoop.

When Harold fouled out, that was a big blow," Humphrey said. "It meant that me and Troy both had to stay in the game. We would give up the easy layup rather than pick up the extra foul. But when it's that tight, you have to lay everything out on the line. At that point, you still have to be aggressive."

The Irish, who didn't go to the charity stripe once the

whole first half, returned to the line, as junior David Graves was fouled. Graves, limited to eight points on the night, continued a perfect 6-for-6 afternoon at the line by hitting both free throws.

Bowman nailed a basket in the lane and the follow-up free throw as Humphrey fouled him. The 3-point play gave West Virginia a 65-64 lead, its last of the game.

Murphy tipped in an Ingelsby miss for two of his 15 points. The bucket counted, but Humphrey picked up his fourth foul on the play by nailing Bowman, who made one of two free throws to tie the score with 1:16 to go.

Ingelsby missed a driving shot, but Murphy snagged one of his 10 rebounds. Moss fouled Murphy on the put-back, his fifth foul. Murphy missed the front end, but swished the second shot for a 67-66 lead.

Ingelsby swiped the ball from the Mountaineers on a bounce pass from Berry. Graves was fouled at the top of the key, and dropped in both free throws. His foul shots put the Irish ahead 69-66 with :26.7 to play for the final margin of victory.

Notre Dame's defense, a stumbling block in the early season, again came up big. After a 52 percent Mountaineer shooting mark in the first half, the Irish limited their opponents to 26 percent in the second stanza.

"In the first half, we didn't play defense like we have in the past," Ingelsby said. "They played well. They hit some big shots today. We just buckled down defensively in the last couple minutes."

Next up for the Irish is a road date with the Rutgers Scarlet Knights (10-11, 2-8) on Wednesday night.

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sign of how the game would go for the Irish. Dan Carlson and Connor Dunlap both netted goals in a three-minute span, and suddenly Notre Dame was sitting pretty at 2-0.

But Bowling Green, with as much riding on this contest as the Irish, brought the score to 2-1 when Curtis Valentine took advantage of the power play.

Notre Dame has struggled the entire season while a man down, and Saturday night was no exception as the Falcons converted on two of their five power plays.

The second period would go solidly to Bowling Green, which sandwiched two goals by Austin de Luis and Valentine around Ryan Dolder's goal at 10:04. Dolder was assisted by freshman Aaron Gill and Nielsen.

"We were playing 20 minutes for our entire season," said Nielsen.

The uneasy 3-3 tie was held for over 19 minutes in the third period. Notre Dame fired 22 shots at Masters in the period, after only 16 shots the rest of the game. The Falcons managed only six shots on Irish goalie Tony Zasowski, as Notre Dame's defenders tightened and kept the puck consistently above the Irish blue line.

Just when overtime seemed imminent, Carlson, a left winger, flipped a long distance pass to Nielsen from deep inside the Irish zone to assist in Nielsen's go-ahead score.

"We had a good week of practice, and I knew we had a really good chance to beat Bowling Green," said Zasowski.

Of course, had the Irish not won Friday night's contest, Saturday would have been a skating exhibition.

On Friday, Freshman Rob Globke had a hand in all three



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Sophomore Michael Chin fights for the puck in a face off against Bowling Green this weekend.

Irish goals, putting two into the net himself, and Zasowski withstood an especially brutal second period to lead the Domers to victory.

Head coach Dave Poulin has rotated goalies all season, but Zasowski has received the nod in the last six games. Poulin told the sophomore Zasowski during Thursday's practice he would start over Kyle Kolquist and Jeremiah Kimento.

"All I could do to prepare was think about the weekend," said Zasowski. "I knew I could play my game and we could win."

As it has many times this season, the Irish offense was sparked by Carlson. He took a shot on Masters late in the first with Notre Dame on the power play. Globke passed the shot over to the center Dunlap, who quickly scored.

Early in the second, Notre Dame failed to kill a Falcon power play as Marc Brown put his third goal of the season past Zasowski. But it was the only shot out of 16 that would find the Irish net in the second twenty minutes Friday.

Zasowski was solid between the pipes, frustrating shooter

after shooter.

"Seeing Tony make big plays really brought up the play of the team," said Nielsen. "I had a couple of bad shifts in there, and I felt like I owed it to the guys playing well to step up."

Notre Dame managed only two shots in the second period, but still scored when Rob Globke scored his 13th of the season unassisted.

The freshman is tied for the team lead in goals with Carlson and Dolder, and sports the best shooting percentage on the team, with 18.7 percent.

Bowling Green again found the net on a power play when Scott Hewson beat Zasowski at 5:35. The 2-2 tie continued until 12:54, when Carlson once more assisted Globke for the eventual winning goal.

Having completed its most successful weekend of the 2000-01 season, Notre Dame looks to continue to roll against nemesis Michigan in Ann Arbor on Friday. The Wolverines gutted the Irish 9-0 on Jan. 23.

"We can't think about last time," commented Zasowski. "I know we can do well on Friday night."

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MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Irish post strong showing at Windsor Team Challenge

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish men's track team traveled to Canada this weekend to take part in the Windsor Team Challenge at the University of Windsor. The limited group of athletes who made the trip posted impressive performances in preparation for the Big East Indoor Championships this weekend at Syracuse.

Freshman Godwin Mbagwu led the way for the Irish, taking first in both the long jump and triple jump. Mbagwu's leap of 22 feet, 4 1/2 inches in the long-jump was his second-best jump of the season, as was his triple jump of 48-3 1/2.

Field events coach Scott Winsor was impressed with Mbagwu's performance as the team heads into the Big East.

"He's doing a fine job. He's a pretty good competitor," Winsor said. "I think the competition this weekend at the Big East is going to be a little bit better than what we saw up there."

Sophomore Tom Gilbert, the team's top long jumper all season, struggled with his approach and took sixth. Gilbert was also competing in the 60-meter dash, which was going on at the same time as the long jump.

"It was right in the middle of the 60's and he just really got fatigued," Winsor said. "I'm not too concerned about him having a bad meet in the long jump."

Nick Setta took another gold medal for the Irish, placing first in the 600-meter run. Setta led the race from start to finish, winning in a time of 1:22.74.

"He ran really well," said sprints coach John Millar. "He took the race right from the start, controlled the race the whole way."

The final Irish top-finisher was Brian Thornburg in the 35-pound weight throw. Thornburg's throw of 50-6 3/4 won the meet, followed by teammates John Scolaro and

Derek Dyer, who took second and third, respectively.

Thornburg has thrown further this season, and Winsor expects his top thrower to improve in Syracuse.

"He's trying to throw too much on adrenaline, and he's kind of losing his focus a little bit on execution," Winsor said.

In the shot-put, Dyer took second with a throw of 14.91 meters. Winsor expects more in the shot as well.

"We're still struggling in that event," he said.

The Irish placed well in the two sprint events. In the 300 meters, freshman James Bracken took third place in a time of 35.40 seconds. Luis Vega Penso and Christian Myers of York University, who took first and second in the event, are ranked nationally in Canada.

"Bracken, out of all of them, ran probably the best, and felt the most comfortable running it," Millar said. "I was pleased with his performance there."

Terry Wray took fifth in the event for the Irish in 35.64 seconds while William "Red" Croker took seventh, running 36.11.

"I thought they ran pretty well," Millar said. "Not only was it their first time on a 200-meter track, but 300-meters is a race that they're not really familiar with. So it's a difficult distance to really know how to run, because it's a little too far to run a 200, yet you have to run it faster than what you'd run a 400 in."

In the 60-meter dash, senior Travis Davey finished third in 6.98 seconds, less than three hundredths of a second behind winner Victor Richards of Western Ontario. Gilbert took fifth, running 7.10 seconds.

"It was a competitive race," said Millar. "Travis, I think, led for the first part of it. They competed very well."

The only distance runner on the trip, Sean McManus, just missed qualifying for the Big East meet in the 3,000 meters. McManus' time of 8:36.65 was less than one second slower



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The Irish track and field team sent a limited number of athletes to the Windsor Team Challenge this weekend as a final tuneup for the Big East Championships.

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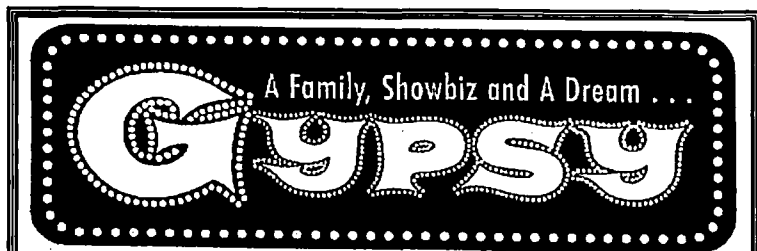
In the pole vault, sophomore Nathan Cahill took third place with a jump of 15 feet. Winsor expects more from that event

as well.

"He's still struggling a little bit, he's not performing up to his capability," Winsor said. "Hopefully he can break

through that this weekend."

The team leaves Thursday night for the meet in Syracuse, which runs Friday through Sunday.



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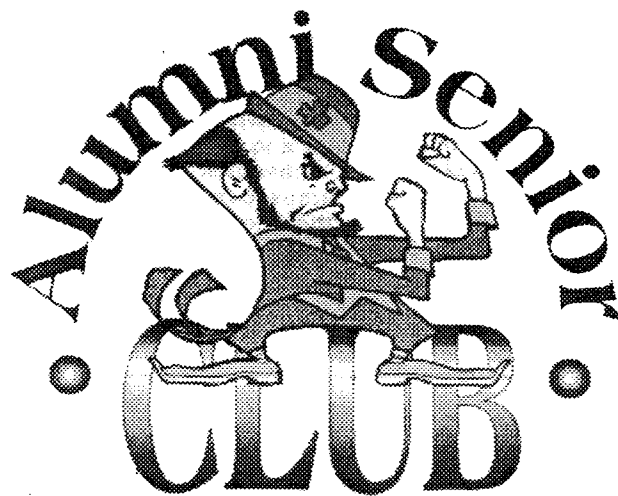
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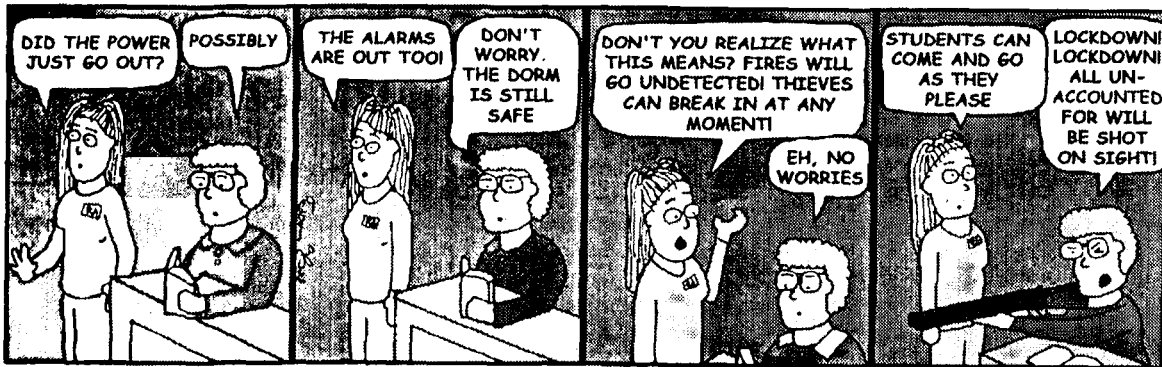
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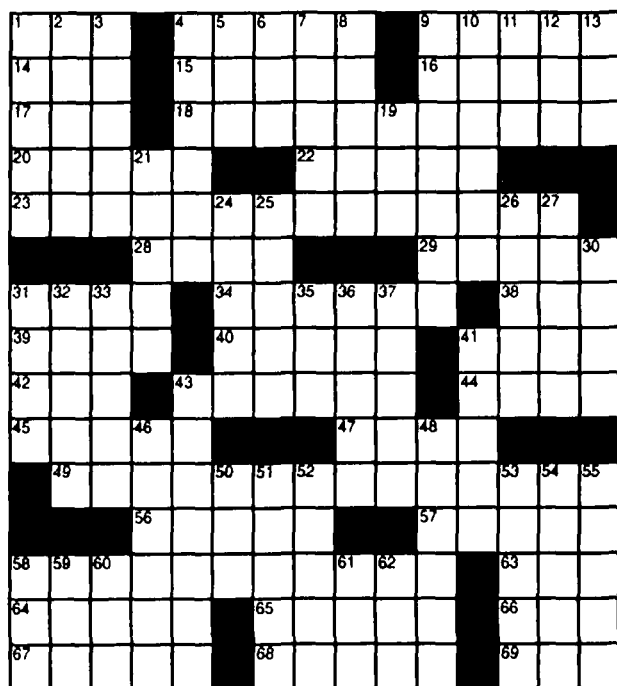
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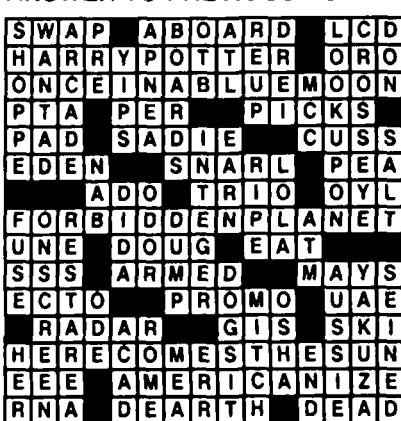


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Big East tuneup

The Notre Dame track teams had an impressive showing at the Windsor Team Challenge this weekend. The meet was the final tuneup before next week's Big East Championship.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Belles snap losing streak with 75-61 win

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

In the minutes before tip-off Saturday at the Angela Athletic Facility, John Fogerty's song "Center Field" blasted over the loudspeaker. Apparently Saint Mary's basketball coach Suzanne Smith took note of the song's lyrics, "Put me in coach, I'm ready to play," as 11 players scored to lead the Belles to a 75-61 victory over Olivet College.

Anne Blair led the way with 12 second-half points as the Belles erased a 33-30 halftime deficit. Blair led the team with 14 points and five rebounds in only 17 minutes. She was a perfect five-for-five from the field and four-of-four from the free-throw line.

Blair credited her team following the victory — Saint Mary's first following 10 consecutive losses since Jan. 3.

"Since we've been kind of down lately, this feels great. It's like the definition of team. We all played with each other," Blair said. "Everybody contributed. It just feels great."

Saint Mary's made seven of 11 three-point attempts for the game — led by Jaime Dineen's three treys.

"She told me yesterday that she loves when teams play zone," Belles' coach Suzanne Smith said of Dineen. "We knew going into today that that's something we'd probably see. She prepared herself pretty well for it."

Freshman point guard Katie Miller also had a strong game for the Belles. After Blair went out with her fourth foul with less than 10 minutes remaining in the game, Miller led the offense with a key three-pointer and five assists.

"She's just so poised out on the court," Smith said. "She wants the ball and she wants to run the show. That's great to see, especially as a freshman."

Kristen Matha, Saint Mary's leading rebounder and the head of their team, came off the bench to play 11 minutes in the first half. After contributing two points, three rebounds, and three blocked shots, Matha left the game when she slammed her head on the court diving for a loose ball.

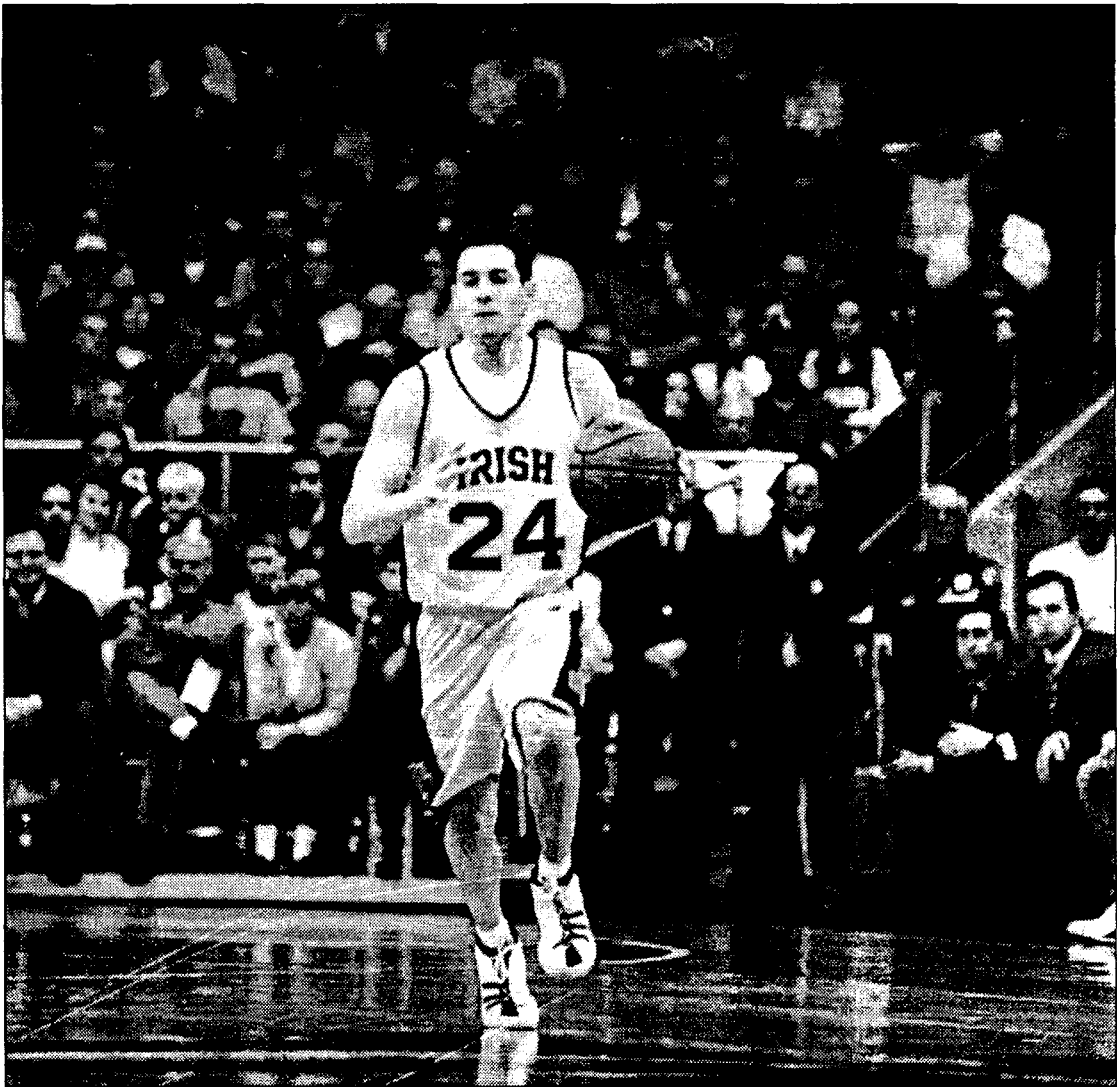
The crash aggravated a concussion Matha suffered a week ago. Matha is expected to miss the team's next two games.

In Matha's absence, junior

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish win seventh straight



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Senior point guard Martin Ingelsby dribbles upcourt in a game earlier this season. Ingelsby scored 17 points to lead the Irish to victory over the Mountaineers.

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

Forward Ryan Humphrey hobbled through the final seconds on a sprained ankle Sunday, managing to hold onto a rebound at the buzzer as his one-legged play carried Notre Dame to victory and the Irish carried the injured Humphrey off the court.

Humphrey blocked a 3-point attempt by West Virginia's Tobias Seldon in the final 20 seconds, spraining his ankle on the way down. The 6-foot-8 junior hopped his way through the Mountaineers' last possession on one foot.

"When it happened, I felt like I got shot," Humphrey said. "I knew I had to get up because it would have been four on five if I had just laid on the ground. I think I would have felt worse if I had left my teammates to try to win the game without me."

After West Virginia rebounded a missed 3-pointer

by Josh Yeager, Mountaineer guard Tim Lyles threw up another 3-point attempt. Humphrey grabbed the board, and the Irish survived 69-66 for their seventh straight league victory, four more than the school record prior to this season.

Irish reserves carried Humphrey, who will have his ankle examined this morning, to the locker room.

"It's very sore," Humphrey said. "We have to play it by ear. If it's all right, I'll play Wednesday night."

Notre Dame (16-5, 8-2 Big East) came from behind to win despite a wild West Virginia (13-8, 4-6) crowd and foul trouble by Notre Dame post players Harold Swanagan (who fouled out), Troy Murphy and Humphrey. With the victory, the Irish remained a full game in front of Syracuse in the race for the Big East West Division title.

With the Mountaineers keeping the ball away from All-American Murphy, Irish guards Martin Ingelsby and

Matt Carroll picked up the slack.

"Our first option is always to go inside," Carroll said. "Teams aren't going to let us do that sometimes. Troy, Ryan and Harold are very unselfish, and they kicked it back out."

Ingelsby, a senior point guard, drove the team to success with a team-high 17 points, including 5-for-7 shooting from behind the arc. He stole the show and the win from West Virginia with three steals, including one in the final minute of play.

"They really did a good job double-teaming Troy in the post," Ingelsby said. "My man kind of sagged in, and I was able to get some open shots."

For his part, Carroll put up 15 points on 6-for-12 shooting. He also put the defensive clamp down on hot-handed Brooks Berry, who scored a career high 21 points, 18 of which came in the first half.

After the Irish took an early

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HOCKEY

Irish sweep Falcons in weekend series

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Sports Writer

The win came in the least likely way.

Defenseman Evan Nielsen had yet to score in any of Notre Dame's previous 33 games this season, yet he found himself on a breakaway with the score tied and less than a minute left in the game Saturday night in the Joyce Center. Bowling Green goalie Tyler Masters felt Nielsen nudge the puck just inside the left post, heard the siren wail, and saw Nielsen's stick thrust into the air in celebration.

The sophomore Nielsen's improbable shorthanded goal put Notre Dame up on Bowling

Green 4-3, and after an empty-netter, the final read 5-3, placing the Irish in a three-way tie with Lake Superior State and Bowling Green in the 10th and last play-off position in the CCHA.

"It couldn't have come at a better time," said Nielsen. "We needed people to step up and make a big play, and I was just glad I was able to make the play we needed then."

Entering the weekend, Notre Dame needed a sweep of the Falcons to even have a chance of making the postseason. With Friday's 3-2 win, the Irish bettered their league record to 5-14-4.

Saturday's first period was a

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